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Issue No 327 April 2023



Tribute to Kat Blockley

Next Deadline 10th April 2023



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Editorial

The Coronation is one of the biggest events this year and happens in early May. Details of the program for the day are herein, and next month as well. It will be a day to remember. Don Stocking has provided his recollections on his attendance at the Queens Coronation in 1953.

With a lot of planning, and much new support, Village Day is planned to return this year on Saturday June 3rd. Please refer to the following pages for details of the event and the direct help that will be needed to make a full success of the Day. Please volunteer, there are many things that are needed before, during, and after the Day. Thanks go to Kat Blockley and her team, and the return of Village Day is much anticipated. More details next month.

Pete Jackson passed away this month and our condolences go to Jane and the Jackson family at this sad time.

Editor - Simon Spencer

The local charity TRIPcta

Presents

Quiz Night

in

Talaton Village Hall

on

Saturday 22nd April at 7.30pm

Tables of 6 at £8 per head.

Tickets will be available from the TRIP office at
29-31 New Street, Honiton EX14 1HA or Book by phone on 01404 46529.

Sharing platters will be provided as well as a Raffle.

TRIPcta provides transport using volunteer drivers to take clients to medical appointments either locally or to Exeter or further afield. We also operate a door to door easy access minibus for people of all ages who are rurally isolated or have limited mobility. The service provides shopping trips as well as longer outings and days out at weekends. The driver will help carry the shopping into the house. TRIP Wheels, provides wheel-chair friendly and easy access transport taking less mobile people to medical and social appointments.

TRIP Befriending service provides companionship and support for anyone who is isolated and lonely. We provide a lunch HUB In Talaton on the 3rd Tuesday of each month providing a welcoming tea or coffee and biscuits as well as a lunch and finishing off with afternoon tea and cake. We support the clients with entertaining activities both mentally and physically. The money raised from the Quiz Night will go and support our activities at these events.

Please contact me on 01404 46529 for further details or clarification.

Next Deadline is 10th April 2023
June issue is 10th May 2023

Information

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators

- Andrea Down **Farm co-ordinator** Tel 01404 823042
- Jan/Andy May **West end & Central** Tel 01404 822526
Talaton Inn to Lower Westcott Farm
(TalatonNHW@gmail.com)
- Steve Spratt **Woodmans** Tel 01404 822461
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- Chris Harwood **The Moor** Tel 07709 080439
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- Helen & John Reeves **Newtown;** Tel 07501 172012
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- Douglas May **Larkbears** Tel 01404 823051
Beacon Cross to Larkbears Grange

TALATON PARISH COUNCIL

Please find below the list of names and telephone numbers of your current Parish Councillors for Talaton. Should you have matters to raise please feel free to contact one of them. You are also reminded that the first part of any Parish Council Meeting is an open forum for all residents to air their views.

Christine McIntyre (Parish Clerk) 01404 814128 \ clerk.talatonpc@btinternet.com
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Devon County Councillor - for Whimple & Blackdown

Iain Chubb 01297 35468/07932 459595

Email: iain.chubb@devon.gov.uk

ROBOT Group on the Warpath!



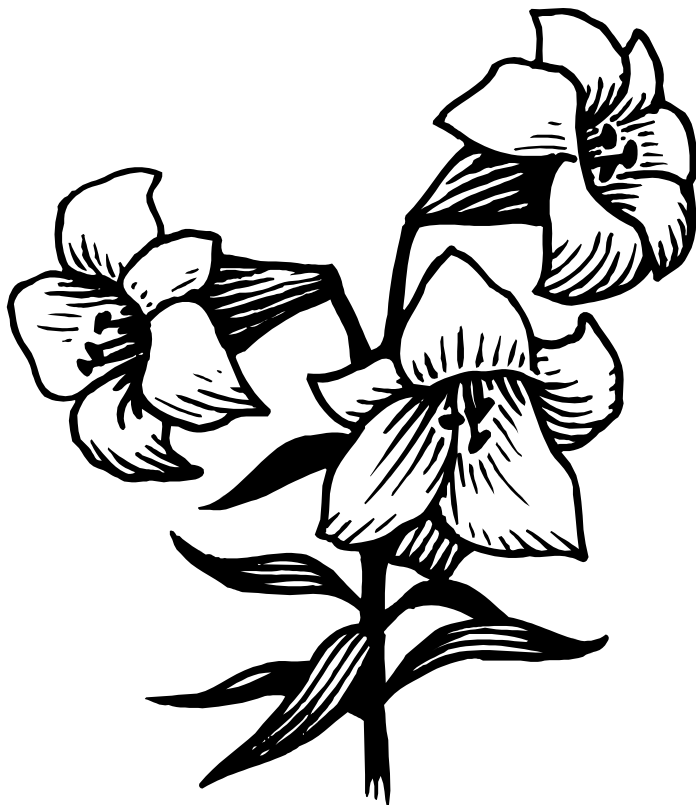
It's not often that you would see a group of robots on the road to Dorset but back in February that's exactly what happened when a dozen **Retired Old Boys of Talator** set off in convoy for the Bovington Tank Museum.

