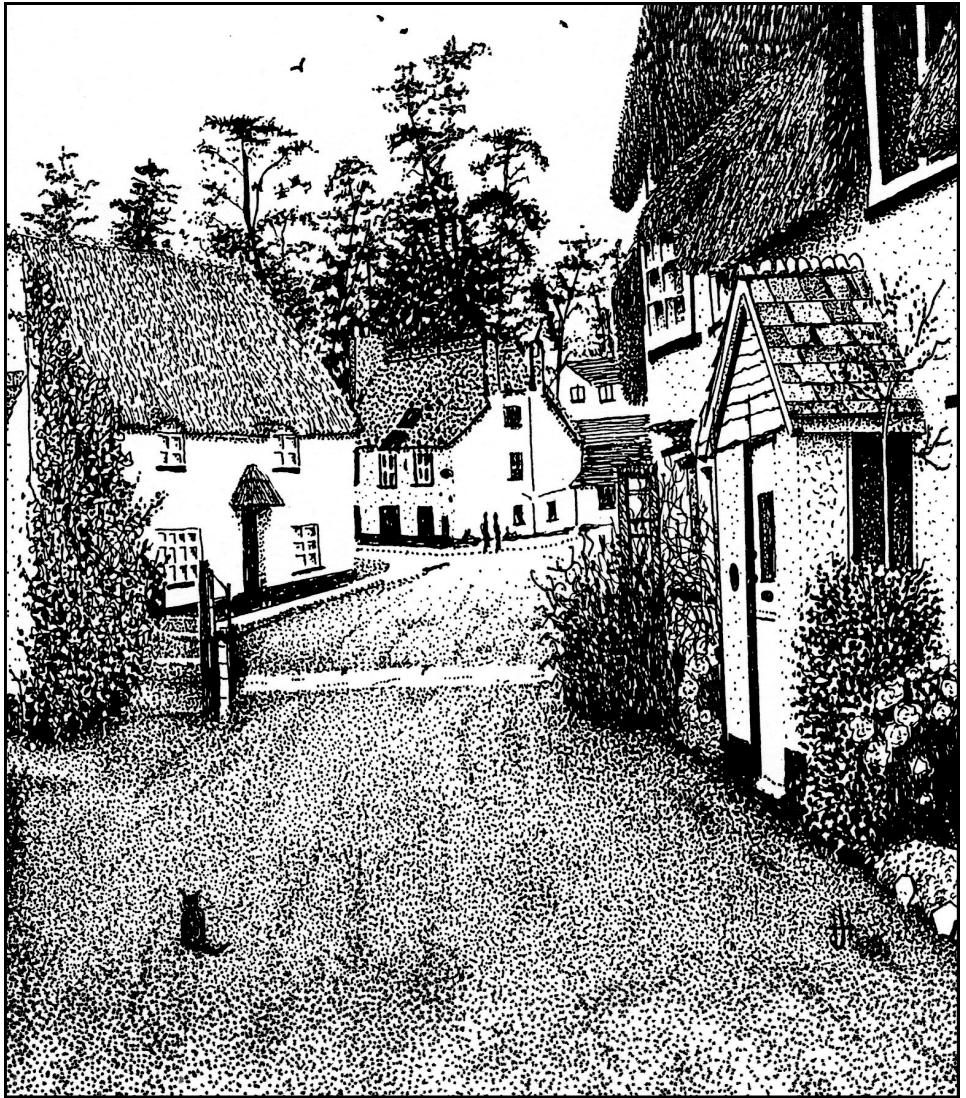


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A WEEK IN THE PARISH HALL

Mondays	DIET & FITNESS CLASS	9.30 -12.30 pm	Emma Healey Tel: 07969 900794
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Fridays	TABLE TENNIS	7.15 - 9.45 pm	Just turn up - £2 per session (£1 children)
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Elections

As the elections approach we may all be considering who to vote for, or even whether we want to vote at all. In the Parliamentary election the main parties are looking pretty stale and the other options a bit wacky. We will all be interested to see how this very different poll will turn out. The election for the Mid Devon District Council is largely a matter of Party Politics, too. However, we can be pleased that, assuming there are sufficient candidates for there to be an election for the Parish Council, we will be voting for individuals and not parties. Your Parish Councillors perform a very valuable role in the community. It is not too late to stand. Nomination papers have to be submitted by 4 pm on 9th. April 2015

Community Plan for the Parish of Newton St Cyres

The questionnaire has been drawn up, mostly by Roger Cashmore and will be distributed with the Parish Report. This is a key element in local democracy. The results will be available to local community organisations and groups and may well be the source of more. All the local groups are trying to meet the needs and interests of the people of the village and the questionnaire is seeking to find out how the provision of voluntary services in the community is faring and how it could be improved. The Community Support Group is reassessing its role and the more information available the better it will be able to support those who need it. As the belt is tightening on the county and district councils it is becoming more and more necessary for some, taken for granted services to be provided by the community, either by voluntary activity or through the Parish Council. Your views are the most important and it is important that we all participate in this survey.

Tough Choices

On page 43 of this Newton Wonder is a notice about the County Council website "tough choices". This is a consultation exercise. It is important to look at this because what is being proposed is the end of the bus service to Crediton in the evening. The last bus from Exeter will be at 20:00 and the last one from Crediton High St. will be at 20:47 if I am reading the timetable correctly. Coupled with the woefully inadequate train times this would mean that for people without a car or who did not want to use it for a night out, it will be impossible to get to either Exeter or Crediton. Make your views known on the website (toughchoices.co.uk). Click on the "Complete the feedback" button before April 20th and leave your submission.

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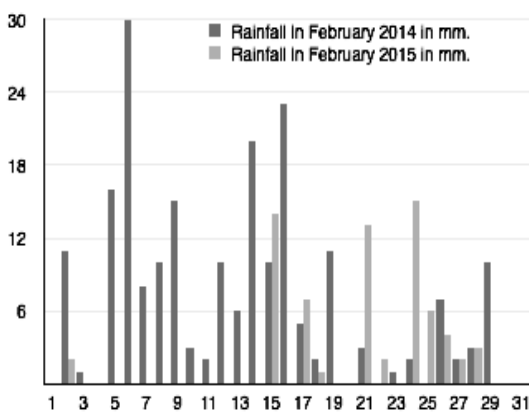
The pages of our website are being populated and we are seeking further information from anyone who would like to participate. We hope that we will be able to include pages, or links to pages and websites for every group and organisation in the village.

The Parish Hall

Unfortunately the Parish Hall Committee received no applications for the post of caretaker and the committee are finding it hard to keep this well used facility open and ready for the many users. If you would like to take on the job, which is paid, or to volunteer to help out, please contact Roger Wilkins on 851337.

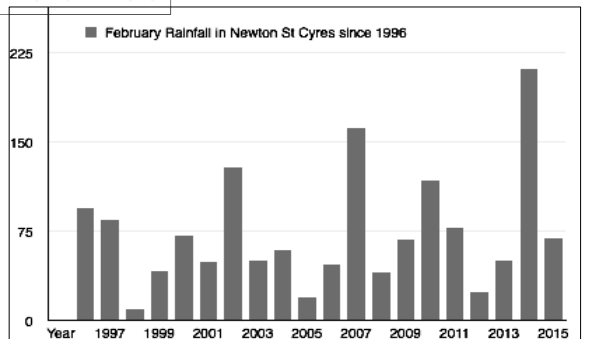
Hall and Hearty

The Hall and Hearty Evening, 3 Course Meal, held in the Newton St. Cyres Parish hall, was a great success, attracting 80 people for this sumptuous evening and which raised over £603 towards new central heating etc. for the church. The food was cooked and served by Tim Maddams (ex River Cottage) and his team and the event was organised by the Friends of Newton St Cyres.



The Weather

James Walters' rain gauge never fails to produce interesting information about the weather. Below are the February figures for this year and last and monthly comparisons of February rainfall since 1996. Whilst not the driest February 2015 produced well less than half that of 2014, when the beginning of the month was particularly wet.



