

The Talaton Calendar

Issue No 304 May '21



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Next Deadline 10th May 2021

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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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Editorial

What a lovely Easter weekend weatherwise it was, and I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did with the whole family gathering together in the warm sun, outside.

Tribute to the Duke of Edinburgh, a sad loss to the Royal Family.

The election in May will trigger a partial reopening of the Hall, and in preparation of future use we have power washed the Hall and cleared off the roof moss and it now looks as if it is cared for again. It is the same inside as it was when last used. We have had a Management meeting and decided not to reopen yet until the cleaning required is at a reasonable level, and those who use the Hall (only with agreement) will be self policing for COVID. It will be deep cleaned before the election and then maintained. The Management Committee welcomes Alan Franklin onto the Committee as the Produce Association Rep.

The Government announcement to day of the Co2 targets being brought forward to 2035 is a bold proposal, for which we all need to be prepared, despite many of us who are numerically challenged may not see that date, we need all to keep going on that track. There are many Eco proposals out there and grant monies need to be available to help us achieve the Governments goals.

One is the subject of solar farms. I received an e mail recently advising us that there are proposals for more around us, and that article is contained within. These will change the countryside look and amenity dramatically, and we need to be aware of these, and try to mitigate their impact. They must not be rushed through without consultation even in these Covid times.

There are better places for these solar farms, for example on old airfields, of which we have 3 near us, which would not destroy good farmland.

Hope you have had or are having your second jab soon to protect us all from this present day plague.

Keep safe.

Editor - Simon Spencer



Next Deadline is 10th May
July issue is 10th June 2021

St James the Great**St James the Great
Services**

2 nd May	Morning Worship	10.30am
16 th May	Holy Communion	10.30 am
23 rd May	Morning Prayer (BCP)	9.30am

Please let the churchwarden know if you intend to attend a particular service so that he is able to plan the seating.

While it is such good news that we are again able to join in worship here it is still very understandable that some members of the congregation feel it is too risky, the extra good news is that Rev. Marc is continuing his services on Youtube - From the Curate's Study, plus Wondering Wednesday, and for children, Kid's Club.

Thank you

Many thanks to Chris and Emily Trimmer for ringing the bells for us at Easter. It was so lovely to hear them again.

HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

There is a book of condolence on the table in Talaton church for anyone to use. Please let your friends know.

The St George's flag is now at half-mast.

As more information becomes available it will be posted on the website and on social media.

Best wishes

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**Talaton Toddlers
Get Together
10.30am -12noon**

First and Third Fridays of the Month

The aim of the Get Together is to offer Parents with Babies and Toddlers a chance to meet in friendship, no hidden agenda.

The Get Together meets down in the Church of St James the Great, Talaton EX5 2RL **when weather permits outside on the Church Green.**

Please bring your own drink but Cake is provided. There is no charge.

FRIDAYS 7TH and 21ST MAY 2021

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.

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TALATON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Every year we review our neighbourhood watch scheme. With there being no Annual Parish meeting this year we thought we would tell you directly how this year has fared, any changes there have been and try to encourage more people to join in.

What's happened this year ? (1/4/2020 -31/03/2021)

Over the previous 4 calendar years the reported crime totals for the year have been 20, 20 and 24 but this last year the figure dropped to 18. The only change in pattern is that previously crime has peaked in August with crimes centred around Beautiful Days whereas this last year there were no crimes in August; the peak month was June with 8. With so little crime there are no clear trends other than to say we remain a remarkably safe place to live.

We have given advice about 25 matters this year, referring 23 of them to the police. This is an increase from 20 and 9 respectively the previous year.

We have reviewed 167 alerts from the police and passed 16 of those on to some or all members of the scheme. This compares to 137 and 18 the previous year.

10 appeals have been placed on our page of the parish web site compared with 16 before.

What's changed ?

We have had more contact with our local policing team this year so now have a route to raise urgent things with them directly. Jenny and Gordon Pring have stepped down from looking after Newtown and Becky and Phil Everett have taken their place.

More information has been added to our page of the parish web site including fraud contacts within Citizens Advice Bureau, the address to forward scam emails to and a site advising older drivers and their families on keeping on the road safely for longer.

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.

Retired Old Boys Of Talaton

Dark Horse shows Bottle at Cheltenham Gold Cup



Organiser Nigel James presenting Steve Spratt with his ill-gotten gains.

