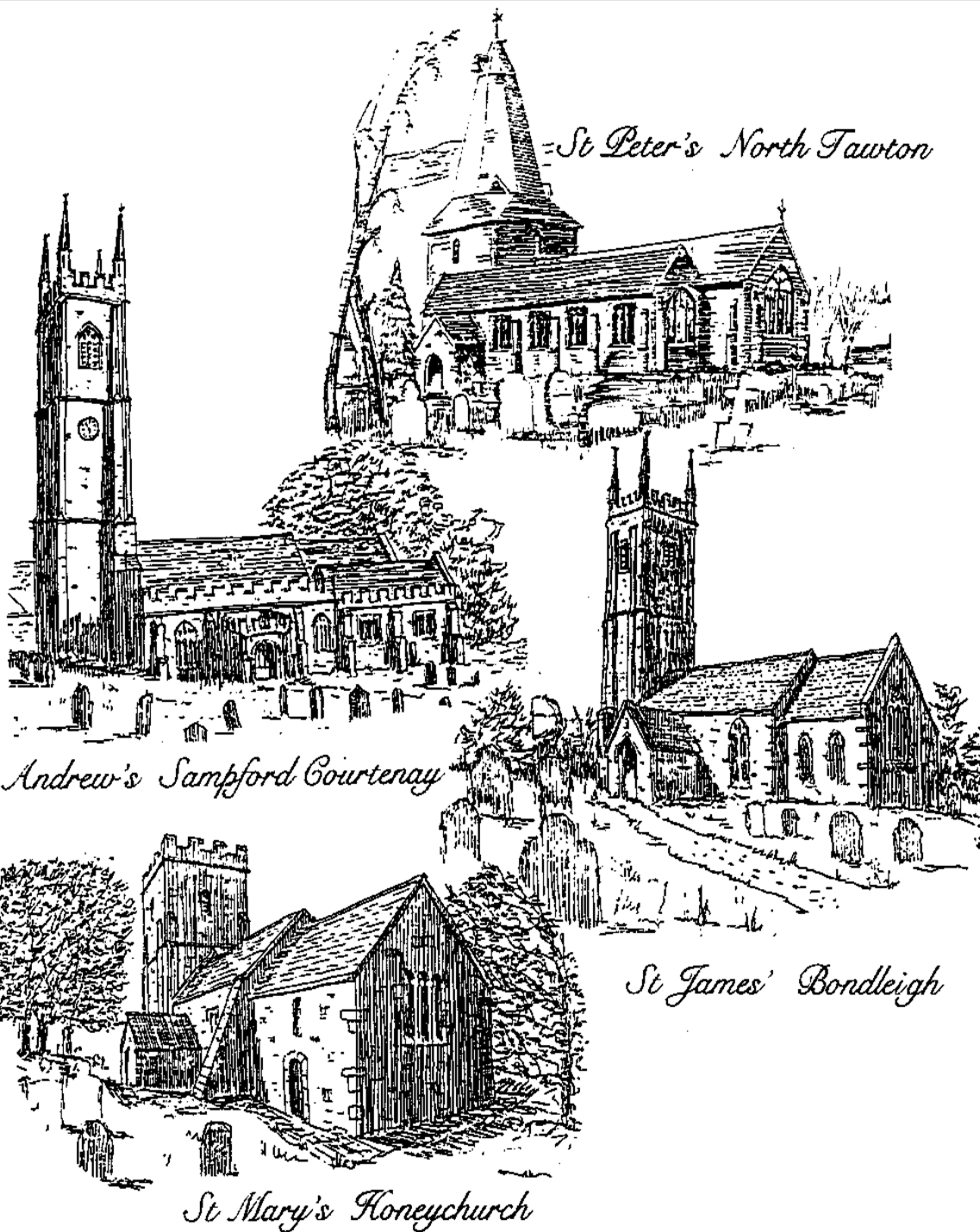


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*"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."* (Matthew 11:27)

Jesus is called "the Son of the Most High God", "God with us" and "the image of the invisible God" and many other similar titles. The Bible claims that he completely reveals God to us. His words are God's words, his character is God's character, his heart reveals God's heart.