Parish Council Report ...March

A full complement of nine Councillors and Cllr Peter Hare-Scott (MDDC) were joined by 8 members of the public at the Parish Council meeting on March 2nd.

The issues raised during the public session included concern about the parking in Half Moon lay-by, excess litter in the lay-by at Half Moon, and advertisements being posted inside the bus shelter at Half Moon.

Planning decisions. No Comment was the response from the Council to the intention to fell a willow tree near Glebe House and the application to sub-divide a dwelling and erect extensions to form 2 semi-detached houses at Fairbank, Station Road.

Proposed extension to the Conservation Area The Council agreed to write to MDDC expressing their concern about the Arboretum being included in the Conservation Area. The Arboretum is already being managed by the Friends of the Arboretum under a licence agreement with the landowner and the Parish Council.

Local Plan. The Council again agreed to press MDDC to include infill building in Half Moon and to make sure that some of the CIL money from developments in Crediton was earmarked for infrastructure improvements on the A377 through Newton St Cyres.

Dog Fouling. A witness had come forward to report an instance of dog fouling and the Dog Warden was following up this complaint. **Dog owners need to be aware that if their dog is seen to foul the roads or footpaths and the resulting mess is not picked up by the owner, then the owner stands to be prosecuted and fined. The maximum fine is £1,000.** The Council also agreed to look at setting up a DNA system for dogs so that offenders can be identified in future.

Community Support Group. The Group wish to appoint a Community Liaison Officer once the new Council is formed to strengthen the links between the various support groups and the Parish Council. It was reported that the defibrillator had been moved to the wall of the Crown & Sceptre and had been wired in.

Notice Boards. Some of the notice boards are being messed up by posters being stuck onto them which leave paper glued to the board. Others are being stapled on and again they are hard to remove. Parishioners are being asked to take care when posting notices on the boards and not to use either staples or sticky leaflets.

Community Resilience Group. Two sheds to hold equipment have been purchased and a third will soon be in place. These will be situated at the Hall, the Recreation Ground and at Smallbrook. The rain gauge is operational and list of nominated people to be responders will be drawn up.

Highways. The Council would like to inform parishioners that they can report any potholes they find in the roads directly to Devon County Council on www.devon.gov.uk and then clicking on 'Report It'. This is a quicker method towards getting the potholes reported and repaired than waiting to report them through the Parish Council meeting.

Thanks and congratulations. The Council's thanks were expressed to Jock Campbell for all his work in pulling together the Community Resilience Group and obtaining grants to fund the purchase of the rain gauge, sheds and equipment.

Thanks too were expressed to Cllr Steve Parker for making sure the defibrillator was wired in and for offering to feed and weed the village green this spring. Congratulations were recorded to Cllr Parker and his wife, Angie on being selected to attend a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in May. We all look forward to seeing their photos and hearing about their special day.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 13th April** in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall at 7.30 pm. This is later than usual due to Easter. The next Parish Surgery will be held in conjunction with the Mini Market on **Saturday 25th April**. Please come along to the surgery and to the meeting and bring your queries and questions for the Council to take on board.

Cllr Jill Baker, Press Officer

Raddon Hills Group of Parish Councils

Twenty-two representatives from 11 parishes attended the Raddon Hills Group meeting in Stoke Canon Village Hall. Five members of the Police also attended and gave an update on police matters in their areas. The Police have a new industrial engraver which can be used to identify possessions.

The group agreed to discuss a possible Road Warden Scheme at their Parish Councils and come back with ideas / suggestions to the next Raddon Hills meeting in October.

It was reported that generally the footpaths in the area were in good condition and some excellent work is going on in various parishes to keep them open and tidy.

A discussion took place about the lack of superfast Broadband and a timetable for roll-out was shown to the representatives there.

It was agreed to hold a New Councillors Training Session in Stoke Canon Hall in June, after the new Councils had been formed.

The work on the proposed cycle way/footpath between Exeter and CREDITON is ongoing and some landowners are being very helpful and co-operative over releasing bits and pieces of land for the project.

COMMUNITY MARKET

The next Community Market will take place on Saturday 25th April at 10 am.

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".

Community Support Group

Home Security

At the March meeting of the Community Support Group we were lucky to have PCSO David Waring come to talk to us about Home Security. Dave gave us loads of tips and ideas about keeping our property secure and explained that house burglaries in the area were quite rare but that theft from sheds and outbuildings had seen an increase last year. His tips for keeping our property safe included:

Sheds – Most problems occurred in springtime when hand tools, strimmers, chainsaws and easily transported equipment was targeted. Dave had a heavy duty padlock on demonstration which was fitted with a battery operated alarm. This alarm would make a noise of about 110 decibels if it was tampered with. The Police have these alarms for sale at £7 each (cost price) and if anyone would like to purchase one, they should contact Peter Hawksley on 851269. Peter will pass on your request to the Police who will deliver a padlock to you. If your shed has a window, cover it so that no-one can look inside to see what is inside the shed.

Property Marking – Dave had a quantity of marker pens available which will write in indelible ink on any smooth surface. Dave advised that expensive equipment should be marked with a code that you can remember (such as a special word or your post code) and then details of the serial number of the equipment etc. is logged on the form that Dave had available. Taking a photo of any expensive items will help to trace anything if it is stolen and will help with any insurance claim.

Electronic Engraving – The Police have an electronic engraver which is being shared between three Police areas but Dave hoped that Newton St Cyres could benefit from this at some time in the future. The Police would bring the engraver to a central point where equipment could be suitably engraved.

Outside your home – Gravel spread in driveways will announce a visitor to your premises and prickly hedges will deter unwanted visitors. Security lights should be checked to make sure no-one has turned the sensor round in preparation for a future illegal visit. Fuel tanks should be disguised or hidden behind fencing or prickly hedging such as berberis. Sensors can be fitted to gateposts which will sound an alarm when the beam is broken.

Your house – When you leave the property, make sure all doors, windows, garages, sheds etc. are locked and do not leave keys in window locks or door keys on bits of string through the letter box. A dummy alarm box on the outside of the house acts as a deterrent. Be aware of finding an unexplained broken window as this may have been done deliberately so that a return visit can be made when the new window goes in and the putty is still soft.

Community messaging – Dave has forms which can be completed and returned to the Police and which will then register the householder on the Community Messaging system. Updates on problems/incidents in the area will be emailed or phoned as through and when necessary.

At the end of the extremely useful talk a short meeting was held when new ideas on taking the Group forward were suggested and agreed. The basic changes are as follows:

The computer equipment (laptops, dongle etc.) will be taken to the Mini Markets in the Parish Hall where someone will be on hand to help with queries and problems and to loan out the laptops etc. if anyone wishes to borrow them.

A programme has been arranged for 2015 and cards with the details will be available and notices will go up in the village notice boards.

Two mobile phones will be purchased and the numbers published on cards and on fridge magnets. People needing any help or support will be asked to phone one of the numbers and some-one will find help for you from the list which is being updated.

Volunteers are needed with skills they can offer such as, driving to appointments, gardening, DIY, reading or companionship, cooking, shopping etc.

Please contact Jacqui Ward if you would like to offer any skills, support or help to the group. Jacqui's phone number is: 851918

Thank you.

Jill Baker

Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The March draw took place at the Mini Market on 28th February 2015 in the village hall and the winners are:

No	33	E James	£10
No	101	I Hepworth	£10
No	26	A & S Harding	£10
No	64	E Hurrell	£10

It's that time of year again when the collectors will be round during April/May for annual subscription for the year 2015/16 commencing in June. It is £11 per year and we are able to make a donation to the fabric of the church. The church has been standing on the hill for hundreds of years and it would be a pity to see it fall into disrepair and every little helps.

If anyone would like a number, or another one if you are already a subscriber, then please give me a phone call. Or speak to your collector. Also if there is anyone out there who has a bit of free time to do a bit of collecting or would like to be the coordinator, please do contact me. In the meantime, good luck to you all and thank you for your support.

Daphne 01392 851639

Do You Remember

April 1975

The Cowley Bridge improvements had been completed but they yet had to be proved to be a success.

