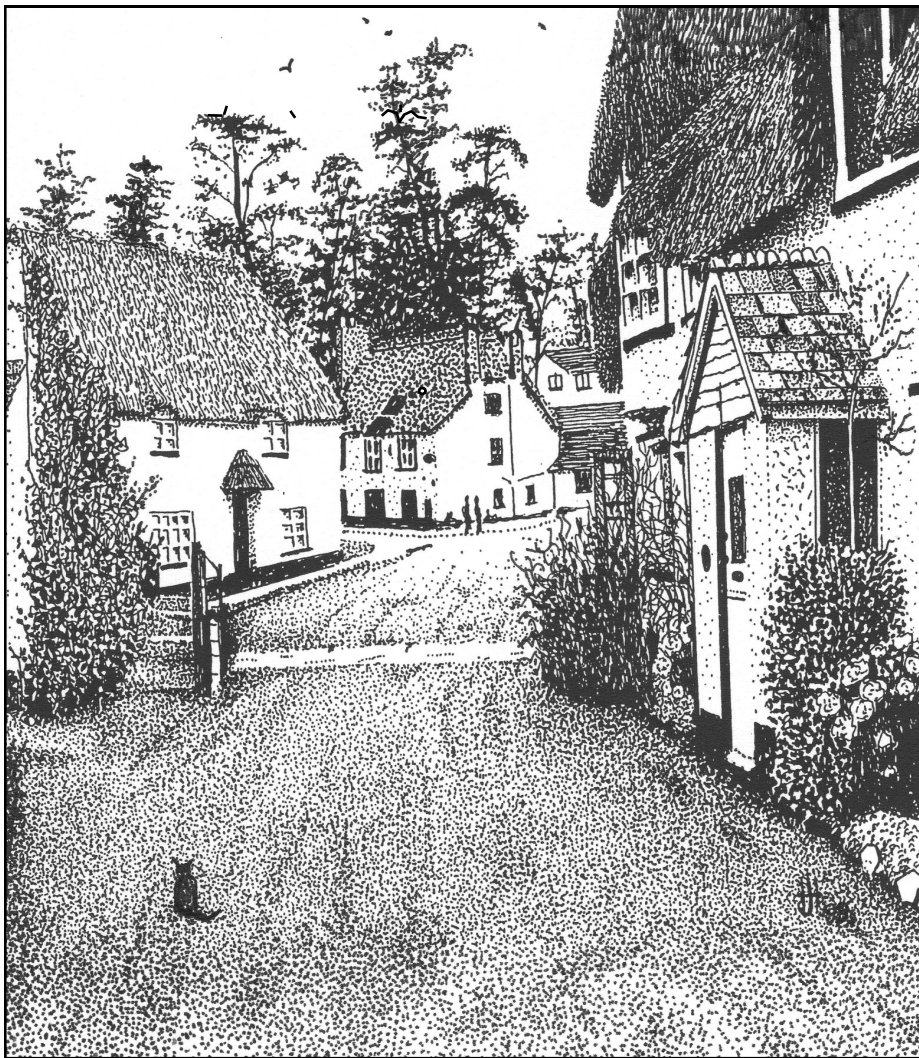


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A WEEK IN THE PARISH HALL

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Easter

Welcome to the Easter edition of the Newton Wonder. Everyone is looking forward to a family time. I'm eagerly anticipating hiding the Easter Eggs for the grandchildren to find. Of course that all depends on the weather. They say that spring should be here but the garden doesn't seem to think so yet. The only flowers doing reasonably well in our garden are the daffodils, but some of them keep getting blown over or nipped with the frost.

The weather has not yet improved. There was twice as much rain in February as last year and I'm told about 20% less sunshine. The results from James Walters' rain gauge are in the charts below.

The Community Support Group

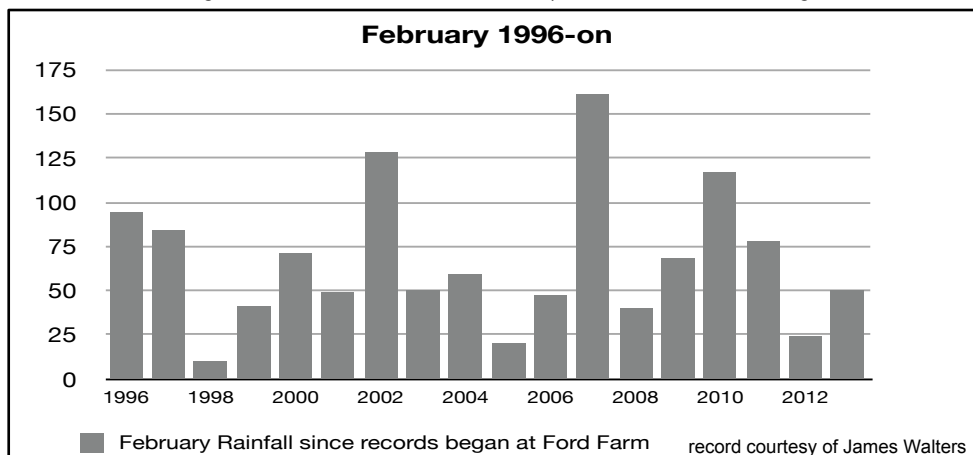
This group had another coffee morning on Saturday 16th. March and is reported on by Sophie Ward later in the Newton Wonder. It was interesting to note that the suggestion was made by David Vallance that it could be possible to integrate a number of the community help groups. These include the neighbourhood watch scheme and the snow warden scheme. It seems a very good idea to link all the support available and I look forward to reporting back.

Website

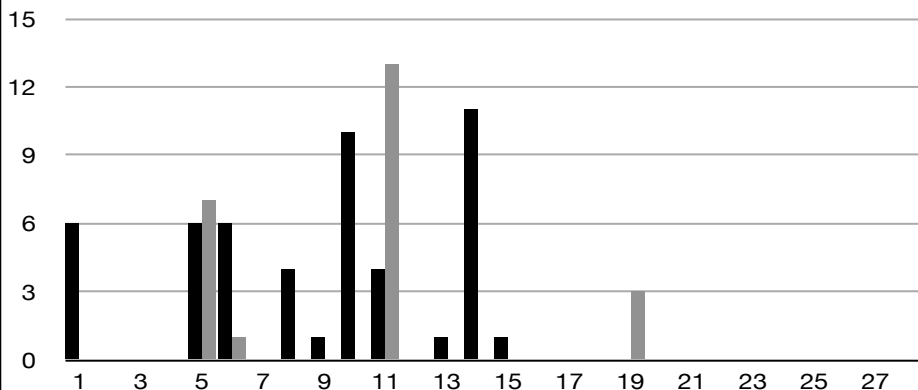
We still have not agreed on how to produce the website we want. The features which will ensure that the Newton St Cyres website contributes to the well-being of the community and is not just a source of information which does not get updated and which gets ignored appear, at the moment, to be too expensive. There are a number of cheap options but that is just what they are. We need to take some time to work out the minimum we require and then we will have to look for some grant aid. Maybe we will be able to find some Lottery funding!

