

The Talaton Calendar

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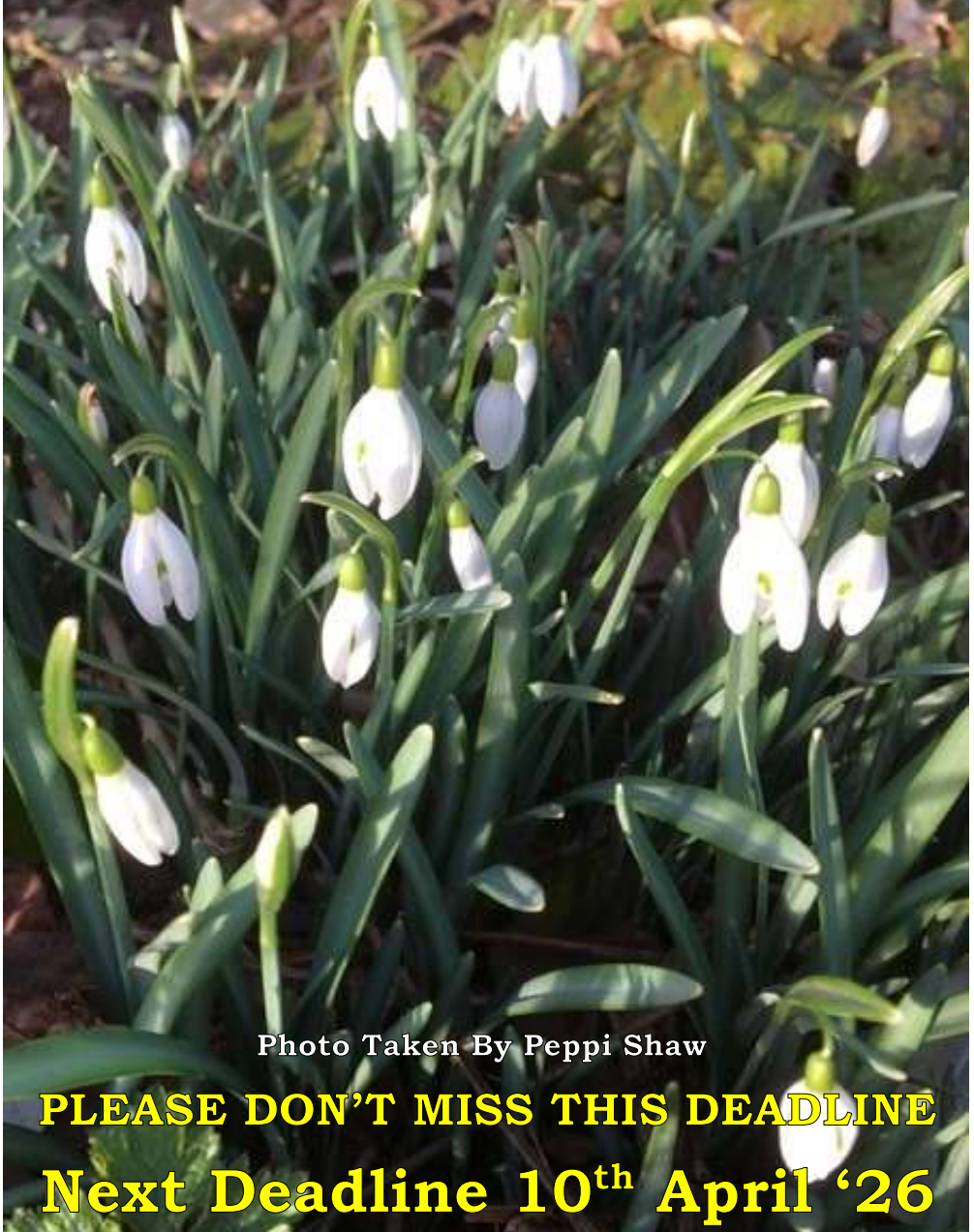


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Editorial

2026 is galloping away, it is now nearly Easter, and my holiday in April approaches. Off again on a trip to Poland and North Germany, to look at more WW2 remains and museums. I particularly look forward to a trip round Warsaw, such a history!

Six Nations has finished and it was good to see England at the match with France, having not been at any other matches. And didn't Italy do well!!

No news on the old Minute Books for the Hall? I ask again **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, and its not in my attic.

You will see from Tanya's 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.

Our first Film Night film was "What we did on our Holiday" and what a success that was, looking forward to the next one.

