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"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." (Romans 12:12)

It's mid-August, it's thirty degrees, and I'm sitting in my office writing this article. All I can think is: I wonder if it will have rained by the time people are reading this. I hope and pray with the farmers and gardeners that it will have. The forecast is for rain for next week, but we've been disappointed before!

It is hard to be patient, although it is listed fourth (after love, joy and peace) in the great list of biblical virtues we know as the 'fruit of the Spirit'.

In St Peter's church we've also needed to be patient with our building works which have faced several unexpected discoveries which have slowed things down. A hazard with heritage work on ancient buildings. Still not quite as bad as a previous church the team worked on, where they found a whole Roman temple under the floor!

By the time you read this, I hope that not only will there have been some rain to feed the crops and flowers, but we will also be well on the way to

moving back into St Peter's church building.

We are planning to have a 'reopening weekend' on the 10th and 11th October when Bishop James will be joining us to re-dedicate the church building (see advert elsewhere in the Roundabout). This will include times when anyone can come and have a good look around. Either on the Saturday afternoon or between the service and concert on the Sunday. We hope you will join us.

In the meantime, we'll all be exercising our patience. The verse I quoted above surrounds the encouragement to be patient in hard times (affliction) with two ways in which the Bible teaches us to learn patience. *Be joyful in hope – keep your sights set on the future God has promised in Jesus and rejoice in it. And Be... faithful in prayer – keep bringing the waiting or troubles you are facing to your Father God in prayer. In short, whether we are facing personal challenges or the need for rain to water the crops, or whatever, keep God in the picture, in prayer and in trusting in his promises to us.*

- David Spence



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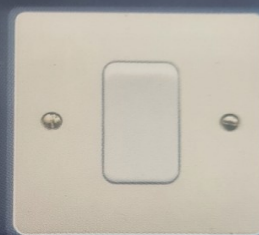


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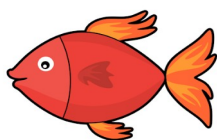
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Mrs Hilda Arscott would like to apologise for neglecting her friends, especially from the church and the WI which I miss dreadfully.

I have now been living at Lakeside Residential Home for the past 11 months near Okehampton, where I have settled in very well, but I have had lots of health issues which has prevented me from contacting my friends. If any of my friends wish to visit me they would be more than welcome.

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Wakey wakey. Pay attention. Sit up straight and no snoozing at the back please. Here are a few fun facts about 'sleep' and I'll tell you why after you've read them. Did you know that about a third of our lives is spent asleep? Elephants sleep for about three hours and the sleepest animal is the koala bear which can spend up to 22 hours a day dozing [hardly worth waking up] Sea otters hold hands when sleeping to stop them drifting apart – [did that fact just make you go 'ahhhhh'] We humans are the only mammal able to delay sleep. And finally – ever heard of 'clinomania' or 'oneirophobia'? Clinomania is an abnormal and excessive urge to stay in bed and oneirophobia is the fear of nightmares or dreams.

So why all this sleep talk? Thank you for asking. We've been on another factory trip and this time it was to the Enchanted House Beds factory at the old railway station, Sampford Courtenay. We were treated to a detailed and hugely informative tour where we watched at first hand how their bespoke luxury mattresses and beds are made – with every mattress hand made specially to order using the finest grade Dartmoor wool as well as other top quality natural materials including horsehair, alpaca fleece, silk and cashmere. As we were shown around we watched members of their fantastic team hand stitching and hand filling the mattresses with genuine care and attention. Need some accessories such as pillows, a mattress topper or an upholstered headboard? They can produce it for you. Makes you proud to live down the road doesn't it?

Husband is grumbling cos he hasn't had a mention yet. Thing is, there's been a lot happening [and even more planned] in our W.I. world, so that might be the only mention that he gets. Moving on.

We're still in North Tawton Post Office window - if you haven't yet had the chance to press your nose against the glass and stare in awe and wonder at what we get up to then go and have a look. If you find yourself transfixed by the tartan bag hanging to your left but are struggling to work out exactly what it is, then allow me to explain. It's a carrier bag dispenser.

