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## From The Rectory

It's September once again, the start of another school year – the end of the school holidays after six weeks. For those with children everything changes – new shoes, new schools and perhaps a hint of relief. Even if we don't have children or grandchildren around, there is still plenty of fun to occupy us in the summer months – holidays away, festivals, shows, open gardens, concerts ... the summer is the season of fun. And now we all must buckle down for the long four-month haul to Christmas and the next pause in the frantic work schedule. The nights are getting longer, the weather getting colder and wetter. Autumn is here. This autumn as a family we are facing another level of busyness as we will have four children at four different schools. This is only likely to add to the shock of the September return to school! Modern life, in general, seems to give us more and more balls to juggle and more things to be anxious about.

Jesus gave some quick fire advice about worry once when he was teaching. He began:

*I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. (Matthew 6:25)*

Jesus was speaking largely to a very poor, oppressed community for whom worries about where the next meal would come from or whether they would have

clothes to dress in were real. Jesus is saying to them – not so much 'don't worry or else' which would be very harsh, but instead 'dear children, you don't need to worry because God is your loving Father in heaven'. He goes on to say that God provides food for the birds even though they don't worry or plan. And of course he cares for you even more! He tells us that ultimately worrying is a fruitless waste of energy:

*Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? (Matthew 6:27)*

And he suggests we keep our horizons short so that we are not overwhelmed with all that needs to be done:

*Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. (Matthew 6:34)*

But ultimately, Jesus' solution to worry is to keep seeking our Father God, keep trusting him, keep working for him and trust him for the rest:

*... your heavenly Father knows that you need [all these things]. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:32-33)*

So, I've been told! I'm going to enjoy the blessings of the holiday now and not worry about September. And I am going to seek God and trust him for the rest.

David Spence

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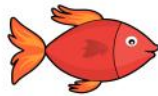
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### A Change in Editors

Next month will be the last edition of "Roundabout" managed by the current editors.

We have been producing "Roundabout" for thirteen years and feel it is time to pass it on to someone else.

We will introduce you to the new team next month and ask that you will be patient if there are any teething troubles.

The contact email will stay the same but there will be a different phone number.

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Hilary and Richard.

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## What's Happening at North Tawton Town Council?

A lot has been happening here at North Tawton Town Council. In recent weeks we have been able to install new bins, there are new notice boards at the bus stop by the Rugby Club down by the bridge, and in Strawberry Fields, with more on the way. We also have new benches, the first two have replaced old ones, and the third was kindly donated to us for the Memorial Park.

We would also like to welcome our newly appointed Councillor, Mr. Jay Scrutton, who many in North Tawton will know well from his days at the Pistachio Tree. Jay has said that he will bring a fresh pair of eyes, a range of, and lots of, experience to the role. We look forward to working with him. There are two spaces on the Town Council, and if you feel like joining us too, please be in touch on the details below.

The next Councillor Surgery is to be on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025, at the Town Council Office, between 10 a.m.-12 noon. This is an opportunity for members of the public to come and meet Councillors, ask questions, discuss issues, ask for advice, or just to chat and get to know the Councillors better. Our Councillors have all noted that they have enjoyed their time working at the Surgeries and have been pleased to meet so many people through their sessions.

At the Full Council Meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2025, the Councillors agreed to reinstate the Public Participation at Council meetings. While the Council has no legal obligation to have public participation, it was felt that this can be a useful and positive experience when conducted in the right way. Therefore, this will now be in accordance with the new Public Participation Policy we have adopted to ensure the smooth running of the public period. Alongside this, there is to be a three-month trial run of public participation, starting at next meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September, and this will then be reviewed after the three-month trial in November.

