

# The Talaton Calendar

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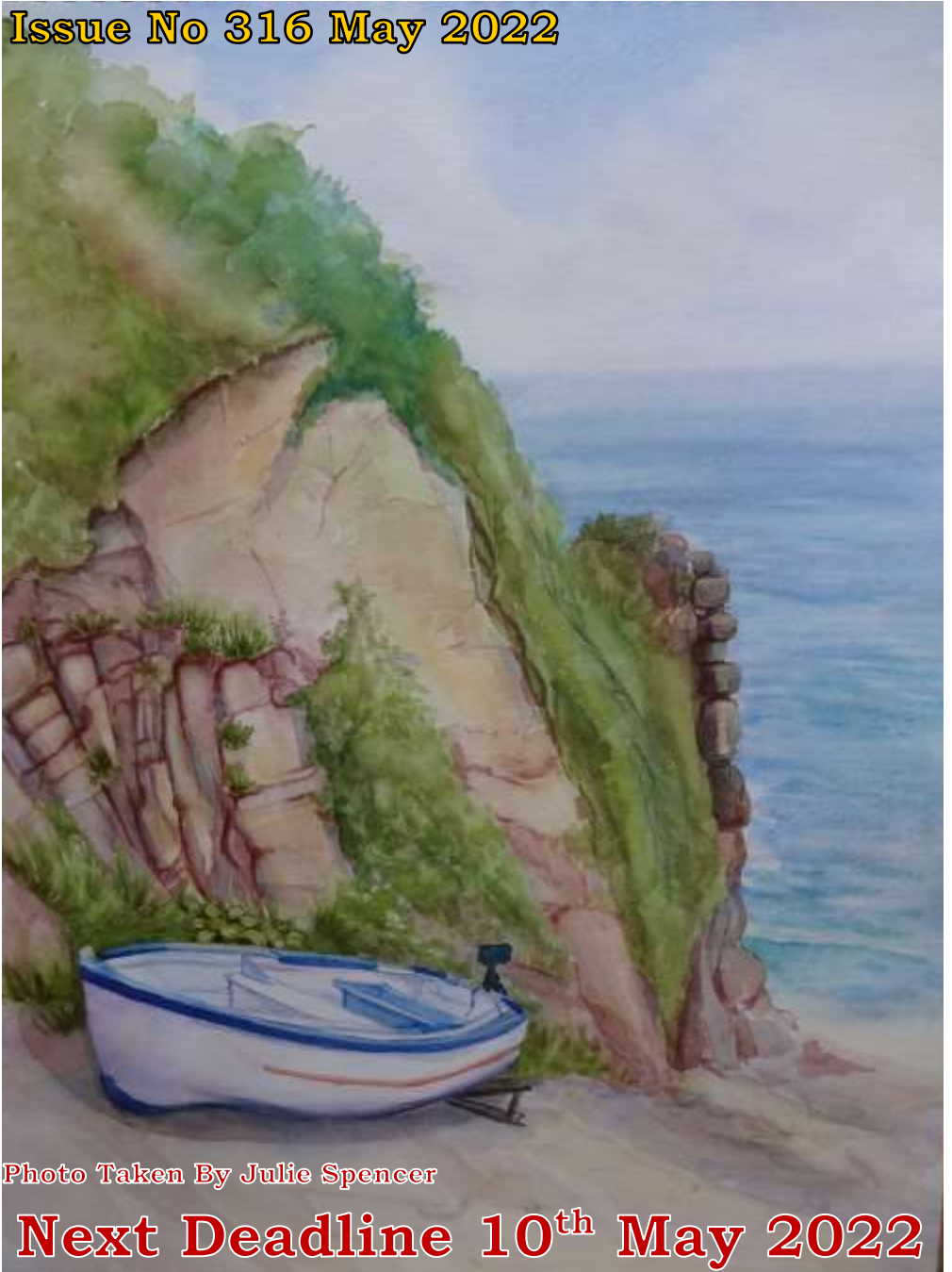


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## Editorial

As this months edition closes to Press, there is sad news to report.

We lost John Carter this month. John was a good friend of mine and a good villager. He farmed Lashbrook Farm for many years until Foot and Mouth wrecked the business and they had to move away to Yarcombe.

