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From The Rectory

In the run up to Remembrance this year I have been thinking about forgiveness - probably because the reading we are having on Remembrance Sunday touches on this area:

Do not repay anyone evil for evil... Do not take revenge... Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:17-21)

This is a call in our personal relationships to meet the evil done to us with goodness. The idea here is simple. When we respond to evil done to us 'in kind' it escalates, and we soon become overcome by evil. We've all seen it happen, a joke is taken as a slur, the slur is met with an insult, and one angry accusation follows another. The atmosphere in the room darkens, feet shuffle, the gathering comes to a quick end – no one wants to be in a room with two angry people trading insults and threats.

Paul in this passage says – instead of throwing back an insult, why not throw back something good. An apology... forgiveness... encouragement. Stop the cycle. Refuse to esca-

late evil but overcome it with good. Be the one to offer the hand of friendship.

Impossible, we might think. But God did it – that's what Jesus' death is about. God entered a world full of overwhelming evil and of cycles of revenge, and as Jesus the man absolutely refused to take revenge or payback evil with evil. He faced an unjust trial, undeserved torture, and a criminal's death because of the jealousy and fear of others... and as he faced the accumulated evil and wrongdoing of the whole world, he met it with his self-giving love, dying under the weight of it. And in that moment, he opened the door for us to be forgiven by him and to have the power to likewise forgive. Our world is ruled by a God who did not meet our human evil with evil but stepped into the world to stop the cycle through his own suffering. That gives us the inspiration and power to break the cycle of evil and revenge in our own lives through the power of forgiveness.

- David Spence

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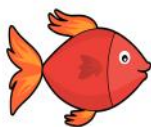


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Hello! I'm Ruth Smith, the new editor. I wanted to say a huge thanks to Richard and Hilary Edwards for so many years of service to the Roundabout, and a big thank you our new team: Simon Williams, who will be helping with tech, finances & advertisements, and Martyn Flowers, who is taking on the distribution to all

the kind volunteers who deliver this to your door! If you have any good ideas you'd like to see in these pages then please get in touch at nt.roudabout@gmail.com.

- Ruth Smith



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New Technology and Livestreaming.

Here at North Tawton Town Council we are as busy as ever, with our Town Council meetings, Councillor Surgeries and day to day running of the Council. Due to the ongoing need for transparency and easier access to Town Council information, we have invested in the development of a new website. Our current website has become rather dated, and navigating around documents and information has become increasingly difficult. With this in mind, we thought a new look and better, more efficient running of the website would help to modernise and bring a slightly new look to our social media presence.

The new site will have a more up-to-date appearance, clearer sections, better site navigation and will include all the relevant information about the Town Council, from meeting times and dates, notifications of events, traffic notices, and any road closures. Our new website will allow you to follow clearer links to access copies of all the Town Council policy documents, and you can also find details of our accounts. We are hoping that the new website will assist with better access, making it easier and faster to find the information you might look for. The new site is live in October.

The Live Streaming of Town Council meetings will still take place on our Facebook page. It has proved popular to live stream our meetings, which have recently been available on our new Facebook page. Our last meeting had over 300 views within 24 hours and over 70 views as the meeting took place. This is something which we hope to continue to grow and encourage. Livestreaming will be saved on Facebook and each recording will be uploaded onto the new website. This will enable those without Facebook to access recordings. Data, including recordings will only be held in accordance with the Town Council Data Retention Policy.

We welcome feedback from you regarding the new website, which you can do via our Councillor Surgeries, which take place on the second Saturday of each month, the next one being 8th November at the Town Council Office from 10-12.30. You are also welcome to call in the offices on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 10.30am-2.30pm, and you can also visit our Book Swap - borrow a book, take it away to read, bring it back and take another.

If you have any questions, or would like to know more about your Council, please visit, or contact us on:
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Ramblings of a North Tawton W.I. Member

Once upon a time it was known as ‘cutting a rug’. A more modern version would be along the lines of ‘throwing some shapes’. Husband could never be accused of being particularly modern but – oh my – was he throwing some shapes the other night down at the Tawland Events Old School Disco. [Never thought I’d be putting that particular phrase in our parish magazine but there’s a first time for everything – even that] But there he was – disco dancing for all his might. I think he was possibly just a bit more entertaining than the ‘catchy tunes’ to which he was throwing his own special shapes. And he absolutely loved it. He’s hoping they’ll put on another one. And I think that some of the other ‘movers’ entertained by husband’s special shapes are hoping so too. I wonder if our October speaker could be tempted to throw some shapes under a glittery disco ball.

