

The Talaton Calendar

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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.

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Editorial

Easter is coming shortly and the beginning of relaxations to guide us towards the new reality out there, as shops and pubs reopening (hopefully having survived). Both our local shop and Pub need and deserve our support. In the old adage, use it or lose it.

The election in May will trigger a partial reopening of the Hall, with restrictions until we can return to normal in the not too distant future. The Committee are meeting soon to program this return to running order, and we may even have a clean and shiny outside to look at soon.

As I write this, it is a year and a day since we started this interminable journey with our favourite Covid 19. I collected our MG electric car the day a year ago, that it started so have now had it for a whole year, and we are really enjoying electric travel. Charging the car off the roof, and occasionally overnight it costs very little by comparison with diesel for the same 5000 miles we have done in its first year. And we have polluted far less than we did before using the MG. Apart from a few early charging issues the car has not faltered. It is however a little odd when the bonnet is opened, and there is no engine, just electronics.... Clever these Chinese!

Hope you have had or are having the jab soon to protect us all from this present day plague.

Keep safe.

Editor - Simon Spencer



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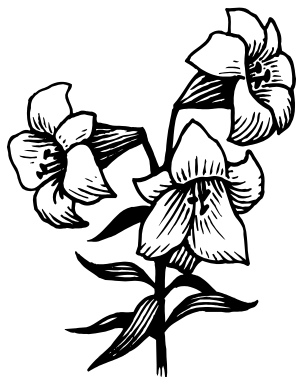
St James the Great

**St James the Great
Services**

2 nd April	Good Friday Service	2pm
4 th April	Easter Day Holy Communion	9.30am
18 th April	Holy Communion (CW)	10.30am
25 th April	Morning Prayer (BCP)	9.30am

Please let the churchwarden know if you intend to attend a particular service so that he is able to plan the seating.

While it is such good news that we are again able to join in worship here it is still very understandable that some members of the congregation feel it is too risky, the extra good news is that Rev. Marc is continuing his services on Youtube - From the Curates Study, plus Wondering Wednesday, and for children, Kid's Club.



COMMEMORATIVE LILIES

WILL ONCE AGAIN BE IN THE
CHURCH THIS EASTER

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BUY ONE
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Parson's Page: *Losing one's faculties!*

Hello my friends,

Why does change take such a long time in our churches? Well, I would like to tell you a story.....

If you have taken a walk down to the church recently, you will have seen the result of a bit of a structural issue at the rear of the churchyard. The old retaining wall, which used to be across the bank bordering the farm access, has gone and what remains is a mud bank. Some 9 months ago we discovered that the single skin brick wall was leaning at such an angle that it posed a risk to anyone walking past and so down it had to come. Many of you will possibly be wondering why the wall has yet to be replaced and here our story begins.....

Usually in matters like this one would simply remove the offending wall and then apply to the local authority planning department to rebuild the wall in a suitable material and all would be well. This is not how things work in the church in the Church of England. You see, each church is governed by a group called the Parochial Church Council, a group of volunteers whose role it is both to plan mission and ministry in the parish, but also to be stewards of the church, to care for it and maintain it for the next generation. This is not a task we undertake lightly and it is guided by a pretty complex set of rules and regulations. So, building works at churches are governed by something called 'the faculty system'. This is a process for ensuring all repairs and alterations to churches and churchyards are planned and carried out with proper consideration given to the historic fabric and architectural significance of the building, and to the archeological impact on the churchyard. It is administered by the Consistory Court of the Diocese. The faculty is a licence issued by the court on behalf of the Bishop, permitting work to be carried out. This system is in place as the Church of England churches enjoy "ecclesiastical exemption" from the need for listed buildings procedures, but it does not replace the general planning laws, so Buildings Regulations and planning permission still apply as well. It is, in short, a very complicated and time consuming business, involving numerous different interested parties and a great deal of paperwork. In the case of the retaining wall there are added complications, the track outside has been adopted and as such is a highway, so another statutory body is involved in any decision making process. Then on top this off, works are directly adjacent to one of the oldest parts of the churchyard containing potentially unmarked graves.