John was a prime mover in the creation of the Community Shop of which we now have the benefit. I believe ours was only the second Community Shop in the country at that time.

He and his wife Dawn were always involved in the Talaton Pantomime particularly in the early years. There will be more detail of his involvement in a later issue. Our best wishes go to his family.

Another sad matter was Brian Daniel has had a major accident that has left him in Derriford Hospital and having major surgery to try to repair the damage to him. There is very little news at present as it is early days. Our thoughts go to all the family and hope that Simon and his family can cope with Brian's absence from the workshop.

By the time you receive this the Communitytheatre4all production "Talaton a War-time Refuge" about the Kinder Transport in the last war, to house Jewish children in the village will have run, and I hope many of you attended this extraordinary project.

News from the Ukraine is awful so please keep a Ukranian flat atop the mast on the Church tower and keep this National support up to the end.

And finally the recent Planning Application for a solar installation on the Half Moon Farm land is NOTHING WHATSOEVER to do with Mr and Mrs Davies at Half Moon Farm at Talewater. They are livid that their Farm name has been hijacked for this project and are taking action to address this misnomer.

And Finally we have received notice of increased printing costs that we need to absorb. We will see how this progresses, and may have to review the inclusion of colour centre pages as a result.

Keep safe and well.....

Editor - Simon Spencer



**Next Deadline is 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022**  
**June issue is 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

## Information

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- Douglas May **Larkbears** Tel 01404 823051  
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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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## St James the Great

### Services at St James the Great

1 <sup>st</sup> May	Morning Worship	10.00am	followed by refreshments
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Holy Communion	10.00am	followed by refreshments
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Morning Prayer (BCP)	10.00am	followed by refreshments

*N.B. Please remember that our BCP service is now at the friendlier time of 10.00am*

### Midweek Coffee

*Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 10.30 until noon  
In the North Aisle Room.*



*All welcome*

### *Is the church in Talaton in good hands?*

*I guess everyone that wants to live in a small village wants it to have a shop, a pub, and a church, and so we are very well served here in Talaton. As well as being a place of worship, we all also want the church to look good, and to be welcoming when anyone wants to use it.*

*St James the Great, our church, is managed by the small group of local people who all live in the village, known as the Parochial Church Council - a very old name for what is basically a committee which supports the priest in his duties, and looks after the building and grounds.*

*Last month we reported on the old clock which has been restored and now has pride of place in the main body of the church, and this month we're reporting on the excellent work on the churchyard done in March by volunteers in the village. Thank you so much to them!*

*You might also like to know about the other repairs and improvements we have underway, hopefully coming to fruition this year:*

*The biggest project, which will entail the church being closed for a couple of months, probably in the summer, is to see the interior completely redecorated, with new lighting being installed which will enable us to highlight the incredible beauty of the ceiling; the large wooden screen that divides the altar area from the main part of the church; and various*

other treasures which are to a degree lost on the shadows now. Sometime later, we hope to bring the church heating up to today's standards. Last year we had to deal with an outbreak of dry rot, and unfortunately we now have another outbreak to deal with - this time we are taking steps to ensure it can't happen again!

Already this year we have replaced the north gate with a new one, made to be very similar to the old but beautiful one which was falling apart! We've also done a major repair on a chancel window, which was in danger of falling out, and will shortly be starting a major restoration of the rest of our stained glass windows. We've repaired the lovely table top grave close to the church entrance. We've had to manage a significant collapse of part of the boundary bank in Deep Lane, and we continue to work with the adjacent farm whilst a satisfactory solution can be put in place. We are in the process of having a replica made of the lamp which usually sits above the iron arch by the main gate - we hope it will look the same, and last many more decades!

We're making arrangements to have the bell ringing chamber open when the church is open, to enable visitors to see the lovely, invaluable, wall coverings which currently are hidden away from view - to do this we have to make the bell ropes secure, and ensure that the steps up the tower are securely locked!

To top it all, one of the large ornamental crosses on the roof has become loose, and needs urgent repair!

None of this comes cheaply, but we think it right that we continue to keep our church in good order, despite the challenges of dealing with the authorities on what is after all a Grade 1 listed building, as well as our church! We have in the last 12 months or so, raised just short of £20,000 from various charitable bodies towards the costs of the work we detailed here, recognising that our building expenses continue regardless of what goes on around us.

