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Editorial

Hope you all had a lovely Christmas and wishing you all a very Happy New Year.
I can't say as prosperous as the government has other ideas.....

December 2024 went out and included several storms, one of which could have affected the How do ye Do, Storm Darrah, saw fierce storm force winds and rain. Standing in the Hall with Sue Harwood, and looking out of the side windows at the fir trees bordering our property we wondered if they were safe? I left the Hall a short while later back to our house, and while I was not looking down came one of the giant fir trees into our paddock! What a mess, and what a pile of logs!

The How do ye Do was unharmed and well attended, and Father Christmas was very welcome and performed admirably. His transport for the day was via Gary Nelson in his convertible Morris Minor, which looked magnificent.

So rain came and more rain and winds, to conclude 2024 with snow elsewhere but for us in the SW country. End result of the tree down is less roofs!

We lost Ian Davies from Half Moon Farm at Talewater last month, and our best wishes go to Pip and family in this sad time.

The Hall is presenting "Call my Bluff" on 1st February, see the poster herein. For those who don't know, it's a competition where you are presented with undefinable words that you will never have heard of before and you need to guess what the definition of the word is, not on your own but in a team. It's good fun and an old favourite we haven't held for ten plus years. Do come along, tickets in the Shop.

The Calendar has lost 4 advertisers in this renewal year, so costs will again be closely watched, and advertising rates may yet have to change again.
So welcome to the all new 2025 January!

On a final note the Christmas trees on the Moor were a lovely thought and in the dark were illuminated. Many thanks to the hard working Knit and Natter group.....

And finally the Parish Hall has a major birthday in 2027 which we intend to celebrate, so be forewarned and prepared. Details will be issued as matters are finalised, over the next year or so.

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Editor

Next issue is 10th Feb '25
April issue is 10th Mar '25

Information

Talaton Neighbourhood Watch Contacts.

See our page on the parish website for terms of reference,
recent appeals and lots of useful web links.

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Jan/Andy May

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Jan/Andy May

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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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Richard Foord 020 7 219 8349 richard.foord.mp@parliament.uk

St James the Great

Services for February

Feb 9th Morning Worship 10am Followed by refreshments

Feb 16th Morning Worship 10am Followed by refreshments

Feb 23rd Holy Communion 10 am Followed by refreshments

All the services at the other churches in the Benefice are displayed in the notice board in our church porch.

Midweek Coffee Morning

Our next get together will be on

Wednesday 12th February

In the North Aisle Room, from 10.30am until noon. Come and join us for non-stop chat, coffee, cake, biscuits and good company.

All welcome



Carol Singing

The wild, wet and windy weather forecast for Dec 6th prevented the Brass Class from leading us, but thanks to Maria we were invited into the warmth of the pub for a fine evening of A Capella carol singing, which was bravely led by Becky Springall, to the great relief of Rev Marc. What a super evening. We collected £195 for Devon Free Wheelers aka Blood Bikes. Well done everyone and thank you.

2024 Giving

Last year we
donated to the
Following
charities :-

Barnados,
Hospiscare,
Ottery Help
Scheme,
Shelterbox and
Wateraid



Talaton Toddlers

Parents and Babies Get Together

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Fridays 7th and 21st February 2025

10.30am – 12noon

RSVP 01404 822482 email: peppiashaw@gmail.com

A Date for Your Diary

Our APCM will take place on March 10th



Christmas Decoration Competition 2024



Thank you to the Hall for the prize money, to Vince Peterson who braved storm Darragh to come down and judge and to all those that made a bell, they were the best bells EVER. They rattled, they rang and tolled but best of all they helped decorate the Church Christmas Tree

The winners were:-

2-5 years Alice Northover, 6-10 Lottie Roddy,
11-16 Arwen Springall, over 17 Becky Springall

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Talaton Parish Hall 100 Club\Rainfall at the Cobblers

TALATON PARISH HALL

100 CLUB WINNERS

Draw Date: 03-Jan-25

Draw Month	01-Jan-25
Type of Draw	Normal Month

PRIZE	WINNING NO.	WINNERS NAME	PRIZE AMOUNT
1st	7	Liz James (Double up)	£40
2nd	105	Val Blake (Double up)	£20
3rd	59	Henry Sanford (Double up)	£10

Rainfall at the Cobblers in Talaton During December

In December I recorded 1;8 inches of rain with 17 days when no rain fell, which brought our total for the year 2024 to 27 inches.

The Met Office said that last year was ‘the equal eighth wettest for the UK in a series starting from 1836.

