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Editorial

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS FOR YOU:

Do you read The Talaton Calendar, and is it useful?

Do you want it to continue, and did you read my last Editorial?

Could you be part of the New Management we are asking for, to take it over and keep it running?

Any of these answers are YES then you are needed because if nothing comes out of these please for help, the **Calendar will cease as of the December January Issue**. This is done with a heavy heart, but Arnie hasn't lived in the Village for many years and I will be leaving when our house is sold.

The Calendar is solvent, but this year as a result, we are not applying for the Parish Councils annual Grants. All issues are electronically resolved, including finance and this year's accounts will be up to date. The Calendar is professionally printed, and that is our greatest expense.

The distribution of the magazine will hopefully remain in place as it is today, and thanks go out to all our distributors.

This is **IMPORTANT** if you care and want the Calendar to continue, new volunteers are required. If you don't care then it will not survive.

PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HAVING A CHAT ABOUT TAKING OVER.

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Editor

NEXT ISSUE IS A DOUBLE ISSUE!!

Next issue is 10th Nov '26
February issue is 10th Jan '27

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

Please find below the list of names and telephone numbers of your current Parish Councillors for Talaton together with contact details for the Parish Clerk; County Councillor; District Councillor and MP

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St James the Great

Services for October

Nov 8th **Remembrance Service** **9.15am**

Nov 22nd **Holy Communion** **11am**
Refreshments from 10.30am

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

Midweek Coffee Morning

Wednesday 18th November
10.30pm until noon
In the North Aisle Room



Do come and enjoy tea/coffee , cake and biscuits, but most of all good company.

All Welcome

Harvest Celebration

A great big thank you to everyone who came and made this such a happy, thought provoking and memorable occasion. especially Becky's young quartet. Well done Connie, Laurie, Jessica and Alice. 😊

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TALATON PARISH COUNCIL ALLOTMENTS

Future of the Site

The Parish Council wishes to inform residents that it is currently reviewing the future of the village allotment site.

Over recent years, demand for allotment plots has declined significantly, with a number of plots remaining vacant despite efforts to encourage uptake. As a result, the Council is considering whether it remains viable to continue leasing the land for allotment use.

Before any decision is made, the Council would like to gauge current and potential future interest from parishioners. If you currently rent an allotment, would like to take on a plot, or have views on the future of the site, we would be pleased to hear from you.

If there is insufficient interest in maintaining the allotments as a community facility, the Parish Council may consider terminating its lease agreement with the landowner.

Residents are therefore invited to contact the Parish Clerk by **31st December 2026** to express an interest in renting a plot or to provide comments on the future of the allotments.

The Council recognises the value that allotments can bring to the community and wishes to ensure that any decision reflects local needs and priorities.

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HOSTED BY
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Dates: 12th & 25th November 2026
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Talaton Knit and Natter is a relaxed and friendly group that meets once a fortnight, alternating between Wednesdays and Thursdays. We gather at the Talaton Inn from 11 o'clock to enjoy good company, conversation, and plenty of knitting, crafting, and creativity. We work on projects to decorate the village and to support charities.

All crafts are welcome, so whether you knit, crochet, sew, embroider, or enjoy another craft, you'll be sure to fit right in.

Our upcoming meeting dates are:

- **Wednesday 28th October**
- **Thursday 12th November**
- **Wednesday 25th November**
- **Thursday 10th December**

New members are always welcome — whether you're an experienced crafter, just starting out or just want to meet for friendly chat.

For more information:

Facebook: *Talaton Knit and Natter*

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Talaton Garden Club



Talaton Garden Club

On Monday 5th October, we held our Gardeners Question Time with a panel of Chris Trimmer, Adam Powell and Richard Bos. Questions included advice on pruning, recommendations for drought resistant plants, collecting your own seed, dealing with codling moth. All were expertly answered by the panel making for a very successful evening closing with the usual tea/coffee and homemade cake.

The remaining programme for 2026 is as follows:

Monday 2nd November - please join us in the Parish Hall from 7pm for our AGM. Refreshments from 7pm and the meeting will begin at 7.30pm. Our speaker will be Andrea Rye who will demonstrate planting up winter hanging baskets and containers.

The AGM is a chance to renew your membership which is still £5 per household, to pick up a calendar of events for next year and collect your Dobies catalogue. If you would like to take a more active role in the club, please do come along and talk to members of the Committee.

