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From The Rectory

*Yet it was our weaknesses he carried;
it was our sorrows that weighed him down...
But he was pierced for our rebellion,
crushed for our sins.
He was beaten so we could be whole.
He was whipped so we could be healed.
All of us, like sheep, have strayed away.
We have left God's paths to follow our own.
Yet the LORD laid on him
the sins of us all. (Isaiah 53:4-6)*

This world is full of suffering and violence. We know it personally. We see it when we read the news. As I write the Middle East is descending again into conflict with the US/Israel and Iran at war.

The question of suffering and evil brings up many questions to those who have a faith in a good and powerful God, like Christians. But those dark words above from the book of Isaiah written about Jesus centuries before he walked the earth tell us one of the messages of Easter – in particular Good Friday – is that God chose to suffer with us. He did not stay in the comfort, glory and splendour of heaven but came down to join us. Walking earth as the person Jesus. He knew the sorrows and joys of life. And he knew suffering – he was rejected by his people and his family. He was betrayed or abandoned by his closest friends. He lived as a refugee for a time in a foreign land when he fled for his life. His whole life his homeland was under mili-

tary occupation. He was unjustly accused, sentenced, whipped and executed. And his death was brutal, one of the cruellest ways to die – crucifixion – which was a cross between torture and a long drawn out execution.

But when God himself, in all his perfection, chose to suffer and die at the hands of his creatures, he also suffered for his people. That is clear from Isaiah's prediction. He carried our weakness and sorrows. He faced violence because of our rebellion and wrongdoing. He was beaten and whipped so we can be healed and remade. Forgiven and free. So, he could one day heal this world, rid it of all the evil and suffering which we experience and hear about. Easter Day is the celebration that Jesus rose again to new life after he died, reminding us that death and evil do not have the final word. Suffering and injustice will end and be replaced by justice and joy!

Whatever reasons a good and all-powerful God has for allowing suffering in our world, he was prepared in love to experience it himself, to take his own medicine, to take the world's suffering on to himself, so that he could defeat it. So, I haven't got all the answers for 'the question of evil' but I have faith in Jesus because he has suffered with us and knows what we face and walks with us as we face it.

- David Spence

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1:00pm Good Friday Service (St James', Bondleigh)

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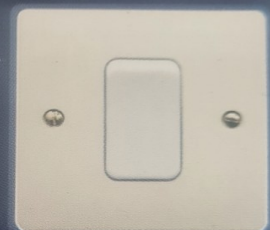


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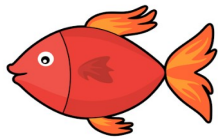
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👉 **Pop in this Thursday and see what you can borrow, make, or discover!**

Ian runs again!

Local runner, Ian Webber (husband of Jayne at NT Post Office) is due to run his Silver Anniversary 25th consecutive London Marathon on Sunday 26th April.

Once again, Ian and Jayne are raising funds for the vital work of **Hospice UK**. Hospice UK is the national charity for hospice and end of life care. They support many of our local hospices. The Hospice UK mission is to promote and protect hospice care for all who need it, for now and forever.

Ian and Jayne are well known for their Coffee Mornings, which they held in North Tawton Town Hall for many years prior to the covid pandemic. As part of their fundraising this year, they will be holding a Virtual Silent Auction (in early May - date to be confirmed).

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Ramblings of a North Tawton W.I. Member

I think I mentioned in my previous 'Ramblings' that something as unfortunate/funny as husband getting stuck in a deckchair frame couldn't possibly happen again – or could it?? Those of you with a nervous disposition about water butts should seriously consider skipping this bit and I'll see you a bit further down the page. T was a few weeks ago now and husband was putting a new tap on a water butt – as you do. It required inserting his upper body in to the [obviously empty] water butt – as it would. And that's where things got a little tricky. Meanwhile – I thought I would see how he was getting on and if he had an overwhelming desire to take me out for a meal that evening [he didn't] and as I approached I suddenly felt that I had been transported to a parallel universe where people had morphed into half human and half water butt. Because that was what I was looking at. He was stuck. In the water butt. Staggering around, trying to view the world through the tiny hole where he was supposed to be fitting the new tap. There followed a slightly panicky few minutes with me trying to release him from his 'you couldn't make it up' predicament. Eventually, he popped out, like a man from a water butt. Relief all round. Followed by howls of laughter from the newly released captive combined with vocabulary from me that have no place in a parish magazine.

