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Editorial

Its been a bit cold so far this month, but that is Winter, its supposed to be cold! Warming up a bit now. Six Nations has started for weekends entertainment, and even England have scored a victory over the Champions France in a literally last minute effort!

Valentines day came and went, and suitable cards surprisingly arrived or were exchanged. The month is speeding past quickly as February does, and Spring will be upon us soon. The Snowdrops are out and looking blooming lovely, their quantity this year seems to be greater than usual.

We had some fun and games with Santander Bank recently when the Calendar account was frozen. The bank wanted information about the account holder and they had a record of John Carter, (he died on 2022 and he had opened the original account in the early 1990s) being that holder, despite me being the signatory. So with Robin and Ruth, Johns daughters help we resolved this and the account is now unfrozen, but in that process we had to go to the Bank in Exeter for a face to face meeting, and on the way I had a small accident in the High Street, stumbling on the uneven bus lane road surface, and landing fully on one knee, which is improving, very slowly! So I haven't been walking around recently.

In response to the Calendars financial issues, we have now kindly received monies from the Parish Council and from the PCC, and our thanks to them both for this support.

May 8th this year will see the 80th anniversary of VE Day, and events are being planned. Look out for Posters and on line details.

Simon Spencer

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Editor

Next issue is 10th Mar '25
May issue is 10th Apr '25

Information

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

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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 March

Mar 9 th	Morning Worship	10am	followed by refreshments
Mar 16 th	Morning Worship	10am	followed by refreshments
Mar 23 rd	Holy Communion	10.am	followed by refreshments
Mar 30 th	Mothering Sunday Service - 11am followed by refreshments		

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

Lent Lunches

Delicious homemade soup and rolls followed by tea/coffee
Served from 12 until 2pm.

Wednesday 12th March

Kindly hosted by Charlie & Julia Hutchings in the North Aisle Room

Wednesday 26th March

Kindly hosted by Mary & Steve Godsiff in their home at Beeches in Deep Lane



All welcome - donations to Church Fabric Funds

Dates for your Diary

March 10th APCM in the North Aisle Room, details in church porch.
5pm coffee/tea & biscuits for prompt start 5.15pm



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. Join us in friendship

Fridays 7th and 21st March 2025

10.30am – 12noon

RSVP 01404 822482 email: peppiashaw@gmail.com

March 22nd - Churchyard Tidy Up -

Details elsewhere in this Calendar

April 2nd and 9th

More Lent Lunches
details in the April Calendar

Talaton Community Shop

♥ St Valentine's Day ♥

Paint a STONE ♥ Competition

♥ Thanks to Tanya's expert help with her Facebook coverage the shop received eighteen stunning love stone entries which were put on display for St Valentine's Day, best ever number yet, so many we had to enrol Honorary Judges Lenehan and Douglas to help.

Thank you to the adults Tanya Jones, Rob & Emma Northover, Becky Springall and Sarah Wood and many thanks to all the children for taking part: to Arwen Springall aged 12, Abigail Wheeler 8, Emma Wood 8, Lottie Roddy 7, Laurie Springall 7, Jessica Northover 6, Connie Clark 5, Ben Wood 5, Edward Sweetman 4, Alice Northover 3, Barnaby Clark 2, Mikey Hoare aged 2 and to Faye Walker just over 1.

♥ Many Congratulations to the WINNERS ♥
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Talaton Garden Club

Our first club night – a quiz- had us all racking our brains. It was a fun evening finished off with drinks and a great selection of delicious cakes. Congratulations to ‘Team Liz and Mary’ for gaining the top score and winning the Otter garden tokens.

Don’t miss our next club night is on 3rd March 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. This will be your chance to hear

Ben Candlin on the subject of Wildlife Friendly Gardening

Gardens can provide an important space for wildlife, no matter how large or small. The talk explores a range of plants and gardening ideas that benefit our native wildlife, from bees and other pollinators to butterflies and frogs.

Ben runs a small mail order nursery based in Exmouth called Adventurous Plants. His website is www.adventurousplants.co.uk. He will be bringing along a few plants for sale.

