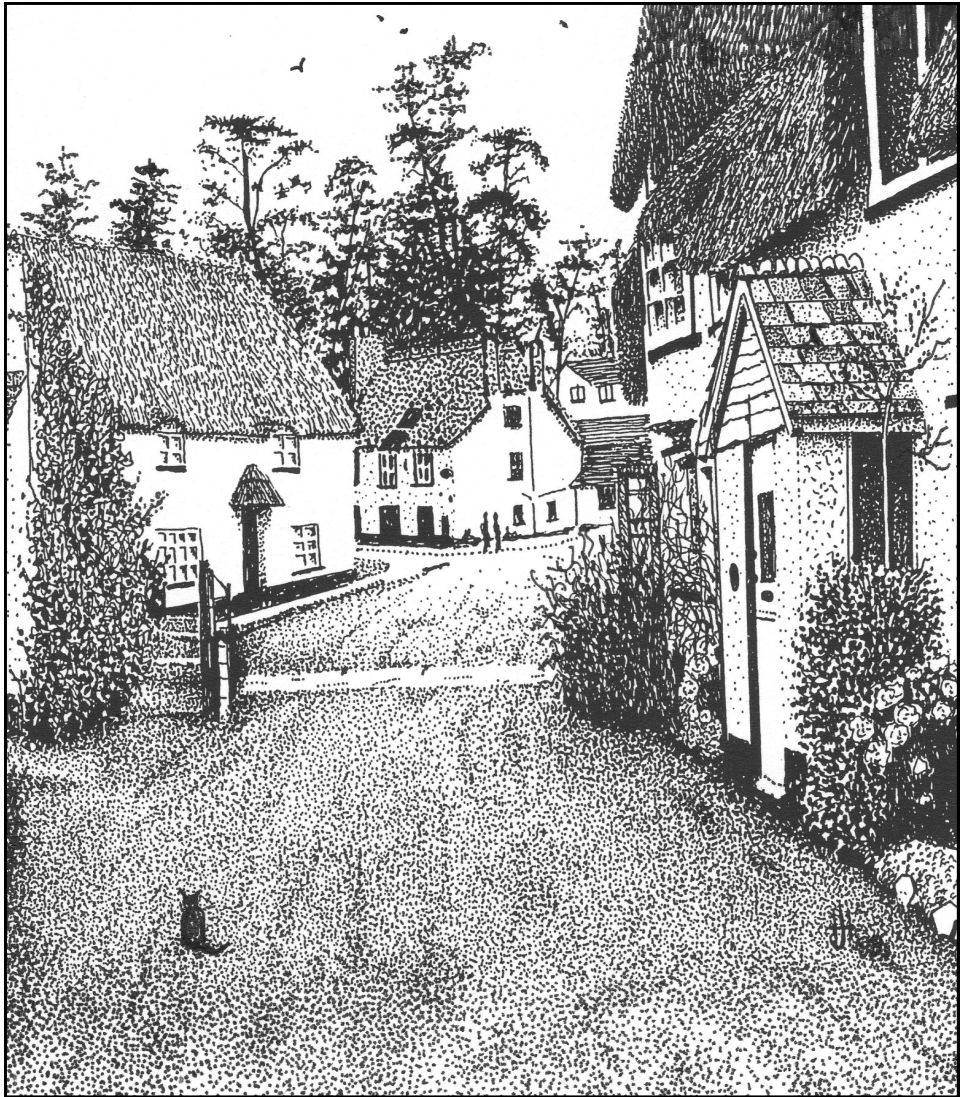


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A WEEK IN THE PARISH HALL

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01392 851 504 or
e-mail paul.radford3@btinternet.com
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The Water Bridge

Last month we reported on the state of the Water Bridge. The original letter from Devon Highways suggested that the work would take about four weeks. It was stated on the sign on the bridge that the work should be completed in five weeks. That should have meant by the road reopened by the 20th July. Unfortunately that has not happened and when I visited the bridge last week it looked as though the work of reconstruction could take another two or three weeks.

There is no wonder that there is a "diverted Pedestrian" abroad. It is a good job that the weather has been so good and no time has been lost, so far, by inclement weather.



The bridge on 21st July 2015

The Website

NEWTON WONDER
The magazine and website for the community of
Newton St Cyres

The website;-

www.newtonwonder.net can now be opened by parishioners. At the moment many of the pages have not yet been completed but as this is intended to be a

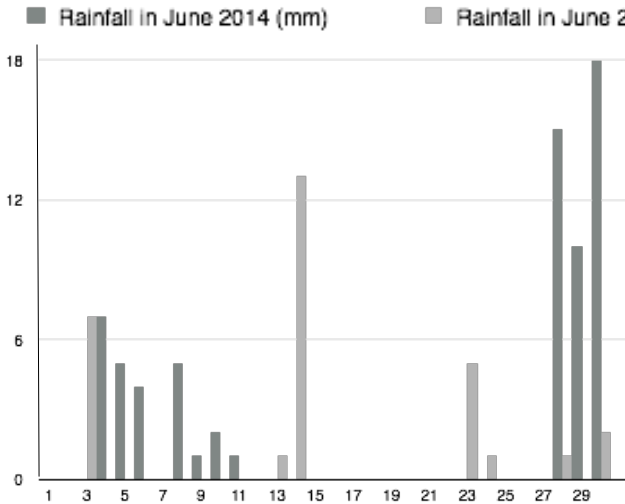
community website it is hoped that much of the blank space can be completed by the community. Some bits are available. The village diary presents a list of the activities of the Council, the Community Support Group the gardening club and the History Group are listed into the autumn of 2016. Any groups or organisations wanting to set a date in the village can see these and if they email me I will add their dates to the diary which is then instantly visible to everyone who might want or need to know the dates.

The Rec. Club page has links to all the sporting groups. Those that have their own websites are automatically accessed but some of the others need to let me have some details of events, results and any thing else they would like included. I am happy to add, alter content or pages at any time. Please let me know by email and I will do it.

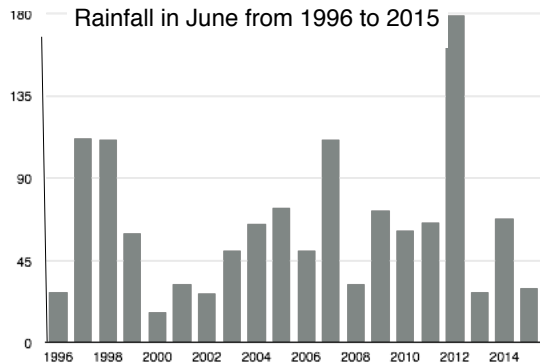
Next month we hope to be able to start a members' section and it will then become possible to use the site for the purposes of discussion and dialogue.

All too often websites get set up and left but doing it in conjunction with the magazine should mean that the two run together. Our intentions are to help and support the community. We are looking forward to working together in new ways.

The Weather



The information here is provided from James Walters' rain gauge at Ford Farm in the village. As always it provides an interesting comparison with previous years.



