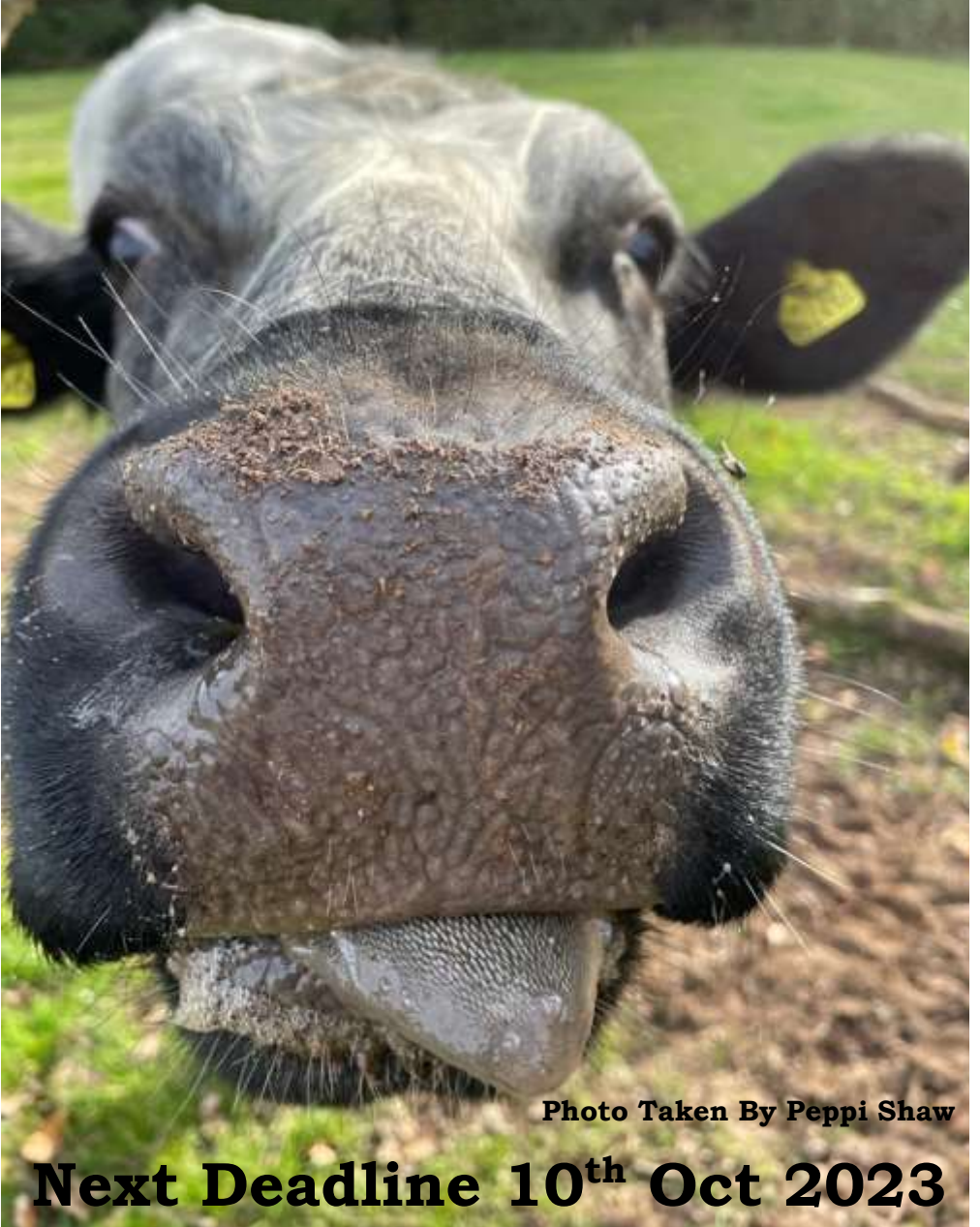


# The Talaton Calendar

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## Editorial

Well we're back again! Hopefully our readers have missed us! We only serve you providing all the latest events and some news. We are of course only a monthly issue, and can only be up to date at the time of Printing. For those of you who can use Facebook, (I don't!) don't forget Talaton Talk it is live and up to date, and between the two of us we keep you advised.

The Hall has initiated but not yet started some internal repairs and redecorations,, but we are dependent on fitting with the bookings we have, so nothing yet has started. It will but not yet.

Much of the summer has been nice and it has now it seems decided to let Autumn and winter in early, with the recent storms and water run off resulting. I hope no one this time has been affected by this. It is a catastrophe when it arrived unexpectedly into your house.

