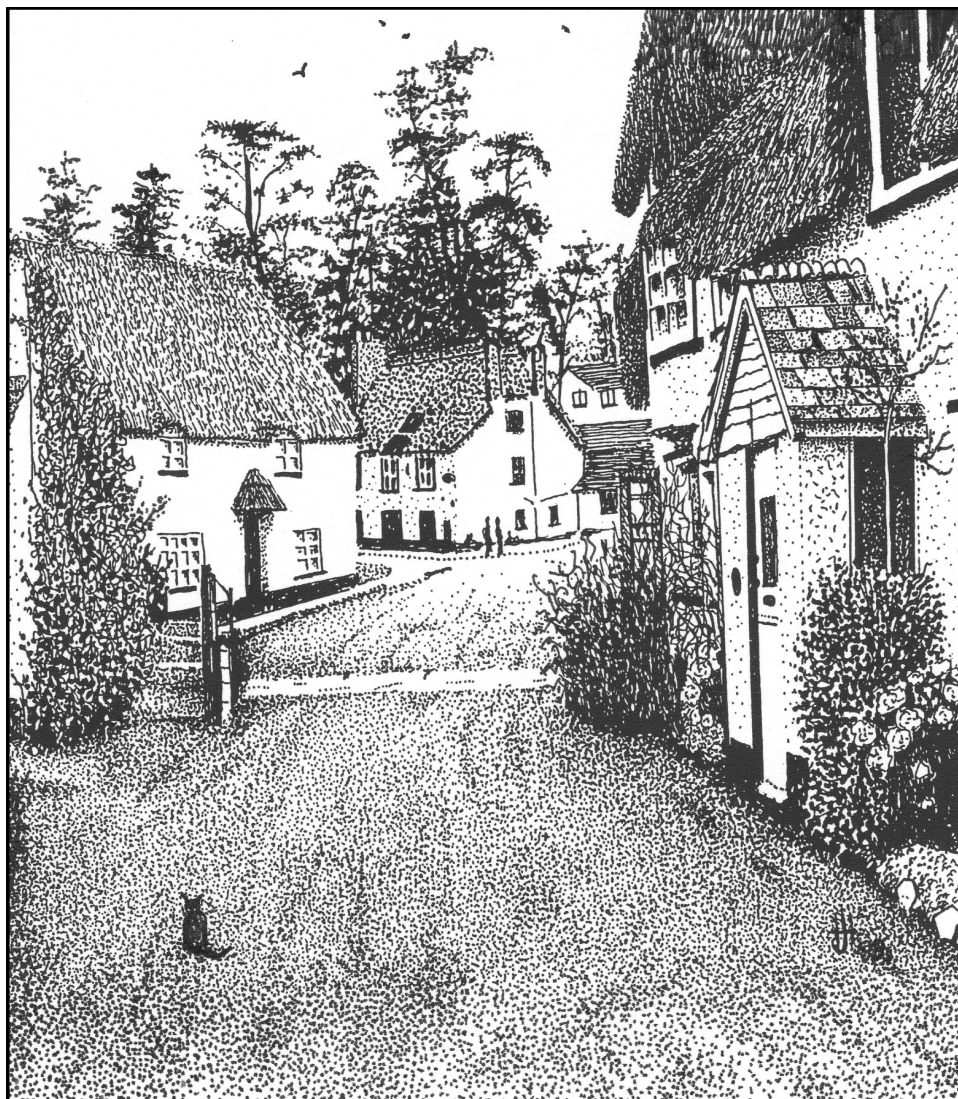


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NEWTON WONDER
the Magazine and Website for the community of
Newton St Cyres



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A WEEK IN THE PARISH HALL

Mondays	DIET AND FITNESS CLASS	9.30 - 12.30pm	Emma Healey Tel. 07969 900794
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New to The Team

Volunteering is always a difficult thing to do. It's a leap in the dark. Taking that leap is always dangerous and frightening. It's a bit like starting a new job. You don't know how you are going to get along with the others. The actual responsibilities and activities with which you will be landed are a mystery. I suspect that this is why people are often reluctant to "come out" as volunteers. As we are going to press this month I am hopeful that by next month I will be able to report that we have a new volunteer on the editorial team. Perhaps you too could be tempted to join us.

New too, this month, is the **Chain Story**. Desmond Harrington has written about seven hundred words as the first part of a story which could take us anywhere and provide us all with a great deal of fun. The first part is on page 48 of this issue. We, that's the editorial team and Desmond, are hoping that out there among you our readers are the creative minds to develop this story to its full potential. Please just email your copy to me at editor@newtonwonder.net and your contribution will be posted on the website immediately and printed in the May edition of the Newton Wonder.

Changes in the Village

March is a month of change for the village. Sadly Quickes have closed their Farm Kitchen. It is always disappointing when a business closes or an idea does not quite live up to expectations. Fortunately the playground and tractors are staying so children will still be able to enjoy them when their parents visit the Farm Shop. The space and kitchen are still available for events and private parties.

The Crown and Sceptre remains closed and this leaves a big gap in the facilities of the village. It is to be hoped that it is reopened in the not too distant future.

The Community Group

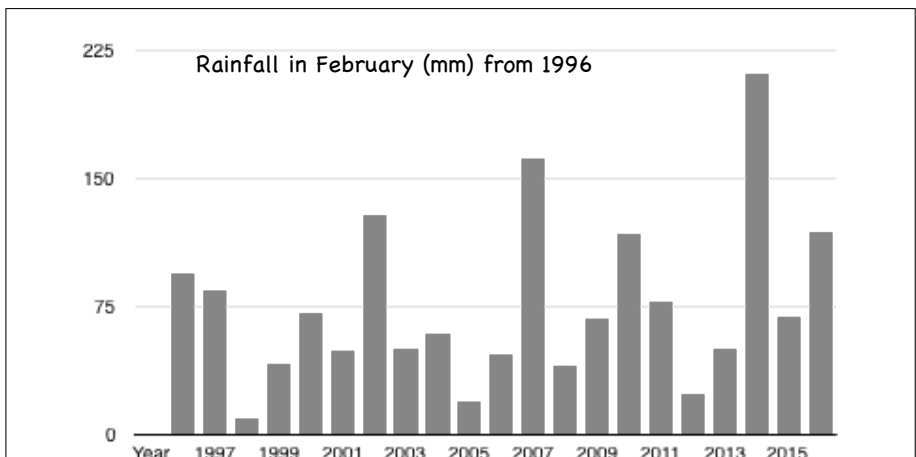
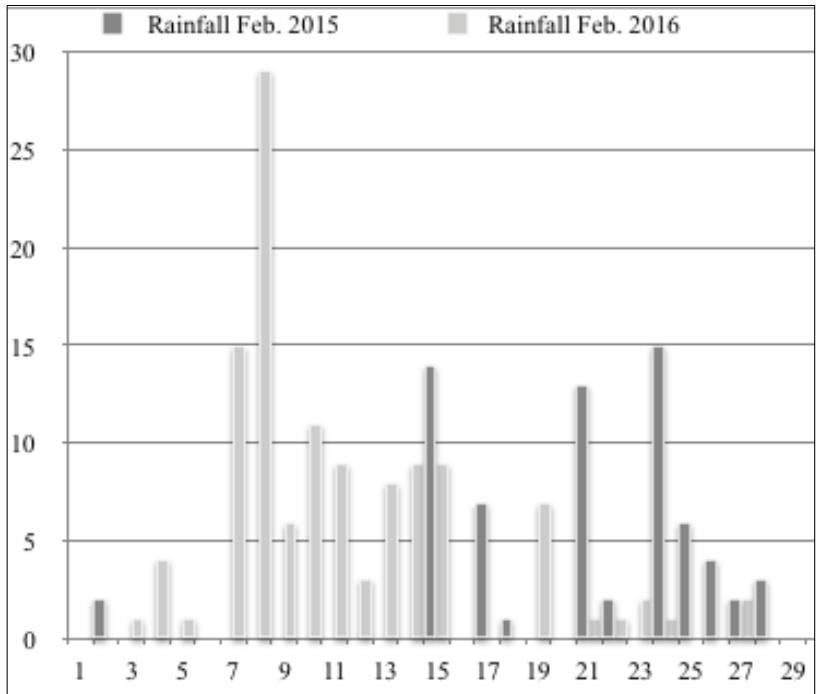
At the meeting of the The Community Support Group on 12th March it was decided that the telephone system was not achieving its purpose. Mainly it was felt that there were not enough calls to justify the continued provision of a 24 hour, 7 days a week answering system. The group felt that the village had sufficient informal links to ensure that the needs of the vulnerable were fully met. It was, therefore, decided to suspend the telephone system. The group wanted to continue to attempt to provide general support for the community as a social group which is genuinely open and available to the whole community. It was decided to change the name of the group to "the Community Group". A series of meetings and Coffee Mornings have already been arranged for the rest of this year.