CREAM TEAS

The Church's popular cream teas

with raffle and stalls

are on

August 16th 3.30-5.30

Parish Hall

All very welcome



Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The July draw took place at the coffee morning in the village hall on 4th July 2015 and the winners are:

No	170	D & J Swallow	£100
No	156	M Long	£10
No	137	D Baker	£10
No	94	T & W Hough	£10
No	189	D & P Jenner	£10

I am pleased to say the annual audit has been done and a big thank you to Tony Hough for checking the paperwork.

If anyone would like a copy of the accounts please telephone me but here is a summary.

Balance b/fwd at 1 June 2014 £14.23

Income: 200 @ £11 £2200.00

Expenditure:

Yearly draws	£1095 .00
Donation to church	£1100.00
Total Expenditure	£2195.00

Balance c/fwd at 31 May 2015 £19.23

Daphne 01392 851639

COMMUNITY MARKET

The next Community Market will take place on Saturday 22nd August 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".

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Parish Council Report ... July

Eight Cllrs and Cllr Peter Hare-Scott attended the July meeting in the Parish Hall. Three members of the public also attended and raised queries about the white lines in the road at Castlands and the disposal of garden waste. As there are a number of outstanding Highways issues the Council decided that they would try and call a meeting between the Parish Council, our County Councillor and Devon County Council Highways Department. This was felt to be urgent as requests were not being answered and promises of action not being followed up.

Mid Devon District Council. Cllr Peter Hare-Scott outlined the new proposals for the collection of household waste, garden waste and food waste in the district. He emphasised that all households would be notified of the changes and the new system would be rolled out area by area. The main changes included a new food waste weekly collection, plastics collection and a charge for collecting garden waste.

Footpaths etc. A request had come from the Parish Surgery for up to date maps showing permissive footpaths in the parish. Cllr Gina Quicke agreed to place copies with the information that goes to the Parish surgeries so they would be available to anyone who wishes to have one.

Pump Street Bridge. Following the major works on the listed bridge in Station Road, the foot bridge in Pump Street is the next major repair job. Again it is Grade 2 listed and therefore will be the subject of planning permission and consultation with English Heritage. DCC Highways have promised to keep vehicle access open and erect a temporary footbridge. The Parish Council hope to be able to let parishioners know when this work will take place.

Reporting potholes. Devon County Council has an inter-active map where parishioners can log any potholes they see. Registering them like this usually results in quicker action. The link is: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/> then choose what you need to report, i.e potholes, overgrown vegetation, street lights etc.

Next meeting. There will be **NO MEETING** of the Parish Council in August but there will be a Parish Surgery table at the Mini Market on Saturday 22nd August. The next meeting of the Parish Council will therefore be on **Thursday 3rd September at 7.30 pm in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall.** Please come along with your queries and see how your Parish Council functions and what it is responsible for.

Cllr Jill Baker, Press Officer

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Newton St Cyres Gardening Club

OUTING

**Saturday 12th September
TO**

**John West's Garden &
Nursery**

and a

CREAM TEA (£3.50)

**Leaving from the car park
at 2.30 pm**

**Names to David Baker on
851752 or**

**Email:
davidbaker687@btinternet.com**

NSC Gardening Club Produce and Flower Show

**Sunday 6th September
2015**

Groups and Organisations are invited to bring along a display to the Show again this year. Marquees will be available on the grass area at the back of the Hall.

The Show will be open to the public from
2.30 - 4.30 pm

If you would like space in the marquee please contact David Baker on 01392 851752



**Newton St Cyres
Community Support Group
COFFEE MORNING
Saturday 1st August
In the Parish Hall
10.30 am to 12.00 noon**

Raffle ... Tombola Stall
Book Stall
'Make an Offer' Stall
Produce Stall with Jams, Marmalades, Cakes etc

Parishioners' views

The letter below was received by the editor during the last month. It is an issue which might be of interest to others who live in the station area.

We are looking forward to receiving your views and the answers to some of the questions raised in the letter.

Blenheim Cottage
Newton St Cyres
EX5 5AT

In the last few weeks, due to the closure of the bridge on Station Road, we have been using the lanes to travel to Exeter or Crediton.

What we have enjoyed about this is seeing the rich variety of plant life along the lanes - it's a delight to see the colours and textures of the stems, leaves and seed heads of the roadside plants. When walking or cycling along the lanes this experience is even more intense and varied.

On some corners or junctions where visibility may be obscured, the vegetation has been cut recently, but mostly the winding narrow lanes have been left as they are.

However there is no pleasure to walk, cycle or drive along stretches of Station Road. In the early summer these areas are sprayed annually with weedkiller which, according to a neighbour on the Parish Council, is Roundup (Glyphosate). As a result, foliage dies off, turns brown, dries out and decays over the rest of the summer, leaving areas of ugly devastation.

Our concerns are as follows -

The use of any pesticide or weed killer should always be given careful consideration, as the impact on wildlife - flora *and* fauna - will inevitably be harmful in some way. Habitats will be destroyed, impacting on insect life and thus up the food chain.

The use of weedkiller in public places such as verges and roadsides where people like to and/or need to walk, often on a regular basis, may impact on their health in the long term.

'Several European countries, including Holland, Denmark and Sweden, have banned or restricted the use of glyphosate herbicides by local authorities, because of alleged links with a variety of health problems – not just cancer – ranging from birth defects and kidney failure to celiac disease, colitis and autism'. (The Guardian April 2015).

In France garden centres have been asked to remove glyphosate from their shelves.

Other concerns are about the devastation of the foliage - it's not a good image for Newton St Cyres - It leaves the banks all along the roadside opposite and alongside the playing field, and around the railway bridge particularly, covered in dead vegetation for the whole summer, every year.

Please can we have answers to these queries -

Why are these areas sprayed- what is the purpose of this spraying?

Who is responsible?

Who gives authority for this to happen?

Why is it used on these stretches of road when we rarely see it elsewhere in the region?

Jenny Henriques and Ed Kay, July 13th 2015

RECREATION GROUND CLUB

Mid July and so far the very busy start to the month has gone well. The School Sports and the Kingfisher Picnic went well and were well attended.

The Football Tournament is being well attended with the complication of the bridge on Station Road meaning that the road is closed. The Football Club were expecting well over 100 teams and it looks likely that most of them will find their way and attend this well organised event. I hope they all had a good day even if the weather was not quite up to its normal standard of two days of full sun.

August will be a very mixed compliment of sports and a couple of parties;; an engagement and a christening, So they will involved lots of families celebrating important dates.

Football will be training and playing pre-season friendlies, it also looks like the league will start even earlier this year on 15th August.. I have a fear that the Football will eventually be played twelve months a year, I hope not as I like to see the Cricketers enjoying their sport.

The Tennis Club is busy with Competitions and Cups as well as their normal games.

The Archery Group are busy most of the year but they do have several months when they move indoors to do their training.

Skittles and Darts Leagues are due to start in early September, but the Pool team play all the year round.