Oh yes it is. I made it at a recent craft workshop and you need to know that I worked undeniably hard [and with a huge amount of expert supervision] to produce it. It's got a French seam in it. You're blown away by that aren't you? Please don't ask me what a French seam is as I didn't really know I was doing it at the time. Ask Theresa or Nicky. They made me do it. I am very proud of my bag dispenser – even if I had to give husband huge hints when he tried to guess what it was. He got there in the end – watching me shove carrier bags in the top end and then pulling them one by one out of the hole at the bottom probably helped. He thinks it's too soon for me to apply for the next BBC series of The Great British Sewing Bee. A bit harsh methinks.

Did you just ask what else are we up to? Well, we've been invited back to White Stuff, Exeter for a private shopping event – with nibbles and discounts. We're going on a 'bat walk' to find out lots of interesting information about these fascinating creatures. We're heading down to Treguddick Distillery near Launceston for a tour of their state-of-the-art facility complete with 'geodesic biomes' which contain over 70 species of botanicals and ingredients [you're looking up geodesic aren't you]. We are also signing up for [I bet the next few words haven't appeared in an edition of Roundabout before] a Pelvic Floor workshop – with the lovely Louise Towl, Chartered Physiotherapist, who gave us an inspiring talk about the menopause a few months ago.

And November wouldn't be the same without our pre Christmas trip to Clarks Village where very serious shopping will occur. And husband will, hopefully, have forgotten last years traumatic experience in the Lindt chocolate shop. Actually, it was one of the highlights of my day – watching him skipping merrily around the Pick'n'Mix unit, filling his cellophane bag, and then seeing his gleeful expression fade to horror when the very nice lady on the till told him how much was about to be debited from his current account. Priceless.

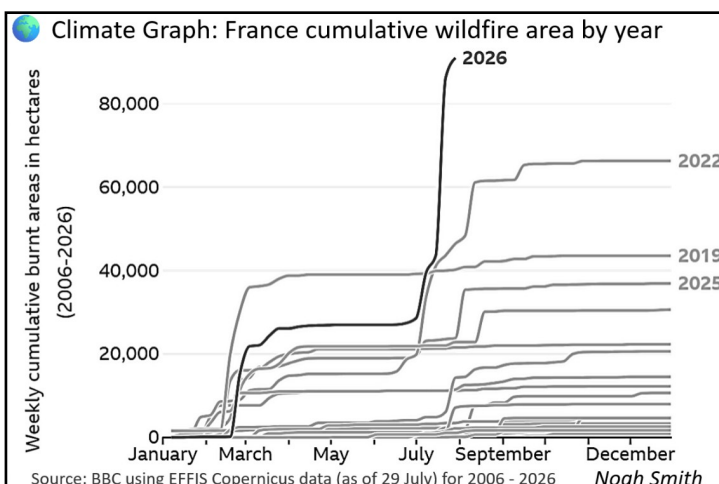
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- Sue Knott

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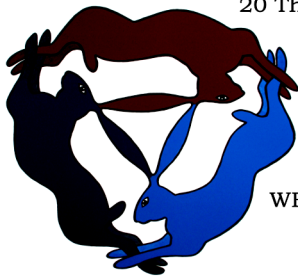
In July we had small amounts of rain on just 4 days. This amounted to 9.4mm compared to 32.1mm last year. Although this is the driest July that I have measured, it is not the driest month. With low rainfall in March, April and May and high temperatures we are now in a drought situation. However there is some rain forecast for the first week of August and the days will soon begin to shorten. Perhaps we will start to see a change.

