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From The Rectory

Boredom is a lost art. Particularly for modern teenagers. I remember once as a teenager we had to drive from one set of grandparents in London to another in Yorkshire. It took about 5 hours back then and the provided entertainment was looking out the window at the other cars and the road signs. No wonder when I got home once, I hand made a book of every road sign ever (over 300 if I remember rightly).

These days if we end up this summer on a long a car journey, things will be different. With mobiles, e-readers and portable games consoles, the amount of boredom children face is vanishingly small compared to previous generations. Even for adults, boredom is a dying art. When I commuted by train people just stared out the window and a small proportion read a book. A lucky few even had a Walkman so they could listen to music. Now everyone is on their phone – watching films, listening to podcasts, social media, browsing, texting...

We are an impatient lot! Used to quick answers from AI, always on, on demand, instant messaging, and video shorts. But patience is a virtue, so the saying goes.

Give thought to the ancient heroes of faith in the Bible, like Abraham. He didn't have any devices; no mobile; he didn't even have books. He was a nomadic tent-dwelling shepherd wondering around a land God promised he would be given one day. I can't imagine the monotony. Occasionally on holiday I have the time to sit and look up at the stars and wonder. Abraham probably could do that every night. I bet his stress

levels might have been low. Both science and faith tell us it is good to slow down and stare.

Poor Abraham was then told by God that he wouldn't receive the things God had promised until four generations after he had died. Four lifetimes would pass until his descendants get what he had been promised. These days we get impatient if the website takes four seconds to load. The later book of Hebrews comments on Abraham and his contemporaries:

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. (Hebrews 11:13)

Abraham trusted God and his promises. Whether he had to wait four seconds, 4 hours or 4 years... even if it didn't come in his lifetime... He was able to do that because of his firm belief that God was trustworthy and would keep his promises. And because of that he showed that he belonged with God and was just a sojourner here on earth.

This is a peace which the Bible holds out to us too. When we trust in the promises of God through Jesus we know whatever faces us here on earth, whatever waiting, whatever boredom or suffering we face, that through faith in Jesus, God has promised a wonderful future free of sickness pain and death. And so, we wait and endure with patience.

- David Spence



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The Reef After-school Club (Tuesdays) 3:30-5pm
Men's Breakfast (3rd Saturdays) 9-11am
Midweek Communion (4th Tuesdays) 12-12:30pm

Town Hall

Little Fishes (Thursdays) 9-11am

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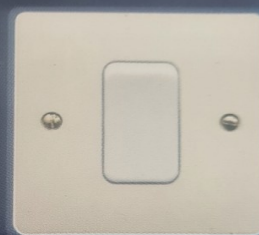


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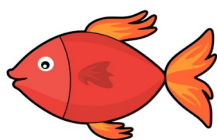
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W.I. Member

It's here again – and husband is not happy. And that's probably an understatement. And just to annoy him even more I've stuck my World Cup Wall Chart on a door that he will have to walk by several times a day. I have my World Cup Wall Chart pen at the ready and I will be filling in the scores for the next five weeks and four days [104 matches] I have also dusted off my crush on Harry Kane. He looks just the same as four years ago and that is another thing that is annoying husband. Sadly, he has as much time for football as I have for walking around Screwfix. Or Tool Station. Or Machine Mart. There – that's really going to upset him.

There was a lot of 'confident pivoting' going on in North Tawton the other night, as well as occasional 'fierce and focused expressions' – and what a brilliant night it was. Dame Anna Wintour really should have cancelled her other engagement and joined us at the Rugby Club, where she would have witnessed some of our lovely ladies gliding along the catwalk, as part of our W.I. Fashion Show, to raise funds for Hospiscare. Music, lights, personal dressers, a professional photographer and two very professional comperes – and a ploughman's supper. Fabulous.

And now for something completely different. Would you like to meet Maggie? Of course you would.

The Story of a WI Newcomer

"I came to Devon from the Forest of Dean, during the second Covid lockdown, because I was allowed to work from home full time and would be retiring at the end of October 2024. Best of all, apart from the beautiful scenery and the interesting weather, was being closer to some of our family. Once we'd got our bearings, we decamped a few miles deeper into countryside, near Sampford Courtenay.