Saturday 5th December – Garden Club stall at How d’ye Do

Any donations of produce, plants and gardenalia to sell on our stall at the How d’ye Do would be gratefully received. Pam Weston and Alan Franklin are happy to accept any items ahead of the event.

Happy gardening!

TALATON PARISH COUNCIL

WILL BE HOLDING A

'DROP IN' SESSION



AT TALATON PARISH HALL

ON

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2026

10.30AM – 12 NOON

WHERE TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE SERVED

Come along and meet your councillors and have a chat on a 'one to one' basis on any subject you wish, without an appointment

It may be useful to give advance warning of any detailed question to:- Mrs Christine McIntyre - Clerk to the Parish Council

Tel: 01404 814128 or Email: clerk@talatonparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Fun Night Out!

THE TALATON INN

BINGO NIGHT

SUNDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2026

8pm EYES DOWN!

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BASKET MEALS AVAILABLE

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Talaton Parish Hall
Christmas
How d'ye Do

Opened by Father Christmas
In aid of Hall funds

Saturday 5th December
12 noon – 3pm

Light lunches & refreshments
Christmas raffle & tombola
Garden Club and handmade gifts
Guess the weight of the cake
The special 100+ Club draw

Plus this year's competition, open to all ages

Make a Christmas Train

Entries will be displayed at the How d'ye Do and then in church for
the whole of Christmas.

Entry forms available from Talaton Community Shop

Newcomers especially welcome! Come and meet the
village organisations, and see **Father Christmas**



HALLOWEEN BASH

Afternoon

Children's Fancy Dress Competition with Prizes

4pm to 6pm

Hot Dogs & Chips available

Evening

*Adults Fancy Dress Competition with Prizes
followed by a Themed Disco & Karaoke*

8pm to Midnight (Witching hour!!!)

Basket Meals available 6pm to 8:30pm

Saturday 31st October 2026



Announcing our fabulous guest singer for the
evening

Chloe May

Saturday 28th November 2026

Starting at 8pm



Folk Music Evening



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**Tuesday 17th November 2026
7:30pm to 10:30pm**



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Christmas Performances

 **Killerton Chapel, December 1st, 11am & 12 pm. Limited places, subject to National Trust conditions of entry.**

 **Supporting Clyst St Lawrence Carol Service, Mount Pleasant Farm, Clyst St Lawrence, Saturday December 5th, 6.30pm. Refreshments.**

 **Supporting Riding for the Disabled Carol Service, Hitts Barton, Whimble. December 6th. Mulled wine at 6pm, Carols at 6.30pm.**

 **Talaton Church, December 16th 7pm, supporting Action East Devon. Refreshments available.**



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TALATON

A STRONGER COMMUNITY TOGETHER



TALATON PARISH HALL: WHAT'S ON TO THE NEW YEAR

Every Tuesday, 10am to 12 noon: The Hall Cafe

Pop in for coffee, tea, and a slice of homemade cake. It's the easiest way to catch up with neighbours or meet the ones you haven't got round to saying hello to yet. Everyone's welcome, no need to book.

Thursday 29 October, 3pm: Half-Term Family Film

Our favourite ocean voyager is back, setting sail beyond the reef with a new crew, a familiar demigod and plenty of songs along the way. A perfect half-term afternoon for the whole family. Rated PG. Doors open 2.30pm.

Saturday 7 November, 7.30pm: Film Night

A family in Stratford, a son lost too young, and a father who will go on to write the most famous play in the English language. Based on the much-loved novel, this is a beautiful, heartbreaking film. Bring tissues. Rated 12A. Doors open 7pm.

Saturday 5 December, 12 noon to 3.30pm: How d'ye do?

Our festive get-together for the whole village. Come and meet other villagers, have a browse round the festive stalls, and get a head start on your Christmas shopping.

Saturday 19 December, 3pm and 7.30pm: Christmas Film event - Double showing

It's Christmas Eve, a young boy is starting to doubt, and then a steam train pulls up outside his house, bound for the North Pole. A festive classic for all ages, and pyjamas are very much encouraged at the afternoon showing. Rated U. Doors open 2.30pm and 7pm.

Saturday 2 January, 7.30pm: Film Night

Massachusetts, 1970. A cantankerous classics teacher is left in charge of the boarding school pupils with nowhere to go for Christmas. Funny, warm and a little bit melancholy, it's the perfect film for the gap between Christmas and real life starting again. Rated 15. Doors open 7pm.

Keep an eye on the Parish Hall noticeboard, Facebook page or sign up to our newsletter. We look forward to seeing you!