Things to do in the garden

Weather permitting, it should be time to start sowing many of those seeds you have bought. Well some of them at least, broad beans, broccoli, cabbage, leek, peas and spinach will all germinate at fairly low temperatures, but don’t be too impatient, there are 31 days in March and hopefully the ground will start warming up enough for lots more. It is a good time for onion and shallot sets and your last chance to plant garlic if you hope to get a good harvest this year. It is also time for first early potatoes.

Trim up perennial herbs such as rosemary and sage and propagate chives and mint by digging them up, dividing them and re-planting.

If you still have time on your hands you could begin to prepare beds for sowing and planting in April. If the weather is kind to us it will also be kind to aphids and caterpillars. They will thrive on

Talaton Garden Club \ Talaton Parish Hall 100 Club

new leaves so it is well worth keeping an eye out for them and acting before they have multiplied.

If you are still planning to plant bare root fruit bushes or trees it really is your last chance this year, while they are still dormant.

Don't forget to check your rhubarb, if you put cloches over it. Then what about sitting back to enjoy the first tender crop?

Please remember to keep encouraging the birds. Many will repay your kindness by reducing the insect pests in your garden throughout the year.



Happy gardening!

TALATON PARISH HALL 100 CLUB WINNERS

Draw Date: 14-Feb-25

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

PRIZE	WINNING NO.	WINNERS NAME	PRIZE AMOUNT
1st	77	Tony Hoar (DU SUB)	£40
2nd	95	Rick Spencer (DU SUB)	£20
3rd	80	Kirsty Hodge (DU SUB)	£10

DU SUB = Double Up Subscription

Churchyard Tidyup - 2025!

Volunteers needed!

Saturday March 22nd, starting around 9 o'clock and finishing around 12 o'clock in time for opening time, or earlier if you need to get away! If the weather is horrible, then we'll postpone until the following Saturday, the 29th.

To explain! Each year, willing volunteers spend a morning working together in the church grounds, getting them ready for the Easter weekend, and the summer ahead. The work has a huge impact and makes a real difference to our church and its surroundings.

We don't need lawn mowers, as the grass is cut regularly under contract by Matt Kingdon and his team. Each volunteer decides which job (s) he/she is going to take on, and the work usually involves general tidying up; cutting back overgrown or unwanted growth, digging out brambles, weeding borders and some graves.

A job that's new this year to the working party is to wash down the metal gates, which have really suffered this winter - plenty of hot water in the church kitchen to make the job easier!

Do please bring the tools you'd like to be using, but ensure you take them home.

So, if you'd like to join us for what is a very sociable morning helping to make our church to look it's best, then do please come along, whenever you can get there that morning.

As usual Jo Spencer has offered to provide tea, coffee and lots of wonderful cake around half time - I do hope you can come along?

Rick Spencer
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St James the Great, Talaton

Mothering Sunday
11am Family Service
30th March 2025



Posies will be provided
in Church during the Service
Followed by Refreshments in the
North Aisle Room



Talaton Parish Hall Presents Puppetry



White Tales from **The Story Explorers**

Pip Jones and James Richardson

Saturday 1st March 2025 in Talaton Parish Hall. Doors open 2pm for the performance.

£12 adults £8 children (performance only)

£12 children (workshop and performance) no extra charge for adults to attend the workshop

Puppetry workshop 11:30-1:30 – we have 20 spaces available for children to attend an excellent shadow puppetry workshop before the performance.

A chance to experience the exciting White Tales at Talaton Parish Hall with support from Villages in Action. In this dynamic, vibrant and original family performance, audiences will hear the story of a brave young girl, sun-stealing trolls, and a raucous game of catch, followed by the tale of an uninvited guest, a smelly shirt, and a playful walrus. It's a fun, interactive mix of storytelling, puppetry, and physical theatre – ideal for families and children aged 7+

Book online through Villages in Action or at Talaton Community Shop

Young Community Theatre 4All Presents

The King Of The GOLDEN RIVER

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

TALATON PARISH HALL

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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.



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Kaisha Reporting - Hello Talaton

It's been a while since I last updated you on my adventures from Talaton to circus school, to travelling around the world.

It's been nearly 3 years since I left Montreal and began work for the first time; travelling all over the world with a circus company called Les 7 Doigts, in which I finished my contract with them in December of 2023.