Parts of Northern England and Scotland had more than twice their normal rainfall, and the named storms Elin; Fergus and Geret brought heavy rain, but thankfully not so bad in Devon.

February 2024 was the wettest month of last year with 138ms or 5.5 inches, fingers crossed for the coming month.

ANNE BOLES



Happy New Year

Thank to all those who have renewed your membership. Which is still just £5. Those who have not done so yet, don't be alarmed at our change of name. The good news is that we now have a 'club night'.

The first Monday in the month, so do come along to the Parish Hall on 3rd Feb 7.30pm for our very first event, which is

A Garden Quiz.

You will be able to renew membership then and pick up our programme for 2025, plus A Dobies catalogue. They are going fast! Many thanks to all those who gave donations to our stall at the How D'ye Do and to Nickie and Peppi for helping to sell. We raised £130 all of which was given for Parish Hall funds.

Things to do in the garden

Place an old bucket or rhubarb forcing pot over your rhubarb crowns to help encourage some delicious early stalks.

Cover any dug soil with polythene to help warm up the soil and dry it out ready for planting next month.

Finish pruning your apple trees.

Pinch the tops out of autumn grown sweet peas to help them make bushier plants.

If the weather is too unfriendly for work in the garden, keep planning what you want to grow and where you want to grow it. It is unwise to keep growing the same crop in one spot. This could cause a build-up of pests and will certainly deplete the nutrients that crop uses.

What about making some marmalade and saving the best looking pot for our August Show!

And.... Please keep feeding the birds and making sure there is plenty of water available for them. Blackbirds love apples fixed on skewers in the lawn.



Happy gardening!

Talaton Community Shop ♥ St Valentine's Day Competition
Open to ALL ages



Paint a STONE ♥ for your Valentine

Love knows no boundaries, and neither does your creativity
so any size stone but please no larger than 20cm/8" ♥

Bring your ♥ entry to the Community Shop
by 4pm on Wednesday 12th February 2025
where it will be displayed in time for St ♥ Valentine's Day
on Facebook at 'Talaton Community Shop' and 'Talaton Talk'

♥ Community Shop Love Stone Competition ♥ ♥ Entry Form ♥

♥ Please attach this form to your Entry ♥

Name..... Age.....

Address.....

Email..... Phone number.....

Description of love stone

♥ Have a heart ♥ Have a go ♥ Make your Valentine rock ♥

A Talk

By Torquil McNeilage

(Conservation Expert)

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Monuments

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Tuesday 18th February 2025

7:30 pm





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Community Theatre 4All was formed in September 2015 and draws its membership primarily from the villages of Talaton and Whimble. Initially formed as an adult group its first production was the musical "Godspell", which was performed in St Mary's church Whimble in March 2016.

A wide range of theatrical work followed and in early March 2020 the group performed its second musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat", also in St Mary's church. This production, which had a cast of 50, comprised of 30 adults and 20 children, became the foundation upon which the youth section of Community Theatre 4all was built.

Following a lengthy pause, caused by Covid, Young Community Theatre 4All was formed in September 2022. Since this time the group has experimented with a wide range of theatrical productions. These have included a devised piece based upon the children's book "Where The Wild Things Are", followed by the musical "Rats!" which told the story of The Pied Piper of Hamelin. In March 2024 the group performed a specially written play, "The Little Prince" which was based on the book of the same name by Antoine De Saint-Exupéry. In July 2024 the youth group joined forces with the adult group to give a series of open-air performances of the classic story "Toad of Toad Hall".

"The King of the Golden River", the group's fifth production, is based upon the book of the same name by John Ruskin and has been especially written for the company by Tom Samson.

Young Community Theatre 4All Presents

The King Of The **GOLDEN RIVER**

*by Tom Samson
based on a story by John Ruskin*

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ROBOTs GALORE !

You find them here, you find them there, ROBOTs everywhere !

Well, the Retired Old Boys of Talaton have ben gracing a number of events with their presence in recent times – it just hasn't been reported. The fault lies with the now aged ROBOT whose job it is to send the information into the Calendar together with dramatic photos. He , alas, didn't cope well with hitting the magic age and is only just emerging from a few weeks of self-pity. Things will get back to normal – starting now.

Yeovilton Air Museum , in October, was a good trip, Bit of a journey but well worth it. Good to see the eight foot diameter tube that flew at supersonic speed over the Atlantic , yes, Concorde. Rather fine photo of Andy in full flying gear from his early aviation career – or was it a very good look alike ?