Initially we had to apply for an emergency faculty to remove the wall, it could not just be pulled down. This faculty specified not only that the wall could be removed but how it should be done and what must happen with the rubble. Then we were required to consult with structural engineers to assess the site and soil before liaison with highways to develop a suitable plan to replace the wall with a structure which is both strong enough to retain the soil and does not conflict with the historicity of the site before then applying for the faculty to approve this and then finally commencing the rebuilding works when we have located the funds to do so. None of this would have been possible without a huge amount of work by Mr Rick Spencer, who is our fabric officer at St. James and we owe him a debt of thanks, particularly as this is one of several projects at the church he is currently juggling with all during a pandemic which has caused a huge amount of disruption to the working practices of many of the professionals involved.

So, the good news: the exploration works have been completed and the consultation process with some of the bodies involved, and hopefully over the coming months we will be in a position to apply for a full faculty to authorise the works required to permanently solve the issue. So the next time you walk down the lane behind the church and look at the muddy bank, you will know why it appears to have been left for so long.

As a group of churches (a mission community), we will soon be moving from 4 churches to 10 and so the amount of work required to sustain our range of beautiful old buildings is growing. As such we are really pleased to announce that we have just created a new post of Mission Community Fabric Advisor and Talaton's own Mr. Phil Moir has agreed to help oversee some of our projects at particular churches: not all of them have someone like Rick to champion difficult works. However, if you have an interest in historic buildings and have some experience of construction, engineering or architecture, we would be delighted to hear from you. Ten churches are going to take a lot of looking after and the more folks on the team the better.

God bless.

Rev Marc

Rev Marc Kerslake.

Rector designate at the East Clyst Churches Mission Community.
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**Talaton Toddlers
Get Together**

10.30am -12noon

First and Third Fridays of the Month

The aim of the Get Together is to offer Parents with Babies and Toddlers a chance to meet in friendship, no hidden agenda.

The Get Together meets down by the Church of St James the Great, Talaton EX5 2RL **when weather permits outside on the Church Green.**

Please bring your own drink but Cake is provided. There is no charge.

Within the present lockdown rules we can ONLY meet OUTSIDE

ON FRIDAY 16TH APRIL WE HOPE TO RESUME

Invitations are given out each month to those families known to the Church; details are displayed in The Community Shop and in issues of The Link and Talaton Calendar.

The contact for Talaton Toddlers is Peppi Shaw 01404 822482.

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Dog Fouling along Newtown Straight has become a problem, with some dog walkers avoiding the area for fear they will be thought to be the guilty owner. The Parish Council have provided two dog bins in the village and everyone pays for them to be emptied out of your EDDC rates bill. Can the minority who are not using them or clearing up after their dog please do so? Thank you.

Temporary Repairs to Pot Holes at the top of Deep Cut Lane, outside the shop and pub. This stretch of road has been a huge problem for many years and thanks to the great work of Cllr Andrews and former Cllr Samson, together with Phil Morgan from Devon County Highways we are getting closer to finding the source of the water below ground which is causing the road surface to degrade as frequently and as severely as it does. The recent road closure allowed for investigative work to be carried out with a view to a permanent repair below ground before a complete resurfacing of the road. Your continued patience is much appreciated.

PC Meetings in April & May will continue to be held remotely, via Zoom. The Government are encouraging Councils to resume face to face meetings after 7 May, however, both the National and Devon Associations of Local Councils are not in favour of the proposal, preferring to continue with virtual meetings for a while longer. Whilst we await a decision it is worth noting that we may not even have a venue to hold a meeting as the Hall is still closed, although at the time of writing, they are considering a date for re-opening the Hall for hire.

Dates of PC meetings are always advertised on the two notice boards in the village and on the website. Members of the public are welcome to attend any meeting (virtual or otherwise) and can participate in the 15-minute public forum at the start of each meeting.

The legal requirement for us to host an Annual Parish Meeting has been removed again this year, due to the Covid restrictions.

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You can access our varied range of databases which include Kompass, British Standards Online, Local Data Online and IBISWorld, some are available remotely.

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To browse our event listings and resources, take a look at our website: <https://bipc.librariesunlimited.org.uk/>

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Devon branch of the countryside charity CPRE

Talaton is one of the many places in Devon under threat from new housing and encroaching development which threaten the heart and soul of village and country life.

