

# The Talaton Calendar

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## Editorial

The winter nights are drawing in, and in a week or so the clocks will go back and we all light our fires to keep warm and cosy. Our cat loves this and is a bit lost during the summer, without the fire.

This month there is a thank you from Brian Daniels, to whom I extend my personal apologies for the delays and misunderstandings over getting this into the Calendar, as it is a bit late, but non the less important. Sorry Brian wonderful effort.

I was at Lucy Channons birthday party in the Hall on Saturday which was a lovely affair, with lots of nice food organised by Lynsey and Chris Trimmer and helpers. Really nice afternoon with her and Harry in attendance.

This was followed by a sell out for Jim Causleys Cream Tea Concert on the Sunday, which I was advised, was a great success. Good to have music back in the Hall. Something we need to remedy and get some more performances here.

We sadly lost Pat Smith, from Mead Cottage earlier and our condolences to George. Pat was a long standing volunteer in the Shop, being in there only adays before she was admitted to hospital. Pat will be sadly missed, and our thoughts are with George at this sad time

Last months edition had a lot of colour pages in it. This was accidental at the printers end and hopefully wont happen again. It was however nice to see more colour!

Simon Spencer  
Editor

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

## **Next issue is 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

## Information

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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 for November

- 12<sup>th</sup> Nov **Remembrance Service** **9.30am**
- 19<sup>th</sup> Nov Holy Communion 10.00 am  
Followed by refreshments
- 26<sup>th</sup> Nov Morning Prayer (BCP) 10.00 am  
Followed by refreshments

*Please note the early time for the Remembrance Service.  
Details of services at the other churches in our benefice are posted  
on our church notice board in the porch and also on the benefice  
website.*

### **Cleaning Rota**

*11<sup>th</sup> Pam Weston & Sue Harwood, 25<sup>th</sup> Rita & Terry Wright*

### **Midweek Coffee**

The next get together is on  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November  
10.30 am until noon in the North Aisle Room.  
Come and join us for non-stop chat and good company.  
All welcome



### **Harvest Thanks**

To the dream team who decorated the church, baked cakes, made coffee, heated pasties, delivered cider and apple juice, read the lesson, brought gifts of food and of course joined us for the celebration. Thank you xxx





## **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

**Fridays 3rd and 17th November 2023**

10.30am – 12noon

Join us in friendship

RSVP 01404 822482 email: peppiashaw@gmail.com

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“I would like to thank all those that attended and supported me to raise money for Devon Air Ambulance.

Thank you to Sue Trude who organised the evening . We had a great time with music by Stopin Dave, a ploughman’s supper and pudding and a talk from Air Ambulance and there were an abundance of draw prizes.

We raised £1463.89 on the night.



Thanks to one and all.” Brian Daniel

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## YOUNG LIVES VS CANCER

September was Children's Cancer Awareness Month. Many thanks to everyone who supported my fundraising for such a fantastic charity. I'm thrilled to say that together we raised £1000 for YOUNG LIVES VS CANCER (formerly known as CLIC Sargent).

Lyndsey x

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## FORCE Cancer Charity Christmas Cards

The designs can be seen online or on the poster in Talaton shop & can be purchased directly from me at £4 for a pack of 10. Order now or come along to the FORCE stall at the How D'ye Do on the 2nd December.

Support an amazing local charity while spreading the joy of the festive season.

Phone Lyndsey 07964836429 / 01404 850831



I hope you enjoyed our pumpkin competition, whether as a competitor or a viewer and have been inspired to have a go next year. At the time of writing of course, the competition has not yet taken place. Photos and winners will be published in the December Calendar

Next on the agenda is our **AGM**. Do join us in the Parish Hall on

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

7 pm for refreshments before the 7.30pm meeting.

**Andrea Rye of Combe Garden Centre**

will be giving another of her entertaining talks on

## **Surprising things you didn't know about plants**

All welcome. Don't miss it. Put a note in your diary now. It is the time to renew your membership, which is still £5 per family and to pick up your Dobies catalogue and membership card.

If you fancy taking a more active role do come along and chat to members of the committee. We do not bite!

In the meantime, don't forget to leave a few windfalls for the birds. Blackbirds and other thrushes love apples and might eat a few slugs and snails while they are at it.



I know I am repeating myself but, if you are having bonfires, don't forget to check that no hedgehogs have taken shelter underneath before you set light.