One day, two of my friends told me they were thinking of joining the WI, but because none of us were willing, or able, to drive in the dark, we were delighted to discover [from one of the nice ladies in my walking group] that there was an AFTERNOON WI in North Tawton, which was not too far away from where any of us lived. We decided to nosey along one Wednesday afternoon in November and give it a try.

The moment I walked through the door we were greeted with such friendliness and warmth that I signed up immediately to become a member and my two friends signed up at the next meeting after that.

Since that day I have done so many great, fun things and enlisted a third friend and neighbour. I have – in the few short months since I joined – done all kinds of activities; discovered lino-printing, fabric dying, gone on a birdwatching trip along the Exe estuary, visited the Street Shopping Outlet, done a Dawn Chorus Walk on Dartmoor and joined a Chair Yoga group. There are so many things going on at our WI and recently some of us joined Okehampton WI on a coach trip to Plymouth, to see the Beryl Cook 'Pride and Joy' exhibition. And those are just the events that I signed up for. There are so many more trips and activities on offer for our members, catering for a vast range of interests. The most recent highlight was our Fashion Show which, sadly, I couldn't attend – BUT I WILL MAKE SURE I'M AT THE NEXT ONE!!

I never would have thought that one dark November day could be the beginning of something so good."

How lovely was that?

Which leaves me with enough space to wish Harry a very successful World Cup. And to say I didn't mean what I said about Screwfix. Or Tool Station. Or Machine Mart. Well – not much.

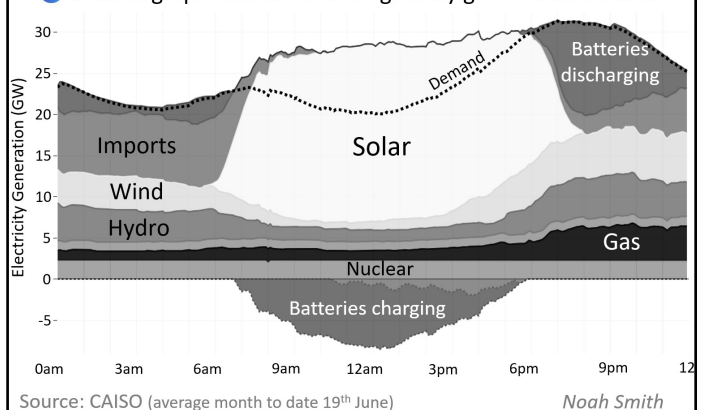
- Sue Knott

BONDLEIGH RAINFALL

Total rainfall for May was just 44.1mm making it another relatively dry month. Most of this rain fell during a few days in the middle of the month. The cold winds at the beginning of the month relented for a while to give us a 'heatwave' around the Bank Holiday weekend. This was not to last and summer has still not arrived. During the first ten days of June we have had over 50 mm of rain accompanied by yet more cold winds.

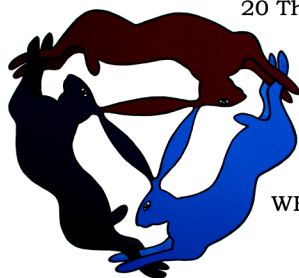
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Lend Me Your Ears

This poetry column is co-ordinated by writer and actor, Arran Hawkins of *The Bizarre Poetry Emporium* in Okehampton, to bring you poems from local contemporary poets!

If you would like to submit a poem, email Arran at lend.me.your.ears.2023@gmail.com.

The Family Gathering

I wonder what they see when they glance our way —
a family arranged just so,
smiles smoothed to civility,
no storms, no shouting,
just that taut-mouthed shimmer of distance
only we can feel.

Once, you were warm against my skin —
born of me, fed by me,
your small hands anchoring my whole world.
Now I stand an occasional visitor in your lives,
watching you offer your children
the tenderness I once gave to you.
Somewhere between your growing up
and my stepping out into my own life,
the thread slipped.
And though I reach for it still,
we move like polite half-strangers,
orbiting a love we can no longer name.
So I stand here —
not accusing, not demanding —
just holding the echo of what we were:
soft-edged memories of small bodies curled into mine,
and the tears only I could quell,
You grew, as children must,
stretching beyond the borders of the life I built around you.

