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## Editorial

What a wet and windy January we have had. Storm Chandri (worst of several) was the high point with East Devon and Ottery St Mary in the main headline national news! Didn't take long for the floods to subside with hopefully no major damage, apart from wrecking farmland.

You will see from Tanyas text on the Hall, next year the Hall will be 100 years old and preparations are getting in place for it. We do need first hand experiences to help the celebrations, so please get in touch.

The old Minute Books for the Hall have gone walkabout and are not in our filing cabinet, so can I ask **all previous Secretary's** to have a look in their attics and see if we can find them. I remember the oldest book has a lot of data for that time.

The AV system will have its Cinema baptism next week when we hold a Film Night to demonstrate and enjoy the system. The film was advertised last month and is "What we did on our Holiday" a British comedy. It will be a fun evening starting at 7.30 (doors open 7.00) for the cost of a donation. If this is a success we will present more in the future.

Six Nations are here and March will be here when you read this...

Simon Spencer

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Editor

**Next issue is 10<sup>th</sup> March '26**  
**May issue is 10<sup>th</sup> April '26**

Information

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See our page on the parish website for terms of reference,  
recent appeals and lots of useful web links.

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## TALATON PARISH COUNCIL

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## St James the Great

### Services for March

- 8<sup>th</sup> Mar Morning Worship 11am refreshments from 10.30am  
15<sup>th</sup> Mar **Mothering Sunday** 11am refreshments from 10.30am  
22<sup>nd</sup> Mar Holy Communion 11am coffee from 10.30am  
*This service followed by a Lent Lunch see below*  
29<sup>th</sup> Mar **Mission Community Palm Sunday Service**  
11am refreshments from 10.30am.  
N.B. clocks went forward over night!

*All the services at the other churches in the Benefice are displayed on the notice board in our church porch.*

### Lunches in Lent

No honey coated locusts, these are simple but delicious soups with bread, followed by cake!

#### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

in the North Aisle Room 12 noon until 2pm

#### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

following the service (12 ish) in the North Aisle Room

Come to enjoy good company and tasty homemade soups.

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### Dates for your Diary

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup>**

**APCM 5pm in the North Aisle Room**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Churchyard Tidyup - 9am -12noon**



#### **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. Join us in friendship

**Fridays 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

10.30am – 12noon

RSVP 01404 822482 email: peppiashaw@gmail.com

St James the Great



# **Mothering Sunday**

**11am Service**

**15th March 2026**

**St James the Great, Talaton**



**Refreshments from 10.30am**

**in the North Aisle Room**

**Posies will be provided  
in Church during the Service**



## **Churchyard Tidyup - 2026! Volunteers needed!**

Saturday March 21st, starting around 9 o'clock and finishing around 12 o'clock in time for opening time, or earlier if you need to get away! If the weather is horrible, then we'll postpone until the following Saturday, the 28th.

To explain! Each year, willing volunteers spend a morning working together in the church grounds, getting them ready for the Easter weekend, and the summer ahead. The work has a huge impact and makes a real difference to our church and its surroundings.

**We don't need lawn mowers, as the grass is cut regularly under contract** by Matt Kingdon and his team. Each volunteer decides which job(s) he/she is going to take on, and the work usually involves general tidying up; cutting back overgrown or unwanted growth, digging out brambles, and tidying up some graves where necessary.

**A job that's new this year to the working party is to wash down the metal gates**, in preparation for their repainting job to follow. They have really suffered this winter - plenty of hot water in the church kitchen to make the job easier!

**Do please bring the tools you'd like to be using but ensure you take them home.**

**So, if you'd like to join us for what is a very sociable morning helping to make our church to look it's best, then do please come along, whenever you can get there that morning.**

As usual Jo Spencer has offered to provide tea, coffee and lots of wonderful cake around half time - I do hope you can come along.

Rick Spencer

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Talaton Garden Club



## Talaton Garden Club

Thanks to all those who have renewed your membership and if you haven't already renewed your membership or would like to join then can you give the subscription to either Kathy Gray or Alan Franklin. The cost remains at £5 per household.

The February meeting was a Garden Quiz that was enjoyed by all those that attended.

The next meeting is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March and is a talk by Claire Hart. The subject is Plants for Problem Areas. Doors open at 7:15pm and the talk will start at 7.30pm.

The meeting fee will be £2.50 and this includes the tea and cake that will be served at the end. This will be another opportunity to renew memberships or to join the Club and pick up an events programme for 2026.