Don't forget the Village Shop and the Parish Hall both have AGMs coming up, and your support for each is always needed. Jim Causley's event is imminent and details of this and other events are herein, and you can read this at your convenience anywhere, and you are not stuck to a screen! (Unless of course you are on the e mail circulation list)

On another note the Royalmail POST-BOX Collection by the Community shop has changed the collection times and they are as follows:

Mon-Fri - 9.00am  
Sat 7.00am

Simon Spencer  
Editor

# Talaton Community Shop Annual General Meeting

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023

7pm for 7.30pm  
Talaton Parish Hall

*Please come along to hear how your Shop is doing  
Everyone is welcome  
Refreshments provided*

## Next issue is 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## Information

### Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators

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Beacon Cross to Larkbears Grange

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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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#### **EDDC for Tale Vale Ward**

Richard Jefferies

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Iain Chubb

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## St James the Great

### Services for October

**8<sup>th</sup> Oct Harvest Family Service 10.00 am**  
Followed by pasties & cider

15<sup>th</sup> Oct Holy Communion 10.00 am  
Followed by refreshments

20<sup>th</sup> Oct Morning Prayer (BCP) 10.00 am  
Followed by refreshments

### *Cleaning Rota*

*7<sup>th</sup> Rita & Terry Wright 21<sup>st</sup> Pam Weston & Sue Harwood*

### Midweek Coffee

The next get together is on  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October  
10.30 am until noon in the North Aisle Room.  
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### Flower Arrangers



If you would like to hone your flower arranging skills and help to decorate the church, occasionally, please get in touch with Lady Anne on 822513. You do not need to be an expert, or spend a fortune!



### **Talaton Toddlers**

#### **Parents and Babies Get Together**

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bring your own chair and drink but wherever we are  
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**Fridays 6th and 20th October 2023**

10.30am – 12noon

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## **Planning ahead?**

You might feel it's too early to mention Christmas but Talaton Knit and Natter group have been thinking about it for months. To help raise funds to create the various post box and village centre decorations we have been crafting lots of items which will be on sale at the How D'ye Do in December. These will range from inexpensive stocking fillers to some luxury items and will include hair clips, brooches, hats, scarves, gloves, ear warmers, snoods, tree decorations, coasters, reusable shopping bags – to name a few. Some of these items will be at once only, never to be repeated, bargain prices so why not come along to the How D'ye Do and solve your Christmas shopping problems – or treat yourself?

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Emma Palmer  
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## TALATON – A Growing Community!



The Talaton Garden and Produce Association, with its 46 member families, held its annual show in early August and in spite of doom-laden weather forecasts the sun shone and the supporters emerged. As usual loyal committee members did the setting up on the previous evening although the Chairman managed to be late and had to offer sincere apologies! Exhibitors arrived with their prize jams, courgettes, onions.... on the Saturday morning. Serious business, selecting the best three runner beans to enter! Eventually, out went the hopefuls and in came the judges for a couple of hours quiet awarding. Finally, at 3:30 the doors not exactly burst open but did allow a really great number of visitors in to check their success or failure or just to enjoy a potter around and a tea and cake.

### **The winners:**

- High Sheriff of Devon –  
Champion Cup for overall winner - Sarah Wood
- J.W. Wise Cup –  
Highest Points in Veg and Fruit class – Alan Franklin
- Mrs E.R Glover Cup –  
Highest Points in Flowers section – Liz franklin
- The W.I Cup –  
Highest Points in Preserves and Cakes – Liz Franklin
- The Palfrey Memorial Cup –  
Highest Points in Miniature flower Arrangements – Nickie Bitschi
- Sir Jack Boles Memorial Trophy –  
Gentlemen's Baking Entry – Terry Wright's cherry cake



### **Childrens Section**



- Keith West Memorial Cup -  
Highest Points overall – Jessica Northover
- Acorn Cup –  
0 to 7 years – Lottie Roddy/Tilly Roddy
- Oak Cup –  
8 to 16 years – Oliver Jones / John Buxton

Overall, a great show with excellent entries – 285 actual entries- and attendance. There is a rumour that a large number of trial attempts at the Gent's Cherry Cake, all with the cherries at the bottom, are now available at reduced price in the Community Shop.





TALATON GARDEN & PRODUCE  
ASSOCIATION

Hopefully you are still enjoying this season's crops and flowers in some mellow autumn sunshine.

At the time of writing, we have been enjoying a few days of exceptionally hot and sunny weather, so who knows, but now is usually the time to start clearing up your veg plot, planting green manure such as field beans, to help enrich your soil and crowd out weed seedlings. Earth up leeks and celery, to keep them blanched. Finish pruning your blackberries and summer raspberries.

