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Editorial

I have a feeling that for me 2023 has been the fastest year I have ever experienced. It seems as if it was January just a few weeks ago, then we had a few hot days, then a lot of rain and now we are nearly at Christmas! I did however squeeze in a great trip to Germany in May for the Dams raid anniversary, not to be forgotten.

Speaking of Christmas don't miss the How do ye Do on 2 December when Father Christmas will be opening the Hall at 12.00 to all. It should be a very nice event as it always is, with refreshments for all and loads of gift ideas.

There was an error in last months Calendar when I said Pat Smith lived with George at Mead Cottage. They lived at Ash Cottage so apologies to George.

Don't forget this is a double issue and the next one will be on your doorstep near the end of January, thanks to my hard working team of deliverers!

Have a very Merry Christmas see you all at the how do ye Do, or in the NY.

Simon Spencer
Editor

Next issue is 10th January 2024
March Issue is 10th February 2024

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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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St James the Great

Services for December

- Dec 10th Carol Service 10.00am
Followed by refreshments
- Dec 17th Holy Communion 10.00am
Followed by refreshments
- Dec 24th Crib Service 5.00pm
- Dec 25th Christmas Day Holy Communion 10.00am

For services for January please look on the church notice board.

Midweek Coffee

The next get together is our
Christmas special



Wednesday 6th December

10.30 am until noon in the North Aisle Room.

Come and join us for non-stop chat and good company,
delicious mince pies and more!

All welcome

Devon's Best Churchyard Competition

Well done to everyone in the hardworking team who help to keep our churchyard looking good. Thanks to you it has been awarded a certificate of merit.



We will ring as many bells in Talaton Church for as many services as is possible

Please contact Chris Trimmer 01404 850831



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
cake is provided

Fridays 1st and 15th December 2023

5th and 19th January 2024

10.30am – 12noon

Join us in friendship

RSVP 01404 822482 email: peppiashaw@gmail.com

Talaton Knit and Natter

Talaton Knit and Natter is a relaxed informal group which meets once a fortnight (alternating Wednesday and Thursday), we meet at the Talaton Inn and our future dates are:

Wednesday 22nd November

Thursday 7th December

Wednesday 20th December (Christmas lunch)

Thursday 4th January

Wednesday 17th January

Thursday 1st February

Wednesday 14th February

We meet at 11.30 for coffee and cake (and some of us stay on for lunch). Please come along with any craft work or just join us for a good natter.



Talaton Knit and Natter



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TALATON GARDEN & PRODUCE
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There were 29 entries in our Pumpkin Competition making a brilliant display in the skittle alley. Thank goodness Maria put out an extra table this year. If you missed this super family event, do put a note in your 2024 diary for Friday 25th October. Well done to everyone who entered and thank you so much for making this such a lovely evening. Many thanks also to Maria for welcoming us again, for setting up and decorating the skittle alley so beautifully and to Daniel Hawkins for his brilliant lighting effects, smoke, scary talking skulls. Anda very big thank you to this year's judges, Nickie and Sybil who flew in specially.



The winners were:

0-6yrs

- 1st Lottie Roddy
- 2nd Emma Wood
- 3rd Sonny Markham

7-11yrs

- 1st Abbi Wheeler
- 2nd John Buxton
- 3rd Henry Buxton

12-16yrs

- 1st Lowen Jemison



Adults

- 1st Becca Wheeler,
- 2nd Kat Blockley,
- 3rd Tuscan Jemison



Back to the garden; now winter has arrived there is still work to be done, harvesting and tidying, composting fallen leaves, dividing perennials to give them more space, pruning apple and pear trees and when it is too wet, too cold or frozen, why not sit down in a comfy chair in front of the fire and begin planning for next year.



Hopefully you came along to our AGM met other members and enjoyed Andrea Rye's entertaining talk. If not, well I am sorry, but there is still time to pay your family subscription of £5; collect your Dobies seed catalogue and membership card. Contact Pam W on 822864. It would be really good if all members and new ones had signed up before the New Year. Using our Association code will give you 50% off seeds and 15% of other items in Dobie catalogue.





Don't forget to feed the birds and leave water accessible for them. Hedgehogs are still active (2nd wk of Nov at time of writing and cold and wet) so would definitely appreciate the odd pile of leaves left in a sheltered part of your garden.

AND remember to visit the Our Stall at the How D'ye Do on Saturday 2nd December. N.B. You still have time to donate to the stall unwanted presents, produce and gardenalia, in fact anything saleable. We like to do our bit for Parish Hall funds.



