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From The Rectory

*See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland. (Isaiah 43:19)*

What is God doing in Devon? This was the title of an event I recently attended – and what an encouragement it was to hear all the positive things which are going on in Devon. We heard of churches growing with new people joining – mostly younger people. We heard about new initiatives and the ways in which God is transforming lives in Devon. It felt like the words of that quote above from Isaiah 43 – God is doing a new thing among us. What an encouragement to match the beautiful sun of a May bank holiday weekend! But actually, this is not just a Devon thing. The Christian publisher SPCK on their blog from 20th March reported that Bible sales have grown by 87% over the past four years. They wrote:

Gen Z is driving a surge in Bible sales, seeking meaning, mental well-being, and faith through Scripture like never before.

Likewise, the Bible society's report *A Quiet Revival* – based on a survey of 19,000 adults by YouGov suggested there has been a 56% rise in monthly church attendance since 2018 – particularly among 18-24 year old men where 21% of them claim to attend church at least once a month. And the research showed that God seemed to be doing something important through this. The report comments:

With much of the population, in particular young people, struggling with mental health, loneliness

and a loss of meaning in life, Church appears to be offering an answer. We found that churchgoers are more likely than non-churchgoers to report higher life satisfaction and a greater feeling of connection to their community than non-churchgoers. They are also less likely to report frequently feeling anxious or depressed – particularly young women.

The report makes for fascinating reading. As I write we are still in the season of Easter, which celebrates the new life that Jesus brings through rising from the dead – both spiritually but also physically. It is great to perceive a “spiritual Spring” in the air to match the Spring weather we have been enjoying (at least by the time I am writing!!).

Try Praying

If are interesting in what these people had found in God, why not check out ‘Try Praying’. These are little booklets available free online (trypraying.org/try-it) or as paper booklets from our churches. Try Praying is simply a seven day practical introduction on how to pray to God and how it can change your life. It is aimed at anyone – whether you’ve tried praying before or not. Why not try praying?



David Spence

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June 10th & 24th

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Exbourne, Sampford Courtenay, and Jacobstowe WI

Our President Cherry welcomed Sue Kershaw from the Bude Lifeboat station to our May meeting. Sue went on to explain the work of the RNLI and how brave volunteers have been saving lives at sea for over 200 years. How there are 238 lifeboat stations around the UK and Ireland, which house 441 lifeboats and 7 hovercrafts.

She went on to tell us first hand stories from our rocky coastline, rough surf and riptides from our own coastal waters, talking about the crew that are bravely on call 24 hours a day, from Summerlease Beach in North Cornwall which results in many call outs.

Members were given a chance to try on some of the equipment that the crew wear.

She explained that as volunteers raise awareness to try and keep people safe, she was now going into schools to educate children on water safety.

Of course, none of this is possible without our donations, for the boats, kit, and the training crews need to stay safe and save lives. The RNLI is a charity and is independent of the government.

She was thanked by Annie who felt that people need to know just how important it is to learn about the dangers of the sea and our coastline, and what to do in a situation.

Members are now looking forward to a visit to Bude Lifeboat station.

The winner of flower of the month was Gilian, with Doris winning the sea competition.

Members recently enjoyed a beautiful sunny walk with local historian Paul Rendell through the bluebell woods near Meldon, looking at the local history.

We recently held a very successful coffee morning and plant sale, also providing tea and cakes at the VE celebrations at Exbourne playing field.

Our June 10th meeting in the evening at Exbourne Hall, will be Neil and Kerry Littleales talking about the National Open Garden Scheme. Come along and see what the WI has to offer, you might like to join us.

Liz Moir

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Charity Wine Tasting Evening



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North Tawton Community Centre

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What's Your Story?

As many of you may remember, there used to be a mobile library visiting North Tawton regularly. This got us thinking here at North Tawton Town Council. As this service has been discontinued, how might we encourage reading and the love of good book, rather than those appearing on a screen? There is nothing wrong with reading from a screen, but for so many of us holding a book and turning its pages is part of the reading experience. For this reason, the Town Council would like to announce the start of a free book swap at the Town Council Office. Reading covers so many topics. Locally here in the Town, everything from allotment life, baking, languages, travel and the environment are all current trends, as are novels, and of course the poetry of the late Ted Hughes, who lived here and continues to inspire many. Children's literature is integral to the education provided by our primary school and young adults are encouraged to read a range of genres through schools, and there are no end of interests from which we can all be inspired to read.