Our lane was repaired this week. The lane was marked out by the road man with nice coloured paint suggesting a **proper** significant repair was about to happen..... Nooo, it rained and the paint was water based and washed away, so there were no markings to work to, so when the repair men arrived, they did their usual casual job and filled some of the big ones, just!

The areas for repair were considerable and some yellow markings are still there, ignored.

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Editor

Next issue is 10th April '26
June issue is 10th May '26

Information

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recent appeals and lots of useful web links.

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St James the Great

Services for April

April 3rd The Last Hour 2pm

April 5th **Easter Sunday**

Holy Communion 9.30am Followed by refreshments

April 19th Morning Worship 11 am Refreshments from 10.30am

April 26th Morning Worship 11am Refreshments from 10.30am

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

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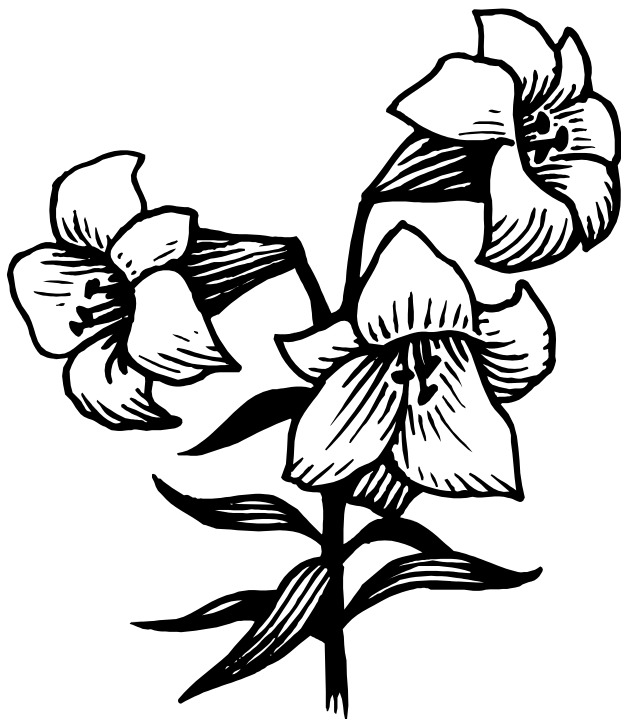
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**Good Friday 3rd April for an Easter EGG HUNT
Friday 17th April**

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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 please can you give the subscription to either Kathy Gray or Alan Franklin. The cost remains at £5 per household.

The March meeting was a talk from Claire Hart on Plants for Problem Areas which was well attended.

The next meeting is on Monday 6th April and is a talk by Saul Walker. The subject is Vegetable Growing. Saul is a very accomplished and entertaining speaker so even if vegetables aren't your thing we're confident that you will find this talk interesting. 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 6th April - Saul Walker - Vegetable Growing

Mon 4th May - Garden Visit - Little Ash

Sat 9th May - Plant Stall

Mon 1st June - Garden Visit – Kia-Ora

Mon 6th July - Garden Social - Keepers Cottage

Sat 1st August – Produce Show

Mon 7th September - Chris Trimmer - Propagation

Mon 5th October - Gardeners Question time

Fri 30th October - Pumpkin Competition

Mon 2nd November - AGM with Speaker

Sat 5th December - How d'ye Do

Things to do in the garden

Remove spent flowers from your Spring bulbs but leave the leaves to make food and fatten the bulbs for next year. Split clumps of snowdrops and replant them if you want them to bulk up for next year. Prune hydrangeas, cutting back the old stems to a healthy shoot lower down. Resist the temptation to plant out tender crops and bedding plants until the risk of frost has passed.

Potato in a bucket

Challenge for young gardeners

If you are under 16 and up for a challenge, find yourself a large pot or container – anything will do but it will need drainage holes in the bottom. Then collect a potato from Talton Community Shop – you don't have to buy one, just ask for a competition potato and pick up an information sheet. Harvests will be judged at the Annual Show.



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- Wednesday 15th April
- Thursday 30th April
- Wednesday 13th May
- Thursday 28th May
- Wednesday 10th June

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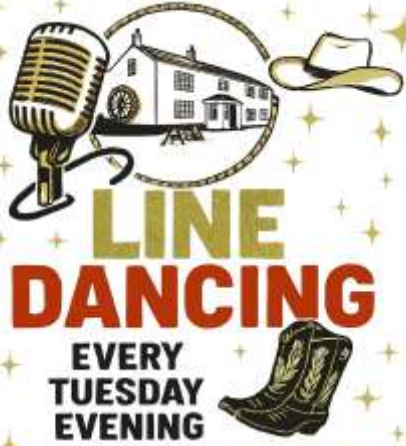
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Talaton Parish Council Report