Set off in convoy? Yes. Alas we didn't finish exactly in convoy due to a slight navigational error on the part of one vehicle. Still, they did see Piddlehinton, Puddletown and Shitterton en route and not many people can claim that.

The Tank Museum? Marvellous. David Hirt had made all the excellent arrangements which included a guided tour. This was provided by a very knowledgeable and interesting young man – bit flash but very good! It was an excellent tour enshrining the history and evolution of the tank from early first world war one monsters – that got stuck nose up or down in the trenches – up to the latest technology laden beasts. It's hard to believe that anyone would volunteer to serve in a tank, confined to a cramped, hot, noisy vibrating metal box, shaking in all directions at high speed. An extra pleasure would be , having lost a track, sitting in this sardine tin, immobilised and being a sitting target. I suspect it was not always a voluntary posting.

Finally, the inevitable shop with all sorts of attractive toy tanks and associated paraphernalia. Not entirely convinced that one or two of our group were really buying “for my grandchild “ but overall, an excellent trip, great company and we all managed to find the correct road home.





Commemorative Lilies

wil l once again be in
Tal aton Church this Easter
If you woul d l i ke to buy one in memory
of a friend or rel ation
pl ease put their name on the l i st in
Tal aton Community Shop

by **Tuesday 4th April**
The cost wil l be £4

St James the Great

Services

April 7 th	Good Friday Last Hour Service	2.00pm	
April 9 th	Easter Day, Holy Communion	10.00am	followed by refreshments
April 16 th	Morning Worship	10.00am	
April 23 rd	Morning Prayer BCP	10.00am	

Midweek Coffee

The next coffee morning is on
Wednesday 12th April - 10.30am until noon.
All welcome.



Come for a chat and some good company in the North Aisle Room.

Bishop's Palace: The Secret Garden - 2nd April 2.00 until 4pm

This is a rare chance to walk around this tranquil 3 acre garden in the heart of Exeter and the shadow of the Cathedral. Full of spring bulbs, it is home to some notable trees, the Luccombe Oak and a tree with a face, to name but two!

It is open to raise funds for the Devon Historic Churches Trust, a trust which has generously helped our church out in the past.

Entrance £4.00 children free



Talaton Toddlers

Parents and Babies Get Together

Either within the Church in the North Aisle Room
or if weather permits OUTSIDE on the Church Green
bring your own chair and drink but wherever we are
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Want to keep your eye in off season or try out a new hobby in a safe and friendly environment?



We normally meet the first Saturday of the month to shoot 40 clays for £10, far less than the price of commercial sites.

Cartridges can be supplied at cost price if you don't have your own. New to the sport? No problem. Newcomers will be given a safety briefing and instruction. You just need ear defenders and wellies. If you enjoy it then join for little more than the annual cost of insurance.

Contact Phil (822523) David (07484706989) or any other member of the club for more info.



Contact:

talevalleychoir.org.uk

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TALATON GARDEN & PRODUCE
ASSOCIATION

This is the first time that the committee has been able to apologise for postponing our February talk. Our speaker will be back, but in the mean time we send our very best wishes to him. Please get in touch on 822 864 if you bought tickets and have not been refunded. Or keep your tickets until Dr Mick Street is able to return. Hopefully many of you enjoyed David Ushers Talk on 31st March. (If this Calendar has come out early, you may still be able to enjoy it!) that sounds surreal, but you know what I mean. Getting back to gardening:

I hope your spring bulbs have been inspirational and have not been wrecked by weather or slugs. At the time of writing this, my snowdrops are past their best, but their seed boxes are swelling nicely. If you want to encourage your snowdrops to multiply, now is the time to dig them up and separate the clumps. Make sure you plants them at the same level as they had been growing and plant them straight away.