Our team would like to get you started with ideas from books we have recently read, which include the following:

The Edible Garden by Alys Fowler, on how to grow a garden you can eat and become more self-sufficient.
North Woods by Daniel Mason, an interesting historical tale told from the perspective of a house through the centuries.

Private Rogue by James Patterson, where a missing person's case turns out to be something else entirely.

The Golden Road by William Dalrymple, on how ancient India transformed the world.

The Elephant Whisperer by Lawrence Anthony, which is a story of a couple who unexpectedly inherited a herd of elephants.

The night circus by Erin Morgenstern, a fantasy read of a magical kind.

A Lover of Unreason Yehuda Koren and Eilat Negev, A biography of Assia Wevill.

Thank you to our Councillors and Clerks for their contributions to the above list. The book swap will start on Monday 2nd June 2025. Please drop into the Town Council Office and have a browse through the books we have, take one away and when you have read it bring it back and swap for another. We look forward to meeting you. Happy reading!

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Okehampton & District Local History Society

Our next talk will be given by Professor Jon Lawrence, on 'The Search for Community in Post-war England'.

Wednesday, 11th June - 7.30 p.m.

The Ockment Centre, Okehampton.

All welcome. Visitors £3.00.

In his talk for the Okehampton and District Local History Society, Professor Lawrence will explore how the meaning and experience of community has changed over the past eighty years (using local research through the eyes of ordinary people), how we should understand the growth of individualism, and what we can learn from this history to help us build stronger communities for the future.

Jon Lawrence is Professor of Modern British History at the University of Exeter. He works on modern British social, cultural and political history from the 1840s to the present. He has published extensively on the history of popular politics, electioneering and social class in modern Britain. His latest book, *Me, Me, Me? The Search for Community in Post-war England* (Oxford paperback 2023) uses personal testimony collected by social scientists since the 1940s to challenge conventional accounts of the death of community and relentless rise of selfish individualism. His previous books include *Speaking for the People: Party, Language and Popular Politics in England, 1867-1914* (Cambridge 1998), and *Electing Our Masters: the Hustings in British Politics from Hogarth to Blair* (Oxford 2009).

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North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

Ramblings of a North Tawton W.I. Member

We've had a malfunction. Of the weather station variety. And watching husband poring over 'the manual', pressing the reset/refresh buttons and pacing up and down the garden (and the kitchen) was agony. The mood was sombre. Nothing was working. Time to call in an expert. The cousin from up the hill was summoned. I took refuge in a shed at the bottom of the garden as the tension was just too much for me. Suddenly the front door was flung open and husband announced to the whole of North Tawton – IT'S WORKING! Safe to leave the shed. Peace had been restored. Husband was smiling again. Huge thanks go to the cousin from up the hill. He will never know how close I came to seeing if a weather station can float in the river Taw.

The month of May means it's time for our AGM. A time to review and reflect. (that sounded a bit deep and meaningful). Detailed reports from our President, Secretary and Treasurer are filled with the highlights of our busy year. And the best bit? Knowing that we've got another busy year ahead of us with entertaining speakers, exciting trips and events and imaginative craft workshops. And food. Never let it be said that North Tawton W.I. has neglected an opportunity to eat. We have honed our skills to precision with our ability to scan a menu. From 50 paces. We could hold a Master class on how to cook a cottage pie or jacket spud to perfection or produce perfectly cooked eggs and chips to accompany the ham. But, sadly, there is one thing that many of us struggle with – the capacity to consume a pudding. My heart aches. The waiter/waitress appears waving pudding menus and asks 'does anyone want to order dessert'? And then it begins. Ripples of 'I'd love one but I haven't really got room' – 'I would have one but I ate too many chips' – or – 'I shouldn't really – oh I'll just have one scoop of ice cream'. Pathetic. Disappointing. Don't you realise that out in the kitchen there is a pudding chef, quivering with anticipation, awaiting the orders for cheesecakes, crumbles, trifles and pavlovas and all he/she is asked to do is put a single scoop of ice cream in a bowl. It's enough to make them weep. They must look at their beautifully prepared puds and jugs of steaming hot custard and ask themselves 'Why do I bother? What's the point'? And they'd be right. North Tawton W.I. Lunch Club has to raise it's game. I accept the challenge.