Another way in which we connect and support our community here in North Tawton, is via The Durant Trust. This was established following the Will of John Glendon Durant, who passed away on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 1947. His Will stated: "Trust Fund in Trust for the Parish Council of North Tawton in the County of Devon absolutely to be applied by the said Parish Council for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of North Tawton"

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If you are part of a local organisation, business or charity, and haven't already done so, consider applying for a grant from The Durant Trust. The best place to look is on our website at: [northtawtontowncouncil.gov.uk/town-council/durant-trust](http://northtawtontowncouncil.gov.uk/town-council/durant-trust)

We are also available via telephone the Town Council Office on 01837 880121, or email: [town-clerk@northtawtontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:town-clerk@northtawtontowncouncil.gov.uk) [deputyclerk@northtawtontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:deputyclerk@northtawtontowncouncil.gov.uk)

The Town Council Office is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 10.30am-2.30pm

## North Tawton Bowling Club

North Tawton Bowling Club held a very successful Pub Challenge Day at the end of July which saw 14 teams take part in knock out rounds throughout the day. The final was between a Ladies Team from the Fountain and a Mens team from The White Hart which was very exciting, the winners being The White Hart D Team. This was an excellent day involving North Tawton Community, bowling members and of course the teams and their families.

Following the final, winning tickets were drawn for the amazing raffle. A total in excess of £5,000 was raised for club funds and the club would like to say a very big Thank You to those local businesses, companies and individuals who donated so generously.





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

As predictably as Tuesday follows Monday husband will ask, at some point during the day, 'what's for tea?' Sometimes I dread the question, knowing that I'm going to have to transform beans on toast into something worthy of a Michelin star – (hot tip – a handful of grated tasty cheese and a glug of Worcestershire sauce work wonders) sometimes I smile smugly knowing that in the fridge lurk leftovers from yesterday that just need to be reheated to an acceptable temperature and smothered in gravy. Luckily (for me) husband is easily pleased when it comes to what's on the menu. He will eat pretty much anything. So I was flicking through a food magazine recently, looking for inspiration, and I thought that next time he asks me 'what's for tea?', I might just say – 'tonight, husband, we are going to have aubergine and barberry kuku followed by bolo de arroz'. And see what happens.

Didn't see any aubergine and barberry kuku or bolo de arroz at our Summer party. Mind you, if you were hoping for cheese and pineapple or a sausage on a stick (which I was) then you've come to the right place. There was an incredible variety of food on offer – I don't know how we do it. Every time we have a bit of a 'bring and share' I think 'will this be the time when everybody brings a plate of egg sandwiches?' And guess what? Didn't see a single one. No egg sandwiches in the room. Bit of a shame 'cos apart from piling up my plate with cheese and pineapple on sticks and a few sausages I would have happily left some room for egg sandwiches.

Guess where we've been. Give up? Only the Met Office – yes, the actual Met Office. And what a wonderful building it is. Hamish Steptoe – a senior scientist and a recent speaker at one of our meetings – gave us a detailed tour packed with information about the history of the Met Office and the services they provide. One of the best bits was a visit to the National Meteorological Library and Archive. Here you'll find a complete set of daily weather summaries detailing the weather for every day from July 1869 to the present, a fascinating collection of historic weather instruments, rare books including a 12<sup>th</sup> century illuminated manuscript and books and papers relating to significant expeditions such as Robert Scott's Terra Nova expedition to Antarctica in 1910. And so much more besides. And another good thing – the library is open to the public, just make an appointment and all that fascinating weathery information is yours to explore.

Back to food. I read an interesting article recently about coffee. Now, I hesitate to go into too much detail but for those who are able to do the Google thingy just look up Kopi Luwak. For those who do not do the Google thingy please read on. It would appear to be the most expensive and exclusive coffee on the planet. It has a very unusual method of production. It is made from coffee beans which have been eaten and partially digested by a cat. But not just any cat. Oh no. These coffee beans have been eaten and partially digested by the Indonesian palm civet. And I shall let you decide what the inevitable consequences of eating something and partially digesting it are. Not too much imagination required here methinks. And the price for a cup of Kopi Luwak? Could be somewhere between £30 to £80 – don't think I'll be dunking my digestive in a mug of that any time soon.