And I grew too —
into someone who wanted more
than the narrow script I'd been handed.
Perhaps that was the first fracture,
or perhaps it was simply time
doing what time always does.
Loss is a quiet thief.
It doesn't slam doors;
it just forgets to open them.
And now I watch you
from the doorway of your own bright, bustling worlds,
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while no one was looking.

- Jan Gray

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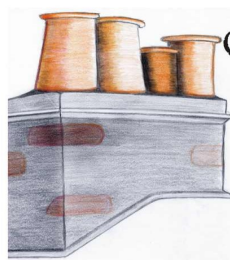
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The Two Moors Festival announces programme for October 2026

The internationally- renowned chamber music festival – the Two Moors Festival will take place in October across **Dartmoor from Thursday 1st October until Sunday 4th October** and on **Exmoor from Thursday 8th October until Sunday 11th October**. This year's Festival includes the best of chamber music and song, spanning six centuries of musical tradition, as well as talks and workshops. Eighteen events will be held in twelve venues ranging from Great Fulford to Exeter Cathedral, from East Quay, Watchet to All Saint's Church, Dulverton.

Since 2001, the Two Moors Festival has evolved into one of the most distinctive classical music festivals in the UK. It usually welcomes over 4,000 people to its rural venues. The Festival also nurtures young artists through its Young Musicians' Competition and its residency programme for Duos at the beginning of their careers.

The Festival has become a cornerstone of the South West's cultural calendar. Every October for the past twenty-five years, venues across Devon and Somerset - from village halls to churches from castles to museums, from country houses to railway stations - have come to life with inspiring recitals, concerts, operas, newly commissioned works, talks, poetry readings, exhibitions, school workshops, masterclasses, and more.

Highlights of this year's Festival on Dartmoor include:

- Haydn Salon at Great Fulford
- Armonico Consort – surround sound choral concert with local schools in Exeter Cathedral
- Noriko Ogawa, plays the piano for an 'All Ages' concert including Chopin, Elgar, Mozart and Brahms
- Calidore Quartet play Dvořák and Mark Anthony Turnage's 'Arietta' the UK premiere
- Michael Collins and Noriko Ogawa play works for clarinet and piano by Poulenc, Debussy and Saint-Saëns

And on Exmoor:

- Songs and chamber music by Grieg, Grainger and world premiere of Gavin Higgins' new song cycle with soprano Claire Booth, Artistic Director, Tamsin Waley-Cohen (violin) and Christopher Glynn (piano)
- Rachel Podger and Lucie Horsch, baroque violin and recorder artists join forces to play duos by Bach and Telemann
- Tamsin Waley-Cohen (violin) and Claire Booth (soprano) perform Kurtág's seminal song cycle by candlelight
- She'Koyokh – an exciting seven piece ensembles play klezmer and traditional music from the Balkans, Turkey and beyond.
- Festival Finale – Steven Osborne plays Beethoven's Diabelli variations as well as works by Schumann, Satie and Ravel

Tickets will be available to the general public on Monday 13th July at www.twomoorsfestival.co.uk or tickets may be booked directly by telephone on +44 (0)1772 439 062 Monday to Friday, 9am – 1pm.

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Sally's highly entertaining talk, supported by old photographs, covers the British women who achieved real firsts in aviation, from the women who merrily sailed over London in a balloon in 1785 and the first woman to gain her pilot's licence in 1911 (her husband forbade her to fly!) to the first women to go up into space.

There is something for everyone in this talk, not just women and aviation enthusiasts but for anyone interested in hearing some extraordinary stories of pioneering women, the obstacles they faced and the part they have played in the development of aviation.

Admission - £1.00 to help towards the cost of the speaker, hiring the venue and refreshments.
For further information please contact Dee McVey 01837 658590

^ **This month's colouring in page** is a lino print by North Tawton artist **Ruth Helen Smith**. Currently, a mini exhibition of Ruth's lino prints and etchings (including this one) are being displayed at **'The Bizarre Poetry Emporium'**, in Okehampton. [Read about it here >](#)

"North Tawton W.I.