Much as we need some rain to repair the wear of lots of feet over a busy week and weekend did we really need a whole day of rain in JULY, so fingers crossed it.s only a couple of days and the lovely sun-shine returns, but we don't want to end up not being able to keep it cut and it ends up like a hay meadow .

Our last event for August will be when the Twinning Group get together for a Ploughmans Supper after their Treasure Hunt. We wish them well and are pleased to help them get together.

Our next meeting is Sunday 9th August at 7.30 p.m.

Wendy Lewis

Newton St Cyres FC

Our youth teams are now on their summer break following the completion of our tournament in the middle of July. All our youth teams took part in the Crediton tournament in June with mixed results but they all had a good day taking part in lots of football.



The under 8's team

Our youth tournament was held on the 11th and 12th July and it saw 135 teams attend the two day event at the Rec. Saturday saw the Under 7s, 9s, 11s and 13s complete and the weather was fine and dry. The weather wasn't so kind on Sunday for the even age groups but this didn't dampen attendance or spirits. Early indications are that we again exceeded our targets and it's testament to the dedicated team of volunteers that the event is such a success and we get such great feedback from those who attend.

Our Under 9's had the most success of our teams entered picking up two wins overall but not quite enough to progress through to the knockout stages. The wins came against Crediton (3-0) and Pink Panthers (2-1). Given that we had been heavily beaten by Panthers previously it's a sign of progress and reflection of the players efforts.

The Senior section are now into their pre-season schedule which commenced with the Reserves playing Cheriton Fitzpaine and picking up a 3-1 win with some good football played considering this is their first game for over 2 months. The Firsts have a tough pre-season planned and anticipate starting their season on 15th August.

Our ladies had already claimed runners up in the Devon Women's league in early March but during attendance to the AGM in June, we also received the Fair-play award for the division. This is awarded based on scores received from referees and general feedback provided by opposition to the league. It's a credit to the players, management, and supporters that we received this award and represents the culture of the club in general. In addition, we also learned at the AGM that we would receive promotion to the Premier league – this means we now boast two premier division sides in our ladies and our first team.

Pre-season training has commenced for our senior teams with the men training on Wednesday evenings at the Rec from 7.30pm. Ladies are due to return late August and more details will be posted on our website shortly –

www.newtonstcyresfc.co.uk.

Mark Smaldon

Newton St Cyres Cricket Club

It's been a mixed month of cricket for the Newton team. With an initial disappointing loss to Stokeinteighhead, now one place ahead of Newton in the table, we followed up with 3 tough matches against teams near the top of the league, where batting and bowling points have been earned, but unfortunately no wins.

Some honourable performances have been put in though, particularly in the most recent match against Clyst St George, which may be the first time we have played them in a league match (at least for the current crop of players). Despite bowling well, their opening batsman scored a splendid 135, giving no chances, until he finally put a ball in the air and was caught on the boundary. This helped lead them to a total of 282 off the 45 overs which was always going to be a tall order to chase. However, we gave it a good go, and eventually finished on 232/9 giving our promotion chasing opponents plenty to think about along the way. A great opening partnership between Chris Collyer (25) and Usman Manazir (39) was built upon by those that followed as we put together several good partnerships including one of 27 between Paul McCutchion (21) and Martin Pearce (77*) and contributions that were all scored at better than a run a ball from Tom Sunderland, Andy Cork and Shenan Grossberg. Last man Tom Dowle (4*) made sure we batted all our overs. Plenty to build on for the remainder of the year, and if we can keep creating as many chances in the field as we have, but start taking a few more of them, then it should be a good last half of the season.

On Saturday 18th July we welcome Kenn to the rec ground, for the first time in a couple of seasons, and with 4 friendlies over the next month, in addition to league games, there are plenty of opportunities for practice and for everyone to get a game. If you are interested in playing please come along to one of the matches, or contact Paul for more information - paulmccutchion@hotmail.com

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Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

Both Club and League matches have continued thick and fast through July, with our Club Finals day providing exciting tennis for all those watching. Congratulations to the winners. The club is hosting another Lawn Tennis Association free play session on August 1 from 2.30 - 4.30pm as part of their programme of Great British Tennis Weekends. So if Wimbledon has inspired you to take up tennis again, or to try it for the first time, do come along. See our website

www.newtonstcyrestenniscub.co.uk or phone Laura Leigh on 0164724259 for further details.

Our coach Toby Harradence is available for one to one coaching for all adult and junior members for much of the summer. Please contact him direct on 07814 562957 to arrange this. Junior coaching will begin again for the Autumn term on Wednesday 9th September. Enjoy the rest of the summer!



Do You Remember? August

August 1975

The Church raised £240 from the Walkabout for refugees in Vietnam.

Sylvia West wished to start a weekly crafts afternoon to include knitting, crochet, dressmaking etc.

The Coffee Club reported a full committee of 10 members.

The W I heard a talk on Holiday Gifts by Mrs Trigger and they were planning a visit to Cleve House in Exeter.

A successful Flower Show had been held at the Recreation Ground with a high standard of fruit, vegetables and flowers on display.

The Cricket Club reported on matches against NSC Football Club, Bishopsteignton, Morchard Bishop, Babbacombe, Bow, Okehampton, Dolton and Sandford.

August 1985

The Scrabble League was taking a rest in August and September but would restart in October.

The Young Farmers had been competing in the Royal Show where they were placed 2nd in the Club Cubicle competition meaning they were second best in the country.

The Church clock had been repaired. The NSC Clock is of an early design and only has one hand.

The Church Handicraft Working Party still continued to meet.

A letter had been received from British Rail explaining that services from NSC to Barnstaple were rarely used.

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August 1995

Country & Western Dance Classes were being held in the Hall by Anne and Dave of the Nevada Western Dancers.

The School had received an excellent OFSTED inspection.

The School organised a Schools six-a-side Soccer competition involving Newton St Cyres, Cheriton Bishop, Spreyton and Brampford Speke.

A wonderful article about the Twinning Group's trip to the West Somerset Railway appeared in this edition.

Young Farmers reported that a number of their members had been successful in being selected to take part in overseas visits.

Friday night is Family Night at the Recreation Ground and opens at 7.00 pm.

Problems of parking of cars was discussed at the Parish Council and residents were reminded that Emergency Services may use whatever means they need to remove obstructing vehicles.

August 2005

In the Hall, 'Ladies in Lavender' raised almost £100 and the Table Top sale raised £130 towards Emily Joll's visit to Nepal.

Post Office news included the new E111 plastic cards were coming through.

The Football Club 1st Team were in Senior Division 3 and the 2nd Team were in Intermediate Division 4. The Youth Team played in the Juventus League.

The Recreation Ground has a new Treasurer in John Quicke and reported good weather for the Kingfisher Project and the 5-a-side Football Tournament.

A Church Coffee Morning was held at the Vicarage with a Bring and Buy stall and a raffle.

The Saturday Market for August was cancelled as it fell on the Bank Holiday weekend.