<https://mailchi.mp/df572fbbe556/sign-up-form-june-2026>



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 7TH OCTOBER 2026

DEFIBRILLATORS - TO CONSIDER INCURRING FURTHER EXPENDITURE FOR REPLACEMENT CASE COVER AND NOTING THE LIFE EXPECTANCY PERIODS FOR DEFIBRILLATORS AND SPARES

The recent purchase of new batteries and pads for both defibrillators should now extend the life expectancy of the defibs even though they were both ten years old. It was further **AGREED** that the Clerk enquire of County Councillor Cathy Connor whether her Locality budget would cover the cost of replacement defibrillators 'as and when' they were required.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW UPDATE

All councillors had received the update regarding recent developments in respect of the LGR dated 11th September from the CEO at EDDC which was noted.

SOLAR FARMS UPDATE INCLUDING HORTON SOLAR FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

The Clerk had received information from Chloe Hood of Aura Power regarding various issues at the Horton Solar Farm site which information had been relayed to councillors. However some of the information provided by Chloe was disputed ie that escorts were at a safe and practical distance from the delivery vehicles (as on occasions they were immediately in front of the delivery vehicles). It was noted that a further meeting to discuss the Community Benefit Fund was being arranged for the 3rd November.

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

1. Water leaks had been noted around the Parish
2. Another accident had occurred at the junction of Bittery Cross. It was suggested that the 'Give Way' sign be replaced with a 'Stop' sign

Talaton Parish Council Report Cont'd

3. Ed Polding – DCC Highways Officer would be providing a quote shortly for the signage required at the top of Highridge stating 'unsuitable for large vehicles' etc. However he had advised that the Council would have to pay for the signs as DCC no longer funded this expenditure. The Council was of the view that it did not have the finances available to do so.
4. The Clerk sent a chasing email to Rachel Wall Housing Officer at EDDC re 4 Hillside asking what the various options were, that EDDC was considering for the property. Despite the Clerk's chasing email, no response had been received
5. The Clerk had contacted ED Polding – DCC Highways Officer re the vegetation growing out the wall near Orchard Close and the post leaning at an angle. It was noted that the vegetation had now been removed and the leaning post re-sited.

PLANNING MATTERS

Go Kart Track at Escot Park - Devon County Pursuits - Planning Consent - 21/2045/FUL

An exchange of emails had been forwarded to councillors regarding the above mentioned planning consent. A parishioner had been in contact with EDDC's Planning Enforcement Officer regarding the lack of screening which should have been planted out last month in accordance with the conditions of the consent. The Enforcement Officer was noted as being on site today.

The Clerk had received information from Jonathan Perry regarding the towing area at Beautiful Days in response to concerns expressed by councillors at last month's meeting. The information had been forwarded to councillors and noted.

The Chair reported that the Newtown defib was working satisfactorily

The next 'Drop-In' would be on Saturday 31st October at 10.30am at the Parish Hall

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

4th November

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 (eg community groups etc) and how to apply for a grant. There is 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: <https://talatonparishcouncil.gov.uk/> 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: **31st October 2026.** Applications received after this date will not be considered.

Mrs C J McIntyre (Clerk to Talaton Parish Council)
Tel: 01404 814128 E-mail: clerk@talatonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Christmas Competition · Open to all ages



Make a Christmas Train decoration

All aboard! Steam engine or high-speed express or tinsel-laden train, we don't mind. Knit it, build it, glue it, paint it. Not greater than 23cm (9inches) Big or small, 3D or flat, just make sure it's a Christmas train.

Pull into Talaton Community Shop with your entry by

Friday 4th December, 5.30pm

That's the last train, so don't miss it!

Trains will be judged in four age groups:

2-5 years · 6-10 years · 11-16 years · 17 years and over

One winning train from each group will receive a prize.

Entries will be displayed at the How d'ye Do on Saturday 5th December, then in church for the whole of Christmas.

Entry Form

Please attach this ticket to your train

Name Age

Address Telephone

Description of your train

.....

Would you like your train back after Christmas? Yes / No

A Spooktacular Success Halloween Costume Swaps Expand Across Devon

Devon's libraries are joining forces this Halloween to help families swap, share and reuse costumes following a spooktacular response to last year's scheme.

Halloween is getting a little greener this year as Libraries Unlimited and Recycle Devon expand their popular Halloween Costume Swap initiative to 22 libraries across Devon.