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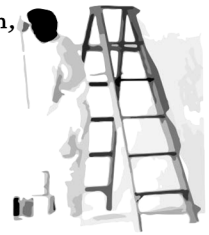
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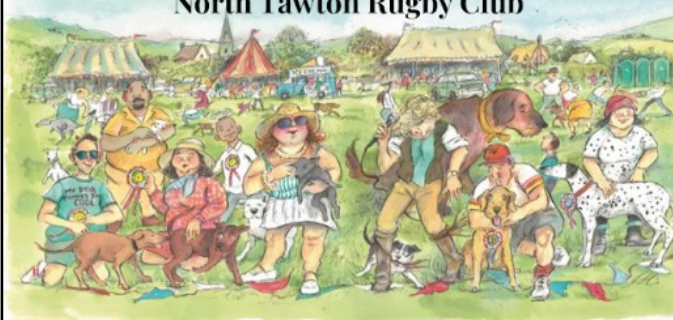
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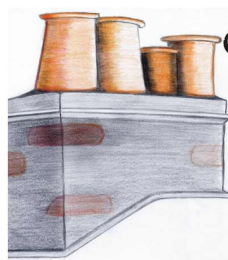
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The Two Moors Festival announces programme for October 2026

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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Jukka is now studying with Prof Dr Martin Sander at Munich University of Music & Performing Arts, and in addition, works as a harpsichordist, continuo player, and choir director.

2026/27 recitals include St Paul's Cathedral London, Salzburg Cathedral, Florida USA, Northern Ireland, Cambridge, York, with his English debut at Nichols Nymet House.

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THE ART BOX – September 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



Marie Stockmarr Becker (viola) and Fabio Monni (organ) are an eclectic artist duo based between Sweden and Denmark, where they work as freelance musicians and artists. Fabio also serves as a church organist.

They have been playing together for many years, performing everything from early music to newly written scores and pieces of their own invention. In October they will be returning for an art residency at Ruth Smith Gallery, with another in Totnes later in the month.

During their North Tawton residency last year, Marie and Fabio fell in love with the place and its people. They were

deeply inspired by Devon's folk stories and decided to offer the parish a concert as part of the re-dedication celebrations for St Peter's Church.

Expect festive and meditative music, Renaissance dances, Scandinavian folk tunes, and more—all for your delight! The event runs about 40 minutes and starts at 15:30.

“We warmly invite you to come and share a joyful afternoon with us”!

11th October, 3:30 pm - St. Peter's Church, North Tawton

-Fabio Monni

Red Mud Arts dates for your diary:

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

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

Open Mic Night: Second Wednesdays from 7.30, Copper Key. Contact Wez via the Facebook group.

Portrait Sessions: Paused for Summer, normally third Saturdays, 10-1, Community Centre - shelley@shelleysaxonunmasked.co.uk.

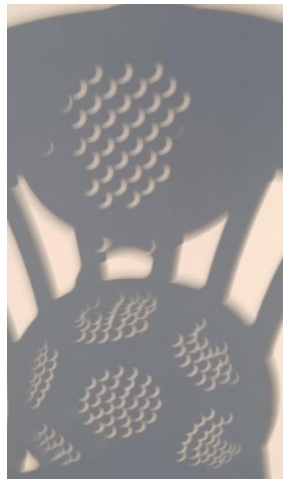
Life Drawing: Last Tuesday of the month, 7-9pm at the Community Centre, North Tawton. Email ruth.helen.smith@outlook.com.

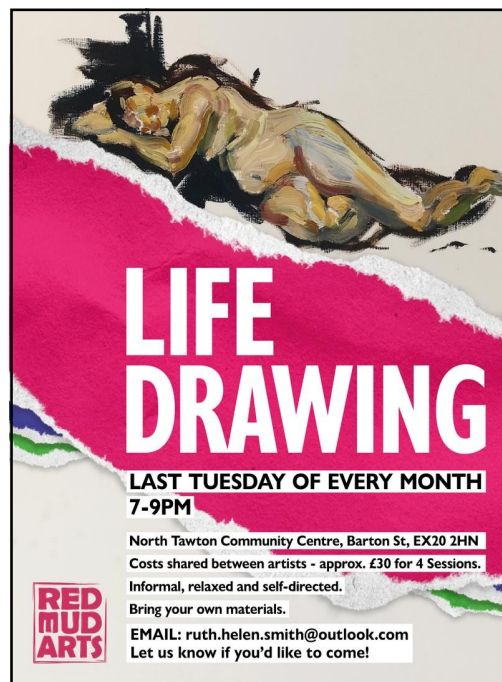
Join our mailing list to hear about upcoming gatherings, talks and workshops at redmudarts@gmail.com

Did you see the solar eclipse?