Don't be too hasty to tidy your daffodils and other spring bulbs. When they have finished flowering, just deadhead. The leaves make food which fattens the bulb and you will then have a better display next year.

Cherry and plum trees can be pruned once their leaf buds have opened.

Sow annuals such as Nigella, single flowered marigolds, oregano and borage to attract insect. Continue to sow beetroot, carrot, radish, summer cauliflowers, spring onions, peas and perpetual spinach.

Find out more about The Talaton Produce Association type the link below:

http://www.talatonparishcouncil.co.uk/Core/Talaton-TC/Pages/Produce_1.aspx

Don't be too enthusiastic or should I say, impatient, planting out tender crops and bedding plants yet. We may still have frosts to catch us out.

Potato in a Bucket Challenge for young gardeners.

There is still time to plant a potato in a very large pot or old bucket (with drainage holes). If you are under 16 and up for a challenge hurry to the Community Shop and get your free potato and information sheet . Just ask for a competition potato. If they have all gone, ask the shop to phone Pam on 822 864.



Harvests will be judged at the Annual Show on the first Saturday in August. Then you can eat what you have grown. They will taste better than any shop bought spuds.

Our Next Event

A trip to REGENCY HOUSE, HEMYOCK

Saturday 15th April

A 5 acre plantsman's garden approached across a little ford.

Interesting and unusual shrubs, and trees; walled garden, fruit garden, lake, ponds, bog plantings and sweeping lawns. Horses, dexter cattle and Jacobs sheep

This promises to be the best garden we have yet visited, and it is so close we need no expensive coach. We are booked in for the afternoon from 2pm until 5pm, including homemade teas on the terrace.

Booking and payment at Talaton Community Shop by 7th April
Entry £6 for adults , children free. Plus £6 for the teas

Transport will be car share. Meet in the Talaton Inn car park ready to leave at 1.30pm

When booking please say if you are willing to car share/ need a lift. We will be the only group visiting.

Please Google

www.countrylife.co.uk/gardens/regency-house-hemyock

the photos are stunning, really inviting . (at time of writing I have no permission to print)

Talaton Parish Council Report

The following are major items from the minutes but a full copy of the minutes may be viewed on both Parish Noticeboards and on the Parish Web site www.talatonparishcouncil.co.uk

REPORT BY THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

EDDC Cllr Skinner provided an update of EDDC's activities including being investigated for alleged bullying and staff resigning; planning applications at Hawkchurch re solar energy battery storage system; housing allocations; sewage and South West Water accountability. Cllr Skinner was thanked for his report

TO FURTHER DISCUSS PLANS FOR THE CORONATION CELEBRATIONS AND CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL'S SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

It was confirmed that the councillors on the Council's Coronation Sub-Ctte, were Cllrs Lenehan, Woods and Walker. The Clerk was a committee member but in the capacity of a member of the public. The celebrations would be a Council organised event, to satisfy insurance requirements. The Clerk had ascertained that the Council's current insurance policy would cover the event (with no increase in premium) subject to a Special Events form being completed. A lot of progress had been made. A meeting had been held on 9th February and a further meeting was planned for Friday 3rd March.

PLANNING ITEMS

i. To consider Application - Ref. No: 23/0261/FUL – Mrs E Pascoe, Moor Farm, Talaton. EX5 2RF – Conversion of a barn to a one bedroom dwelling

This was a resubmission of application reference 22/1909/FUL, which had been approved in November 2022. The re-submitted application revised the car parking and surface water attenuation location and set out additional site landscaping. There was no change to the dwelling proposed. The Council **RESOLVED** i. to support the application and ii. that it's previous comments re application 22/1909/Ful would apply to this application

ii. To consider Application – Ref. No: 22/2561/LBC – Dr Rafik Taibjee, Stoney Court, Talaton. Exeter. EX5 2RJ - Install on shed 1 3no. solar PV; shed 2 4no. solar PV and shed 3 6no. solar PV on side east elevation.

A site visit took place on 25th February. The Council **RESOLVED** to support the application as the proposed works would help to maintain the integrity of a valuable listed building and also make the building sustainable

PARISH MAINTENANCE: ITEMS REQUIRING ATTENTION AND UPDATE ON ITEMS REPORTED

Dan Wood DCC's Highway Officer advised of the following:-

- i. He had put Talaton forward under the parish remark scheme, in the new financial year, (this would be for any white line remarking's etc).
- ii. In regards to the Larkbeare erosion he had put forward the haunch for cleaning, this should then allow the water not to pond, meaning the pothole repair would last longer. However it was reported that the pothole repair now needed urgent attention. (The Clerk to report the issue)
- iii. He attended the site regarding the cracking on the footpath outside the Talaton Inn. He advised that it would not be considered to be a safety defect in accordance with DCC's policy and therefore he would not be taking any immediate further action.