Three new P C members were elected at the Church, Mrs West, Mrs Cooke and Mrs Foxwell.

The Church was making an appeal for handymen with skills such as painting and decorating, fetchers and carriers, standers on ladders, plastering etc.

An advert appeared to encourage residents to start training for the Newton Walkabout – a sponsored walk round the parish boundary in May.

40 residents attended a lively Parish Annual meeting.

The Playgroup had vacancies and was inviting young mothers to make contact.

NSC Players elected a new Committee: Rosemary Smith (Chairman), Joan Dymond (Secretary) and Paul Gitsham (Treasurer). The next production would be 'Love's a Luxury' in April.

The Hall AGM elected their committee: J Quicke (President), Miss M Staddon (Secretary), Mrs J Rooke (Booking Secretary), Mr J Knightley (Treasurer).

An art exhibition by Prue Quicke was being staged in the Nail Cellars at Topsham with paintings and sketches mainly of Sherwood.

April 1985

The Annual Parish Meeting was held and the speaker was Mike Body, Assistant Road Safety Officer for Devon County Council.

The British Legion had raised £85.

The Cancer Research group were collecting old halfpennies for their funds as they had been withdrawn from circulation.

The Playgroup were trying to raise funds by organising an Under 16 Disco and a Bingo Evening.

It was hoped to start a Scout Group in the village – there was already a Cub Group.

The final results of the Skittles League were printed and the Hillbillies were the winners.

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April 1995

Parishioners were being encouraged to stand for Parish Council as it was election year. The Twinning Group held a successful Wine Tasting evening hosted by David and Zoe at Old Beams.

The Afternoon Club were desperate for new officers and unless any could be found, the Club would close.

The PCC were very concerned about its financial viability due to the Parish Share it had to pay.

The Young Farmers had contributed £250 towards refurbishment of the Ladies toilets in the Hall

Youth evenings were proving popular on a Friday evening.

The speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting was the Local Dog Warden.

April 2005

A successful Comedy and Musical evening was held in the Hall with an instant poetry competition about a person and an inanimate object, i.e. Elton John and a spanner. The winner was judged by Matt Harvey.

The Church held a fundraising event at Sherwood with teas and a walk in the gardens. A registration form was published for the Southside Walkabout with lengths of 6, 8, 10 or 12 miles.

An article appeared about bequests made in NSC for the poor of the village in 1714 and details were on a wooden plaque in the Church

The ramblers visited Knightshayes with a walk through the park and also a bluebell walk and visit to Sherwood Gardens.

Sandy Fleming printed an article called 'Why - Oh Why?' Why doesn't glue stick to the bottle? Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard? Whose idea was it to put an 's' in the word lisp?



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RECREATION GROUND CLUB

April starts the wind down from Winter and sees the move into our Summer programme. Skittles and Darts leagues should be completed by the end of March, with just a few cup games to be played. The schools have requested that the youth football leagues are completed by mid April. The senior leagues will be completed by early May.

Our next meeting is Sunday 12th April at 7.30.p.m. please feel free to join us if you would like to know more about what we do and what you could join in with. The Twinning Group are having a social evening on 17th April. We really enjoy hosting village events.

May will see the Cricket really get started. We will again this year be having games some Tuesdays and most Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, and some Saturday afternoons, Most of the dates have been confirmed, just a few to be firmed up, May, June, July and August will be busy so if you feel the need to watch some village Cricket and the sun is shining come on down and enjoy a quiet evening in pleasant surroundings and maybe get inspired to join one of the local teams.

The Archery Group will be practising Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from mid May to the end of August and again you will be made welcome to come down and ask to know more about the Group.

Please remember to pencil in the weekend of 11th and 12th July. This will be this year's Youth Football Tournament weekend a great and busy weekend so please remember that Station road will have lots of people walking about in the road many of them young and thinking only about football. It is a weekend with a good reputation for sunny weather and lots going on all day from 9 in the morning to about 5 in the afternoon.

The Tennis courts will be busy all Summer and again contact details are available at the courts and usually a report is included in each edition of the Newton Wonder for you check out who to contact.

Wendy Lewis

WINS FOR NEWTON DOGS.

Daisy an 8 year old Shetland Sheepdog, owned by Liz Fiddock and Liz Mitchell of Newton St. Cyres did well at the Plymouth and District Canine Society's Open Show, winning the Class for Any Variety Pastoral Veteran, and then went on to win the Best Veteran in the Pastoral Group. Daisy did not go to Crufts, but the couple's Shetland Sheepdog, 5 year old Flora, a merle coloured, did go, and was placed VHC (5th) in a large Post Graduate Shetland Sheepdog Class.

Margaret Tucker

Newton St Cyres FC – April Update

The last period started well for our First team with a 5-1 win over the University who are hot on our heels in third place. After going down one nil to a late Uni goal in January, it was a quite different outcome this time around. The big title match against Honiton was postponed and we will have to wait for our chance to chase down the league leaders and our promotion hopes were somewhat dented when we went down three nil to Clyst Valley on home territory. The First then had two free weeks but then enter the final period and will be looking to rack up a number of wins in their search for promotion to the Premier division.



The Reserves have played just two games since our last report due to the favourable weather so far this year which has minimised the number of postponements and meant the team have kept up with fixtured matches. Both matches resulted in wins, with the most notable coming against League leaders and previously unbeaten Ottery St Mary. The Reserves put of a great display of football which saw them run out 2 nil winners and also claim Team of the Day in the Sunday Independent for that weekend. The second match saw the team travel to Starcross to face Langdon. At nil all going into the second half, the team rallied and put four past the opposition to maintain the promotion challenge.

The Ladies are nearly at the end of their season with just one more game to go at home to Plymouth Uni. Two games have been played in amongst the postponements and they amassed a total of 16 goals between the two. The first was a trip to Plymouth to face Morley with the second a home match against 10 man Brixham Villa. The Ladies have now secured a runners up spot which is a great achievement in their first season in senior football so congratulations to everyone involved.

Our Under 13s are still hot on the heels of the division leaders but were hit with their second loss of the season when they went down to second placed Sidmouth after taking all three points earlier in the season. They are currently 3 points off second but with 4 games in hand are in a strong position for the runners up spot. Two games have been played in total this period which started with a tight 4-3 win against Hemyock followed by the 3 nil loss to Sidmouth.

Mark Smaldon



Newton St Cyres Young Farmers



Newton Young Farmers have a busy month not only behind them but also in front of them too! It seems we are always nonstop with something to do, or see. February has seen the club celebrate Pancake Day with pancake themed races, going to watch other clubs from Devon participate in pantomime, pool, skittles and darts socials against other clubs around the local area, bowling & pizza trips, stock judging of both beef and dairy, blind drop evenings, and a session to clip and climb, this club really does have something for everyone! As secretary I am extremely pleased with how much effort members are putting into the club which we run between ourselves, having a strong group means we achieve so much more! This isn't even to mention our Charity quiz we ran along with Crediton NFU which was a fantastic sell out event raising £1650 for R.A.B.I. Or our club clay pigeon shoot, a fun day in which all members and some advisory members really enjoyed themselves the sun was shining, the BBQ was in full swing and everyone was in high spirits, two fantastic events!

Coming up in the next month we are busy organising our charity dung sale, we can deliver in 20kg bags, half trailer loads and full trailer loads! If anyone would like a delivery please contact Millie Murphy on: 07955686719 our next delivery date is April 11th 2014 10-4 pm.

We are always looking for new and enthusiastic members to join the club from 10 - 26 years old. Please if you would like to get involved or even come along and see what we do, call Millie on: 07955686719.



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Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

April update

At our AGM in March our retiring Club Captain Matthew Wheadon and Treasurer Simon Grundy were thanked for all their hard work over the last few years, and replacements elected. Names were picked out of a hat for the Wimbledon Ballot and the lucky ones drawn will find out their ticket allocations when the Lawn Tennis Association send out the ballot results.