We have some interesting and entertaining speakers lined up for the next few months. In June we have Alison Hernandez, Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner – and in July we have David 'Fitz' Fitzgerald, writer, broadcaster and close associate to Gus Honeybun (you'll have to look that one up). August sees us having our summer party and then in September we will be listening to John Gregory, CEO of Gregory Distribution Ltd. What a distinguished line-up.

The date is in the diary for a cold water swim in Bude Sea Pool. This is serious as I appear to have agreed to participate. I've just looked on the Bude Sea Pool website and I wish I hadn't. I've just read the following:- 'For unseasoned swimmers, please take your time to acclimatise and maybe wear a wetsuit. Some of the regular winter swimmers go without, but this is not for the inexperienced or the faint-hearted'. Inexperienced and faint-hearted is a very accurate description of yours truly. I'm thinking that I might volunteer to hold the towels and go and buy the hot chocolates. I've been training for the event by having a cold shower at the end of a normal shower. For 30 seconds. Not too sure that my 'training' is adequate preparation for Bude Sea Pool. Might need a rethink.

Husband is very supportive when it comes to me doing things which are well out of my comfort zone. I think he thinks that if he's really supportive I won't ask him to do it too. Cold water swimming is one of them, being in the chorus of a local production is another. Rehearsals are going well (I think) – but apparently you have to remember your lines and put your script down at some point. Who knew? And just to make it even more terrifying we are expected to sing and dance as well. In front of people who have paid to watch. A dip in Bude Sea Pool is suddenly looking like a piece of cake.

Sue Knott

BONDLEIGH RAINFALL

April was another interesting month! After the exceptionally dry March, April was the wettest April since 2012. You may be surprised to read this because most of the month was mainly dry. However, on the night of the 14th there was 62.6mm making a total of 90.9mm for the month. This compares to 70.9mm last year and a massive 158.7mm in 2012. This not only made April a wet month, but the 14th was the wettest 24hr period since I starting measuring rainfall in 1996. We seem to be getting one record after another at the moment. Climate Change!?

On a different, but connected, matter, I read the Ramblings of a N.T W.I. member with some concern. It was the flippant nature with which Mrs. Knott referred to her husband's rainfall readings. I was certainly interested to read that his reading for March was even lower than mine and I know that a lot of other people (men) would be too. This shows just how localised our weather is. A belly dancing workshop will never compete with the interest generated by a weather station! While on this subject I will point out that my rain gauge was installed by the Met Office and is checked by them to maintain its accuracy.

Normality will be resumed next month, but will the weather get back to normal?
Watch this space and keep up the good work, Richard K.

Danny Semorad



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EVENTS in JUNE

Storytime & Craft: Wednesday 4 June, 10:00-10:30

This month's theme is Butterflies - come along to listen to some stories all about butterflies and make your very own butterfly to take home! Suitable for all ages.
Suggested donation 50p per child, drop-in.

NHS App Support Session: Thursday 12 June, 10:30-15:00

Need help with the NHS App? Support is on offer at this drop-in session. Get set up and learn how the NHS App can help you! Bring your own devices and photo ID if you can.

Police Community drop in: Thursday 12 June, 15:30-16:30

Police Community Support Officer, Sean Jones will be here if you would like to come in and chat. He said: "It will be a good chance for us to engage with the community and answer any questions or concerns people have, as well as passing on advice if they would like it. I will also bring along some finger printing kits for any children to take part in."