Who would have thought that the respected ROBOT group had, amongst their midst, such a formidable punter? Well, in the recent Virtual Cheltenham Gold Cup races Steve Spratt leapt to the front to take first prize by judiciously betting a virtual £100 over the seven races on the final Friday to make an overall profit of nearly £200. He was presented with his prizes – a bottle of his choice and also the Dusty. ROBOTs will know what that is! We are not certain which of the two he gave to Pauline!

Many thanks are due to Nigel for organising a wonderful event in which fourteen of the ROBOT group participated. Fortunes fluctuated throughout the race but come the final race with Steve the winner, Rick, Gordon and Pete romped home in close contention.

Hopefully, these virtual events will soon be a thing of the past and the ROBOT band can again have their monthly feast at the Talaton Inn and who knows – maybe Steve will have his chance to really test his expertise live at Haldon?

Anyone interested in knowing more about the ROBOT group should contact Andy Bratt or Phil Moir



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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

A Remote Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 3th April 2021

To accept Apologies for Absence: Cllr Harris had tendered her resignation so was not present. Cllr Lenehan expressed her thanks to Linda for her contribution to the PC and said that she had been a real asset and would be greatly missed.

Correspondence or verbal communications:

Church Car Park sign – The PCC had debated the possibility of putting up signs to the Church Car Park as recently contractors had been taking the lane to Harris Farm in error. Following a discussion with the Highways Officer, Cllr Hawkins will check with Mr Kennaway if he has any objections to a sign being erected by the telephone box as the ground is owned by Escot Estate. If permission is granted then the PCC can proceed if they wish.

Escot Karting Track-An email received from Devon Country Pursuits in response to the concerns raised by residents following the article on Devon Live regarding a new karting track being made. The PC had already contacted the Planning Enforcement Officer as there had been no planning application for the track. The Enforcement Officer had made arrangements to visit the site to view the track

To consider Planning Application:

21/0631/VAR - Park Barn Talaton- Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 19/1532/FUL (replacement of barn with a dwelling) to allow built in solar panels to the south roof slope – Cllr Peters having declared an interest did not take part. Following a discussion, a vote was taken to support the application, proposed by Cllr Hawkins, seconded by Cllr Bos. The following comment to be submitted to EDDC - *The Parish Council unanimously support the variance. The panels do not detract from the appearance of the building and from a distance the panels are not visible.*

To discuss Wildlife Friendly Village project (including letters received) – 2 letters received from residents with ideas for creating a wildlife area. Councillors suggested the formation of a committee to gather information and look at what is available. As part of No Mow May it was suggested that parts of The Moor could be left unmown, Cllr Hawkins to contact Mr Thorne, as owner of The Moor, to ask his permission.

To discuss Talaton Historical Display – residents are keen to proceed with an historical display to include the old post cards we were given. The PC support the idea and a suitable place for the display will be identified.

Parish Maintenance: Items requiring attention including updates – Wall by the splay at Orchard Close- damaged after being hit by a vehicle.

Water running from opposite the entrance to Woodmans Orchard – ask Highways Officer to call Cllr Peters .

Larkbeare– pothole just past the new tarmac near the pull in space. Stick /branch sticking out from side of gateway down in the dip from Rydon Farm- Cllr Peters to have a look at it.



At the time of writing chill winds are whipping around Talaton accompanied by the odd flurry of snow flakes, but Spring flowers are looking lovely, with tulips, bluebells and fritillaries taking 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

Remember last month's article? If not here is a quick reminder.....

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. We would like to encourage you 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.

In 2020 some quite rare plants were identified.



MAKE A SCAREMOW.... You could decorate your no mow area with a Scaremow to remind manic mowers in your family to keep off the 'grass'. A 2021 alternative to the village scarecrow competition – email your scaremow picture to sarahjmwood@outlook.com or post on the Talaton Talk Facebook page to enter!

At the end of the month, on Bank Holiday Weekend, 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 this May.

Find out more about The Talaton Produce Association type the link below:

http://www.talatonparishcouncil.co.uk/Core/Talaton-TC/Pages/Produce_1.aspx

Rainfall at the Cobblers & Parish Hall 100 Club

Rainfall at the Cobblers in Talaton during March 2021.

