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## From The Rectory

Welcome to the Summer! As I write this, we are having scorching weather and the normal string of summer term events are underway – summer fayres, sports days, open gardens and pantos. I really hope it's still great weather once the children are off.

Over the summer many of us head off on trips away. I've been overhearing people talking about some great summer holiday plans in the playground and in church. Still others are off on trips even further afield, particularly seeing family and friends in far flung places. Others of us are just hoping to enjoy a glorious Devon summer as we continue working as normal. I wonder what you are up to this summer.

Recently in a church service we were considering the journey which the Old Testament hero, Abraham, made. While today we have a host of resources at our disposal to plan our trips – both traditional: maps, guidebooks and travel writing; and also modern: street view, trip advisor and a plethora of blogs – poor Abraham didn't have anything. No maps. No road signs. Not even roads!

Later in the Bible, Abraham's choice to go is put starkly:

*By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. (Hebrews 11:8)*

A journey without motorised transport of over 2000km, totally into the unknown. No clue as to where you're

going. God basically said – leave it all behind, family, friends and nation – and follow me.

I don't know about you, but I find this a great metaphor of our lives – an adventure into the unknown, one where we don't know where it will lead. The summer holiday is often a time when we make that step into the unknown – new school, colleges and universities for many young people – but it is also often the time where families move to new homes, areas and jobs too. For Abraham, God took him on an amazing adventure – he had an amazing time, won battles, travelled widely, gained great wealth and met with God. And his legacy lived on: in the Jewish people descended from him, in the Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths which all look to him as a founding father. And supremely for Christians in Jesus Christ his great son who was also God's Son come to rescue the world! That's quite an adventure and it all started by trusting in God and taking a step into the unknown!

For us on our own journeys (real and metaphorical) Abraham's story teaches us that God wants to make that journey with us if we welcome him along. And that's a great idea as he knows where we are heading, even if we don't. He wants to go with us as we journey into the unknown, through all the highs and lows, joys and disappointments. Who knows where the adventure with God might lead!

*David Spence*

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## **Behind the Scenes at the Heart of North Tawton**

Ever wondered what goes on behind the doors of the Town Council Office? Our day begins bright and early with a flood of emails – anywhere between 70-90 emails for the Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk, and more on a Monday! The messages cover anything from local concerns on road closures, flooding, potholes, fly-tipping, and other queries on logistical requests and information regarding relevant authorities. No day is the same and has a fast paced, varied ever-changing inbox.

Our responsibilities extend further – managing the cemetery and coordinating burials with care and compassion, updating and safeguarding council records, overseeing the town's public spaces, including the public conveniences and the clock. We are currently working on an exciting upgrade to the play equipment in the park, while also managing the other assets of open spaces. With managing the Town's financial records, council accounts, responding to residents' questions and offering support and help, we are a first point of contact for many, and always strive to provide the best service we can. An awareness of life outside the office helps us to report and monitor infrastructure issues, and each month we prepare legally required Agendas and Minutes, from which the backbone of democratic decision making in North Tawton ensures the Town continues to run smoothly.

From our office here at the Town Council we observe a lot of North Tawton life. The comings and goings of people going about their daily business, dog walkers, delivery drivers, buses, the odd lorry, and postal vans. In recent weeks we have been really saddened to see the closure of Jen's Café. Many of you will know Jen Marvin, who has run the café since early 2018. The café has been a hub for the community, and a place to meet friends, share lunch, or to just go and be somewhere warm and inviting in the colder months. Jen has always offered a huge amount of support to people, particularly during the Covid Lockdown's of 2020 by always making sure people have food and friendship. Jen has often been a listening ear, a friend to hug and welcomed all who went into her little café, both locals and tourists, with open arms. The café will be missed, and we wish Jen and her family all the best for the future.

Don't forget, if you have ever wondered what your local Council does, or how decisions are made that impact on your daily life here in the town, we warmly invite you to visit us. Whether is it stopping by the Office, using our book swap, attending a Council meeting, or the monthly Councillor Surgery, you are always welcome. Councillor Surgeries run on the second Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. - 12.30.p.m., where you can meet your local Councillors in person and have face to face advice, chats, and discussions. If we can't help directly, we will know who can.