Amanda Barlow sent in these pictures below. Lots of people gathered in North Tawton's park on Wednesday 12th August. Amanda took a colander and steamer and paper, and someone else provided a chair...

Here's a picture (right) of the eclipse taken by projecting the eclipse through a telescope onto tracing paper. You could draw a pattern on it, colour it in, cut out and turn into a little hanging decoration.





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.

This month's poet is Anne Middleton. Anne is the Performing Arts Enabler for DROPS - making waves through the arts. DROPS recognises the value of each individual drop and the impact we can make on our communities when we're connected to our source and each other. Her poem, *There's a place for us*, features in her play, *Bloomin' Church!*, which will be at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe from 12th-15th August. *Bloomin' Church!* breaks down the walls of 'church', revealing the cracks, but also the potential to bloom, when we allow each other the space to be ourselves...

There's a place for us

There's a place for us, when the world condemns and constricts
and notions of right and wrong conflict in your soul;
a place beyond judgement and preconceived notions,
no restrictions or attempts to control.

The gate is always open; though the path is hidden
by brambles and things that might sting, but don't be afraid;
wade deeper into the woods – just take my hand, and
together we can find an open glade.

On holy ground, soft grass beneath bare feet, we meet and,
stripped of all façade, we see each other, as we are –
not as threat or object (or two opposing households),
but soul-to-soul, for who we truly are.

There's a time for us – and in truth, the time is now –
don't waste another minute to grasp this fragile prize;
for this sacred space exists each time we recognise
the source of all love in another's eyes.

And then we realise – this place is for ev'ryone;
for this is a new way of living and this new way –
this glimpse of heaven on earth – can be ours, if only
we're brave enough to show others the way...

There's a place for us © May 2023 Anne Middleton
Written for 'Somewhere' set, Hope Theatre Café Summer Concert
2023. Also inspired by Rumi's poem, *Out Beyond Ideas*

Sampford Courtenay Reading Group

Do you love reading and enjoy a good discussion? If so, the Sampford Courtenay Reading Group might be for you, and we would love to hear from you. (You don't need to live in Sampford Courtenay).

We meet on the last Tuesday of each month, and members take it in turns to choose each month's book. We cover all genres, fiction and non-fiction.

If you would like more information, or to join a meeting, please contact:

alisonthornton25@gmail.com.

BOW & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Peter and Sue Knight On the St Michael Line

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Tuesday 15 September

2.30pm at Fairplace Church

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Modern assessments have even claimed that computers could have been invented a century earlier because of his work.

So why are so few people aware of this humble, self-taught genius from a small market town in Devon? Tragically bad fortune and prejudice dogged his footsteps and his ground-breaking work lapsed into obscurity. Until now.

This multi media presentation includes Pamela's original research into Fowler's life and work, using video, illustrations and readings from documents of the time.

This talk reveals the pride and passion of a charismatic, self-taught inventor who was determined to succeed despite his humble origins and unorthodox path to mathematical brilliance.

It is a story of stunning resilience and ingenuity in the face of professional prejudice, betrayal and heart-breaking twists of fate.

Admission - £1.00 to help towards the cost of the speaker, hiring the venue and refreshments.
Non members welcome

St James' Church, Boodleigh Guided Walk and Cream Tea Saturday 5th September 2026

This year's fundraiser for Devon Historic Churches Trust will be a guided walk around the parish (and, possibly beyond!) followed by a cream tea back at the Church.