Another word that doesn't appear often/if ever in our parish magazine is this one. Menopause. Our March speaker was Louise Towl – she is a Chartered Physiotherapist who has a special interest in the menopause and its far-reaching effects on a woman's body. Louise explained how the menopause can change not just a woman's physicality but also her emotional wellbeing. We may experience musculoskeletal, cardiovascular and balance changes – bone density loss could lead to osteoporosis, our sleep pattern can be disrupted by changes not only in oestrogen and progesterone but by stress hormones and on a nutritional level we may experience alterations in food tolerance. As Louise went on to explain, it is vital to take control for the long term by paying special

attention to three areas – exercise, food and sleeping. In particular, exercise. We reach our peak bone density at the age of 30 so starting a sensible exercise regime that you will stick to is hugely important. Strength building exercises to help maintain muscle mass will also help to reduce the risk of falls – resistance bands can be useful here. For cardio fitness Louise recommended 30 – 45 minutes two or three times per week of cardiac exercise, preferably weight bearing such as brisk walking, running and dancing. Maintaining good posture is also important – is your mattress still supportive, check your bra size as incorrect bra sizing can lead to issues with your back, neck and shoulders – try a yoga class as this can really help with posture problems. Louise concluded her talk with a number of useful tips: ensure you drink at least five glasses of water daily, ensure your bedroom is cool and turn off all tech at least one hour before sleeping. Are you eating at least 30 plus plant foods per week? Adding fermented foods and prebiotics to your diet is also recommended and make sure you are getting the right amounts of Vitamins C, D and B12. Excellent talk. Brilliant advice. I guess I was hoping that Louise would finish by saying that chocolate is a really useful prebiotic, counts as ten of your recommended plant foods and contains massive doses of Vitamins C, D and B12. She didn't.

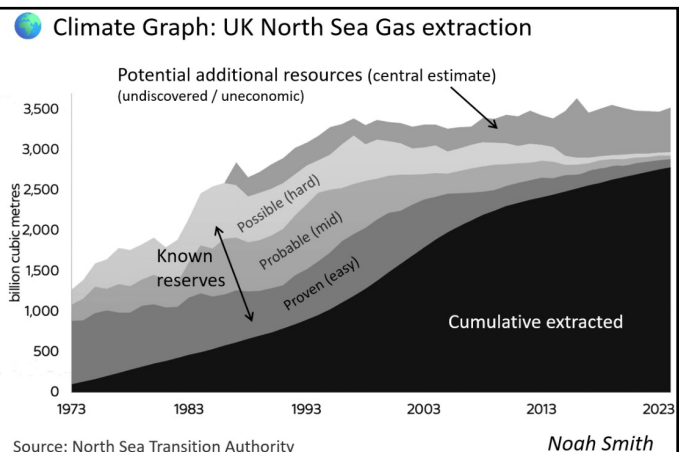
We love a trip to a food factory. And the recent trip to Flapjackery in Tavistock was not only interesting but totally delicious. Obviously this was meant to be an educational visit. Tasting had nothing to do with it. Do you know your black-tailed godwit from your bar-tailed godwit? Or your grey plover from your dunlin? We're hoping we will after our guided bird-watching cruise along the Exe Estuary. For three hours we will be in the company of an ornithologist who will be telling us about the species, habitat and behaviours of the many birds that visit the Estuary. Another educational visit - with tasty soup or a hot pasty included to keep us warm. And finally - husband is donating a pre-loved boiler suit for our Fashion Show in May. The one he was wearing when he became 'Half Man – Half Water Butt'. Too many bad memories apparently.