Office opening hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10.30-12.30. We are at the office outside these hours but aren't open to the public unless at the specified times.

You can also telephone: 01837 880121.

Or email Caroline our Town Clerk at [townclerk@northtawtontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@northtawtontowncouncil.gov.uk)

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### **Brian Drake**

Brian's family wish to thank everyone for the many cards, letters & telephone calls of condolence on his passing.

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### **Saturday 16th August**

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## North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

### Ramblings of a North Tawton W.I. Member

Every year he says it. Just before the tickets go on sale. Every year. 'Are we going to Glasto?' The question is met with a look. A look that needs no words to explain the answer – as it's the same answer every year. No. We are not going to Glasto. You don't like crowds. You don't like loud music and you certainly don't like most of the bands that will be there. And you won't like the toilet facilities. So – no, we will not be going. His face will then register a look of disappointment for approximately four seconds and he will move on.

Forgot to ask Fitz if he'd ever been to Glasto. Yes – David Fitzgerald, affectionately known as Fitz, was in the room. And I wouldn't have been at all surprised to hear that he had dipped his toe in the Glasto mud at some point during his broadcasting career. Fitz has been a broadcaster on TV and radio for some 45 years and it all started with local radio, back in 1980, when he joined the team at radio Devon Air. Six years later his career took him to the local West Country TV channel TSW and, along with fellow presenters Judi Spiers, Ian Stirling and Ruth Langsford, he became well known for performing with Gus Honeybun. A rabbit. (You'll have to Google it – there are episodes of Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays on YouTube with Judi and David which will explain everything more vividly than I ever could)

In 1993 Fitz joined the Sky News team covering major news stories including the OJ Simpson story, the Waco siege, and the death of Princess Diana. In the mid 2000's he moved to Radio Devon where he presented until 2023 and he is much missed. Along the way he has written four children's books with co-author, Falklands War Veteran and best friend Simon Weston CBE – Fitz has also written for Spitting Image and has even made an appearance in a Trivial Pursuit question. So has he retired? He's too busy to retire. He is much in demand as an MC and compere – entertaining many with his after dinner talks filled with stories and anecdotes. He writes regularly for the North Devon Gazette and The Moorlander and hosts a podcast called 'Fitz in the Community' which focuses on stories and conversations with and about Devon's people plus he is a great supporter of military charities and those involved with dementia. Difficult to imagine him ever really retiring – oh, and he always wears odd socks.

Fitz continued to entertain us whilst staying for the business bit of the meeting and was particularly interested in the idea of our North Tawton W.I. Challenge – a chance to have a go at something that might be a step or two away from our comfort zones, such as a wild swim on Dartmoor, a ride on a zip wire, wild camping for a night or even a go at karaoke – (have often wondered what song husband would opt for if he was forced to do karaoke) We are attempting to improve our skittling skills before the next Devon Federation Skittles Knockout matches start – sadly we were knocked out in the first round last year (but we were very gracious in defeat weren't we Jan??) so a practice match or two (along with lunch of course) at the Waie Inn will hopefully improve our results.

Weymouth was our 'Mystery' destination in June – via Otter Nurseries, where, luckily, there wasn't enough time to do any serious shopping. I hadn't been to Weymouth since I went to see the Radio One Road Show with Peter Powell back in 1983. Actually, it was Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August (never throw away your old diaries) and according to my tatty 1983 diary it was sunny and warm and my friend Kate drove us there in her Citroen 2CV. Apparently I tried to get Peter Powell's autograph (and failed) and I tried to get picked to do the 'Bits and Pieces' competition – and failed. Think I might have sulked all the way home. I know – it's difficult to believe.

Looking forward to our Cocktail Masterclass at the New Inn, Sampford Courtenay later in July – and then, interestingly, our trip to the Met Office is the very next day. I hope the Met Office staff talk with gentle, hushed, whispery type voices. Not that I'm suggesting for one moment that any members of such an upstanding and responsible group as North Tawton W.I. would ever be nursing a hangover. That is an absolute slur on our good name and reputation. Moving on.