Frank Goddard

Some of our readers will have known Frank who was a regular in the Beer Engine and on the NSC Golf Course. On page 25 is an item about a fund raising memorial quiz night held in Shobrooke Village Hall, which was enjoyed by quite a few of our villagers



February 2012/13



■ February 2013 Rainfall in mm. Total 50mm.
■ February 2012 Rainfall in mm. Total 24mm.

record courtesy of James Walters

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RECREATION GROUND CLUB

Looking back at last year I was writing on a warm and sunny day. This year its cold, very cold with the occasional snow flake, so far the wind has blown the snow away. Lets hope it stays that way. The garden as last year is full of flowers, so mother nature thinks Spring is just around the corner and we all need some sunshine.

Through February the **Young Farmers** and the **Twinning Group** had social evenings. The **Archery Group** had their Annual General Meeting. With Darts and Skittles in the Club House and Football on Saturdays outside it was quite a busy month. March has run through on the same pattern.

We start April with our **Meeting at 7.30 on Sunday 7th**. The **Tennis club** is holding a fun day on the 14th. **Football** is on Saturday mornings (youth games) and afternoons (senior games) all through April.

Fingers crossed that the weather doesn't cause any postponements so we can get the Football finished and the Cricket started for the beginning of May. **The first league**

Cricket game is on Saturday 11th May.

We will have two evenings of football in April, Wednesdays the 17th and 24th. All games will start at 6.30. The Darts and Skittles teams complete their League commitments by mid month. The football, as I said before is expected to complete all the leagues by the end of the month.

Easter is at the end of March this year so no Easter weekend in April and British Summer Time starts on 1st April. Lets look forward to longer and warmer evenings.

To finish this entry from me please receive an apology for the toilets behind the changing rooms being locked. We have had to take this action because we no longer feel we can keep repairing the vandalism. If you know who repeatedly does this damage, please tell a member of the committee. Thanks for your help with this. The toilets will be unlocked for the duration of all Football games.

Wendy Lewis

Newton St Cyres FC – April Update



Planning for the summer tournament has now begun which is due to be held in July at the Recreation Ground. We'll be hoping for better

weather than last year which wreaked havoc with the planning as it had to be rescheduled to August. With improvements being seen in the weather and the lighter evening on the horizon, we are planning on running some training sessions in partnership with Arsenal

Soccer Schools. The sessions will be open to our existing players and any new players who want to come along and take part. We are still working out dates and more details will follow once confirmed.

The Under 10s season has now come to an end. It was a difficult season for the team but they finished it well when, in the penultimate games, they drew with Alphington and beat West Exe 2-1. Unfortunately they couldn't quite repeat the feat in the final matches and went down to CW Dynamos and City Raiders. The team will continue to train now until the summer break so any new players out

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The Under 7s took part in their first ever match in March when they travelled to North Tawton. The players had a great time despite the biting wind. It was a great experience for the players and we managed a draw in one game which was a big boost to their confidence. Hopefully next time they play it will be a bit warmer!

The Under 16s have had a tough run since our last report and have lost four games on the trot. The results don't quite paint a true picture of the performances though with a fairly close defeat at the hands of Ottery with only 10 men due to injuries. A very narrow loss to Exmouth followed which could of swung either way. There are only six games left now and the team are focusing on getting a couple more wins before the end of the season – good luck!

The Under 11s have played four games since our last report, the first was a 5–5 draw against St Martins but the next three saw the team defeated away from home. The team still have 10 games left to play so plenty to play for as they try and climb the table and finish on a high.

The Reserves had enjoyed a fairly good spell continuing the good run with three wins against Ottery, Honiton and Met Office. Unfortunately it ended with a loss to league leaders Fluxton but the team have continued to climb to table in their search for promotion. The games are coming thick and fast during April with weekend and midweek matches so it's a good opportunity to push up the table and get the points on the board.

The First team are still trying to get their consistency back after the forced layoff. It started badly with a loss at home against Newtown but the team bounced back in the next game to defeat Ottery in a narrow 1–0 win. The last game resulted in a 4–3 win at against Upottery in probably their best display so far this season – although the score line doesn't quite reflect this.

Senior fixtures during April (3pm KO unless stated):

Firsts – 6th Offwell (H), 10th Crediton (A) 7.30pm, 13th Lymptone (H), 24th Crediton (H) 6.30pm.

Reserves – 1st Colaton Raleigh (A), 6th Lymptone (H), 13th Honiton (H), 17th Open Space (H) 6.30pm, 20th Otterton (H), 24th Tedburn (A) 6.30pm, 27th Cheriton Fitz (A)

Mark Smaldon

Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The March draw took place at the Coffee Morning in the Village Hall on 2nd March 2013 and the winners are:

No	32	Douglas West	£10
No	180	Daniel Singleton	£10
No	69	J & B Hunt	£10
No	197	Beryl Peck	£10
No	71	J Rendle	£10

The year has flown by and once again the annual subscription of £11 is due and the collectors will be round during April/May.

Thank you all for your support this past year which I sincerely hope will continue.

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News from Newton St Cyres Primary School

It has been another busy month at Newton St Cyres Primary. In Key Stage One the younger children ended their last topic by setting fire to their cardboard houses as they re-enacted the great fire of London. It was a wonderful spectacle on the field watching the fire whilst singing London's burning! It was a good job that the Fire Service had just been in to inform us of how to keep ourselves safe! More recently the younger children and the Pre-school had a visit from a police dog Murphy (and the Police dog trainer).

The older children are currently learning about the Rainforest; class 3 have made their very own rainforest reading area, it is a very inviting area. All the children are having a great time researching where in the world you would find rainforests and all the exciting plants and animals that you can find there.

All the class 4 children recently attended the Learning Community's Century of Song, this was a wonderful opportunity for all the children. They put on absolutely fantastic performances of 'Blame it on the Boogie' and 'Lean on me' from the 1970s. They also joined the other 12 schools to sing Gary Barlow's 'Sing' – what a moving performance that was! To round off the evening enjoyed some entertainment by Oxford Blues.

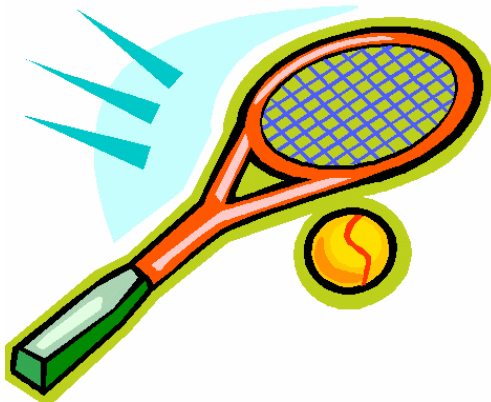
March 14th saw four members of Class 4 (Abby Cann, Jack Eggen, Tobias Rimbon-Whittaker and Ben Howarth) spend an exciting day at QECC, competing against other primary schools in the annual Jaguar Cars Maths in Motion competition. The competition involved designing a racing car and competing in a series of races against the other children. A wide variety of numeracy skills were tested when calculating petrol consumption, angles of corners and speed. Our talented mathematicians produced the best car on the day and won the Crediton Learning Community competition. Their car will now be entered in to the regional stage. Congratulations, and we will keep our fingers crossed that their car excels in the next round too!