TALATON GARDEN & PRODUCE
ASSOCIATION

Happy gardening and Happy New Year.

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

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

Talaton Clay Shoot (TCS)

Each year the club holds a 'Top Gun' competition in October, a one off individual event for all members that takes no account of previous performance throughout the year.

Like so many of our events, it is rare that we get all members to meet at one time for any competition and this year was no exception. It is understood that the farming calendar and the harvest/ grass cutting etc take priority over leisure, so unfortunately some of our Guns could not participate. This is not to say we didn't have representation from some of our best shots, we did, and they were in hot competition for this coveted trophy.

With a misty start followed by bright sun and the wind a gentle zephyr, ten of us came together for one of the most exciting competitions I have experienced at the club. The outcome of this



year's event was a first in that it culminated in a shoot off (much like a penalty shoot-out in football with an atmosphere of Euro 96) between Andy May and Phil Woodley. These two had managed to achieve a very creditable score of 90 in the standard 40 shot competition and together they took a further 16 shots with Andy losing by missing his 8th - but no Gareth Southgate's here.

Other members, including previous winners, had got near but not close enough and all of us stood silently watching and waiting for this nail-biting final to come to an end. We all realised that a winner had to be found but knew the runner-up was no loser. Phil had fired superbly all morning and at the end was faultless for 13 successive shots and therefore a very deserving Winner. *Please see the photos of our past Chairman Gordon Pring congratulating Phil - a group shot of the competitors - and an 'out-take' showing that we don't take ourselves too seriously!*

For November, we move onto the 'Handicap' competition, in which the 'also-rans', with their original scores squared to the Top Guns total, battle it out for a place on that Shield in the Talaton Inn. Seemingly previous winners get amazing results when bolstered with a healthy handicap; in some cases a very very generous one! Look out for the results on the Shield by the entrance door into the skittle alley!



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Friday 15 December

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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

UTILITY AID RE THE UNMETERED ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO THE TELEPHONE BOX.

The Clerk explained that Utility Aid could be used to search the market for the best energy deal for the telephone box, at no cost to the Council. It was suggested that as the box no longer had a light bulb in situ, that the electricity supply was unnecessary and should be capped so the Council would no longer be billed for an unmetered electricity supply. The Clerk advised that she would need to check the agreement that the Council had entered into with BT (when it had first acquired the box) and whether there were any restrictions about capping the supply. The Clerk would report back her findings at the December meeting and a decision could then be made as to whether or not to instruct Utility Aid

CONSIDERATIONS RE THE 23/24 BUDGET. The Clerk explained that the Council should discuss the budget as part of the Full Council meeting or have an extra ordinary meeting to discuss the budget. All meetings needed to be held in the public domain. It was **AGREED** that the budget should be considered at the January Full Council meeting

UPDATE ON PROPOSED DITCH CLEARANCE (BEHIND DOG BIN AND NEAR NEWTOWN JUNCTION)

The grass verge had been trimmed but it was not clear whether the ditch had been cleared. The Council **AGREED** to monitor the situation and to review again in the New Year

UPDATE ON WATER LEAK OPPOSITE THE PARISH HALL

The Clerk advised that SWW now provided her with weekly updates. On 27th Oct SWW advised that a further team of operatives were going to carry out more testing of the water. If it was not chlorinated then it would not be a matter for SWW to deal with the leak and further investigations of the site (likely by DCC as the highway authority) would need to be carried out. SWW were liaising with DCC about this matter

ALLOTMENTS UPDATE AND ANY ACTIONS TO BE AGREED INCLUDING THE SIGNING OF THE LEASE (IF APPLICABLE)

It was **RESOLVED** by the Council to approve the amended 7 year lease and for it to be signed and witnessed. The part lease would now be sent to the landowners for signature and once this had been carried out and returned to the Clerk and the lease completed, then consideration could be given to advertising the vacant plots and sending the new tenancy agreements to the current tenants

PARISH MAINTENANCE: ITEMS REQUIRING ATTENTION AND UPDATE ON ITEMS REPORTED

Talaton Parish Council Report Cont'd

Railway Bridge - Network Rail had confirmed that work to the railway bridge near Half Moon Farm would be carried out shortly

The pothole at Hillside – this was worsening. The Clerk to report the issue again

Blocked Drains - The Clerk to report the blocked drains that ran from Talaton Barns to Escot.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY OR DISCUSSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

Grant giving – this will take place at the December PC meeting

Defibs – the Vice Chair advised that the expiry date of the pads in the defib case that she checked, would expire on 10th October 2026. She assumed that the pads at the other defibrillator would share the same date.

