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## Editorial

News from the Parish Hall is that at the next AGM three members are retiring from the Committee, so replacements will need to be found. Please consider this seriously. We have presently an excellent Committee but three going leaves a hole that needs to be plugged. Notice of the AGM in October will be in the next issue, and a new Committee will be elected then.

Voneus has caused a problem with the enforced switching off of one part of their critical wireless broadcast hub, leaving some residences with no access to broadband. The Parish Hall is one of those properties affected by this, so we hope alternatives can be found, soon, although a hard wire link is possible for the Hall.

The Coffee Mornings which have been such a success and very well supported and attended, will cease for the summer on the last Tuesday in June, and reopen first Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Look for the Notice board outside.

The August/September issue comes out at the end of July, so please get us all the data for August and September before the next deadline in July. The next issue after that will be the October one.

Simon Spencer

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Editor

# **NEXT ISSUE IS A DOUBLE ISSUE!!**

**Next issue is 10<sup>th</sup> July '25**  
**October issue is 10<sup>th</sup> Sept '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.

#### **Farm co-ordinator: Anywhere across Talaton Parish**

Andrea Down

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Jan/Andy May

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Richard Foord

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## St James the Great

### Services for July

13 <sup>th</sup> July	Morning Worship with Baptism	11am
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Pet Blessing	4pm - with refreshments
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Holy Communion	Patronal Service - 10am

*Please note the times of this month's services*

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

### Midweek Coffee Morning

Our next get together will be on

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

In the North Aisle Room from 10.30am until noon.

Come and join us for non-stop chat, coffee, cake, biscuits and good company.

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### Pet Blessing - 4pm 20<sup>th</sup> July



Don't let your pet miss out on this lovely informal service on the church green. Refreshments for all. Marc has coped with caterpillars, guineapigs, terriers, a nosey neighbourhood cat, multiple black Labradors and hens, one of which notably joined in the singing!



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## Talaton Garden Club

The next meeting of the Talaton Garden Club is on the 7<sup>th</sup> July commencing at 7pm. and is the Garden Social at Laurel Cottage, the home of Terry and Rita

Wright. A chance to see their wonderful garden and to chat over a glass of wine or two or other drink with some nibbles. The Club will provide bottles of wine. Any other drinks and the nibbles will depend on what members bring along. If everybody can bring something then we should be well fed. It would be helpful if those organising had some idea as to numbers, so please let Alan Franklin know if you will be attending.

The remaining program is:-

Mon 7th July	Garden social at Moor Cottage
Sat 2nd August	Produce Show
Mon 4th August	No meeting
Mon 1st September	Wonderful winter flowering interest – Caradoc Day
Mon 6th October	Gardeners Question time
Fri 31st October	Pumpkin Competition
Mon 3rd November	AGM with speaker

The cost for the Monday meetings will be £2.50 apart from the AGM which is free. All meetings will be in the Parish Hall, apart for the Garden visits, with proceedings starting at 7.30pm so please arrive in good time. Meetings will conclude with tea/coffee and cake.

For more information contact Alan Franklin on 07546-075137  
Or email [alanfranklin55@gmail.com](mailto:alanfranklin55@gmail.com)



## Talaton Garden Club \ Talaton Parish Hall 100 Club

### Jobs for July

Weed regularly. Remember the old saying, “One year’s seeding, seven years weeding.”

Water veg such as lettuces and cabbages to help prevent bolting or at least delay it.

Pinch out the tops of climbing beans when they reach the tops of their supports so that they don’t grow too long and become tangled and top heavy.

Feed tomatoes and peppers and don’t forget to keep picking out tomato side shoots, except on the bush varieties.

Dry out garlic, onions and shallots by gently loosening the soil around the roots eventually lift the bulbs and lay them on the ground to dry. Weather permitting!

Keep dead heading flowers to prolong their flowering period.

Then sit back and think about what to enter in the show.

### But before that, two important things you might need to do.

Firstly please return any trophies you or your children won last year by 14<sup>th</sup> July to Pam W or leave in the shop with your name.



Secondly check that you have renewed your membership your last chance to do so is now or at least before 7<sup>th</sup> July. Adults are only able to enter exhibits in the show if they are paid up members of the Club.