As a result of all this work, the community, and visitors from outside the area, have access to a most historic and beautiful building that is there to be enjoyed by all. We do encourage you to visit, no appointment necessary - just wander in, walk and look around, maybe even sit and soak up the peace and beauty. It's open every day in daylight hours.

Rick Spencer  
Fabric Officer  
Talaton Church



**Talaton Toddlers**

**Parents and Babies Get Together**

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or if weather permits OUTSIDE on the Church Green  
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We meet in St. James the Great Church,  
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For more information, contact

**Emma Palmer 01404 823083**

or see our website:

**[talevalleychoir.org.uk](http://talevalleychoir.org.uk)**

Talaton Parish Council

**ANNUAL  
PARISH  
MEETING**

Wednesday 11th May

7.15pm for 7.30pm

At Talaton Parish Hall

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## Talaton Parish Council Report

The following are major items from the minutes but a full copy of the minutes may be viewed on both Parish Noticeboards and on the Parish Web site

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

### Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Public Fifteen-minute open Forum-** 1 resident attended to talk about the repeat noise survey at Escot. Graham Rooms along with the project manager and ops director from Voneus attended to give details of the plans and road closures that will take place during the roll out of the new Fibre Broadband that is due within the next 12 weeks. The Chairman spoke of the great commitment from Graham as he first started the project in 2016. There are still one or two issues with the roll out but residents will be kept informed as to what is happening. Details of the road closures will be notified nearer the time.

Cllr Skinner spoke of the difficult times that we are facing in East Devon with the rising costs of Council Tax, car parking, adult social care and the general everyday rising costs. He went on to talk about the various proposed solar farms in the area and if they were all going to supply the Broadclyst sub station then what is the capacity at Broadclyst. He spoke of the need for a balance between energy versus farming and where these sites fit in the land. He said a debate was needed at Council to discuss the matter as all the applications were coming in at 49 megawatts whereas anything over that would be decided at Government level.

**To consider Planning Application 22/0623/FUL – 3 Talaton Farm Barns – installation of air source heat pump and removal of external oil boiler** – After a discussion, the Council took a vote with a unanimous decision to support the application. Proposed by Cllr Lenehan, seconded by Cllr Hawkins. Comment to be submitted to EDDC – The PC fully supports this application.

The PC favours the change away from oil to a renewable energy source.

### Parish Maintenance-

- Rydon Farm through to Blue Anchor – potholes have finally been patched.
- Pothole – various potholes from top of Rydon hill down past the cottages to the bottom of the dip
- Potholes– between Russett House and Lees Meadow in the middle of the road
- Potholes – between the gate at Riverwood (Roman Road) up to the bottom of the wooded strip
- Drain collapsing on the left-hand side coming from Fairmile towards Escot near the first dip Larkbeare- speak to Highways Officer as road still eroding

**Items for information only or discussion on the next agenda** – Dog bin- a resident witnessed a car stopping and leaving a bag of dog poo by the bin. Car registration and make passed to Environmental Health and a fixed penalty fine is due to be issued by EDDC.; Allotments – the new tenants are making great progress with their allotment. Barry Kingdon is in the process of finishing hanging the new gates and putting up extra top wires & mesh and it is a great improvement.

**Date of next meeting-** will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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## **Talaton Inn**

Nice to see our regulars and new people up the pub, seeing the dreaded covid is still around.

Our 2-course lunch wed to sat is still going strong with 3 Mains, 2 Puds or coffee for £6.00.

Sunday lunch is still popular and very advisable to book in advance £9.25 smaller eater £6.50. We still have limited table space and not gone overboard with numbers, so it is advisable to book a table for meals and drinks. Tel: 01404 822214 with answerphone.

The Pie night is filling up fast so there will be table sharing with people you know on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Party in car park on 4<sup>th</sup> June from 5pm. PLEASE NOTE the pub will NOT BE OPEN AT LUNCHIME due to setting up event for the evening.

Once again thankyou for supporting the pub during these times.

Cheers  
Jan & Maria

## **Talaton Inn Summer Skittles**

We are hoping to start up again this year, starting in mid June, with just a league competition.