Perhaps a way will be found to maintain the support for those rare cases of need which was embodied in the original vision which lay behind the establishment of the group. Maybe there needs to be a new and different way of making contacts.

The Weather

February was a really miserable month this year. The rain was particularly heavy at the beginning of the month. Overall, since 1996, the amount of rain which fell

in February was only exceeded in 2002, 2007 and 2014. Even so it was the lack of sunshine that made February so depressing.



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April Dates for your Diary

Saturday 2nd April

Community Group COFFEE MORNING

In the Parish Hall (10.30 - 12.00)

Stalls, Raffle, 'Make me an Offer' Books
etc.

Wednesday 6th April

Gardening Club meeting with

Mark Robertson talking about

PERENNIALS Competition for a Spring
arrangement in a jam jar

Monday 11th April

BINGO in aid of the Gardening Club

In the Parish Hall - eyes down at 7.45 pm

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*Prizes to the Gardening Club meeting on
the 6th April -*

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Annual Parish Meeting

Parishioners are invited to come along to the Annual Parish Meeting on

**Thursday 28th April 2016
At 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall**

The Chairman will report on the year's activities and present the accounts.

There will be inputs from Alan Quick on the history and production of the Crediton Courier and from the Boniface Cycle Trail.

The Community-led Parish Plan will be launched at this meeting and the actions arising from the Plan will be discussed.

***There will be displays by village organisations
Coffee and biscuits will be served at the end of the meeting.***

All are welcome to come along and find out what is happening in the village



PARISH COUNCIL REPORT MARCH

Six Councillors, five members of the public and Cllr Peter Hare-Scott (MDDC) attended the March meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 3rd. Cllr Margaret Squires (DCC) joined the meeting later.

During the Public Session concern was raised about the state of the closed Crown & Sceptre, the cars parking in the bus lay-by at Half Moon, cars parking on the road in Court Orchard and an abandoned car in the space by the garages in Woodlands. The Council resolved to follow up all these concerns with letters to the appropriate bodies. Thanks were also expressed to an employee of Quickes Estate for their help in cutting down growth at the entrance to Meadowlands and in Station Road.

Mid Devon District Council: Cllr Peter Hare-Scott explained that the Council Tax had been raised by 2.7% and they had managed to balance the budget again for this year. The Council agreed to lobby MDDC over their decision to raise car park charges to £2 for 10 hours and to express their concern over the proposed development of 300 houses in Crediton. This development will seriously impact on the village as the present infrastructure is already struggling to cope with traffic and more cars coming from Crediton will be unsustainable.

Councillors' responsibilities: The bus shelters are to be cleaned in the near future and the seats will be inspected once the drier weather arrives. The village green will be treated if needed and the allotments will be tidied up in April. Councillors were reminded of their commitment to keep the notice boards in the parish up to date and to remove any out of date posters regularly.

Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting: This will take place on Thursday 28th April in the Parish Hall starting at 7.30 pm. This will be an important evening in the Parish calendar as the results of the recent Parish Plan will be launched and discussed. Everyone is very welcome to come along and join in the discussions and see the results of the survey. Also at this meeting, the Crediton Courier will be making an input on the history and production of the weekly newspaper. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be on offer to all who come along.

The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations: Plans are in hand to celebrate this important event. A small working group will meet to arrange for celebratory mugs to be given to all the children and residents aged 90 or over and a cream tea will be organised in the Parish Hall on Sunday 12th June. More details will follow in due course.

Dog Fouling: A more sober note was struck when reports came to the Parish Council about the continued dog fouling taking place in some areas of the village (even in the areas around the present dog waste bins). This is potentially a serious offence and dog owners were reminded that, if their pet is seen to foul the pathways etc. and the owner does not pick it up and dispose of it sensibly, then a heavy fine can be imposed. Photo evidence can be used to prosecute any offenders.

Please note the notice on the next page:-

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 7th April at 7.30 pm in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall. The next Parish Surgery will be held in conjunction with the Mini Market on Saturday 23rd April, again in the Parish Hall, from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon. Please come along with your questions and comments to either or both of these events.
Cllr Jill Baker, Press Officer

DOG FOULING IN THE PARISH

Reports about continued dog fouling in certain areas of the parish have come to the notice of the Parish Council - some has even been found right beside the special red dog waste bins! Dog mess has also been noted on the school footpath - as this is for use by the School only, no-one should be taking their dogs through there in the first place. It is very disturbing for people to find themselves walking into this on the pathways, then on their shoes when they get home, and constitutes a health hazard. We would ask dog owners to be very mindful of these problems when exercising their dogs and remember that if caught they face a hefty fine. Residents are also requested to be vigilant and report any flouting of the law and common sense. Thank you.

MICROCHIPPING TO BE COMPULSORY FOR DOGS

As from the 6th April 2016 a new law will make it compulsory for all dogs over the age of 8 weeks to be micro-chipped. Micro-chipping will cost from £10 to £30, though some vets are offering a free service. After the 6th April it will be illegal to keep a dog which is not micro-chipped and failure to comply with this new ruling will result in a fine of £500.

Village Defibrillator

The defibrillator situated on the wall of the Crown & Sceptre is very easy to use, should anyone be in need of its services in an emergency. Simply go to the box on the wall of the Pub, dial 999 on your mobile phone and explain where you are and that there is a defibrillator there. You will be given a code which will open the box. The machine itself is very simple – it will talk you through what you have to do before an ambulance arrives.

THANKS

A big 'thank you' to Tom and Daphne Clague who have taken on the compiling of the 'Do You Remember' articles for the Newton Wonder. We had a lovely morning in the Devon Records Office sorting out their registration and looking through the boxes of magazines. Tom and Daphne are all geared up and ready to go and we are really grateful to them for their enthusiasm and commitment. Thank you from David and Jill Baker

RECREATION GROUND CLUB

Through April we will be concentrating on getting the Football teams to the end of their various leagues. We will also see the end to the league Skittles and Darts, until it all starts again in September.

Tennis will be in full swing with several small tournaments and regular practice and friendly games.

Altogether April is a month of trying to tidy up the leagues, but a relatively quiet month, at least the days are longer and hopefully the sun will shine.

The Cricket needs the sunshine to get off to a good start in May. We are pleased to have retained the three teams that play friendlies all season. They are from the Crediton Inn, the Beer Engine and a team made up of former Newton St Cyres players who call themselves Heads and Tails, we wish them a long dry summer and hope Newton St Cyres have a more Successful season the year.

Wendy Lewis

Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The March draw took place at the coffee mornings in the village hall on 5th March 2016 and the winners are:

No	31	D Pacheco	£10
No	64	E Hurrell	£10
No	113	Dr Marshall	£10
No	16	S Harris	£10

It is that time of year again when the collectors will be round in April/ May for the annual

Subscription of £11 for the year 2016/17 commencing June. I

apologise for starting so early

but it takes time to visit everyone on our respective lists. Thank you all for your support.

Daphne 01392 851639

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club:

March update



Our Junior Open Day on 5th March was well attended and everyone looked as if they were enjoying themselves despite the chilly weather. It was run by our coach Toby Harradence, who also offers Junior coaching on Wednesday evenings. Our Juniors have been doing well over the last year and several are now playing in League matches. There will be spaces available for Wednesday coaching when the new summer term starts after the Easter holidays. Please contact him on 07814 562957 if you are interested.