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**TALATON PARISH COUNCIL**

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**'DROP IN' SESSION**



**AT TALATON PARISH HALL**

**ON**

**SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025**

**10.30AM – 12 NOON**

**WHERE TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE SERVED**

**Come along and meet your councillors and have a chat on a 'one to one' basis on any subject you wish, without an appointment**

**It may be useful to give advance warning of any detailed question to:- Mrs Christine McIntyre (Clerk to the Parish Council), 3 Katherine's Lane, Ottery St Mary, EX14 1FB  
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Community theatre 4All is pleased to announce that our next production will be the comedy "Par for the Course" by Peter Gordon. Prior to casting an open read-through of the play will take place in the Committee Room in Talaton Parish Hall on Tuesday 17th June at 7.00pm. Rehearsals will commence in September and performances will be given in February 2026. **NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!**





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**Saturday 26th July**

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**TALATON GARDEN CLUB**



**Annual Produce  
and Flower Show  
Saturday 2nd August 2025  
at 3.30pm in the  
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Talaton Garden Club

## **Annual Produce and Flower Show Saturday 2nd August 2025**

### **Children's Entries**

**Open to residents and non-residents up to 16 years of age**  
**Resident young people over 16 are eligible to enter the Adult classes**

**Age Groups:** (a) 7 years and under      (b) 8 years to 16 years

#### **Classes:**

1. Make and decorate a key ring no longer than 10cm/4"
2. Any vegetable grown by the child
3. A plate of *three* gingerbread animal shaped biscuits
4. Make a model of a World War II aeroplane from recycled materials (no kits), no longer than 30cm/12"
5. Make decorative bunting made from paper on a string no longer than 1 metre/3'
6. Potato grown in a bucket. All entries will be turned out at the show and weighed, by the judges. The heaviest crop wins

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### **Children's Entry Form**

**To be handed in with your entry  
between 10am and 12noon on Show Day**

Resident / Non-Resident (please delete as appropriate)

Name ..... Age on 2nd August 2025 .....

Tick the class or classes you are entering:-

☐ 1.☐ 2.☐ 3.☐ 4.☐ 5.☐ 6.

## Talaton Parish Council Report Cont'd

The following are some of the items extracted 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)

### INFORMATION FROM THE MEETINGS OF 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY & 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

#### ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 25/26

There was one nomination for the Chair – Cllr Lenehan. There was a majority vote and it was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Lenehan as Chair . There was one nomination for the Vice-Chair– Cllr Hawkins. There was a majority vote for Cllr Hawkins and it was **RE-SOLVED** to elect Cllr Hawkins as Vice-Chair

#### DCC CLLR CATHY CONNOR

DCC Cathy Connor introduced herself and explained her intentions during her term of office. She explained that she had 23 parishes in her area and she hoped to get to as many Talaton council meetings as she was practicably able to do so. Her first DCC meeting was on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. She then left to attend the Payhembury PC meeting.

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

##### EDDC Matters

- i. Hillside – The Clerk asked for an update from EDDC re Hillside property. On 30<sup>th</sup> May Sharon Buscombe EDDC's Estate Manager advised:-  
*'The property is currently with our voids team. The repairs and garden clearance will then be undertaken and once this process is completed the property will then be relet to a new incoming tenant'.*
- ii. The Clerk noted that the abandoned blue car parked in the Hillside car park now had a notice on it asking the owner to get in touch with EDDC about the car. It also stated that if the owner failed to do this within 14 days of the notice, then it would be removed. However the notice didn't have a date on it!

##### Potholes

- i. Rosemary Lane- DCC's contractor would further investigate and/or effect a repair
- ii. Road near entrance to Ivy Cottages – The pothole had been repaired
- iii. Road from Talaton Cross to Beacon Cross - DCC's contractor would further investigate and/or effect a repair
- iv. Road from Talaton Farm Cross to Fairmile Inn, Fairmile – DCC was unable to locate the problem

##### Other DCC Matters

- i. Weeds growing in the base of the raised footpath near the Talaton Inn had been removed
- ii. A road closure sign had now been removed from the end of Orchard Hill
- iii. The chevron sign near the railway bridge (on the side as you drive into Talaton) needed to be reported to DCC again. The Clerk thought it had been securely tied to the other chevron sign but Cllr Walker advised that that was not the case.
- iv. The Clerk couldn't locate the skid signs by Ivy Cottage which required

#### DCC Highways Updates:



## Talaton Parish Council Report Cont'd

- removal (the matter was raised at the May PC meeting). The Vice-Chair confirmed that they had been removed
- v. ED Polding DCC Highway's Officer advised re trench near phone box:- *Devon County Council won't be able to fund the installation of a new pipe here. As you can see from the picture below from 2009 google street view, the trench was an existing feature that got buried over time and is necessary for the road drainage to function properly. The limited funds we have are to maintain or repair existing assets. This verge is not part of a footpath or public right of way so I'm a little confused why anyone would choose to walk through or near to the trench. It was AGREED* that the Council would review the matter in August/September after SWW had carried out repairs to a water cover nearby which may/may not have improved the situation
  - vi. At the end of Blackpit Lane (near Rydon Farm) the road surface had worn away
  - vii. The white lines at Bittery Cross required repainting urgently. The matter had been reported on previous occasions by the Clerk but DCC had still not dealt with the issue
  - viii. Ed Polding had collected a 30mph road sign from Cllr Hirt some time ago
  - ix. Cllr Peters mentioned that a resident had contacted him about a letter he had received from DCC advising he needed to carry out clearance of a ditch. Cllr Peters questioned why DCC was no longer carrying out this work. The Clerk explained that due to reduced budgets DCC could no longer carry this work out as a favour to landowners (as it had done so in the past) and it was now the landowners responsibility to deal with it.