Which brings us to now. I started with another circus company called Cirque Le Roux in the summer of 2024, who are based in France, which means that my work now brings me to Europe, and even closer to my family here in Talaton. We are performing in a show called 'Entre Chiens et Louves', (Between Dogs and Wolves), and we've already performed at a summer circus festival in Prague and worked for 4 months from September to December in Paris. We are currently on tour around the south of France and visiting 13 towns/cities including Aix-en-Provence, Martigues and more towns close to Marseille until June 2025. Then I will be popping over to New York in June/July to perform my old show Passengers with Les 7 Doigts.

In this show between dogs and wolves I specifically throw people in the air, and catch them. I also do contortion, which consists of bending my body in half, and also, singing! Singing was a skill I didn't pursue until my very first show with Les 7 Doigts after graduation, where my character had to sing a sad ballad straight after performing the act. It took a lot of practice as I'm used to using my body to perform, rather than my voice.

As odd of a job it is, gymnastics was sometimes that not only kept me busy after school, but it kept my mind at peace. I was able to put my unreleased energy into something I now make money from. I would say I'm pretty lucky to have had the facilities back then, and a super supportive family behind me. Because without them, I would be pretty lost with my direction in life; which can sound quite over dramatic, but I couldn't really see myself doing anything else.

Before I finish up, I want to thank the important people in my life, my family, my gymnastics coaches, circus teachers, and my friends.

Lastly, I would like to show my biggest appreciation for two teachers, who supported me inside and outside of school, with my aspirations and goals within my gymnastics development, and personal growth of confidence.

Jude Kiely & Sharron Collins, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you for letting me use this platform to share my story and talk to you soon.

Salut!



ROBOTs Off Their Pins !

It's not often that you hear of 16 grown men off their pins. Well, the recent ROBOT trip to Exmouth 10 pin bowling alley – a new venture for the group- was just that. To be honest some of our number were anything but off their pins but rather they were very much on target and sent the pins flying with tremendous noise and celebration. In many cases it was the same people who have their names in lights back on the Talaton skittle alley.

Gordon claimed top spot and took the coveted cup whilst Chris was only too pleased – you can see the grimace in the photos – to receive the not so coveted Dusty. The real smile was on Steve's face when he returned the Dusty, having won it on two consecutive occasions. A third win here would have consigned the little mop to his sideboard

for ever. It was reassuring to see that Nemo managed to keep the ball more or less at ground level rather than his usual imitation of the Dambusters bouncing bomb.

Pat has now joined the ROBOTs and showed great skill with the ball, except that he sustained an injury by trying to leave his finger in the ball. That little incident did highlight how possibly the new first aid kit ought to accompany us on all trips rather than just in the wilds of Dartmoor. It makes you wonder what bits of anatomy do get left in the ball? Although the scoring was elec-

tronic there did seem to be some quite in depth discussion at the end with sheets of print outs being floated around.

After two rounds of 10 throws each it was a quick retirement to the refreshment area for tea and cakes ! Well, yes, a few beers were visible, but Pete had to be dragged away from his toasted tea cake when it was time to go.



Another great ROBOT trip out and a few more photos for the archives.

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 5TH FEBRUARY '25

TO CONFIRM DROP IN DATES FOR 25/26 - (26TH APRIL; 26TH JULY; 25TH OCTOBER AND 31ST JANUARY 2026)

It was **AGREED** that the Drop-Ins should take place on the proposed dates

VE DAY 8TH MAY 2025 – UPDATE

The Talaton Inn was supportive of a 'Pie and Mash' night as part of the celebrations. The pub would open early for children and there would be other food available for them, as well as vegetarian options. The Council would be happy to support the event and the Chair would be willing to publicise it

GRANTS

i. Consideration of Grant request from the Calendar

Information had been circulated to all councillors regarding the late grant request for £500. After much discussion it was **RESOLVED** to make a grant payment to the Calendar of £500.

ii. Update on repayment of previous grant (not used by recipient)

The Clerk had received an assurance from the recipient, that the grant of £100 would be repaid shortly

Verge Cutting

The Clerk had written to the parishioner (who had been maintaining one of the parish verges) thanking him for his hard work but also asking him to stop (as the Council paid a contractor to do the work who had the necessary public liability insurance). The parishioner understood the reasons he had been asked to stop and had therefore agreed to discontinue with the maintenance work