Membership renewals are coming up, and anyone who signs up by the end of March is offered a discounted rate. Please see our website

www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk for all details about the club and membership rates, or contact our membership secretary Laura Leigh on 01647 24259 or email winstode.house@yahoo.co.uk.

At our recent AGM the Wimbledon ballot was drawn and the lucky ones who were near the top of the draw will await with interest their allocation of tickets. We also thanked our retiring Chair and Secretary for all their hard work on the Club's behalf, and welcomed new officers to the posts.

Sally Baldwin



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April Update



The lack of a report last month shows what effect the weather has had on the season. The reserves were so far behind they had only just reached the quarter-way mark when they finally got back on the pitch in late February. The Reserves had been on a superb run prior to Christmas but it didn't continue when they went down to a strong Winchester 5-1 at home. They soon bounced back however, and beat lowly Woodbury 5-2. Next up was Dunkerswell and it was another convincing win as we ran out 6-2 winners at home. The final game of the period was against Whipton & Pinhoe in the Cup. The Whips have been on a two year unbeaten run so this would always be a difficult game. We took the lead but conceded late on to take the game to extra time. In the end, we were undone by a penalty and went down 2-1 but we put up a stern effort and nearly ended their considerable run.

The Firsts have now almost secured their Premier division status for a second year and a few more wins should cement their place for next season. During the period four games were played, with one being a cup fixture. The first was a match against Clyst Valley and it finished all square despite us having the lions share (1 all). Next up was the title contenders Elmore. On the day we were not on form and went down 4-0 in the end after some clinical finishing from the away team. Our next fixture was against Beer Albion at home and was a chance for us to notch another 3 points given Beer's struggles in the league this year. We weren't disappointed and were comfortable 5-2 winners in the end. The final fixture of the period was an away Cup game versus Topsham. Having gone down 3 nil both home and away earlier in the season, Tops were expecting a relatively easy ride. It looked to be going this way when we went behind by two goals but we battled back to take a 3-2 lead going into the last 15 minutes. However, it all changed when we received a red card and went down to 10. We were still relatively comfortable but conceded following a defensive mix up and a rebound off the post was tucked away to take the tie to extra time. In the end, with only 10 men, Topsham prevailed and it finished 5-3 to the Tops.

Our under 10s picked up their second win of the season in March when they overcame Cullompton 5-3. That was just their second game since December 5th – over 3 months! The other match came against Alphington where we went down 3-1.

Our Under 10s are continuing to have an improved season and picked up another win during March against Heavitree. They have now won a handful of games this season and is a just reward for their efforts this season.

Our Under 9s and 7s continue to have a successful season picking up regular wins and are now restarting mid-week training at the Rec now the weather has finally improved and the nights are getting lighter.

Family Magic Night:

A night of magic is on offer at the Recreation Ground on Saturday 14th May. The night starts a 7pm and will entertain children and adults with stage performances and table demonstrations from a number of magicians.

Tickets to the event are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. Contact Club Chairman Graham (01392 851277) to buy or reserve your tickets.

Tickets: Children £3, Adults £5, Family Ticket £15 (2 + 2)

More information is on our website www.newtonstcyresfc.co.uk

Upcoming Fixtures

Due to the volume of fixtures over the next 6 weeks, please visit our website for an up to date list of fixtures.

From the Village Diary - newtonwonder.net

April 2016

Sat 2nd	Coffee Morning for the Community Group.	10.30 am	Parish Hall
Wed. 6th	Gardening Club - Mark Robertson on "Perennials"	7.30 pm	Parish Hall
	Competition: Spring arrangement in a jamjar		
Mon 11th	Bingo: in aid of Garden Club.	Eyes down 7.45 pm	Parish Hall
Wed 20th	History Group - Murders in Devon Simon Dell	7.30 pm	Parish Hall
Wed 27th.	NSC Art Group - A. G. M.	7.30 pm	Parish Hall
	Friends of Arboretum visit to Sherwood. Meet Parish Hall Car Park		
	6pm.Please let Roger Wilkins know in advance.		

May 2016

Sat. 7th	Church Coffee Morning	10.30am	Parish Hall
Wed 11th	History Group - Mining and Miners in NSC	7.30 pm	Parish Hall
Wed. 18th	Friends of the Arboretum. AGM . Visit - Meet in Parish Hall Car Park		
	6.30pm.		
Sat 12th	Community Group	10.30am	Parish Hall
Wed 26th.	NSC Art Group - Critique of members work by Jane Baker.		

June 2016

Sat 4th	Coffee Morning - run by Twinning Circle	10.30 am	Parish Hall
Sat 18th	Garden Club Outing - Marwood Hill Gardens with a Cream Tea		
Sat 25th	History Group - Visit to Sandford hosted by Sandford Heritage Group with a Cream Tea		
Wed 29th.	NSC Art Group - A pastel demonstration by wildlife artist Heather Irvine.		

July 2016

Sun 3rd	Newton Revels	12.00noon	Recreation Ground
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Newton Wonder-Women ride...

"Do you want a challenge, something to aim for, a focus over the winter?" The answer 'yes' pops out before you've properly considered the answer, and you find yourself committed to a 100k, overnight, charity cycle ride 'Ride the Night Challenge', through the centre of London! Eight local ladies have committed themselves to the challenge.

To support the eight of us in our endeavours, we are having a 'one off' **Fundraising cycling event in the Beer Engine**. The Beer Engine is the place to be on **Good Friday, 25th March from 1.30 to 8pm**.

Come along. Have a £1 sweepstake guess at how many miles we will collectively cycle on the static bike, during this time. At 8pm the nearest guess wins a voucher very kindly donated by Will and Victoria of The Beer Engine.

Watch, encourage, support and laugh with us, in our pink tutus, as we pedal away, raising money for three amazing, worthwhile women's charities:
'Breast Cancer Care, Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust and Ovarian Cancer Action.



N S C Community Group

Dates for your 2016 Diary

Meetings and a Coffee Morning have been arranged for the following dates and speakers are being booked. Please make a note that the meetings are held in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall starting at 10.30 am

Meetings:

Saturday 14th May

Saturday 9th July

Coffee Morning

Sat 2nd April

10.30

Parish Hall



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NEWTON REVELS 2016

Sunday 3rd July

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something to offer.**

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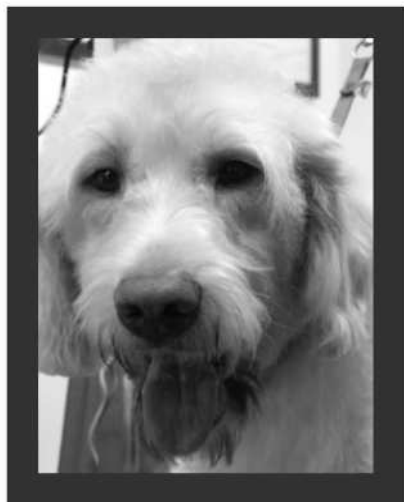
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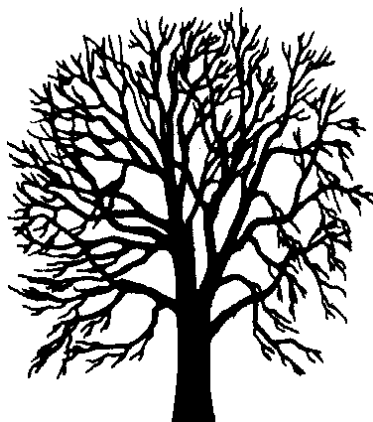
Advanced notice that the Hall AGM will be held in the Hall on Monday 16 May at 7.30 pm. All are welcome and we hope that all user groups will be represented at this important meeting.

*Roger Wilkins
Chairman, Parish Hall Committee*

FRIENDS OF NEWTON ARBORETUM EVENTS

Just a reminder about two forthcoming events.

On the evening of Wed 27 April, Friends will visit the gardens at Sherwood, by kind permission of John and Gina Quicke. The visit will be led by Vaughan Gallavan. Numbers are limited, but there are still a few spaces. This visit is only open to subscribing Friends (but you can subscribe now!). In order to minimise the number of cars, we will assemble in the Parish Hall Car Park at 6.00 pm. If you are wishing to come, please contact Roger Wilkins, 851337, rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com.