Starting from St James' Church around 11.30am, our walk will include footpaths and farmland and may be of particular interest to anyone who is new to our parish, as well as everyone who is familiar with Boodleigh. There will also be a shorter walk option.

Cream teas available from 2pm – 5pm, even if you are not walking, we welcome you to come along and meet with friends for a delicious cream tea.

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

Swings and Roundabouts

We are very pleased to announce the arrival and instalment of the new swings at the park! This has been a long and ongoing project, which our Town Clerk and several Councillors have been so dedicated to sorting out. A big thank you to those involved for all your hard work. The project has been funded through Section 106 funding from West Devon Borough Council, from the Allison Homes development. Do head over to the park and give the new equipment a try if you haven't already over the summer break.

The park has been such a great asset over the years, and remains a lovely open space to picnic, spend time as a family, for kids to go and play, to connect and try out the trim trail, skate track, trampoline and sports pitch. As it remains so important to stay active, our Deputy Clerk would like to know if there have been any unique ways you have used the park and its equipment to stay active. How many times can you bounce on the trampoline in a minute? How many cartwheels can you do? Can you make it across the monkey bars? Can you balance on the low beams of the trim trail? What else have you tried? We would love to know! It gives the Council good feedback as to how this space is used, and we know it is loved by many.

We know there are no actual roundabouts in the park, but this Roundabout Magazine has been a

major point of contact between the Council and the local residents of North Tawton – so we would also like to extend our thanks to the Roundabout team for their continued support and publication of Council articles and news. Keep up the good work!

The Town Council Office is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10.30-1.30 but we are available to answer the phone outside of these hours, on 01837 880121. And don't forget you are welcome to use the bookswap for those soon to be cosy autumn reads.

Please do feel free to contact us with any enquiries via:

Caroline Ellis, Town Clerk:

townclerk@northtawtontowncouncil.gov.uk

Hannah Bruni, Deputy Clerk:

deputyclerk@northtawtontowncouncil.gov.uk

Colin Lee, Chairman:

colin.lee@northtawtontowncouncil.gov.uk



Okehampton Branch Basic Beekeeping Course 2027

runs January to April with 8 evening classes at Whiddon Down followed by 1 practical session with an experienced beekeeper. Starts 13th January. Tickets on sale via Eventbrite from Oct 26th.

If you are thinking about keeping bees, Okehampton Beekeepers Association recommends our winter course starting Jan 13th 2027 costing £110. It runs for 8 sessions fortnightly until April covering all the basics of beekeeping from bee health, hive choices, setting up an apiary, extraction of honey etc. A summer practical session with a local experienced beekeeper is included as is membership of our association and the BBKA Guide to Beekeeping book.

Beekeeping can be extremely rewarding but can be challenging. We recommend doing a course before you purchase your first colony.

For further information contact education officer Ruth on educationokebees@gmail.com