Back to earth in November with a visit to watch Exeter City FC play Lincoln. Alas, a nil – nil draw but a fun trip. No dripping roof this time !

Then ,with best bibs and tuckers on it was all aboard the Skylark. W ell, all aboard the Stamps coach for a wee bit chilly ride to the

Great Hall, Exeter for a really fun and enjoyable Classics Galore. In aid of FORCE it was a musical extravaganza performed by the Classics Galore Orchestra and the Lymptone Brass Band. A full Hall and wonderful atmosphere. A choir as well ! Hey, who was that ROBOT singer lurking in the back of the choir and supposedly deafened by the big drum ? Well, done, Jim, excellent performance. Rousing music that had even the self-proclaimed non-musical



folk tapping their feet. Needless to say, Land of Hope and Glory had a good rendering.



Finally, for now, more Hope than Glory in the Skittles evening in the Talaton Inn. Phil went away with the Cup (he did actually win it !) and Steve went home with the Duster that he had dutifully returned after his last performance.

The Annual Xmas Dinner will have been eaten by the time this article goes into print so a report will follow.

TALATON PARISH COUNCIL HAS A REQUEST.....

You may or may not be aware that there are a number of grassed areas in the Parish which Talaton Parish Council is responsible for maintaining. The Parish Council has two paid contractors who carry out the work on the Parish Council's behalf. One contractor cuts the Moor (the village green) and the other contractor cuts the following areas:-

1. Beacon Cross (with seat)
2. Bittery Cross (with seat)
3. Verge 1 – Woodmans
4. Verge 2 – Woodmans (with shelter)
5. The verge with dog bin in the centre of the village
6. The verge with dog bin (near turning to New Town)
7. Grassed area with phone box and seat in the centre of the village
8. The verge adjoining the property 'Bankside' in the centre of the village
9. The two verges with 'Hillside' signs
10. The verge near the Parish Hall
11. The verge opposite the old Post Office and near the steps

It has come to our attention that some very community minded person(s) appear to have been undertaking the maintenance of a couple of verge areas on the list, (possibly unaware that the areas are the responsibility of the Parish Council) and in view of this, our contractor is currently not having to maintain them, which as you can appreciate is not an ideal situation. It is very kind of these individuals to carry out this work, however it must be pointed out that as the Parish Council's contractors have public liability insurance, then if any claims were made against them in connection with their grounds maintenance work, that their insurance policies should cover them for such eventualities. It is unlikely that the unknown individuals currently carrying out the work to the two verges will have the correct insurance in place. Therefore if any claims were made, it could have extremely serious financial repercussions for them.

It would be helpful instead, (should any person have concerns about the condition of any of the areas on the list (or any other areas in the Parish)) that they contact the Clerk clerk.talatonpc@outlook.com or Tel. 01404 814128 to report the issue to her and then she will take the matter up with the contractor or relevant body to rectify.

If there are any highway issues – eg mud on road/ footpaths/blocked drains etc then again due to the insurance implications the matter should be reported to the Clerk or alternatively can be logged on Devon County Council's webpage:- <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/>

Similarly any leaks should be reported to the Clerk or South West Water on their webpage:- <https://www.southwestwater.co.uk/report-a-problem>

Thank you for your understanding

Talaton Parish Council

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

INFORMATION FROM THE MEETINGS OF 4th DECEMBER 2024 AND 8TH JANUARY 2025

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH UPDATE

Due to a number of Parish volunteers withdrawing their services to assist with the Community Speedwatch (citing possible abusive behaviour by some motorists as the reason for withdrawal); the Speedwatch in Talaton would now have to be abandoned. The Council was of the view that this was regrettable as it had strongly supported the initiative but understood the reasons for withdrawal. There was a minimum number of four volunteers required for the initiative and unfortunately the remaining number of volunteers was insufficient to meet that requirement. Cllr Walker would inform the Devon and Cornwall Police of the decision to withdraw from the initiative and also the remaining volunteers

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCALITY FUND 24-25 – TO CONSIDER (AND MAKE DECISIONS) ABOUT THE PROPOSED MAINTENANCE PROJECT (REPAINTING OF TELEPHONE BOX AND CLEANING AND TREATING OF FOUR BENCHES) TO BE PART FUNDED FROM THE LOCALITY BUDGET
It was **RESOLVED** to carry out the following:-