Teams will consist of six players for each game and we are hoping to provide sticker-ups for each game. As a player the only cost will be £1.50 which will pay for the sticker upper.

If you would like to enter a team, complete the entry form which is in the bar of the pub until the 8<sup>th</sup> May. All we need is a team name with a contact name and phone number.

## **Sticker Uppers**

Any youngsters over the age of 14 who would like to stick up the skittles, check with your parents and then contact Nemo on 01404 822644. For your hard work you will be paid £18.00 per evening.

# TALATON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Every year we review our neighbourhood watch scheme. In preparation for the Annual Parish Meeting this year we thought we would tell you how this last year has fared, any changes there have been and try to encourage more people to join in.

## **What's happened this year ? (1/4/2021 - 31/03/2022)**

Over the previous 5 whole calendar years the reported crime totals for the year have been 20, 20, 24 and 18 but this last year the figure dropped again to 16. The only change in pattern is the peak, if you can call 6 a peak, occurred in August with crimes centred around Beautiful Days. With so little crime there are no clear trends other than to say we remain a remarkably safe place to live. By comparison Cranbrook recorded between 22 and 49 per month last year and the small district of North Walworth in London we know well recorded 326 in August 2021 alone.

We have given advice about 19 matters this year, referring 7 of them to the police. This is a decrease from 25 and 23 respectively the previous year.

We have reviewed 178 alerts from the police and passed 15 of those on to some or all members of the scheme. This compares to 167 and 16 the previous year.

6 appeals have been placed on our page of the parish web site compared with 10 before.

## **What's changed ?**

We have had some contact with our Ottery Rural policing team this year but it's clear their focus is on busier parts of their patch stretching from Cowley to Feniton. Bob Abraham has stepped down from looking after Escot and Fairmile and Mike and Carol Needham have taken his place. Links to useful resources have been kept up to date on our page of the parish web site covering topics such as; how to report dog fouling, the address to forward scam emails to, where to get fraud protection advice, a site advising older drivers and their families on keeping on the road safely for longer, how to report matters anonymously to the police, and many other topics. Please take a look.

## **Why not join in ?**

For those of you who haven't shared your email address with your local contact, please consider whether you'd like to receive timely emails about local issues. We won't share your details with other organisations and will promise to try to send you the most up to date and relevant information we can. For your local contact look inside the front cover of The Calendar.



**Thanks to everyone who helps to keep our parish safe and all the best for the year ahead.**

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12-3:00pm



## In Memory of our Father John Carter

John Carter passed away on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 after a period in Musgrave Park Hospital, Taunton. He was 85 and had suffered a stroke from which he never recovered.

John was a farmer, formerly at Lashbrook Farm where he farmed out door pigs, sheep and arable.

In his many years as a resident of Talaton he was involved along with my Mother Dawn, in many village events.

He was Chairman of the Parish Council and among his achievements he was a prime mover getting the Moor safeguarded and Registered as a Village Green. He also secured the triangle of woods at Beacon as amenity land. He was also Chairman of the Talaton Parish Hall, and both of these positions he held for a number of years.

He was one of the main people involved in setting up Village Day, which was started on the Queens Silver Jubilee on the first Saturday in June, becoming an annual event which village folk and outsiders looked forward to each year. He rarely missed one after moving away.

He was a key instigator in setting up the Community Shop in 1993 which opened the following year and was its first chairman. In 1997 he was presented with an award for the best Community Enterprise in the South West, which was presented by H.R.H. Prince Charles. The shop has since gone from strength to strength and is a real hub in the village.

Along with my mother, and us as children, he took on plenty of Pantomime Characters, doing this for many years, going back to 1970's when Ted and Diana Spencer wrote and directed the plays. They were still involved after they left the village.

There were many Pantomime parties at Lashbrook along with barn dances, jazz and folk night held as part of Honiton Round Table, of



which he was a member. He organised tyre rolling contests across the fields at Lashbrook, and some villagers will remember these, and always with a knees-up afterwards.

The farm was a busy one with Dad taking on students from Seale Hayne College of Agriculture and vet students, all doing a stint as part of their training. Also children from under privileged backgrounds came to camp on the farm – they went to different farms in the village each day to learn how to milk cows and feed animals etc., myself and my sisters also did our share over the years too. Mum keeping everyone fed and watered and lending a hand on the farm.