John Gregory, Chief Executive of Gregory Distribution and the third generation in line to work for the firm, gave us a factual, statistical and extremely interesting presentation of the history, development and values of a company that is justifiably very proud of it’s heritage. John’s grandfather, Archibald John Gregory, started the business using a horse and cart to haul coal from North Tawton railway station to the wool factory. After the horse died, in 1919, Archie bought a Model T Ford lorry – a huge investment in many ways, and A.J. Gregory was operational. Now fast forward over a century to 2025 and the firm has gone from strength to strength operating from sites spread across England, Wales and Scotland. Archie’s son, William John [Jack] was born in 1924 and in 1942 he went to work at Lloyds Bank in Tavistock however, finding it difficult to cover the costs of his lodgings with the wage paid by the bank he made the decision to join the family firm in 1947. Jack could see opportunities to expand the business and set about this by acquiring other businesses and new lorries, the ‘family’ firm philosophy was still an important part of the business and at one point during Jack’s time at the helm there were eight fathers and sons working for the company. Following continued success and expansion of the firm Jack handed over the business to John in 1985. John could see further opportunities ahead and a couple of years into his time he made the decision to buy 36 mobile phones which, at the time, cost £24,000 – but the payoff was virtually immediate as it now meant drivers no longer needed to look for a payphone whilst on the road – and within six months the financial outlay had been repaid. Expansion continued – with the Gregory Group acquiring 15 businesses between 1985 and 2018 including Kay Transport and Framptons. The decision to create a joint venture with Hayton Coulthard in 2010 was another significant move. Fast forward again to 2019 and it was time to celebrate the company’s centenary with a Royal visit from the then Prince Charles. Time for a few Gregory statistics. Out of the 3,500 employees 2380 are drivers, they have 2 million square feet of warehousing, they have 1,500 vehicles and 2430 trailers. They buy 100 million litres of fuel per year and drive 2 million miles per week getting through 10,000 tyres per year. And it all started in little ol’ North Tawton.

Makes you feel quite proud of our town doesn’t it?

There was a definite feeling of pride as I watched our home grown spuds being lifted. Husband could barely contain his joy. It was almost overwhelming. No need for rice or pasta in our kitchen – oh no. It’ll be spuds with everything. Even on the brand new ‘Home Made/Home Grown sales table that has made an appearance at our monthly meetings. We had spuds, apples, jam, onions, cute little crocheted creatures and some beautiful examples of wood turning. All home made or home grown.

Talking about home made – we had a superb visit to North Tawton’s very own blacksmiths – C.H Jones and Son. At the family run business, with a history dating back to 1899, you will find Tim and his son Oliver using traditional and modern techniques in their craftsmanship. It was a real treat to watch Oliver produce a bespoke ‘leaf hook’ with brass highlights [have a look at their website] And three of us didn’t need much encouragement to wield a hammer and have a go too – [with a lot of much needed guidance from Tim and Oliver] I’ll tell you one thing -

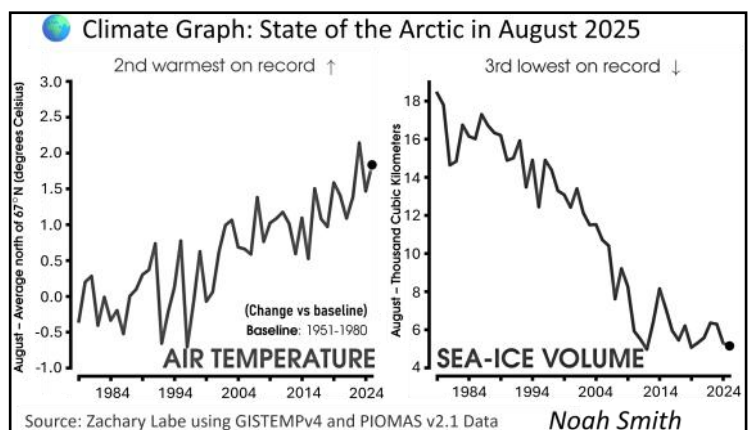
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- Sue Knott