Remove yellow leaves from Brussel sprouts and cabbages because leaving them to rot on the ground encourages the spread of grey mould. Dig over your potato patch thoroughly. Even Monty Don admits to missing the odd potato in the ground. Those left will sprout again and may carry over viruses and other diseases.

If it rains, well sit back and design something wonderful for our Pumpkin Competition, which will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> at the Talaton Inn. The past few years have seen some amazing, which transformed the pub's skittle alley for a night. You don't have to have grown your own pumpkin, there will be plenty on sale. It is free to enter and details are elsewhere in this Calendar. Do have a go and help to make this year's competition the best yet. Too shy to carve your own pumpkin, then come along to the Talaton Inn at 7pm to enjoy the display, some good company, food and maybe a drink or two.

Make a note in your diary to attend our AGM next month. Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. We have changed the day to accommodate those who have long term commitments on Wednesday evenings. Please don't forget.

The ever popular Andrea Rye, of Combe Garden Centre will be giving a short talk entitled, "Surprising things you didn't know about plants."

This will also be the time to pay your annual subscription, receive the latest Dobies catalogue and chat to the committee and other fellow members. More details in next month's Calendar.

Don't forget to feed the birds as the days shorten and nights get chilly, and to leave some water for them. **And.....**



Don't forget to check that no hedgehogs have taken up residence in your bonfire heap, before you light it.

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> September

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October

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.



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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)

#### PARISH MAINTENANCE: ITEMS REQUIRING ATTENTION AND UPDATE ON ITEMS REPORTED

- i. The abandoned DCC highway sign near the Newtown Junction had now been collected by DCC
- ii. Cllr Walker reported that all the potholes at Fairmile had been filled in. However there was a large pothole opposite Hillside (and as cars were parked on the other side of the road, it meant vehicles could not avoid it). There were a number of potholes in the vicinity of Escot. The Clerk would report these matters to DCC
- iii. DCC had advised that the defective road markings/signs from Talaton Cross to Beacon Cross had been reported to the local neighbourhood highway team who would organise repairs subject to the repairs meeting their current policy
- iv. It was AGREED that the Clerk contact National Rail to request that the vegetation growing out from the base of the railway bridge (leading from Beacon Cross to the allotments) needed trimming back
- v. It was AGREED that the Clerk report to DCC the damaged wall at the layby at Orchard Close
- vi. It was AGREED that the Clerk report to DCC the issue of ornaments being sited on a highway verge

#### UPDATE RE BARCLAYS BANK

The online banking system was now fully operational which should make the paying of invoices easier and quicker for the Council, plus it would be easier to check balances/statements

#### DCC ROAD CLOSURES

- i. 1st – 30th Sept – Road from Bittery Cross to Beacon Cross - Investigating dig for sink hole in carriageway)
- ii. 20th October - 1 day – Road from Bittery Cross to Beacon Cross - access to overhead network to replace pole
- iii. 9th to 15th November – Road to Harris Farm - clear blockages and lay duct

#### OAK TREE ON THE MOOR AND PLAQUE

EDDC had enquired as to the condition of the oak tree on the Moor, as several trees it had provided to various parishes had died. It was pleasing to note that the tree was thriving thanks to those parishioners who had kept the tree well watered in its initial stages of growth. However it was understood that the tree plaque had been damaged. Cllr Bos agreed to research the cost of a similar replacement sign.

#### CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM ED FREEMAN - ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PLANNING STRATEGY AND

## **Talaton Parish Council Report Cont'd**

### **DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT EDDC**

The Clerk had contacted Mr Freeman to obtain clarification on the likelihood of any future development in the village. He had provided a comprehensive response which included the following:- 'There could be various ways in which new development could come forward in Talaton despite it being a rural area and there being no built up area boundary around the village. There are permitted development rights that allow barns to be converted to dwellings in rural areas without even needing planning permission in certain circumstances. Rural workers dwellings can also be allowed under our policies but these are not just for farmers but could be for a whole range of rural workers including those engaged in forestry and other rural based enterprises'

### **UPDATE ON WATER LEAK OPPOSITE THE PARISH HALL**

The leak had been registered with SWW on its website and DCC had advised that its Enforcement Officer would also investigate. The Clerk was still waiting to hear from DCC with an update despite chasing further

### **ALLOTMENTS UPDATE - ANY ACTIONS TO BE AGREED; CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL (IF APPROPRIATE) OF ANY QUOTES RECEIVED AND APPROVAL OF DRAFT DOCUMENTS**

All the draft lease documentation prepared by the Clerk had been approved by the Council. The Clerk would now submit the draft lease and plan for consideration/approval to the landowners. New tenancy agreements, rules and regulations and other necessary documents had been prepared by the Clerk and were also approved by the Council. It was also agreed to increase the allotment plot fees slightly and also charge an administrative fee for all the documentation that would be issued to the allotment tenants in due course. It was agreed that the matter of the water supply, be further considered when the Clerk had heard from SWW regarding the PC's request to either connect into SWW's existing water supply pipe or use the tap/hose sited near the gateway of the treatment works. The quote for the installation of a new pipe had been circulated to all councillors but it was noted that the survey costs and the digging of a trench for the pipe would be additional costs.

