

# Roundabout

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## From The Rectory

It's fair to say that I have felt a little bit of jealousy so far this year at some of the places which people around me have been visiting on their recent holidays – cruises through Europe and Southeast Asia, safari trips to Africa, skiing in Norway. At the same time, I have felt a little exhausted at many of the itineraries of these holidays. I'd rather just kick back, relax and do very, very little.

Rest is a wonderful thing. And as our world seems to speed up more and more, rest is both more important and harder to come by. The Bible agrees that rest is crucial to our wellbeing as humans. So much so that it pictures God as also resting from his work. And then later makes the wry comment, if God saw fit to have a day of rest every seven days, then you his mere creature should do so too.

Ignoring the need to rest has consequences – physically, mentally and even spiritually. We humans have built in limitations; we are only finite beings. If we don't stop it will catch up with us sooner or later. So God prescribes a day of rest, the Jewish Sabbath (Saturday) but in Christianity moved to Sunday.

*“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.  
Six days you shall labor and do all your work,  
but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your  
God.*

*On it you shall not do any work...”  
(Exodus 20:8-10)*

Although I've just quoted the fourth of the ten commandments, this day of rest is not meant to be a burden, but a delightful gift to us. A day to stop work, not just as a 'day off' work to do all the tasks we were too busy to do on workdays, but a day of actual rest. A day to enjoy both our Creator God (in worship) and the world he has created. A day of justice – the Bible says that we should ensure that everyone has a day of rest as part of their dignity as a human made in “God's image”.

In this modern world, though, it is the massively counter-cultural act of stepping off the merry-go-round of life to catch up with ourselves. To say I am not just a worker, I am a precious being made in God's image. To find refreshment, to find peace, to find God.

- David Spence



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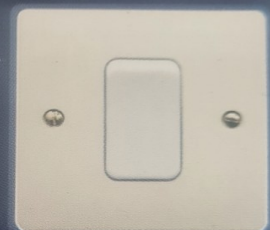


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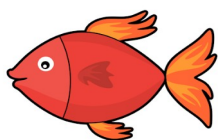
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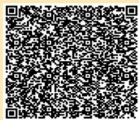
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Our April speaker was Clive Bowers who came to tell us about the 'Freshwell Low Carb Project'. This was initiated by two doctors who were becoming increasingly concerned about the rising incidence of Type 2 diabetes coupled with the rapid rise in obesity in the UK population. Clive explained that the aim of the Project is to educate and guide people towards adopting a low carbohydrate lifestyle, which could lead to potential significant weight loss and the possibility of reversing their Type 2 diabetes. As a result of consuming ultra processed foods to excess, our bodies will quickly convert the carbohydrate excess to sugar which is then stored as body fat. Clive has had personal experience of the Project as he went on to say that, by following the guidelines, he was able to reverse his own Type 2 diabetes in eight weeks. The Freshwell website also contains information about Time Restricted Eating [otherwise known as 'intermittent fasting'] which explains the importance of

not just knowing what to eat but when to eat – there is information regarding the impact of a low carb lifestyle on cholesterol levels and it also looks at how carbs have the potential to be addictive. Clive was careful to point out that seeing your GP prior to starting any weight loss plan is always advisable. Finally – Clive had asked us to bring along a selection of packeted foods from our cupboards at home with the idea of examining the lists of ingredients to demonstrate how carbohydrates can form a large part of the processed foods that we consume – I think I already knew that my packet of custard creams was never going to be classed as a 'Superfood'.

Unfortunately Dame Anna Wintour [Vogue editor-in-chief from 1988 to 2025] has a prior engagement so will be unable to attend our May Fashion Show. Such a shame.

Preparations are well underway and tickets are selling fast. The models are practising strutting the catwalk, so out of curiosity I looked up 'how should fashion models walk?' According to my research, 'models should walk with a confident, rhythmic and intentional stride, focusing on showcasing the clothing rather than themselves. Shoulders back, chest up, arms swinging naturally, topped off with a confident pivot at the end of the catwalk'. And there's more. 'Maintain a neutral, focused or fierce [!] facial expression'. So I tried a 'confident pivot' and a 'fierce facial expression' whilst cooking tea the other night. The reaction I got from husband was disappointing. I don't think Claudia Schiffer or Naomi Campbell would put up with it.

