

# The Talaton Calendar

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**Next Deadline 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

## Information

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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

WE'RE BACK!!!! Did you miss us???? Did you get the e mailed version?

We have a new distribution system with 9 people replacing the wonderful Rosemary, and we will always be grateful to her for her persistently wonderful delivery service.

Another lock down, how lovely. We do it seems to have a lovely new road through Larkbeare at last. Congrats to all who badgered Devon County to do it, from the mess it was for so many years.

The Hall works are now complete and we have a Hall that will be again a pleasure to use. It is probable that we will not reopen till the spring next year subject to COVID issues prevailing.

More national changes in the Covid saga, continue with severe restrictions up North. So frustrating for all their businesses. Hope and pray for a vaccine soon, and that most of what we know and have used in High Streets, can survive..

The Post Office is now sadly gone along with its very useful service with Jo, and we have a new service replacing see Shop details.

Hope you all are well and keeping safe in these tricky times.

Editor - Simon Spencer



**Next Deadline is 10<sup>th</sup> January**  
**March issue is 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

## St James the Great

Our church is opened daily for quiet contemplation and prayer and for those who just wish to enjoy its peace. It is sanitised every night for our safety, thanks to Tom Samson and there is a bottle of hand sanitiser in the porch for your use on the way in and out. Face masks/visors must be worn within the church.

Please let the relevant church warden know that you intend to attend a particular service, so that he/she is able to plan the seating.

It is understandable that many in our congregation may feel it is too risky to attend a service in person, so the extra good news is that Rev. Marc is continuing his services on **Youtube - From the Curate's Study and/or The Curate's House and his** short talks entitled **Wondering Wednesdays** mid week, and for children, **Kid's Club**.

If you do not have access to a computer :-

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Covid19 has not gone away. Circumstances will change and with that new parameters will be set. Notices of altered services will be posted on line, in the church porch and the Community Shop.

Keep safe, keep looking after each other and God Bless



## Talaton Toddlers Get Together Fridays 4th and 18th December 2020

The aim of the Get Together is to offer Parents with Babies and Toddlers a chance to meet in friendship.

**The Get Together** meets twice each month on the FIRST and THIRD Friday from

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

**When inside keep your distance but please wear a mask and bring a flask.**

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. Email: [peppiashaw@gmail.com](mailto:peppiashaw@gmail.com)



Guide lines and Social Distancing laws only permit us to ring three bells, we hope to ring these for the Services when held in Talaton

Please contact either Chris Trimmer 01404 850831  
or Peppi Shaw 01404 822482

## Talaton Parish Hall 100 Club & Rainfall

### TALATON PARISH HALL 100 CLUB

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By Mr D Lunn

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### Rainfall at the Cobblers in Talaton during October 2020.

October began with Storm Alex so we had strong winds and a lot of rain and the first frosty nights of the winter. In the first 4 days of the month I measured 60 mls. or 2.4 inches of rain! The middle part of the month was more settled, but with the arrival of storm Barbara it became again wet and windy. The Met office said it was a little colder than normal and for the greater part of the UK, it was a dull and wet month, with 142% of average rain and only 72% of average sunshine. London had 200% more rain than usual!

Writtle in Essex had the highest recorded temperature of 19.1C on the 8<sup>th</sup> and Tyndrum in Perthshire had the coldest day -33C on 13<sup>th</sup>. 127ms or over 5 inches of rain fell in 24 hours at a place called Fetlercairn in Scotland on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

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Jan & Maria

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## Talaton Parish Council

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### Contacting your Parish Council

Public meetings in person are discouraged by the Government so for the foreseeable future all PC meetings will continue to be held remotely, via Zoom. Members of the public may still attend and the agenda and joining instructions are posted on PC noticeboards and the website.

**Drop-In sessions** are suspended until further notice but please feel free to get in touch with any of the Councillors using the contact details provided on page 2 or on the website [www.talatonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.talatonparishcouncil.co.uk)

**Dog Fouling:** We are disappointed to see that this has become a problem again. Despite the vast majority of responsible dog owners cleaning up after their pet, we have received complaints and seen evidence of dog fouling on footpaths and on highways that are shared with pedestrians.

We have provided two dog bins in the village and let's not forget that everyone pays for them to be emptied via their Council Tax so come on dog owners, please use them **and clean up after your dog**. Thank you

**Community Speed Watch:** In the past, residents have expressed concerns over the speed of traffic passing through the village. If anyone would like to volunteer for this scheme, training and support is available for a team of six. Please contact us for more information on how we can legally and safely provide our own speed patrols.