HORTON AND PAYTHERDEN SOLAR FARMS – UPDATES AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR A MEETING

i.Horton

A parishioner had requested a meeting in response to Chloe Hood's (Aurapower) offer to attend a meeting later on in the year when she had a more confirmed construction plan. It was **AGREED** that a meeting should take place but it should be a public meeting and not included within a council meeting. Arrangements to be made when further information was received from Chloe.

ii.Paytherden

In response to the Clerk's request for a funding update, Paytherden had advised that they were waiting to hear from Bluefield who were putting things in place to build the project (which would take some time). They would be contacting relevant stakeholders and prospective beneficiaries of the project in due course

GRIT BIN REQUIRED IN VICINITY OF ORCHARD CLOSE – UPDATE – Ed Polding DCC Highways Officer advised that it was DCC policy that grit bins were not placed along the primary salted network and therefore a bin could not be placed at Orchard Close. The bin would have to be placed at the roadside so that it could be filled. He suggested that DCC could arrange for the grit bin near Bluebell Cottage to be moved to the verge opposite the footpath near to the telephone box and bench.

The Clerk in the meantime had contacted EDDC to see whether any of the S106 funds could be used for the purchase of an

Talaton Parish Council Report Cont'd

additional grit bin but was advised that this would not meet the criteria for funding. She had also contacted DCC Cllr Chubb to ask if Locality funding could be used for an additional grit bin but Cllr Chubb indicated that he was unsure whether the Fund would be available next year. After much debate it was **RESOLVED** to ask DCC to relocate the grit bin to the location suggested, subject to there being no cost to the Council *Proposed by the Vice Chair and seconded by Cllr Wood*

DCC LOCALITY FUND APPLICATION- UPDATE

The Council had been successful with its application to DCC and £500 had now been received. The decorator advised that he would carry out the work to the phone box and benches when the weather improved

ENGLISH DEVOLUTION WHITE PAPER

The Clerk advised that at the moment there was little information as to what the district councils were considering with regards to the White Paper other than the following:- EDDC did not support the delay of local elections and the creation of one unitary authority. DCC supported the delay of local elections. However it was reported today that local elections will now take place. Concerns were expressed that reserves of the district councils may be swallowed up for big infrastructure projects (not necessarily in East Devon but elsewhere in the county); it was likely more services would be undertaken by parish/town councils eventually, however there was no information at this stage as to whether any changes were planned for parish councils; merger of small parishes was mentioned but again no firm information; it was likely parishioners would become more reliant on parish councils dealing with their queries rather than them attempting to contact and deal with a large unitary council. It was agreed that parish councils in rural commu-

nities played a significant role in their communities so their retention was important.

PLANNING MATTERS:-

i.Planning application 21/2045/FUL - Change of use from agricultural land to outdoor leisure pursuits and associated operational development - Land North Of The Shrubbery, Escot Park Ottery St Mary - Devon Country Pursuits Ltd – Update

Andy Wood – Director of Place EDDC advised:- *the Council is currently seeking the agreement of the applicant/their agent to an extension of time to determine the application`.*

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

The matters relating to the water run off and debris on the road near Escot had been reported to Ed Polding DCC Highways Officer with photographic evidence but the Clerk had not received a response to her e-mails. In addition, the Clerk had reported to Ed the blocked drain near the telephone box (following on from the Chair reporting this) and again she had not received a response

Cllr Hirt had very kindly checked the drains in and around Talaton and had provided the Clerk with a map of locations showing the drains which were blocked (and which she had forwarded onto Ed). Ed expressed his thanks to Cllr Hirt and advised that he had added all the blocked drains to the list for jetting with the DCC contractor. He also advised that the drains which were on a primary salting network, would take priority over the others; thus the blocked drains outside Beech House and Orchard Close may be jetted first and the others at a later date.

Talaton Parish Council Report Cont'd

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

Re: Planning 24/2611/VAR - Larkbeare Lodge Talaton Exeter EX5 2RY Mr P Colmon - Variation of conditions 2

(approved plans) and 3 (schedule of materials) of planning permission 22/2758/FUL (proposed construction of 1 no. dwelling (use class C3); demolition of building and associated works) to allow changes in design to include the roof, fenestration and external materials

The delegated decision of the PC was:-
'Our comments to the original application still stand and following a site visit on 17 Jan 2025 we support this revised application which makes significant improvements to the external design, and retains more of the shape and appearance of the current

agricultural building. The use of the sympathetic materials chosen will enhance the appearance of the conversion, and will fit in well with the surrounding buildings on the site'.