The Uncertainty Principle

a play by Simon Stephens

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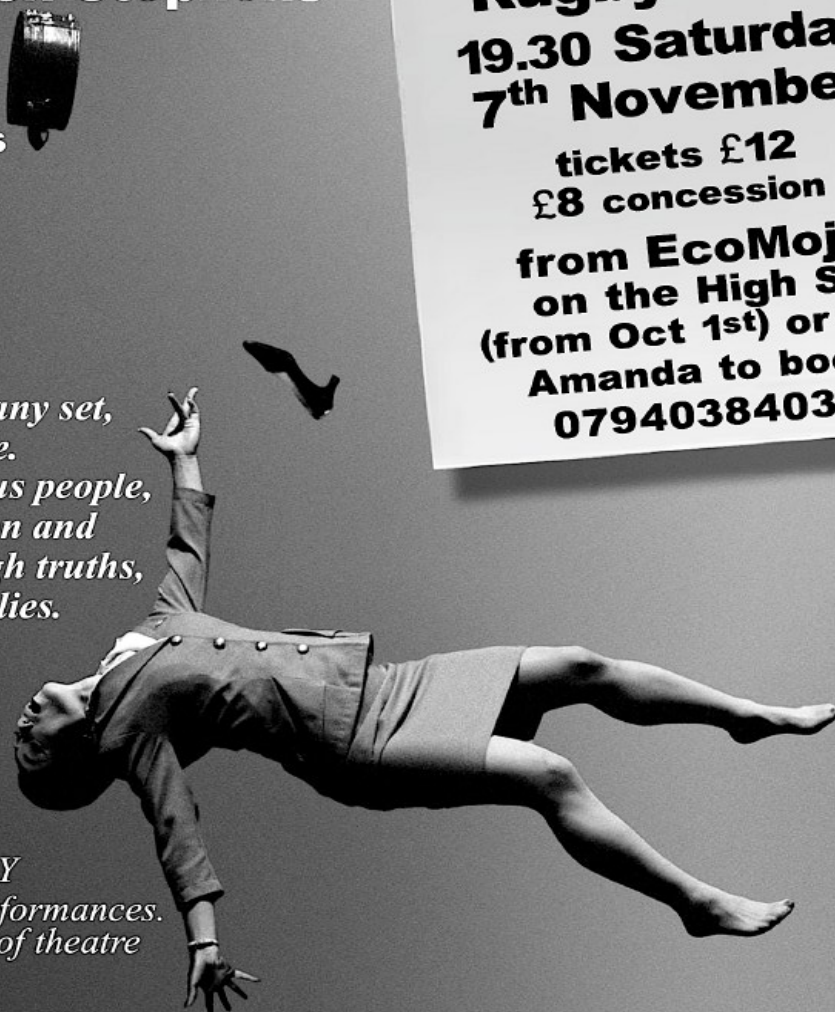
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Even in drought conditions the garden was still a fascinating place to visit, with an abundance of planting, and a wonderful stroll through various areas. With a white garden, bonsai collection, fish pond and waterfall, orchard, vegetable patch, and the Wizard walk. It is hard to believe it has been created in such a short space of time.

The afternoon concluded sitting in the shade under the apple trees, with a large slice of cake and a cup of tea, with our hosts answering numerous gardening question.

Members have also been busy over the past weeks getting an exhibit ready depicting 100 years of Winnie

the Pooh for the Okehampton show, where we received 3rd prize. Congratulations to Clovelly and Bere Ferrers WI for their winning entries.

Please come along to Exbourne and see if the WI is for you - contact 07971413997.

Photo - Members and partners enjoying cake and tea with Kerry and Neil Littleales.



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Saturday 5th September 12 – 4pm

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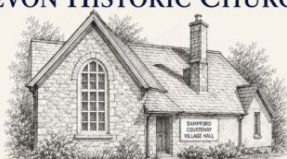
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Blast from the Past:

Kathie Drake recently discovered an old North Tawton parish magazine dating back to 1933, whilst

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DEATH.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord."
February 14th. Susanna Durant, aged 80 years.

MARRIAGE.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."
January 25th. Sidney Short and Lily Rosamond Folland.

When it became known that Susanna Durant had passed away on the 14th February, universal regret was felt throughout the whole Parish. Practically the whole of a long life of 80 years was lived in North Tawton. The deceased was a woman of a striking personality and of a most lovable disposition. Her charm of manner and innate goodness of heart endeared her to everyone with whom she was brought into contact. Hers was an extraordinary happy life; perfect health and vigour of intellect almost to the day of her death; surrounded by love and loving care, the respect and affection of all; all the kindly thought and loving affection of a devoted son and daughter conspired to make her life on this earth happy above the lot of ordinary humanity. She was laid to rest in the North Tawton Cemetery on 13th February. The large number of people which followed the funeral cortege, the wealth of floral decorations sent by sorrowing friends testified to the love and affection she inspired in all. The Service in the Church was choral, choir and congregation joining with deep feeling in singing the two hymns—"Now the labourer's task is o'er" and "Peace, perfect peace," and aptly summed up her life's history, for her end was indeed "Peace, perfect peace"—a peace we devoutly pray may be hers in that larger and fuller life which God has reserved for His faithful servants. To her son and daughter who deeply and sincerely mourn her loss and whose lives have been made the poorer by her passing away, we offer our deepest sympathy, and pray our Heavenly Father will give them that help and comfort He alone can give, and which they so need in this their hour of deep sorrow.