- i. i.To accept the quote from Tara in the sum of £860 for the repainting of the telephone box and the treating of the four benches('the Works')
- ii. ii.The Clerk to process an application for Locality funding to DCC in the sum of £500
- iii. iii.For the Council to agree to contribute the sum of £360 towards the costs of the Works

PLANNING MATTERS

i.24/2103/FUL Applicant: Mr Wayne Lyness Heritage - Proposal: Installation of freestanding

ing toilet block Location: Plot At Wildwood Escot Park Ottery St Mary

The Council was disappointed that no mention had been made in the planning application documents that it was a retrospective application. The work to convert an existing out-building into a toilet block had been carried out earlier in the year and completed in May 2024. However it was noted that the new toilet block provided much better facilities for customers, including improved accessibility and baby changing facilities. The appearance of the structure blended well within the woodland background and was not overlooked by anyone other than users of it. In conclusion the Council supported this application.

i.Consideration of Planning application 24/2635/Ful – 1 The Moor Talaton – Mr and Mrs Colin - Two storey side extension and alterations

The Council confirmed that a site meeting had recently taken place. It was **RESOLVED** to support the application as the materials to be used were in keeping with properties in the vicinity. The Council was also pleased to note that the applicant was giving consideration to any potential drainage issues by consideration of upgrading/improving the current drainage system

ii. Escot – update re planning application 21/2045/FUL -Devon Country Pursuits Ltd
Andrew Wood - EDDC -Director of Place had advised of the following:-

“Planning Officers are currently in discussion with the applicant/agent regarding conditions which have been requested by the Environmental Health Officer during their consideration of the application (relating to noise and hours of operation, as detailed in their consultation comments on the application), along

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with other conditions which Planning Officers consider appropriate, if the proposal is to be recommended for approval. The result of these discussions will aid Planning Officers in determining the final recommendation which will be made on the proposal. It is hoped that this matter can be resolved so that the application can be brought to a close during January 2025. Officers are currently waiting for a response from the applicant/agent and this will ultimately determine the timescales moving forward.” The Clerk had responded by querying why the expiry date for the planning application was shown on EDDC’s website as 2/11/22 as she understood that there were statutory timescales a planning authority had to adhere to, re determining a planning application and it appeared that they had not been met. To date she was waiting a further response from Mr Wood.

iii. Site Meetings – consideration of most suitable days for site meetings to be arranged It was AGREED that there should be more flexibility on the days for site meetings to take place rather than simply having them always on a Saturday as this seemed to preclude a number of councillors from attending. It was also suggested that site meetings could take place prior to a Council meeting.

iv. Any other planning matters

A letter of complaint from Gittisham Parish Council to EDDC had been e-mailed to all councillors regarding the process that had been followed in the Local Plan site selection procedures followed by the Strategic Planning Committee. It was AGREED that the Clerk send a letter of thanks to Gittisham PC as the Council found their letter most informative and hoped they did well with their representations

TO REPORT ANY DELEGATED DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL (INCLUDING PLANNING)

The following delegated decisions were made
i. Prior approval 24/2518/PDO – Mr and Mrs R Kirby (Class Q) for change of use of 1no. agricultural buildings to 1no. dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) with associated works, including garden area, parking and turning space - Talewater Hill Farm Talewater Talaton Exeter

EX5 2RR

Provided this application met the criteria under class Q of part 3 of the Town and Country Planning Order 2024, Talaton Parish Council supported the application for a sympathetic barn conversion that fits well into the landscape and provides a home for a family member.

ii. Planning Application 23/2435/FUL – Mr R Hale Proposed removal of a window on the rear elevation Larkbeare House Talaton Exeter EX5 2RZ

Given that the window in question was added in the 1930's to the rear elevation, Talaton Parish Council was happy to support the application

iii. Planning Application 24/2436/LBC Mr R Hale- Proposed internal room layout changes, including removal/addition of walls and doors; removal of a window on the rear elevation - Larkbeare House Talaton Exeter EX5 2RZ
Talaton Parish Council is not commenting on the application for internal works, as it considers that this is best left to the experts in EDDC’s planning team.

TO APPROVE 25/26 PRECEPT AMOUNT

After much discussion it was RESOLVED to approve a precept of £9200 this being an increase of £60 from the previous year’s amount. It was noted that this was the lowest increase in four years

VE DAY 8TH MAY 2025

There was much discussion. It was AGREED that a Council organised event would not take place ie a street party as VE Day would not be a public holiday. However representations could be made to the Talaton Inn by the Vice-Chair re the suggestion of a Fish and Chip evening which was being promoted by national organisers as being a traditional meal to have as part of the event. Bunting could also be displayed around the village and contact would be made with the persons who normally provide/erected this.