In all of our recorded words of Jesus only once does he tell us about what lies in his heart. He says: *"I am gentle and humble in heart"*.

What an amazing truth this is. God is God – all-powerful, all-knowing, all-present. But behind all that might, power and knowledge beats a gentle and humble heart. One that is loving, kind and compassionate. One that looks to the goodness and worth of others before their own greatness. This revealing of God's character comes with an invitation:

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."* (Matthew 11:28-29)

Jesus says come to me and find rest for your souls as in me you find the gentle and humble God. Listen to me and my way of life for it opens up soul-rest for you. How do we come to Jesus – we come through prayer. Prayer at its heart is an expression of an intimate two-way relationship with the God who made us. So why not try praying to Jesus? You don't need to come to church, there is a wonderful resource available called "Try Praying" ([trypraying.org](http://trypraying.org)) – a resource to give you the opportunity to experiment with prayer for seven days.

### Information Event

St. Peter's church is holding an information event on Saturday 13th April from 2-3 p.m. in the church in order to share our exciting plans to improve the kitchen and toilet facilities and create a better space for use by the church and community – particularly our toddler and children's groups who are rapidly outgrowing the existing set up. Having already gained the necessary permission to go ahead with the project, these plans represent an updated and more cost effective layout.

Everyone is warmly welcomed to drop by to look at the plans, ask questions and make comments informally over a cup of tea or coffee.

*David Spence*

**St. James' Church - Spring Coffee Morning -  
Saturday 20th April  
at 10.30 a.m.**

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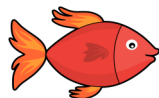
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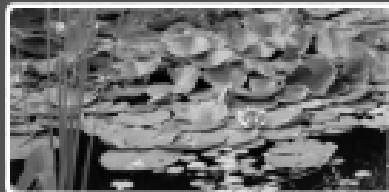
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## Annual Town Assembly Meeting

The Town council will hold its annual public assembly on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 7 p.m. in the Town Hall. Refreshments will be served by your Councillors commencing 6.30 p.m.. Current agenda items and guest speakers include:

North Tawton Fire Station – Richard Keast – recruitment and services from North Tawton.  
North Tawton Primary School – Tara Penny – School activities and community engagement.  
Devon & Cornwall Police – P.C. Wakeman – Crime statistics and community engagement.  
North Tawton Miniature Railway reinstatement - Rev'd. Mark L. Hill-Tout – gauge community interest and support.  
Devon County Council – County Cllr. James McInnes – news from DCC.  
West Devon Borough Council – Borough Cllrs. Mike Casbolt and Louise Watts – news from WDBC.  
Town Council – annual Chairs report, annual finance report, Town Crier competition, Town Flag initiative, Christmas trees and lighting consortium, 7.5t weight restriction (except for access), Memorial Park replacement play equipment.

This is a meeting for the public to assemble and raise matters and is not a Council Meeting. No decisions can be taken at this meeting but matters can be referred to full council or a relevant committee.

## Warm Space and Community Fridge/Larder/Freezer

The subsidised meals and warm space funding for Jens Café will end on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. The Community fridge and larder will continue to be hosted at the Merry Go Round until further notice. We thank Jen's café for providing this much used service over the last 15 months and if there is demand and finances allow, the scheme will be relaunched Winter 2024.

## Clock Tower

Works are progressing and recent enforcement triage has determined *"the style of the lead work completed to the roof and indeed all of the works completed to date, the heritage officer who authorised the works, Belle Richer-Hill is quite satisfied that the works are acceptable. Whilst there is variance in appearance from that seen previously, the materials and style of the works are in her view correct and in keeping with the historic nature of the building"*.