### **LAND REGISTRY UPDATE RE COMPULSORY REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

The Land Registry had advised that it had now revised its strategic intent for delivering a comprehensive register within the time frames previously stated. The reason for this was to ease the pressure on operational resource and ensure appropriate focus was delivered to reducing the backlog and improve the speed of service to its customers. Thus there was currently no obligation for the Council to apply to the Land Registry for voluntary first registration of any of its unregistered land

### **DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

4th October 2023 at 7.30pm

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

28th October 2023 at 10.30am

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## Boat Building on the Moor



Recently fifteen **Retired Old Boys** of Talaton added to their hugely varied programme with a visit to a Dartmoor boat builder! Yes, boats on Dartmoor! Not any boat builder but an incredibly talented craftsman. Roger and Lyn Wickham and their son Oliver live on nearly five acres of idyllic intentionally created wilderness on the east side of the moor. From within workshops in that peaceful setting Roger, with help from Oliver, produces a variety of craft. Finished and partially finished models were evidence of the careful jointing, sanding, steaming, and coating of the timber that only a craftsman could produce.

Roger entered the Merchant Navy as a sixteen-year-old cadet and rose through the ranks to second mate serving on a vast array of craft and experiencing the world at a time when perhaps the spirit of adventure had not been squashed by the dreaded Health and Safety! Some of his tales certainly portrayed a time of excitement. He served on pre-container cargo ships and on what were probably the last steam powered carriers to shuttle freight around the world. In his early twenties he moved to more lucrative work on Oil tank-



ers and during one contract was hit on the port bow in the night by a wayward Greek cargo ship, this didn't seem to lessen his love of the sea and sailing.

At the age of twenty five Roger decided to end his emerging career in the merchant marine and embarked on a round world sailing adventure with a friend. His first main break of the voyage was in the British Virgin Islands, it was here on the Caribbean Island of Tortola he settled, then set up a marine services business, met his future wife Lyn and where they raised three children.



Roger and Lyn returned to the UK for the children's secondary education and it was here in Devon he was able to continue his love of boatbuilding. His skills allowed him to undertake other commissions and his work is in evidence in the homes of some of the rich and famous. Not satisfied with just yachts, dinghies, canoes and all that

sail but the construction of a plane is in progress.

We saw videos of the stages in its manufacture including the engine fitting and trials.

In spite of probably being able to listen and look for a lot longer it has to be said that the news was out that a cream tea awaited



in the garden and what an end to a magical visit - a homemade cream tea, in the sunshine looking out over the wonderful wilderness.

Many thanks to Roger, Lyn and Oliver for a most enjoyable and unique visit.

**TALATON  
PARISH HALL  
ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING**

WILL TAKE PLACE AT  
7.00 for 7.30pm

ON  
WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER  
IN THE PARISH HALL

All village residents are welcome

Wine and light refreshments will be served



**Talaton**

**Sunday 8th October  
2023**

**Harvest Festival  
Family Service  
10am**

**Followed by Cider & Pasties in  
the Church of St James the Great**

# **PARISH COUNCIL DROP IN SURGERY**

**Saturday  
28th October 2023  
10:30am Till 12 noon**

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## The Ones That Got Away



Well, more accurately, the ones that didn't even arrive. Eleven stalwart **Retired Old Boys Of Talaton** stood patiently on the beach at Beer watching the Lillie May struggle back to the shore and land its passengers not too gently on the landing stage. "Sorry lads can't go back out in this". What had been a tranquil early morning sea now responded in no uncertain fashion

to a 20-mph blow. This effectively ruled out all dreams of eleven mackerel suppers, or even a single one for that matter.

Rather than abandon the day by returning home to that list of chores that would be awaiting us it was decided by popular vote to bless Seaton Tramway with our presence and after a short drive and some hard bargaining to secure a reduced-price group ticket we awaited the first open top tram. The eleven would-be fishermen of England corkscrewed themselves up the stairs and settled in comfortably, carefully avoiding the electrified pole. Needless to say, the 20-mph wind had abated, and the sun shone as the vintage tram moved off up the line with a certain nostalgic vibration. With a huge amount of voluntary input this Tramway provides an incredible experience and asset to the area.