Want to know what we're doing and where we're going? Well – we're off to the Bondleigh Sculpture School, we're having a tour of the Devon and Exeter Institute and there's another trip to Flapjackery. Mustn't forget our Mystery Trip in June and our Garden visit in July. Plus a woodcarving workshop and some needle felting thrown in for good measure. And finally – have I told you about our guided Dawn Chorus walk? [start time **04.30am**] **Yes – that's right – 04.30am!**

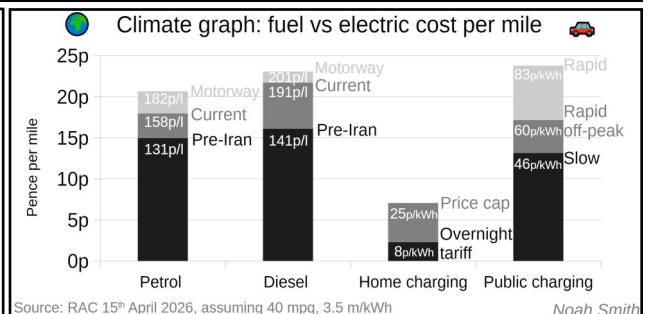
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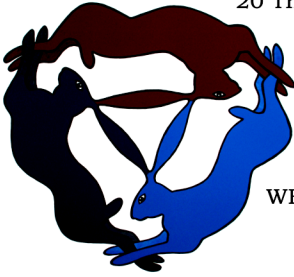
February was yet another wet month with rain on nearly every day making a total of 136.6mm. However, February can be a very variable month as can be seen over the last 3 years. Last year was 56.5mm, 2024 was 196.9mm and 2023 was only 17.5mm. Looking on the bright side, March has started dry and with 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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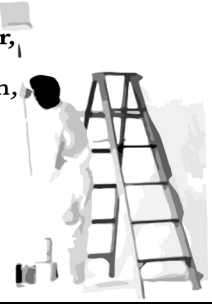
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she walked  
The ghost of her past love  
now a shadow  
behind her eyes

Through rain  
hail and storm  
her footsteps falling  
as a dark wind blew  
her dirty hair  
flying into  
eyes  
the grey  
green grey of  
the oceans in our memory

And as the sky quickened  
and fell  
as hard drops of hatred  
from clouds  
thick and swollen  
with chemicals we didn't make  
the puddles  
drowned her footprints

And we all felt a little  
lighter  
As if a ghost  
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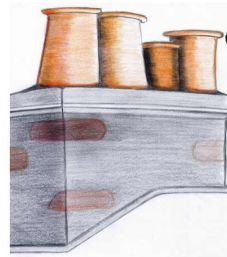
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The idea was simple:  
 Grab a bag → Use → Return → Repeat  
 All to help cut down on waste

However, the bags didn't come back – we don't blame anyone, they are fabulous!

But to keep the project going we need to keep them circulating. Got one hiding in your bag of bags? Found one in the car, the cupboard or lurking behind the sofa?

Please pop it back to one of the outlets, to the Library of Things or the Repair Café (May 9<sup>th</sup>) and keep waste out of landfill and the bin.