Devon Carers Awareness Stand: Saturday 14 June, 9:00-13:00

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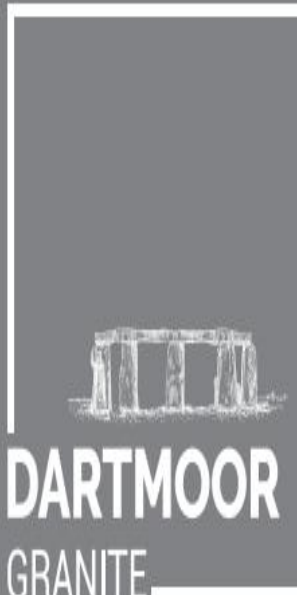
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Our children love being in touch with nature in our forest area. We enjoy being inspired to draw and write in our Ted Hughes Outdoor Classroom. There are well documented benefits to being outside having positive impact on our physical health and mental health. These smiles certainly support this!

Tara Penny

Principal North Tawton Primary School



North Tawton Bowling Club

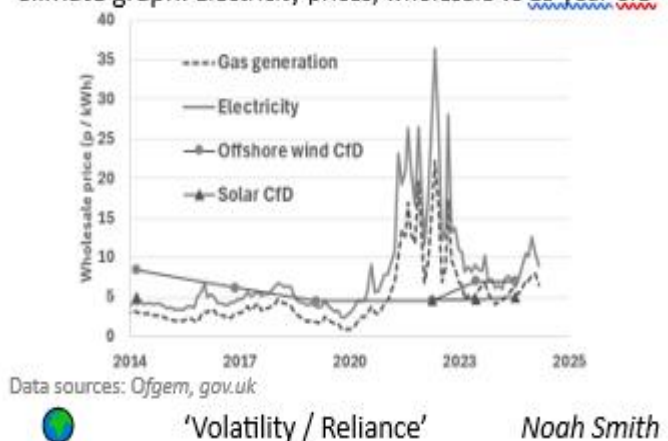
North Tawton Bowling Club win their first trophy of the season.

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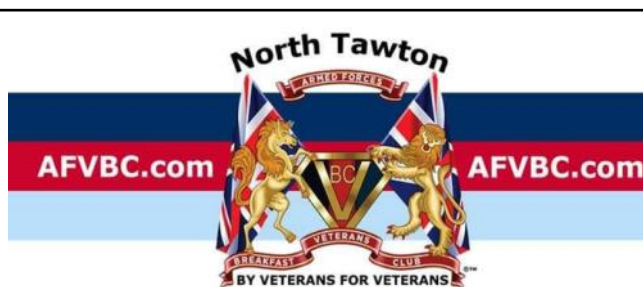
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Hi everyone



As I write we have had nearly two months of sunshine. I am sure all the farmers and gardeners are desperate for rain, but the sunshine certainly helps to lift the spirits of visitors and holiday makers.

At Castle Drogo, we had a lovely start to the season as we celebrate 50 years since the National Trust opened the castle to the public. Our community open day at the end of March was fun with many people in 1970s outfits. We have a new exhibition in the Night Nursery which tells the parallel timeline of 1920s when the castle was being built and the Drewe family moved in; 1970s when the National Trust opened Drogo to the public; and today as we continue to care and share this incredible place. May saw us host a flower festival with incredible floral arrangements on display throughout the castle from 1st May. Despite the warm weather, the flowers lasted for a whole week and it was wonderful to see so many local people come up to see them. We have more fun planned throughout the year so please do pop up to see what we are up to.

Coming up over the summer we have two outdoor theatre performances at Castle Drogo; Wind in the Willows is on Friday 20th June; HMS Pinafore is on Wednesday 23rd July. Please contact The Plough arts centre in Torrington to get your tickets. Fingers crossed for sunshine!

We will also be hosting Devon Carers as part of Carers Week. This is where we shine a spotlight on the thousands of unpaid carers out there supporting friends, family or neighbours. Many of us don't realise that we are carers and Devon Carers can help us to access the support available. They will be onsite at Drogo on Wednesday 11th June and at Lydford on Thursday 12th June. If you think you may be an unpaid carer, you are very welcome to pop in for a chat.

I wanted to remind you that we have started a Connection Cafe at Lydford Gorge in the Waterfall tea room. It takes place on the last Wednesday of the month, from 10am until 12 midday. Upcoming dates are Weds 25th June, Weds 30th July, Weds 27th August.