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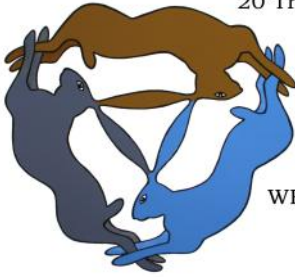
September can be a very variable month and this was no exception. The month started wet with rain on most days until the middle of the month and then mostly dry until the end of the month. Total rainfall was 143.7mm making it the wettest September since I started recording.

- Danny Semorad



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To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.

Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,
Drowsed with the fume of poppies, while thy hook
Spares the next swath and all its twined flowers:
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep
Steady thy laden head across a brook;
Or by a cider-press, with patient look,
Thou watchest the last oozings, hours by hours.

Where are the songs of Spring? Ay, where are they?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too,—
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn
Among the river shallows, borne aloft
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;
Hedge-cricket sing; and now with treble soft
The redbreast whistles from a garden-croft,
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.

Written September 19, 1819

For those of you who have enjoyed this poem, you will be pleased to know that we intend to have a regular poetry column in the Roundabout.

We invite you to send in suggestions of poems that particularly move you, or poetry you have written yourself, to nt.roundabout@gmail.com.

Co-ordinated by Kate Thompson

Roundabout November 2025

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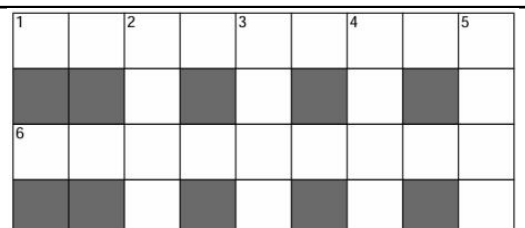
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8TH EXETER ATHLETIC (H)
(PAST PLAYERS LUNCH)
22ND EXMOUTH II (A)
28TH EXETER ENGINEERS (H)

DECEMBER

6TH NEWTON ABBOT II (A)
13TH NEW CROSS (H)

JANUARY

10TH CULLOMPTON II (A)
16TH OKEHAMPTON II (H)
24TH EXETER ATHLETIC (A)

FEBRUARY

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Living Room Theatre Presents...

I met Philip earlier this year and when said he was an actor in a small Devon company called Living Room Theatre, I was immediately interested in bringing them to North Tawton. The living room theatre and concert movement is a way of keeping things simple, affordable and real – we're just covering costs, including a reasonable fee for the artists, and they are not kept apart from the audience. Please join us with a drink after, for conversation and questions about Beckett and the show. My living room isn't big enough, but the Community Centre offers a lovely small venue that will still give the intimate feel to the evening – with under 40 seats available, it's best to buy tickets in advance. In the spirit of keeping it local, we are advertising first in North Tawton and the Roundabout, and will broaden the advertising next two to three weeks before the show. Tickets are available (**cash only**) from Eco Mojo, and if you can't get there, call me to reserve them - Amanda 079 4038 4038.

In this performance, Philip and Sarah embody the endeavours of many of Beckett's absurd and tragic characters, in their struggle to exist and to remember. Most of all, in their struggle out of silence, towards speaking. A 'best of Beckett' compilation, it's a celebration of the act of trying again, failing again, failing better. From his letters we know Beckett wished for his work to speak to audiences emotionally rather than just intellectually. Whether you're exploring this Nobel Prize winner's writing for the first time, or building on a body of Beckett knowledge, we look forward to seeing you there (Suitable for 14 years +).

- Amanda Barlow

THE ART BOX – November 2025

In association with Ruth Smith Gallery and Red Mud Arts. If you would like to contribute, please send to Ruth at ruth@ruthsmithgallery.co.uk



With Autumn setting in, things are busier than ever with Red Mud Arts.