Devon CPRE, the local branch of the countryside charity, campaigns to protect Devon's countryside and communities. Whilst we champion high-quality affordable homes built in the right places, preferably on brown-field land, we aim to support our members in opposing unsuitable development.

To support our charity in this core work, we use an experienced, independent consultant, who lives locally. In recent years, she has been instrumental in helping Devon CPRE become a respected consultee in the Planning process by producing strong objections to unsuitable development proposals - a service we offer free of charge to our members and member organisations.

Another benefit of becoming a member is access to our regular Planning Workshops, which we tailor to the needs of town and parish councils. For obvious reasons, in 2020 these had to be delivered virtually, but in 2021 we hope we will once again be able to get members

together to discuss key Planning issues and how they can influence the outcome of individual proposals in their neighbourhood.

In recent years we have also commissioned two independent reports to assess Devon's real housing need - as opposed to the number of new homes the Government tells us we need to build here to meet national housing targets.

Our charity takes an active role in all matters relating to the environment and the countryside in Devon - collaborating with communities, holding the Government to account, taking part in consultations around proposed new planning reforms, and working in close partnership with other organisations with similar interests.

In fact, Devon CPRE Director Penny Mills has just been elected the Vice-Chair of the East Devon AONB, a role which will enable her to have even greater input into conservation matters in the east of the county.

By joining Devon CPRE you too can support a beautiful, thriving countryside for all. To find out about becoming a member and supporting us, visit

www.devoncpre.org.uk

How to get ten times more bees on your lawn



In 2020 citizen scientists, who took part in Plantlife's Every Flower Counts - the largest ever survey of the humble lawn, helped to reveal not only an astonishing diversity of wild flowers growing in British lawns, but also that simple changes in mowing can result in the production of enough nectar for ten times more bees and other pollinators. This after doing no more than leaving the mower in the shed for the whole of May. We would like to encourage you to be brave enough to leave at least a patch of your lawn unmown for the whole of May this year and see how many flowers bloom in your patch once you cease chopping their heads off. If you are feeling a bit squeamish about desecrating your 'perfect' lawn, try thinking of it as having a pop-up, temporary flower bed. Pollinators will be happy and you are almost certain to see the equally happy faces of lawn daisies, clover and the remnants of lesser celandine to name but a few.

You could decorate your no mow area with Scaremows to remind manic mowers in your family to keep off the 'grass'.

More details in May's Calendar, but think what we could do for Talaton's wildlife just by not doing some mowing for a month. Sorry, Matt and co. We do appreciate what you do very much!

Happy gardening.

Wildlife Friendly Village



Talaton Parish Council has been inspired by the Wildlife Friendly Village <https://www.wildlifefriendlyvillage.co.uk> featured on the BBC Countryfile programme, and Devon Wildlife Trust's Wilder Future Campaign <https://www.devonwildlifetrust.org/wilderfuture> . Please have a look for lots of ideas.

We would love to support projects created by local people and businesses to make Talaton a wildlife friendly village. There are so many things possible, from Hedgehogs houses to insect hotels; sowing wildflowers along our roadsides to You say it!

We welcome involvement of our children, farmers, older people Everyone!

Please contact the Parish Council and we will do what we can to help. RichardBos.TalatonPC@outlook.com and/or clerk.talatonpc@btinternet.com

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

A Remote Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 3rd March 2021 Correspondence or verbal communications:

Query re Avian Flu – following a query from a resident regarding any change in the lifting of restrictions, the Chairman confirmed that all restrictive measures were still in place

Positioning of recycling bins at Hillside- there had been a report of recycling bins blocking the footpath at Hillside although the last few weeks it seemed to have been resolved –no action at present.

Items of late correspondence

Speed of traffic through the Village- complaint received from a resident regarding the speed of vehicles at the Lees Meadow end of the village. The Chairman will discuss the matter with Neighbourhood Watch before replying.

Potholes in front of Bankside – Resident reported the potholes but they are not deep enough to be reported to Highways.