Later at Lashbrook they built a new farm house and added a farm shop in the later years. Dad was well known for his scrumptious pork produce, and along with Mum they ran this and farmers markets in local towns. Some local folk may remember helping with the potatoe harvesting. So many happy times with picnic lunches and laughter, but hard work too!

He was a Magistrate for Honiton and District for thirty years.

After retirement he began writing more and more and wrote a book of Country Poetry and one about the Farmers life with a fox. He also wrote his auto biography “Journey into Farming.” He loved jotting down his thoughts mainly as poetry.

A Pillar of the Community in Talaton and later in Yarcombe, to where he retired having farmed there before moving to Talaton.

He will be sadly missed by his wife Dawn, his daughters Robin, Sally - Ann, and Ruth. His five grandchildren and two great grandchildren, and many others who knew him.

Robin Carter



**Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service**



**PRESENTS**

# Prostate Cancer Charity Function

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Draw Date:  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 10:30pm

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age and upwards





**Talaton Platinum Jubilee Committee**  
*on behalf of Talaton Parish Council*  
**Invite you to attend the following events**  
**taking place in the village in June 2022**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 10pm**

**TALATON BEACON**

Beacons will be lit throughout the Commonwealth and ours will be at Rydon \* viewed from several vantage points around the village but the best place will be in a field at Lees Meadow. Details to follow...

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June from 6.30pm** **PIE NIGHT AT THE PUB**

Homemade pie with mash or chips followed by Eton Mess for £9.50  
Must be booked in advance with the Talaton Inn on 01404 822214

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June from 5pm** **PARTY IN THE car PARK**

An outdoor event hosted by the Talaton Inn with LIVE MUSIC!

Barbeque, Hog Roast and Paella are on the menu

Beer, Cider, Wine & soft drinks on sale from the outdoor bar

Food & Drink are payable at the point of sale **ADMISSION IS FREE**

*Please sign up in advance at the Pub or Shop for catering purposes*

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 11am** **OPEN AIR CHURCH SERVICE**

On The Moor \* lead by Bishop Martin Shaw, to include a dedication to the Oak Tree planted as part of the Queen's Green Canopy

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 12 Noon** **THE BIG JUBILEE LUNCH**

In the beautiful grounds of Talaton House \* Pedestrian access only

Limited parking at the Parish Hall for Blue Badge holders.

*There are no more tickets available for this event*

**PRE-BOOKED tickets will be available to collect / pay**  
**from Talaton Community Shop**  
**between Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> May and Sun 29<sup>th</sup> May**

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# Talaton Open Gardens Weekend