## Council Meeting.

Our next council meeting will be Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April full council 7.30pm. Guest speaker in the public forum commencing 7 p.m. will be AMP Clean Energy who are *looking for landlords with small parcels of unused land c.25sqm close to a substation to host a Battery Box (a small low voltage energy storage unit)*.

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The Council offer an open forum between 7.15 and 7.30, and 8-days' notice is required to the Clerk if you wish to speak to the Council at the open forum. If you wish to make a presentation or raise any issue with the council for a response at the following months meeting, please contact the Clerk at least 8 days before the meeting. Public period during the meeting - members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend **in respect of the business on the agenda only**.

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## North Tawton Afternoon W.I.

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

Bought an air fryer yet? We haven't. But I think we may be on the brink. Husband thinks we need one. He believes it will save me lots of time in the kitchen and make my life SO MUCH easier. An air fryer, according to market research conducted by him, 'does brilliant chips'. Anyone who comes to the house, regardless of the reason for them visiting, is asked if they have one. If they are brave enough to say yes, the conversation immediately resembles Mastermind where your specialist subject is the mechanics of/disadvantages of/advantages of owning an air fryer and exactly what you cook in it. If Clive Myrie ever decides that he has had enough of hosting Mastermind I will suggest husband auditions as his replacement. On a recent trip to Exeter, looking for a new laptop, he suddenly disappeared. I was just about to ask the very pleasant lady at Customer Services if she could put a call out over the tannoy when I saw him. In the air fryer aisle. Trying all the drawers. Enough about this life changing gadget.

For the moment.

Anna is the Director of Exeter, Mid and East Devon Samaritans and has been a Samaritan since 2010. She had come armed with a host of facts and statistics which she wanted to share with us – regarding a topic that is, increasingly and worryingly, a feature of our daily news. Anna explained that every 10 seconds the Samaritans answer a call for help across the country [including Southern Ireland]. Currently, the organisation has 23,000 volunteers and more than 200 branches which are free to call, every day [and night] of the year – and, as a result, spends a million hours per year responding to these calls.

The Samaritans was founded in 1953 by Dr. Chad Varah, a vicar and writer-cartoonist. Throughout his career Chad had offered counselling to his parishioners but wanted to do something more specific to help people contemplating suicide and on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1953 Chad answered the first ever call to a brand new helpline set up for this very reason. The service has undergone huge changes over the years and now provides support in prisons, schools and hospitals, where they not only give emotional support, but train others to do the same. It was clear that Anna loves her work with the Samaritans, her warmth and calm compassion was evident throughout her talk and the proof of an interesting speaker can usually be measured by the number of questions at the end. There were plenty.

Say 'cheese'. Now say 'Taw Valley'. Put them together and you have a sublime combination. What's not to like? We recently had a fabulous guided tour of our lovely local cheese factory. A detailed presentation was followed by the 'dressing up bit' and we were off. Watching Red Leicester in the making. We had a marvellous time. Please can we come again?

So. In the interests of further market research there will soon be a Questionnaire in the Post Office. About air fryers. Feel free to complete one. There may even be a prize for the best bit of advice on what to do with one.

You can have a go on husband's power harrow.

*Sue Knott*

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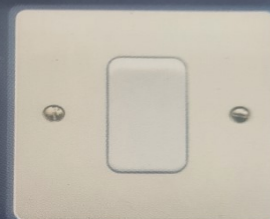
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Hi everyone,

I hope that you are all well. The brief glimpse of Spring seems to have vanished. As I write this, it has been raining for 5 hours. Thank goodness for daffodils bringing some brightness and joy.