Ottery St Mary Hospital Open Afternoon - Friday 17th November -2:00pm to 4:00pm - the community was invited to come along to the hospital and meet the teams who work from Ottery St Mary, including: Dementia team, Urology, OOH Nursing, Outpatients and many more

Report of Drop In meeting on 28th October – This was provided. A parishioner who had attended the Drop-In had advised of the issue of blocked ditches in the vicinity of Ivy Cottages. He was informed that DCC had advised that clearance was the responsibility of land owners whose properties adjoined ditches. It was also noted that larger vehicles on the country lanes were pushing soil off the road into the drains which was causing blockages. It was **AGREED** that the next Drop-In should take place on 27th January 2024

MATTERS OF URGENCY: ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

It was noted that the trees that Cllr Peters had planted in the Spring (beyond the cottages at the Beacon), had been cut down. It was believed that this course of action may have been carried out by DCC. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk contact DCC to ascertain as to whether they were the culprits and if so, request that it should replace the trees at its own expense. It was understood that the Woodland Trust was giving away free trees which could be an option to pursue, if DCC was unwilling to replace the trees,. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk ascertain from the Woodland Trust the type of trees on offer . The Vice-Chair would check with Cllr Peters the number of replacement trees required

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

6th December 2023 at 7.30pm

DATE OF NEXT 'DROP IN' IN THE PARISH HALL

27th January 2024 from 10.30am - 12noon

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The completed application form will need to be returned to the Clerk by post/e-mail by **30th November 2023**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. One representative per application/group is also invited to present details of their application at the Full Council Meeting on Wednesday, 6th December at 7.30pm.

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George Smith
Ash Cottage

I would like to thank all the people who attended Pat's funeral and those who unfortunately could not come.

The words in all your cards received were very much appreciated by the family.

I would like to thank Pam Weston's team of ladies who kindly donated and arranged the flowers in church.

To Maria, Yan for their kindness and professional service at the Talaton Inn.

To Jean a special thank you for baking cakes for the buffet. I might add that she did so for 9 months during lockdown for several people who had to shield at that time.

To Marc for taking the service and with a beautiful sermon on footprints of people.

George and family

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Christmas Celebrations in Talaton



Friday 1st December

Christmas Fayre at the Shop

Complimentary tastings throughout the day

6pm at the Shop & Pub

Switching on the Lights

on the Village Christmas Tree

Carol Singing

*With "Brass Class" from Ottery Silver Band
provided by the Church, outside the pub*

Join us at 6pm to sing outdoors

*Charity collection for "Devon Freewheelers" the Blood Bikes
Their motorbikes will be on view, emergencies permitting*

Served in the Talaton Inn

Hot Mulled Cider, Hot Chocolate Marshmallows

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Full menu available



The Talaton Parish Hall

Christmas

How d'ye Do

Opened by Father Christmas

In aid of Hall Funds

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER

12-3PM

LIGHT LUNCHES & REFRESHMENTS

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE, GARDEN & PRODUCE STALL

TOMBOLA, CAKE & HANDMADE GIFTS STALLS

THE SPECIAL 100 CLUB DRAW

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MAKE A CHRISTMAS PENGUIN

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*Remember a loved one by putting a message on
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It's nearly time to buy your handcrafted stocking
fillers, decorations, presents - or treats for yourself
- at the How d'ye Do in the Hall on Saturday 2nd
December from 12 - 3pm.



Talaton Knit and Natter need your support to
continue yarn bombing the village - we hope you
will visit our stall and purchase some unique items.

Please note this will be CASH only



Community Theatre 4All

“TOAD OF TOAD HALL”

ADULT CASTING WORKSHOPS INFORMATION

This production is open to both adults and children. The casting will be split into two parts an 'Adult Cast' and a 'Junior Cast' . The 'Adult Cast' is open to all adults and school students who are currently in year 10 and above. The 'Junior Cast' will, at a later date, be drawn from the current Young Community Theatre 4All membership, once they have given their performances of "The Little Prince" in March 2024.

The Adult Cast Workshops will be held on Tuesday 28th November and Tuesday 5th December between 7.00 to 9.00pm in the Talaton Parish Hall. Adults who would like to be considered for casting should ensure that they attend at least one of these workshops (ideally both).