Just signed up for a trip to the Panto. We're off to see Dick Whittington in January. Something to look forward to when it's freezing and dark before tea time. Difficult to imagine what that's like when husband is regularly announcing the steadily increasing temperature displayed on his favourite toy. I think he thinks I'm listening. But before that happens we're off to wander (in a sort of W.I. floaty fashion) around a garden – the weather looks to be very promising and the idea of exploring a beautiful border or a shady tree lined terrace is very appealing. Sipping tea and dealing with the difficult decision of which cake to choose will be the part that requires the most effort. I have orders from husband to study any vegetable plots. And study them closely. Makes me feel like an undercover agent.

Spying on somebody's spuds. Casting furtive glances over someone's carrots and cabbages.  
The rural equivalent of a Bond Girl.

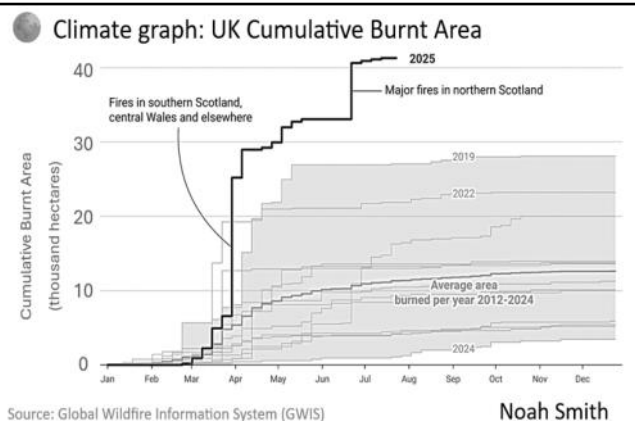
*Sue Knott*

### **BONDLEIGH RAINFALL**

Total rainfall in July was 32.1 mm. compared to 86.0 mm. last year. This continues the generally dry theme to this summer's weather with small amounts of rain spread through the month. Not a drought or prolonged heatwave, but just warm summer weather. What more could we ask for!

On a different, but connected, matter. I was very pleased to be told of the recent North Tawton W.I. visit to the Met Office. I am sure there will now be a much greater understanding and knowledge of rainfall recording and weather issues!

*Danny Semorad*





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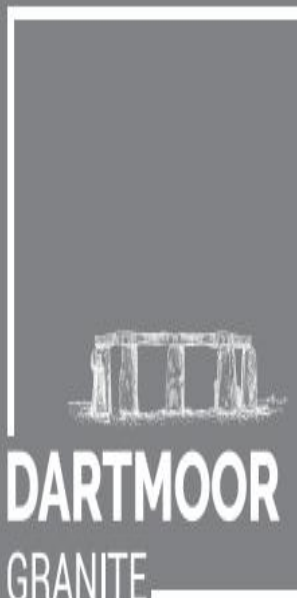
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## News from North Tawton Community Primary School and Nursery



North Tawton Primary may be a small school, but we have big ambitions. We have all the ingredients to create a really special education: dedicated staff who want the best for every child and who do everything to ensure that each pupil reaches their potential; enthusiastic children who are eager to learn and grow; a spacious school with beautiful grounds for the children to play in and explore; and a supportive wider community in the town.

As we look forward to a new academic year, a special welcome to families new to the school. We hope you will soon feel settled and enjoy being part of this community. I am also new to the school and looking forward enormously to getting to know the children, staff and families, and working with the team to continually improve the children's school experience and education.

With the new term just around the corner, we're excited to welcome our pupils back to school. We know they'll return full of energy and enthusiasm, ready to learn, reconnect with friends, and dive into new topics. Our staff team is already preparing to make the start of term a positive one, ensuring every child feels welcomed, supported, and ready to thrive.

Our aim this year is to continue delivering a broad and rich curriculum that gives all children the chance to explore different subjects, discover what they enjoy, and grow in confidence. We want every child to find something that sparks their interest—whether that's in the arts, science, sports, reading or outdoor learning.