### The remaining programme for 2026 is as follows:

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> March** - Claire Hart - Plants for Problem Areas

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> April** - Saul Walker - Vegetable Growing

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May** - Garden Visit - Little Ash

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> May** - Plant Stall

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June** - Garden Visit – Kia-Ora

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> July** - Garden Social - Keepers Cottage

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> August** – Produce Show

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> September** - Chris Trimmer - Propagation

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> October** - Gardeners Question time

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> October** - Pumpkin Competition

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> November** - AGM with Speaker

**Sat 5<sup>th</sup> December** - How d'ye Do

### Things to do in the garden

Weather permitting, you may be able to start sowing seeds – broad beans, broccoli, cabbage, leek, peas and spinach plus onions and shallots. If you plan to plant bare root fruit bushes or trees, do so now while they are still dormant. Keep encouraging the birds who will help reduce garden pests in the coming year.

**Happy gardening!**

**NEW YEAR – NEW VENTURE!**

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Tel 01404 814128**

## ♥ Decorate a small paper Carrier Bag ♥ for your Valentine

### ♥ St Valentine's Day Talaton Community Shop Competition ♥

We thought at one point early in February that romance in the village had died and then at the eleventh hour, nineteen bags in total decorated with colourful hearts, descended. Thank you to all those who entered:

Elly Jemison, Jo Spencer, Becky Springall, Arwen Springall 13  
Jess Northover 7, Lottie Roddy 8, Laurie Springall 8, Abigail Wheeler 9  
Emma Wood 9, Connie Clark 6, Alice Northover 4, Tilly Roddy 4  
Edward Sweetman 5, Olivia Watt 4, Ben Wood 6, Barnaby Clark 3  
Mikey Hoar 3, Malakai Jemison 3 and Frankie Wyssocki Douglas 1½ years

My thanks to Trish Lenehan, Tanya Jones for posting us on line and for judging alongside Jo Skeritt, who effortlessly helped to hang the bags not on line but ceiling high poles. They made a fabulous display and all so original.

### Congratulations to Emma Wood for winning





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### TALATON PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HOLDING A 'DROP IN' SESSION



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SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026  
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It may be useful to give advance warning of any detailed question to: - Mrs Christine McIntyre (Clerk to the Parish Council), 3 Katherine's Lane, Ottery St Mary, EX14 1FB

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## About Young Community Theatre 4All's Production of "Vanity".

"Vanity", a play especially written for the group, is a multifaceted drama exploring the title's core theme through a series of interlinking scenes. The starting point for the creation of this work was Hans Christian Anderson's cautionary tale "The Red Shoes". Like all cautionary tales of the Victorian period there is quite a gruesome element to the story which sits less comfortably in our modern world. I have tried to reduce the impact of this aspect of the story, without losing the cautionary warning, which has much that we can learn from in this age of social media pressures to conform with the 'perfect image' projected at us by every day media. Into this starting point fairy tales and legends exploring the same theme have been interwoven. Finally, modern day scenes have been added to bring the whole issue of vanity and peer pressure expectation to conform with social norms into stark, up to date, reality. This drama is firstly, a piece to entertain but beyond that it is also a piece for all ages, to challenge us to look into the mirror and to see ourselves as we really are .....

"Vanity of vanities all is vanity." – *Ecclesiastes Chapter 1 verse 2 (King James Translation)*

Tom Samson

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> January

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April

We meet at 10.30 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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# Vanity



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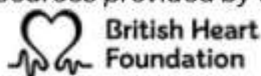
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## **Rural Devon Training Hub Launches to Strengthen At-Home Care Skills**

Tale, Devon (30th January 2026) - Care Training Devon officially opened the doors to its new training facility on 30th January, marking a significant milestone for the local care community and the wider health and social care sector across Devon. The grand opening took place at the Devon Business & Education Centre, Tale, EX14 3HL, bringing together unpaid carers, care professionals and local businesses.

The event celebrated the launch of Care Training Devon, a new community-focused resource dedicated to improving people's confidence and competence in delivering at-home care for elderly and vulnerable adults. The initiative was formed by the founders of Care With Kindness, a local domiciliary care service.

Care Training Devon offers a wide range of in-person courses, including moving and handling, everyday care skills, first aid awareness, dementia and communication training, plus specialised workshops such as hoist and mobility support. Training is delivered in small groups by qualified professionals with extensive experience in health and social care, using real equipment in a calm, welcoming setting.

The opening of the training hub represents a strategic investment in the future of care across Devon. As demand for home-based care continues to rise nationally, initiatives like Care Training Devon play a vital role in strengthening community resilience, reducing risk, as well as supporting integrated care pathways with NHS and local authority partners.