We have reached the end of tree management season. This was when we focus on the health of our trees and woodlands, removing any diseased or damaged trees, clearing self-set trees from areas which should be heathland and planting new trees in our wooded areas. We have been very lucky to have some lovely support from local groups to help us with this work. Chagford youth club joined us in Warcleave woods just outside Chagford to clear Holly which had crept in and was blocking light to the natural ground cover. A team of National Trust staff and volunteers from North Devon came to help us clear saplings from Piddledown Common, an area of heathland which is very important habitat for two extremely rare fritillary butterflies. Also the StOC conservation volunteers and a team of Explorer Scouts from Cheriton Bishop, Tedburn St. Mary and Bow came and helped us plant trees in the Teign Valley. Huge thanks to all of these groups for helping us care for these different habitats which will make a difference to the species making their homes there. We had a very short window to complete this work as it had to be done before 1st March when birds start nesting, so the help was much appreciated.

Speaking of nesting season (and lambing of course)..... as we head into this intensive time for nature, it is especially important for us, and our four-legged friends, to keep to the paths when out walking, riding or cycling. This then gives nature the space it needs to thrive and we might get to see interesting species. Last year I saw a Pied Flycatcher at Fingle Bridge for the first time – what a treat.

Given the weirdness of the weather, we've had to take proactive action against the effects of climate change at Lydford Gorge. Extended periods of drought followed by heavy rain have taken a toll on the thin soils and steep slopes of the gorge. It has required increasing costly interventions, in both time and money, to open safely to visitors each year. The path along the river, between Whitelady Waterfall and Pixie Glen, has suffered several significant landslips in recent years and we've made the tough decision to close this part of the route.

A new operating model started from Saturday 16th March with two beautiful feature trails, the Devil's Cauldron trail and the Waterfall trail, available for visitors. The higher path through the woodland, linking the Devil's Cauldron entrance and Waterfall entrance (renamed the Lyd link), and the path to Tucker's Pool will open as two-way routes during quieter times only as these paths are so narrow.

Visitors will still be able to enjoy the temperate rainforest as the trails to the Devils Cauldron and Whitelady waterfall both have some lovely temperate rainforest habitat. The Devil's Cauldron trail is better to see lower plants like mosses, liverworts and ferns which love the damp and shady environment there. The Waterfall trail is better to see trees and plants, especially wildflowers in spring, that thrive in the humidity created by the waterfall.

Finch Foundry re-opened for the new season on Wednesday 20th March and the team there is eager to share the sights and sounds of the forge with visitors on the guided tours. Castle Drogo is gearing up for Easter with the usual trails around the grounds and lots to see and do in the castle itself – including trying on a top hat similar to the one Mr. Drewe wore!

Finally, our Ranger team in the Teign Valley has new volunteer opportunities including Volunteer Ranger, Workshop Volunteer and a Trail Inspector role. If you are interested, or know of anyone who might be, the team have a drop-in event planned on Tuesday 30th April for a 'Meet the Team and Task' day. The Ranger team will be in Rectory Woods from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. completing some footpath maintenance and woodland aftercare. You can find Rectory Woods by using the What Three Words App on your mobile phone: *reduction. questions. ambitions.*

Please use the car Park at Fingle Bridge and wear stout footwear, waterproofs and gloves. Ranger Lucy will be at Fingle Bridge Inn from 2 p.m. if you'd rather drop in for a chat there. If you can't make that date but would like to know more about volunteering, please drop me an email.

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## News From North Tawton Community Primary School



### World Book Day

is a great opportunity to really focus on children developing a love of reading for pleasure, a habit that will sustain and nourish them through life. For some, the costumes and theatre of it is memorable and should not easily be dismissed, but so too is the important work that we undertake to ensure that books are a window into a wider world, where difference is celebrated and where the imagination can run free. (Dan Morrow DMAT CEO)

World Book Day was created by UNESCO on 23rd April 1995 as a worldwide celebration of books and reading. World Book Day is marked in over 100 countries around the globe. The first World Book Day in the UK and Ireland took place in 1997 to encourage young people to discover the pleasure of reading. As World Book Day founder, Baroness Gail Rebeck, recalls "We wanted to do something to reposition reading and our message is the same today as it was then – that reading is fun, relevant, accessible, exciting, and has the power to transform lives."