**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> & Sun 29<sup>th</sup> May 2pm-6pm**

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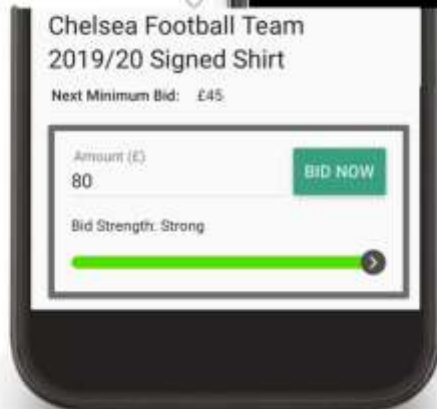
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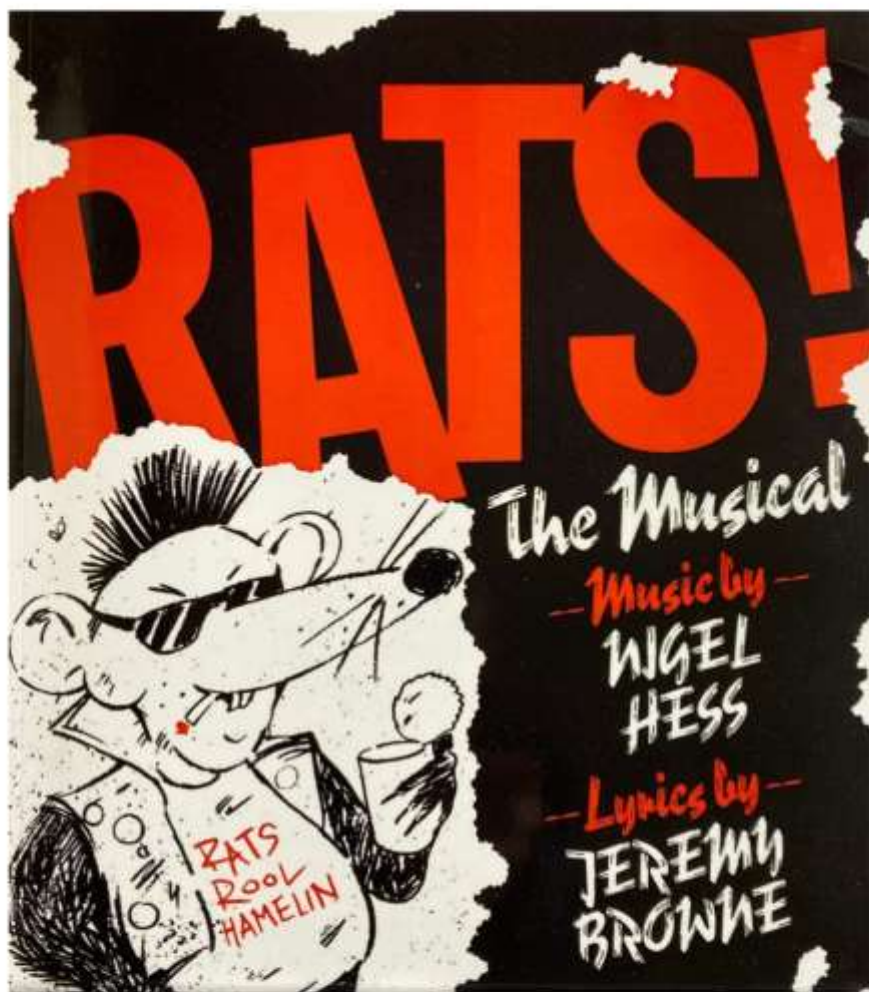
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# Young Community Theatre 4All



A Drama group for children in  
school years 4 to 9



## About Young Community Theatre 4All

Following the highly successful Community Theatre 4All production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" in March 2020 when a cast of 30 adults were joined by 20 children it was obvious that we needed to open a group for younger members. After a long pause, caused by Covid, the children's group was formed in October 2021 and gave their first performance of an original piece based upon the children's book "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak.

Next year the group will be working on a major piece of children's musical theatre called "Rats!" - an up-beat retelling of the story of "The Pied Piper of Hamlyn". Rehearsals for this show will begin in October.

For children who wish to be involved in "Rats!" this is the time to join the group, to come and make friends and discover what working with Frances and me is like. In the months of May, June and July the group will meet in Talaton Parish Hall from 4.30 to 5.30 on the first Tuesday of the month. Each of these summer sessions will be independent of the others, so if your son/daughter is unable to attend one of the sessions that is not a problem. There will be no meetings in August or September and from October the group will meet every Tuesday in Talaton Parish Hall, initially from 4.30 to 5.30 but then as rehearsals develop the group will go on to 6.00pm. There will be no charge for the Summer Term 'Taster Sessions' but in the Autumn and Spring terms there will be a charge of £25 per term to cover hall hire fees and contribute towards the production expenses.

Young Community Theatre 4All is lead by Tom and Frances Samson, both experienced retired teachers. Tom was a Drama and Theatre teacher and both Tom and Frances have enhanced DBS clearance.

For this project the group will be joined by Julia Green. Julia is well known and respected for her musical work in Whimble, the surrounding villages and in Exeter.

Tom Samson

## Churchyard Tidy Up

A massive thanks to all those who gave up their Saturday morning to help with this annual event! The churchyard once again looks and feels cared for and valued - it's amazing how much can be done in just a couple of hours, with a break for the usual tea/coffee, and excellent cakes courtesy of Jo Spencer! From left to right in the photograph taken by organiser Rick Spencer, are, standing: Gordon Pring, Jan and Andy May, Terry Wright, Henry Sanford, Chris Harwood, Alan and Liz Franklin, Jim Norris, and sitting: Richard Bos, Sue Harwood.