At the launch, attendees enjoyed a live training demonstration and guided tour of the new facility, showcasing Care Training Devon's practical, hands-on approach to learning.

The official opening ceremony included a speech from Richard Foord MP, Liberal Democrat Member of Parliament for Honiton and Sidmouth, highlighting the importance of accessible, high-quality care training in rural communities and the growing pressures facing family carers and care providers nationwide.

Also speaking at the event, Chris Lorimer, Director of Care With Kindness, outlined the vision behind Care Training Devon: to ensure that anyone with the responsibility to care - whether a family member, unpaid carer or professional - has access to practical training in a supportive, local environment. "This facility exists to serve our community," he said. "When a carer feels confident and supported, everyone benefits."

Mr Foord formally opened the facility by cutting the ribbon alongside carers from Care With Kindness. The event concluded with networking opportunities, allowing attendees to connect, share experiences and explore future collaborations.

Care Training Devon is a Devon-based care training provider offering practical, hands-on training for individuals, families, unpaid carers and care professionals. It shares founders with local domiciliary care service, Care With Kindness.

### **For further information, please contact:**

Care Training Devon

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EX143HL.

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Email: [team@carewithkindness.co.uk](mailto:team@carewithkindness.co.uk)

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## **A Little Mixed Up**

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Although I'm getting more forgetful and mixed up in my head  
I've got used to my arthritis, to my dentures I'm resigned  
I can manage my bifocals but oh my G.. I miss my mind!  
At times I can't remember when I'm standing by the stairs  
If I'm going up for something or I've just come down from there  
And beside the fridge so often my poor mind is filled with doubt  
Have I just put some food away or come to get some out?  
And sometimes when it's dark with my curlers on my head  
I'm not sure if I'm retiring or just getting out of bed  
So if it's my turn to write dear I hope you won't get sore  
I may think that I have written & don't want to be a bore  
So remember that I love you & wish that you were near.  
But now it's nearly post time so I must say goodbye my dear.  
Blast!  
Here I stand beside the post box with my face so very red  
Instead of posting you my letter I've just opened it instead!!

## Summer Skittles 2026

We are hoping to have another summer skittles league this year starting in May and finishing in July, followed with a Cup competition in August.

Teams will consist of six players for each game and hopefully there will be sticker-uppers for each game, which will cost each player £2.00 for every game you play. (£12 Per Team).

An entry form will be in the pub from the middle of March until 4<sup>th</sup> April, and all we need is a team name, contact name and phone number.

### Sticker- Uppers

Any youngster who is aged 14years or over and would like to stick up the skittles check with your parents and then contact Nemo on 01404 822644 to be put on a rota. For every game you stick up the skittles you will be paid £12 Per a team per a game



# What's On March 2026

Date	Day	Event	Description
8 <sup>th</sup> March '26	Sunday	Games Night	Pub Games, including, Skittles, Darts, Finger Board, Crib, Chess, Dominoes and many more,
12 <sup>th</sup> March '26	Thursday	Open Mic Night	
19 <sup>th</sup> March '26	Thursday	Quiz Night	From 8:30pm. Prizes included.
22 <sup>nd</sup> March '26	Sunday	Games Night	Pub Games, including, Skittles, Darts, Finger Board, Crib, Chess, Dominoes and many more,

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Dance fit with Kayley Louise –

Mondays 9:30am and 10:30am and 6pm.

## Talaton Parish Council Report

The following are some of the items extracted 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)

### **INFORMATION FROM THE MEETINGS OF 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

#### **CONFIRMATION OF DATES FOR DROP- IN MEETINGS IN 2026/27**

It was **AGREED** that the quarterly dates for the Drop-In Meetings should be on 25<sup>th</sup> April; 25<sup>th</sup> July; 31<sup>st</sup> Oct and 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2027.

#### **BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY – TO NOMINATE A PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

After some discussion it was **AGREED** not to make a nomination this year but to plan well in advance for the 2027 Garden Party. It was therefore suggested that this be an item for the September 2026 Agenda

#### **SOLAR FARMS UPDATE**

The Council in response to its request to be included in the Community Fund (to be created from the Paytherden solar farm development) had been advised by Bluefield that *`as Talaton neither hosts the development nor experiences impact from any of the transport, (since the transport route was rerouted from the east to the west, as per the approved Construction Transport Management Plan); the decision is therefore that the Parish will unfortunately not be eligible for funding`*. This was noted by the Council

#### **GRIT BINS UPDATE**

A number of grit bins in the Parish had been checked to see whether they required filling. However there were others that still required checking. The Chair; Cllrs Wood and Hirt would check the remaining bins (namely at Moorhayes Court; Garages at Rydon Cottages; at the side of Larkbeare finger post and at Woodman's Orchard) and would report their findings to the Clerk