The following were also reported by councillors:-

- i. The overgrown hedges at Wildwood and opposite Hillside, had now been trimmed back
- ii. The signpost at Newtown Corner was pointing the wrong way and required to be re-sited and properly secured. The Clerk to report the issue
- iii. The road was deteriorating at Woodmans Hill and towards the Talaton Inn. The pothole outside Cllr Bos's house was deteriorating further and now required urgent attention. (The Clerk to report the issue again).
- iv. Cllr Peters had now planted the hedge beyond the cottages at the Beacon. The Chairman on behalf of the Council wished to express her thanks to Cllr Peters for carrying out this work

TREE WARDEN(S) VACANCIES

It was **AGREED** that information about the role be included in the Calendar

MINOR WORKS VOLUNTEER(S)

The Chairman advised that the DCC Chapter 8 training for two parishioners had expired (this enabled them to close the road for a previous Village Day). However volunteers who would be willing to clear weeds, clean signs, clean drainage, cut grass, repair finger posts, cut hedges, or manage verges for wildlife would only need to carry out an on-line DCC's Highways Safety Awareness Course

ELECTIONS UPDATE

The Clerk advised of the following:-

- i. There was a pre-election webinar for candidates on 7th March from 12 noon – 1pm. Details had already been sent to councillors but could be re-sent
- ii. Purdah commences on 27th March until 4th May and the implications of holding the annual parish meeting during this period had been notified to all councillors

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ADVANCE NOTICE OF ANNUAL PARISH AND PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS AND DROP IN SESSION TO BE HELD AT THE PARISH HALL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL AT 7.00PM

The Annual Parish Meeting is the meeting where the Parish Council report to its electorate on what it has accomplished in the preceding year. Electors, public and press are invited to hear reports from the Chairman, community groups and any organisation that the parish council has funded during the year. The Council may also invite the neighbourhood watch co-ordinator, local head teacher etc. to address and inform the audience on community matters. The Annual Parish Meeting is a **SEPARATE** meeting from the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting is a relatively informal event for the community whereas the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council is a formal council meeting.

DROP IN SESSION SATURDAY 29TH APRIL 2023 FROM 10.30AM – 12 NOON Parishioners are invited to `drop-in` without an appointment to raise any parish issues/concerns they may have

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY AT 7.30PM

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council must be held in the month of May and in an election year (which 2023 is) the meeting must be held between 4 and 14 days after polling day. This is the meeting of the Parish Council where they elect the chairman, make other annual appointments and review their insurance, risk management policies, etc.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

hosted by Talaton Parish Council

Wednesday 26th April

7.15pm for 7.30pm

In Talaton Parish Hall

Tea, Coffee, Wine will be served

**Your Parish, District & County
Councillors will report on the work
they have done on your behalf**

**Village Organisations will give a
short update on their activities over
the last twelve months**

Everyone welcome!

Talaton Parish Council

Carrying on the theme of volunteering (as outlined in the Coronation Celebrations pages) we have two opportunities that welcome volunteers for the following positions that would support the work of the Parish Council.

Tree Warden

Areas that a Tree Warden could choose to be involved with include: -

- Champion their local trees and woods
- Plant and care for trees
- Carry out woodland management
- Set up tree nurseries using seeds collected locally
- Survey trees and gather information about them
- Provide early warning of threats, disease, decay or vandalism
- Involve their neighbours in tree projects

Road Warden

Volunteers would only need to carry out an on-line DCC's Highways Safety Awareness Course to allow them to assist with minor works such as: -

- Champion their local trees and woods
- Clear weeds
- Clean signs
- Clean drainage
- Repair finger posts
- Cut hedges
- Manage verges for wildlife.

Please contact the Clerk if you would like to know more about volunteering

Clerk.talatonpc@btinternet.com 01404 814128

EAST DEVON DISTRICT AND PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 4TH MAY 2023

TALATON PARISH COUNCIL BACKS NATIONAL CAMPAIGN URGING RESIDENTS TO BECOME PARISH COUNCILLORS TO MAKE A CHANGE

Talaton Parish Council supports a national campaign encouraging residents to stand in the local (parish and town) council elections.