Then on Wed 18 May we hold our annual tour of the Arboretum followed by the AGM in the Parish Hall. There will be two guided groups, with one led by Helen Kearney featuring plants with medicinal properties and the second led by Marion Kneebone from the Devon Gardens Trust featuring trees that the Trust has included in their Register of Significant Trees. This event is open to all, but non-members will be asked for £2. We will meet at the Parish Hall Car Park at 6.30 pm.

We hope you will enjoy the Arboretum. The Arboretum is open to all, but the development of the Arboretum is much helped by subscriptions (£10 annually) from Friends, who receive Newsletters and invitations to special events. To become a Friend, please contact our Treasurer, Peter Watts (851369, peterwatts369@btinternet.com).

Roger Wilkins, Secretary, Friends of Newton Arboretum

Do You Remember? April

April 1976

The deaths of William Hewitt and Albert Vanstone were reported.

A strong contingent from Half Moon attended the Annual Parish Meeting. There had been five accidents in the past 2 months at Half Moon. It was reported that there was a total lack of support from the County Council for any improvements but the Parish Council and the meeting were in no mood to be told things were impossible and a public meeting was to be arranged.

The 200 Club were arranging a Cheese and Wine Party for its collectors at The Barn Owl.

April 1986

The Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting would have David Richardson, Conservation Officer as its speaker.

The Afternoon Club heard a talk by Dr Manning, Chairman of Exeter Guild Society on Old Exeter.

The village band, Ralph of the Arb, raised £300 for the Intensive Care Unit at Wonford.

The Twinning Group held a Skittles evening and arrangements were made for the group visiting from Rots.

The Village Recipe Book needed a title and ideas were invited.

The NSC Playgroup thanked Pam Mandsley for her work as Treasurer as Pam was leaving the village.

Details of the tennis tuition available for both Juniors and Seniors was advertised.

The W I reported on hosting the St Cyres group in the Hall. The competition for a loaf of bread was won by Brampford Speke with Thorverton coming second and Newton St Cyres third. The NSC loaf was made by Mrs Hall.

Robert Ayres' farming article advised a cold February had meant more feeding for the cattle and for the sheep with lambs.

Small Ads included: carpentry tools wanted; vacancies at a holiday caravan at St Audries Bay; responsible non-smoking au pair required; caretaker for the Hall required; knitters required by NSC School Association for a sponsored Knit-In.

April 1996

The Garden News was about shrubs and herbaceous plants.

The Young Farmers thanked everyone for their help with their panto. The village performances had raised £174 for the Church. They also thanked the Beer Engine for sponsoring the new rugby tops.

The Parish Council were encouraging people to come to the Annual Parish Meeting where a representative from Mid Devon District Council Planning Department would be in attendance.

'Lets Go' were planning outings to Bovey Tracey and Torquay.

The Church thanked everyone for their help at the Vicarage 'Do' where £156 was raised and also all those who made posies for Mothering Sunday.

April 2006

Jane Bailey was organising a 'Festival of Flowers' in the Church in September and it will be entitled 'Windows on the World'.

The Waste Paper bank in the Parish Car Park had been removed because other waste materials were being deposited in the bank.

The Young Farmers' Club were helping with the upgrading of the play equipment at the Recreation Ground.

Newton St Cyres Garden Club

The **next meeting** of the Newton St Cyres

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Will be held on

Wednesday 6th April

At 7.30 pm

In the Clubroom of the Parish Hall

The Speaker will be

Mark Robertson talking about 'Perennials'

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Competition:- Spring arrangement in a jam jar

The Bingo on April 11th will be in aid of Gardening Club funds. Please support the Bingo by donating raffle prizes and taking part. Raffle prizes can be brought to the April meeting of the Gardening Club.

Details of the summer outings on 18th June (Marwood Gardens) and 9th July (John West's for a Cream Tea) will be available and names can be taken for these at the meeting.

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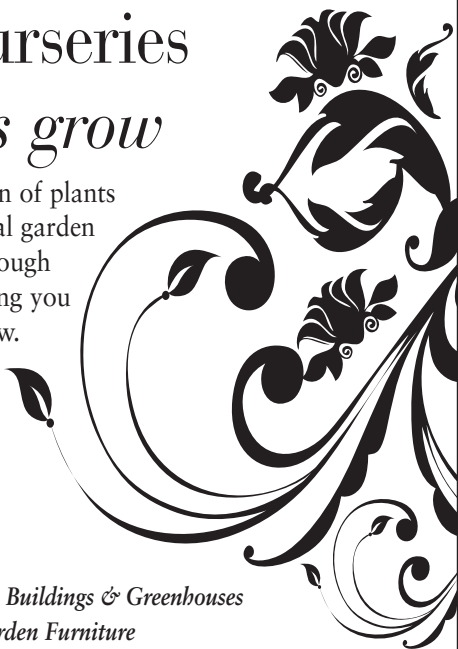
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Newton Ramblers

THE VILLAGE RAMBLE - SUNDAY 13TH MARCH 2016

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Geoff Jackson



Newton Ramblers pictured at Killerton on the February Ramble.

Photo by Geoff Jackson (3rd from right)



Programme of events

10am. -- 12.30pm. in the Parish Hall
Newton St Cyres

Wednesday 27th. April.

Wednesday 26th. May.

Wednesday 29th. June.

Wednesday 27th. July.

A. G. M.

Critique of members work by Jane Baker.

A pastel demonstration by wildlife artist Heather Irvine.

A watercolour demonstration by Mike McDonald, painting in the manner of F. J. Widgey using modern materials.



FAMILY MAGIC NIGHT!

A night of magic is on offer at the Recreation Ground on Saturday 14th May. The night starts a 7pm and will entertain children and adults with stage performances and table demonstrations from a number of magicians.

Tickets to the event are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

Contact Club Chairman Graham (01392 851277) to buy or reserve your tickets.

More information is on our website www.newtonstcyresfc.co.uk

Children £3, Adults £5, Family ticket £15 (2 adults 2 children)



U3A in Crediton

About ninety people attended Crediton and District u3a monthly meeting and heard a very informative and amusing talk on prisons by Sir Neil Butterfield a High Court Judge.

U3A's offer the chance to study different subjects and share outings. The Crediton branch currently offer groups in Art, Family history, Church visits, Astrology, Digital Photography, Pub Lunches, French, Spanish, Walks and Science.

Joining u3A is a great way to meet like minded people and make new friends. For more information ring Dave Ages our groups co-ordinator on 01363 775698

NEWTON RAMBLERS

Sunday 17th April

This month's walk will be a woodland walk and will be led by John Quicke

We will start the walk at 10am at the Parish hall car park. We will then walk up into Newton Wood, probably around the Keepers area, maybe coming back through Scrawthorne and Widden Orchard. We will look at a variety of trees and plantations, with a focus on the more commercial aspects of forestry.



We should be back at the Parish hall car park by about 12.

Some of the walking will be in wet, uneven and muddy areas, with probably some short steep sections as well, so appropriate footwear is required.