We are so lucky that the school is well supported by the local community. Whether helping with reading, lending a hand on trips, or simply offering a friendly presence in school, volunteers bring so much to our daily life. A big thanks to those who are already involved. If you have a passion or skill you would like to share, please do get in touch. There are always different ways to contribute, and we really value the support of parents, carers and members of the wider community.

We're looking forward to the year ahead and all it will bring, knowing that the children have so many experiences and opportunities ahead of them – to learn, to grow, to develop and enjoy friendships and to contribute to the life of the school and town. I look forward to sharing news of their achievements and adventures in the coming months.

Clare Vincent  
Headteacher

### Exbourne Village Hall

We will be running a **Quiz and Puds** evening on  
Friday 19th September.

Doors open 7pm for 7.30 start.

Entry is £5 per team of up to 4 people.

Selection of desserts at £5 per head.

Bring your own drinks. There will also be a raffle. Space is limited so please book in advance by contacting Sue Rose on 01837 851232 or [ser@care4free.net](mailto:ser@care4free.net).

Payment will be taken on the night.

Any contributions of desserts will be gratefully received.



**Okehampton Branch Basic Beekeeping Course 2026** runs Jan to April with 8 evening classes at Whiddon Down followed by 1 practical session with an experienced beekeeper later that summer.

Cost £110 includes mandatory 2026 membership of Okehampton Beekeepers branch and the British Beekeeping Association text book accompanying the course. We recommend taking a course before you start keeping bees. It is not the easiest of hobbies but can be extremely rewarding. Our group is a very friendly one and we support each other in our beekeeping adventures with year-round educational opportunities.

To book please visit our branch website

**[okehamptonbee.co.uk/education.html](http://okehamptonbee.co.uk/education.html)** and follow the link to the course Eventbrite page. The Eventbrite course page is viewable now and the tickets for course places go on sale 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025.

If you have questions about the [course](#) please contact Education Officer Ruth Stainer-Smith on [educationokebees@gmail.com](mailto:educationokebees@gmail.com)

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### **Exbourne, Sampford Courtenay and Jacobstowe WI**

Making the most of the lovely summer the WI has seen a visit to the Devonshire farm near Hatherleigh, home to Ben May and his five Shire horses. Ben explained the history of the Shire horse and the equipment that is used and how he works them, we then went to his market garden where we enjoyed a demonstration of a working Shire and saw firsthand the pulling power.

The afternoon finished with a delicious Devonshire cream tea.

Members have also enjoyed a garden visit to Whidden Goyle, part of the National Garden Scheme, for their August meeting. The house has stunning views across Dartmoor and sits 1000 ft above sea level, which could be problematic, but the two acres of landscaped gardens have been well protected by high hedges against the weather. In the glorious sunshine we were able to amble around the garden, enjoying the many features including a croquet lawn, a rose garden, ponds, a cut flower garden and a pair of amazing monkey puzzle trees. We were treated to tea and lovely cakes.

Our next WI meeting is on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 2.30p.m. at Sampford Courtenay Village Hall, where we will have a talk by FORCE cancer charity, about meeting the needs of those affected by cancer.

Come along and see what the WI has to offer, you might like to join us.

*Liz Moir*



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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 has 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.

**Bow & District Historical Society**  
Monday 22nd September 7.15 for 7.30p.m.

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**Tuesday 16 September**

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### Art Gathering Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September, Taw Valley Brewery

YOU ARE INVITED to our next Art Gathering on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September at Taw Valley Brewery, where we'll be getting together to have fun and celebrate what Red Mud Arts has been up to this year! From 3 p.m., local paint makers from Art Scribe will be leading a communal drawing activity involving mud, sticks and an infamous massive piece of fabric that keeps coming in handy. At 4.30 we'll hear a mini low-down on what's occurring with RMA, and from 5-6 there will be live music featuring some of our Open Mic Night regulars. It would be wonderful to see you! Please do come and join in with the creative buzz! Ruth.

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

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

**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).

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

**Life Drawing:** Last Tuesday of the month, 7-9pm at the Community Centre, North Tawton. Email [ruth.helen.smith@outlook.com](mailto:ruth.helen.smith@outlook.com).