"Toad of Toad Hall" is a light-hearted, well-known play written by A.A. Milne (author of "Winnie the Pooh") and is based upon the children's book "Wind in the Willows" by Kenneth Graham. The play will be great fun to work on and provide perfect family entertainment. "Toad of Toad Hall" will be an open-air production and will perform in mid-May. Rehearsals will start in January 2024 and the majority of the adult rehearsals will take place on a Tuesday evening. Once the children are ready to join the main cast some day time weekend rehearsals will then be necessary in order to work the children into the main action of the play.

The casting workshops which are open to all interested participants without any further expected commitment. Full project details, including the rehearsal schedule and performance dates will be given at the end of the second workshop.

🐧 Christmas Competition Open to ALL ages 🐧
Create a PENGUIN to decorate a Christmas Tree

Your hanging entry must measure no more than 20cm/8" and include a loop.
Knit or crochet, needle felt, carve, sew, stuff a festive creation, have a go!

Bring your entry down to Talaton Community Shop by
Friday 1st December 2023 before 1pm

The Competition will be judged in four age groups:
2-5 years; 6-10 years; 11-16 years; 17 years and over.

One winning Christmas Penguin from each group will receive a prize.

All entries will be displayed at the How d'ye Do and will then go down to the Church where they will adorn the Tree over the whole of Christmas.



With Acknowledgements to Corinne Lapierre and clothkits.co.uk illustrated here purely for inspiration

🐧 ENTRY FORM 🐧

PLEASE ATTACH THIS FORM TO YOUR ENTRY

Name Age

Address Telephone

Description of Christmas Penguin.....

Please indicate here if you wish to have your entry returned Yes/No.....

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The evening will continue with musicians from the Tale Valley Sessions group entertaining us with tunes and songs for ceilidh dancing. Bring your instruments and join in!

Saturday 2nd December 2023, Talaton Parish Hall, EX5 2RF.
7pm start. Bring your own refreshments.

This is a free event with the option to pay as you feel to support the cost of hall hire.

Spare a Minute



Well, not quite one a minute but in the recent very lively ROBOT skittles match in the Talaton Inn – superb buffet thanks Maria and Jan- 18 spares were recorded. Unheard of but the proof was on the board not to mention the dents in the bell.

In spite of competition from the England v South Africa rugby semifinal the skittles evening won and 14 stout Talatonians (all stout fellows but not all stout) turned out for what proved to be a really enjoyable and fun evening. Goodness only knows where the scores came from- 70's, 80's and a 90, achieved over 8 legs. Could be a bit of head hunting for the summer skittles.

At the halfway stage the Talaton Inn provided a wonderful buffet, and this allowed catch up on the Rugby which at that time looked very good for England. Alas, the pace slowed after that for both England and the skittlers. In the case of the latter, it was probably full stomachs and maybe the odd pint. However, as the final legs approached, the pace quickened, and some keen rivalry developed with the top scorer changing by the minute.

Come the end the newly created cup went to Alan Franklin with a staggering 90 whilst Nigel and Pete came close, both on 80. Alas, Andy didn't quite hit the top scores and went away with the duster!



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TALATON WASSAIL 2024



Meet at The Talaton Inn at 17:30 on Saturday 6th January 2024. Bring your pots and pans to create noise, and your torch. The pub will be opening at 18:30, if you want to eat there it is recommended that you book a table as last year this event was busy. We hope to see you there!

PARISH COUNCIL DROP IN SURGERY

Saturday

27th January 2024

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

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Minimum hiring period is 2 hours and this includes setting up and clearing away. There is no additional charge for use of the kitchen or stage. A deposit is not required but the hirer will be expected to pay for breakages or any repairs required resulting from damage during the hiring period.

Discounted rates are available for regular users.

The rate for professional events is £20 per hour. For such events all tables and chairs will be set up as required and cleared away at the end of the event. The bar can be made available subject to negotiation.

Following are available for hire by Talaton residents for use away from hall:-

Cutlery & China - £10	Wine Glasses - £5 per box of 24
Tables - £1 each	Padded Chairs - 50p each (internal)
Plastic Chairs – 25p each.	
Gazebos 3mx3m - £10 ea (10 avail)	Gazebos 6mx3m - £75 ea (2 avail)

All the above are per day.

In addition to the hiring fee a deposit is required for gazebo hire which will be returned if the items are returned in the same condition as that at the start of the hire period. The deposit for the 6mx3m gazebos is £100 and the 3mx3m gazebos is £50. Cutlery, China, cutlery and glasses must be washed prior to return.