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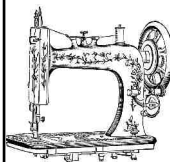
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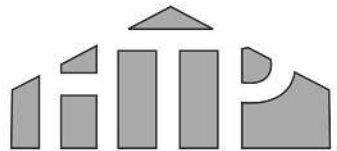
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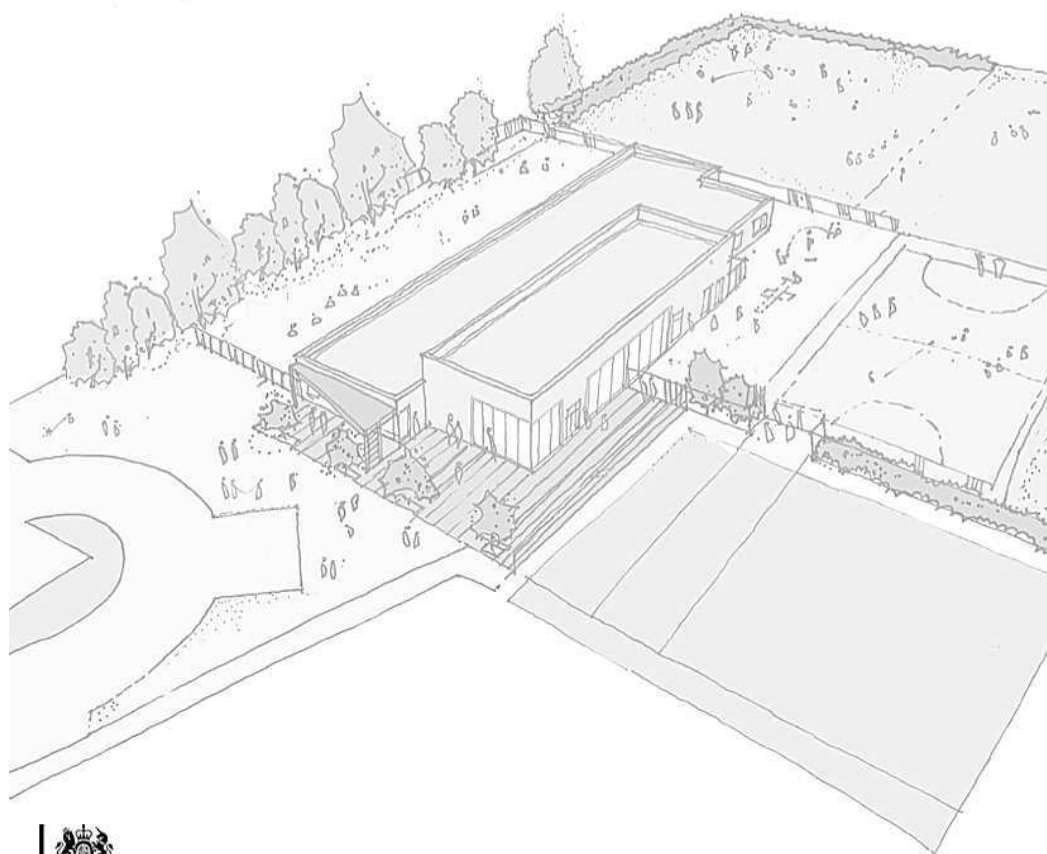
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Newton St Cyres Primary School has been allocated funding to build a new school, on a brand new site along Station Road.

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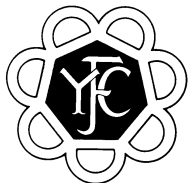
The exhibition is taking place on **Wednesday 13th April** in our existing school hall, **between 3pm and 7pm.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Newton St Cyres Young Farmers

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Travel Scholarship Fundraising Quiz:

Georgina Davie from Newton St Cyres YFC and Alice Giles from Bow YFC have been lucky enough to win travel scholarships through the National and Devon Federation of Young Farmers Clubs.

In May, Georgina will be traveling to Strasbourg, France to be part of the week long Rural Youth Europe Spring Seminar, to represent NFYFC to be part of the discussions to help build an inclusive society for urban and rural youth.

In June, Alice will be traveling to Washington DC, USA to join a welcome weekend with the International Farming Youth Exchange, and then travel to a host state, to be confirmed, where she will stay with different families for 3 months, to learn about their lives and their way of farming.

Both girls are extremely excited and grateful to be given these opportunities, however unlike other scholarships neither of these have any funding that the members can access, so are hosting a fun quiz evening to help raise the funds they need to get them to the countries.

When: Friday 8th April
Time: 7:30pm for 8pm start
Venue: The Waie Inn, Zeal Monachorum
Teams of 4, £12 per team

There will be a raffle (and sweets!)

To book a team please contact Alice on 07791805066 or alicegiles7@gmail.com or you can just come along on the evening.



Newton St Cyres Primary School

Back to the 80s with Class 4!

It was the decade of Thatcher, yuppies and BMX bikes. But for many of you, it was all about big hair, bright socks and New Romantics. Remember what it was like watching Goonies for the first time? Bed time with your Glo worm toy? Or sitting down to Fraggie Rock on a Saturday morning?

When are we talking about? The 1980s of course!

The 1980s saw the rise

of hip hop and rap music, with American influences powerful once again in the form of such groups as Run DMC and Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five. It also saw the rise and fall of the 'New Romantics', typified by groups like Adam and the Ants, who dressed as pirates and highway men and wore huge amounts of makeup.

Class 4 at Newton St Cyres Primary School have been working hard on a megamix of tunes from the 80s, which they performed at the Great Hall on the University of Exeter campus. The Crediton Learning Community event, which was called 'Back by POPular demand' saw children from primary schools in the learning community perform a variety of pop songs from past and present. NSC opened the show with an energetic performance of 80s classics. They looked fantastic in their neon colours, tutus and leg warmers! Children in Class 4 also performed in the 'big sing' with other schools, singing 'Fix you' by Coldplay. It was a fantastic performance!

Chris Theedom

A "Moment" from Anne Westaway

We are at last renovating our kitchen, and whilst emptying all the assorted accumulation, I came across a shoe box filled to the brim with letters and cards sent to me when Colin died.

I started to read them and was so struck by the kindness and tributes sent by people. At the time I think I was hardly able to take them in properly, and I was so glad I had saved them. It made me sad to read them, but at the same time I felt the care from people some of whom I hardly knew.

I was lucky in the fact that I have a wonderful family who have been the best support, but it is still nice to know that friends care as well.

Anne Westaway Re: 12-6-09

Newton St Cyres History Group

Our first meeting of 2016 was on 20th January and the subject was the printed broadside ballads of Devon. Our speaker, Ian Maxted, was the County Local Studies librarian and his knowledge of the West Country is extensive, particularly in the area of paper, books and printed matter, his specialist interest.

Printed broadsides, or broadsheets, were originally large sheets of hand made paper which could be cut into halves or quarters or even strips, to be used for proclamations, legal announcements, advertisements and official texts. Paper was expensive in the 17th and 18th centuries, so it would have been more economical to use both sides, but for this sort of use, as 'posters', then only one side was used. Royal visits, fire and flood, crimes, all were printed for display and for sale, and so these items were an early form of social media, describing many aspects of society and culture. Newspapers at this time were taxed and so were expensive to buy, compared to a broadside.



Ballads were a significant section of the output, and also tended to reflect social issues. Sensational crimes, political and also supernatural events were often written up, sometimes by the publisher, and set to a tune which was already well known. These ballads would be sung in pubs, homes or other public places, and were often lengthy with many verses. Many of the songs we now call 'folk tunes' were written during this period and their constant re-use for different ballads is one of the reasons that they survived into the 20th century. Ian had been able to find sung versions of some of the ballads he showed us, and he played short extracts. They were always unaccompanied, and we had a flavour of how they would have sounded and the kind of tunes used.

The earliest known Devon broadsheet, printed in London, is entitled 'God hath given our kynge the victory' and was made in 1549 to give news of the end of the Western (Prayer Book) Rebellion. Another very early West Country example is from 1618, on the beheading of Sir Walter Raleigh, which was a lamentation sung to a well known tune of the time. 'The Stout Cripple of Cornwall, his dissolute life and deserved death' of 1624 is much more for entertainment than political, and 'Mr Page's Wife of Plymouth', from the mid 18th century, is an example of a notorious crime being described. A lovely broadsheet, complete with woodcuts, was 'The West Country Lovers' printed for *J Bonyers at the black raven in Duck-Lane*. The ballads were usually illustrated and the woodcuts would be used again and again for different stories, or different editions of the same story. A collection of songs and ballads was called a 'garland' and the Exeter Garland is a surviving example. Chapbooks were also longer versions when the paper would be printed so that it could be folded and cut to make a small 'cheap' or chap book.

Broadsheets and chapbooks would be sold for a halfpenny or a penny, whereas a newspaper would cost 5 or 6 pence, because of the tax. Usually a ballad seller would buy a selection from

the printer, and then go on to the streets to sell them, and by the 19th century big cites would have quite a strong network of street ballad sellers, who would often sing a verse or two of a ballad to advertise their wares. In 19th century London, J Pitts and J Catch were two of the biggest publishers supplying the street sellers, who would be very poor and often disabled in some way.