Summer league matches are now starting, and a club singles ladder has also been initiated. If the spring weather and light evenings make you start thinking about outdoor activities why don't you consider joining a tennis club? You are welcome to a couple of taster sessions before committing yourself. For all details see our website www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk or contact our membership secretary Laura Leigh on 01647 24259



FRIENDS OF NEWTON ARBORETUM

Tours on Wed 22 April

Spring is one of the best times for visiting the Arboretum. We invite you to a special event in the Arboretum on the evening of **Wed 22 April**. You can participate in one of two alternative tours. Frances Watkins will give us an insight to the many and varied mosses, lichens and liverworts in the Arboretum. Frances is a botanist from Oxford who is a Friend of the Arboretum and has prepared a list of the plants that we have. The alternative will be a tour led by Vaughan Gallavan (who needs no introduction). This year Vaughan will home in on the trees that we have recently planted, their characteristics and the reasons why we have selected them.

Please assemble in the **Parish Hall Car Park at 6.30.**

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).

CIRCUS BERZERCUS.

The Newton St. Cyres Parish Hall has been the venue for many events held in aid of the Church but few have matched the performance given recently by Circus Berzercus , a group specialising in the recreation of circus acts either long forgotten by adults and not even experienced by children.

Many of the audience were children, of course, but, make no mistake, the adults enjoyed the performance as much, if not more so than they did.

Juggling, balancing, uni cycling, slapstick comedy, and even levitation, were all included in the programme, performed on a beautifully dressed stage.

Opportunities were given for members of the audience assist the performers and it must be said that those who did venture onto the stage were treated with the up most courtesy and consideration.

No attempt was made to humiliate anyone, but they were all encouraged to make the most of their five minutes of fame.

At the interval refreshments were provided by Charlotte Dyer and her team, whilst the cast introduced a novel method to the selection of the prize winning ticket in the draw organised by Margaret Walters.

There is no doubt that Circus Berzercus is, in modern parlance, a class winning act, and if anyone feels the need for entertainment, their contact number is 01392 215668

Tony Hough

NEWTON RAMBLERS

Sunday 26th April

We intend to walk from Fingle Bridge to Moretonhampstead via Cranbrook and Butterdon Down

The walk will be around 3–4 miles mostly along footpaths but with some lanes and will be one way.

We will meet in the Newton St Cyres Parish Hall Car Park **at 9.30 am** and take the minimum number of cars. **All welcome.** Any queries to Nigel or Rosemary Chambers on 01392 851400.



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



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THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE EXE VALLEY FEDERATION

It has been three years since the decision was made to federate our schools together as the Exe Valley Federation and we haven't looked back! During the last full year we have really developed the supportive links between teaching staff at the three schools with shared curriculum leadership teams and phase group partnerships. It is quite usual to see teachers working in schools other than their own on a temporary basis and already we have made several longer term shifts for career development purposes.

This term many of the children are exploring e-mail contact with their peers in other schools. We have reached the point now where children are quite familiar across the federation and count children in all three schools as their friends. This has been achieved through the continuation of regular Leisure Centre activities for each of the year groups and through joint visits and residentials. This year, during the summer term, the year four children will be enjoying three days at Simonsbath, year five will be going to a PGL activity centre and year six will be taking part in a water based activity holiday at Brixham. The children always enjoy these outdoor adventures and gain a lot from the experience of being away from home with their peers.

Our other great love across the federation is the Expressive Arts and there is rarely a term goes by without some form of entertainment! As usual, each school will be presenting their spring concert to families and friends just before the Easter holidays and, on a bigger scale, we will all be taking part in "A World of Song" at the Great Hall, University of Exeter.

This public event is organised by the schools in the Crediton Learning Community and will showcase the upper school children in each of the thirteen primary schools and a musical theatre group from Queen Elizabeths. The children will take to the stage to perform a medley of songs to give a flavour of the country they are representing. For our federation, Cheriton Fitzpaine children will be performing a selection from the Sound of Music as they are representing Austria, Newton St Cyres pupils will be playing steel pans and singing two classics from the Caribbean whilst Thorverton children will be singing songs made famous in the Lion King to represent the African continent. After this, the children from the federation schools will be performing "We are the World" in the finale alongside children from Sandford, Brampford Speke and Haywards.

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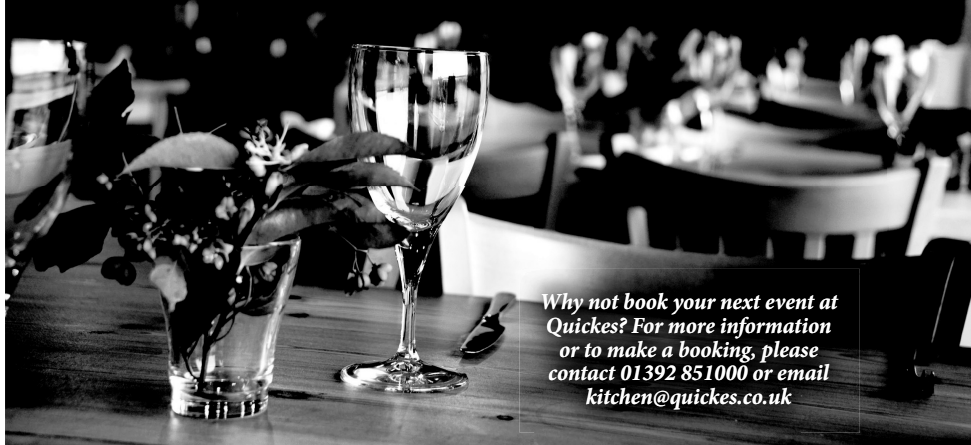
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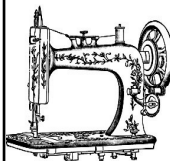
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Monthly Gardening notes for April from Bert Jewell

My journey continues :-

I mentioned at the beginning of my journey that we had no water supply to the house, not even a well. At one end of the house was a huge galvanised water tank which collected rain water from the roof via the guttering. This was used to water the garden especially when new plants were being planted. I must say at this point that the only plants we grew were vegetables.

The only flowers in the garden were on a Ribes (Flowering Currant) hedge, which screened the large water tank, this hedge was always alive with Bumble Bees when in flower, March - April.

The veg plants were usually puddled in and always grown from seed in a prepared area in the garden, more about the plants next time.

The water used for washing, cooking and drinking had to be collected from a spring a quarter of a mile away down the hill. We never knew exactly where the spring was but the water came out of a small clay pipe about two feet up a grass bank. It never stopped running and was clear most of the time.

The water was collected by myself or my brothers using a wooden yoke, which fitted over our shoulders. A piece of strong rope was tied to each end of the yoke with a metal hook at the bottom and two galvanised buckets were hung onto the hooks, each bucket contained two gallons when full. This was taken up the hill to our home and tipped into a milk churn in what we knew as the back room.

More of my journey next month - now lets see what needs doing in the

Vegetable Garden.

Early seed Potatoes planted last month could soon have shoots breaking through the soil. Keep an eye on the weather and cover any shoots with soil if frost is forecast.

The frost probably wont kill the Potato but it will check its growth.

Second early and main crop Potatoes can be planted as soon as conditions allow.

Support over wintering Broad Beans as they grow to keep them upright.

Look out for Flea Beetle on Radish, Rocket and Brassicas. Keep the veg garden weed free and if you have to water, do it well. A little water may bring the roots to the surface.

Flower Garden.

Its that time of year when the Spring flowering bulbs are going over and the borders are looking untidy. Dead heading is a must so that all the energy is directed to the development of the bulb and not the seed head. It is also beneficial if you can leave the foliage in place for five or six weeks after flowering. Once the Daffodil foliage begins to turn brown, it can be cut off at ground level with a push / pull hoe, which also fills the hole with soil where the leaves came through. This helps stop the

Narcissus Fly from laying its eggs on the neck of the bulb

The bulbs of traditional garden Tulips are best lifted when they begin to die down, dried and stored over the summer and replanted next autumn. The Species Tulips can be left in the ground.

Dahlia tubers can be planted outside towards the end of the month.

Lawns.

Treat Moss and weeds if it was not done last month and apply a Lawn feed as directed on the packet. Always water the lawn 48 hours after treatment if it has not rained. Do not cut the grass three days before or three days after applying the feed.