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Why are we doing this?.....

Both events collect for local charities. Whimble has collected for the Devon Air Ambulance since the Air Ambulance was launched and Talaton raises funds for Devon Freewheelers. So, I've set up Just Giving pages for both. The videos will be posted on Talaton Talk Facebook page with a link to the charity. There will also be a collecting box in Talaton Community Shop.

Alternatively go to the Just Giving website & search for Talaton Virtual Christmas Carols

Please help us raise much needed funds.

Thank You!  
*Emma Palmer*





Virtual Talaton Christmas

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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](http://www.talatonparishcouncil.co.uk)

### A Remote Planning Meeting was held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

**To consider Planning Application 20/1266/FUL - Wildwood Wildlife Park Escot Park** - These amendments relate to Provision of additional information relating to the proposed overhead walkway, decking and ponds. Also, the provision of further arboriculture details and other supplementary information. Revised application description to read “Construction of Bear enclosure, including the erection of a building for use as a Bear pen, the creation of 2no. ponds, the provision of a keeper escape area, and the construction of decking and an aerial walkway” -following consideration the following response to be sent to EDDC, proposed by Cllr Samson, seconded by Cllr Lenehan – *The PC stands by its original decision and comments as the newly submitted documents do not change what they saw during the site visit. The Councillors feel they do not have the technical knowledge or expertise to comment on the Method Statement and will leave it up to EDDC who have the greater knowledge and expertise on the arboreal and other technical matters.*

**Matters of Urgency** – items not on the agenda to be discussed at the Chairman’s discretion

1. Letter received from a resident re the priority given to certain roads for repair. The resident is concerned about damage being caused to his property by the state of the road. Highways have indicated that there may be an underlying problem causing the damage to the road which needs to be addressed before the repairs can be carried out. The PC to look into the matter further and find the root cause of the problem which is damaging the road. Letter to be sent to the resident explaining what action is being taken.
2. Letter from Resident re gateway at Larkbeare and response from the landowner. The PC take on board the landowner’s points re the gateway always existing and while it may not be a planning matter there are serious concerns over the road safety aspect as the gateway is blind coming from both directions. The matter to be referred to EDDC.

### A Remote Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**To discuss arrangements for Grant Giving Evening** - Due to Covid restrictions the public Grant Giving Evening will not take place this year. Grant Applications can be submitted by email and for this year the PC will vote for the awarding of

## Talaton Parish Council Report Cont'd

the Grants. Notice to go in the Calendar and on the various noticeboards.

**Parish Maintenance:** Items requiring attention including updates – The Chairman will write to the CEO of South West Water regarding the problem of the water which is causing the problems with the road outside the shop and Inn. Highways are willing to fix the road but only once the water problem has been fixed.

**Items for information only or discussion on the next agenda-**Defibrillator-checks completed; the yearly allocation for sandbags has been made and Cllr Hawkins has kindly agreed to collect them; there have been no PC Drop-ins due to Covid however a notice to go in the Calendar asking residents to email any comments or concerns to the PC

**A Remote Meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

### **Correspondence or verbal communications:**

Church Lane- there had been a report of the lane being very slippery due to fallen leaves and acorns. Cllr Lenehan thanked Cllr Samson for very quickly clearing the lane to make it safe. After checking with DCC it was ascertained that the lane comes under Highways.

Change to recycling centres- several recycling centres are now accepting electrical items for resale.

Items of late correspondence

Planning -Talewater Mill- Flood Assessment report. No additional comment to be submitted

**Parish Maintenance:** Items requiring attention including updates – Potholes at Rydon Cottages and on the way to Blue Anchor have been reported. The fallen branch near Beacon Cottages had been cleared promptly by Highways.

Issues to be reported to Highways-

Pothole- middle of the road opposite the Moor

Pothole – middle of the road near junction at Newtown Corner

Pothole – top of Moor near water metre

Drains blocked – up from Primrose Bank

Drain blocked – Lashbrook corner

Drain blocked – Lashbrook corner on right hand side before Railway bridge

Drain Blocked – Newtown near between noticeboard and 30mph sign near railway bridge Cllr Lenehan to draft letter to SW Water and send to Cllr Samson.