To discuss arrangements for future meetings & Audit – DALC & NALC have both advised that Councils should consider deferring meetings till later in the year should the Government proceed with the requirement for face-to-face meetings from the 7th May. DALC are still hopeful that the 7th May date will be extended till later in the year. It was

proposed to extend the amendments to the Standing Orders allowing for the delegation of matters to the Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman for 6 months from the 7th May. There is no requirement for an Annual Parish Meeting this year. Proposed by Cllr Lenehan, seconded by Cllr Hawkins, all in favour. The Audit paperwork will be signed off at the May meeting.

Parish Maintenance:

Items requiring attention including updates –

Rydon Cottages -3 potholes

Springfield to Woodmans Hill 2 potholes

Rydon to Blue Anchor – various potholes

Newbarn to Beacon Cross – pothole 500 yds below 1st layby

Water Meter near Parish Hall – pothole

Footpath Talaton Inn to Orchard Close- Tarmac cracked and footpath slopes towards the road. Beacon Cross /Holly Ball Lane – broken danger road sign.

The Chairman reported that the investigative work had been carried out by the Inn and shop. A new drain has been put in to take the water from one side of the road to the other. A temporary fix of the potholes has been carried out while they tried to find the source of the water that is causing the problem.

Cllr Hawkins has received various complaints regarding a car being parked in front of the Newtown noticeboard- the Clerk to send a letter to the owner of the car asking them to keep clear of the board.

Rainfall at the Cobblers & Parish Hall 100 Club

Rainfall at the Cobblers in Talaton during February 2021.

The first few days of the month were cold and very cold in the East of England, this was followed by a **very** cold spell with heavy snow up to and over 12 inches in many places.

The Met office reported the lowest temperature in Braemar (Aberdeenshire) on the 18th with (Minus)- 23.0C, which was the lowest for a day in February since 1955.

The highest temperature of the month in the UK was recorded on 28th in Santon Downham in Suffolk with 18.4C. It turned a little milder in the second half of the month with the UK rainfall at 116% of the average, but some parts of Eastern Scotland and England had twice their normal amount. In the 24 hours of the 24th 125 mm or 5 inches of rain fell on Honister Pass in Cumbria.

Here in Talaton I recorded 76mm or 3.04inches of rain; we had 14 days with no rain but 12 of those we nights of frost. In the last week of the month, we had no rain but 4 nights of frost. The yearly total of rain now stands at 7.20 inches.

ANNE BOLES

TALATON PARISH HALL 100 CLUB

The draw for March was made on the 4th by Gene Freemantle.

The winners were:

1st	No 93.	Mr A Dinnis	£20
2nd	No 22.	Mrs P Stocking	£10
3rd	No 62.	Mrs V Boles	£5

Unfortunately, we do not have any numbers available at present. Should anyone be interested in joining please phone Steve Spratt on 01404 822461 or e-mail stevespratt@btinternet.com Annual Subscription is still £12.



Well I hope you have been enjoying a wonderful display of spring bulbs and have tasted your first crop of rhubarb by now. I use the word hope, because I can hear winds howling around house and garden as I write and am wondering how many daffs might have been flattened by the morning!

For those of you who yearn for more snowdrops, now is the time to dig up and separate your clumps. Make sure you plant them at the same level as they had been growing and plant them straight away.

Don't be too hasty tidying daffodils and other spring bulbs when they have finished flowering, just deadhead. You will have a much better show next year if you leave the leaves to do their job, make food and fatten the bulbs for 2021. Cherry and plum trees can be pruned once their leaf buds have opened.

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

Keep pests off brassicas and carrot by covering crops with horticultural fleece and securing the edges.

Don't be too enthusiastic planting out tender crops and bedding plants. We may still have frosts to catch us out.

For more info., and *Tips from Jim Buttress* please look at our website.

Potato in a bucket Challenge for young gardener

Forgot to get started last month? Well there is still time.

If you are under 16 and up for a challenge, find yourself an old bucket, and hurry to the Village Shop to collect a potato - you don't have to buy one, just ask for a competition potato and pick up an information sheet.

If they have all gone ask the shop to phone Pam on 822 864

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And now some food for thought

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April 7th
April Annual Parish Meeting TBC
May 7th Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
June 2nd

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Members of the public are welcome to join the open public forum at the beginning of each meeting.

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Police (to report a crime – non urgent)	101
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