At the School, Year 6 leavers entertained at the assembly with 'I'm a Year Six Child - Get Me Out Of Here'

The logo for Susan's Flower Shop features a large, stylized cursive 'S' followed by 'usan's' in a smaller cursive font, and 'Flower Shop' in a script font below it. To the right of the 'S' is a small square logo with a stylized 'e' and the word 'florist' underneath.

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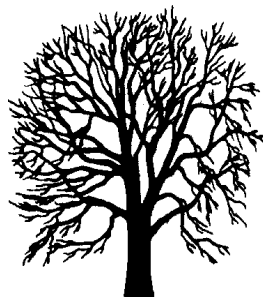
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Arboretum Midsummer Fest

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The sun shone and the air was warm and still for a perfect summer evening outside at the Arboretum Midsummer Fest. The glade in front of the summer house had been decorated with bunting and straw bales, lent by Steve Parker arranged in front of the trailer, kindly lent by the Quicke family and placed in situ by Simon Dowle, ready for the evening's entertainment. Balloons and a temporary fence through the churchyard led the visitors into the arboretum, and from 5.30 onwards a steady stream of families, groups and individuals came into the glade, laden with picnics, chairs and rugs and settled themselves down for a relaxing time, with about 150 people attending in all. Sophie Gee made a tempting array of cakes which looked very festive under their awning, and were a luxury addition to picnics

Whilst the adults were organising their picnic place, the children lost no time in running around to discover the various games (lent by Paul McCutcheon, Geoff Jackson and Brenda Lewsey Cocks). Maureen Whiteley had arranged a game which involved fitting as many small and different items as possible into a matchbox, and soon had customers wandering around with or without parental help, discovering what could be found to fit in to the space. Dan and Heidi Howarth offered beautiful painted 'tattoo' decorations on the forearm, and also a bug trail marked by laminated pictures of insects which, when found and written down, spelt out an answer: prizes announced at the end of the evening were books, kindly donated by Dan and Heidi. However, all entrants received a little encouragement in the form of confectionery! David Vallance, with help from Trevor Whiteley, used wood from

necessary tree felling in the arboretum to fashion a sturdy hopscotch, which he then put in place, and it is now permanently dug into the turf in the clearing. It is a lovely natural addition to the many places where children can play in the area.

Alex Crouch, a guitarist, with his drummer and vocalist, got the



entertainment off to a great start. They are a talented group and their two sets were enjoyed very much. Also on the 'stage' were Bella a Capella who again performed two sets of entertaining and varied songs, and finished off with a singalong, joined in by everyone in a three part harmony. Both groups were excellent and 'made' the occasion.

There was a wonderful community feeling and a great atmosphere of friendliness and inclusiveness. The glade provided a beautiful setting for a great village evening, enjoyed by all. Thanks from the Arboretum Committee, and from our partners, the Church and the Parish Hall, go to all who came and all who helped to organise or donated their time and effort.



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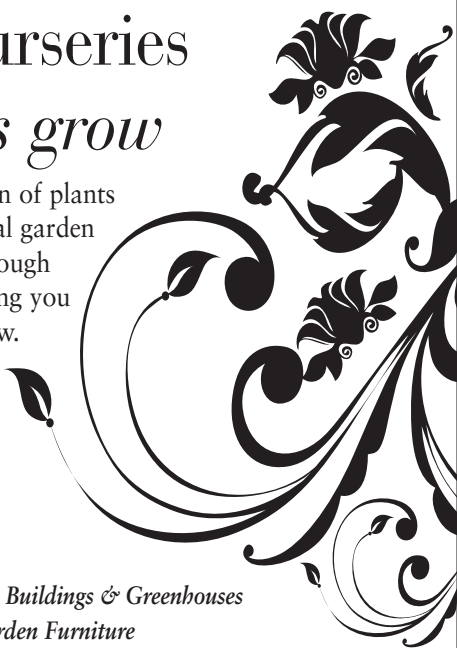
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Community Support Group News

This is an update on the Community Support Group. We have relocated the Group to the Clubroom of the Parish Hall now and last May the meeting was extremely well attended. We heard from Karen from Newcombes Surgery in Crediton who talked about their Patient Participation Group and how our two groups can link together for the benefit of patients living in NSC.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday 10 October and we will hear about how to keep warm in winter. The meeting starts at 10.30 am and we will have coffee/tea and biscuits on offer at £1.50.

Our Steering Group have met and are working on a programme for 2016 plus a special event to celebrate Christmas on 12 December (more details later!!)

We have a Coffee Morning arranged for Saturday 1 August in the Parish Hall and the usual stalls will be there, including a raffle, book stall, produce and preserves, tombola and a 'Make me an Offer' stall. Please do come along and support this event. We are hoping to raise funds to help with outings etc. in the future for those less able to get out of their homes so your money will go to a good cause. Please can we make a plea here? Please can you help by bringing raffle prizes and cakes to sell. We are getting a reputation for quality prizes and cakes so we have to try and keep this up! Any contribution will be very gratefully received.

The two mobile phones (07749 813244 & 07749 813233) are active and ready to receive any calls for assistance. To date the system seems to be working so please pass this information onto anyone you think may be in need of some help. To increase the services we can offer we have decided to try and draw up a list of services such as mobile hairdressing, emergency plumbing or electrical jobs, small DIY jobs etc. by people that you can recommend and who would be prepared to turn out to help. They would be expected to charge for these services but hopefully at a bit of a reduced rate as their contribution to the housebound and vulnerable in the parish. If you know of anyone, or have any skills yourself you would be prepared to offer, please let Jacqui Ward know on her email: jacquiward30@yahoo.co.uk Thank you.

May we wish you a happy and trouble-free summer and look forward to seeing you in the autumn (and at the Coffee Morning in August!)



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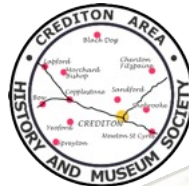
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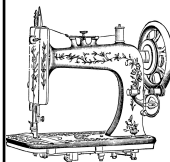
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Monthly Gardening notes for August from Bert Jewell

The year is fast moving on and our thoughts should now be concentrating on flowers for the winter months, harvesting crops from the veg garden and planting out Spring Cabbage plants when large enough to handle. But before we do all that I'd like to continue with my journey :-

I mentioned last month about the plat where we kept chickens, had the wood shed, clothes line and the outside toilet. The chicken supplied us with some eggs, but once they were past their best they became our Sunday roast. After the hen was killed mother would sit on a chair outside and pluck the bird, then singe it with a candle to remove any fine downy feathers.

The plat was quite large and most of it was left to grass. As the garden needed organic fertilizer, (we couldn't afford any artificial) father and the farmer that we got our milk from struck a deal. Talking of milk, to stop it from going sour in hot weather, mother would boil it, put it in a jug and stand it in a bowl of cold water. I digress. The farmer was keen to cut the grass for hay, so he could have the hay and we would get a trailer load of farm yard manure.