We had great fun on Friday 15th March raising more than £200 for Red Nose Day. We all wore something red and had a mad hair day! The school council and class 4 did a superb effort in organising and running their 'Red Nose Café' and several 'Red' activities. Many thanks of course have to go the parents who helped with outfits, hair styles and cakes.

This month sees the launch of our new Exe Valley Federation and school website; we have been working really hard on this and hope it will keep all our parents and friends updated.

Glynis Harris

Head of Teaching and Learning



Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

We are holding an Open Day on Sunday 14th April, 10–1pm. The first hour is for 5 to 11 year olds, the second hour for 12 to 17 year olds, and the third hour for prospective adult members. For more details please visit our website or call Viv Baber on 01392 681180.

Refreshments will be available. Do come along – all are welcome. A reduced membership fee will be

available to **new members** who join on the day.

Our club singles competitions have been popular since the beginning of the year, in spite of the weather. January winners were Gerry Bowden-Thompson (B series) and Simon Archer (C series), February winners were Nick Crowe (A series), Andrew Wiles (B series) and Liam Hennessy (C series), and March winners are Neil Baber (A series), Chris Ward (B series) and Joss Baldwin (C series).

During February half term four of our junior members took part in junior matchplay. These sessions provide our juniors with practise matches against people they know in preparation for playing tournaments at other clubs. All four showed the improvements in their games over the recent months. Congratulations to Jack Gordon, Tobias Rimbon-Whittaker, Michael Lambourne and Rees Edwards-Caulier. The final match was very close with Jack beating Tobias 7-5. And well done to our junior members who participated in a matchplay event at the Exeter Tennis Centre at the end of February. Jack Gordon, Reuben Taylor and Tom Baber all acquitted themselves extremely well against older opposition.

Enrolment forms for the Junior summer term course, which starts on 17th April, may be downloaded from our website.

At our AGM last month the ballot for Wimbledon tickets was held. All club members were eligible to take part in the ballot, and the club will have 10 pairs of tickets to Wimbledon this year.

Our strongest adult club sessions are on Sunday afternoons from 2pm and Thursday evenings from 6.15pm. More relaxed daytime sessions continue to run on Tuesdays and Fridays 2–4.30pm, and all adults are welcome. We also encourage our older juniors to start playing some of the club sessions.

All up to date information can be found on our website –
www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk.

Alternatively you may call our Membership Secretary Laura Leigh on 01647 24259.

Parish Council report March 2013

Eight Councillors attended the March meeting together with Cllr Peter Hare-Scott (MDDC) and Cllr M Lee (DCC) and four members of the public.

Peter Williams, Head of Environment Services for MDDC explained about the Local Plan Review and the timetable for Parish Councils to make submissions. A letter explaining how to put forward the ideas would be circulated to Parish Councils in April.

Police report: Calls received in February – 2 x obstructions on A377; 1 x missing person; 1 x ASB vehicle driving on private land; 1 x RTC in village & 2 x sudden deaths. Crimes reported in February – 2 x domestic related; 1 x criminal damage to land

TAP funding: The Council have been successful in obtained money through the Town and Parish funding and will now be able to purchase IT equipment for parishioners to use in the Crown & Sceptre and which can also be used to take to residents in their own homes if they wish to use emails etc.

Flood Plan: A group had been formed to work with the Environment Agency to formulate a flood plan for the village and a main contact had been identified.

Councillors' responsibilities: Cllr Parker reported that work was underway on the footpath at Smallbrook, the path behind Sherwood and paths linking the village with Upton Pyne. Cllr Southcott is to make a new notice board for the Station area and the other boards would be repainted this year. Cllr Walters explained that the hedges inside the allotment field would not now be cut until the autumn as the deadline of 1st March had passed.

Parish Clerk: The Council were informed that the Parish Clerk had resigned and advertisements had been placed for a replacement Clerk.

Paperwork and Information: The Councillors all agreed that too much paperwork was being circulated and they only really needed to see what was actually relevant to the parish and their work. It was agreed that this should be carefully filtered so that they only received what was absolutely necessary.

Best Kept Village: The Council had purchased a second sign indicating that NSC had won this competition in 2012 and Cllr Parker agreed to mount these ready for erecting on the village green. The Parish Council have entered this competition again for 2013.

Highways issues: A number of issues are still outstanding and Cllr M Lee (DCC) and Cllr Southcott agreed to follow these up. These include – a new bus shelter in the bus stop lay-by at Half Moon; the closure of the road between Wykes Cross and Camps Bridge; the collapsed fence near the railway bridge; the surface water at the entrance to Cartaway Farm; water leaks on the A377; a hole in the wall of Shuttern Brook opposite Badgers Halt and stones falling out of the bridge in Station Road.

If any resident notices potholes or street lights that are not working, they can report these direct on the following website: www.devon.gov.uk/index/transportroads.htm Please feel free to use this service as it may bring swifter results!

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 8 April at 7.30 pm in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall and everyone is very welcome to attend. The next Parish Surgery will be held in conjunction with the Saturday Mini Market on 27 April (10.30 – 12.00). Again please come along and meet your Councillors who will be happy to take your questions and queries for the Council.

Cllr Jill Baker, Press Officer

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Do You Remember April

April 1973

The wedding of Sylvia Mears and Donald Johns was reported, both were bell ringers.

Work on the bus shelter lay by at Tytheing Close had started.

Fred Stevens of New Estate had suddenly passed away.

It was reported that an old fireplace and bread oven had been found in Magnolia Cottage, Sweetnam and that the cottage had been a former Wheelwright's shop.

It was reported that in 1825 a by-pass was proposed for Newton St Cyres.

The Coffee Club provided Easter Parties for the children of the village.

April 1983

Some 60 parishioners turned up for the Annual Parish Meeting where the subject was roads. Residents were warned about a particularly nasty 'chain letter' that was doing the rounds and people were advised to burn it.

The Toddler Group had been going for 6 weeks with an average of 12 – 15 each week attending.

The Afternoon Club was still thriving after four years.

Permission had been given for do some re-surfacing on the School footpath so burnings from work at Castlands had been spread by parents.

1983 Newton walkabout was advertised and sponsor forms were available. The walk would be 15 miles around the Parish boundary.

The W I held a cookery demonstration on meals for one and were planning a Jumble Sale.

The School Deputy Head, Stephen Miller was moving to be Head of Kenton School and Terry Mortimer would be the new Deputy.

Bill Holt was to run the London Marathon for school funds and Cancer Research.

April 1993

A gardening article on lilies was written by Liz Mitchell.

The Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting was advertised and reports from parish organisations were invited.