- Sue Knott

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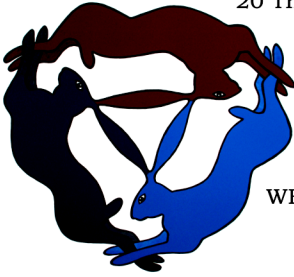
February was yet another wet month with rain on nearly every day making a total of 136.6mm. However, February can be a very variable month as can be seen over the last 3 years. Last year was 56.5mm, 2024 was 196.9mm and 2023 was only 17.5mm. Looking on the bright side, March has started dry and with the longer days Spring is just around the corner. March 2025 was driest month that I have recorded in nearly 30 years. I am mildly optimistic. Hopefully I will not be proved wrong!

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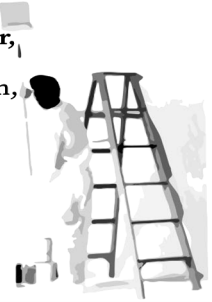
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Paul Rendell

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As a keen local historian, Paul has written many articles for newspapers and magazines. In 1991 he founded the 'Dartmoor News', a bi-monthly magazine which he still edits today.

Using many old photographs from the past 100 years Paul will show how our market town of Okehampton has changed over the years. His talk promises to be a fascinating dive into local history for all of us!

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John's programme will feature 4 different organs (sample sets) ranging from the sparkling Rotterdam instrument, the French romantic sounds of the Cavaille Coll at Caen, to the Edwardian splendour of the Harrison & Harrison organ at St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, and ending with the Willis organ at Hereford Cathedral.

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<< Roger Cleverdon and Richard Edwards have presented previously three concerts combining choral and orchestral music at St. Andrew's Church, Sampford Courtenay. The proceeds from each concert were given to local charities. The same will apply to a fourth concert at St. Andrew's on Saturday 18th April, 2026 at 7.30 p.m. when the proceeds will go to the Devon Air Ambulance.

Musical highlights will be Handel's Organ Concerto Opus 4 No. 5 (Roger playing the solo part) and the famous lament from Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas" sung by local mezzo-soprano, Louise Mott. The programme will also include items by Tallis, Boyce and Haydn.

Tickets (including interval wine and soft drinks) are £15 (adults) and £5 (school age) from Richard (01837 82376 in North Tawton) or Roger (01837 810320 in Hatherleigh).

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It is an effort by local musicians for the benefit of a local cause and we hope it will attract a strong measure of support from locals and, as previously, from others from a little further afield. Those attending are welcome to bring their own cushions – the church has wooden seats!

THE ART BOX – April 2026

With Ruth Smith Gallery and Red Mud Arts. If you would like to contribute a review or reflection, please send to Ruth at ruth@ruthsmithgallery.co.uk



Keep your eyes (and ears! open) for *Alice in Operaland* - an exciting performance and workshop for primary age children and their families - coming to North Tawton the weekend of the 16th /17th of May. Local opera singer Bronwen Harding, who previously partnered with Red Mud Arts in 2024, to bring the town an acting, sound and movement workshop, brings a new interactive experience to introduce young audiences to the world of opera, music, rhythm and character.

Alice embarks on a musical journey through Operaland as she prepares for a performance she's afraid to give. Along the way, she encounters a cast of characters – the White Rabbit, Queen of Hearts, Mad Hatter, Cheshire Cat, and Tweedledum and Tweedledee – who introduce her to musical ideas to help her find her own voice through curiosity and exploration. The 45-minute performance will be accompanied by workshops where children can take part in fun musical games, singing activities and story-telling exercises inspired by the show.

No previous experience of music or opera required!

More information coming soon at www.rogueoperaoutreach.org

-Bronwen Harding

In other news—Australian based artist, Damon Kowarsky, is returning to the Ruth Smith Gallery Art Residency, this time with his partner, artist Hyunju Kim. When Damon was here last spring, he made dozens of drawings in his sketchbook of the surrounding areas and North Tawton sights. Since then he has developed these into etched prints, which he will be exhibiting in the gallery from 17th—22nd April. There will be an exhibition late opening 6-8 on 18th April. Do come along! His art is amazing, and it'll be especially exciting to see such familiar sights through another lens!