*Thank you*

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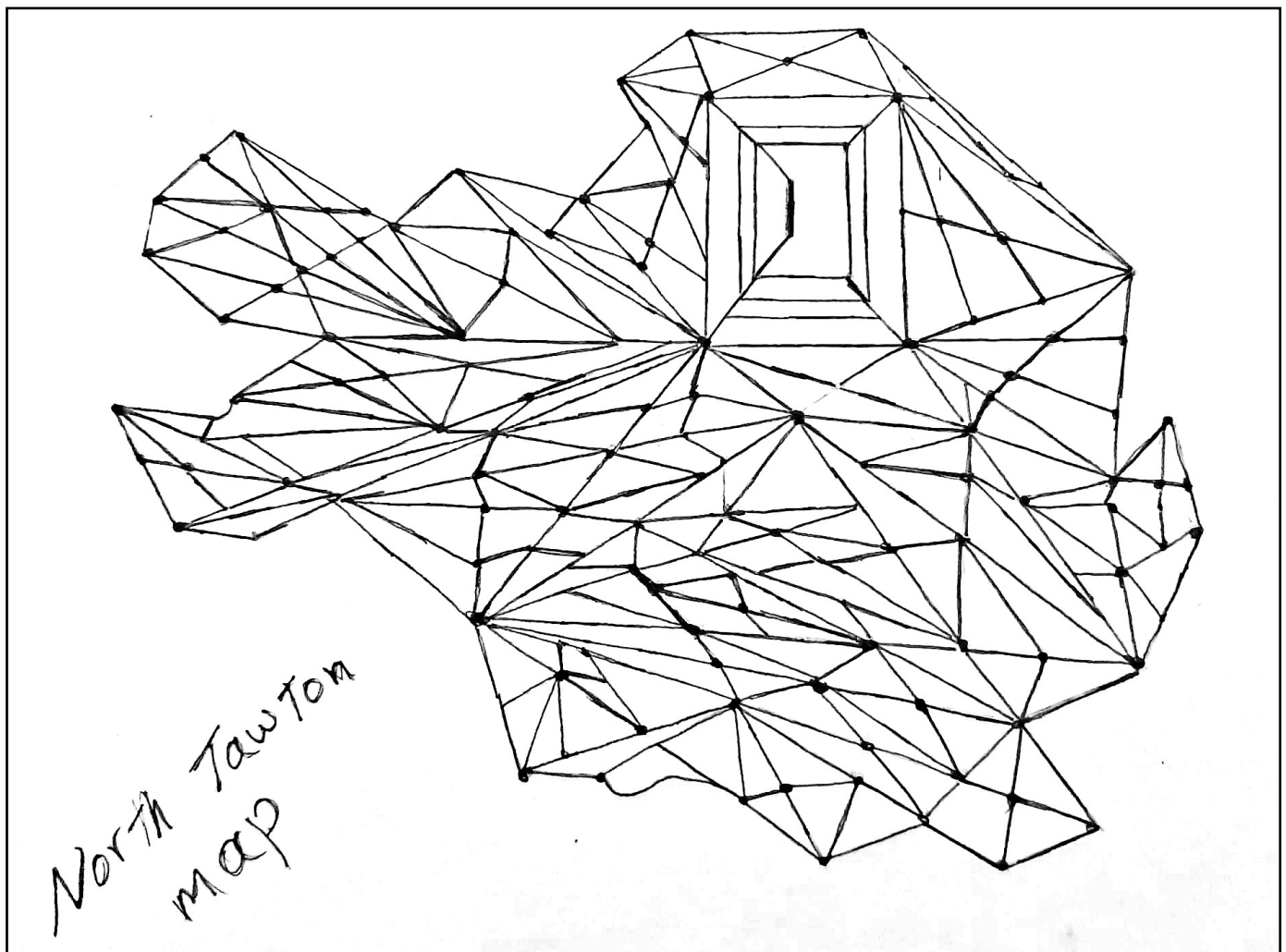
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This month's colouring in page is drawn by North Tawton artist Baraka Ali.

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**ANTS will be performing Alan Ayckbourn's "Confusions" from Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May inclusive.**

Director, Nigel Davies, explains that, "The play is effectively 4 one act plays with characters linking the pieces together. It's Alan Ayckbourn, so it's obviously well written, well observed and very funny".

Tickets will be £10 for all, as this production isn't intended to be for children. The seating will be around tables so, whilst there will be beverages and snacks for sale at each performance, the audience can bring 'refreshments' of their choice with them!

As usual the performances will be in North Tawton Town Hall, with doors opening at 7pm and curtain up at 7:30.

Tickets are available from the Post Office or online through [ticketsource.com](http://ticketsource.com)

We look forward to seeing you there!

Date for your diary:

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th July  
 Floral Festival of Hymns  
 11am til 4pm  
 St Andrews Church  
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# THE ART BOX – May 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](mailto:ruth@ruthsmithgallery.co.uk)



Here's a run down of what's coming up and what's been going down in our creative community-

**Local opera singer Bronwen Harding, presents Alice in Operaland**, 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 two workshops where children can take part in fun musical games, singing activities and story-telling exercises inspired by the show and work with Red Mud Arts Artists to create their

own Operaland masks, costumes and scenery.