#### **LASHBROOK NOTICEBOARD UPDATE**

Mens Shed, Ottery had advised that they were unable to carry out any work (to make a replacement noticeboard at Lashbrook) outside its building (in Ottery) due to insurance reasons so they would have to decline the Council's request. It was **AGREED** that the Vice Chair and Cllr Hirt would obtain quotes for a replacement board at Lashbrook. The Chair also suggest-

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ed that at the same time, consideration be given to replacing the small board at Newtown. It was further **AGREED** that the Clerk seek information from the Land Registry as to whose land the noticeboards would be placed, as consent would need to be obtained from the land owners.

### **PARISH MAINTENANCE: ITEMS REQUIRING ATTENTION AND UPDATE ON ITEMS REPORTED AND TO AGREE ANY FINANCIAL PROVISION (IF APPLICABLE) AND TO REPORT ON SITE MEETING WITH GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR**

- a. A site meeting at the grassed area (where telephone box was sited) took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> January with a number of councillors and the Council's grounds maintenance contractor ('Contractor') to consider various issues. It had been suggested that a blue pipe (for drainage) be laid in the ditch that DCC had previously dug; the earth to be pushed back in and the area to be levelled. It was understood that Cllr Peters may have machinery to use to carry out the work but the Council would need to check with him. The Contractor had suggested that the area could be turfed although a number of councillors were of the view that grass seeding would be sufficient. This work would need to be carried out before April. The grit bin was full and would need to be emptied and then moved to enable the works to be carried out. The contents of the grit bin could be emptied into a dumpy bag. The concrete plinth required cleaning. If there were any costs involved regarding the works these would need to be considered and approved. The Chair would also check with Cllr Peters about the timetable for the works
- b. The leak in the centre of village had been repaired.
- c. The name sign which had fallen off the finger post at Newtown had been handed into the DCC Highway depot at Honiton. Sadly it had not yet been re-attached to the finger post.
- d. Potholes have been repaired on the road from Bittery Cross to Talewater Cross;
- e. Potholes were noted at the top of Deep Lane; on the road to Larkbeare; on the road past Escot. The Clerk to report to DCC
- f. Rosemary Lane was in such poor condition that a resident who was no longer mobile would have extreme difficulty using her mobility scooter to access and egress her home over the extremely poor and dangerous road surface. The resident had no other means of access and egress. The Clerk to report to DCC

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- g. The road surface outside Larkbears Cottages had practically disappeared. The Clerk to report to DCC
- h. The DCC Highway Officer had inspected and dug out the blocked drain (from Talaton Cross to Bittery Cross) and had cleared the pipes with rods. The final pipe out into the ditch, was not possible to fully clear with hand tools. so it is flowing, but not at full capacity. This has been passed to DCC contractors for jetting . Another drain requiring rodding was situated at Lashbrook in the drain situated beyond the field in which horses were grazing. The Clerk to report to DCC

### **PLANNING MATTERS**

#### **A. To consider the following planning application**

**25/2651/FUL**

**Applicant:** Simon Jones

**Property:** Hayridge House Talaton Exeter EX5 2RL

**Proposal:** Proposed construction of a building for a gym and shed

There was some discussion whereby the Council **RESOLVED** to fully support the planning application

#### **B. To consider the following Planning Appeal**

**Appeal by:** Mr And Mrs Walker

**Appeal ref:** 6002257

**Proposal:** Proposed open fronted porch on front north elevation

**Location:** 1 Ivy Cottages Talaton Exeter EX5 2SD

There was much discussion. It was **RESOLVED** to support the applicants in their appeal as the proposed porch was simply mirroring the porch of an adjoining property and was therefore in keeping with the character of the surrounding properties/area

### **ALLOTMENTS**

#### **Vacant Plots**

The Clerk advised that the vacant allotment plots had been advertised in the Calendar but to date there had been no interest expressed. Therefore plots 2B and 4B could now be formally rented out to the person who had expressed an interest.

#### **New Fence**

An allotment tenant had raised an issue with the new fence at the allot-

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ments regarding rabbit proofing. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk contact the contractor about the matter and ask him to carry out any necessary rectification works.

### **TO REPORT ANY DELEGATED DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL (INCLUDING PLANNING)**

25/2623/PDQ - New Barn Farmhouse Talaton Devon EX5 2RX

Prior Notification Application - Sargeant and Kennaway

The following delegated comments of the Council (already submitted to EDDC) were noted.