Husband has given his karaoke song choice some serious thought – and it's a toss up between 'Three Wheels on My Wagon' by the New Christy Minstrels from 1965 or 'Puff, the Magic Dragon' by Peter, Paul and Mary from 1963.

Be very careful – if you listen to them on YouTube you'll be singing them all day.

*Sue Knott*

## **BONDLEIGH RAINFALL**

June's rainfall has been higher than usual, although we have had some periods of warm dry weather as well. Rainfall total was 99.4 mm. compared with only 19.3 mm. last year. However, 60 mm. of that total fell on the 12th/13th of the month., which gives a rather unbalanced view to the figures.

I was away for the middle of the month, so I thank my neighbour Phil Townsend for keeping the figures up to date.

*Danny Semorad*



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## Sampford Courtenay Parish Council

The Council held its meeting on 25th June 2025. At the meeting the Council agreed the priorities for the coming year. The focus remains on the completion of the Waterpath renewal and work to make the footpath onto the green more accessible. A project is to be initiated (following on from the results of the recent survey) to plan for the future of the Green and replacement of the aging equipment. Any volunteers willing to be part of the working group should contact the Parish Clerk.

Road Safety remains high on the priorities and the Council would welcome a volunteer to take over as Co-ordinator for the Community Speed Watch which is currently suspended.

Not forgetting the massive success of the Commemoration of the Prayer Book Rebellion last year the Council is still keen to support and celebrate the history and heritage of the Parish with potential development of the Trail Map to include the significant historic sites and locations. Full details of the priorities can be found on the Parish website.

The Council also signed off the 2024/25 financial governance report with a positive Audit Report.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who took part in the Parish Clean Up as part of the national campaign. Every little bit to help to make the place we live in better goes a long way. In addition, as part of the Council's commitment to supporting environmental sustainability thanks go to Marion Pratt and all the volunteers who supported this year's annual Himalayan Balsam clear up. It was also encouraging to identify that the 'No Mow May' initiative identified 5 naturally seeded wild flowers on the small patch of ground at Red Post.

The Next meeting is to take place on Wednesday 3rd September 2025 at the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome and if you would like to raise an item for the Agenda, please let the Clerk know in advance.

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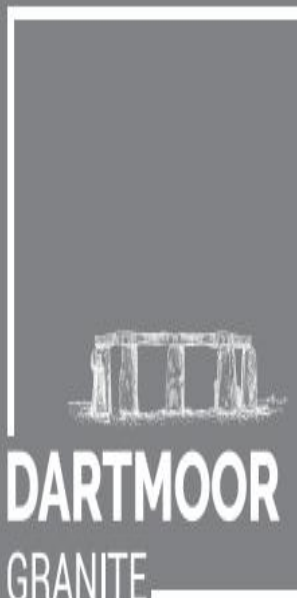
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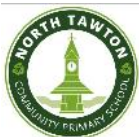
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## Summer Term Hi-jinks

What a fantastic end to the summer term and my time at North Tawton Primary School! I had the pleasure of taking our Year Six children to Cambridge for a four-day residential. We had a packed timetable including a visit the botanic garden, Fitzwilliam Museum and art gallery, a walking tour of the university and a visit IWM Duxford where we saw lots of war and commercial planes, including Concorde. We were even treated to an aerial display!

Back at school, we have been involved in a local history project, learning about what North Tawton was like in the past, what we love about it now and thinking about what North Tawton might be like in the future. Mr. Alan Parkinson came and told us about his local history research; he may even use some of our work in his latest book!

The whole school took part in our Sports Day: a morning of house team activities, family picnic and an afternoon of competitive races. The following day the children presented their musical skills in a sharing assembly where they show cased of all they have learned this term in music lessons.

We have had a week of learning about Disability Awareness, showing compassion and learning about how we can overcome difficulties. We celebrated Rainbow Day where we focus on inclusion and wear clothes to express ourselves.

We have a day where the children worked in their school houses for a collaborative day of crafts, and outdoor games and forest adventures.