TALATON GARDEN & PRODUCE  
ASSOCIATION

Many thanks to all 23 member families who returned our postal AGM voting/questionnaire/comments slip. Your votes represent more members than we usually have at our AGMs in the Parish Hall. Full details will be sent out to you, but in the meantime congratulations to Richard Bos and Alan Franklin. You have been voted unanimously onto our committee. Welcome aboard

Sadly Nickie Bitschi resigned from the committee. One of the longest serving and certainly the most knowledgeable member of the committee, she will be sorely missed. Our stall at the How D'Ye Do will never be the same again, likewise our plant stalls. C'est la vie. Thank you so much, Nickie. Enjoy your retirement!

All members have received their Dobies catalogues and hopefully have begun ordering. The discount goes on until August 2021, but some seed supplies might get sold out if you delay.

Back to the garden....

Jobs to do include - pruning apple and pear trees

planting bare root trees and shrubs,

planting rhubarb and garlic,

digging over bare ground and adding well rotted organic matter

harvesting leeks, root crops and winter brassicas

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Try not to tidy your garden too much, leave homes for insects and seed heads for birds. You will be rewarded with lots more activity on your patch. Redwings have already returned to my holly trees. A good sign Christmas is on its way. Fieldfares, their larger cousins should be coming too. They love apples even more than our blackbirds do and will really appreciate those windfalls left under trees.

Don't forget to leave some water out for birds and other wildlife.

If you have a spare moment, why not wander round your garden and count the different plants which are still flowering. Do the same in the New Year. You might be surprised how many you can find and they will all be good for visiting insects apart from just looking good!



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Jan 6<sup>th</sup>  
Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>

All meetings will be held remotely at 7.30pm via Zoom

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

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*Typically, half a lamb will take up one draw in an upright freezer.*

**Half Lamb - £80**

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Whole individual joints or packs are also available Frozen (occasionally fresh) from Talaton Village Shop.

Phone to pre-order your whole or half a lamb  
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## News from Talaton Community Shop

### *Visit our Christmas corner for a delightful display of delicious seasonal treats*

*We have a wonderful range of sweet and savoury products, many of which are home-made. To compliment them we have a fabulous selection of contemporary food serving platters made from Bamboo or Slate that make an ideal gift or a post-lockdown treat to use at home!*

*Orders are now being taken for: -*

- *Poultry & Meat*
- *Cakes & Mince Pies*
- *Bread & Morning Pastries*
- *Fruit & Veg*
- *Milk, Cream, Cheese & Delicatessen*

*All items are locally produced or sourced, ordered to your specific requirements and available for you to collect from the shop - what could be easier?*



Locally Grown  
**Christmas Trees**  
On sale from 1 December

### *Shop & PO Opening Hours*

<i>Thu 24 December</i>	<i>9am - 1pm</i>
<i>Fri 25 &amp; Sat 26 Dec</i>	<i>CLOSED</i>
<i>Sun 27 Dec</i>	<i>CLOSED</i>
<i>Fri 1 January</i>	<i>CLOSED</i>

*The Shop & PO are open as normal on all other days*

**Local Information**

**Useful Phone Numbers**

Otter St Mary District Help Scheme	01404 813041
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 822104
Talaton Calendar Editor (Simon Spencer)	01404 822778
Talaton Calendar Production (Arnie James)	01404 47566
Clerk to the Parish Council (Denise Main)	01884 277356 or 07714 442289

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

	Shop			Post Office	
	OPEN		CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
<b>Mon</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1.00</b>		
<b>Tues</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1.00</b>		
<b>Wed</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1.00</b>		
<b>Fri</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1.00</b>		
<b>Sat</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1.00</b>		
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10.00</b>		<b>12.00</b>		



# Talaton Community Shop



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Bread | Pastries | Pies | Pasties  
Cakes | Scones | Meringues  
Preserves | Honey | Chutney | Savoury Pickles  
Logs | Kindling | Charcoal  
Plants | Gardening Products | Compost  
Art Gallery promoting local artists

## Other Services Include

Newspapers & Magazines to order  
Photocopying | Laminating  
Postage Stamps | Foodbank drop-off

## Post Office

2 – 4pm Wednesday

## Shop Opening Hours

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat: 9am – 1pm  
Wednesday 9am – 4pm  
Sunday 10am – 12 noon

**Local Delivery Service on Tue | Thu | Sat**  
Phone the shop before 12.30pm for a same day delivery

Talaton Community Shop, Talaton, Exeter, EX5 2RQ

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