Children must be accompanied, and there will be a café at the back for accompanying adults with cakes generously supplied by the WI.

**Winners of March's Battle of The Band announced** - the end of March brought an energetic and talent-filled evening to North Tawton Town Hall, as Tawland Events hosted an exciting Battle of the Bands. A big congratulations to the winning band, **Armed Arcade**, with **Harshmallow** taking the runner-up spot. You can catch both bands performing live at the **Tawland Music Festival** on 20th June at North Tawton Rugby Club. *An event not to be missed!*

**A huge thanks to Robin Murch of 'New Visions' for the donation of 12 art display stands** for pop up exhibitions in tricky spaces. Robin developed them himself for exhibiting in churches where low lighting, stone walls and

pews created challenging exhibition conditions, and is now retiring so has given them to be used by our community. (Let us know if you want to borrow them!)

Each comes with its own lighting and optional information plaque. Many thanks to Carolyn at Ashridge who has kindly lent them space for storage! Red Mud Arts' critique group will be exhibiting there at the Open Gardens on 6th & 7th November so you'll see them in action then!

**We're delighted to welcome Eleanor to the Red Mud Arts team** who will be taking the reins of RMA's social media account. We're excited to have her on board and look forward to the energy she'll bring to the community while helping us strengthen our online presence.

**Keep an eye out for our regular events** (see below) and maybe give them a go! You'd be ever so welcome!

## Red Mud Arts dates for your diary:

*Alice in Operaland: 2pm Saturday 16th May, North Tawton Town Hall, £8 per accompanied child, café for parents*

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

*Creative Kin: Morning drawing group 10-12 on the second Monday of the month. Email [hello@emmelinewebb.com](mailto:hello@emmelinewebb.com)*

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

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

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“Who the Hell is Arthur” was the title of the talk from our guest speaker Neil Litteales, at our April meeting held in Sampford Courtenay Village Hall. Neil explained that his Father had a heart attack back in 1992, which he survived but was asked if this could be hereditary, the reply was, he didn't know his real father, which was the answer that put Neil on a long journey of discovery and research to look up old records and visit places where his ancestors had lived, trying to piece together and unravel all the secrets and stories people hid about their past lives. All this without the aid of computers, just records and knocking on doors around the country. After several years of searching, he discovered his true grandfather and grandmother. This was a fascinating search of one mans wish to find if he could have inherited a heart problem!

After a truly interesting talk everyone needed a good natter and a cup of tea.

The flower competition was won by Ethel, and the monthly competition of an ancestral artifact was won by Vera.

Outings this month include a visit to the Sculpture School at Bondleigh, North Tawton, North Tawton Charity Fashion Show, The Red Earth Group Spring meeting hosted by Colebrooke WI and a garden visit and cream tea to Broomford Manor Jacobstowe. Our meeting in May is with the Artist, Julie Vickery.

If you would like to know more about joining our WI, please contact 07971413997.

## Sampford Courtenay Flower Club



*Second Monday each month  
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## The passing of Heather Duke. 10th March 2026.

We would like to thank all our lovely neighbours and friends for the many sympathy

messages, cards and flowers and for the lovely rose bushes and plants which we will plant

in Heather's own little garden patch.

Heather lived in and around North Tawton for the past 50 years, having made many

friends and met work colleagues during her working career over 20 years at the Cheese Factory.

The funeral took place at the very beautiful St Andrew's Church, Sampford Courtenay on

8th April. Our sincere thanks to Rev'd Rita Bullworthy for the lovely service with very kind,

gentle and thoughtful words at such a sad time.

Our thanks also to Albery & Redstone, Funeral Directors for their very professional service

with the handling of Heathers passing.

The wake was held at The New Inn, Sampford Courtenay and our thanks to them for the

Warm welcome and tasty refreshments.

Finally, our thanks to Halley's Floral Designs for the beautiful floral tributes.

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Rita & Ann

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### North Tawton's Emergency Plan

Here at the Town Council Office, we have spent a number of months re-writing the Town's Emergency Plan. What would we do if there was a significant flood, or a pollution incident, or another pandemic?