For many years, printing presses were only allowed in London. Regional printing presses were not permitted until the lapse of the Licensing of the Press Act and the first regular press in Exeter started in 1761. In 1783 Thomas Brice was printing in Goldsmiths Street, and after his death his wife, Elizabeth continued to operate with her son, also named Thomas. By 1793 R Trewman & Son (of Trewman's Flying Post) were printing, and by the 19th century there were presses in Bideford, Barnstaple, Honiton, Tiverton, Okehampton and Cullompton. Ian showed us examples of the work of all these printers, such as 'The Sampford Ghost' (Boyce of Tiverton 1810), 'The Mistletoe Bough' (S. Searle of Barnstaple), and a scurrilous tract 'A Miller of Cullompton' which caused its printer to be brought to court for insulting the miller and accusing him of filthy practices when making his bread.

Wooden hand presses were still used in the early 19th century but then metal 'Albion' presses were developed, and then by the 1860s, mechanised newspaper presses were built which could deliver a daily paper in large batches. Up until this time at most 1500 sheets a day could be produced if the presses were being worked very hard, and of course they all had to be set up first by hand. As the tax on newspapers had also been abolished, there was no longer any need for broadsheets. One of the latest examples Ian showed us was from 1884 and was about the well known case of John Babbacombe Lee, committed for the murder of Mrs Keys, near Torquay.

Our sincere thank go to Ian for preparing and delivering such an interesting talk, giving his time and sharing some of his knowledge.

Meetings will be held on a WEDNESDAY evening

7.30pm in the Village Hall Club Room.

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APRIL ON THE FARM

The spring is so lovely, so welcoming, after the long winter. The wet of early winter and the chill of late winter lingered on. The warmth and bright sunshine, even if between showers, cheers everyone. The frog spawn that was laid so early in the warm January, fights to develop in the cool dry early spring before the puddles dry up, only the little tadpoles in the deepest puddles surviving to become frogs.

WILDLIFE – Some creatures thrive: the cormorants overwintered on the river, feasting on the plentiful fish. I'd always thought they were a coastal bird, and they seem to be moving inland. It is lovely to see their strange habit of stretching their wings out as if drying themselves out.

Baby rabbits are everywhere. There was little cold weather to hold up breeding. Some are almost full grown, leaping back into the blossoming hedgerows at my approach.

CROPS – The crops are at starting their spring growth. The warm winter has left the crops more vulnerable than usual to fungal diseases, the experts say, so we walk them to see if we need to do anything. I'm pleased the way they have come through the winter. Our work on soil structure and care with drilling has paid off, and the crops look in good shape.

The oilseed rape starts flowering, a brilliant yellow that signals spring and wild growth harvesting the bright sunlight.

COWS – The grass grows, finally overtaking the hungry mouths that feed on it. Pita Burt, who lives just next to one of our grazing fields, said how much she enjoys going to sleep with the soporific sound of a herd of cows grazing. They seize the clumps of grass with their tongues, forcing the leaves against their dental pad, and rip, giving that characteristic sound. Cows have mealtimes, times of day when they preferred to eat all together. It's a lovely sight and sound.



Lay down in the field, and they stop their harvest and come and investigate. They just cannot work out how we do lying down, sitting or kneeling, and come over to investigate. Their great muzzles close in on you, their tongues clearing their nostrils to get a good sniff, their tongues investigating if any of this new sight might be good to eat. Very soon they get bored, and return to the real interest of life, a bellyful of grass. Then they sit down to cud, bringing the fibre back up into their mouths (with those methane-rich burps). Grazed grass gives less methane in the burps than more grain-rich diets, one of the benefits.

Another benefit of a pasture-fed cow is the glorious yellow milk, coloured by the carotene in grass. There are also lots more beneficial omega 3 fatty acids in a grass fed milk. There's also lots of conjugated linoleum acid, which is good for you. In the cheese, grass-fed milk shows up as a slightly softer texture, more yellow and richer in those buttery, grassy flavours I really prize.

It's also a healthy life for a cow, keeping them fit as they go out to graze. A bit too fit, as we discovered when we found a cow and a heifer wandering down the lane. How did they get out? The fences and gates are all closed. The heifer jumps athletically back across the cattle grid, not breaking a sweat. We will need to dig the cattle grid out, it doesn't look challenging enough.

YOUNGSTOCK – Our calves and younger heifers are also out. We support the calves with milk, which helps them ward off the cold, and bring them in by night if it gets too cold and wet. Mostly they are out and enjoying the fresh grass. Many of the older heifers have been out all winter, and grew frame not bulk over the winter. They fill that frame out better on the new grass than the animals who spent the winter indoors, in what's called compensatory growth. This year we want to understand more of how this works, and we will record their weights to track what works best for the animals.

CHEESE – The cheese from this new grass-fed milk is always lovely, grassy and rich, the lively flavours of the new grass coming through. April brings the most milk of the whole year, the spring flush, as cows respond to the new grass. That makes for a busy time in the cheese dairy, heads down, hard work as the vats are fuller day by day and the stores fill up. The challenge is to make our handmade cheese as well when the vats are full as when they are more empty. The gradings from last year show that we can, testimony to the hard work and dedication of the team to producing world class cheese every time.

FARM KITCHEN – It is with great sorrow that we decided to close the Farm Kitchen. I loved it, customers loved it, the team loved it, and we could not make it pay enough to continue. I made many friends from customers and team members. I hope you will continue to visit the shop for ready to eat food and drinks and use the decking area and children will continue to use the playground with its real and toy tractors.



RECIPE – I've so enjoyed sharing the salads I grow in my garden, decorated with delicious and beautiful flowers in the Kitchen. I will supply them into the Shop. In April, all the leaves go crazy, and you have to keep picking them to stop them all starting to flower. A good time to garden, and a good time to bring a fresh salad in from the garden. I will pick, say, overwintered lettuce, salsify leaves, salad burnet, corn salad, plus some new rocket and curled cress, decorate it with primroses, pansies, violas and violets, dress it with a vinegar-heavy vinaigrette, and top it with some grated Quicke's Oak Smoked Clothbound Cheddar. The very gentle oak smoke (from oak trees from the farm) and buttery notes of the cheese is a perfect spring pairing. That with a slice of bread and butter is a perfect first course or light lunch.

M. G. O.

Monthly Gardening notes for April from Bert Jewell

The year has only just begun, but already seems to be racing away. Gardens will soon be ablaze with colour and full of tasty veg, but before we get into the nitty gritty of what to do, let's travel a little further along my journey.

I have to say I enjoyed most of my time at Secondary School, there were lessons which I didn't like, one of them being maths. Music I liked but not the teacher. She was a short stocky person who would rap your knuckles with the edge of a ruler if she felt you weren't trying or not reaching the right note. I enjoyed art, how to create shapes and how they could be used together or on their own. I'm sure this helped me during my gardening career in the shaping of gardens, trees and shrubs.

I remember one afternoon during art class a lot of the teachers attended a staff meeting. Our teacher set out what he wanted the class to do and left to attend the short meeting. All went well for a while and then someone threw a piece of chalk. What followed was a chalk fight and the floor was soon covered in chalk marks. The teacher returned unheard and hit the top of his desk with the cane.

No one would say who had started the fight so, as it was the last lesson of the day, the whole class had to stay behind to clean the room. When the teacher finally let us leave all the school buses had left. I started to walk home (about three miles) and had only gone a short distance when I was offered a lift by the husband of the primary school teacher from the village. I got home about the same time as normal, so avoiding a telling off or worse from father.

The gardening class at school went really well and helped me understand more about how things grew.

Now what's growing in the

Vegetable Garden

April is the month to get those seeds out of the cupboard and start sowing. I try to grow all our veg from seed and find it fascinating to see the little green shoots popping up out of the compost, what compost I hear you say. The compost on sale in most garden centres is multipurpose. This to me is like a supermarket, convenient. When we were exhibiting National shows and Exhibitions, we used a specialist compost. These contained trace elements and nutrients needed for the healthy growth of our plants. I'm not saying that multipurpose is rubbish but you might need to make some adjustments for sowing fine seeds.