The mobile library was calling every 2 weeks to the Station, Court Orchard, the Car Park, Tytheing Close and Half Moon

The Twinning group were re-furbishing a red telephone box to take to France to mark the 10th anniversary of the Twinning.

An advert appeared for a Safari Supper and Choral Music. This would start at the Church with a concert and soup and then travel around the parish for supper. The cost of the concert and full supper was £6.50.

The Afternoon Club were playing Bingo and looking forward to a Cheese talk by Quicke.

A Craft Fair was to be held in the Hall in June for Church funds, arranged by Eileen Endacott. The organisers of the Summer Show and Horse Show at the Recreation Ground needed a caravan for the stewards use and anyone who could help was asked to contact Glynis Harris, the secretary.

A second edition of the Newton St Cyres Cook Book was planned and recipes should be sent to Beryl Peck.

April 2003

Tim Pearkes celebrated his first 12 months as Editor of the Newton Wonder.

Gill Casey was trying to set up a Book Group.

The Mini Market in the Parish Hall celebrated its first full year.

The Tennis Club had a successful Open Day and the Twinning Circle held a Social Evening at the Recreation Ground.



**All the Gardening Club meetings
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Speed and speed limits are emotive subjects when discussed by motorists. For every person who accepts and agrees with the need for limiting speed, there is another who will argue vociferously to the contrary.

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The police are tasked with enforcing speed limits in order to achieve their aims of reducing accidents and making roads safer for us all. Increased demands on their resources make it more difficult for them to provide an enforcement presence but they are committed to policing the roads and for this reason they have engaged with community volunteers to set up Community Speed Watch groups throughout Devon & Cornwall.

A number of such groups have been set up along the A-377, a road with a history of serious accidents, as well as Latchmore, near Thorverton, where we feel speeding motorists are a constant danger to residents.

The success of these can be measured in a gradual reduction in the number of motorists observed to be exceeding the speed limit during their monitoring sessions. In the Cowley and Newton St Cyres areas, when Speed Watch was first started over 2 years ago, it was not uncommon to record well above 10% of all vehicles exceeding the speed limit. Recent figures show a reduction to below 10%. Of course, the ultimate achievement would be to record no speeding vehicles at all during a monitoring session.

To achieve this aim, more volunteers are needed, and if you share concerns about speeds in your area and are able to give up approximately 1 hour of your time per week, why not join a group in your area?

Groups exist at Cowley, Newton St Cyres, Crediton, Copplestone as well as Latchmore.

If you are supportive but are unable to stand by the roadside for an hour at a time, volunteers are also needed to assist in submitting/inputting data from the monitoring sessions or you can of course make representation to set up a new group.

If you are interested in contributing to making your community safer, contact our Police Community Support Officer, Lisa Crocker, at

lisa.crocker@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk for further details. You can also contact your Parish Council Clerk who will put you in touch with an existing volunteer who can advise on what is involved



NEWTON RAMBLERS

Sunday 21st April

The walk this month takes us into the Raddon hills. It is a lovely walk and has the reward of extensive views, from the Exmouth gap to Dartmoor via distant

Exmoor, from the top, and spring flowers.

We will leave Thorverton car park and walk to Chapel Cross where we pick up the footpath to Raddon Hill Farm. From there we walk over the hill and pick up the bridle way to the north west to Kitlake and down to the lane. It is then an easy walk to the 'sheep shed' and back along the ridge to the crooked pine tree for the long views, before the descent to Raddon Court and the walk back to the cars.

This walk is about five miles long, and is easy walking after the first climb.

Hopefully the ground will have dried out a bit by then. However, if it is still boggy, we will be doing a substitute walk, on the lanes to Upton Pyne, across to Brampford Speke and back.

Meet in Thorverton car park at 10 am.

All are welcome to join us. For further information, or if you would like a lift, please ring Caroline Witts on 01392 259587.

Please note that anyone joining these walks obviously does so at their own risk.

Community Support Group

At the recent Neighbourhood Health Watch, Greg Davies of the Community Council for Devon pointed out that 4.6 million households in the UK are estimated to be in "fuel poverty". He outlined various ways to save on energy, including tips on how to economise power in various rooms around the house. Many of the members came up with extra ideas, such as; "wearing a hat in bed" or "sharing the bath".

The presentation itself was aimed to help people reduce the cost of their energy, as well as individuals who feel that the information from the meeting could be helpful to friends or family members – who perhaps struggle with the increasing price of electric and gas.

Several government sponsored schemes were discussed: winter fuel payments, cold weather payments, the "Energy Best Deal" through ofgem and ECO initiatives to help people in older properties on benefits or low incomes. Help is available for heating/boiler repairs and improvements as well as basic insulation. Call The Energy Saving Advice Service (ESAS) on 0300 100 1234.

Another initiative was the Green Deal. This involves having energy saving work done to your property and the cost is added to the electricity bill. The problem for most people was that the loan stayed with the house when you left it. The idea was that the bill and the repayments together would be less than the original bill had been.

Forms and leaflets were distributed during the meeting; however, further information can be found at:–www.financialskillsforlife.org.uk/fsfl_projects_energybestdeal,

www.ofgem.gov.uk

www.citizensadvice.org.uk

08454 040506 – number for the Citizens Advice consumer service

We were reminded that if there are any members of the community who wish to seek further information on this subject or anything else they would like to find out, the computers based at the Crown and Sceptre is available to everyone.

Raised, as well, were the sessions to help those in and around the village with using computers .Simon has been holding one hour long sessions for a couple of people from the village and has already seen considerable development of the understanding towards the technology.

Simon has also taken two requests since the previous meeting , and both of them have been completed. This is proof that what we are doing as a community is not only working but is fulfilling its purpose – to help those around us to our best ability.

David Baker also added that the funding for laptops has come through, including the prospect of printers and dongles – which would then allow the laptops to be taken to

houses which have no internet connection.

David and Simon also met with district councillors, including Peter Hare-Scott, the Mid Devon Council leader on 13th March, who have been considering whether to set up another Neighbourhood Health Watch in and around CREDITON.

Jane, had a meeting in London with Peter Aitken – from the National Health Service – who sponsor Neighbourhood Health Watch. At the meeting, a presentation was given of what we did and they loved it. This is great praise, as not only has this proven that from our efforts as a community it works. It should also give a great amount of recognition to our village nationally – which is what was always intended. Well done!

Jane also introduced us to the new consumer watchdog for the health service which is called Healthwatch Devon. You can sign up to the electronic mailing list at <http://www.devonrcc.org.uk/c/92/healthwatch-devon-newsletter>, or call 01392 248919.

As always, refreshments were served adding to the warm atmosphere that is always created by each of our members.

The next meeting will be Saturday 13th April, 10.30 at the Crown and Sceptre.

Happy Easter!

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Newton St Cyres History



The next meeting will be on **THURSDAY APRIL 18TH** Derek Jackson will speak on 'Bells and Bell Towers of Netherexe Churches.' The bells of Newton St Cyres Church were recast in the early 1700's by Evans of Chepstow. Have you ever wondered how or if they were transported back and forth?