VILLAGE GREEN (THE MOOR) – UPDATE RE VONEUS BROADBAND AND

Talaton Parish Council Report Cont'd

TO MAKE DECISIONS (AS REQUIRED)

Councillors had been e-mailed the proposed provisions to be included in the agreement with Voneus. It was RESOLVED that these be approved and the Clerk to confirm this with the Council's solicitor.

UPDATE RE LANDMARK TREE FROM DEVON WILDLIFE TRUST AND TO MAKE DECISION ACCORDINGLY

The Clerk reported that the Trust no longer had any bird cherry trees left which the Council had requested. Alternative species of tree were available but the Council concluded that they would be too large. It was AGREED that that Clerk request a bird cherry tree immediately that the Trust advertised their availability in the future

S106 FUNDING – TO CONSIDER SWW QUOTE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A WATER PIPE AT THE ALLOTMENTS AND TO MAKE DECISIONS AS APPROPRIATE

A quote had been received from SWW but this was simply for the connection charge and did not include digging for the laying of pipes; road closure order and legal costs for easements. It was AGREED that the Clerk request an additional quote which encompassed all the aforementioned costs to allow the Council to make an informed decision about whether or not the installation was affordable

HORTON AND PAYTHERDEN SOLAR FARMS – UPDATE AND TO MAKE DECISIONS AS NECESSARY

The Clerk has sent chasing e-mails to the contacts of both proposed solar farms regarding the monies that the Council was entitled to for the benefit of the community. Paytherden had not responded and Horton advised that it would sending out letters to the local community advising of its plans but would also be willing to attend a Council meeting. It was AGREED

that the Clerk request again the information it was seeking from Horton and Paytherden as to the amounts of money both solar farms would provide for the local community

PARISH MAINTENANCE: ITEMS REQUIRING ATTENTION AND AN UPDATE ON ITEMS REPORTED AND TO AGREE ANY FINANCIAL PROVISION (IF APPLICABLE)

- i. i. Following concern expressed by a parishioner, the Clerk had chased Ed Polding regarding the blocked drain near the telephone box and was waiting a reply. It was reported by the Chair that rainwater down-fall was running through the ditch only, which ditch DCC had dug to try and resolve the issue. In addition water was running from Orchard Close and dribbling down the concrete steps that led to the footpath and road. In view of the cold weather, if the water froze this would have serious health and safety implications for the elderly residents of Orchard Close who used the footpath.
- ii. ii. The Ottery St Mary and Fairmile 'finger' from the finger post near the Talaton Inn was missing. The Clerk would report this on the DCC system
- iii. iii. The Clerk to contact Ed Polding DCC regarding the mud/stones run off on the highway which had resulted from the recent excessive rainfall and which was creating drain blockages again. Mr Polding be asked to request the farmer responsible, to clear the debris and ditches
- iv. iv. A large pothole on the Escot Straight (on left as heading for Fairmile) to be reported to DCC
- v. v. The Vice-Chair would monitor the pothole at Newtown Corner. It was considered not deep enough yet to be reported to DCC

NEXT DROP-IN

25th January at the Parish Hall at 10.30am. Cllr Walker gave her apologies

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

5th February 2025

Talaton Parish Hall Presents Puppetry



White Tales from [The Story Explorers](#) Pip Jones and James Richardson

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TALATON PARISH COUNCIL

24/25 MEETINGS

(*ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT TALATON PARISH HALL AND COMMENCE AT 7.30PM UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY)

4 DECEMBER
8 JANUARY 25
5 FEBRUARY
5 MARCH
2 APRIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

23rd APRIL '25 – 7.00pm

INFORMAL DROP-INS

25 JAN 2025

10.30AM – 12 NOON

to enable parishioners to chat to councillors about any
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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:

Thursday 30th January

Wednesday 12th February

Thursday 27th February

Wednesday 12th March

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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Thurs	9.00	-	6.00		
Fri	9.00	-	6.00		
Sat	9.00	-	1.00		
Sun	10.00		12.00		

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This is how the shop helps you to receive your parcel deliveries



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It was created by Harry Channon over 20 years ago and regularly updated by him. The latest update was by Peppi Shaw in Nov 2024

It has always been proudly displayed in the Shop

The map is supplemented by a list of every property, recorded in alphabetical order, linked to the map references. Used together, they allow our volunteers to give directions to the delivery driver looking for your house.

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