There is still time to plant green manure if you have some bare ground. It will compete with weeds and add nutrients and humus to your soil when you dig it in in the Spring. Broad beans can be planted now to give an earlier crop next year. Beans planted now will not be as readily infested with aphids as those planted in Spring. It is not too late to plant sweet pea seeds and garlic bulbs, if you have not already done so. Prune apple and pear trees while they are dormant.

Finally a plea to all our members to donate produce, plants, gardenalia to our stall at the How D'ye Do. Nickie Bitschi will be happy to accept donations nearer the time, as will Pam Weston. All proceeds go to the Parish Hall and we like to do our bit.

Happy gardening.

Find out more about The Talaton Produce Association type the link below:  
[http://www.talatonparishcouncil.co.uk/Core/Talaton-TC/Pages/Produce\\_1.aspx](http://www.talatonparishcouncil.co.uk/Core/Talaton-TC/Pages/Produce_1.aspx)

## 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:

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

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.



Talaton Knit and Natter



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## Talaton Parish Council Report

### 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)

#### Items of Correspondence and the Council's responses

##### **DCC**

Road Closure Order TTRO2352440 – 18- 22 September - Road from Three Firs to Marsh Cross, Clyst Hydon **Noted**

Road Closure Order TTRO2352759 – 1 – 30<sup>th</sup> September - Road from Bittery Cross to Beacon Cross, Talaton – **it was understood that the works to the sinkhole had now been completed**

Road Closure Order TTRO2352536 – 25 –29<sup>th</sup> September- Road from Talaton Cross to Beacon Cross, Talaton –**it was noted that the works were not progressed**

Flood Risk Management Team – requesting information as to whether any areas in Talaton were flooded – **it was noted that no areas in Talaton had been flooded**

##### **EDDC**

David Whelan – Community Resilience Meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 at Newton Popleford –

Karen Stephenson – Sandbags availability from various locations – **the Council indicated it would like a supply of sandbags which Cllr Peters was happy to store**

Patrick Lowe – Communications, Digital Services & Engagement Team – Information as to the Impact of flash floods - **Noted**

Angela King – Neighbourhood Planning Officer – 6 week consultation period re new Neighbourhood Plan West Hill - **Noted**

Melanie Wellman - Director of Governance and Licensing and Monitoring Officer – Code of Conduct Training date 16<sup>th</sup> October 6.00pm - **the Chair and the Clerk would participate in the initial training course**

##### **OTHER**

Peninsula Transport – Technology & Zero Emission Vehicle Study for the South West - **Noted**

## Talaton Parish Council Report Cont'd

### CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION:-

23/1304/LBC Applicant: Mr Jonathan Boles Agent: Rydon House Talaton Devon EX5 2RP

Replacement of 7 single glazed wooden sash windows with 7 double glazed sash windows. The windows will contain exactly the same number of panes as the existing (12 pane or 18 pane) and will to all intents and purposes look identical both internally and externally.

It was **RESOLVED** by all councillors (other than Cllr Peters who did not participate in the discussion or vote, in view of his interest) that they strongly supported the application, as the proposed works would improve the property; were environmentally friendly; would save energy (re climate change considerations) and would preserve the integrity of the building in view of the condensation problems with the current windows

### UPDATE ON WATER LEAK OPPOSITE THE PARISH HALL

The Clerk advised that SWW and DCC's Enforcement Officer were carrying out further investigations of the leak. The Clerk was waiting for an update from SWW/DCC following a further visit by SWW last week and she would chase this up accordingly

### UPDATE ON THE VILLAGE GREEN LEASE (THE MOOR); PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATION OF THE COUNCIL'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE LEASE

A signed and dated copy of the lease which was for a term of 250 years had now been located and the PC had been provided with a photocopy. The Clerk had asked for an examined hard copy of the lease from the solicitors as it would be advisable to try and get it registered at the Land Registry. Councillors had been advised of their responsibilities of the PC under the lease

### ALLOTMENTS UPDATE - ANY ACTIONS TO BE AGREED; CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL (IF APPROPRIATE) OF ANY QUOTES RECEIVED RE THE ALLOTMENT STRIMMING

The Clerk would be meeting up with the landowner shortly to go through the draft lease and to iron out any potential problems  
SWW had offered to help partially fund or source some additional water storage/butts and, as a one off goodwill gesture, fill the storage from their site water supply. It was **AGREED** that a small party of councillors should meet with Jenny Eamer from SWW on site to try and progress this.