The Make A Change campaign by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) calls on people from all backgrounds and experiences who are passionate about their local area to put themselves forward.

Talaton Parish Council is urging enthusiastic and engaged members of the community who want to make a long-lasting change, have innovative ideas or have concerns about a specific issue to stand as councillors for the opportunity to make a real difference.

The work Talaton Parish Council does is very rewarding. An integral part of a councillor's role is engaging with local people, groups and businesses to determine their needs, making decisions on the services and projects the council should take forward, and getting involved to ensure services meet the community's needs.

Find out more about the local elections and how to become a councillor: **www.nalc.gov.uk/makeachange** or speak to the Parish Clerk Mrs Christine McIntyre on 01404 814128 / email:- clerk.talatonpc@btinternet.com
Nomination packs can be obtained by contacting the Clerk or by copying and pasting the following into your computer browser and printing off a nomination pack

<https://eastdevon.gov.uk/media/tsieh13j/nomination-pack-parish-council-election-new.pdf>

Applications must be made in hard copy format as on-line applications are not accepted

District councillor elections will also be taking place on the same date and if you wish to apply, nomination packs can be obtained by copying and pasting the following into your computer browser and printing off a nomination pack <https://eastdevon.gov.uk/media/scemnyvd/nomination-pack-district-council-election.pdf>

Please note that all nominations must be hand delivered between 10.00am and 4.00pm from 27th March until 4th April 2023 to the Returning Officer, Blackdown House, Border Road, Honiton, EX14 1EJ

PARISH COUNCIL DROP IN SURGERY

Saturday

29th April 2023

10:30am Till 12 noon

Come Along and meet your Councillors
and have a chat on a one to one basis
On any subject you wish

At the Parish Hall

Tea and coffee will be served

It may be useful to give warning of any de-
tailed question to the Clerk

Mrs Christine McIntyre(Parish Council Clerk)
3 Katherine's Lane, Ottery St Mary, EX14 1FB
Telephone: 01404 814128 or
Email: clerk.talatonpc@btinternet.com

SAVE THE DATE



Saturday 3rd June

TALATON

VILLAGE DAY

2023

We've been encouraged by the support from villagers so far with plans for the return of Village Day. Thank you to everyone who's contributed ideas, time, funds so far: your effort is much appreciated.

CAN YOU HELP WITH VILLAGE DAY 2023?

We've a plan for the afternoon starting at the Moor and ending with food and entertainment at the pub. There's a range of activities to include children, gardeners, pet owners, music and dance lovers, car lovers, foodies, treasure hunters. We need more volunteers to help on the day, and/or with preparations. Let us know if you could lend some time to help with any of the activities on the list below to help us make the day splendid! We'll be meeting again at the pub.

Stalls: we are looking for somebody as a point of contact for booking stalls.

Sideshowes: splat the rat, hook a duck, lucky dip, tombola... we need people to run them!

Skittles: the skittles will be set up by the Hall, we'll need people to run it.

Competition judges: we've a range of competitions planned from the fun dog show through to baking, gardening, arts/crafts—let us know if you'd like to run a competition or support as a judge.

Refreshments: supporting the refreshment team on the day or baking for the refreshments stall in the hall.

Show ring compere: we need a master/mistress of ceremonies to announce our activities.

Sports competitions (tug o war etc): leader(s)

Egg throwing competition: leader/organiser required.

General support: supporting ROBOTS with putting up and taking down tables, gazebos etc.

Contact katblockley@hotmail.com if you'd like to support and keep an eye on Talaton Talk on Facebook for updates if you're a Facebook user.



Talaton Coronation Committee
on behalf of Talaton Parish Council
**Invite you to the following events taking
place in the village in May 2023**

PIE NIGHT AT THE PUB **Sat 6 May from 6pm**

Homemade Steak & Ale pie with mash or chips and peas
followed by Mum's Pud of the Day for £12.50
Must be booked with the Talaton Inn on 01404 822214

OPEN AIR CHURCH SERVICE **Sun 7 May 11am**

On The Moor * (the Village Green opposite the Parish Hall)
led by Bishop Martin Shaw

THE BIG CORONATION LUNCH **Sun 7 May**
12 noon – 3pm **Talaton House**

Bring your own picnic and chairs to the beautiful grounds of Talaton House.* This ticketed event is free to residents and includes a glass of Prosecco / non-alcoholic alternative for adults only, with a Cake and Talaton Mess for everyone. Tickets for non-resident adults are available for £5, under 16's are free of charge. Tickets can only be booked using the form delivered to every Talaton household on 26 March.