So, at grass cutting time the farmer would arrive with his little tractor and mowing machine, there were two blades on the mower which passed over each other, much like a petrol or electric hedge trimmer. Whilst travelling from field to field the blade was manually lifted into an upright position and held in place with a metal stay. If the weather was warm and dry after the grass was cut it would quickly become ready for turning and we would do this with pitch forks, long handled forks with two prongs. When dry, the farmer returned with a trailer load of manure. The dung would be unloaded somewhere near the entrance from the plat into the garden. The hay was then loaded loose into the trailer and everyone was happy, except those of us who had to shift the manure. I'll tell you more about that next time. Now what's happening in the :-

Vegetable garden

This is the month when you get to harvest the crops that you have tended over the last two or three months, like French and Runner Beans, Onions, second early Potatoes, Beetroot and outdoor Tomatoes.

If you are growing Tomatoes in the greenhouse, try and water them at roughly the same time every day, and with the same amount of water. Irregular watering can cause blossom end rot and split fruit. Continue to keep the veg garden weeded and watch out for blight on main crop Potatoes.

Flower Garden

Spring flowering bulbs will soon be available in garden centres and flower shops. Narcissi can be planted from late August to early October, but Tulips are best left until late October / early November. Autumn flowering bulbs such as Colchicums, Autumn Crocus and Sternbergias, should be planted as soon as they are available. Autumn flowering bulbs do best in well drained soil and full sun.

Lawns

Continue to regularly cut the grass and trim the edges, but if the lawn is under stress because of hot dry conditions, raise the deck and leave off the grass box. This will help to shade the roots, and don't water or feed.

Trees, Shrubs and Climbers

It's that time of year when lots of plants could do with a short back and sides. Trim lavender hedges as soon as the flowers have finished, by cutting off the old stems and just enough foliage to regain the shape, try not to cut back into old wood.

Trim new growth on *Pyracantha* back far enough to show the berries and keep the plant in check

Trim Beech and Hornbeam hedges, by trimming these every year it means the plants produce new growth each summer. The leaves turn brown but always remain on new growth over the winter months, they will fall in the spring just before the new leaves appear.

Fruit

It's time to do some pruning in the fruit garden as well as trees and shrubs. So whilst you have the secateurs handy, start with summer fruiting Raspberries. Once you have picked all the fruit, the canes which bore the fruit can be cut down to just above ground level.

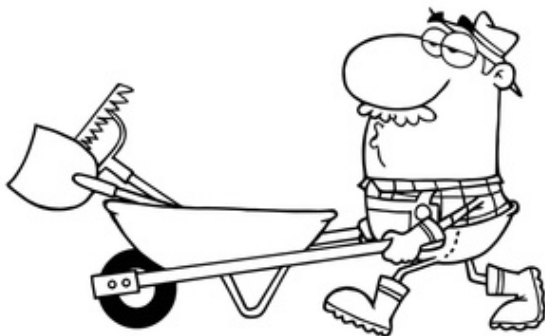
Summer fruiting Raspberries have a two year cycle, so the new canes that have grown this year will fruit next year. These can be tied into the support wires once the old canes have gone.

Prune Blackcurrants when you pick the fruit, by cutting out the whole stem that has fruited.

Plant of the month

Tamarix

This is a shrub that looks quite delicate but is far from it. Best grown on exposed coastal sites where it will tolerate salt spray. *Tamarix Pentandra* flowers August to September with masses of tiny pink flowers and can grow to about 12'. Grow in full sun and well drained soil. Cut back in March



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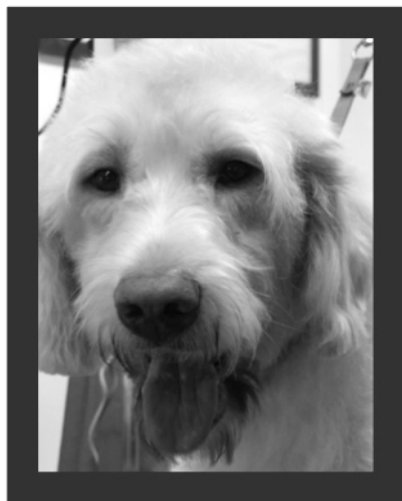
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Newton St Cyres History Group



Murder stories are always popular but the History Group outing on Saturday June 14th followed a real nineteenth century event, which took place in Clayhidon parish on the night of 6th February 1853, and was a cause célèbre at the time. Eighteen of us met at the Half Moon pub where, over a coffee, we were introduced to the day's plan by David Pugsley, who has researched the crime and its background, and who then led us to where the events took place and described them to us. We returned to the pub for lunch, and then heard about the trial in Exeter and the execution which followed. With his legal training and experience, David Pugsley was perfectly suited to painting the picture of the trial scene and also to giving all the information with a professional presentation.

Two illiterate farm labourers, George Sparkes and William Hitchcock, lived in grinding rural poverty in the parish ; unemployment was high, agricultural prices were low and people were leaving to try to find work elsewhere. They both had dependent relatives, and Hitchcock had a wife and children to support. The day in question was his 40th birthday but he had spent it with Sparkes, thrashing oats at a local farm. The work was hard and afterwards they both repaired to the White Horse, a local beer house, and remained there for the next seven hours, drinking cider. They were joined by William Blackmore, the local tax collector, but a man who was well liked locally, and who was also a farmer and land surveyor. He owned and lived at Clayhidon Mill, where he was the miller as well and he came from a large local family. He had been collecting taxes from the farms in the area, and stopped for a drink before walking back home.

The men began playing cards for who should buy the drinks next, and Blackmore won, so the poor labourers had to pay. May be this had some bearing on what followed. At 1.30 am, the landlady told the men to go home – it was now Sunday and Blackmore at least had to be in church in the morning. All three walked back through the lanes towards their homes, but Sparkes and Hitchcock did not turn off to their cottages, but followed Blackmore towards the mill. Apparently Hitchcock told Sparkes to run through the fields to intercept Blackmore and take his gold, and this is what happened. At first Sparkes lost his nerve, but Hitchcock told him to try again, and at length he burst through the hedge and swung at Blackmore with heavy iron tongs (taken from the White Horse). The blow to his face killed Blackmore, but Sparkes hit him again, took £10 of gold coins, and returned to Hitchcock. As Sparkes was bloodstained, Hitchcock took him to the river where he washed and threw away the tongs, before the two of them returned to their nearby homes.

A search party from the mill found William Blackmore and immediately called the Parish Constable. He very rapidly found the two men and also the gold, hidden in an outhouse. The coroner from Honiton came over and held an inquest in the Half Moon pub, where we had our excellent coffee and lunch, and both men were held in custody until the next Assizes, which was in fact in March, the next month. David Pugsley gave us a dramatic enactment of the final peroration for the Defence, given by John Coleridge. He was from an well known local family and became an eminent lawyer, but this case was early in his career and helped to make him well known. Nevertheless, Sparkes was found guilty by the jury after 10 mins: Hitchcock was found not guilty. The public hanging took place 12 days later on 1st April, at Exeter Prison. Huge crowds gathered,

estimated at the time to be 1500 people, and Northernhay Gardens had to be closed to keep the crowds at a safe distance. Hitchcock and his family disappear from the local records, so must have left the area, and the White Horse pub was fined heavily both for allowing gambling on the premises and for staying open after midnight, and also disappeared, literally. The landlord was ruined and the building fell into disrepair and then was robbed of stone and levelled. An inscribed memorial, erected later by the parish, records the crime and sits by the road near to the murder scene.