Join our mailing list to hear about upcoming gatherings, talks and workshops at [redmudarts@gmail.com](mailto:redmudarts@gmail.com)

## NORTH TAWTON TOWN HALL

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The Town Hall is run by a small Management Committee, many are Trustees of the Charity. Every year there is an Annual General Meeting open to all "Users" and all members of the public, but attendance is poor.

The only income is from hire charges and monthly Bingo nights. The Committee try to keep the hire charges as low as possible so that the cost of running the hall is not passed on to "Hirers" and attendees at their classes or events.

We need your support! We need Committee Members and Trustees (all Trustees are covered by our insurance)

We need ideas for fundraising events! We need people!

Currently there is a desperate need to install a new heating system in the Main Hall, the previous one having been condemned and shut down – this will cost in the region of £16,000. Grants are being applied for, but if they are not forthcoming, the Main Hall will have to close once the temperature drops in the Autumn, until the new heating system is installed. This will result in the loss of revenue and immediate cancellation of events.

There are other problems which need to be dealt with as soon as possible. We need new larger guttering and down-pipes and rendering to the front stonework to stop water ingress. We also need more energy efficient windows throughout – being a Grade 2 Listed building and in a Conservation area means that this cost will be around £50,000.

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*Lin Ford Trustee and Secretary – Town Hall Management Committee*

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Community lunch Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 12.30 p.m.  
Hungrytown - Vermont Folk/Pop Duo  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 7.30 p.m.  
Skittles evening Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 7 p.m. to  
9.30 p.m.

Indonesian Pop-up Evening Dinner  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Film night-The Penguin Lessons  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start.  
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9.30 p.m.

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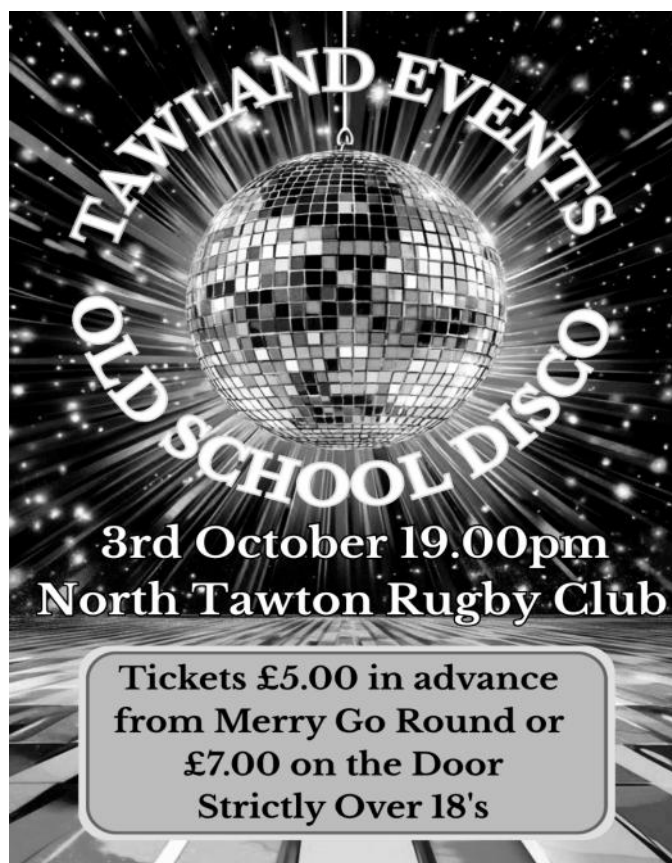
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### North Tawton

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Sept 7th	Joan Nicholls
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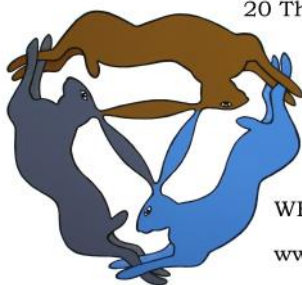
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