We are supporting two new groups this winter! Self-led **Portrait Sessions** with a model 10am-1pm every third Saturday of the month starting in January (email shelley@shelleysaxonunmasked.co.uk), and free informal **Creative Kin Drawing Group** monthly on a Monday morning (email hello@emmelinewebb.com). These join our roster of other groups including **Open Mic Nights** at the White Hart, Fore Street, 7.30 every second Wednesday, **Critique Group** for artists 7pm every second Tuesday (email ruth.helen.smith@outlook.com), and **Life Drawing** 7-9pm every last Tuesday of the month at the Community Centre (email ruth@ruthsmithgallery.co.uk).

In addition to these regular groups, we have been planning an exciting project that will come to North Tawton in January involving workshops, a film, and a large art installation, which grew out of an art residency here last October. We're very excited to be pioneering the first ever Smocked Building Project by US artist, Annie Coggan, who will be covering Ruth Smith Gallery with smocked hessian. It will use the honeycomb technique associated with the rural English smocked frock, while the hessian nods to its traditional use covering buildings to regulate the drying times of lime render. Along with smocking a North Tawton building, Annie has collaborated with artist Sam Godfrey to make a film showing the history of smocking and its contemporary uses. Furthermore, Annie will teach a series of smocking workshops that outline the history of the craft and show the "how-to's" and "what could be's" by passing on this haptic knowledge.

This is definitely one to get in the diary! The workshops will be 10am-4pm Sunday 11th & Saturday 17th January at the Community Centre, and the art installation will be unveiled by the 16th January at Ruth Smith Gallery.

Have a wonderful November!

Ruth

Red Mud Arts dates for your diary:

Creative Kin Drawing Group: next one 10th November, email hello@emmelinewebb.com

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

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

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

Portrait Sessions: First one 17th January at the Community Centre, email shelley@shelleysaxonunmasked.co.uk

Smocked Building Project: Workshops 10-4 Sunday 11th January & 10-4 Saturday 17th January.

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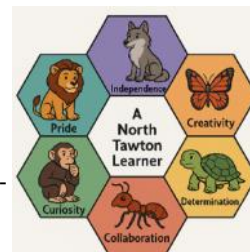
*The children are now well settled into their classes and the new school year
and there is a happy buzz of learning around the school.*

This month, the children have been thinking about what makes a great learner. Together, we have identified six important learning behaviours that help us to achieve our best:

Pride—Independence—Curiosity—Determination—Creativity—Collaboration

Each learning behaviour is represented by a different animal, and each one has a special story to help the children understand what it means in practice.

We have started by focusing on **Pride** — taking pride in our work, our school, ourselves, and our community. It's been wonderful to see the children showing care and effort in everything they do, celebrating their achievements, and supporting one another to do the same.



Children from Years 3 to 6 have made us proud by representing North Tawton at recent football tournaments. They showed teamwork, determination, and respect throughout, embodying the values of a true North Tawton Learner.

Across the school, children have also been writing creatively, producing wonderful pieces based on the book *Journey*. They shared their writing with great pride, demonstrating imagination, curiosity, and care in their work.

We also came together as a community to celebrate Harvest, donating items to support the Merry-Go-Round Food Bank. The children were proud to realise that their generosity could make a real difference to others in our local community.

As the year goes on, we will begin to explore the other learning behaviours — independence, curiosity, determination, creativity, and collaboration — and discover how each one helps us to be our very best.

- Clare Vincent, Headteacher

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This month's colouring-in page is drawn by John Estcourt Hawkins of North Tawton.

If you would like to contribute a drawing for this regular feature, please email it in to nt.roundabout@gmail.com.

Happy colouring!

Remembrance Services

Lest We Forget
We will remember them



Remembrance Day Service
Sunday 9th November
9.30am
St Andrew's church
Sampford Courtenay

St Andrew's
Armistice Day Service



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SUNDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2025

10:45 AM

ALL WELCOME

"We will remember them"

The North Tawton Branch of the Royal British Legion and the various uniformed organisations will lead the Remembrance Parade with standards.

The Parade will leave from The Square into St Peter's Church for a memorial service lead by Revd David Spence.

The commemorations conclude with the laying of wreaths in the town cemetery.



Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 9th November 2025
Arrive by 10:45am

Please gather in The Square at 10:15am to collect wreaths and posies.