### Other Maintenance Matters

- i. Network Rail advised with regards to the small oak tree growing out the railway bridge:- *'Our structural engineers would like to thank you for raising your concerns. At present there is no immediate work required but on next examination, if any actions are required this will be arranged'*. It was noted that ivy and some small saplings were growing on the other railway bridge in the Parish. The Clerk to report this to Network Rail
- ii. The hedge by Orchard Close bungalows was becoming so overgrown that persons with mobility aids, pushchairs etc were struggling to walk on the pavement
- iii. Outside the property 'Bankside' the stopcock had sunk which would result in issues if it needed to be turned off
- iv. It was noted that the decorator had carried out an excellent paint job to the telephone kiosk. However there were substantial quantities of undercoat and gloss paint left over. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would advertise the paint on the Community Clerks website and DALC to see if she could sell it on.

### **VILLAGE GREEN (THE MOOR) – UPDATE RE VONEUS BROADBAND WAYLEAVE AGREEMENT**

A wayleave agreement had now been received from the Council's solicitors which had been e-mailed to all councillors for consideration. After some discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Council enter into the agreement with Voneus.

### **THE COUNCIL'S INSURER'S REQUIREMENTS RE THE INSTALLATION OF A ROPE SWING AND TO MAKE DECISIONS (AS REQUIRED)**

## Talaton Parish Council Report Cont'd

The Council's insurers had advised that the provision of a rope swing would require the equipment to be of industry standard & signed off in the same way as playground equipment with regular inspections. A risk assessment would be required and the swing would need to be installed to relevant h&s provisions plus there would be ongoing maintenance. Additional insurance playground liability would be needed which would incur additional premium costs. There was much discussion by the Council who **RESOLVED** that because of the potential health and safety risks and insurers requirements; reluctantly they were of the view, not to progress the installation of the swing

### UPDATE ON MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS RE A GENERIC EMAIL ACCOUNT HOSTED ON AN AUTHORITY OWNED DOMAIN

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk should obtain quotes for a generic email account hosted on an authority owned domain, as DALC had advised it was now a mandatory requirement as per the 2025 Practitioner's Guide. This change would apply to the 2025/26 Annual Governance and Accountability Return where it would form part of the new Assertion 10 in the Council's Annual Governance Statement

### PLANNING MATTERS (IF ANY)

A new planning application had arrived after the agenda had been published.  
25/0951/LBC - Mr R Hale, Larkbeare

House – Re-slate both main gable roofs; raise lead flat roof and replace existing rooflight with a smaller rooflight to allow for raising the flat roof

The Clerk had spoken to the applicant regarding a site visit. However the applicant was of the view that as this was a listed building consent application (and that he was replacing the roof with the same materials) that there wasn't anything additional he could show councillors to that which was already on EDDC's planning website. After some discussion it was **AGREED** that a site visit was unnecessary and it was **RESOLVED** that the Council should submit the following comment to EDDC:- *'The Council is happy with the proposed works subject to listed building consent being granted'*

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

25/0962/PDR Mr O Boles - Rydon Farm, Talaton, Exeter EX5 2RP

Change of use of agricultural building to joinery workshop and associated workshop storage (no retail use) The delegated decision was:

*'Talaton Parish Council supports the application for change of use. Currently the building is used for storage, and the changes to allow use as a workshop are sympathetic to the structure. The work includes sound mitigation which will reduce any impact on neighbours'.*

The decision was noted

### DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on 2nd July 2025

Recycling Centre The Bowd, Sidmouth	Summer (Apr - Sept)	Winter (Oct - Mar)
Monday - Friday	9:00 - 5:00	9:00 - 4:30
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# **TALATON PARISH COUNCIL 25/26 MEETINGS\***

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

**2 JULY  
3 SEPTEMBER  
1 OCTOBER  
5 NOVEMBER  
3 DECEMBER  
7 JANUARY 26  
4 FEBRUARY  
4 MARCH  
1 APRIL**

## **INFORMAL DROP-INS**

**26 JULY 2025; 25 OCT 2025; 31 JAN 2026**

**10.30AM – 12 NOON**

**to enable parishioners to chat to councillors about any  
Parish related issues they may wish to raise**

***\*There may also be additional meetings held to those men-  
tioned above, which will be advertised***

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## **LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY** **CHOSEN AS FAVOURITE BOOK BY DEVON READERS**

### **The Libraries Unlimited Book Awards announces winner**

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus has been crowned the winner in the inaugural Libraries Unlimited Book Awards.