## Talaton Parish Council Report Cont'd

### CONSIDERATION OF COST OF REPLACEMENT PLAQUE FOR TREE ON THE MOOR

It was **AGREED** that further investigations as to the type of material appropriate for the replacement plaque (eg wood, metal, slate etc) needed to be made before the matter could be progressed

### CHRISTMAS TREE REQUIREMENTS

It was **RESOLVED** that the Chair be tasked with purchasing the annual Christmas tree

### TELEPHONE BOX AND FUTURE PLANS

There was much discussion. It was suggested that the telephone box could be converted into a mini library. The equipment currently in situ would need to be removed, if this suggestion was to be progressed. The equipment could be removed from the box and placed in the shed when councillors were around for the Drop-In on 28<sup>th</sup> October. The box would then need to be cleaned following which (if the suggestion of a library was progressed) book shelves would need to be erected in the box by a volunteer (sourced by the Chair, if possible)

### PARISH MAINTENANCE: ITEMS REQUIRING ATTENTION AND FOLLOW UP ON ITEMS REPORTED

a. Update on requested quotes for grass cutting of two areas in the village - (Phone box area and area at the rear of Cllr Bos's house)

Both areas had already been trimmed, therefore no quotes were obtained by the Clerk

b. The trimming back of the overgrowth on the railway bridge near Half Moon Farm - The Clerk would now report the matter to Network Rail.

c. The damaged wall at Orchard Close - The stones could be removed and temporarily stored by the Council, as agreed by DCC. The Council's insurers advised of matters that needed to be adhered to if repairs were to be carried out by councillors or volunteers of the Council

d. Potholes etc - The potholes opposite Hillside and in the vicinity of Beacon Cross/Escot had been reported to DCC by the Clerk. There were no others to report at the moment

e. Water leak at Talaton Hill It was understood that this had now been repaired by SWW

### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

1<sup>ST</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm

### DATE OF NEXT 'DROP IN' IN THE PARISH HALL

28th October 2023 at 10.30am

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# Balsam 2023

June 22

TVT are fortunate that there has been growing interest in commercial company staff charity volunteering days. Simpkins Edwards accountants supported us with 11 intrepid alien invasive plant pullers – from 8.30am to past 5pm! In addition, one of the director's teenage sons was there for most of the day, although 'there by choice' might be stretching it! We were also delighted to welcome a local who has more free time on her hands having retired from a busy career in nursing. Hopefully she will become a regular – she certainly homed in on the balsam with only a brief id introduction!



Since May 8<sup>th</sup> the Tale Valley saw almost no rain at all apart from some overnight on June 19. The river level is holding up remarkably well, helped in part by a series of beaver dams in the Danes to Tuck mills stretch. These dams are also contributing to the healthy growth of a variety of fish by filtering out at

least a percentage of the harmful trace elements & chemicals unfortunately present in the river. The patches of river weed noted in previous years' reports however, have completely disappeared. Something to investigate!



From Danes to Tuck Mill was relatively clear of balsam – further down stream it got steadily worse – Talewater, Escot and below were bad considering our sustained efforts. 5% was already in flower. Nevertheless, our stalwart volunteers did not waver and a fan-



tastic team effort will hopefully result in the July team finding considerably less. There were butterflies throughout, notably Commas, Skippers, Tortoiseshell and Meadow Browns, but the damselflies – the 'Beautiful Demoiselles' stole the show, being in pockets of abundance throughout the river corridor.



## July 20

A wonderful turnout of 19 volunteers. Particular thanks to Simpkins Edwards and Thompson Jenner Chartered Accountants for encouraging volunteer days for their workforces. The day was overcast but July has been on and off rain, with very little sunshine – so overcast was fine. Groups were distributed throughout the 8 mile target area. The managing partner of SE was delegated to drop 3 volunteers at the confluence at Cadhay Bridge to work upstream until they met the team coming towards them. They climbed over the gate – saw a river, and started pulling balsam – a few hours later they reached Gosford Bridge – which is  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile upstream, over the river Otter! At the other end of the catchment volunteers were enjoying seeing beaver dams, a kingfisher, assorted butterflies and damselflies, and one group of four watched a carefree otter on the Rydon stretch for about two minutes! The same group then set off a burglar alarm on a property at Talewater having seen balsam within their boundary! The owners were there in moments having seen them on cctv but were very understanding and kind about the trespass!