Trees, Shrubs and Climbers.

Any planting or moving of evergreen Trees or Shrubs should be completed this month. Prune winter flowering Jasmine by taking off the old flower heads and the tips of any remaining shoots.

Any acid hating plants like Camellia, Rhododendron, Azaleas, Skimmia, Stone Berberis and Pieris, will all benefit from a dressing of Sequestered Iron this month. Calluna (Heather) would also benefit. Erica (Heather) will tolerate lime but would also benefit.

Prune Ceratostigma (Hardy Plumbago) by cutting last years stems back to almost ground level.

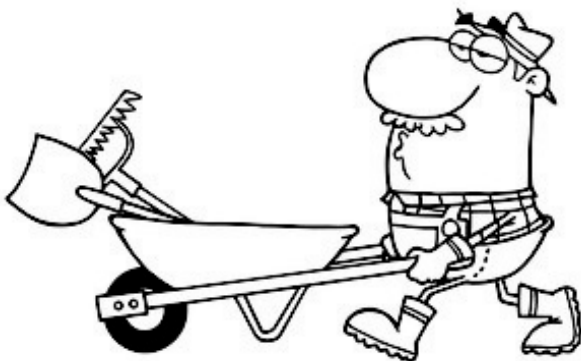
Fruit.

Things are fairly quiet in the fruit garden at this time of the year, but if you are at a loose end as they say, you can still plant Strawberry plants. Keep weeds under control. Look out for big buds on Blackcurrant bushes. These are caused by a mite and are easy to spot, round in shape and much fatter than normal buds. If you find them, pinch them out and bin them.

Plant of the Month.

Brunnera Macrophylla " Jack Frost"

The flowers on this perennial resembles the flowers on Forget-me-nots and "yes" they do self seed but not with the same enthusiasm. The leaves are large, netted with silver grey. Any fertile soil in light shade, flowers April / May.



Enjoy your gardening.

Garden club news

The new programme started on Wednesday 4th March and a good number of interested parishioners came along to hear our old friend, Bert Jewell talk to us about pests in our gardens. Bert had many tips to pass onto us including how to rid our plants of vine weevils (soak the compost in the pot holding the infected plant with a commercial Vine Weevil liquid), Greenfly, Blackfly and Aphids in general (spray with soapy water), Earwigs (an upturned flower pot stuffed with straw on a cane will attract the earwigs and they can be easily shaken out and disposed of), lily beetles (pick off the red grubs with tweezers). Bert thought that moles were inevitable and the earth they throw up is very fine and can be used! Carrot fly can be stopped from attacking young carrots (and parsnips) by enclosing the rows with a fleece barrier about 2'6" high as the fly cannot fly higher than this. Coddling moths and sawfly can attack apple trees and sawfly can also attack gooseberries. A tar wash sprayed onto the apple tree will help get rid of the coddling moth and grease bands or Vaseline will help to thwart saw flies.



Companion planting was a subject that was raised by the audience. Some members suggested planting parsley among carrots, planting garlic under roses, plant marigolds around tomatoes. If you plant peas and broad beans really early that helps to keep problems at bay. Encourage ladybirds as they eat aphids and milk sprayed on potatoes will stop potato blight. If diseased leaves from roses are picked up immediately and disposed of carefully, this may prevent black spot.

At the end of the meeting a very lively auction took place with our own Chairman, Stuart Dowle making a very competent and amusing auctioneer. On sale were seeds, house plants (including a huge aspidistra), new plant pots, outdoor plants such as myrtle, pampas grass and honesty, a delicious chocolate cake and two lovely plant stands in wrought iron. The sale was very lively and raised much needed funds for the group.

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Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd June at 7.30 pm in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall. We will be welcoming another old friend, John West who promises to be a lively speaker with his topic entitled 'Fun in the long grass – a short talk about ornamental grasses with a mention of bread baking'. Everyone is very welcome to come along and enjoy our speakers and the very social aspect of the meetings.

Newton St Cyres Gardening Club 2015 Programme

The Gardening Club have re-arranged their programme for 2015 and will only meet once per quarter, in March, June, September and December. The idea is to make the meetings more interesting and lively with an interesting speaker, question and answer sessions, produce,

plants and seeds for sale or to swap and an auction at the end of the evening. We will meet in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm

June 3rd John West with one of his brilliant topics

September 2nd Tina Parkes with flower and foliage arrangements (and with something for the men in the audience)

December 9th Joint Christmas meeting with the History Group

2015 Flower and Produce Show

This will be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday 6th September.

Schedules will be available in plenty of time to plan what to grow and enter for the Show.

We welcome everyone to these meetings – the cost is only £1.50 per meeting which includes the hire of the hall, the speaker's fees and a tea or coffee and biscuits.

YOU MISSED A TREAT!

On Saturday, 21st February, ironically on a very cold evening, Cross Border, a Local Folk Group, played to raise money for the Church Heating System! They were very, very good..... If you like John Denver, The Man in Black (Johnnie Cash) and country and folk music in general, Cross Border would have given you great pleasure. The voices and music blended in beautiful harmony to satisfy the purist and those who just enjoy that kind of music. Unfortunately, very few people were there, possibly because there was another 'happening' in the village on the same evening. Those of us who were also enjoyed the food provided by Simon of the Crown and Sceptre. Cross Border said they would come again. I hope they do and that many more will then be able to appreciate this talented band.

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Newton St Cyres History Group



Everyone who drives west from Exeter on the A38 towards Haldon Hill has seen the large white tower at the top, which is a landmark for miles around. Our talk on Wednesday 18th February by the Rev. Christopher Pidsley was on The Palks of Haldon, and answered all the questions about the building of and background to Haldon Tower.

The story centres on the Palks of Lower Headborough near Ashburton, a farming family. Walter Palk supplemented his income from work as a 'serge carrier' or middleman in the cloth trade - he had three children and his second son, Robert, born in

1717, was clearly talented. He went to school in Ashburton and then on to Wadham College, Oxford, sponsored by his uncle. Robert was ordained and served as a curate at Egloskerry, but found life very quiet indeed, and so decided to seek wider horizons by going to India. He worked his passage as a ship's chaplain and then, through good fortune, became a chaplain in the East India Company. This gave him opportunities to be involved in the politics and trade in the fast growing area of influence of British power, and he proved an able diplomat and negotiator. He became friendly with General Stringer Lawrence, the founder of the Indian Army, and this relationship lasted for the lifetime of both men.

At the age of 40, Robert Palk returned to England, renounced his deaconry and married Anne Vansittart. The couple returned to India in 1762, because he was requested by the EIC to deal with various trade issues out there. He became Governor of Madras and amassed a personal fortune, trading in diamonds and coral and other goods – this was then common practice amongst officials. He resigned over problems with the Treaty of Hyderabad and again returned home, this time for good. He now decided to use his vast fortune to set up as a country gentleman in his native Devon, buying an estate near Torquay. However, his ambitions were curbed by the extent of the lands of the Torre Abbey Estate, and so he bought Haldon House in 1769. This property had been built in 1735 by Sir George Chudleigh, and was modelled on Buckingham House in London (now Buckingham Palace), but Palk refurbished it and built two large wings to make it an even larger mansion. He became MP for Ashburton and in 1772 he was created baronet. This was indeed a story of 'rags to riches' (although he did not quite start off in rags!) but as explained by Rev Pidsley, the story then changed to 'clogs to clogs' as the family fortunes waned.

However, first we were told about the building of Haldon Belvedere. General Lawrence was a frequent visitor to Haldon House, and was godfather to Robert and Anne's first born son. Indeed, all the first sons were called Lawrence from then on. In due course Lawrence left his own fortune to Robert Palk, as he had no family of his own. Thus it was that Palk decided to build the 70 foot high tower as a memorial to his friend and mentor. It is triangular and consisted of three floors connected by a spiral staircase and the ground floor housed eulogy boards about Stringer Lawrence's life and a statue of him dressed as a Roman General. The first floor was a small ballroom. From the beginning it was such a landmark that King George III, apparently having seen it from the road en route to Saltram House, requested a visit and so a private road and bridge was built over the public road so that he could go there without being seen.