Here are some photos from North Tawton Primary School as we celebrated our annual event by dressing up as our favourite book characters. each child and family was invited to our Great Book Giveaway where we all helped ourselves to preloved books.

Happy Reading!

Tara Penny Principal





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We are also now able to offer repairs to computers and to bikes. Bikes must be booked in – please drop us a message on facebook, or call Ruth 01837 82207.

**13<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. – this date was incorrect in last month's "Roundabout", - this is the correct date.**

11<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m..

Please bring all items in prior to 12 noon. The earlier you bring them, the more likely we are to be able to look at them that day!

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We also have a mini scrapstore – come and take away some new craft materials and see what you can create! (The scrapstore will also be at the Repair Café for you to have a rummage).





## SAMPFORD COURTENAY PRAYER BOOK REBELLION 475th ANNIVERSARY



FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH – TUDOR TIMES EVENING – VILLAGE HALL

SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – GUIDED COACH TOUR OF BATTLE SITES.

SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY – DEVON FAMILY HISTORY EVENT—VILLAGE HALL

TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY – NEW INN QUIZ in aid of Prayer Book Rebellion funds.

FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – A MURDEROUS MIDSUMMER – TALK BY MARK STOYLE – VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – TUDOR FETE DAY – SQUARE & VILLAGE GREEN

SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AUG – COMMOTION TIMES & DR. ED FOX COMMEMORATES THE FINAL BATTLE.

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### DEVONSHIRE ASSOCIATION - HISTORY SECTION



#### Sampford Courtenay Western Rising – 475<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024 | 4pm-6.30pm | Sampford Courtenay Village Hall

This year witnesses the 475<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Western Rising of 1549 – the so-called ‘Prayer Book Rebellion’. To mark the occasion, the History Section, in association with the Sampford Courtenay Prayer Book Rebellion Commemoration Steering Committee, is presenting two talks in the village where the rising began in Devon.



Dr Sue Andrew: ‘Before the Storm: Sampford Courtenay’s Church and Church House in the Early 16<sup>th</sup> Century’ paints a picture of the traditional Catholicism of rural Devon before the Reformation. Focusing on the remnants of that religion still to be seen in the church, and in other local churches, Sue will seek to convey what it was that the people of the parish were prepared to fight and die for.

Professor Mark Stoyale, tells the story of ‘A Tudor Tragedy: The Western Rising of 1549’ which saw thousands of ordinary people in Devon and Cornwall rising up against the protestantizing religious reforms of the boy-king Edward VI. The talk will draw on new evidence to explore both the causes of the rebellion, and its main events. Mark will also consider the terrible consequences which ensued when the protestors were eventually crushed by a powerful royal army and will argue that the rising was the most catastrophic event to occur in Devon and Cornwall between the Black Death and the Civil War.

Optional visits after the talks to the church and church house.

Tickets £5 - via TicketSource\* on the DA website (<https://devonassoc.org.uk/scwr/>) to include tea/coffee and biscuits in the interval.

There will be a bar and barbecue in the village square after the talks and evening meals will be available at the New Inn in the village (book 01837 82247) or The Countryman approx. 2½ miles from the village (book 01837 82206). **Entry to the bar and barbecue are not included in the ticket price and cannot be booked via The Devonshire Association.**

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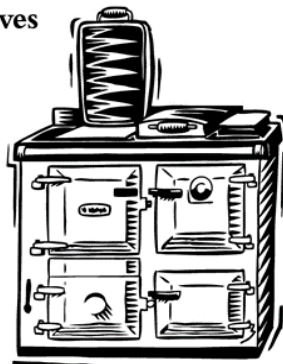
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This month's Art Box is written by Jan Gray, a creative piece based on Artemisia Gentileschi's Self Portrait as St Catherine of Alexandria in The National Gallery.

### *The broken wheel*

Each day I look out at the faces who stand before my image. I listen to those who know of me and my work; those who on their trip here, stopped by the gift shop and bought their guide. I hear time and time again the story of my life- of how in a world where some women were often seen as simply objects or worse, not seen at all, I accomplished so much.