We don't have any special membership arrangements anyone may come along to any of our meetings. We have a small charge of £2 to include tea and biscuits

and to cover the costs of hall hire and the speaker's fee. Meetings are generally the third Thursday of the month in the club room of the village hall at 7 30pm. For further information ring Jean on 851337 or Isobel 851351. Everyone welcome.

COFFEE MORNINGS FOR 2013

The Church and the Gardening Club
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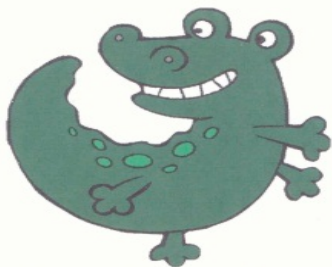
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Gardening Club

4 May
6 July
7 September
9 November

6 April
1 June
3 August
5 October

These will all be held in the Parish Hall during the morning.
Please watch Notice Boards and the Newton Wonder for further details.



Newton Nippers Preschool

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At Newton Nippers Pre-school this half term our topic has been People who help us. We have been lucky enough to have had some visitors into the setting to enhance the children's learning in this area. The children thoroughly enjoyed our visit from Darryl the policeman and his police dog Murphy. We were able to study the police car, meet Murphy the dog and ask lots of interesting questions. The children also had the opportunity to examine some animals from the Boniface Veterinary surgery, which brought a Tortoise, a Bearded Dragon and a Corn snake into see us. The children then carried this on into their play in the form of The Newton Nippers Vets Surgery, where they nursed our sick animals better.

To celebrate World Book Day, the children and staff dressed up as who they wanted to be when they grow up. This made for some interesting costumes and ideas for our future generation. These ranged from Nurses, Fire-fighters, Princesses and even a Diver.

The Pre-school are currently collecting Sainsbury's active kids vouchers and will also be starting Tesco's when they commence, if anyone has any they would like to pass on to the pre-school, please could you pass any into the main school office in an envelope with Newton Nippers on. All vouchers received are very beneficial to gain new resources for the children, Thank You.

If you would like to know more about the pre-school please contact us on 01392 851522 or email us at info@newtonnippers.co.uk



Mini Market - a note from Pat Butt

The next Mini Market will be on **Saturday April 27th. 2013 from 10:30 am till 12 noon.**

The February Market went extremely well. It was very nice to see so many new faces.

Don't forget to come and meet friends over coffee, tea, soft drinks and bacon butties.

All the usual stalls:- meat, vegetables, cakes, pasties, plants, hand crafted cards, bric a brac, jewellery and toys (in aid of Cancer Research). There will be a stall from the village school and the Parish Council "surgery".

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SHOBROOKE VILLAGE MEMORIAL QUIZ RAISES over £1,000 for Exeter Neo-Natal Unit

On 8th February Shobrooke village hall was the venue for a curry and quiz night in memory of Frank Goddard, an Exeter solicitor who lived in Crediton, and who sadly passed away on 28th November 2012 at the tender age of 46 leaving his wife Jo, and children Kate, Eve and Jack.

Frank had dedicated a great deal of his time over the past 3 years setting and presenting quizzes where the monies raised went to the Shobrooke village hall fund. Over that time Frank helped raise over £2,000.

The curry and quiz evenings had become a regular and popular event in Shobrooke and the organisers, Lesley Evans and Natalie Paterson decided that one more event, dedicated to the Neo-Natal unit at Exeter, would be a fitting tribute to someone who had given so much to the village, despite not being a resident himself.

The reason for choosing the Neo-Natal unit was that Frank and his wife Jo deeply appreciated the efforts made by the unit to keep their twin daughters Kate and Eve alive when they were prematurely born at only 26 weeks. The girls are now a pair of vibrant and fun 12 year olds which is a testament to the sterling work that the unit carries out.

As was always the case Frank had prepared the next quiz a few days after his last event although nobody could have predicted nor anticipated that he would not be there to present it himself in his own inimitable style.

On the evening 86 people attended, which proved to be a bit of a crush, and £690.35 was raised thanks to people's generosity. Added to that was a donation of £350 from the Beer Engine's local charity fund which Mike and Jan Tutty kindly offered to boost any monies raised.

Thanks must go to Lesley, Nat and Emma for the organisation of the evening and the cooking of the curries, to the hall committee for allowing the free use of the hall, and the kind donation from the Beer Engine. Most of all, many thanks and congratulations to everyone who attended and gave so generously.

Gareth Evans

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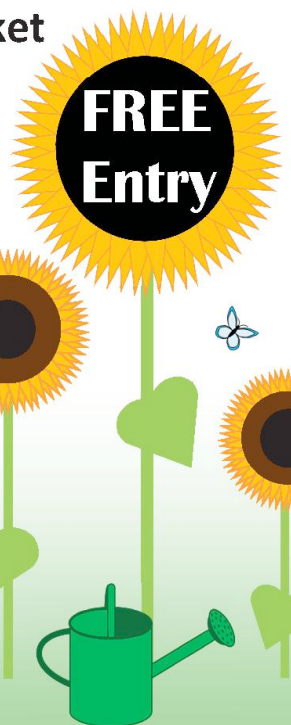


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Garden Club News



At our meeting on 28th February we welcomed Helen Kearney to talk about the medicinal properties of plants. Helen studied for 4 years at university and is now a qualified Western Medical Herbalist working in Tiverton at Reapers wholefoods. She treats conditions affecting the heart, circulation, skin, digestion, allergies, women and children's health problems as well as sleep disorders and stress related illnesses. She says she was inspired to work with plants by her grandmother who was a keen gardener.

Herbalists believe that a weed is a plant growing in the wrong place and many weeds have useful medicinal properties. Galium aparine or Cleavers as it is commonly known, is a good cleanser of the lymphatic system and can be used in lymphoedema and tonsillitis. Dandelion which is bitter when eaten stimulates receptors on the tongue to release bile to aid digestion. It is also high in potassium and acts as a potassium sparing diuretic. A word of caution – eating too many dandelion leaves could result in more time than usual spent sitting in the smallest room of the house! Nettle contains iron and minerals and are said to eliminate toxins from the joints thus easing the pain of arthritis. In fact in times of old the Roman soldiers would thrash their legs with nettles to ease the pain in their joints. I suggest that you do not try this at home, but take your nettles in the form of a tisane or soup. Chickweed is good for stopping skin irritation you can chew it up then place on the affected area as a poultice.

Herbs are also widely used by medical herbalists many having anti-viral, anti-bacterial and anti-inflammatory properties. Bay leaves and lemon balm can both be taken in the form of a tisane. Mint is good for aiding digestion and reducing headaches, lavender has calming properties and a combination of sage and honey in hot water are good for a sore throat. Did you realise that you can chew sage leaves to clean your teeth?