Robert Palk died in 1798, and four generations followed, enjoying the house and developing the property they still owned in Torquay. They built the beautiful and impressive Hesketh Crescent (named after Lawrence Vaughan Palk's wife) and and built other streets of houses also with family names. They also developed the harbour, and the Teign Valley railway line with Chudleigh Station. But the work was paid for by mortgage deals and financing it all became an increasing problem. The Palks led an opulent lifestyle, and an agricultural decline plus the weight of the mortgages, together with mismanagement, gambling and accumulated debt eventually led to bankruptcy. In 1892 Haldon House was sold and in 1894 the last property in Torquay was sold also. The last Palk was a drifter, a con man and thief, of no fixed abode, who eked out a living with dead end jobs and died penniless in 1938, at the age of 42 in Westminster Hospital.

Haldon House was bought by the Bannatyne family, but they suffered badly from the First World War and sold the house, which eventually become very run down and was demolished. The west wing only now remains, as the Lord Haldon hotel. The various estate buildings are private houses. The tower remained and eventually was bought by a Ms Dale who ran it as a tea room. She had three sons, one a tailor in Exeter, but the other two remaining on at the tower, with no heating or electricity, whilst the fabric of the building became more and more decayed. Several members of the audience remembered the brothers and told of the difficulties and privations of the life they led. Cyril Dale died in 1990 and his brother, Edward, gave the tower to a charitable trust led by English Heritage and other local bodies. The building was beautifully repaired and refurbished to the cost of half a million pounds. It was re-opened (by Lucinda Lambton, the architectural historian) and is now used for weddings and other functions, with occasional openings to the public. It remains a memorial to Stringer Lawrence, and apart from the names commemorating the Palk family in Torquay, the Palk Strait between Indian and Sri Lanka stands as a reminder of the farmer's son from Ashburton and his extraordinary life.

COMING SOON

We have two rather different meetings for **April** and **May** and we hope the village will join with us and support these.

The first on **Wednesday April 15th** will be in the larger room of the Village Hall, when Hermione Skrine will show us some of the clothing that John and Gina have found, that belonged to previous generations of the Quicke family. Hermione is an expert in such matters. Do come and see some of the outfits you may have seen the Squire wearing had you lived a couple of centuries ago. There are more notable men's outfits than women's, so men don't be shy. They include the military dinner jacket belonging to Edward Quicke (d.1914).

Our **May meeting on Wednesday the 20th will be held in the Church** and all monies will be donated to the Church Funds. The entrance will be the usual History Group charge of £2, but refreshments will be provided by the Church ladies and donations gratefully received. We are extremely lucky to have the Church Architect, John Scott, coming to tell us about the history of the building. John is the son of John Scott a well remembered former Vicar and so he spent much of his youth in the village. Three of us from the History Group will make small contributions by speaking about the Hatchments, the Coat of Arms and the WW1 memorials.

Meetings start at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome!

For further information contact Jean 851337 Isobel 851351

ERNEST LEE RICHARDS 1890 -1915

Researched by Jean Wilkins

Ernest Lee Richards was born in the March quarter of 1890, the youngest of the seven children of William Lee Richards and his wife Frances. William, a labourer from Thorverton, married Frances Howard from Shobrooke, in Shobrooke Parish Church in January 1874. By 1881 they had moved from Rewe to Cheriton Fitzpaine, where William was working as an agricultural labourer and they already had three daughters and a baby son. The family made a further move to Stockleigh Pomeroy, where their youngest three sons were born. William continued as an agricultural labourer. By 1901 Ernest at the age of eleven years was the only child remaining at home.

In 1911 by the age of 21, Ernest was working as a waggoner on the farm of Tom Batting in Newton St Cyres. Tom Batting farmed East and West Woodley farms and was a notable farmer in the district. He served as a prominent member of wartime tribunals and the War Executive Agricultural Committee. Ernest, lodged with William and Eliza Allen and their three children in Woodley cottages. William Allen was also a waggoner on Woodley Farm. A waggoner was a respected position in the farming hierarchy being the man in charge of the horses of which he must be an expert handler. They often worked in teams and became very skilled at harnessing the horses and loading and unloading quickly. They had little spare time but typically would devote that to the horses in their charge and to keeping their harness in excellent condition.

For the Army to fully train such a horseman could take up to six months. Unfortunately, so far, we have been unable to obtain any details of Ernest Richard's military career so we do not know if he worked with horses during his service in WW1. However there was a high demand for such men.

Private Ernest Lee Richards of the 1st Battalion the Devonshire Regiment (service number 11250) was killed in action 3 April 1915 aged 26. His grave is in the Kemmel Chateau Military Cemetery which is just 8Km South of Ypres. The 1st Battalion had spent the previous five winter months holding the Front Line opposite the Messines Ridge about 10Km south of Ypres. During this relatively quiet time there were still 200 casualties and many reinforcements had to be supplied during these months, 24 officers and 850 men, nearly a complete battalion. A change of location took place in early April as Territorial formations arrived. There was a move left up the line nearer to Ypres. There was no big offensive at this time but casualties could be expected from sniping and regular shelling.

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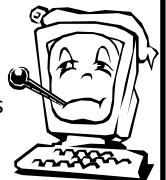
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Crops - The crops start growing, green and thriving replacing that grey yellow of leaves that have suffered cold and lived to tell the tale. Those leaves sit down below the vigorous new growth. In time they wither, become brown remnants; and they feed the plants in the harsh days. Now first the barley then the wheat start to cast up the stalks on each plantlet that will carry the ear, more like a fat leaf at this point with a secret sweet heart, a little embryo ear. All of the spring's growth nurtures and cherishes this one core, hidden in sweet folds of young leaves.

We plough and drill the maize, the one crop that benefits from that deep working of the soil, warming the soil to depth. It's such a heat loving plant, we have to give it all the help it can get. If the weather is right, we'll drill it and be rewarded with those beautiful pale green leaves luminescent against our rich red soil, rows snaking across the field.

Grass - The grass now takes off, past that magic day when it grows faster than we can eat it. Our anxious waiting for warmth to set off growth is now replaced almost overnight by working out which fields we should cut so the cows can keep on top of the rest. Stalky may look more, but it's a lot less sweet and nutritious, so we want to keep as much of the grass as we can leafy and rich.

Calves - The calves are out, rejoicing in grass, evening light, each other, the milk trailer: anything delights them, any excuse to dash from one end of the field to the other, round and round, chasing each other and anyone who turns up.

Young stock - The teenagers are nearly as lively, and quite alarming as they skip and plunge and buck - now weighing a quarter of a tonne. You walk down the hill, and the girls thunder towards you, the ground shaking as dozens of them think you're worth exploring. You hope they don't skid into you. Off they go to the other end of the paddock. Sit down, and they'll be drawn to you - they seem fascinated by how people change shape. They'll come close and sniff, stretch their long rough tongues to curl round anything interesting.

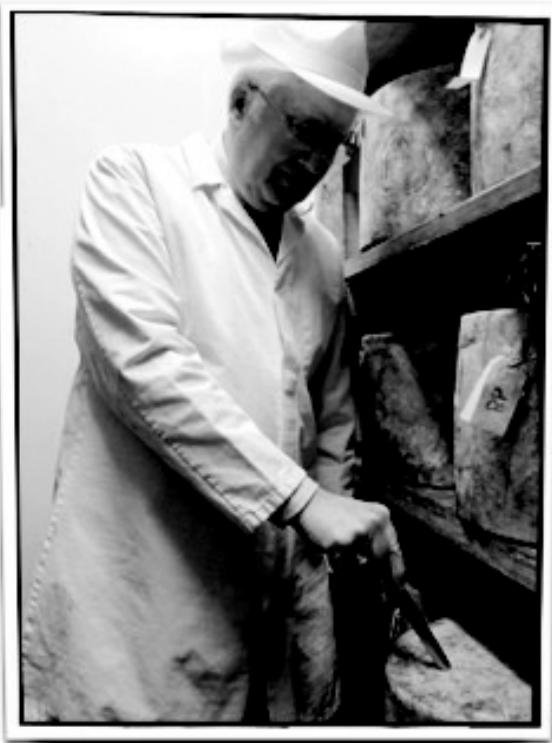
Cows - The cows are now recovered from calving, a great mob efficiently cutting the grass in each paddock, turning it from green to white overnight or between milkings. It's amazing how thorough they are. Not a blade of grass is standing left untouched in the whole paddock. They are keen to come for milking, for food and to lose that full of milk feeling known well to breastfeeding mums. They are keen to go out to the field, to harvest another delectable field, then lie down, ruminate and turn it into milk.