We are indebted to David Pugsley for leading us through such an interesting and informative day, with great skill and expertise.

Meetings will be held on a WEDNESDAY evening

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Private Robert Heaman, service number 15510, may have enlisted in Crediton and was a member of the 2nd Battalion, Devonshire Regiment. He died of wounds on the 28th August 1915 aged 38 years, after being in the theatre of war since late May of that year. He is buried in Merville Communal Cemetery, Department du Nord, France. This is about 20 km from the border with Belgium and was a billeting and hospital centre from 1915 until April 1918 when it was retaken by the Germans. The Second Battalion seem not to have been involved in any major battle at this time but would have been frequently taking their turn on The Front Line. He left a widow and four children who were to receive £2 1s and 8d outstanding pay and a £3 gratuity later. His widow Frances would also have received a Private's widows weekly pension of 13s and 9d with added allowances for children under sixteen.

It has been a surprise to find a Kings Nympton man on the Newton St Cyres War Memorial. He was still on the electoral roll for Kings Nympton in 1914. However Kings Nympton does not have its own war memorial. Many of the men on our war memorial were not living locally at the time of their deaths, but they came from village families or their parents had moved here.

Ron Nethercott of Shuttern Close, Newton St Cyres may well provide the answer. Research into the marriages of Robert Heaman's sisters found that Bessie (2 years Robert's senior) had married Jesse Nethercott and the youngest of her six children was Albert, Ron's father. Thus Bessie Heaman was in fact Ron's grandmother. In 1911 the Nethercott's were living in Kennford where Jesse was a waggoner. We have yet to find when they came to the village.

Albert Nethercott was to marry Florrie Weeks daughter of Florrie and Frank Weeks the village shopkeepers during WW1 (Ron's other grandparents). Grandmother Florrie was a sister of the very personable Walter Knowles who died later during the war (and was of similar age to Robert Heaman) and is remembered with his nephew Leslie on the Memorial. They will be featured later. Walter Knowles was the youngest son of Maria and James Knowles who had run the village shop earlier. Thus the Weeks family were prominent in the village at the time of WW1.

Robert George Heaman is also on the Shobrooke memorial but we shall leave that one for them to untangle!

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School News

This summer has been particularly busy for the older children at Newton St Cyres Primary. As usual they have participated in all the local sports tournaments in the local community; tag rugby, football and netball and cricket. I must also mention that following on from the Exmoor Challenge where a team of Year 6 children complete 16 miles, we had two teams enter the Exe Valley Challenge (the Year 4 and 5 team walked 7 miles and the Year 6 team walked for 10 miles). Finally on the sporting front, the federation had a team of 4 children participate in the children's national swimming competition finals at Sheffield. Congratulations to: Rianna Pincott, Josh Cann, Will Ashmore and Ella Grigg from Newton St Cyres and to Chloe Eyles from Thorverton who participated in the National Swimming Finals at Sheffield.

Additionally, over the last few weeks the children have been preparing for a performance of Buggy Malone. The children's first performance was at the Crediton Arts Festival and just a mere 20 minutes long and then we will put on a full scale version at the Parish Hall as a special 'retirement' treat for Mrs Perry. At the end of the summer term we normally go on a summer visit. This is subsidised by some very kind ladies from the community who have been meeting at the Crown & Sceptre on Mondays and sell all their crafts. This year instead of going out on a visit we decided to have a Fun Day of Circus Activities - what a treat this was and such a fun way to end the school year - all free of charge to parents.

As many of you are aware Mrs Perry has been leading the school for 17 years and in that time the school's numbers have risen from a mere 60 children to its height a few years ago of 120. In that time OFSTED have judged the school as outstanding and more recently a judgement of 'good' was awarded. I believe that Mrs Perry will be remembered for her commitment to sporting opportunities, drama and our whole school productions. The one single most important thing that Heather has instilled into all the staff is her belief that every child should be empowered to reach their potential.

When Mrs Perry leaves in July I am very excited to be taking over the reins as acting Executive Headteacher across the federation. This role will be from September until the end of 2015; then I will return to Newton St Cyres as Head of Teaching and Learning. In January Mr John Joliffe will be the permanent Executive Headteacher. Please see opposite page)

Glynis Harris

LETTER FROM JOHN JOLIFFE



I am delighted to have been appointed to the role of Executive Headteacher of the Exe Valley Federation and have thoroughly enjoyed the time that I have already spent in the three schools. It has been a real pleasure to meet the children, staff and governors of the Exe Valley and I am looking forward to spending more time with them in the New Year.

I can remember wanting to become a teacher when I was just seven years old and it is still a privilege to work with children after twenty years in the profession. I have worked in schools in and around Bristol during that time and have been Headteacher of two schools, first in Long Ashton, which is a village outside Bristol and then more recently in Westbury Park School, which is just off the Downs in the city. The educational landscape has changed a great deal in that time but so also has our understanding of how children learn and more importantly, how their emotions and learning styles affect their whole lives, not just their learning in the classroom.

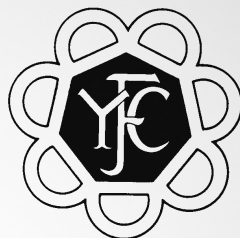
My wife is also a teacher and works in two local schools. Our three children have been brought up in Bristol and the two eldest have now left home to study and to work. Our youngest child will be going to Exeter College when we move down to Exeter next year. We have seen life from both sides of the school desk and hopefully this understanding has helped us to understand what it is like to be a parent and teacher in primary schools today.

We are looking forward to moving to Devon and to getting to know a new part of the country with a lot less traffic than Bristol! I am looking forward to getting involved in the local communities around the three schools and to getting to know everyone there. I hope that the experiences that I have gathered over the time I have been a Headteacher will be helpful to the Exe Valley Federation and working with the senior staff to create one vision, expressed in three different ways.

Newton St Cyres Young Farmers

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The Young Farmers of Newton St Cyres have been enjoying an active program over the last few months! Not only at club but also national level, our group Tug of War team have won many competitions and qualified for the national finals, a big well done to Georgina and Emma who are from Newton YFC and key members of the TOW team.



Also a well done to the members who went to the Rounders national finals, a great day was had by all, and we were very pleased to have some of our members representing Devon.

As well as sports our members have been involved in a charity project, working alongside Hospice Care in Tiverton to improve their garden, members went along to the centre and spent the morning weeding, rotavating and putting time into making the garden look its best. A project enjoyed by the members and appreciated greatly by Vicky the hospice manager.

Quickes open farm Sunday was a great hit for the club, with our 'dunk the farmer' and 'guess the balloons in the tractor cab' we picked up new members, made some money for the club, enjoyed the sunshine and had a lot of giggles. Thank you to everyone who came and said hello!