Calendula marigold has good anti-inflammatory and wound cleansing properties and is currently used impregnated in a dressing for leg ulcers in the NHS. There are some medical herbalists working in the NHS but patients have to pay for herbal medicines in this instance, however the guidelines on this may be reviewed shortly. All medicines are regulated under the 1968 Medicines Act. As part of their training medical herbalists are trained to know about interactions of traditional medicines with herbal remedies. I suggest that advice is sought by those who are taking medicines prescribed by the doctor before taking any herbal remedy whether it is one you have bought or made.

If you wish to use your home grown plants for medicinal purposes a word of warning, be sure that you know what you are picking as some poisonous plants can resemble innocent ones for example young comfrey leaves could be confused with foxglove which contains potentially dangerous digitalis. Having established that you are

picking an innocent specimen make sure that the leaves are dry. Pick in the morning on a sunny day as this is when the volatile oils will be at their greatest. They should be dried outside in the sun or in an airing cupboard but must have plenty of space for air to circulate around the leaves. The resulting dried leaves or flowers can be soaked in hot water to make a tisane or steeped in alcohol (cheap vodka is ideal) for 2 weeks to make a tincture that you can take as a medicine on a daily basis. Just sieve after the 2 weeks and keep in an air tight bottle and it should keep indefinitely.

So remember to leave some space for weeds in your garden as they not only have medicinal properties but also attract pest predators and provide good forage and habitat for honey bees and other pollinators. Stay fit and healthy and enjoy your garden.

Anne Rice

If you have enjoyed reading this article why not join us at our next meeting?

No joining fee just £1.50 on the night to include hot drink, biscuits and a warm welcome. Come to the village Hall, Newton St Cyres, on Thursday April 25th at 7.30pm to hear John Watts talk about "seed sowing and growing on seedlings".

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Does your garden produce surplus that you would like to share or sell?

Or would you like to eat fresh locally grown produce?

If the answer to either of these is **YES** then there is a network which puts local gardeners and their neighbours in contact. It totally **FREE** to join and use. I joined it last year with good results, but most people are around Crediton and ideally it would be good not to have to get in the car and to be less dependant on the supermarkets and keep our money local too.

It's called: **GardenFoodClub.com**

All the details are on the site, but basically here is how it works; Gardeners register and list their produce as it matures. People wishing to buy contact the gardener directly by phone and arrange a time to pick up their order. This could be at agreed place, honesty box or at your garden what ever suits.

The site is easy to use and now that we have the community computer at The Crown and Sceptre it could be a good way to do some shopping.

Happy gardening and happy eating

Gill Amos

Monthly Gardening notes for April from Bert Jewell

General Garden tasks.

1. Any rough turning that wasn't done in the winter should be finished as soon as the weather permits.
2. Tidy borders, removing weeds and dead foliage from herbaceous plants, sprinkle on a dressing of general fertiliser to the soil and lightly work into the top few inches.
3. Watch out for greenfly on new shoots of roses and clematis.

Trees, Shrubs and Climbers

April is a good month to feed most of the woody plants in your garden with a balanced fertiliser, such as Growmore. This is 7% Nitrogen, 7% Phosphates and 7% Potassium. Spread it around Roses, Hedges, Trees, Shrubs and Climbers. If you grow Camellias, Rhododendron, Azaleas, Pieris or Heathers, use a fertiliser suitable for Ericaceous plants. This will help to release nutrients to the plant that the Lime content in the soil blocks. Ericaceous feed is also suitable for Bay trees. All fertilisers should be worked into the soil.

Flowers

Dead head Daffodils once they have finished flowering by removing just the flower head, the stem will then act as a leaf and help provide the bulb with energy for next year. You can also help build up the bulbs by feeding them with liquid Potash every seven to ten days until the leaves start to die down. Now is a good time to move or divide summer flowering Perennials and to plant summer flowering bulbs.

Dahlia tubers can be planted out at the end of the month, take out a hole large enough so that garden compost or well rotted manure can be placed in the bottom.

Fruit

Keep a check on newly planted fruit trees, bushes and plants, and if the ground does dry out make sure you keep them watered, this will help to control Mildew.

Light pruning can be done on Plums and Cherries, or leave it until the fruit has been harvested.

Lawns

Continue to regularly mow the lawn and gradually lower the deck of the mower until the grass is about $\frac{3}{4}$ " high after mowing, too short encourages weeds and Moss, too long makes the base turn yellow. Lawn feed can be applied at the end of the month, follow the instructions on the box to avoid brown patches. Too much Nitrogen will burn the grass and stay brown all summer.

Vegetables

As soon as the soil and weather conditions are right head to the veg garden where you can plant seeds of Early Peas, Broad Beans, Cabbage, Sprouts, Leeks, Beetroot, Lettuce, Parsnips, Onion Sets and Carrots. Sow Carrots thinly to avoid having to thin out. When thinning out try not to crush the foliage too much as this attracts the Carrot Fly. Potatoes can be planted early this month with a good helping of garden compost or well rotted farm yard manure in the bottom of the trench or planting hole.

Plant of the Month

Brunnera Macrophylla (Jack Frost)

Looks like a perennial Forget-me-not with small blue flowers on wiry stems, has large silver grey leaves which have the appearance of being netted, good for ground cover in light shade.

Friend or Foe

Vine Weevil.

The adults are just under $\frac{1}{2}$ " long with a dark pear shaped body. Eats notches from leaves of a wide variety of plants. The larvae is the real pest. It is a white legless grub with a brown head. They bore into tubers and corms as well as eat the roots of many plants, with plants in containers most vulnerable.

Rainfall in our garden during February was 26mm with overnight temperatures no lower than -1.7c

Enjoy your gardening

April on the Farm

The end of our long winter? The bitter sting in the winter's tail last month makes the sweet weather of April all the more gorgeous. The late spring has the plants seem prescient – primroses, bluebells, blackthorn seemed to hold back their flowering, waiting till after the frost, only to come with a rush when the weather finally warms up. The leaves unfurl, the hedges bloom, the grass speeds up its growth, young rabbits appear, birds take on the busy air of those with many chicks to feed.

We've been hearing in the news about how many deer other people have, how much damage they are doing to fields and delicate habitats. I'm glad to hear it's not just us. I love to see the deer, and you can have too much of a good thing.

CROPS - We've had to re-drill more crops after the difficult autumn and winter. Continual wet, slugs, rabbits and deer have taken their toll. We've even had to re-drill winter barley, which we hoped would be less attractive to deer, as well as oilseed rape, which acts as an open restaurant to wildlife unless it gets away rapidly in the early autumn. We've put in more spring barley, which will yield a little less than winter crops, but with less cost, fine for business, but not to restore the nation's larder. Most crops are looking surprisingly OK for the winter they've had, although their roots will not be so well developed if we get a drought.