The Emergency Plan has been developed to provide local community resilience in the pre-event phase, or early stages of, an emergency. The plan has been finalised and will be made available to residents soon via a leaflet drop throughout the town. Each property will receive a copy of the leaflet, and the main plan itself will be used by the Community Response Team, who are all volunteers within the Council and the community. In an emergency, any plan we provide will, of course, be subject to the emergency services taking control and co-ordinating the situation. Our plan is to offer support and help to residents of North Tawton in a coherent way alongside and with instructions obtained from the emergency service teams where necessary.

The North Tawton Community Response Team will assist both the activation of the plan and the emergency responders, wherever possible, prior to, during and after an emergency. The aim of this plan is to increase community resilience through developing a robust coordinated approach that complements the work of emergency responders.

The objectives of this plan are to:

- Identify risks to the community.
- Identify strategies to reduce and respond to an emergency, including warning the community.
- Identify vulnerable people within the community.
- Identify community resources available during an emergency.
- Provide contact details for the Community Response Team, community resources, the emergency services and local authorities.
- Provide information and assistance to the emergency services when they arrive and throughout the event.

If you would like to offer to help in an emergency situation, please contact the Town Clerk or Deputy Clerk on the details below. We would appreciate the help of any medical professionals, teachers, animal care workers, mechanics, and anyone with a skill that might be of use should the circumstances arise. This will be of great service to the community.

If you can help distribute the leaflets when they are available, please look out for information on our Facebook Page, Website, and Office / Council Notice Boards for further details.



## Sampford Courtenay Parish Council

**Wednesday 6 May 2026**  
**Sampford Courtenay Village Hall , starting at 6.30pm**

- **Annual Parish Council Meeting** *directly followed by the:*
- **May Parish Council Meeting**
- **Interval with light refreshments** *followed by the:*
- **Open Parish Meeting at 7.30pm**

A warm welcome is extended to all parishioners. Come and meet your Councillors and chat over some light refreshments - take the opportunity to put your thoughts and ideas towards the Parish future priorities in the next few years.

We look forward to meeting you  
 Cllr Michelle Wilson , Cllr Mike Carpenter, Cllr Philip Collins, Cllr Andrew Green, Cllr James Mcilwraith, Cllr Joe Moesel, Cllr Victoria Smedley and Cllr Tom Squire  
 Parish Clerk:  
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## 2026 EVENT SCHEDULE

16 <sup>th</sup> 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
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27th November	Christmas Late Night Shopping
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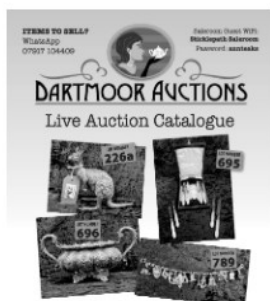
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FLOWER CLUB 2nd Monday of every month 2.30pm

### OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

SAMPFORD COURTENAY FAMILY DOG SHOW  
Saturday 23rd May  
SAMPFORD COURTENAY OPEN GARDENS Saturday 20th June 10am to 4pm  
JAZZ & CREAM TEA Sunday 12th July 3pm

Please see separate adverts in Roundabout or visit our new Village Hall website [sampfordcourtenayvillagehall.co.uk](http://sampfordcourtenayvillagehall.co.uk) and Facebook for more details of all events.

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10th May	11am	Informal Communion
17th May	11am	Family Service
24th May	9.30am	Toast Church
	11am	Traditional Communion
	6.30pm	Praise Evening
31st May	11am	Morning Worship

### Services at St. James's Church Bondleigh

3rd May	9.30am	Communion
17th May	9.30am	Communion

### Services at St. Mary's Church Honeychurch

3rd May	3pm	Evensong/Communion
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### Services at St. Andrew's Church Sampford Courtenay

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### From the Registers - Funerals:

31st March	Audrey Cripps (102 years)
8th April	Heather Dukes (73 years)
10th April	June Hill (Celebration of Life, 93 years)

St James' Bondleigh
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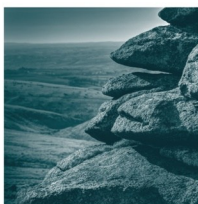
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