We hope the view of the church is not too badly affected by the bollards and yellow tape on the path to and from the North Gate, but one of the ornamental crosses on the roof is loose, so for now please keep your distance from that part of the church.



## Rainfall at the Cobblers & Parish Hall 100 Club

### Rainfall at the Cobblers in Talaton during March

The first part of March was rather unsettled with a cold first week. There was then a week of milder weather with plenty of warm and dry days. From the 10<sup>th</sup> /16<sup>th</sup> we had lots of rain in fact 54mls or over 2 inches, Then we had a very dry patch and from the 17<sup>th</sup> till 28<sup>th</sup> not a drop fell. The latter part of the month was cold and frosty.

The total rainfall for March was 3.3 inches.

The Met Office tells us that mean temperature for the UK was slightly higher than average, and most areas had only 58% of expected rain. Sunshine hours were up with 152% of normal, this made this March the 2<sup>nd</sup> sunniest since 1929!

A maximum temperature of 20.8C was recorded in St. James's Park, London on 23<sup>rd</sup> and at Treknow in Cornwall on the 25<sup>th</sup>. The coldest place in UK was Aboyne in Scotland with -9.1C on 2<sup>nd</sup>. During the 24 hours of the 2<sup>nd</sup> over 2 inches of rain fell on White Barrow in Devon! 10 centimetres of snow fell on Copley in Durham on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Here in Talaton 84ms or 3,3 inches of rain fell during the month, there were 19 days with no rain, of which 12 days between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> which were consecutively dry; we had 5 nights of frost.

Our Total rainfall so far this year is 5.96 inches.

ANNE BOLES

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## TALATON PARISH HALL 100 CLUB

The draw for the April took place on the 6th by Jean Brown

The winners were:

1st	No 15.	Mrs N Bitschi	£20
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## TALATON GARDEN & PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

At the time of writing chill winds are whipping around Talaton accompanied by the odd flurry of snow flakes a few days ago, but Spring flowers are looking lovely, with tulips, bluebells and fritillaries are beginning to take over from the daffodils and crocuses.

To help maintain a good show of bulbs next year, do dead head your bulbs when they have finished flowering, unless you want to collect seed, but whatever you do, let the leaves continue to make food to fatten the bulbs.

May is the month when the growing season really begins in earnest, so now is the time to use the extra hours of daylight to make our gardens as productive and beautiful as we can. Hopefully the chilly winds and frosty nights have gone, but there is no guarantee, so don't be too impatient to plant out tender crops such as runner beans and courgettes and do take care to harden them off first.

**Do have a look at Jim Buttress's Tips for jobs to do in May, on our website.**

### Pest alert

The fresh young growth of veg crops are tasty and appealing to more than just us, so do look out for competitors and remove them. Little animals such as aphids are great opportunists. They have girl power and will clone masses of look alikes in a very short time. If the conditions are perfect, they don't have to waste time looking for mates! Garlic spray is meant to deter them and if you have been encouraging bluetits and their close relatives into your garden all winter, they will reward you by eating a substantial number.



Lily beetles and vine weevils are already active. Removing these animals as soon as you see them is the best way to keep them under control so it is good to do a daily check for adult lily beetles on fritillaries and lilies. Being bright red, lily beetles are easy to spot, but cleverly drop off plants, land upside down on the soil and are then much harder to spot. So hunt carefully!

Now plants that arrive uninvited into our gardens can be 'pests' if we let them, so regular weeding is important at this time of year. Newly planted crops and emerging veg seedlings will do better with space to themselves, not having to compete with fast growing ephemerals, but spare a thought for the wildlife who specialise in eating said weeds. (Weeds are only plants growing in the wrong places according to us). What happens to these animals? This brings me neatly on to.....



**NO MOW MAY**

In 2020 citizen scientists, who took part in Plantlife's Every Flower Counts - the largest ever survey of the humble lawn, helped to reveal not only an astonishing diversity of wild flowers growing in British lawns, but also that simple changes in mowing can result in the production of enough nectar for ten times more bees and other pollinators. This after doing no more than leaving the mower in the shed for the whole of May. Last year we asked if villagers would join this venture, not just to help collect worthwhile data, but to find out what is actually growing in your lawn other than grass. This May we would like to encourage you again to be brave enough to leave at least a patch of your lawn unmown for the



whole of May this year and see how many flowers bloom in your patch once you cease chopping their heads off. If you are feeling a bit squeamish about desecrating your 'perfect' lawn, try thinking of it as having a pop-up, temporary flower bed; how about a metre square, or a heart shape? Pollinators will be happy and you are almost certain to see the equally happy faces of lawn daisies, clover and the remnants of lesser celandine to name but a few.