The balsam was less than last time upstream of Talewater but still disappointingly prolific downstream from there. However, there was very little by the end of the day! One team even had time to clean off the ever creeping grasses that smother the exquisite brickwork of the Clapperentale water meadows – restored over a decade ago but now on the biannual maintenance list.





## August 24

2023 is proving to be an exceptional year for plant growth, and fruits and berries. Hedgerows and orchards are heavy with crop. Himalayan balsam too has burgeoned this year. I don't remember it being this prolific on the river Tale for almost two decades. We had the most volunteers in June and July that we have ever had and yet the balsam from Talewater to the confluence was abundant. The 200m stretch between the Clapperentale bridges was even cleared in a separate outing between July and August by one volunteer and yet it was as bad as ever two weeks later.



Unfortunately, 12 cooperate volunteers who came last year and were keen to repeat, cancelled a few days before due to a business crisis. This left us with 6 volunteers for the morning and two for the afternoon. Nevertheless, we comprehensively cleared 3 miles of river. The river itself was in good shape – between us we saw a kingfisher, a kingfisher's vacated nest burrow, a dipper and several recently used dipper's nests under bridges, prolific beaver activity, an orb weaver spider – and a frog. River weed of at least 2 varieties was noted in several locations. We even discovered a mature, 30-40ft elm tree on the riverbank protected from the beetle carrying Dutch elm disease by dense hazel bushes surrounding the trunk.

The TVT is very grateful to all our volunteers and to DWT and WCRT for their continuing support – and to the parish councils and private donors who value our work and support us. Thank you All!

# **PARISH COUNCIL DROP IN SURGERY**

## **Saturday**

## **28th October 2023**

## **10:30am Till 12 noon**

Come Along and meet your Councillors  
and have a chat on a one to one basis

On any subject you wish

At the Parish Hall

Tea and coffee will be served

It may be useful to give warning of any  
detailed question to the Clerk

Mrs Christine McIntyre (Parish Council Clerk)  
3 Katherine's Lane, Ottery St Mary, EX14 1FB  
Telephone: 01404 814128 or  
Email: [clerk.talatonpc@btinternet.com](mailto:clerk.talatonpc@btinternet.com)

**Pumpkin Competition**  
**6pm on Friday 27th October**  
**in the Talaton Inn**



**Be sure to bring your pumpkin down in good time for the judging at 7pm, with a nightlight and please remember to add your name on a slip of paper**

**The Competition is open to Adults and Children  
Prizes for the best carved pumpkins  
Well worth coming to see if you dare venture out .....**

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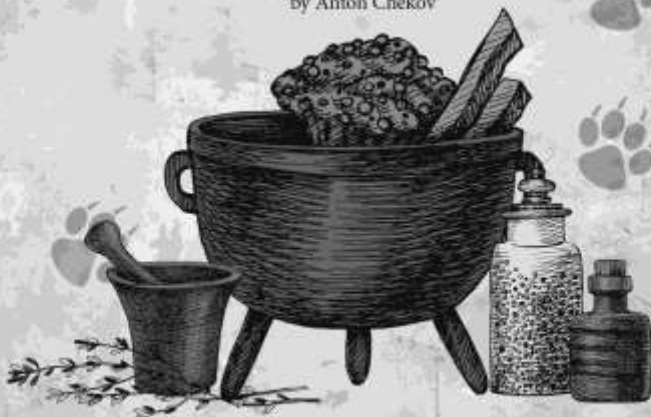
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## Christmas Celebrations in Talaton



**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

*Christmas Fayre at the Shop*

*Complimentary tastings throughout the day*

**6pm at the Shop & Pub**

*Switching on the Lights*

*on the Village Christmas Tree*

**Carol Singing**

*With "Brass Class" from Ottery Silver Band  
provided by the Church, outside the pub*

*Join us at 6pm to sing outdoors*

*Charity collection for "Devon Freewheelers" the Blood Bikes  
Their motorbikes will be on view, emergencies permitting*

**Served in the Talaton Inn**

*Hot Mulled Cider, Hot Chocolate Marshmallows*

*Hot Mince Pies, Bar Snacks*

*Full menu available*





## Memory Tree for Charity

*Remember a loved one by putting a message on  
the Village Christmas Tree*

**£3** from *The Community Shop*

*Weatherproof labels and bow provided*

Thinking about Christmas?