A **GAZEBO** to include a table and chairs is available to hire for £25 on a first come first served basis.

CHILDRENS ENTERTAINMENT is provided but please note that parental supervision is required.

THEME: Regal head gear / Kings and Queens *optional*

LIGHTING UP THE NATION

Join in by lighting a window, your house or garden. Or good old-fashioned bunting or flags to celebrate the Coronation

Pedestrian access only to Talaton House
Limited parking at the Hall for Blue Badge holders
* By kind permission of the owners

THE BIG HELP OUT

Monday 8 May

The official Royal website tells us that "Members of the public are invited to take part to encourage people to try volunteering for themselves" This is a great idea and Talaton provides plenty of opportunities for volunteering, here are just a few you might like to support: -

OPEN GARDENS Sat 27th & Sun 28th May

Help is needed for ticket sales and for refreshments.
CONTACT Pam Weston 822864 or Alan Franklin 515010

TALATON PARISH HALL

Need help at fundraising events at various times throughout the year. Such as setting up tables and chairs, staffing the bar or kitchen, serving or clearing away afterwards. No regular commitment.
CONTACT details are on www.talatonparishhall.org.uk or Alan Franklin 01404 515050

TALATON COMMUNITY SHOP

Volunteers are required on a regular basis, 2h:15m a week or why not job share twice a month? Despite a fantastic response to the leaflet drop they still need more volunteers to cover holidays/sickness.
CONTACT Helen 07867 791093 or Trish 07816 452083

VILLAGE DAY Sat 3rd June

See their page in this magazine for how to get involved

SUMMER BARBEQUE Sat 8th July

CONTACT Sue 07749 756127 sueharwood47@yahoo.co.uk



Charity Fundraising Event

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Friday 2nd June 2023

The Ocean Suite, Exmouth

7:00pm to 1:00am



Live music performed by

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Tickets £30 per person including buffet

£25 for tickets purchased before the end of March

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<https://charity-fundraising-event.sumupstore.com>

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Charity Fundraising Event

GRAND DRAW

1st Prize: Apple iPad 10.2 256GB with Targus Case (RRP £589)

2nd Prize: Champagne Hamper with Chocolates (worth £290)

3rd Prize: Ninja Foodi Health Grill & Air Fryer (RRP £279)

4th Prize: Xbox Series S Gilded Hunter Bundle (RRP £249)

5th Prize: Oral-B Genius 8000 Electric Toothbrush (RRP £229)

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WHAT`S CHANGING FOR VOTERS IN 2023?



What you need to know!

NEW PROCEDURES FOR VOTERS AT THE LOCAL ELECTIONS THURSDAY 4TH MAY 2023

Voter ID at Polling Stations

Following the passing of the Elections Act 2022, the local elections to be held on Thursday 4th May 2023 for councillors on East Devon District Council, East Devon Parish and Town councils, will require individuals who wish to vote in person, including those acting as a proxy on behalf of another individual, **to produce an accepted form of photographic ID** to prove their identity before they can be issued with a ballot paper. Postal voters will not be affected by the requirement to provide photo ID at the polling station.

This will apply at:

- UK parliamentary by-elections

- Recall petitions
- Police and Crime Commissioner elections
- Local government elections in England

The requirement for voter ID to be provided at UK Parliamentary General elections will only take effect for polls after 5 October 2023.

Identity Documents that Will be Accepted

- UK passport
- A passport issued by an EEA state or Commonwealth country
- UK Photo driving license (full and provisional)
- A driving license issued by the Channel Islands, Isle of Man or an EEA state
- A biometric immigration document
- A proof of age ID card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme (PASS) hologram. These include:
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- Oyster 60+ Card
- Freedom Pass
- Blue Badge
- Voter Authority Certificate
- National identity card issued by an EEA state

ONLY ORIGINAL ID DOCUMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO COPIES OR SCANNED IMAGES

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You can apply for photo ID to vote (called a 'Voter Authority Certificate')

Use this service to apply for a 'Voter Authority Certificate'. You can use it to vote in person in some UK elections and referendums. You cannot use it as proof of identification for any other reason.

You only need to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate if:

- **you do not have accepted photo ID**
- **you no longer look like the photo on your ID**
- **the name on your photo ID is different to your name on the electoral register**

If the name on your photo ID is different, you can register to vote again or take a document with you to vote that proves that you have changed your name.