Cheese – and the milk just keeps coming. This spring so far is very milky, the vats filling fuller than for a long time. We had some heifers calve earlier, and their milk has shot up. That's great, we need more milk to fulfil demand. That demand is growing, thanks to the reliability of our cheesemaking.

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Selection – Keith regrades each vat at twelve months old, and we allocate the cheese by its flavour profile: buttery/ caramelly; brothy/ meaty/ umami; sharp / grassy/ oniony; and progressive. The inimitable Lee Smith, editor of Cheese Connoisseur, had the clarity to provide us with these broad flavour families. We can then find out which selection each customer wants, and which cheese will age onto Extra Mature or Vintage. This has been a huge agent of satisfaction for people who buy our cheese, and great to develop our cheesemaking to give the exquisite flavours I can see in my head.

Recipe: Pairing of Quicke's Cheddar with Pomona: The fabulous Charlie Turnbull of Turnbull's Deli in Shaftesbury sent me this tweet: 'Hi @maryquicke my table britannia agree your Cheddar is king @DebraStephenson @Francineshowbiz @garybembridge plus pomona @ciderbrandy'.



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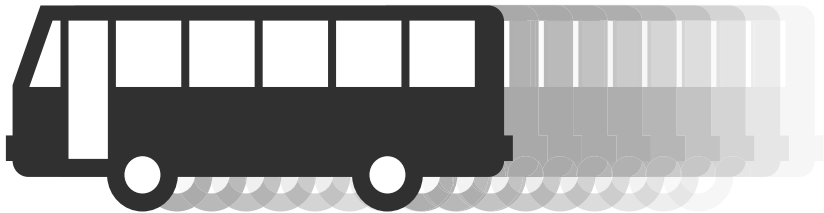
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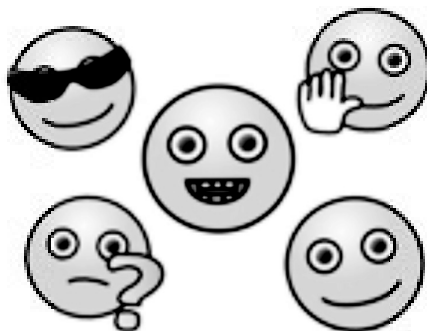
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From this the Mens' Breakfasts were born, cooked by men for men and with a speaker after it for about 20 minutes. Although these were organised as part of what the church does for these parishes, these breakfasts have never been just for church members; men of any church, of any faith or of no faith have always been very welcome and will continue to be so. Grace is said at the start, a short prayer may be said at the end and the speaker occasionally has a Christian dimension to their talk, but that is the limit of any 'God' input; it is a great opportunity to get together

Those of you who have come regularly will have realised that these breakfasts have been on hold; John Dallen who cooked the eggs has left us for Sark, John Grist who helped serve the porridge has sadly passed on, Guy Sheppard has moved and cannot do as much preparation as before and the rest of the team are all getting older. However some new, younger people have come forward to help although we could always do with more even if it is just occasionally.

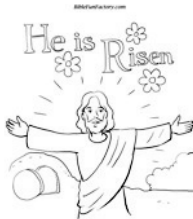
We think that these breakfasts are still valuable and appreciated so we have arranged two so far for 2015: Sat 25th April when the speaker will be Richard Whiteside and Sat 20th June when the speaker will be Bud Wendover.

All men are very welcome at these which are held at Rewe Parish Hall (opposite the car park) and start at 8.30am. We finish by 10am although if anyone can stay behind a bit to help with the washing up and putting stuff away, that is always appreciated.

Do come along if you can; it is open to all men from anywhere, with or without any church affiliation. Cost is £3.50; we have never turned anyone away, but it is useful to book in advance please so that we can make sure that we have enough to serve you. David Boxall is the contact for this, his phone number is 841355 or e mail cdbboxuk@gmail.com

Hope to see some of you there

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Waiting.....

I am sure you have all noticed how presenters on television, when giving out the results of votes on shows such as Strictly or the X Factor or the Great British Bake Off heighten the tension by doing it as slowly and dramatically as possible. The camera pans across the contestants showing their tense facial muscles, crossed fingers or heads in hands. Then, just when you can bear it no longer the winner is finally announced.

Sometimes I think it would be good when watching these programmes to be able to fast forward through that wait, to reduce the waiting and jump to the outcome – and it's always a bonus to be able to do that when you've recorded a programme to watch later. You get to the part where the winner is under the spotlights with the cameras centred on them and the runners up who have gone through the same agonising wait are shunted to the side-lines. Only a few brief moments earlier they were anticipating the excitement of the possibility of being the winner and now they are sent away rejected, spot lights dimmed.

These TV shows have redefined waiting to an agonising extended period of time. But the church has got waiting down to a fine art. We've already been through the period of waiting at Advent and now we are approaching the end of a second period of waiting, the season of Lent, which helps us to prepare for the joys of Easter. During this very special waiting time we have met together in our churches on Sundays and in special prayer gatherings on Wednesday evenings to pray for the world, for those known to us and for our mission community as it enters a time of waiting for a new minister. We are all hoping that this period of waiting in the life of our parishes will prove a positive and blossoming time rather than just another anxious wait for the spotlight to fall on one person. But that rather depends on us and our attitude.

In the church year, we arrive at Easter with a feeling of achievement after our long Lenten devotions. If we omit those preparatory weeks of Lent - the equivalent of fast forwarding through them - and arrive straight at Easter Sunday then we miss out. To enjoy a good book it's no good turning to the last page, discovering what happens and missing out the preceding chapters. It's the same with Easter, missing out the preparation time of Lent and fast forwarding to Easter Sunday is like turning to that last page. In the week leading up to Easter, Holy Week, there are various opportunities to join in that preparation for the wonderful celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead and I pray that you will join us at some of them so that you too can properly enjoy the full story of the Good News of God's great love for you

Wishing you all a Blessed Holy Week and Easter,

Sue Sheppard

The New Pattern of Services

For more than a year now the Worship Working Group has been discussing the need to change our monthly pattern of services. The Worship Working Group consists of our clergy and a lay (non-ordained) representative from each parish in The Netherexe Mission Community who, together, have been involved in the planning and implementation of this change, which was approved unanimously at a Joint PCC meeting early in February. Change has become essential due to a reduction in the number of clergy within the Church of England, which means, for us, that in the future we cannot guarantee to have more than one full-time priest in our group of parishes. The Netherexe Mission Community is made up of eight parishes with ten churches in all (Poltimore and Huxham are linked, as are Rewe with Netherexe).

In order to make it possible for each church to continue to have regular Holy Communion and other services, it was inevitable that the frequency and timings would have to change. These changes will already be evident in some of our churches, in others they will be in place by the end of April. The new service pattern incorporates, not only provision for a monthly Communion service in each church, but also opportunities for other lay-led services and informal gatherings. You will see that some churches have decided that they wish to be open for worship, prayer or discussion at the same time most Sundays.

There has already been – over a long period – greater involvement by lay people in leading worship, and the new pattern of services will depend even more on these dedicated people. All of this was planned, and about to be implemented, before the news of Douglas Dettmer's departure was announced, so it is particularly timely! The changes may take a bit of getting used to, so I ask that you keep a close watch on the services information in "In Touch", on the website (www.netherexe.org), and in the parish magazines.

It is important for us all to continue to remember that we are part of a Mission Community of Churches, and to encourage, help and support each other as much as possible in the future. We look forward to new possibilities and opportunities for worship, and for meeting each other, over the coming months and years.