March is meant to come in like a lion and go out like a lamb. This year it was a chilly lion and a very dry lamb!

The first week of March was cold and dry. I recorded frost on the Nights of 5th/8th, but overall, in the UK the mean temperature was 0.9C above the average. Rainfall in many areas was only 89% of what was expected. A maximum temperature was recorded at Kew Gardens on 30th of 24.5C, and the lowest of -8.5C was yet again recorded at Braemar in Aberdeenshire on the 29th. On the same day 177mms or just over 7inches of rain fell in Cumbria.in 24 hours.

Here in Talaton the dry spell continued from February. In March we had 23 days with no rain, and we had a continuous dry spell from 14th to 31st during which only 6.5mms fell on the 25th.

We had a frost on 4 nights during the first week. The rainfall was 38mms or 1.52 inches which brings our total for the year to 8.72 inches.

ANNE BOLES

TALATON PARISH HALL 100 CLUB

The draw for April was made on the 7th by Anya Whitmarsh.

The winners were:

1st	No 54.	Mrs R Glanville	£20
2nd	No 39.	Mrs K Walker.	£10
3rd	No 69.	Mr M Mitchel.	£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.

FUNDRAISING FOR LOCAL CANCER PATIENTS.

With the support of the community in & around Talaton & Ottery St Mary I have been putting together care bags for cancer patients since June 2019.

I deliver the bags to the Cherrybrook ward at the RDE hospital where they are handed out along with an information pack just before Chemo begins.

I've been fortunate to have met some of the recipients of the bags & the general feedback from the nurses is that they bring such happiness. To me they show that people are thinking of them & sending their love & best wishes.

The bags contain treats & useful items that hopefully make treatment just that bit easier. These include a puzzle book, paperback book, notebook & pen, ginger biscuits, sweets, hand cream, lipbalm, soft socks & drinks bottle.

As you can imagine fundraising for the bags this past year has been a challenge but I'm determined to keep going & I hope that you feel this is a worthwhile scheme that you would like to support. If you would be happy to donate in any of the following ways I would be extremely grateful.

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Pause for Reflection

I am local resident who lives in the beautiful countryside near Lower Tale. You maybe vaguely aware of the proposal to build a 148 acre electricity generation facility between Lower Tale and Cylst Hydon. These developments are called farms, but they are not like any farm as most people would understand the word.

The case for renewable energy and the threat of climate change are well made. But the case for developing huge generation plants on green field sites is not so clear cut. You may believe that if you can't see this development it will not affect you, you couldn't be more wrong. The impacts are significant and wide ranging.

My immediate concern is that the parishioners of the four parishes directly affected by this proposal; Payhembury, Talaton, Plymtree and Cylst Hydon do not have the full facts.

The consultation process put forward by the developers Lightrock Power, cannot be properly held during the pandemic. Engagement by E mail, teleconferences and Zoom calls discriminates against residents who don't have access to this technology for what ever reason. Right now residents are rightly concerned with the impacts of COVID 19 and have little headspace for local planning matters. However the developers time line is unrelenting and they pursue the planning application as fast as possible. This is patently unfair.

If this proposal goes ahead and the one in Langford, which you may also not know about, space the size of 1,200 football pitches will be given over to electrical generation! Many people agree that development on this scale amounts to the industrialisation of the countryside.

I have written today to the 4 parish councils impacted and urged them to request a delay from the developers so that a proper consultation process can be held before a planning request is submitted. I have also requested our parish councils engage with the EDDC councillors now, to increase the level of oversight on this proposal. I hope you agree this is reasonable and support this approach. Please contact the parish council to voice your support for a delay and greater consultation.

Once you have the full facts, you may decide to object or support this proposal. But you owe it to yourself and your neighbours to get the full details on a massive development which may sit in our local countryside for 40 years or longer.

If you would like the information we have already have from the developers, please contact me at tomd681@gmail.com. Thank you.

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June 2nd
July 7th

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Talaton Community Shop & Post Office	01404 822084
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Clerk to the Parish Council (Denise Main)	01884 277356 or 07714 442289

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	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
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Fri	9.00	-	1.00		
Sat	9.00	-	1.00		
Sun	10.00		12.00		

News from Talaton Community Shop

Gardening Products now on sale

Grow Bags, Tomato Feed, Slug Pellets
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