**Talaton Parish Council supports the application but would like EDDC to note the following as extracted from the Planning Statement:-**

#### **1.Site Description**

*The barn is in good overall condition and remains in active agricultural use, as evidenced by the presence of livestock pens, a cattle crush, and stored hay bales at the time of inspection....*

**Talaton Parish Council questions why, (if the barn is in active agricultural use) would it be taken out of such use and instead proposed to be converted to dwellings?**

#### **2.Extract from Class Q | Conditions - Q.2**

(e) Whether the location or siting of the building makes it otherwise impractical or undesirable for the building to change from agricultural use to a use falling within Class C3 (dwellinghouses) of the Schedule to the Use Classes Order

*The building is not considered to be in an isolated or prominent location within the landscape`*

**Talaton Parish Council would refute this statement as it would be hard to find a property in Talaton that is more isolated. The barn is down a single track, 1 mile from the village centre via a highway that has no footpaths.**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A TREE CHAMPION?



Following the introduction of EDDC's Trees, Hedgerows and Woodland Strategy (THaWS) [EDDC Tree Woodland & Hedgerow Strategy V2.7](#) East Devon District Council ('EDDC') has aspirations to increase the canopy cover of the District to 30% of its land area by 2035. As part of this commitment, the Arboricultural and Countryside Team at EDDC are in the process of formalising a means of engaging with Tree Champions who can hopefully identify enthusiastic landowners and individuals who would like to plant trees in East Devon.

EDDC is keen to recruit new, tree and nature enthusiasts to take up the voluntary role of Tree Champion for their Parish. If you, or someone you know, is interested in representing your parish as a Tree Champion, and requires further information please get in touch with:-


Amelia Davies - Engagement & Participation Officer:  
[amelia.davies@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:amelia.davies@eastdevon.gov.uk) or

Carl Harrison – Tree Technician  
[carl.harrison@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:carl.harrison@eastdevon.gov.uk)  
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EDDC would like to see Tree Champions in each of the East Devon parishes enabling an extended community of tree carers who can share and work towards the goals of our Trees, Hedgerows and Woodland Strategy.



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As we begin thinking about how to mark this special anniversary, we are reaching out to the community for help.

Do you have:

- Old photographs of the hall, inside or out
- Programmes, posters or brochures from events or performances
- Letters, newspaper cuttings, or recordings
- Memories of events, groups or people connected to the hall
- A story about what the hall has meant to you or your family

Whether you were directly involved or simply attended events over the years, your memories matter. Every photo, story or snippet helps us **build a fuller picture of the hall's history.**

Plans for the centenary celebrations are still taking shape, but one thing is certain: this anniversary is about the community that has supported the hall for 100 years.

If you have something to share, or just want to tell us a story, we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with Talaton Parish Hall and help us celebrate a century of village life.

Thank you for being part of the story.

Tanya Jones

[Tanya\\_m\\_jones@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Tanya_m_jones@hotmail.co.uk)



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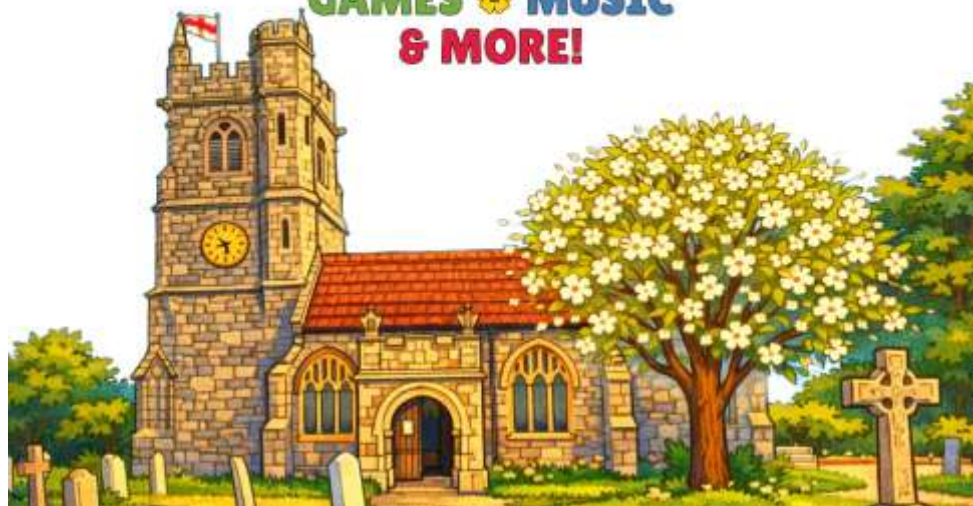


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