Gwynneth Keehner

Facilitator,

Worship Working Group, Netherexe Mission Community

Newton St Cyres Parish Church

Sidespersons

April 2015

April 5th Easter Day	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	W. Hough	T. Hough
12th	No service	-	-
19th	No service	-	-
26th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	C. Lee	P. Burt
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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.

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Variations: Mon 6 Apr No Morning Prayer in Stoke Canon church

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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 861022

Annual Meetings for your Parish 2015

The Meeting of Parishioners elects the churchwardens of the parish. It is open to (i) all residents of the parish who are listed as such on a register of local government electors, and (ii) non-residents whose names are on the Church Electoral Roll for the parish.

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.

Bramford Speke: Thursday 16 April

7:30 pm in Parish Church

Cadbury:

Sunday 29 March

Parish Church (following Evening Prayer)

Newton St Cyres & Cowley:

Sunday 26 April

Parish Church (following Sunday service)

Poltimore with Huxham :

Sunday 26 April

Huxham Vicarage (following Evening Prayer)

Rewe with Netherexe:

Tuesday 14 April 5:00 pm

Rewe Church

Stoke Canon:

Sunday 26 April *

Parish Church (following 10am Service)

Thorverton :

Wednesday 15 April

7:30 pm in Parish Church

Upton Pyne :

Wednesday 22 April **

7:00 pm Social Club

*Change of Date

**Change of Location

APRIL 2015 SERVICES & INFORMATION

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

Thursday 2 April 2015 Maundy Thursday Mission Community Service

07:00 pm	Holy Communion - <i>within a simple meal</i> [C]	Upton Pyne Village Hall	DC
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Friday 3 April 2015 Good Friday

09:30 am	Simple Morning Prayer	Cadbury	DC
09:30 am	Stations of the Cross	Thorverton	Lay Led
10:00 am	All Age Worship	Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Meditative Service	Rewe	Lay Led
11:15 am	Service of the Word	Upton Pyne	LF
12:00 pm	Good Friday Liturgy & Reading of the Passion	Newton St Cyres	DC
03:30 pm	Good Friday Worship	Brampford Speke Chapel	BOF
05:30 pm	Meditation	Poltimore	DC

Sunday 5 April 2015 Easter Day

06:30 am	Holy Communion [C]	Netherexe	DC
08:30 am	Holy Communion [BCP]	Brampford Speke	SS
09:30 am	Service with a Smile ☺	Brampford Speke	LF
09:30 am	Family Service	Huxham	Lay Led
09:30 am	Family Service & Holy Communion [C]	Newton St Cyres	MSS
09:30 am	Family Service & Holy Communion [C]	Thorverton	DC
10:00 am	Holy Communion [C]	Cadbury	SS
10:00 am	Holy Communion [C]	Stoke Canon	HW
11:15 am	Holy Communion [C]	Rewe	DC
11:15 am	Holy Communion [C]	Upton Pyne	Archdeacon of Exeter
04:00 pm	Evening Prayer [BCP]	Netherexe	LF
05:30 pm	Holy Communion [C]	Poltimore	DC

Sunday 12 April 2015 Easter 2

09:30 am	Holy Communion [C]	Huxham	DC
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Sunday 19 April 2015 Easter 3

08:30 am	Holy Communion [C]	Brampford Speke	DC
09:30 am	Family Service	Thorverton	Lay Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion [C]	Cadbury	MSS
10:00 am	Service of the Word & Baptism	Poltimore	DC
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company	Rewe	
05:00 pm	Holy Communion [C]	Stoke Canon	DC

Sunday 26 April 2015 Easter 4

09:30 am	Holy Communion [C]	Newton St Cyres	DC & LF
10:00 am	Informal Gathering	Stoke Canon	
10:00 am	Service of the Word	Upton Pyne	Lay Led
11:00 am	Joint Service	Thorverton Baptist Church	BOF
		Joint with Parish Church	
11:15 am	Morning Worship <i>With Exeter Street Pastors</i>	Rewe	Lay Led
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer [BCP]	Cadbury	LF
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer [BCP]	Huxham	DC

Sunday 3 May 2015 Easter 5

09:30 am	Family Service	Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
09:30 am	Holy Communion [C]	Thorverton	DC
10:00 am	Service with a Smile ☺	Brampford Speke	LF
10:00 am	Service of the Word	Cadbury	Lay Led
10:00 am	Service of the Word	Stoke Canon	Lay Led

WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGE

Priest-in-Charge	Rev Douglas Dettmer, The Rectory, Thorverton	01392 860 332
Church Wardens	Charlotte Dyer, Court Barton	01392 851 618
PCC Hon Secretary	Pita Burt pita@1bb.eclipse.co.uk.	01392 851410
PCC Hon Treasurer	Clive Lawrence, Elm Cottage, Pump Street	01392 851 406
Electoral Roll Officer	Jen Holt, 21 Woodlands	01392 851 521
Tower Captain	Mary Quicke -mary@quickes.co.uk	07729 844 945
<u>DOCTORS (Crediton)</u>	Newcombes Surgery, - Drs Hall, Saunders, Mays & Harris	01363 772 263
	Chiddenbrook Surgery - Drs Twomey, Murphy, Braddock	01363 772 227
<u>NEWTON WONDER MAGAZINE</u>	Editor – Peter Hawksley Email: newtonwonder@btinternet.com	01392 851 269
<u>PARISH COUNCIL</u>	Chairman - David Baker Clerk - Jane Hole	01392 851752 01392 851148
<u>PARISH HALL</u>	Chairman - Roger Wilkins, Coldharbour, Sand Down Lane Booking Sect - Mary Long, Email: maryglong@btinternet.com Caretaker - Roy Beckett	01392 851337 01392 851 624 01392 851 730
<u>PRIMARY SCHOOL</u>	Head of Teaching – Glynis Harris Senior Administrator - Madeleine Tucker Administrator - Maxine Bone	01392 851 267 01392 851 267
Newton Nippers	Helen Grigg (or contact the school)	01392 851 522
Newton Nappies	Alissa Haward	01392 851591
<u>RECREATION CLUB</u>	Chairman - Tony Lewis, 80 Wrefords Lane, Exeter Booking Secretary - Mrs Wendy Lewis, 80 Wrefords Lane, Exeter	01392 432 287 01392 432 287
Art Group	Debbie Allerton	01392 462655
Neighbourhood Watch	Tim Sedgwick	01392 851223

Newton Revels	Jim Enright, Chairman	01392 851859
Cancer Research UK	Jean Wilkins, Coldharbour, Sand Down Lane	01392 851 337
Cricket Club	David Vallance, Manesty, Sand Down La	01392 851 266
Community Policeman	PCSO Lisa Crocker, Crediton	Dial 101
District Councillor	Peter Hare-Scott	01363 776 409
County Councillor	Margaret Squires	01363 84337
Local MP	Mel Stride Em: mel.stride.mp@parliament.uk	01392 823 306
Football Club	Mark Smaldon	07733 455 177
Friends of NSC Station	Chris Southcott	01392 851 569
Luncheon Club	Sue Browne, 1 Glebelands, Sand Down Lane	01392 851 460
Newton Ramblers	Rosemary Chambers	01392 851 400
Tennis Club Secretary	Laura Leigh	01647 24259
Twinning	Lorraine Mitchell	01392 851596
Upton Pyne PC	Jacqui Ward	clerkuppc@yahoo.co.uk
Young Farmers	Millie Murphy	07955 686719
Archery	Alison Couling	01392 841 282
Gardening Club	Anne Rice	01392 851712
Honky Tonks Line Danc- ing	Paula Benford	01392 210 830
History Group	Jean Wilkins	01392 851 337
Table Tennis	Roger Wilkins	01392 851 337
Youth Club	Pat Finch	01392 851478
Friends of the Arbore- tum	Roger Wilkins	01392 851337
Saturday Market – 4th Saturday of the month	Ann Pearce-Mariner	01392 668603
Community Support Group	Simon Lovell, Crown and Sceptre	01392 851278
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