Our dedicated running club completed their 13<sup>th</sup> mile at Simmonds Park with children from other schools. At the time of writing, we still have The Key Stage Two performance 'A Touch of Snow White,' our Nursery Celebration of Learning and our Leavers Assembly to look forward to.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at North Tawton Primary and take many very special memories with me. I want to thank the children, families and staff for being so supportive and working together to make this school such a happy place to be.

I have met with the new headteacher – Mrs. Clare Vincent and I hope she will enjoy the wonderful community as I have done.

I wish you all the very best,

Tara Penny  
Principal

## **The Royal British Legion Produce, Flower and Vegetable Show**

The Royal British Legion Produce, Flower and Vegetable Show will be taking place on  
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Being the 1<sup>st</sup> North Tawton Group Scout Leader, I need to put an urgent request out for help to the local community. Since the early 1900's 1<sup>st</sup> North Tawton Scout Group have been a thriving part of the local community with our smart uniforms and blue/white neckers being proudly worn by our young persons for all to see. During our history there have been some times when scouting in North Tawton stopped due to external issues, during the war and in more recent times due to COVID for example, but also several periods when Scouting stopped locally due to a lack of adults volunteering to become leaders. Unfortunately we are now approaching the same scenario. We have been very lucky to have had a dedicated and stable leader team for many years, but for personal and work reasons several of the current leaders have reduced their availability to support the group. This means that although we will be issuing a full scout programme for the coming terms, including camps for next year, there is a high probability that without new leaders we will need to cancel meetings at short notice or even close the scout section completely later in the year. This is the reality of the situation we are facing; the closure of the Scout section would result in the 15 Scouts we already have being unable to continue their Scouting Journey and will have knock on effects to the Cubs, Beavers and Squirrel Scouts who will be unable to move up through all the sections. If you think you can help us, know of a family member, or friend who would like to become a scout leader, then please talk to us urgently. Being a scout leader is great fun and doesn't need any particular skills to start. If you are interested in helping scouts to have fun and develop their personal and practical skills, then being a leader could be for you and is massively rewarding. The time commitment is not excessive; meetings taking up a couple of hours a week on a Wednesday evening with a small amount of preparation time depending on the activities and your current skill level. Please remember that we are only teaching the scouts the basics of most subjects, so you don't need to be experts in anything and it is easy for you to stay one step ahead of them with a bit of help from ourselves. In addition, in order to ensure we operate safely for both the scouts and yourselves, there is some training you must complete with the scout association. The mandatory training on safety and child protection consists of a few online courses that must be completed over the first few months and will take a few hours in manageable chunks. Further training is available and can be taken at a more leisurely pace as a mix of face to face and online training. Whilst scouting does not insist on having female leaders in the section as we have almost 50% of female scouts, we would very much like to be fully representative in the leader team, so this request is equally applicable to all parents, carers, family members and friends. If you have any questions then please contact the Group Scout Leader Phil Roberts on [Phil-ip.roberts@tip-group.com](mailto:Phil-ip.roberts@tip-group.com) or 07775 801218 or the Scout Leader Martin Gill on [gills\\_finwood@btinternet.com](mailto:gills_finwood@btinternet.com) or 01837 880129.

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Applications must be sent before the

**18<sup>th</sup> August 2025.**

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### **Celebrating Community and Showcasing Musical Talent at North Tawton's Tawland Music Festival**

On 21st June, we had the great pleasure of hosting the Red Mud Arts Open Mic Stage at North Tawton's second Tawland Music Festival – and what a day it was! Glorious weather, brilliant music, delicious food, family activities, a bustling craft market, and a strong sense of community all combined to make it a truly memorable event.

With 13 acts performing across two open lorry stages (a huge thank you to Gregory Distribution for making that possible!), the festival was a celebration of local talent and togetherness.

A massive thank you to Tawland Events CIC for inviting us to showcase some of the performers from our regular Open Mic Nights at The White Hart, North Tawton – held every second Wednesday of the month, hosted by Wez Cutler and Oren Ford. For some of our acts, this was a fantastic opportunity to perform on a much bigger stage in front of a larger audience.

