

The Talaton Calendar

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Next Deadline 10th March 2021

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Editorial

Nearing the end of our most recent lock down, and I am sure we will all delight in seeing the back of it, so we can start a slow and careful return to whatever normal will be left.

We will see how the next steps are to be planned with Boris on Monday. The vaccinations are gathering pace and should have a good impact on reducing the infection rate.

Looking forward to the reopening of the Pub and the Church when they are OK to do so. Cant see masks being lost for a long time yet, perhaps the year end, even then some will keep them.

We seem to have an election coming up in May and the Hall will be in use for that one time event, and perhaps we can look to other potential events in the Hall soon.

Keep safe.

Editor - Simon Spencer



Next Deadline is 10th March
May issue is 10th April 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 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.

No services are being held in St James at present but services continue at St Mary's Whimble. Please let the 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**.

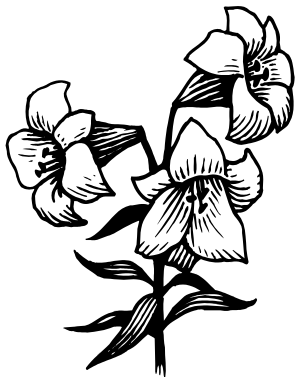
If you do not have access to a computer :-

Every Thursday 9am join the Morning Prayer Service based on Celtic Daily Prayer (Northumbrian Community) and Daily Prayer (Church of England) via a telephone conference call.

Details from Pam Weston on 822864.

Covid19 is not going 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.

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If and when weather permits outside on the Church Green.

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**Because of present lockdown rules
we can ONLY meet OUTSIDE.**

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



**Until Talaton Church Services return
the Bells will remain silent**

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



**Join us for the Churchyard Tidy Up
on Saturday morning 20th March
from 10am to lunch time**

The working party meets once a year to prepare the churchyard and get it to look its best for the coming year. Jobs include cutting grass, edging, cutting back, tidying hedges, washing down gates

Covid19 kept us all apart last year, but we had a good turn out in 2019 and would like even more this year.

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- Your name
- Your address
- Your contact details (email and telephone)
- What you would like support with:

- o Food Supplies (Home deliveries from Talaton Community Shop or supermarkets etc)
- o Prescription Collection
- o A friendly phone call
- o Anything else.....

Contact James Davies
Oak Tree Cottage (near the phone box)
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Wildlife Friendly Village



Talaton Parish Council has been inspired by the Wildlife Friendly Village <https://www.wildlifefriendlyvillage.co.uk> featured on the BBC Countryfile programme, and Devon Wildlife Trust's Wilder Future Campaign <https://www.devonwildlifetrust.org/wilderfuture> . Please have a look for lots of ideas.

We would love to support projects created by local people and businesses to make Talaton a wildlife friendly village. There are so many things possible, from Hedgehogs houses to insect hotels; sowing wildflowers along our roadsides to You say it!

We welcome involvement of our children, farmers, older people Everyone!

Please contact the Parish Council and we will do what we can to help. RichardBos.TalatonPC@outlook.com and/or clerk.talatonpc@btinternet.com

♥ Talaton Community Shop ♥

Decorate a Vegetable

♥ Competition Entries ♥

Amidst freezing cold February weather twelve flirtatious vegetables ventured forth for this year's Community Shop Virtual Valentine Competition and warmed many a heart ♥

Each and everyone was VICTORIOUS ♥



♥ Becky Springall's Art of the frozen red onion and pepper



♥ Nish Halwyn's Sweet Happy Valentines ♥



♥ Kerry and Ollly Farmer's Brief kitchen Encounter



♥ Arwen Springall's (8) Hearty Carrot



John Harris' (9) Best dressed Carrots



♥ Lisa Martin and Marley Ashw



♥ Clare Melbourne's Courgette



♥ Sarah Wood's Kalettes blissfully soaking in a romantic bubble bath



♥ Sarah Harris' "Is that an Iceberg ahead?" ♥ Emma Wood's (4) Onions



♥ Worth's (6) Mr & Mrs Potato Head



Maisie's (8) & Alfie Harris' (2) Love Boat ♥



♥ Becca Wheeler's Potato People and Abi's (4) Vegetable rainbow & heart ♥



HAPPY MOTHERING SUNDAY

14th March 2021

St James the Great, Talaton

**There are currently no services at Church
(but watch Facebook and check
Noticeboards for any changes)**

*Over the weekend come down to the Church
PORCH and pick up a posy of flowers to give to
your Mum*



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

A Remote Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 3rd February 2021

Items of late correspondence

1. Road Closure – Aunk Cross to Talaton Cross – road will be closed for investigation work from 1st to 3rd March. Cllr Peters to contact Rob Buxton to make sure he is aware of the closure.
2. Councillor Vacancy: CVP 2 to advise that the closing date for requesting a poll is the 16th February. If an election is to take place it cannot be held until after the 6th May.

To consider Planning Application: 20/2812/FUL – 2 Talaton Farm Barns--
Ground floor single storey extension – Due to the property being inside the curtilage of a listed building this application is also a Listed Building Consent application therefore the PC will not make a comment.

To discuss Green Projects: after looking into further information on ORCS funded power points for electric cars it is unlikely that a suitable space would be available to use.

The matter can be revisited in the future.