Last year, more than 180 Halloween costumes were donated across 14 libraries, helping hundreds of families find a pre-loved outfit. Following that success, the scheme is getting bigger this year, giving even more families the chance to find a Halloween costume without buying new ones. People are invited to bring along outgrown or unwanted Halloween costumes and accessories in good, clean and wearable condition, which can then be given a new lease of life by other children.



If you're looking for a costume, you can simply come along and browse the swap rail. There's no requirement to donate a costume to take part, and costumes are free to take home.

Halloween costumes can have a surprisingly frightening environmental impact. Research from Hubbub and the Fairyland Trust has found that Halloween costumes generate more than 2,000 tonnes of plastic waste each year, that's the equivalent to 83 million plastic bottles.

With many costumes only worn once, swapping provides a simple way to keep them in use for longer, helping us to reduce waste and avoid buying something new every year.

The initiative also offers families a chance to save money while still getting creative with their Halloween celebrations.

Alex Kittow, CEO of Libraries Unlimited, said:

"It's brilliant to see our Halloween Costume Swap programme growing

this year, with 22 libraries taking part compared with 14 last year. Libraries are all about sharing, and this is a great example of how we can help people share resources within their communities, save money and reduce waste at the same time.

“We want Halloween to be fun and creative, without families feeling they must buy something new every year. Giving a costume a second life is a small change, but when lots of people get involved, it can make a real difference. We’d love to see even more families getting involved this year.” Councillor Jacqi Hodgson, Devon County Council Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Biodiversity, said:

“This fantastic initiative keeps Halloween fun and affordable for families, and helps reduce the amount of waste that is often generated at this time of year. Children's costumes in particular are only worn once or twice before they're outgrown, so it makes sense to pass them on and let someone else get some use out of them. ”

So, before buying something new this Halloween, check what might already be waiting for you at your local library. Respook, rescare, rewear! Give a costume a second life this Halloween.

Find your local Halloween Costume Swap

Costume Swaps will be taking place throughout October at:

[Barnstaple Library](#), [Bovey Tracey Library](#), [Buckfastleigh Library](#), [Chudleigh Library](#), [Colyton Library](#), [Dawlish Library](#), [Exeter Library](#), [Exmouth Library](#), [Holsworthy Library](#), [Ivybridge Library](#), [Kingsbridge Library](#), [Newton Abbot Library](#), [Okehampton Library](#), [Paignton Library](#), [Pinhoe Library](#), [Princetown Library](#), [Seaton Library](#), [Sidmouth Library](#), [South Molton Library](#), [Tavistock Library](#), [Teignmouth Library](#) and [Torquay Library](#).

Families should check with their local library for the date, times and details of their individual costume swap.

The Halloween Costume Swap programme is delivered by Libraries Unlimited in partnership with Recycle Devon.



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**(ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT TALATON PARISH HALL AND COMMENCE
AT 7.30PM UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY)**

**7 OCTOBER
4 NOVEMBER
2 DECEMBER
6 JANUARY 27
3 FEBRUARY
3 MARCH
7 APRIL**

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

21ST APRIL 2027 7.00PM

INFORMAL DROP-INS

31 OCT 2026; 30 JAN 2027; 24 APRIL 2027

10.30AM – 12 NOON

**to enable parishioners to chat to councillors about any Parish related
issues they may wish to raise**

****There may also be additional meetings held to those mentioned above,
which will be advertised***

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP RE THE TALATON TELEPHONE BOX MINI LIBRARY



The door of the mini library is not closing properly, resulting in damp getting into the books and making reading not quite such a pleasurable experience! Is there someone in the village who would be able to make adjustments to the door to ensure it closes as it should? If so please could you contact the Clerk

In addition could you let the Clerk know if you or members of your family are a user of the mini library so we can gauge whether the numbers are such, that the box should continue to be used for this purpose or alternatively, used for something else. If you can contact the Clerk and let her know if you are a user, that would be very helpful

Tel: 01404 814128 or clerk@talatonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Thank you

Talaton Parish Council

Local Information

Useful Phone Numbers

Otter St Mary District Help Scheme	01404 813041
The Coleridge Medical Centre	01404 814447
Ottery St. Mary Hospital	01404 816000
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
Parish Priest	01404 822525
Bell Ringing (Chris Trimmer)	07786 113687 or 01404 850831
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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



From November 1st we'll be ready for the festive season, with a fantastic range of edible treats and gifts, from our local suppliers

Savoury Snacks & Biscuits

Some are Gluten Free, Vegan or Vegetarian

Chutneys and Cheese

Sweet Treats & Confectionery

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Cigarettes | Tobacco
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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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