The estuary and the wetlands looked wonderful and when trams passed each other in the clever sidings passengers waved furiously to each other, adults using the children as an excuse. Did see one or two **ROBOTS** quietly giving a nervous embarrassed wave. Soon after passing the old Colyford station metal urinal – wonderfully preserved but not used – and passing over the level crossing we arrived at Colyton terminus. Fighting off the offer of tea and cake on the station we ambled down to the town and found the Kingfisher Inn with its rather fine beer garden. This offer we didn't fight off and spent a couple of hours with excellent company, excellent food and, well yes, excellent beer. Memories of mackerel that could have been, faded whilst the world issues were resolved in the sunshine but eventually it was time for more fresh air and gentle shaking on the top deck of tram number 31 back to civilisation.



So, a good day salvaged from the initial let down – just a shame we couldn't have salvaged a few mackerel, oh, yes and retrieved some of the outrageous East Devon parking fees.



## 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."



Saturday 4th November 2023 at 7.30 pm  
Exeter Cathedral

Tickets: [www.exeterphilharmonic.org.uk](http://www.exeterphilharmonic.org.uk) - £12, £16, £22  
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On October 18<sup>th</sup> Neil Littleales will be asking the question: "Who the hell is Arthur?"

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Neil will be demonstrating his investigative approach to genealogy, through a personal and fascinating account of the search for his father's parentage and medical ancestry. The journey will take the audience on a countrywide tour, exposing lies, deceit, discovery and deception.

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)

## 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.

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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.

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All the above are per day.

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More details can be found on the website :-

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## **HALL DETAILS**

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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.

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

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

**4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**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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**Rainfall at the Cobblers/Parish Hall 100 Club**

**Rainfall at the Cobblers in Talaton  
During July & August**

July was an unsettled month, cool, dull and with a lot of rain, in stark contrast to June, when the rainfall was less than an inch and July had over 5 inches.

The temperature over the UK were below average with a warm spell around 7<sup>th</sup> /9<sup>th</sup> when temperatures just reached 30C for one day, but with most places not reaching even that. Rainfall was well above average with many places in Ireland, Devon and Dorset having more than 200% over of what was normal.

The UK overall rainfall was 170% of the average, making this July the 6<sup>th</sup> wettest since 2009. Sunshine was also in short supply being particularly dull across Southern and Western areas.

A maximum temperature of 30 °C was recorded for one day on the 7<sup>th</sup> In Chertsey in Surrey. And the Lowest of 1.20°C at Lochglascarnoch in the Scottish Highlands on the 26<sup>th</sup>. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> 110.9 mm or 4.4 inches of rain fell in 24 hours at White Barrows in Devon!!

Here in Talaton we had only 9 days with no rain the rest of the month produced 132mms or 5.2 inches bringing our total for the year to a grand 20.6 inches.

**Report on the weather in Talaton during August.**

According to the Met Office August was rather a mixed month. It certainly was here in Talaton. Low pressure dominated the whole of the UK with brief spells of settled weather interspaced with showers. There were 2 named storms, Antoni on the 5<sup>th</sup> which here in Talaton brought us 26.5ms or just over an inch, and storm Betty on 18/19<sup>th</sup> only 8.5ms or 0.3 inches.

Over the whole of the UK the mean temperature was 0.2 C degrees above the average, rainfall was variable and sunshine was slightly below average. It was rather dull across the Southwest and Wales with only 79% of normal sunshine.

A maximum temperature of 28.4 C was recorded at Wellesbourne in Warwickshire on 16<sup>th</sup> and the lowest of 1.4 C at Altnaharra in Scotland on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

Here in Talaton we also had the mix of sunshine and showers. There were 15 days when no rain fell. 75ms or 3 inches of rain fell in August which gives us the total for the year of 22.6 inches.



# TALATON PARISH HALL 100 CLUB

Please find below the draw for **August & September 2023**

The draw was made on the 3rd August  
Drawn by Rosemary Glanville.

The winners were:

1st	No.22.	Pamela Stocking	£20
2nd	No.46	Gerry Hawkins	£10
3rd	No 55.	Caitlin Lovering	£5

Please find below the draw for **September 2023**

The draw was made on the 4th September  
Drawn by Peppi Shaw

The winners were:

1st	No.08.	Barbara Rowland	£20
2nd	No.65	Pete Deacon.	£10
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