The marriage between Sidney Short and Lily Rosamond Folland was solemnized in S. Peter's Parish Church on 25th January, and attracted quite a large number of people. The ceremony was, originally fixed for 12 noon, but owing to a delay in the arrival of flowers, had to be postponed till 2 p.m. The bride (who was given away by her father) was beautifully gowned in a cream satin beaute dress trimmed with silk lace, and had as head-dress an embroidered veil with coronet of orange blossom. A bouquet of white lilies added to the general effect, which was altogether striking and pleasing. Mr. Reggie Short, brother of the bridegroom, acted in the capacity of best man. The happy couple left the Church amidst a regular rain of confetti. We wish them both every happiness and prosperity in their married life.

The Lenten Addresses this year will be given by the Rev. R. L. E. Johnson, Rector of Hols-worthy. The first of the series on Wednesday, 8th March, commencing 7 p.m. The offertories at each Service will be given in aid of Home Missions. We sincerely hope our people will make a special effort to support the Services by their presence. The season of Lent comes as a welcome respite from the stress and hurry of life. It appeals to our higher nature, reminding us this present life is not the be-all and end-all of our sojourn on earth—it opens out a glimpse of the larger life beyond, when all

our faculties will have full play—it hints at the "land that is far off" and yet is all around us—it reminds us "we were made a little lower than the angels," with natures attuned for immortality—it gives us an assured promise of peace eternal and happiness unending.

The Rev. H. J. Holderness will preach in the Parish Church on the evening of March 19th, on behalf of the "Mission to Seamen." Mr. Holderness is a preacher of more than ordinary abilities, and moreover, puts his subject in such an arresting manner that he is always worth listening to.

The North Tawton Billiard Club has been very successful in its recent team match, winning all the six matches engaged in—this surely must constitute a record. The Cup contest was won this year by Mr. W. Gardener, who consequently holds it for a year. Mr. J. Letheren, the popular President, presided over the Annual Meeting in February, when the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Avery, presented the yearly Balance Sheet.

The Rangers held a very successful Social on the evening of the 22nd February, in the Boys' Sunday School. The fun was fast and furious, and lasted into the small hours of the morning.

We are pleased to note the continued success of the Boy Scouts on the football field.

The "Cubs" entertained the "Brownies" to a "Social" on February 14th, and spent a most enjoyable time. Scout-Masters Messrs. W. Martin and W. Mortimer ably directing the entertainment.

We are thankful to say the wave of Influenza which swept through the Parish has abated and now all our people are about once more.

Care of Brasses: March—Mrs. Gibbings; April—Mrs. Norman.



Formerly "THE DAWN OF DAY."

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MARCH, 1933.

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FROM OXFORD TO ZULULAND.

By THE REV. F. M. BRABANT, who has recently gone from Wadham College, Oxford, where he was Dean, to teach Ordinands in Zululand.

SOMETHING in this title makes me feel rather self-conscious. I seem to hear Uncle Timothy in the Children's Hour saying in his persuasive voice: "Now, my dear little friends, if you want to know, the real difference between Oxford and Zululand is that, instead of living among white people and green grass, we live among black people and brown grass"—and yet I have a sneaking feeling that Uncle Timothy is right after all; he often is, for he is not nearly such a fool as he pretends. Now I come to think of it, I think I should measure the contrast in terms of colour: I know it is not so with everyone; my father always appreciated a country in terms of shape. Others might feel more strongly the contrast of animals (the white tick-birds that wait solemnly on the cattle to oblige them by removing their insects, or the frogs, that make a summer's night croak like a piece of machinery), or the contrast of language (the clicks of the native or the written word on stamps and public notices, where—as Father Victor says—Africans jump up by the side of English, exclaiming, "I am as good as you"), or over the contrast of food (the brown "Izinhlobo" beans or the mealies you spread with butter and salt and eat as if you were playing a mouth-organ). But I think I see things more in terms of colour.