Don't forget the Knit and Natter stall at the How d'ye Do - there will be handcrafted items ranging from 50p to original luxury items.

Please support us to raise funds to continue yarn bombing the village.



**The Talaton Parish Hall**  
**Christmas**

# How d'ye Do

Opened by Father Christmas  
In aid of Hall Funds

**SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER**  
**12-3PM**

**LIGHT LUNCHEES & REFRESHMENTS**

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE, GARDEN & PRODUCE STALL**

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**PLUS THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION OPEN TO ALL AGES**

**MAKE A CHRISTMAS PENGUIN**

**TO BE DISPLAYED FIRST AT THE HOW D'YE DO AND THEN IN  
CHURCH FOR THE WHOLE OF CHRISTMAS**

**ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE FROM TALATON COMMUNITY SHOP**

**Please come, this is a chance for all Newcomers to be  
introduced to all the various Village Organisations  
and come and see **Father Christmas****

## **🐧 Christmas Competition Open to ALL ages 🐧** **Create a PENGUIN to decorate a Christmas Tree**

Your hanging entry must measure no more than 20cm/8" and include a loop.  
Knit or crochet, needle felt, carve, sew, stuff a festive creation, have a go!

Bring your entry down to Talaton Community Shop by  
**Friday 1st December 2023 before 1pm**

The Competition will be judged in four age groups:  
2-5 years; 6-10 years; 11-16 years; 17 years and over.

One winning Christmas Penguin from each group will receive a prize.

All entries will be displayed at the How d'ye Do and will then go down to the Church where they will adorn the Tree over the whole of Christmas.



With Acknowledgements to Corinne Lapierre and clothkits.co.uk illustrated here purely for inspiration

### **🐧 ENTRY FORM 🐧**

PLEASE ATTACH THIS FORM TO YOUR ENTRY

Name ..... Age .....

Address ..... Telephone .....

Description of Christmas Penguin.....

Please indicate here if you wish to have your entry returned Yes/No.....

# GRAB A GRANT! APPLICATIONS INVITED

Talaton Parish Council seeks to support and strengthen the many networks and community groups which help to make a positive difference to Talaton.

To facilitate this, the Council operates a Grants Award Scheme. Details of the scheme are contained in the Council's Grants Policy. The Policy provides information about who is eligible (e.g. community groups) and how to apply for a grant. This year for the first time there will be a standard application form which will need to be completed. The Policy together with the Grants Application Form are available on the Council's website, in the Community Shop or can be e-mailed or posted out by contacting the Clerk

The completed application form will need to be returned to the Clerk by post/e-mail by **30<sup>th</sup> November 2023**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. One representative per application/group is also invited to present details of their application at the Full Council Meeting on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.

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## The **ROBOT** go Laser Shooting at Westcott

Another environmentally friendly yet exciting adventure for the intrepid ROBOT that included, what is now becoming an essential part of every outing, a sumptuous pique-nique washed down with lashings of tea.



This junket was about laser clay shooting and hosted by Sanda Vallis of Devon Laser Clays; Sandra is a member of Talaton Clay Shoot, and she kindly invited the ROBOT to sample her new enterprise.



Gordon had arranged for twelve of us to participate, but as is the norm these days one of us forgot all about it and went to Wales in the Camper instead! So, we had two teams of four and one team of three firing at retrievable clays, in various formats, using very safe laser guns.

The sun shone, we shot, we ate, we drank, and a blistering afternoon was had by all.

Roger Down won the 'Top Gun' slot and will no doubt oblige anyone wishing to see his shiny medallion. You can't take it off just yet Rog! We couldn't have wished for better weather or more generous hospitality. So enjoyable was this event a few non-shooting members of Robots are going to try out Talaton Clay Shoot and see how it compares.

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## Choir set to pull out all the stops for a beautiful night of Baroque music



Exeter Philharmonic Choir will join forces with the Isca Ensemble and four talented young soloists for November's 'Music of the Baroque' concert in Exeter Cathedral, including Handel's outstandingly beautiful choral work *Dixit Dominus*.