Craft and Produce Show"

Saturday 5th September 12 – 4pm

Why not pop in to North Tawton Town Hall and enjoy tea and cake whilst looking at the entries?
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**The British Legion will be holding their
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Saturday 22nd August**

in the Town Hall.

Entry forms will be available from the
Post Office from 30th June.

THE ART BOX – July 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



Arran R Hawkins, Red Mud Arts collaborator & host of the Lend Me Your Ears poetry spoken word events (and newly the curator of the poetry section of this very magazine), has finally fulfilled a life-long dream to open his very own pre-loved bookstore.

The Bizarre Poetry Emporium opened its doors on the 6th June at 3 East Street, Okehampton.

And it's not only books inside! The emporium also houses DVDs, CDs, Vinyl, gifts and collectibles, as well as having a gallery wall for local artists to sell their original artworks. Arran is exhibiting his original collage work, and the first featured local artist is North

Tawton artist, Ruth Helen Smith, with a new series of lino-prints and etchings.

The Bizarre Poetry Emporium is open 5 days a week Tuesday to Saturday 10:30-4:30. We'd love to invite you in to browse the many various books, from paperback and hardback fiction, to Art and design books, from Travel and Science & nature, to antique rarities, history, sport and everything in between!

Lend Me Your Ears will be back too, as well as more events such as book-signings, book clubs, comedy nights and more... All in collaboration with The Bizarre Poetry Emporium.

- Arran R Hawkins



Red Mud Arts dates for your diary:

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.

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.

Join our mailing list to hear about upcoming gatherings, talks and workshops at redmudarts@gmail.com

Den Brook Community Fund

The Den Brook Community Fund invites local Charities, Community Groups and Not-for-Profit organisation's based within the five parishes below to apply for grants which can be used to contribute towards funding for new Capital Projects.

The deadline for receipt of applications for this "round" of funding is **31st July 2026** and as a guide, it is envisaged that about £123,000 will be available for the 2026-27 financial years' allocations. As a guide, the amounts available to each parish are likely to be –

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An "Easy Guide", Full Terms and Conditions and the new Application Form are available by e-mail only from denbrookcommunityfund@gmail.com

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So, he came along to our meeting, to share his skills and experience, bringing along some coppiced Hazel, and a 3ft Hurdle.

Ben talked passionately how for several years he made his living in the art of traditional Charcoal making, an ancient craft giving a high quality and high value product from a low value and low quality timber. Explaining how to stack the correct size of wood, light the wood and control the oxygen, and change the chimneys every 6 hours, before the smoke burns the correct colour. A very dirty job!

He then went on to show us the skill of hurdle making, how to take a billhook and split an individual stick of hazel and then to weave and twist the wood into the frame of the hurdle. All of this looked like very hard work and not sure how many of the WI ladies were ready to put it into practice. Think we will still be buying our charcoal in bags and purchasing our ready-made hurdles.

Our competition of a decorated twig was jointly won by Rosemary and Vera, with the flower of the month being won by Shirley and Doris.

A Watch Party was held for several ladies to join the virtual National Federation of Women's Institutes Annual meeting.

We decorated a Bra for the WI Devon County Show, have flowers growing in our pocket meadow to encourage pollination, and are looking forward to visiting the Festival of Roses at RHS Rosemoor.

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Green Spaces

As summer approaches our thoughts often turn to heading outside. Here at the Town Council, we have been working on improving and promoting our outside spaces. Perhaps our largest outside space is the Memorial Park, known by all the town for its sports pitch, play equipment and skateboard track. Arrangements are in place to replace the swings, so do look out for these over the summer months ahead.

In addition to our park, we also have the Diana Memorial Garden at the opposite end of the town. We have taken note that many of the residents in town have not been aware of this garden or have not realised where it is. Located by the bridge on Fore Street, on the right-hand side as you head away from North Tawton. This little garden brings a quiet space by the river to stop and reflect, or to sit and listen to the sound of the Taw River flowing past, or to have picnics. There is information on a notice board about the varied species of plants and animals you might see whilst visiting and will also give visitors a health boost that we know being around nature does. We are also looking for spaces to sow wildflower mixes. These spaces will be beneficial to our insect and pollinator populations, and the Diana Garden will be the first of these spaces to benefit from increasing the number of wildflowers.