Beach trips, car treasure hunts, raft racing down the river exe, BBQ's, club meetings, cinema trips, Okehampton Show preparations are to name a few of the things we have been up to, and it's not about to get quieter for us, busy times for the Young Farmers! If you would like to come and get involved please give Millie a ring on: 07955686719.

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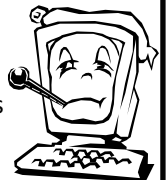
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AUGUST ON THE FARM

August is when the sun says summer is getting tired and human beings say it's high summer. Leaves take on that weary look, trees all mid green, the first few leaves withering. We all refuse to see the evidence in front of our eyes, so attached we are to the idea of the endless summer. Leaves are weary because they've given their all through the year harvesting the sun's energy. Everything that relies on them – that's all animals including us – are fat and happy with the food that directly or indirectly we get from plants. I saw a nest full of fledged swifts take off one after the other in a graceful sequence from the eaves of the forklift shed, grown fat on insects fat on nectar from those hardworking plants. Garden fruit – raspberries, wineberries, gooseberries and plums pour out of the garden, to eat now or into the freezer ready for winter joy. The hedgerow fruit shows the promise to come.

CROPS – Out in the fields, we combine harvest the crops. It's called that because one machine cuts the straw, then threshes the grain out of the ears, and deposits the straw out of the back like a vast golden worm cast. This used to be the work of whole communities, the reason why school holidays are in August. Now one person on a combine and one person on the trailers harvests and carries safely home the whole parish's share of the sun's stored riches. Forgive us as we negotiate the combine through the lanes; the bed, the set of combs and knives, hauled behind as we change fields. Forgive us as we haul the baler from field to field to squash the straw into half tonne square bales, food and bedding for the winter. Forgive us, too, the heavy laden trailers taking grain and straw safely home.

GRASS – The grassland is alive with the glorious scent of clover. It always feels like it imparts a subtle aromatic note to the cheese. The grass tends to stalkiness, which lends itself to a richer milk. The clover gives rich protein, good as a feed to grow calves and make milk. The swards on our flower-rich pastures are alive with wildflowers, knapweed, clover, trefoil and bugloss. Not so good for growing meat and milk, but it's wonderful to walk through the meadows and have clouds of butterflies and hoverflies sweep up around you. We need the productive areas to make milk, and we are happy to have some areas where we can support our wildlife.

COWS – Those less productive and more beautiful swards also provide the poorer diet ideal for the last stages of the autumn cows' pregnancies. We want the cows to maintain their stomach capacity even while they have a hundredweight and more of calf and placenta squeezing their digestions. It's also good that the cows don't get too fat – we need to leave plenty of room for the calf to exit easily, and at birth, over-fat cows' livers can get too clogged up with mobilised fat and make them ill.



CALVES – The calves start pouring out. Calving in the warm months is lovely. The cows sit companionably in a late-pregnant progesterone dream, grazing gently or sitting in the shade of a tree, or at the top of the field, catching the breeze. One will get restless and go off and find a quiet corner. Mostly it's best to leave them be. We aim to breed lively calves that come through calving with a strong will to live, and cows that are in the right condition and mineral status to keep fit through the whole process. It's lovely to come across a new mother, tenderly licking the her calf clean, the calf alert, getting to its feet, nuzzling its way round the vast bulk of its mother to the milky goodness it knows is there.

After a good suckle, and after at least eight hours, we must take the calves from their mothers before they get too attached; then separation is heart-rending. If we do it at the right time, mother and calf look bereft for less than a day, then each finds her identity in its herd of cows or young calves.

HEIFERS – The heifers are testing our fencing. I went to visit the dry cows. Mr Bull (Rooster) and his eager teenagers had broken out of their field and come for a social visit to their sisters, cousins and aunts. OK, leave them there while we find out where they escaped. We are doing a mammoth project re-fencing the farm. If we can get the animals to graze more tightly the grass will grow young fresh leaves like a lawn rather than leaving the stalky bottoms to become slimy and fausty. They would rather leave the stalky bits, thank you, and find some nice properly grazed grass somewhere else that they haven't done the work to create. Hence the fencing project, so we can contain the cattle while they learn their job.

CHEESE – The cheese dairy finishes its break. This year the big job was renovating a vat. They are amazing constructions, double skinned, with steam pipes between the layers to provide heat to get the milk just at the right temperature at just the right time. The heart of a good cheese is to get the whey off at just the right time, when the curd has the right 'shotty' texture and the acidity at the right level and increasing at the right speed. All that takes getting the right times and temperatures for starter, rennet and scald, as well as when to take the whey off. The quality of a cheese is mostly made while it's still milk or curds and whey.

Mary Quicke

RECIPE – The clover rich, late summer milk is a delight, some of my favourite cheese, rich, luscious essence of Devon. Try Oly of Exploding Bakery's awesome Mac tray bake.

1kg pasta
2l of milk
4 eggs
300g of ham or bacon (optional)
500g of Quicke' Mature Cheddar, ideally with a little blue veining in it if you are lucky enough
Lots of pepper.

Mix it all together and hold back a little cheese.

Bake for 45 minutes at 180c in a lined dish. Mix it up in the dish and add the remaining cheddar. Bake until the pasta soaks up the milk and the top goes golden.

Serve cold. It's amazing with a fresh garden salad, plus some edible flowers, try nasturtium and borage, or day lilies (Hemerocallis) to challenge your notion of what is edible.

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Rural Housing Week 6 - 12 July 2015

The aim of Rural Housing Week is to highlight rural housing issues and to showcase the great projects that have been delivered to tackle these problems. In Devon we aim to shine a spotlight on successful developments that offer a lifeline to local people in rural communities, and to reinforce the message that housing is vital to the survival of rural communities and services.

We know that affordable housing is fundamental to the economic and social wellbeing of rural England. Not only does affordable housing enable local people to continue to live in the same area as their friends and family, it also helps to preserve the economic viability of rural communities, by sustaining local businesses and ensuring continued demand for key services such as shops, schools, post offices and pubs. It has been assessed by the Royal Institution of Chartered surveyors that every £1 invested in housing generates £2.84 for the local economy.

Two key statistics that demonstrate the scale of the problem in Devon are:

1. In East Devon a first time buyer needs an average of 12.5 times their income to buy a home and in North Devon 16 times their income.
2. There are over 11000 second homes across Devon.

The Devon Rural Housing Partnership works across Devon to help Parish Councils and other community groups to provide affordable homes for their local people. In the year 2014-15 two hundred and fifteen homes were completed with the help of the Rural Housing Enablers across Devon. This equates to the provision of affordable, secure accommodation for about 650 local people.

Sue Southwell, Rural Housing Enabler at Devon Communities Together, said: "Our Housing Needs Surveys continually demonstrate the challenges faced by rural communities. Many young people and families want their own home but also want to stay in their local community close to their family and social networks. Family support can be even more important to older people. However, the shortage of available properties allied to high prices is making a rural home inaccessible to people in housing need."