Councillors Lenahan and Bos to draw up a poster for the Countryfile

Parish Maintenance: Items requiring attention including updates – Cllr Peters and the Highways Neighbourhood Officer had successfully cleared the drain above Woodmans Orchard and the jetter had also been into the grounds of Talaton House and cleared the problem area there. Cllr Peters is also going to clear the blocked drain down near Sunhaven, the Chairman thanked Cllr Peters for his assistance. Cllr Peters went on to say that with regard to the Wildlife/ Green project that the agricultural community is also being encouraged to take that route. The only funding that is going to be available to the farming community will be to promote and encourage wildlife through the planting and maintenance of Hedgerows etc. which links in with the Wildlife project. Cllr Peters said that the Farming community needed to be open with the public as to what they were or were not doing. Cllr Lenahan said that we need to be recognising the farming community and helping them where we can. Cllr Gray said that it was a great opportunity for the parish as a whole if that is the direction that we want to go in. With a bit of communication and sharing of ideas that could help the farming community obtain the grants that they need.

To be reported to Highways-

Pothole that was repaired near Escot Sawmill needs repaired again as filling washed out.

Potholes – various past Rydon Farm towards Blue Anchor- road is now dangerous

Pothole – before Lees Meadow going towards Aunk

Rainfall at the Cobblers & Parish Hall 100 Club

Rainfall at the Cobblers in Talaton during January 2021.

January 2021 was the coldest month the UK has seen for 10 years. The UK mean temperature was 2.2 C which is 1.5C below the long-term average. The coldest January on record was in 1963 when the average temp was -1.9C for the whole month!!

Storm Christoph brought very wet and windy weather between 19th and 21st with many places in the UK recording over 100m or 4 inches of rain. Rainfall in the UK was 113% of average for the month but in many places had twice the normal amount.

The highest temperature recoded by the Met Office was 14.2C at Pershore Collage in Herefordshire on 28th, and the lowest was (guess where!) Braemar with -13.0 C on 31st. 132.8m or 5.28 inches fell at Honister Pass in Cumbria in 24 hours on the 20th.

Here in Talaton I recorded 104m or 4.16 inches of rain. The first 9 days had frost and again between 18th /24th. The coldest day I recorded was -4.0 C on 21st. We had 7 consecutive days with no rain from the 2nd /9th. There was a total of 11 days without rain. Rainfall total is 4.16 inches.

ANNE BOLES

TALATON PARISH HALL 100 CLUB

The draw February was made on the 8th by Mr D. Stocking.

The winners were:

1st	No 75.	Mrs A Pearman	£20
2nd	No 84.	Mrs J Hofmann	£10
3rd	No 51.	Mr. R Hawkins.	£5

Unfortunately, we do not have any numbers available at present. Should anyone be interested in joining please phone Steve Spratt on 01404 822461 or e-mail stevespratt@btinternet.com Annual Subscription is still £12.



March has arrived at last and weather permitting, it should be the time to start planting 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 replanting. Regarding mint, it can be a thug so keep it's roots constrained.

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 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 have put cloches over it. Then what about sitting back to enjoy the first tender crop?

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



Look on our web site for more gardening tips from Jim Buttress.

Happy gardening!

Potato in a bucket Challenge for young gardeners

If you are under 16 and up for a challenge, find yourself an old bucket, collect a potato from the Village Shop - you don't have to buy one, just ask for a competition potato and pick up an information sheet. Harvests will be judged at the Annual Show in August.



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April 7th
April Annual Parish Meeting TBC
May 5th Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
June 2nd

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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2020-2021 ADVERT CHARGES

Do you want to advertise in the Calendar?

If so please contact the Editor

Annual rates are;

Quarter page	£48
Half page	£82
Whole page	£110

Good value considering there are 280 Monthly copies delivered free of charge through every letter box in the Parish.

By advertising you are helping The Calendar to maintain its quality And Its service to the Community

News from Talaton Community Shop

With the country in lockdown we are still one of the safest shops around.

We are fully stocked thanks to our small local suppliers and fully staffed thanks to our wonderful volunteers.

SHOP LOCAL – STAY SAFE

Here are just some of the measures we take:

- Only one customer/family group in the shop at a time
- Unlike supermarkets, we don't leave sanitising to the customer's discretion – we have a volunteer at the door to ensure that every customer wears a mask properly and uses hand gel before entering the shop
- We sanitise all fridge/freezer handles, shopping baskets and the counter surface after EVERY customer
- The entire premises are sanitised at the end of the day
- The shop is well ventilated with doors/windows open during trading hours
- We monitor and comply with all UK Government guidelines on keeping our premises Covid secure

Please play your part by using the hand sanitiser provided, wearing a mask (not a visor) and by stepping back from the counter, staying behind the screen, whilst our volunteer processes your purchases.

HOME DELIVERY SERVICE

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Phone the shop on 822084 before 12.30pm for a same day delivery that afternoon. Card payments can be taken over the phone.

Our delivery volunteers also follow all the guidelines for Covid security.

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
Mon	9.00	-	1.00		
Tues	9.00	-	1.00		
Wed	9.00	-	4.00	2.00	4.00
Thurs	9.00	-	1.00		
Fri	9.00	-	1.00		
Sat	9.00	-	1.00		
Sun	10.00		12.00		



Talaton Community Shop



Local & Homemade Produce

Meat | Bacon | Sausages | Eggs | Cheese
Milk | Deli & Dairy Produce | Fruit & Veg
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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Talaton Community Shop Ltd

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