The concert promises to be a particularly memorable event for choir member Sheena McCready, whose musician son, Fergus, will take centre stage playing the solo of Alessandro

Marcello's *Oboe Concerto in D minor*. Fergus McCready took up the oboe as a child following a voice trial at Exeter Cathedral, where his brother was a chorister. It was Exeter Philharmonic Choir's Associate Director of Music, Stephen Tanner, who suggested Fergus try the woodwind instrument and he hasn't looked back!

In the past year, Fergus has auditioned as Principal Oboe with Birmingham Royal Ballet, the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and the Royal Opera House, resulting in trials with all three orchestras. Fergus has also played guest Principal with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, Philharmonia Orchestra and the Academy of St Martins in The Fields. Sheena McCready, who has sung with the Choir for many years, says, "I'm absolutely thrilled that Fergus will be playing in our 'Music of the Baroque' concert in November. I'd always hoped he might one day play alongside the Choir, although I never dreamt he would be playing one of my favourite concertos as a soloist.

"It feels like we've come full circle as Fergus took up the oboe after playing his recorder to Stephen many years ago during a voice trial. November 4th will be a very special night for me and, I hope, for the audience too." Howard Ionascu, Exeter Philharmonic Choir's Director of Music, adds, "The choir's main work (and challenge!) is *Dixit Dominus*. For me, it sits alongside *Messiah* as one of Handel's sublime choral works. We will be joined by three outstanding professional soloists - sopranos Lucy Cronin and Ellie Sperling, a former Exeter Cathedral chorister, and also Martha McLorina.

"The concert will also include the familiar anthem *Zadok the Priest*, sung recently at the King's Coronation and at the crowning of monarchs throughout the centuries, and Vivaldi's popular *Gloria*. That sums up the concert really - an evening of glorious Baroque music." At full strength, Exeter Philharmonic Choir has around 100 members, and the Isca Ensemble has more than 65 experienced amateurs and some former professional players drawn from across the South West. Isca Ensemble Musical Director Roger Hendy says, "We are delighted to have this opportunity of teaming up with Exeter Philharmonic Choir to present what promises to be a very special Autumn programme of beautiful Baroque music."



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### Please note below the difference between a Grant and a Donation

#### Grants - must be for a specific purpose

##### For example:-

£100 to purchase a projector to allow a local community organisation to host regular film nights to tackle social isolation

£200 to print 500 walking leaflets to encourage tourism and support health and wellbeing.

#### Donations - a donation towards costs

##### For example:-

£100 towards the regeneration costs of a local park

£100 towards the costs of organising a family fun day.

£100 towards the general running costs of an organisation without being specific about what it is spent on

**ARE YOU APPLYING FOR A GRANT OR  
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### NAME OF ORGANISATION APPLYING

Name	
Full Address	
Postal Code	
Telephone Number	

**ARE YOU MAKING ANY OTHER APPLICATIONS FOR THIS EXPENDITURE? IF SO PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS AND HOW THE PROVISION OF A GRANT/DONATION FROM TALATON PARISH COUNCIL WILL ASSIST YOU**

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**NAME OF CONTACT REGARDING APPLICATION**

Name	
Full Address	
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Email Address	

**DETAIL OF MAIN AIMS/ACTIVITIES OF YOUR ORGANISATION**

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**HOW MUCH DO YOU WISH TO APPLY FOR FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL?**

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**DESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE GRANT/DONATION IS REQUESTED AND HOW IT WILL BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF TALATON PARISH**

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**PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OF THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF YOUR ORGANISATION OR DETAILS OF OTHER FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND INCOME STREAMS (INCLUDING COPY ACCOUNTS WHERE APPROPRIATE)**

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT A BACS PAYMENT CAN BE MADE IF YOUR APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL**

Name on Bank Account:-

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- I confirm that to the best of my knowledge all the information I have provided in this application for a grant is correct
- I give permission for all the details of this application to be disclosed at meetings of Talaton Parish Council, which are open to the press and public.
- If a grant is made, I understand that I will be asked to provide an account of how the money has been spent.
- I understand that Talaton Parish Council has limited funds and will make the final decision on which applications are successful.
- I have read and understood and will comply with the provisions of Talaton Parish Council's Grant Policy

**SIGNED**

**DATE**

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## TALATON PARISH HALL HIRE CHARGES

Main Hall	£10 per hour
Committee Room	£5 per hour

Minimum hiring period is 2 hours and this includes setting up and clearing away. There is no additional charge for use of the kitchen or stage. A deposit is not required but the hirer will be expected to pay for breakages or any repairs required resulting from damage during the hiring period.