The purpose is to provide a safe space for people to get together, chat and connect with others. Open to all, especially locals, everyone is welcome to pop in for 5 minutes or longer. Hosted by Julia from our tea room team, it will be light touch with books, board games or even an art activity. It will be free to attend, and the Tea room will be open for those who would like to buy a hot drink. This is a new venture for us so let's see where it goes! If you feel the need for a bit of company, please pop along.

Finally, we have an early date for the diary. After the awful weather spoiling our plans last year, we have high hopes for lovely winter sunshine this year for St. Clements Day at Finch Foundry. Please put Saturday 22nd November in your diary and save the date! More info to come nearer the time.

Paula

Volunteering and Community Manager Dartmoor.

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Regular readers of this part of "Roundabout" will have seen how recently it has drawn attention to local opportunities to take part in Lino Printing, Open mic festival, Acting and Movement workshop, visiting artist demonstrations and exhibitions, all designed to encourage interest and participation in local events by bringing them closer to your doorstep. Now comes another musical event to Sampford Courtenay where, in 2018 and 2019 a programme of choral and orchestral music was given, the proceeds from which were passed to local charities.

There was to have been a third programme in the Spring of 2020 but it was cut short by the Covid outbreak. Musicians, choral and orchestral, amateur and professional, were particularly hard hit. While artists, mask makers and lino printers were able to work on in isolation, musicians were forbidden to meet. The aftermath of Covid has made it difficult to restore activities like the 2018 and 2019 Sampford Courtenay concerts. (For a time choral singing in church was forbidden; it takes time to recover from an enforced lay-off like that!)

But we are rolling back the effects of Covid after presenting two successful choral concerts in 2024. The orchestra will be back (see page 5). There will be a broad selection of music from 16th century to the present day and we hope for as good an audience as we had in 2018 and 2019 so that we can offer support to two deserving local charities from the efforts of local musicians. So do bring your cushions along to St. Andrew's Church in Sampford Courtenay. We look forward to seeing you there!

Richard Edwards.

Red Mud Arts dates for your diary:

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Artists' Critique Group: First Tuesday of the month, 7-9pm at Ruth Smith Gallery, North Tawton. Email ruth.helen.smith@outlook.com.

Open Mic Night: Second Wednesday of the month, from 7.30 at the White Hart, North Tawton. Find out more on the Facebook group.

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22nd June	9.30 a.m.	Toast Church
	11 a.m.	Traditional Communion
24th June	12 noon	Midweek Communion
29th June	11 a.m.	Morning Worship

JUNE SERVICES at St. James's Church Bondleigh

1st June	9.30 a.m.	Communion Service
15th June	9.30 a.m.	Communion Service

JUNE SERVICES at St. Mary's Church Honeychurch

1st June	3 p.m.	Evensong / Communion
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North Street Chapel Sundays

JUNE 2025

June 1st- 11am Special service – Lee Friend
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June 15th -3pm Tea and Praise
Graham Kimber
June 22nd -11am Breaking of Bread
June 28th 11am - Worship service

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July	Avril Flanagan

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June	Vera Collins
July	Karen Squire

Bondleigh

June 1st / 8th	Sonia Rix
June 15th / 22nd	Caroline Stokes
June 29th / July 6th	Margaret Bridgman
July 13th / 20th	Rose Smith
July 27th (Patronal Festival)	Julie Wilson

North Tawton

Flowers

June 1st	Hilary Edwards
June 8th / 15th	Nicky Buckett & Jill Whiteley
June 22nd / 29th	Sandra Delve
July 6th / 13th	Sue Knott / Rosemary Davies
July 20th / 27th	T.B.A.

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June	Nicky Buckett & Jill Whiteley
July	Anita Lamey

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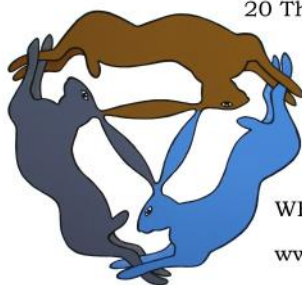
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