More details can be found on the website :-

www.talatonparishhall.org.uk



Talaton Parish Hall.

The Hall trustees are in need of two new people to keep the Hall running smoothly.

We need a new Treasurer and a new Bookings Secretary, as soon as we can please.

Tony Hoare is the present Treasurer and Phil Deacon the Bookings Secretary and they want to retire. If you are interested in either job please make contact with me, Simon Spencer initially. You would become a Managing Trustee on the committee. Please think about this as we need this in place as soon as possible.

Don't be shy!

Rainfall at the Cobblers/Parish Hall 100 Club**Rainfall at the Cobblers in Talaton During October**

The first half of the month was particularly warm, sunny, and dry. The second part was unsettled and very wet due to Storm Babet. Much of the of the UK was seriously flooded, with some places, especially Scotland saw around 150 to 200m or in excess of 8 inches in the month. The Met Office issued 2 Red warnings in parts of Scotland which was very unusual. This October was the equal-sixth wettest since 1836!

Here in Talaton we had 146ms of rain or 5.8 inches, which is by far the wettest month this year. There were only 11 days with no rain and our yearly total, so far is 33 inches!

ANNE BOLES

TALATON PARISH HALL 100 CLUB

The draw for November was made by Gene Fremantle

The winners were:

1st	No.18.	Dave Hirt.	£20
2nd	No.53.	Pam Weston.	£10
3rd	No 4.	Andrew Dinnis.	£5

There are currently **ONE** Numbers available at present should someone is interested in joining. Please phone Steve Spratt on 01404 822461 or e-mail stevespratt@btinternet.com

Annual Subscription is still £12.

TALATON PARISH COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY MEETING DATES* FOR 23/24

HELD AT TALATON PARISH HALL

(ALL MEETINGS COMMENCE AT 7.30PM UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY)

6TH DECEMBER

3RD JANUARY 24

7TH FEBRUARY

6TH MARCH

3RD APRIL

**There may be meetings held in addition to those mentioned above, which will be advertised*

A Plea from Jane Jackson.

Since Pete Jackson died Jane has used his letters to extract information about his time in Borneo and Malaysia between June 1965 and August 1966. This document has become rather large and she is seeking someone who could type her beautifully written manuscript into a Word document, for inclusion in the Talaton Calendar. Can anyone help out there? Please make contact with Jane on 01404 822354.

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INVITATION TO TENDER**

TALATON PARISH COUNCIL IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS:-

Contract 1 - Grass cutting of the Moor ('the Village Green') for 1st March 2024 – 28th February 2027

Contract 2 – Grass cutting of various roadside verges for 1st March 2024 – 28th February 2027

THE CLOSING DATE FOR TENDERS IS 31ST DECEMBER 2023

For an Information Pack please apply to the Parish Clerk – Mrs C McIntyre

- E-mail:- clerk.talatonpc@btinternet.com
- Tel:- 01404 814128
- Parish Website:- <https://www.talatonparishcouncil.co.uk/>

Talaton Calendar Contact us

Email: arnie@talatoncalendar.com (Text copy) - Tel : 01404 47566

Email simons@talatoncalendar.com (Editorial & Advertising) - Tel : 01404 822778

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Useful Phone Numbers

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The Coleridge Medical Centre	01404 814447
Ottery St. Mary Hospital	01404 816000
Hall Booking Secretary (Phil Deacon)	01404 822300
Police (to report a crime – non urgent)	101
Talaton Inn	01404 822214
Talaton Community Shop & Post Office	01404 822084
Parish Priest (Marc Kerslake)	01404 822525
Talaton Calendar Editor (Simon Spencer)	01404 822778
Talaton Calendar Production (Arnie James)	01404 47566

**Talaton Community Shop
& Post Office Opening Times**

	Shop			Post Office	
	OPEN		CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Mon	9.00	-	1.30		
Tues	9.00	-	6.00		
Wed	9.00	-	6.00	2.00	4.00
Thurs	9.00	-	6.00		
Fri	9.00	-	6.00		
Sat	9.00	-	1.00		
Sun	10.00		12.00		

News from Talaton Community Shop

Keeping Christmas Local

Place your order for meat, poultry, dairy or deli produce, and bread with Talaton Community Shop.

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Sun 24 Dec	CLOSED
Christmas Day, Boxing Day	CLOSED
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New Year's Day	CLOSED

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THE POST OFFICE IS CLOSED WED 27 DEC



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