GRASS - growth gather pace. That's a good thing, as we have a lot of hungry cows to feed now their milk is coming to a peak in mid April after calving in February and March. We measure the grass, and as always, there are the heart-stopping weeks where the grass disappears into the mouths of cows, and we

wonder if it can ever grow fast enough to feed all of them. It always turns round, by early April we stop fretting about having too little. By the end of April, we will have so much we take fields out of the grazing rotation and lay them up for silage, letting them grow longer than the cows can sensibly eat. That's the amount they can get into their mouths at one time and eat it down to a lawn in one go. Then you get each cow standing in one place, harvesting the grass around them, taking a step only when they've got the grass in front of them. Each cow harvests the grass from a square of around 10 metres by 10 metres in a day when they get all of their forage from pasture. The cows spread out in the field and, as long as we have given them the right amount of grass in each grazing, they leave the fields neat, if well fertilised with digested grass, all the better to grow the next crop of grass. Just don't stand too close behind cows; the grass has low fibre and moves rapidly through the cows on its way to becoming manure.

COWS - The cows are starting to bull very actively, frolicking around, the herd ablaze with hormones. We watch to see who is hot, and who is not, to check out the persistent cyclers (all frolic and no egg) or the non cyclers (no frolic and no egg; has she cleaned up her womb after birth?). Many farmers very actively treat cows for fertility. In the main we don't, and breed only from cows that do it naturally. As a result, we have a very fertile herd that mainly cycles actively and naturally.

HEIFERS - The heifers calving for the first time always drop weight after calving; we watch to make sure they aren't dropping too low, we are more generous with paddock size if they are. Their year old younger sisters are

all outside too, grazing, catching up with weight gain on the rich grass. We are feeding them a little cake too, to catch them up: they grew less well than they should through the winter. They need to be big enough to meet Mr Bull next month. They may be keen on him when they are small, but even if we get some little chaps (two very tasty young Angus bulls) on the job, the heifers still need to be big enough to bear the calf safely, as well as avoid being flattened by the amorous advances.

CALVES - The calves are growing on. We are weighing regularly, to check them more accurately than in the past, and are keeping everything in small enough paddocks to keep them moving often to fresh grass nutritious enough to grow them on fast enough. The target is to grow them on grass totally. Our swards don't all have enough clover in them to do this completely: feed clover seed to them so the clover gets sown with fertiliser? People say this works, and it sounds clever, let's see if it works here.

CHEESE - The milk is currently at a beautiful balance for cheese – enough fat and protein, not too much, neither a grainy residue nor excess fat on the top. We are spending some grant money (thank you, taxpayers) on energy saving gentle pumps which will also be kinder to the milk, and protect the delicate fat particles. I think this will further improve cheese flavour, particularly at the far end of our long flavour: I can't wait, and that'll only show up next year. I have a blessed job where I spend a lot of time seeing how to make our cheese as delicious as it can be.

The curd feels just right in the vat at the moment. We've now moved from one vat a day in mid February to 3 vats a day at the peak. Hard work for the cheese team. No spare time to do the extras. More butter to make, hand

rolling each curl, several hundred in a sitting. Cheese to make, to press and dress in muslin, cheese to turn weekly in the store.

RECIPE - All that cheese making needs a long drink to quench the thirst, restore energy. We had a very pleasant beer and cheese pairing session with the wonderful Patrick McCaig of Otter Brewery. We enjoyed the pairings that made a statement, rather than just blended well;-

Vintage Cheddar - Otter Ale. The bitterness of ale complements the sweet finish on the Vintage Cheddar.

Double Gloucester - Otter Bitter. The buttery, fresh flavour cuts through the bitter and leaves both balanced on the palate.

Hard Goat's Cheese - Otter Bright. Patrick called this a session beer, the cheese is a session cheese – time for a session?

Mature Cheddar, Extra Mature Cheddar, and Red Leicester all paired well with Otter Head. The beer had an aromatic quality that worked well in different ways with all of these.

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Please assemble in the **Parish Hall Car Park at 6.45.**

The tour will be followed by tea and biscuits in the Hall and the AGM of the Friends.

All are welcome. There is no charge for subscribing Friends, but others will pay £2. This will be re-funded if you join the Friends on the day. The subscription is only £10 annually and the proceeds are used to fund work to improve the Arboretum for the enjoyment of our villagers and their visitors. Please consider supporting this community venture

For further details contact Isobel Hepworth (01392 851351 or Roger Wilkins (01392 851337).

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21st		
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The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) immediately following the Meeting of Parishioners is open to all members of the Church Electoral Roll for the parish. It chooses representatives for the parish in church councils and synods, receives the annual accounts of the Parochial Church Council, and reviews the life and work of the local church over the preceding year. Please plan to attend these important and informative annual meetings for your parish.

Brampford Speke – Thursday, April 25 at 7.30pm at the Lazy Toad, Brampford Speke

Cadbury – Sunday, April 14 at 10.30am in the Parish Church (following 10am Morning Service)

Newton St Cyres with Cowley – Wednesday, April 24 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

Poltimore with Huxham – Sunday, April 14 at 7pm in Huxham Church (following 6.30pm Evensong)

Rewe with Netherexe – Tuesday, April 23 at 6.30pm in the Parish Church (following 6pm Evening Prayer)

Stoke Canon – Sunday, April 28 at 10.45am in the Parish Church (following 10am Holy Communion)

Thorverton – Monday, April 29 at 7.30pm at the Thorverton Arms

Upton Pyne – Tuesday, April 30 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

From the Rev. Peter Ashman

I wanted to write to thank you and the various parishes and communities for hosting my placement and making it such a positive experience.

I knew I was coming to something very different from St. James, Exeter and the thought of coming to ten churches and eight parishes in rural Devon clouded my view of what it might be like. It was certainly out of my comfort zone, or at least so I thought.

In fact the placement was one of the most exciting experiences of my curacy, teaching me a lot and giving me experiences I would not otherwise have had. It was a privilege and a joy to serve the people of your Mission Community - they were welcoming, kind and generous with their support and with their time and patience. I know it was only four weeks and I was only able

to dip my toe into the many activities (though notching up over 400 miles instead of the usual 70 a month!) but the people and their faith and commitment to the Church were humbling and infectious and I gained so much by being with them. The heart of the Church of England is in rural communities such as yours and I hope they realise the effect they have on visitors such as myself. I need not have worried about our differences - I have learned to focus on our common faith and desire to love and serve God - because the heart of any church is in the people and they showed me how strong the heart was beating.

Thank you to Sue and Dave and Julia for their help and support, and to Douglas who organised

More than chocolate?

In the church year we are now in the season of Easter. When you read this we will just have celebrated the great festival of Easter – the most important festival in the church year.

What does Easter mean to you?

When I think of Easters past I think of hot cross buns, family get-togethers, Easter egg hunts in the garden and feeling slightly sick through eating too much chocolate. In my memory it is always sunny!

The Easter of the present is of course quite a busy time of year for me and for my clergy colleagues. After our Lenten observances we definitely “go up a gear” in church over Easter, celebrating the events of Palm Sunday, remembering the last Supper and the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus, before rejoicing in his resurrection on that glorious first Easter morning. But Easter eggs still feature strongly in my Easter of the present as I watch young children (and the young at heart) search for them in the churchyard after the Easter service and –yes – I still eat far too much chocolate myself!