-Ruth Smith



Red Mud Arts dates for your diary:

Creative Kin: Morning drawing group 10-12 on the second Monday of the month. Email hello@emmelinewebb.com

Artists' Critique Group: Second Tuesday of the month, 7-9pm in North Tawton. Email ruth.helen.smith@outlook.com.

Open Mic Night: Second Wednesday of the month, music from 7.30, Copper Key. Contact Wez via the Facebook group.

Portrait Sessions: Third Saturday of the month, 10am-1pm at the Community Centre. Email shelley@shelleysaxonunmasked.co.uk.

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

Alice in Operaland: 16th/17th May, more details to follow!

Tawland Music Festival: 20th June 2026, North Tawton Rugby Club, tickets from Merry-Go-Round in North Tawton & Okehampton.

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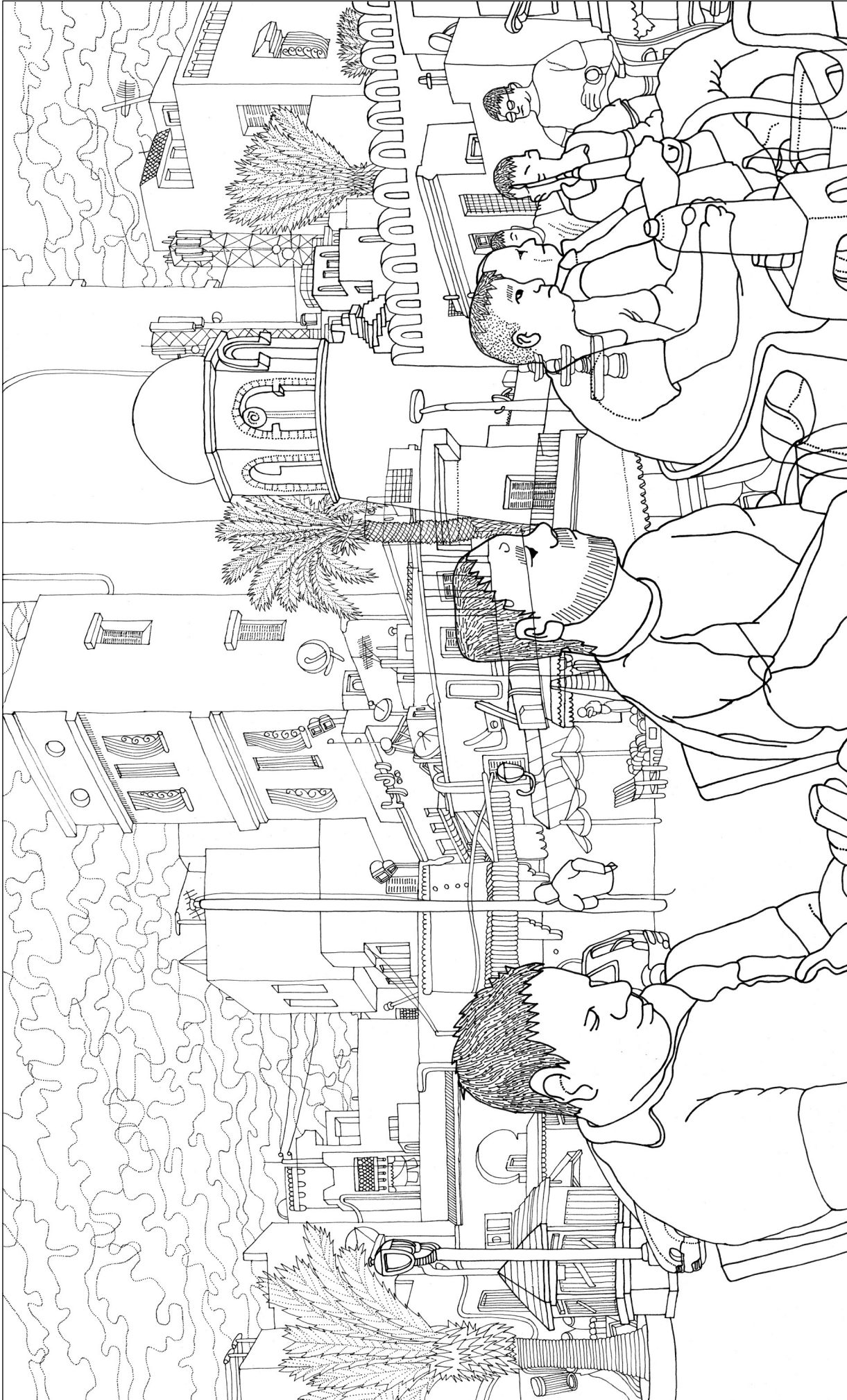
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This month's colouring in page is an etching by Australian artist, Damon Kowarsky, made from his drawings from Sousse, Tunisia. Damon will be having