The gallery viewers who stop before me discuss my portrait in hushed tones. There are those who see a warrior, proud and defiant, whilst others talk of martyrdom and sainthood. Those who are curious take time to read the passage printed below the frame. My life, fixed in a short paragraph between two dates; a momentary interest sparked before passing on.

My story is one that has been told many times and by many women who, like me, were used to gratify another's lust. Although I fought back, although I survived, if you look carefully into my eyes, you will see it all reflected there.

Many will never see, knowing nothing of me. They pass by my image on their way to other rooms in the gallery to marvel at famous images by artists more famous than me. My face is not one to entice some people and my modest pose and robe holds no titillation for those seeking suchlike.

Despite this, some people do stop as they are drawn in by my gaze and, as I look on them, I hope they see the story I show to them in my pose.

How many of them see that like the wheel I hold, I was broken; made not whole, unable to function as I should. My body was raped, destroyed in a moment where power was concealed in passion and I was left powerless, unable to recapture my innocence even though I fought back with words, then paper, oil and brush.

I did survive as survival is instinctual, but as a survivor I was only half alive, anger and vengeance replacing the joy and hope of my youth.

I am not hard on those who do not see this; I have worked hard to mask my pain and fear and to fight instead. I created a shell within which my pain lies black, and dark and waiting. You might ask for what does it wait?

To be seen and understood; it waits to be heard by those of you out there who too have this pain but a voice much louder than mine and can speak for me.

You will see. Those of you who, like me survive abuse, **will see.**

And from where I am captured in my portrait, our eyes will meet in a silent greeting of recognition. For that I wait, for someone to understand that despite all I achieved, despite all I created. I did this with part of me broken.



*(This creative piece won Jan the Lady Denman Cup, a national award from the W.I. - Editors)*



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**Exbourne, Sampford Courtenay & Jacobstowe W.I.**

The meeting held on Tuesday March 12th was the AGM and began with a talk by Rachel Stevens of Curworthy Cheese. She demonstrated how the cheese was made and put into the different types. She was thanked by Margaret Cleveland. Next the reports by the president, secretary and treasurer were adopted. Margaret Cleveland (president), Anne Leaman (secretary) and Sally Kenealy (treasurer) all retired. Presentations were made to them. The new president is Cherry Chidwick, secretary Liz Moir and treasurer is Hilary Winter and the new committee was introduced. Next a minutes silence was held for Kath Neno, who had recently died at the age of 101 and had been a member most of her life. Then followed tea and cakes to celebrate the 90th birthday of Exbourne WI. It was suggested that a meal out should be held to celebrate the event some more. The ordinary meeting followed with a lot of flyers and forthcoming events discussed. The next Walking Group outing is to be on Thursday March 28th to Winkleigh Woods. The Spring Coffee Morning is to be held in Exbourne Village Hall on Saturday April 13th at 10 a.m.. It was hoped that this would be a success to raise much needed funds. The winner of the competition for something cooked with cheese was Karen Hunter and Flower of the Month winner was Anne Leaman. The next meeting is on Tuesday April 9th at 2.30 p.m. in Sampford Courtenay Village hall. The speaker will be Janet Downer talking about 'Dark Deeds of Devon'.

*Margaret Weeks*

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21ST IVYBRIDGE II (H)

**NOVEMBER**

4TH OLD PLYMOTHIAN +  
MANNAMEDIAN (H)  
11TH PLYMOUTH ARGAUM (A)  
18TH BARNSTAPLE II (H)

**DECEMBER**

2ND SOUTH MOLTON (A)  
9TH DEVONPORT SERVICES (H)  
16TH EXMOUTH II (A)

**JANUARY**

6TH TORQUAY ATHLETIC (H)  
13TH EXETER SARACENS (A)  
27TH HONITON (H)

**FEBRUARY**

3RD IVYBRIDGE II (A)  
17TH OLD PLYMOTHIAN +  
MANNAMEDIAN (A)

**MARCH**

2ND PLYMOUTH ARGAUM (H)  
16TH BARNSTAPLE II (A)  
23RD SOUTH MOLTON (H)

**APRIL**

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## News from Sampford Courtenay Parish Council



The March meeting of the Parish Council meeting was held on the 27th March – missing the deadline for this April edition of Roundabout – however the minutes are available to view on the parish website and on the notice boards around the village.