IMPORTANT!

Before you apply for a Voter Authority Certificate, check if you already have accepted photo ID and when you need it to vote.

Applying for photo ID to vote

It's free to apply. You'll need:

- a recent, digital photo of yourself
- your National Insurance number

You can still apply if you do not have a National Insurance number. You'll need to provide other documents to prove your identity, for example a birth certificate, bank statement and utility bill.

Click on link below (or cut and paste into your browser) to apply on line for your Voter Authority Certificate <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate>

Full information about East Devon District Council's electoral process and the new voter requirements can be obtained by clicking on:- <https://eastdevon.gov.uk/elections-and-registering-to-vote/>

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 17 April 2023 midnight	Last day for registering to vote at the May elections
Tuesday 18 April 2023 5pm	Last day for registering to vote by post at the May election.
Tuesday 25 April 2023 5pm	Last day for registering to vote by proxy at the May election.
Tuesday 25 April 2023 5pm	Last day for applying for a Voter Authority Certificate at the May election. These are only required if an elector doesn't have the necessary voter ID.

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A New Old Tradition

In mid-January at Talaton, East Devon, the weather was dry and the villagers met at the Talaton Inn to begin their wassail. This was the first time in our knowledge that Talaton has held a public wassail - certainly in recent history. The wassail at the next village of Whimble is a well-established tradition held on old Twelfth Night each year with a procession around local orchards; Talaton was not looking to rival this event. The Talaton Wassail was in many ways a last-minute event this year and came together in a pleasing fashion.

When we realised we had a local event cancellation so Otter Morris would be available to dance, a quick wassail wish list was drawn up and we went about constructing the event. It wasn't entirely certain we'd manage to run the event but in such a community it's always heart-warming to experience how things can come together when everyone has a will and is so generous with their time.

First on the list was apple trees. Which trees would we wassail and how could we put together a village procession were the questions. The church has trees as do many private gardens in the village. The residents of Stoney Court, Ty Rowley and Rafik Taibjee offered their hospitality and Lizzie Pridmore approached the church of St James the Great so a procession route was agreed starting at the The Talaton Inn. We would need somebody to officiate and bless the wassail, Lizzie took this role and organised the blessing and collection of apples for the ceremony whilst Anissia Halwyn organised the toast we needed to take to the trees.

Next, a song, surely we needed our own song? There are so many wonderful wassail songs but we wanted something with a Devon connection. Kat Blockley had written a wassail inspired by Devon apple varieties so this song became the Wassail for Talaton, East Devon. The song references Devon cider apples Slack-Ma-Girdle, Crimson Queen, and Devon Quarrenden. We are very grateful for Becky Springall and the members of Tale Valley Choir who joined us in such fine voice to bring it to life.

And what about wassail royalty? Arwen Springall and Eira Halwyn along with their families designed and wore wonderful outfits including splendid headgear inspired by the hedgerow and lanterns to light the way. They learned their verse to recite at each tree we blessed and the villagers and band joined to create the noise required to wake the trees and clear the air.

It was clear that a procession isn't much of a procession without a processional tune so this was on our wish list too. Jon Springall kindly considered what might be an appropriate tune. 'The Triumph' was selected from the playing of Fred Pidgeon and was played with vigour by local musicians and members of the Otter Morris band as the procession moved between venues.

As the list progressed, a central element of the wassail was not yet in place - the cider. We are most grateful to Jill Courtney and Courtneys of Whimble for their donation of local Devon cider and apple juice for our toast and to Ty and Rafik for creating such tasty, mulled drinks with it.

To help us create the required song and dance once Lizzie had blessed the wassail, Otter Morris gave us a good send off from the Talaton Inn with their dance 'Honiton Lacemakers' which is danced to 'The Triumph' and they also danced at the church. As we returned to the Talaton Inn after wassailing the trees, East Devon's Otter Morris danced Brimfield at the door before the pub opened and the joyful procession of wassailers crowded in to warm at the fire. We sang a last rousing Wassail before the folk session

with regular musicians from the Tale Valley Sessions began.

The wassail turned out to be a resounding success and was well attended by villagers so we're encouraged to run it again next year as a 'new old tradition' earlier in January. A warm and grateful 'thank you' is extended to everyone listed above, Maria and Jan at the pub and all those who attended and who made the wassail such a joy. We wish everyone a fine harvest and a prosperous year, Wassail!