an exhibition of his prints of North Tawton 17th-22nd April at Ruth Smith Gallery in North Tawton's town Square while here on an art residency. There will be an

exhibition opening 6-8pm on Saturday 18th April. Everyone is welcome! Don't miss this opportunity to see North Tawton in Damon's prints!

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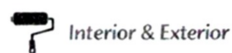
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Following conversations with Claire, the Parkinsons Nurse and Heather, the Parkinsons U.K. Area Development Manager, as well as an 'Activity Day' hosted by Parklands Leisure Centre, plans were put in place to start a new group for people in the Okehampton locality.

Working with OCRA (Okehampton Community Recreation Association) The West Devon CVS (Community Volunteer Service) have welcomed the Parkinsons Support Group as part of their Peer Support Hub which also supports groups for people living with Diabetes, Cancer and Stroke.

Offering a warm and friendly environment the Okehampton Group welcomes new members. For more information please email David at okeyparkygroup@gmail.com

Also: A new Parkinsons Exercise Class has also started at Parklands Leisure Centre. 13.30 – 14.30. email parklands-sales@fusion-lifestyle.com

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6TH NEWTON ABBOT II (A)
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We were delighted to welcome Andrew Sinclair, one of the world's leading figurative sculptors, and his wife Dianne, to give a talk on his work.

His recent projects include the Duke of Wellington's Regiment memorial in Halifax, and the David Bowie sculpture in Aylesbury.

But we got so much more than that, because he showed us how to sculpt a foot, using clay and building it on a wooden board, telling us along the way how to apply the rules and secrets to sculpting.

The foot he demonstrated was the famous Greek Foot, which is where the second toe extends noticeably further than the big toe, many statues including Michelangelo's David, famously feature the elongated second toe, this had us all wanting to strip off our socks to inspect our own feet!

We were all mesmerised, as he quickly placed small sausages of clay, to building up the foot, measuring and shaping to give it a sense of movement, and within the hour with lots of amusing chat, a beautiful clay foot was formed, only to be squashed and put back in the clay bag!

Cherry awarded prizes and rosettes to the competition winners for points gained over the past year.

Flower of the month- first Heather Aldridge, second Ethel Nancekivell, and third Margaret Cleveland.

Monthly competition – first Heather Aldridge, second Margaret Cleveland and third Vera Collins.

Our next meeting will be at Sampford Courtenay village hall on the second Tuesday of the month, with a talk from Neil Litteales, entitled "Who the hell is Arthur"

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Our **Knit & Natter Group** are now meeting monthly and is free. Ask about the dates if you would like to come along. There's a **Quiz Fri April 10th** in the Red Lion in aid of Playing Fields

Our monthly **Crafternoons** are proving a hit and the next one is our Clay Egg Tray workshop on 9th April and is just £5. Half term so creative kids welcome. We have a different event every month.

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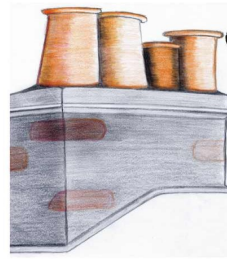
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2026 EVENT SCHEDULE

2nd May	Blue Bell walks
16 th May	Deliciously Devon Food Fair
20th and 21st May	NGS open gardens
24th May	Outdoor Theatre - Pinocchio
27th June	Wood Fair
29th July	Outdoor Theatre - Much Ado about Nothing
25th August	Outdoor Theatre - Romeo & Juliet
6th and 7th November	NGS open gardens
27th November	Christmas Late Night Shopping
28th November	Christmas Fayre

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NORTH TAWTON TOWN HALL

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North Tawton Community Centre

Barton Street
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For more information go to <https://fb.me/NTRRepairCafe>

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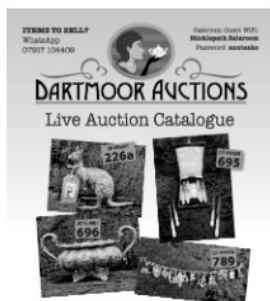
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The office is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10.30 a.m.– 1.30 p.m.