A formal ribbon cutting opening ceremony at 15 recently completed homes in Bradninch and a celebration of a recently approved planning permission at Cheriton Bishop are two of the events that are being held during Rural Housing Week in Devon.

Any local community, landowner or individual interested to hear more about how to provide affordable homes for their community is asked to contact the Rural Housing Team at Devon Communities Together (01392) 248919.



Schemes pictured here are: 1. Halwill Junction, Westward Housing 2. Malborough, Hastoe Housing Association 3. Bow, Hastoe Housing Association 4. Broadhempston, Teign Housing

Newton Wonder is mentioned on the St.Boniface Veterinary Clinic's Facebook!

.....Admittedly because my vet asked me if they could put my poem *It's Only a Dog* on their Facebook page. Who was I to say 'no'? Fame at last!

For those who are interested, my darling Samson was succeeded nine months ago by a lovely black rescue Lab, who I have renamed Millie. Millie was eight years old this month and as Labs do not live much beyond eleven or twelve years, I have recently acquired an Apricot Toy Poodle. She is now twelve weeks old and second inoculation, will be accompanying Millie and me on our walks around the village. At a puppy party recently (our vet runs socialising parties for new puppies!) someone asked me why, if I love Labradors, have I now got a tiny poodle!

I said I was getting old, I had back problems, and I live on my own! A little dog can run around my garden to get her exercise if I am unable to walk her – this would not be fair for a big dog like a Lab – much as I would love to have another one. Millie is a very good 'mum' to Christina (Chrissie), but tells her off if she tries to eat her food or get in her bed!

May I just say how much I agree with Margaret's Why not be more Dog? in last month's Newton Wonder. I wondered what was so special about my dogs – I did not realise they were God the other way round!!

Brenda A Lewsey Cocks



Temporary Closure of Upton Pyne Church

Upton Pyne church will close temporarily from 5 October for approximately 10 weeks for essential roof repairs to be completed.

A re-opening date cannot be cited as this time as bad weather may extend the closure slightly.

During the closure Upton Pyne congregation will attend other Netherexe Parish churches for Sunday services and funerals will be held at Brampford Speke. For more details please contact David Marshall, Churchwarden, on 01392 851751.

Instant Communication

August is traditionally a holiday week and one of the many things I love about being on holiday is the slowing down of the pace of life. It always takes me a little while to adjust to leisurely breakfasts and slow strolls and days stretching ahead with nothing I *have* to do in them and no phone calls or emails to answer. And then of course before I know where I am the time comes to return home to all the emails. These days, thanks to mobile phones, emails, Facebook, pagers, voice mail, and satellite hook-ups, we have come to expect almost instant communication with anyone. And so the pace of life is much more frenetic than it used to be. In the 19th century, when letter writing was almost the only way of communication between those who were separated, letters were often written by hand faithfully every day. It might take hours to write and then post the letter and then it could be weeks, even months before the intended recipient actually received their messages. It was the same for everyone of course and so everyone accepted this pace of life which to us would seem very slow. Yet there was one form of instant communication which was available to our ancestors and is still available to us - prayer. Before instant messaging and emails, people of faith kept in touch with the whole world by keeping in touch with God. Knowing that God was hearing the prayers of family members far away made those who were away from home feel closer and in communication with those they loved. When Jesus was pressurised by the crowds, frustrated by his disciples' ignorance, disappointed by the sinfulness and cruelty of humanity; that's when he found the most time for prayer. He knew that it was only in prayer, only in that intimate communication with the Creator of the Universe, that he could find the strength and peace his soul yearned for. Why is it then that we tend to see prayer not as a first course of action, but as the last straw we grasp at in desperation when all our fix-it plans have unravelled? The greatest longing in the heart of God is to talk to his children and if we talk to him and perhaps even more importantly listen to him in prayer then wonderful things can happen. Somebody once said that leadership determines the direction of the church; structure determines the size of the church; relationships determine the morale of the church; the personnel determine the potential of the church; but prayer determines the effectiveness of the church. The most powerful force accessible to each of us is the potential of prayer. Nothing is impossible to those who pray. Everyone can pray, the young, the old, the rich, the poor, the strong, the weak, the child, the aged, the saint and the sinner. So this August, or whenever you are on holiday, as your pace of life slows down, try to pray a bit more often. You may be surprised at the results.....

Sue Sheppard

Services in the Netherexe Parishes

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

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

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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: **No Morning Prayer at Stoke Canon church from 26 July until the autumn term restarts in September**

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9th	S. Munday	M. Slade	M. Snow
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23rd	A. Page	M. Walters	J. Ward
30th	Mission Service A. Ward	P. Boother	J. Furniss

Sidespersons

August 2015

2nd	9.30 a.m. Family Service Lay-led	Christopher Lee	Jen Holt
9th	6.30 p.m. Holy Communion	Olive Cheriton	Alice Dowle
16th	-	-	-
23rd	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Clive Lawrence	Anne Page
30th	11.00 a.m. Mission Service	Wendy Hough	Tony Hough

AUGUST 2015 SERVICES & INFORMATION

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

Sunday 2 August 2015 Trinity 9

09:30 am	Family Service		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	David Francis
10:00 am	Service with a Smile	☺	Brampford Speke	LF
10:00 am	Lammas Service [Service of the Word] <i>Followed by Breakfast</i>		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	MSS

Sunday 9 August 2015 Trinity 10

09:30 am	Sunday Service		Brampford Speke Baptist Chapel	BOF
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Huxham	MSS
09:30 am	Open Church		Thorverton	No Open church today
10:00 am	Informal Gathering		Stoke Canon	
11:15 am	Service of the Word <i>Care of Animals Service</i>		Rewe	SS
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	Charles Edwards
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[CW]	Newton St Cyres	LF

Sunday 16 August 2015 Trinity 11

08:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Brampford Speke	MSS
09:30 am	Open Church followed by Family Service		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 23 August 2015 Trinity 12

09:30 am	Sunday Service		Brampford Speke Baptist Chapel	BOF
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	David Gunn-Johnson
10:00 am	Service of the Word & Baptism		Stoke Canon	Margaret Cameron
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Upton Pyne	Lay Led
11:00 am	Joint Service		Thorverton Baptist church	BOF
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	<i>Joint with Parish Church</i>	
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Rewe	SS
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Cadbury	David Hamer
			Huxham	Francis Coles

Sunday 30 August 2015 Trinity 13

Mission Community Service

11:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	Nigel Guthrie & Laura Ford
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Followed by Bring & Share Lunch in Village Hall

Sunday 6 September 2015 Trinity 14

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

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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	Vacancy	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	Jane Timlett	01392 851361
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		
Friends of the Arboretum	Roger Wilkins	01392 851337
Saturday Market – 4th Saturday of the month	Ann Pearce-Mariner	01392 668603
Community Support Group	Please ring one of the numbers and your requests will be dealt with.	07749 813244 07749 813233
Crediton Citizen's Advice Bureau	Adviceline (10.30am - 3.30pm) Crediton Office (Please leave message requesting ring back)	03444 111 444 01363 776210