The next time that the Parish Council convenes will be on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Parish Council's Annual General Meeting will start at 7 p.m. on that evening and is followed directly by the May Parish Council meeting where the normal business of the council is transacted.

The final meeting at 8 p.m., after a welcome break for light refreshments and a chance to chat to Councillors and neighbours is the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting. We hope to see as many parishioners attending as possible. It is **your meeting** – your voice and your opportunity to guide the Parish Council in resetting its priorities for 2024/2025. What needs improvement in the Parish – what facilities need enhancement – what community events need support? The parish Play Area could be one focus for the Parish Council to consider – exploring opportunities for external funding to support a refurbishment project. Do parishioners have ideas?

There will be some reflection and analysis on last year's priorities – what was achieved – what opportunities are there for the future? What time can be given to the work that needs to be undertaken in 2024/25? Where do we find our volunteers? Our Parish Councillors work hard and work voluntarily to support the parish. At the May meeting they will once again be allocated roles and responsibilities for the forthcoming year. They will also be thanked wholeheartedly for the jobs, the roles and the tasks which they have undertaken in 2023/24. Thank you all in advance.

*Note -The Parish meeting dates in this year- 2024 - are May 1<sup>st</sup>, June 26<sup>th</sup>, September 4<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup>.*

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**7th April 11 a.m. Morning Worship**  
**14th April 11 a.m. Informal Communion**  
**21st April 11 a.m. Family Service**  
**28th April 11 a.m. Traditional Communion**

**APRIL SERVICES at**  
**St. Andrew's Church**  
**Sampford Courtenay**

**7th April 9.30 a.m. Morning Worship**  
**14th April 9.30 a.m. Communion**  
**21st April 6.00 p.m. Evensong**  
**28th April 9.30 a.m. Communion**

**APRIL SERVICES at**  
**St. James's Church Bondleigh**

**7th April 9.30 a.m. Communion Service**  
**21st April 9.30 a.m. Communion Service**

**APRIL SERVICES at**  
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**Apr 7th 11 a.m. - Special service -Mervyn Burd**  
**Apr 14<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m. - Breaking of Bread**  
**Apr 21<sup>st</sup> 3 p.m. - Tea and Praise - David Spence**  
**Apr 28<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m. - Worship service**

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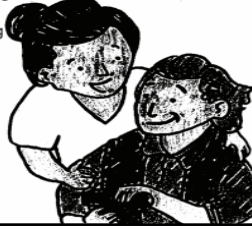
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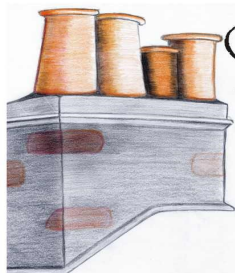
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May	Barbara Smith

### Honeychurch

April	Marilyn Weeks
May	Mary Pyle

### Bondleigh

April 7th /14th	Jacqui Bourne
April 21st /28th	Nikki Jourdan
May 5th /12th	Carol Jones
May 19th / 26th	Lin Warre

### North Tawton

#### Flowers

April 7th /14th	Easter Flowers
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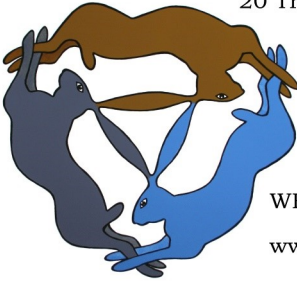
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