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

INFORMATION FROM THE MEETINGS OF 4TH FEBRUARY 2026

TELEPHONE BOX

- i. Consideration of costs of:- i. disconnecting the electricity supply and The Clerk advised that she was still waiting to receive a quote from the National Grid (the Local Distribution Network Operator (DNO)). The electricity supply (usually a cut-out fuse unit at the base of the box) must be removed by the DNO for the area. In Dec 2023 the quote for this work was £2000 (inclusive of Vat) and that was the reason the Council had not wished to progress the matter further at that time ground works and to make a decision accordingly
- ii. At last month's meeting, a plan was made to progress works required on the area of land on which the telephone box was sited. However in view of the SWW works proposed for June in the vicinity, it was **AGREED** that the Council's proposed works be delayed as SWW's works may correct the issues on the site Two road closure orders from DCC had been received recently in respect of the aforementioned works (on the road to Harris Farm from 23rd to 25th June and from 30th June to 2nd July) for metering reactive renewals and relocation. However it was understood that the address of one of the orders where the works were to take place was incorrect. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would clarify with DCC

LASHBROOK AND NEWTOWN NOTICEBOARDS UPDATE

Consents have been received from landowners re the replacement of noticeboards at Newtown and Lashbrook by the Council, for the continued use of their properties on which to affix the noticeboards. Currently no quotes for a replacement noticeboard at Lashbrook had been obtained as one contractor did not have sufficient time available and the other contractor was unwell but it was hoped when he was better that he would be able to provide a quote. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk contact DCC's Public Paths Department to see if a new replacement public path sign could be erected at Newtown

PARISH MAINTENANCE: ITEMS REQUIRING ATTENTION AND UPDATE ON ITEMS REPORTED AND TO AGREE ANY FINANCIAL PROVISION (IF APPLICABLE)

- i. ED Polding Highway Officer re Rosemary Lane has advised:- *'I would be happy to have a look at the lane and see if any patching would be possible to improve it'*. The Clerk also logged the matter on DCC's interactive map at the request of Ed Polding
- ii. DCC would send a team to assess the surface of the highway near Larkbear Cottages
- iii. All the various potholes in Talaton had been reported again and DCC was in the process of either assessing them or would be repairing them shortly
- iv. The blocked drains reported to DCC had been passed to the DCC contractor but there was a large backlog of requests

Talaton Parish Council Report Cont'd

- v. The grit bin on the left hand side of the garages to Rydon Cottages had been reported to DCC as it required topping up – DCC were sending out a team to carry out an assessment

PLANNING MATTERS

- i. To consider the amended plans relating to planning application -25/2182/FUL
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Will and Robynne Leigh-Firbank
Property: Larkbeare Dairy Farmhouse Talaton
Proposal: Proposed agricultural calf isolation building with office
The Council **RESOLVED** that its previous comments (previously submitted) remain
Proposed by the Vice-Chair and seconded by Cllr Peters
- ii. To advise of new planning application 26/0209/FUL which was too late for inclusion on the agenda -
Applicant: Mr and Mrs R & C Kirby
Property: Talewater Hill Farm, Talewater Talaton EX5 2RR
Proposal: Erection of replacement dwelling following demolition of farm building using Class Q permission 24/2518/PDQ as fallback position

The applicants would be willing to meet with members of the Council on Saturday 7th March at 10.00am on site re the application.

- iii Clarification of a statement (requested by EDDC's Planning Officer) made by the applicant (re planning application:- 25/2097/OUT - Talaton 4 dwellings Lees Meadow) concerning the regularity of public transport in Talaton

The request and full information regarding public transport in Talaton, supplied by the Chair/Clerk, had been submitted to EDDC's Planning Officer. This was noted by the Council

ALLOTMENTS UPDATE AND TO MAKE DECISIONS AS APPROPRIATE

- i. The Clerk advised that the S106 monies of £3367 had now been paid to the Council by EDDC re the fence costs.
- ii. The Clerk reported that one of the allotment holders was considering relinquishing his half plot

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 1st April 2026



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***** Performances 2026 *****

Friday May 29th with Penzance Orpheus Ladies Choir, at St Stephen's Church, High Street, Exeter, EX4 3LW. Free Entry, 7.30pm, supporting Action East Devon.


Saturday June 20th with La Clé des Chants from Normandy, at Whimple Church, EX5 2TR. Free entry, 7pm, supporting Action East Devon.

Mid-June, Killerton Chapel, Killerton, date to be confirmed.