The Parade will leave for church at 10:35am

"We will remember them"

The Royal British Legion

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Community lunch - Thursday 20th November 12.30pm

Film night of Harold Fry - The Unlikely Pilgrimage - Friday 21st November 7pm

Silent Movie: The Kid (Charlie Chaplin) - Wednesday 26th November 7pm

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The residents of North Tawton are currently represented by Carol Burrow and Carol Hughes.

The latest news is that the arrival of Dr. Jack Hodge means that the North Tawton Branch Surgery will be extending its opening hours from late September, so please ask for appointments at North Tawton Surgery whenever possible.

News from the Moor



National Trust

Hi everyone

I hope that you are all keeping well.

As we race towards winter (EEEEK!), I have some late autumn activities to mention. Firstly, we have Drogo 10 taking place on Sunday 16 November. This is the 10 mile run through the Teign Valley which is not for the faint-hearted. We generally have over 500 people take part, and it is a lot of fun to host this great event at Castle Drogo. If you are planning a walk that weekend, watch out for runners that morning covered in mud.

At Finch Foundry in Sticklepath, plans are coming together for the annual St Clements Day celebration. This year, it is taking place on Saturday 22 November. There will be demonstrations of blacksmithing, firing of the anvil, performances by Cogs & Wheels and a chance to see the historic forge working. Fingers and toes crossed for kind weather please! Last year, the terrible storm in November meant that we very sadly had to cancel.

Back at Fingle Bridge, for those walking in the Teign Valley and Fingle Woods this winter, please note that the riverside track heading downstream from Fingle Bridge is closed weekdays whilst the Woodland Trust undertake some essential conservation work.

Coming up on Friday 5th December is a unique opportunity brought to us by the Two Moor Pine Marten project right on our doorstep in Fingle Woods. Renowned author and professional storyteller Chris Salisbury will be leading a special outdoor workshop in a woodland setting. It's a free experience, but places are limited. The idea behind the workshop is to learn from Chris and then co-create while exploring the woods. The details are just being finalised, but if this sounds interesting, then please do get in touch and we can signpost you to the booking page with our friends at Devon Wildlife Trust - paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Best wishes all,

Paula

Volunteering & Community Manager, Dartmoor
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Digital Skills Devon



Digital Skills Devon, which is funded by the UK government through the UK

This project is funded by the UK government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Shared Prosperity Fund, provides personal, tailored support for individuals who are lacking skills and confidence in performing particular online tasks. What people receive help with is up to them – it could be doing an online food shop, using the NHS app to access healthcare, checking energy use or joining an online chat to connect with friends and family. People will be asked what matters to them when they apply and their support will be personalised accordingly, with up to five hours' in-person support available.

The project offers people the chance to have individual 1:1 support, advice to be able to support a member of their family or friends, or organisations the chance to receive bespoke advice tailored to them.

For more information or how to access support, please contact Devon Communities Together on 01392 248919 or email info@devoncommunities.org.uk

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Are you interested in becoming a friend of your library?

Anyone is welcome to get involved and support the library, organising or helping with events, encouraging use of the library, and supporting fundraising activities.

Read Easy: First Tuesday of every month, 10:00-12:00

Come and chat with Richard from Read Easy, the charity that helps adults learn to read. Richard would love to talk to you, particularly if you are interested to know more about what Read Easy do and/or if you would like to introduce someone to their free 1:1 and confidential service.

Coffee & Create: Fridays, 10:00-12:00

Bring along your own creative projects and enjoy some optional socialising!

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Okehampton Library Book Bingo

Join our FREE year-round reading challenge for adults! Read 12 library books across the year for 12 different prompts. Once you have completed a square, come in to have your bingo card stamped and move onto the next. They can be completed in any order; when all 12 have been completed, bring your card into the library to be entered into a prize draw to win a book bundle and mug – funded by The Friends of Okehampton Library. Completed bingo cards must be handed in to the library by 10 a.m. Saturday 20th December 2025. Collect your bingo card from Okehampton Library at any point in the year.