There are several other green spaces around the town, such as the network of footpaths we have, and the cemetery. We seek to promote the use of all these spaces and to encourage ideas to support wildlife. The Town Council are considering the adoption of a new tree policy and biodiversity policy, which would ensure the continuation of this work. Footpaths encourage exploring the local area, and the health benefits of walking are well known, while the cemetery provides a lovely space for quiet reflection for those who want to spend time in remembrance.

We have been encouraged by the number of residents contacting us regarding volunteering to remove weeds from various sites within the town. This has been positive and shows the pride that many have on the town and its community. At the end of last year, the Town Council voted to establish a volunteer group to help with matters such as this, and we look forward to looking for new ways to continue to connect and maintain contacts with the community. We would like to thank all those

residents who have already volunteered. If you are interested in joining the volunteer team to help with projects in the future, then please do contact us on the details below.

There are also a number of gardening books in our Book Swap, which saw its first anniversary in June and we have been impressed by the number of books we have been given, some of which are available each month at the Repair Café on the second Saturday of the month. Another anniversary to note is the new Facebook Page. This has been a way of notifying the town of Council business. We would also like to thank those of you who contribute to our Photo of the Week, which mostly depicts the lovely scenery and countryside around the town which we are all keen to work together to maintain and support.

Step outside and see where summer it takes you!

Please do come and ask questions, use the Book Swap and find out more about the Town Council and our outside spaces. We look forward to seeing you. The Full Council Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month, usually at 7.30 pm. Office Opening Hours: Monday to Wednesday 10.30-1.30, with both the Clerk and Deputy Clerk working in the office outside of these hours.

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Wishing you all a lovely Springtime!



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For further information contact:

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2026 EVENT SCHEDULE

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

5th July - No Service
12th July 11am Informal Communion
19th July 11am Family Service
26th July 9.30am Toast Church
11am Traditional Communion
28th July 12pm Midweek Communion

Services at St. James's Church Bondleigh

5th July 9.30am Communion
19th July 9.30am Communion
26th July 11am Patronal Festival

Services at St. Mary's Church Honeychurch

5th July 3pm Evensong/Communion

Services at St. Andrew's Church Sampford Courtenay

5th July 9.30am Morning Worship
12th July 9.30am Communion
19th July 6pm Choral Evensong
26th July - No Service

Church Flowers & Brass

Honeychurch
July Karen Squire
Bondleigh
28th June & 5th July Jane Semorad
12th & 19th July Sonia Rix
26th July & 2nd August Julie Wilson

North Street Chapel Sundays

5th July - 11am Special Service Lee Friend
12th July - 11am Breaking of Bread
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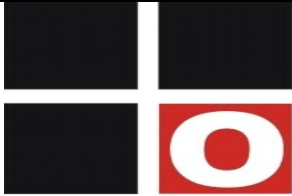
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Weddings 16th May - Matthew McIlwraith and Carla Zapanta - St Andrew's Sampford Courtenay
30th May - David Weeks and Ann Horton - St Andrew's Sampford Courtenay
Baptism 24th May - Phoebe Gower - St James' Bondleigh
Funeral 21st May - Ralph Goundry - St Andrew's Sampford Courtenay
28th May - Rosemary Davies - Exeter and Devon Crematorium (North Tawton)

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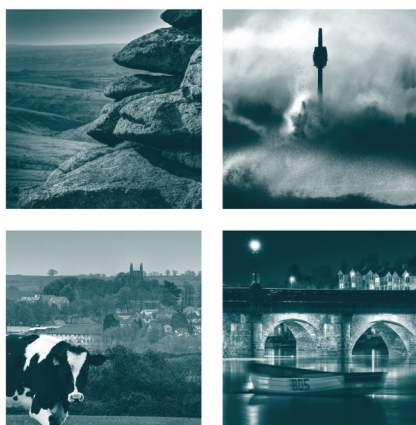
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