And what about Easter in the future. Well Easter is all about the future of course. It is because of Easter that we have a future. The amazing events we celebrate at Easter, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, mean we are assured of eternal life with a God who loves us. The whole of the Easter message is about hope for the future.

The season of Eastertide lasts until the day of Pentecost – which this year will be on Sunday May 19th. I hope that throughout this joyous season, long after all the chocolate is finished, we may look to the future with confidence and hope as we continue to celebrate Christ’s resurrection.

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Easter blessings to you all,

Sue Sheppard

Services in the Netherexe Parishes

Your parish churches aim to provide a variety of service types to meet the needs of the whole community. Most Sunday services except those early in the morning include hymns and music. Everyone is welcome at all services

Service With A Smile

These **Family Services** are designed for all ages and with the needs of young children especially in mind.

**Brampford Speke & Stoke Canon
And Family Service Thorverton &
Newton St Cyres**

They are informal and contemporary in style often including a children's activity at the beginning; without communion.

Services usually last about 35 minutes and are followed by refreshments.

Holy Communion	[C]	Traditional service in contemporary language [one hour]
Holy Communion	[BCP]	Traditional service in traditional language [one hour]
Service of The Word	[SW]	Morning or Evening Service [without communion] in contemporary language, often Lay-Led
Morning Prayer	[BCP]	Traditional Morning Service [Mattins] from the Book of Common Prayer [about an hour]
Evening Prayer or Choral Evensong	[BCP]	Traditional Evening Service from the Book of Common Prayer [about an hour]

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer in the Netherexe Parishes

For daily services the format is generally Book of Common Prayer at Thorverton and Common Worship elsewhere, and the timing is about 20-30 minutes. All are welcome.

Morning Prayer is said on Mondays at 9.10pm in Stoke Canon church (during the school term, this takes the form of Collective Worship for Stoke Canon C. of E. School); on Tuesdays at 9.00am in Stoke Canon Chapel; In Thorverton at 7.30am on many weekdays and at 9.00am on Saturdays. For a list of the days this month on which Morning Prayer will be said at Thorverton, please see the notice posted in the church porch at Thorverton and on the website [go to churches section then select Thorverton]

Holy Communion [BCP] is celebrated on one Wednesday in each month at Thorverton at 9.30am; please see the notice in the church porch at Thorverton and on the website for this month's date

Evening Prayer is said on Tuesdays at 6.00pm in Rewe church and on Thursdays at 5.00pm in Newton St Cyres church..

Variations: Wednesday 20 March 09:30 am Holy Communion [BCP] Thorverton

Who's Who? Abbreviations Key

DD	The Revd Preb Douglas Dettmer	Rector	01392 860332
SS	The Revd Preb Sue Sheppard	Associate Minister	01392 841284
JD	The Revd Julia Dallen	Assistant Curate	01392 861145
DC	The Revd Dave Carrington	Assistant Curate	01392 841275

Family Services of the Word marked ☺ are led by Lay Teams

For more information about the Netherexe Parishes please see www.netherexe.org or contact:

Mrs Margaret Lowe [Administrator]

Tel: 07594 714590 - Tuesday & Thursday [08:30 – 16:30]

Email: margaret.admin@netherexe.org

Correspondence: The Netherexe Parishes, PO Box 734, Stoke Canon, Exeter, EX5 4WP.

In Touch: Each month we publish details of all church services, events and activities in our information leaflet called "In Touch". It is free and printed copies can be found in all of our churches but it is also available on-line from our website at www.netherexe.org or if you would prefer to receive a copy by email, simply send your details to our Administrator

Margaret Lowe at margaret.admin@netherexe.org and you will be added to the monthly email distribution list.

Would you like a lift to church? May we offer you a lift to the parish church or to a joint service elsewhere?

For transport to Sunday services from locations in Thorverton parish, please ring Steve Rendell on 01392 860780.

For transport to weekday Holy Communion at Thorverton please ring Margaret Turner-Warwick on 01392 861173

For transport from locations in Newton St Cyres parish please contact Mrs Charlotte Dyer on 01392 851618

For transport from Rewe parish please contact Guy Sheppard on 01392 841284

NEWTON ST CYRES CHURCH ROTAS - 2013

Week Ending	Flower	Cleaning	Brass
Apr 6	A Page	P Burt	J Ward
13	C Dyer	M Walters	J Pyle
20	O Cheriton	A Ward	A & W Hough
27	S Munday	P Boother	C Dyer
May 4	M Walters	C Dyer	M Snow

APRIL 2013 SERVICES & INFORMATION

The Netherexe Parishes - A Mission Community in the Diocese of Exeter

Sunday 7 April 2013 Easter 1

10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	JD
10:00 am	Service of The Word		Stoke Canon	Lay-Led
11:00 am	Joint Service		Thorverton Baptist Church	Baptist Officiant
			Joint with Parish Church	
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	A Simmonds
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Cadbury	Lay-Led
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Newton St Cyres	JD

Sunday 14 April 2013 Sunday Easter 2

08:00 am	Holy Communion	[BCP]	Thorverton	DD
09:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Brampford Speke	DC
10:00 am	Service of The Word & APCM		Cadbury	DD
10:00 am	Family Service & Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	MSS
10:00 am	Service of The Word		Poltimore	Lay-Led
11:15 am	Service of The Word		Rewe	Lay-Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	JD & Laura Ford
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	DC
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer & APCM	[BCP]	Huxham	DD

Sunday 21 April 2013 Easter 3 Mission Community Service, Baptism & Confirmation

11:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	The Bishop of Exeter
<i>Followed by Bring & Share Lunch in Village Hall</i>				

Wednesday 24 April 2013

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[BCP]	Thorverton	
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Sunday 28 April 2013 Easter 4

09:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Huxham	DD
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Cadbury	DC
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	A Simmonds
10:00 am	Family Service	☺	Thorverton	Lay-Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion & APCM	[C]	Stoke Canon	DD
10:00 am	Service of The Word		Upton Pyne	Lay-Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	SS
12:00 noon	Baptism		Brampford Speke	DC
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Poltimore	DD

Sunday 5 May 2013 Easter 5

08:00 am	Holy Communion	[BCP]	Newton St Cyres	DD
10:00 am	Service With A Smile	☺	Brampford Speke	Lay-Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	MSS
10:00 am	Service of The Word & Baptism		Stoke Canon	DC
10:00 am	Holy Communion & Baptism	[C]	Thorverton	DD
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	DC
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Cadbury	DC
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Newton St Cyres	DD

‘An Evening in the Holy Land’ Saturday 13th April 2013

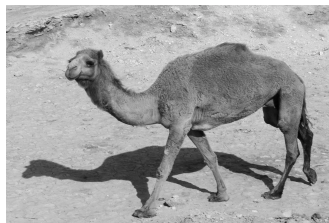
Revds Julia Dallen and David Carrington will share pictures,
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7pm - light snacks 7.30pm – start

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