The bulk of multipurpose is made up of shredded material, so for fine seeds it is best put through a sieve. Or you could buy a bag of seed compost which is more refined. I either sow the seeds in cells, seed trays or toilet roll centres, remembering the bigger the seed the deeper you plant them. Follow the guidelines on the packet.

Seeds to sow are

Parsnips (old seed will not germinate) Turnips (watch out for flea beetle)
Brussels Sprouts, Early Peas. Broad Beans, Beetroot, Spring Onions, Sprouting Broccoli,
Radish, Second Early and Main crop Potatoes and Carrots (guard against carrot fly)

Flower Garden

Dead head Spring flowering Bulbs once they have finished. Do this by sniping off the stem just below the impending seed pod, the remaining stem will act as a leaf taking nutrients down to the Bulb in preparation for next year. Try to resist cutting the leaves off or tying them in a knot for at least six weeks after flowering. Once they start to turn brown they can be cut off at ground level with a dutch hoe. This will cut them off cleanly and fill the hole in the ground with soil, helping to keep the Narcissus fly larvae from attacking the Bulb.

Plant up hanging baskets and containers as long as you have somewhere light and frost free to keep them until late May, when they can be hardened off.

Sow seeds for Summer bedding in the greenhouse or indoors on the window sill.

Lawns

Mow the lawn every ten to fourteen days, slowly becoming more frequent as the weather warms up and the days lengthen. The lawns in this part of the country can be fed and weeded towards the end of the month, later the further North you go. If using granules always read the packet and apply as instructed. Too much Nitrogen will burn the grass and it will remain brown most of the Summer.

Trees, Shrubs and Climbers

There is still time to plant or move Evergreen Trees and Shrubs, but if it turns dry make sure you keep them well watered.

Prune Winter Jasmine.

Clean out any weeds or unwanted seedlings such as Ivy, from under hedges and then sprinkle a balanced Fertilizer along the length of the hedge about a foot out from the base, then lightly fork it into the soil.

Tie in new shoots of Climbing Roses and Shrubs grown against a wall.

Fruit

The fruit garden is fairly quiet during April, but there are a few jobs that can be done, like planting new Strawberry plants, either from your own runners or ones you have bought in. Plant them in rows about 18" apart and 12" between plants, with the crowns just above the soil.

April is also a good month to carry out any pruning necessary on Plum or Cherry Trees.

Plant of the month

Pulmonary, the common name is Lungwort.

The plants with spotty leaves were supposed to cure lung disease in Medieval times.

I prefer to use them as ground cover plants, growing to about 8 inches high with a spread of 12 inches. They produce clusters of pink, white or blue flowers. They do best in light shade.



Enjoy your gardening.



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SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Please read the schedule carefully and make sure that your entries match the description. Only one entry in each class.

1. Daffodils or narcissi, 5 cut blooms in a vase, can be mixed.
2. 3 tulips in a vase
3. Collection of spring flowers in a bowl or vase
4. One stem each of three different foliage shrubs, maximum width 18 inches and height 24 inches
5. One potted flowering plant – section a indoor, section b outdoor
6. One flowering head of a rhododendron in a container
7. Single camellia in a container
8. Table centre decoration, may include non-plant material, 12" overall
9. One stem each of three flowering shrubs, maximum width 18 inches and height 24 inches
10. One stem or branch of a flowering shrub or climber
11. Spray or small bunch of flowers to be judged for scent

12. Single stem of any flower or plant, indoor or outdoor, not already in other classes
13. Cactus or succulent
14. A miniature arrangement, maximum overall size 4.5 inches
15. Arrangement of fresh flowers in an unusual container
16. St George's Day" – theme for a composition in which accessories may be used, maximum size 24" overall
17. Children's entry: a dragon made out of vegetable matter

homecraft CLASSES

- 18 Bakewell tart – own recipe
- 19 Chilli chutney
- 20 Children's entry – cheese straws, your own recipe, three tied together

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How are you at writing?

The Newton Wonder has been lucky enough to contact Desmond Harrington who has written the first 700 words of a fascinating tale. What happens next? Who will take up the story? How about you?

This story has no title, no middle, just a beginning:-

Chapter One

He didn't look like a hero. Heroes don't wear jeans and trainers and an odd green anorak that looked as though someone else had bought for him (which indeed they had). But hero he was and one who almost single handedly, had saved the country from ruin, anarchy and chaos.

He was not a spy but worked with spies in one of those nameless faceless buildings in which the government sought to protect its security. In truth he was a geek, a natural interface with the cyber world and had been for years, spotted in his first year at university, he had known nothing but defending against more and more complex systems. He was supposed to think up attacks of his own but rarely had time.

When the big attack was launched he came into his own. For seven straight weeks he had darted between banks of of screens and keyboards like some demented organist from a Gothic fantasy. There were times he nearly lost but all that the country knew of this was that some bank was having problems with its online arm, or air traffic control had gone off line for an hour or two.

With little or no sleep, little food but coffee and in the end, only drugs to keep him going from doctors who knew the damage they were doing but were aware of the titanic battle he was waging on behalf of all of us, he triumphed. Others now could man the watchtower.

He was exhausted to the edge of life and demented to the edge of reason.

Weeks in the sanatorium he was brought back from the brink by a therapist with a soft Irish brogue that teased out the bits of him that he could build on to remake his personality.

Now he was much more on his own monitored from a distance with only the occasional visit, he lived alone in this cottage in the country. It was the countryside that was bringing him back to life, peaceful and slow there was no pressure and for the first time in his life exercise. His walks became the measure of his days longer and wider he went as his strength returned but he would almost always see the women with the dog.

At first they hurried past one another with cursory nods, anxious for different reasons but now 'brief 'good mornings' had become the order of the day and he recognised in her face the same hurt and damage that may have been in his.

Today was different. Spring had come at last and with it, sun and a scurrying bright sky. The stream along the edge of the road ran slow and clear for the first time in months and the meeting was new.

'Hello, what a lovely day at last'

'Yes' he stammered in surprise and she was passed him in a second but not before a smile. A smile that transformed her face and lit up his spirit. Someone had reached out to him in a simple open way. He was a member of the human race once again but now much stronger than he had been before. He was still standing near the place where they had passed but she had gone from sight around the corner and did not know she had frozen him with her smile.

He took a deep breath opened his stiff shoulders wide and lifted his bowed head truly for the first time in years and in so doing something glinted in the stream beside him. It was a jewel of green and white stones set in a silvery mount. He looked back towards where the woman had been but it could not be hers since she had been walking on the other side of the road.

He stooped to lift it out of the water. With its broken chain it was a necklace but exquisitely made. If the green stones were emeralds and the white stones diamonds it was a fabulous object.

What is the next Chapter? Please email: editor@newtonwonder.net with your contribution. We are looking for an original continuation. Please feel free to use a "nom de plume" or an alias, Desmond Harrington did!

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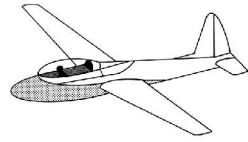
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Wings for Worship is a course of five sessions designed to develop lay confidence in leading public worship and is open to all churches in the Netherexe Parishes.

The course will be led by Andrew Maries who is the consultant to the Diocese of Exeter for Liturgy and Music.

The course consists of five sessions and these will be held in the relaxed atmosphere of the Bridge Centre in Stoke Canon Church. The five sessions involve:

- 1 **Preparing for Take-Off;** The basics i.e. speaking in church, use of microphones, public reading and intercessions.
- 2 **Getting Airborne:** What is worship, liturgy and what are lay people able to do?
- 3 **In-Flight Training:** Planning and leading services.
- 4 **Flying High:** Using and choosing music for worship and engaging with scripture.
- 5 **Spreading your Wings:** Creative planning using Service of the Word, leadership, feedback and consolidation.

Each session will start at 7:00pm, lasts approximately 2 hours, and will be held in the Bridge Centre, Stoke Canon church on Wednesday evenings. The start date is Wednesday 27 April and the final session will be on Wednesday 25 May.