A New Business Plan for New Ideas

The North Tawton Town Council Business Plan is up for a review. This Plan is a statement of the Council's future aims and objectives. The Plan will be a working document setting out what the Council wants to achieve at any given time and will be reviewed and updated annually. The Council wants to inform residents about what we are trying to achieve and how we expect to do this.

The Plan will be used as a guide each year to set the budget for the next financial year. Planning for major projects/improvements to community facilities helps the Council keep precept requirements as steady as possible. North Tawton already has a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) to 2035 which has been based on community engagement and involvement. The Council uses the Neighbourhood Plan alongside the Business Plan, to help us become more proactive in decision-making over the coming years.

To produce an updated Business Plan each year, the Council needs to continue to consult with residents to make sure we understand and consider their priorities and wishes for our Town. This will be done by monitoring the progress against the list of priorities which make up the Plan.

We would like to hear from you regarding the development of the Aims and Objectives of the Business Plan. The views of the residents on local issues are important to us. Are there any issues you would like us to consider? What community activities or events would you like to see? Are there any resources that are missing locally that we might consider including in the Plan? Any ideas and feedback are welcome.

Please email our Deputy Clerk on the email address below.

As many of you are aware, we have up to 12 Councillors who are elected every four years. When a vacancy arises during the four-year period there may be an election if resident request, or the Council will co-opt a new member. We have a Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council and its Committees and Working Groups are elected annually by the Councillors at the Annual Town Council Meeting. Membership of Council Committees, working groups, and any other roles are also voted on. Each Councillor is unpaid and commits what is often a substantial amount of time to help improve and maintain our Town on behalf of its residents. This year's Annual Town Meeting is to be held on the 30th April at the Rugby Club, starting at 7pm. You are invited to attend and come and listen to our guest speakers and your Councillors. You can also find out more about becoming a Councillor by speaking with us or by looking at the Town Council website.

Please do come and ask questions, use the Book Swap and find out more about the Town Council. We look forward to seeing you. The Full Council meets on the first Tuesday of every

North Tawton Annual Town Meeting.

North Tawton Town Council would like to invite you to attend the **Annual Town Meeting**. This is a Town Meeting not a Councill meeting.

7. pm prompt start.

30th April 2026.

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Services for St. Peter's Church currently at North Tawton Primary School North Tawton

3rd April	10am	Good Friday reflection
5th April	11am	Easter Family Service with communion
12th April	11am	Morning Worship
19th April	11am	Family Service
26th April	9.30am	Toast Church
	11am	Traditional Communion

Services at St. James's Church Bondleigh

3rd April	1pm	Good Friday Service
5th April	9.30am	Communion
19th April	9.30am	Communion

Services at St. Mary's Church Honeychurch

5th April	3pm	Communion
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Services at St. Andrew's Church Sampford Courtenay

1st April	9pm	Compline
2nd April	7.30pm	Holy Communion
3rd April	2pm	Stations of the Cross
5th April	9.30am	Easter Communion
12th April	9.30am	Communion
19th April	6pm	Choral Evensong
26th April	9.30am	Communion

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12th April - 11am Breaking of Bread

19th April - 3pm Tea & Praise—Ken Harris

26th April - 11am Breaking of Bread

Please contact Richard for further details 07835033062

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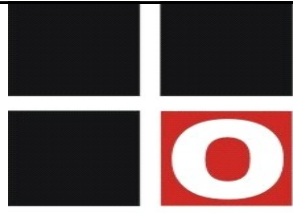
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