Kat Blockley

The song:

*Wassail! Wassail!
We sing all over town,
With our apples tawney, red and gold,
the best you ever found.
With our Slack Ma Girdle and Crimson Queen,
our Quarrenden to name a few,
We'll wish you all prosperity,
with our jolly, jolly Wassail.*

The leafless trees we'll travel between
Over hill and over dale
Our wassail bowl we'll pass around
And bravely we'll regale
The leafless trees we'll travel between
Each orchard bare we'll sing and shout and dance about
to clear the air and bless the fare
As we join our jolly wassail.
Chorus

We'll drink to health and wealth each year
Together tread this well-worn trail
For harvest fine we'll spread good cheer
Tradition never stale
We'll drink to health and wealth each year
Good fortune we will never spare and
bring to share the amber liquor gold and rare
So you join our jolly wassail.
Chorus

Raise a glass to everyone here
Gather round with cider and ale
Toast another plentiful year
And harvest without fail
So raise a glass to everyone here
May all your trees grow blossom fair and apples bear
beyond compare no baskets spare
When you join our jolly wassail
Chorus



June 1953

My experience of the late queen's coronation

For the coronation Middlesex Grammar Schools were allocated places on the Victoria Embankment to watch the procession. My Grammar school were allocated some spaces. The spaces were allocated to pupils by drawing lots. I was lucky enough to get one of the places for my school year.

On the day we had to be at school early and were taken up to Westminster on a London Transport double decker bus. We were dropped off some way from the embankment and walked to our allotted places on the fabricated terracing by the Thames. I remember it was raining so was glad I had a pack a mac. While we were walking there was a sudden cheer from the crowd, we learnt that this was because word was spreading (no mobile phones then) that Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tensing had reached the summit of Everest.

When we were in our position we waited patiently for the procession. There was sporadic outbreaks of singing patriotic songs. When the procession eventually came it was an amazing spectacle, soldiers, sailors, airmen, bands all in their finery, then the carriages with the dignitaries. I particularly remember Queen Salote of Tonga as her carriage was open despite the weather, she looked amazing. Then the coronation coach with the soon to be crowned Queen Elizabeth, fantastic experience.

As the procession was to return from the Abbey by a different route as soon as it had passed, we returned to our bus and back to school. When I arrived home, I found our house packed with family and neighbors. My father had bought a television (black and white 12 inch screen), the front room was packed as everyone watched. I was just in time to see the crown placed on the queen's head.

After the ceremony was over my aunt and uncle took my cousin and I up to Buckingham Palace where we saw the Queen come onto the balcony and wave. There was a massive crowd.

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Rainfall at the Cobblers/Parish Hall 100 Club

Rainfall at the Cobblers in Talaton During February

This February certainly did not live up to it's nick-name, 'February fill Dyke' as we been have told by the Met Office that it was the driest February for 30 years. It was quite mild month in spite of the frosty spells at the beginning and end of the month. The Met Office reported that the mean average was above the average by 1.7C and Scotland and Ireland were even milder.

Rainfall was well below the average with less than 45% of the usual rain over much of the UK. A maximum temperature was recorded in Pershore in Worcestershire on 17th of 17.2C and the lowest of -8.5C at Tulloch Bridge in Inverness-shire on the 27th.

Here in Talaton we had 23 days with no rain, 9 nights of frost and a total of 12.50mms or 0.48 inches of rain in the whole month. This merger total brings up our total for the year to 4.32 inches!

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On April 19th, David Follet will be talking about how he turned tragedy to triumph, following a serious road accident in 2007 which left him with a spinal cord injury. He now represents England at Para Badminton and is ranked 22 in the world and number 1 in England.

On May 17th, Robert Hesketh will be sharing his knowledge of what he describes as an eclectic selection of the “Weirdest buildings in the West Country.”

June 21st sees former vet Stephen Powles talk about his life as “The Countryside Detective.” Having changed careers, Stephen has spent his new life pursuing his lifelong passions of photography, filming and conservation.

July 19th's talk is entitled. “Treading The Wards” by Lottie Dale. A former nurse, who also completed 1200 jumps as a parachutist and skydiver, Lottie says she really wanted to be a pilot. Her humorous talk describes her experiences and adventures at Bart’s Hospital in London in the early 1970s.

She promises that her talk will take listeners beyond the bedpan, “From Carry on Nurse to Oooh Matron.”

All talks take place at The Beehive, starting at 2 p.m. Doors open at 1.30 p.m. Visitors are welcome in return for a donation of £2.

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