This course is free for those people who attend Netherexe Parishes Churches* and the deadline for nominations is **Monday 18 April**. If you are interested in attending this course will you please contact Gwynneth Keehner on 01392 860397.

**Brampford Speke, Cadbury, Huxham, Netherexe, Newton St Cyres,
Poltimore, Rewe, Stoke Canon, Thorverton & Upton Pyne*

**First a howling blizzard woke us,
Then the rain came down to soak us,
And now before the eye can focus -
Crocus.**

This poem, by Lilja Rogers, pretty much sums up this year's weather for us in Devon doesn't it. We have had snowy blizzards and then lots of rain, but today, walking the dog, I was bowled over by the beauty of the hedgerows, the abundance of snowdrops and crocuses and the first of the daffodils beginning to bloom.

Winter is over, Spring is definitely upon us – all the signs are there. As we see the crocuses beginning to break through the hard earth and then the blossom on the trees, as we hear the song of returning birds and notice the daylight lasting longer our mood lifts and we begin to look forward to summer. With renewed energy and lighter hearts we pack away our winter woollies, spring clean our houses and make holiday plans.

This time of year is of course important in our Christian lives too. As Lent draws to a close our Bible readings, our prayer and our worship lead us to the grand climax of the story of Christ's redemptive love for us played out on the cross and in his glorious resurrection. The signs are all there – the triumphant yet humble ride into Jerusalem on the donkey, the Last Supper, the arrest and trial, the journey to Calvary, the torture and crucifixion, the despair of the disciples at Jesus's death and their bewilderment and then joy at his resurrection. We hear the story year after year – but what does it make us do?

Well I hope that, like the coming of Spring, hearing the story of God's great love for us should give us renewed energy and enthusiasm in our work for Him. We should feel encouraged to pack away our resentments, our petty jealousies and all those things that create barriers between us and the God who loves us so much he sent his Son to die for us. Perhaps you have already begun to spring clean your spiritual life by attending a Lent course or taking more time to read your Bible or simply to be with God over Lent. If you haven't managed to do this spring clean and feel that your spiritual life could do with a bit of a wash and brush up then do attend one of the Easter Services that are being held throughout the Mission Community this Easter. Join with others in celebrating the joy of our risen Lord, turn to him as flowers turn toward the sun in Springtime and feel the warmth of his love.

Sue Sheppard

Annual Meetings for your Parish

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.

Brampford Speke: Thursday 28 April, 7:30 pm in Parish Church.

Cadbury: Wednesday 6 April, 7:00 pm Fursdon Coach Hall.

Newton St Cyres with Cowley: Sunday 24 April after Morning Prayer [10:00 am]

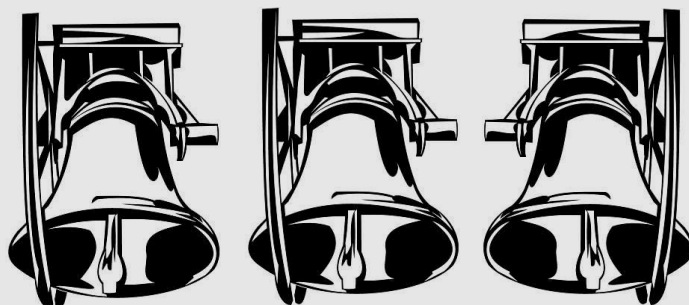
Poltimore with Huxham: Sunday 3 April after Holy Communion service at Poltimore church [5:30 pm]

Rewe with Netherexe: Tuesday 26 April 6:00 pm Rewe church

Stoke Canon: Sunday 10 April after Informal Gathering [10:00 am]

Thorverton: Wednesday 6 April 7:30 pm in Parish Church.

Upton Pyne: Sunday 24 April after Lay Led service [11:15 am]



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 services are designed for all ages and with the needs of young children especially in mind. They are informal and contemporary in style often including a children's activity at the beginning; without communion and are led by lay teams. Services usually last about 35 minutes and are followed by refreshments

Family Service Family services are suitable for all ages, may be with or without Holy Communion, are contemporary in style and are often followed by refreshments

Holy Communion [C] Traditional service in contemporary language [one hour]

Holy Communion [BCP] Traditional service in traditional language [one hour]

Morning Prayer [BCP] Traditional Morning Service [Mattins] from the Book of Common Prayer [about an hour]

Evening Prayer [BCP] Traditional Evening Service from the Book of Common Prayer [about an hour]

Common Worship [CW] Common Worship Service

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 9.15am in Stoke Canon Chapel

Evening Prayer is said on Thursdays at 5.00pm in Newton St Cyres church.

Variations: None

Who's Who? Abbreviations Key

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TBC	To be confirmed		

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Newton St Cyres Parish Church

Rotas

March 2016

Week Ending	Flowers	Cleaning	Brass
April 3rd	M. Walters	P. Boother	M. Snow
10th	A. Mitchell	P. Burt	-
17th	-	-	-
24th	A. Ward	Sue Browne	J. Ward
May 1st	P. Boother	A. Mitchell	L. Shrimpton

Sidespersons

April 3rd	9.30 a.m. Family Service Lay-led	C. Lee	P. Burt
10th		O. Cheriton	M. Snow
17th	-	-	-
24th	9.30 Holy Communion	W. Hough	T. Hough
May 1st	9.30 a.m. Easter Holy Communion	C. Lee	J. Holt

APRIL 2016 SERVICES & INFORMATION

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

Sunday 3 April 2016 Easter 2

09:30 am	Family Service		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	MSS
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
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company		Rewe	
05:30 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	D James

Sunday 10 April 2016 Easter 3

09:30 am	Sunday Service		Brampford Speke Baptist Chapel	BOF
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Huxham	MSS
09:30 am	Open Church		Thorverton --	
10:00 am	Informal Gathering		Stoke Canon	
10:00 am	Morning Prayer		Newton St Cyres	LF
11:15 am	Service of the Word		Rewe	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	SS

Sunday 17 April 2016 Easter 4

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

Sunday 24 April 2016 Easter 5

09:30 am	Sunday Service		Brampford Speke Baptist Chapel	BOF
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	A/D of Exeter
10:00 am	Messy Church		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
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	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	A/D of Exeter
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer		Cadbury	D Francis
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer		Huxham	LF

Sunday 1 May 2016 Easter 6

09:30 am	Family Service		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	MSS
10:00 am	Service with a Smile	☺	Brampford Speke	LF
10:00 am	Service of the Word & Baptism		Cadbury	M Hall
10:00 am	Service of the Word & Baptism		Stoke Canon	D Francis
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company		Rewe	
05:30 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	HW

WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGE

Priest-in-Charge	Vacancy	
Church Wardens	Sue Browne, 1 Glebelands, Sand Down Lane	01392 851460
PCC Hon Secretary	Pita Burt pitaburt@gmail.com	01392 851410
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<u>PARISH COUNCIL</u>	Chairman - David Baker Clerk - Jane Hole	01392 851752 01392 851148
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<u>PRIMARY SCHOOL</u>	Head of Teaching – Glynis Harris Administrator - Maxine Pople	01392 851267 01392 851267
Newton Nippers	Michelle Gidley(or contact the school)	01392 851522
Newton Nappies	Alissa Haward	01392 851591
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Cricket Club	David Vallance, Manesty, Sand Down Lane	01392 851266

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County Councillor	Margaret Squires	01363 84337
Local M P	Mel Stride mel.stride.mp@parliament.uk	01392 823306
Football Club	Mark Smaldon	07733 455177
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Luncheon Club	Sue Browne, 1 Glebelands, Sand Down Lane	01392 851460
Newton Ramblers	Rosemary Chambers	01392 851400
Tennis Club Secretary	Laura Leigh	01647 24259
Twinning	Lorraine Mitchell	01392 851596
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Young Farmers	Millie Murphy	07955 686719
Archery	Alison Couling	01392 841282
Gardening Club	Jane Timlett	01392 851361
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History Group	Jean Wilkins	01392 851337
Table Tennis	Roger Wilkins	01392 851337
Friends of the Arboretum	Roger Wilkins	01392 851337
Saturday Market – 4th Saturday of the month	Angie Hannaford	7505127213
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