The awards, organised by the charity that runs libraries in the county, launched last November with a shortlist of twenty of the most borrowed titles from Devon and Torbay's libraries. Library users then cast their votes, with polling stations in the libraries and an online voting system.

Bonnie Garmus' Lessons in Chemistry took the top spot. The novel which deals with chemistry, cookery and feminism in the 1950s, well and truly passed the litmus test with Devon's readers.



On receiving the award Bonnie said: "I'm very honoured to receive the inaugural Libraries Unlimited Book Award! A huge thanks to Torbay and Devon readers for checking out Lessons in Chemistry in such great numbers and for their votes. I'm astonished and grateful. And an even bigger thanks to all the fearless librarians who work hard to keep books on the shelves and their doors open to everyone. Your work matters more than ever."

The Book Awards are designed to encourage library use and celebrate the power of reading at a time when library closures are increasing across the country. Recognising the role libraries play in providing accessible information, activities, and community support, the Awards aim to highlight and promote reading by spotlighting the most borrowed books of the past year and inviting the public to vote for their favourites.

Sophie Crofts, Reading Development Manager, Libraries Unlimited said: "Because the shortlist was coming from the most borrowed books across our libraries, it was an incredible list to start with, so really a coup to get the most votes in this one! People across Devon and Torbay really got behind this. Not only did people cast their votes, but we also saw an increase in borrowing the top twenty titles, so they could make an informed decision."

The Book Awards will be an annual event, with the next shortlist being announced in November 2025.

2024 Book Awards shortlist – the most borrowed books in Devon & Torbay Libraries:

The Bullet That Missed, Richard Osman

Shrines of Gaiety, Kate Atkinson

The Rising Tide, Ann Cleeves

No Plan B, Lee Child and Andrew Child

Demon Copperhead, Barbara Kingsolver

The Golden Couple, Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen

The Murders at Fleat House, Lucinda Riley

Death Comes to Dartmoor, Stephanie Austin

In a Thousand Different Ways, Cecelia Ahern

Murder Before Evensong, Reverend Richard Coles

Marple: Twelve New Stories, Agatha Christie, *et al*

Homecoming, Kate Morton

Someone Else's Shoes, Jojo Moyes

Lessons in Chemistry, Bonnie Garmus

Snow, John Banville

A Secret Garden Affair, Erica James

The Last Remains, Elly Griffiths

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South East Devon Wildlife wants to hear from visitors to the area on how they use and enjoy the spaces they help to care for. Your experiences and perspectives are vital in helping enhance how these areas are managed and protected.

If you have recently visited the Pebblebed Heaths National Nature Reserve, explored the Exe Estuary, enjoyed Dawlish Warren, visited Dawlish Countryside Park or ventured to Ridgetop Park, please take the time to share details of your visit.

South East Devon Wildlife works to protect internationally important nature reserves for future generations. You can find out more and complete the survey at <https://bit.ly/SEDW-survey>.

## Talaton Knit and Natter

Our next get-together will be in the Talaton Inn on Wednesday July 9th from 10.30 (Please note the new start time). The following one will be on Thursday 24th July.

If you are a Knitter (or any other type of craft) or a Natterer you are very welcome to join us.



Talaton Knit and Natter



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The Coleridge Medical Centre	01404 814447
Ottery St. Mary Hospital	01404 816000
Hall Booking Secretary (Tanya Jones)	07584 318378
Police (to report a crime – non urgent)	101
Talaton Inn	01404 822214
Talaton Community Shop & Post Office	01404 822084
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## Talaton Community Shop & Post Office Opening Times

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

## News from Talaton Community Shop

### Looking for new lines & suppliers

Many thanks for your requests on our whiteboard in the shop; we follow-up on all of them and are constantly looking for new products.

There were 22 requests on the board, 5 of which we already sell.

13 requests will be fulfilled quite easily from existing suppliers.

There are 3 requests that we would like to sell but finding a supplier is proving difficult, or the product is to order only.

- Colmans dry mustard powder – *not even available in supermarkets, not sure why*
- Gluten Free Cereals
- Real Cream at the weekend. Oak Park Dairy in Clyst Hydon do a lovely pouring cream in a returnable glass bottle, delivered to the shop on a Friday, to order only.  
One-off orders by 10am Wed are welcome. Just phone or call in to place your order. 01404 822084

There is only 1 request that we can't fulfil; for Dairy Free Pain au Chocolat.

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# Talaton Community Shop



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Logs | Kindling | Charcoal

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Wine | Beer | Lager | Cider | Soft Drinks  
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Postage Stamps | Foodbank collection point

## Post Office

Wednesday 2 – 4pm

## Shop Opening Hours

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Sunday	10am – 12 noon

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