Recycling for Good Causes: Okehampton Library have taken some inspiration from other Devon Libraries who are doing their bit assisting in tackling the climate crisis and we are proud to say that we have also teamed up with Recycling For Good Causes to offer a recycling point in our library! You can now drop off

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Saturday	09:00-13:00



Sampford Courtenay Parish Council

Sampford Courtenay Parish Council met on Wednesday 3rd September 2025

We are pleased to confirm that work should commence to renew the water path and footpath through the village Green. Residents are advised that gates will be removed and to ask to patience regarding any inconvenience or disruption whilst the work is taking place.

There are new guidelines on the use of bespoke email for conducting Council business and we are looking into the most cost effective way of becoming compliant with the new regulations and will update parishioners with new means of communication when this occurs.

Following concern from residents regarding the cutting of hedges in early August Responsible landowners are reminded of the rules that sit within the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 regarding the cutting and trimming of roadside hedges. The current guidance from the Highways team at Devon County Council. [Guidance for maintaining and managing roadside hedges and trees responsibly](#) can be found on their website for more details contact the Parish Clerk

Parishioners are invited to join representatives of the Council and St Andrews Church for a commemorative service at the War Memorial on November 11th, Armistice Day.

The Council would like to encourage any residents to complete the survey prepared by North Dartmoor Health Initiative to have their say and support with the relevant information needed for the campaign. Details are on the website and can be obtained via the Clerk.

As the seasons change the Council will also be reviewing its resilience plan in preparation for the winter so look out for guidance on how to prepare yourselves your family and your properties. You might also like to join the next Community Conversations event held by Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue on Winter Safety is on 7th November. This is a web event. Contact pressofficer@dsfire.gov.uk for more details.

The Councils next meeting will be on Wednesday the 5th November 2025 7:30pm at Sampford Courtenay Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and if you have any item for the Agenda please contact the Clerk on ClerkSCPC@gmail.com.

Den Brook Community Fund

The Den Brook Community Fund invites Charities, Community Groups and Not-for-Profit organisations who are based in the parishes listed below, to apply for grants which will provide some assistance towards meeting the costs of new Capital Projects.

The deadline for receipt of applications for this round of funding is
31st January 2026

The Committee will only consider applications made on the latest version of the form available on request from the e-mail address below.

As a guide, the total amounts available to cover the current round are likely to be –

Bow - £29,000
North Tawton - £10,600
South Tawton - £7,000
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Zeal Monachorum - £7,000

An “Easy Guide”, Full Terms and Conditions and our new Application Form are available by e-mail from denbrookcommunityfund@gmail.com

The Den Brook Community Fund is administered by representatives of Bow, North Tawton, South Tawton, Spreyton, & Zeal Monachorum Town and Parish Councils.

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2nd November 9.30 a.m. Morning Worship

9th November 9.30 a.m. Remembrance

16th November 6.00 p.m. Choral Evensong

23rd November 9.30 a.m. Communion

30th November 11 a.m. Patronal Service

Services at St. James's Church Bondleigh

2nd November 9.30 a.m. Communion

16th November 9.30 a.m. Communion

Services at St. Mary's Church Honeychurch

2nd November 3 p.m. Evensong / Communion

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Services at St. Peter's Church North Tawton

2nd November 11 a.m. Morning Worship
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9th November 10.35 a.m. Parade
10.50 a.m. Remembrance

16th November 11 a.m. Family Service

23rd November 9.30 a.m. Toast Church
11 a.m. Traditional Communion

25th November 12 noon Midweek Communion

30th November 11 a.m. Informal Communion

North Street Chapel Sundays

2nd November 11 a.m. Richard Yendal

9th November 11 a.m. Breaking of Bread

16th November 3 p.m. Tea and Praise with
Down family

23rd November 11 a.m. Breaking of Bread

30th November 11 a.m. Worship service

Please contact Richard for further details
07835033062

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Funeral	30th September	Mary SPEAK (85 years)	St. Peter's North Tawton

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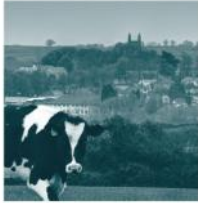
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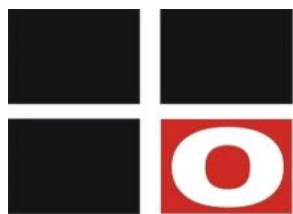
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