You could decorate your no mow area with Scaremows to remind manic mowers in your family to keep off the 'grass'.

At the end of the month, join with Plantlife's nationwide "**Every Flower Counts**" survey to discover how many bees your lawn can feed. Not only will you receive your very own "nectar score" - which will tell you how many bees your lawn can feed - it will also help Plantlife learn more about the health of Britain's wildflowers.

<https://www.plantlife.org.uk/everyflowercounts/> for more info..

A big thank you to the PCC for agreeing to leave a strip of the carpark green space unmown again during this May.

## Trip to Greenway Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>



Agatha Christie called Greenway “the loveliest place in the world” and treasured it as a holiday home for her and her family. Set in a stunning site overlooking the Dart, full of collections from her childhood home and her travels, Greenway is well worth a visit. Sign up in Talaton Community Shop. Final details including cost of the trip will be in next month’s Calendar.

### Talaton Knit and Natter

Talaton Knit and Natter is up and running. We meet at the Talaton Inn and our future dates are:

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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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Honiton u3a has recently launched an exciting programme of talks for the year that began in April. The first talk was given by Cheryl Fellows Bennett, who told members the fascinating history of David Austin Roses, and on the processes behind the breeding of English Roses.

From this month, u3a is pleased to announce that visitors are once again welcome to come along to these regular events, held on the third Wednesday of each month. Visitors are asked to sign in when they arrive at The Beehive, and to make a £2 donation. After the talk, visitors are invited to join with members for refreshments in the Beehive café and to learn more about u3a.

May sees a talk given by Martin Lloyd entitled “Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies”. He promises to reveal the story of how three passports played an influential role in the course of history: an attempted assassination, the capture of a spy and the passport itself as killer. Martin’s talk is at The Beehive on Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup>, starting at 2 p.m.

June 15<sup>th</sup> sees a talk on Fraud Awareness, given by Ashley Jones who is the SW Regional Fraud Protection Advisor. He will examine the risks posed by fraud at the present time, the common frauds that people are likely to encounter and the golden rules to avoid becoming a victim of fraud.

In July, Tom Mack, Programme Manager for Active Devon, will be talking about “Connecting Actively With Nature”. His talk will promote awareness of the many benefits of physical activity and of connecting with nature, particularly as people age. Tom’s talk is on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

U3a is a learning co-operative of like-minded people in their third age that enables its members to share educational, creative and leisure activities. Members are able to take part in a wide variety of activity groups run by its members. At present, there are 30 different groups.

Membership of Honiton u3a is £10 a year, with a special rate of £17 for two members living at the same address. Further information about Honiton u3a, and how to join, is available on its website: [u3asites.org.uk/Honiton](http://u3asites.org.uk/Honiton)

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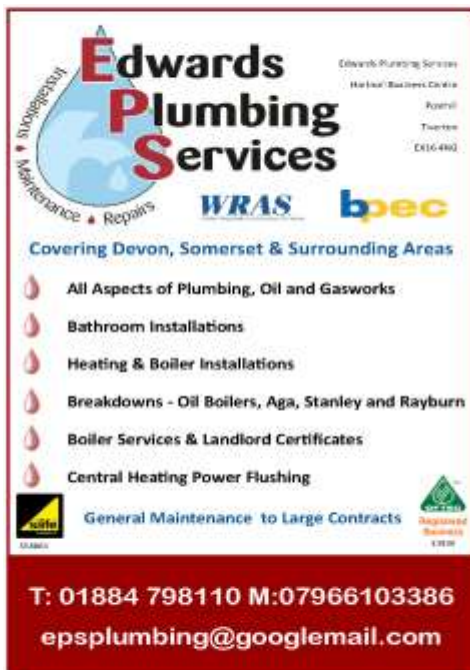
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