From folk and bluegrass to indie, pop, and rock, the Red Mud Arts Open Mic Stage and main stage offered something for everyone. A huge thank you to our Red Mud Arts acts: Andrew Hill-Shaw, Muzz Murray, Amanda Arscott, Wez Cutler, Tim and Stuart of Hooked, Rob Husband, Charlotte & Andy, and Pete Matthews, for their fantastic performances, which kept the music flowing between main stage sets from the likes of Bicycle Repair Man, Alysha Vine, The Dockneys, Amy and the Fireblockers, and headline act The Wreckords.

A special mention goes to Oren Ford of Spirit Sounds Studios, part of the Red Mud Arts team, for bringing his expert sound engineering skills to both stages throughout the day.

We're incredibly lucky to have such vibrant, inclusive events happening right here on our doorstep – and they wouldn't be possible without the hard work of so many behind the scenes. Huge thanks to Christina Agar Tina Bird and Tawland Events CIC, our Red Mud Arts team, The Rugby Club (for hosting us), Gregory Distribution, and all the brilliant local businesses who continue to support this and many other fantastic events in our town.

Save the date – 20th June 2026

Riding high on the success of this year's event, Tawland Events CIC has already announced next year's festival – which is set to be even bigger and better. We can't wait to be part of it again, and we hope to see you there too!

Cathy Page

### **Red Mud Arts dates for your diary:**

**Artist Gathering: SAVE THE DATE! Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September, Taw Valley Brewery. More details to come.**

**Paid opportunities: Call for workshop proposals! Crediton Heart Project are looking for local creatives to run workshops in their art week later in summer, 2<sup>nd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> August.**

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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](mailto:ruth.helen.smith@outlook.com).**

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Community lunch                  Thursday 11th September  
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Hungrytown                          Friday 12th September  
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**FULL SHOW SCHEDULE CAN BE DOWNLOADED HERE** <https://www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk/flower-show-2025>



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<b>17th August</b>	<b>6.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Evensong</b>
<b>24th August</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Communion</b>
<b>31st August</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Common Worship Communion</b>

### **AUGUST SERVICES at St. James's Church Bondleigh**

<b>3rd August</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>17th August</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>

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<b>10th August</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>	<b>Informal Communion</b>
<b>17th August</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>	<b>Traditional Morning Worship</b>
<b>24th August</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>	<b>Family Service</b>
<b>26th August</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Midweek Communion</b>
<b>31st August</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>

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<b>August 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>	<b>Special service - Ken Hamilton</b>
<b>August 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>	<b>Breaking of Bread</b>
<b>August 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>	<b>Tea and Praise - Speaker TBC</b>
<b>August 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>	<b>Breaking of Bread</b>
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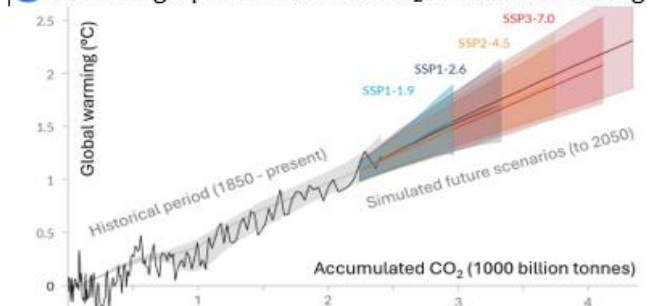
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Aug 10th / 17th	Jacqui Bourne
Aug 24th / 31st	Sonia Rix
Sept 7th / 14th	Trish Peters
Sept 21st / 28th	Claerwen Gillespie

### North Tawton

#### Flowers

Aug 3rd / 10th	Anita Lamey
Aug 17th / 24th	Monica Simons
Aug 31st / Sept 7th	Joan Nicholls
Sept 14th / 21st	Margaret Arscott
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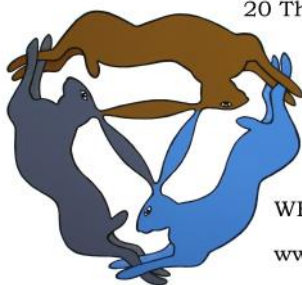
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