Discounted rates are available for regular users.

The rate for professional events is £20 per hour. For such events all tables and chairs will be set up as required and cleared away at the end of the event. The bar can be made available subject to negotiation.

### Following are available for hire by Talaton residents for use away from hall:-

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Plastic Chairs – 25p each.	
Gazebos 3mx3m - £10 ea (10 avail)	Gazebos 6mx3m - £75 ea (2 avail)

All the above are per day.

In addition to the hiring fee a deposit is required for gazebo hire which will be returned if the items are returned in the same condition as that at the start of the hire period. The deposit for the 6mx3m gazebos is £100 and the 3mx3m gazebos is £50. Cutlery, China, cutlery and glasses must be washed prior to return.

More details can be found on the website :-

[www.talatonparishhall.org.uk](http://www.talatonparishhall.org.uk)



## **HALL DETAILS**

The Village Hall is ideal for all manner of occasions, including meetings, luncheon and dinner events, wedding parties, children's parties, fairs and concerts and exercise classes.

The main Hall is approximately 12.7m x 6.3m and can seat up to 100 people in theatre-style layout and up to 80 for dinners or lunches dependent on layout. Our licence also allows for up to 145 at standing only events.

There is a separate committee room measuring approximately 6.3m x 2.3m which can be hired on its own for small meetings etc.

The Hall benefits from a fully equipped kitchen with serving area, toilet facilities and a foyer. In addition, there are ample tables and chairs, a stage, and a lighting system for stage events.

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## **STAGE**

There is a stage with curtains, moveable stage steps, small room at the back for changing and toilet facilities.

## **KITCHEN**

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## Rainfall at the Cobblers/Parish Hall 100 Club

### Rainfall at the Cobblers in Talaton During September

The first 2 weeks of the month was hot and dry. I measured only 4.50 mls in the first fortnight! High temperatures of 30C were recoded over a lot of the UK. The hottest day was in Faversham in Kent with a record 33.5C this has happened only 4 times in the UK the most recent was in 1919. The intense heat brought on many thunderstorms where 20/30 mls. or well over an inch fell in an hour were recorded in many places. The second half of the month saw an abrupt change bringing in some very wet and windy conditions and a named storm Agnes.

The average temperatures were 2.2C above the average making the month the warmest the second warmest since 2006.

The rainfall here in Devon was variable but some places in East Devon experienced torrential down pours. The warmest place in the UK was at Faversham in Kent with 33.5C and the lowest of -3.5 was endured in Kinbrace in Southerland in Scotland on 13<sup>th</sup> On 20<sup>th</sup> 117mls or well over 4 inches fell in 24 hours at Honister Pass in Cumbria.

Here I Talaton we had a very wet period from 15<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. There were 16 days with no rain and the monthly total was 118ms or 4.7 inches bringing our yearly total so far to 27.2 inches

ANNE BOLES

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# TALATON PARISH HALL 100 CLUB

The draw was made on the 4th October - Drawn by Sandra Deacon

The winners were:

1st	No.84	Jude Grigg.	£20
2nd	No.24.	Martin Mitchell	£10
3rd	No 92.	Andrew Dennis	£5

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# TALATON PARISH COUNCIL

**WEDNESDAY MEETING DATES\* FOR 23/24**

**HELD AT TALATON PARISH HALL**

**(ALL MEETINGS COMMENCE AT 7.30PM UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY)**

**1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER**

**6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 24**

**7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

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**3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL**

*\*There may be meetings held in addition to those mentioned above, which will be advertised*

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The Autumn season of talks concludes on November 15<sup>th</sup> with a talk by Tony Davis entitled: "How Did the Kings Find Bethlehem?"

David says that he follows with great interest developments in Science and Mathematics. His audiences often find quite serious ideas amusing. As the comedian once said, it's the way he tells them.

The Bible tells us that the Kings arrived in Bethlehem by following a star. Actually, how would you do that? In his talk, Tony will explore how navigation has evolved over the centuries and consider possible solutions to the Kings' problem.

For further details of Honiton u3a, including how to join, look at the group's website: [u3asites.org.uk/honiton](http://u3asites.org.uk/honiton)

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