I call up a vision of Oxford with the green of its lawns, the grey of its Colleges, the bright rivers with overhanging trees and the white fleecy clouds—so much to break up and diversify the light—mists and shadows, and reflections. But in this "sun-drenched" land the light has its way unchallenged; nothing comes between it and the bare veldt, which cracks before it into dongas, where the fragments of crumbling earth look like organ-pipes or stalactites.

The rivers are lanes of dust, in which your car sticks and you

have to be pulled out by oxen (except when for a short time the flood whirls down them from the hills); the trees (here where I am) are dwarfish and timid-looking, as if they wish to be mistaken for bushes. Yet the eye is no loser because it sees the light at work, unbroken by shadow or contrast. By day the red earth blushes and the pink hills look like the heather-clad downs of Scotland; in the evening the short but vivid sunset bathes it in crimson. The distant views are clear as crystal. Sound travels unimpeded through the limpid atmosphere, and the herd-boys shout to one another from the hill-tops.

There are cold and rainy days, of course, but if the sun stays in for two hours we behave as though we were living at the North Pole.

Of course, we have nothing like the grey Colleges and Cathedrals of England. Some of our little churches are of warlike and dumb little Ales and the priest looking out of their windows like Noah waiting for the dove.

Others are bare stone sheds, half-school, half-sanctuary, often adorned with dreadful German prints we are trying to discourage. I live, of course, under the shadow of the "native Cathedral" of St. Augustine's; it does not fit into any known architectural style, but perhaps in some distant day it may appear in the text-books as "Early African"; it has something of the Norman simplicity—no decoration, stone pillars, rough-hewn and square, going straight up to the zinc roof; the narrow windows keep out the heat (and the air). I sometimes wish it had a tower, but perhaps it blends better with the veldt, where no feature stands out from the rest.

It is bare ("I have left you the shell," Archdeacon Johnson, the builder, said). Perhaps some day the natives will pour into it the vivid sense of colour they express in beads and blankets.



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24/10/26	vs Okehampton II	🏠 HOME
31/10/26	vs Torrington	✈ AWAY

NOVEMBER 2026

07/11/26	vs Exeter Engineers	✈ AWAY
21/11/26	vs Ilfracombe	🏠 HOME

DECEMBER 2026

05/12/26	vs New Cross	✈ AWAY
12/12/26	vs Bideford II	🏠 HOME
19/12/26	vs Tiverton II	✈ AWAY

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09/01/27	vs Newton Abbot II	🏠 HOME
16/01/27	vs Exeter Athletic	✈ AWAY
30/01/27	vs Sidmouth II	🏠 HOME

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06/02/27	vs Okehampton II	✈ AWAY
13/02/27	vs Torrington	🏠 HOME
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27th September	9.30am	Toast Church
	11am	Traditional Communion

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20th September	3pm	Harvest Evensong

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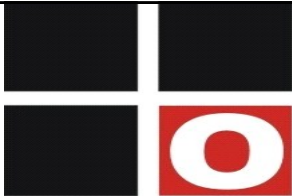
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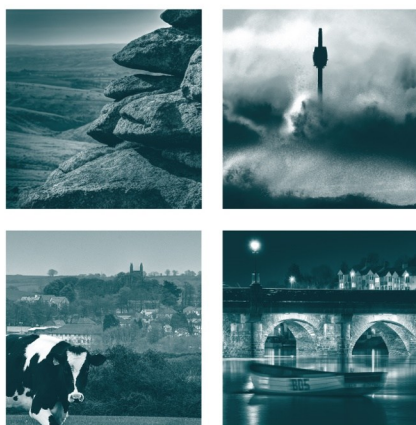
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