Friday July 18th outside Talaton Church, EX5 2RL. Free entry, 7pm, supporting Action East Devon.



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Parking beforehand was not easy, but Gordon knew his way around all the non-paying back streets of Exmouth. Alas, most of Exmouth on this particular day also seem to know the same haunts. Finally, Dave decided that 20 times round the bloc was enough and we parked and paid like any normal person.



Scores were high – well, some were and whilst Garry was ecstatic at winning the Dusty Nigel couldn't quite believe that he had won the gold award. Chris failed to grasp the intricacies of a spare and refused to accept that he couldn't have another go having surprised himself by knocking all ten pins down.

Overall, a good trip rounded off with light refreshments and natter in the bar having persuaded an unsuspecting fellow bowler to record the happy group for posterity.



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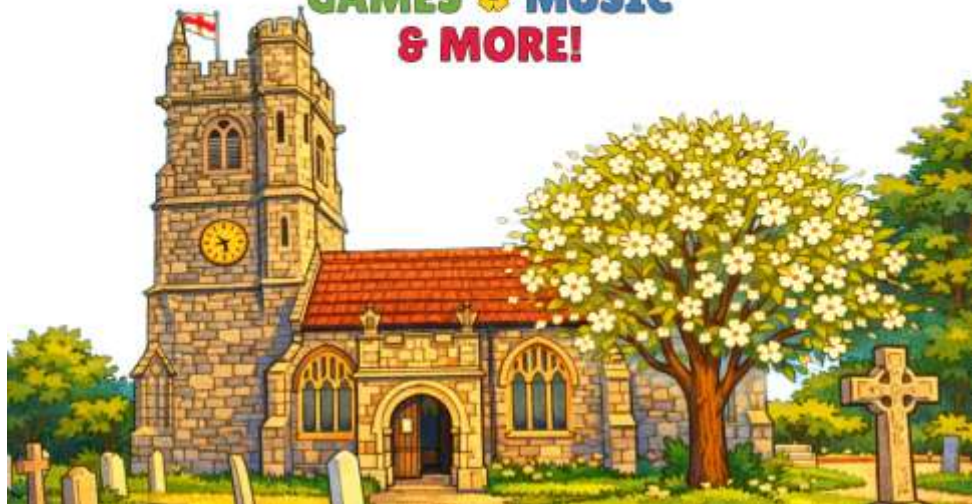


TALATON VILLAGE BBQ

SATURDAY 4TH JULY

4.30pm – 7pm

BBQ 🌸 **LICENSED BAR** 🌻 **SKITTLES**
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Local Information

Useful Phone Numbers

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The Coleridge Medical Centre	01404 814447
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Hall Booking Secretary (Tanya Jones)	07584 318378
Police (to report a crime – non urgent)	101
Talaton Inn	01404 822214
Talaton Community Shop & Post Office	01404 822084
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Talaton Community Shop & Post Office Opening Times

	Shop			Post Office	
	OPEN		CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Mon	9.00	-	6.00		
Tues	9.00	-	6.00		
Wed	9.00	-	6.00	2.00	4.00
Thurs	9.00	-	6.00		
Fri	9.00	-	6.00		
Sat	9.00	-	1.00		
Sun	10.00		12.00		

News from Talaton Community Shop



At Crafty Cook, we believe that wholesome, homemade meals should be effortless and fun.

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Deep South Beef
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RISOTTO

Italian Pine Nut
Tomato & Red Pepper
Chicken & Mushroom
Chicken & Leek
Spicy Chicken Satay
BBQ Chicken

£4.75 each

Serves two

**Adding meat or an alternative protein is optional*

EASTER OPENING HOURS

Good Friday 3 April	9am – 1pm
Saturday 4 April	9am – 1pm
Easter Sunday	CLOSED
Easter Monday	CLOSED



Talaton Community Shop



Local & Homemade Produce

Meat | Bacon | Sausages | Eggs | Cheese
Milk | Deli & Dairy Produce | Fruit & Veg
Bread | Cakes | Sausage Rolls | Pasties | Pies | Quiches
Preserves | Honey | Chutney
Logs | Kindling | Charcoal

Other goods & services

Wine | Beer | Lager | Cider | Soft Drinks
Cigarettes | Tobacco
Newspapers | Magazines | Stationery & Cards
Gallery for Local Artists
Photocopying | Laminating | Village Noticeboard
Postage Stamps | Foodbank collection point

Post Office

Wednesday 2 – 4pm

Shop Opening Hours

Mon - Friday	9am – 6pm
Saturday	9am – 1pm
Sunday	10am – 12 noon

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