ITEMS (INCLUDING DEFIBRILLATORS) FOR INFORMATION ONLY OR FOR DISCUSSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

Both Defibrillators had been checked. A Drop-In had taken place on 25th January. Three members of the public had attended. Matters raised included:- potholes Rosemary Lane; overgrowth/brambles etc at Hillside; fly tipping; the Calendar grant

NEXT DROP-IN

26th April at the Parish Hall at 10.30am.

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

5th March 2025

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:

Thursday 27th February

Wednesday 12th March

Thursday 27th March

Wednesday 9th April

Thursday 24th April

Wednesday 7th May

Thursday 22nd May

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.



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Rainfall at the Cobblers

Rainfall at the Cobblers in Talaton During January

January's weather, according to the Met Office's records showed that the weather was very cold during the first two weeks of the month. There was a lot of snow in Scotland and the North of England, but none in Talaton. But the temperatures over all the UK were below average. Altnanharra, in Scotland was, (as usual) well below

everywhere in the UK with a horrid -18.9. Storm Elwyn blew in with gusts of wind well over 90 miles per hour, followed by storm Herminia which also brought high wind and heavy rain to many parts of the SW and Wales.

Rainfall however varied widely over the UK, with some areas well below, but some including parts of Southern England seeing over 100% of their usual, Cornwall for instance recorded over 125% of its usual rain in January. Despite all that, January was sunnier than average with 61 hours of sunshine.

Here in Talaton I recorded 124 or 5 inches of rain for the month; 14 days with no rain and 4 days with a frost. As a point of interest Google tells me that parts of Chile, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia have less than 5 inches in a whole year, so let us be thankful for what we do get!!

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An entry form will be in the pub from the middle of March until the 5th April, and all we need is a team name, a contact name and phone number.

Sticker-Uppers

Any youngster over the age of 14 who would like to stick up the skittles, check with your parents, and then contact Nemo 01404 822644 to have your name put on the list. For every game you stick up the skittles you will receive £12.00 from each team which are playing.

Local Information

Useful Phone Numbers

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The Coleridge Medical Centre	01404 814447
Ottery St. Mary Hospital	01404 816000
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Police (to report a crime – non urgent)	101
Talaton Inn	01404 822214
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Talaton Community Shop & Post Office Opening Times

	Shop			Post Office	
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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

Showcasing our Local Suppliers

We recently visited the “Source” Trade Fair at Westpoint to find some new products and suppliers (more on them in future editions) but for now, we are going to focus on our existing suppliers and why we value their fantastic products and amazing service.

SILVERTHORNE DESIGNS, Woodbury Salterton – Greeting cards

Penny Silverthorne is an artist who produces an extensive range of cards and social stationery from her original artwork. Most of her work is flowers and plants but she has expanded her range over the years to include animals and wildlife, with some contemporary designs added more recently. Most of the cards we sell are blank inside making them extremely versatile and suitable for all occasions.

She opened her business 40 years ago and has supplied the shop ever since we opened in 1994. Trading with Penny is a joy and so easy to do – we simply make our choices and place our order via a personal email which she then delivers to us. Back in the days before she opened her website we used to go to her unit, browse through her stock to choose the cards/gifts and bring them back to the shop! Her cards are still popular and very competitively priced. Well worth a look!

KINDLING STICKS from Mike Spry Wood Fuels – Feniton

One of our best sellers at this time of the year, this kindling is kiln dried and meets all the legislation introduced in 2021. It would be hard to keep up with demand when we have a sudden cold snap but not with Mike – a quick text and we have a delivery within two days, sometimes the same or next day! A great product in a handy carry-home net for £6.95.

LOGS from Matthew Kingdon – Buckerell / Talaton

As a member of Talaton Community Shop, Matt is able to sell his logs through the shop on a sale or return basis. This means we get a constant supply as we need it, usually the same day following our text request – how fantastic is that?

These top quality logs are packaged in a convenient net priced at £5.00 but you may need your car to get them home because they are pretty heavy!

In short, our Local Suppliers have become our Friends



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Post Office

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Shop Opening Hours

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Saturday	9am – 1pm
Sunday	10am – 12 noon

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