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December 2017

Sat 2nd	Gardening Club Coffee Morning	10.30 am	Parish Hall
Thurs 7th	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	Parish Hall
Sun 17th	Christmas Carol Service	6.30pm	Church

January 2018

Wed 10th	Garden Club	Lunch at Bow Garden Centre
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February 2018

Wed 7th	Garden Club	"Butterflies, Moths and Gardens" David Price	7..30	Parish Hall
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April 2018

Wed 4th	Garden Club	"Vegetable growing" Bert Jewell	7.30	Parish Hall
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June 2018

Sat 9th	Garden Club	Trip to RHS Rosemoor
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July 2018

Sun 8th Newton Revels

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Recreation Ground

The Bi-annual village Fete which provides fun and enjoyment whilst giving an opportunity for village organisations and charities to raise both their profile and some funds.

For further information and more recent entries and previous entries please go to the website: www.newtonwonder.net.

To have your event(s) included in the Village Diary please either use the box on the Village Diary webpage or email details of your event(s) with date(s), time(s) and venue (s) to editor@newtonwonder.net.

This Month's Cover

We asked the school if the children would like to come up with a cover picture for the Christmas/New Year edition. It was done by Joe of class 4, well done. A couple of others are on the inside of the back page of this issue.

Remembrance

On Sunday 14th November the congregation were participated in a Lay Led Service in the Church of St Cyr and St Julitta. A wreath was laid at the War Memorial by Geoff Jackson and a description, stories and a real sense of War was given in an address by Reg Mear. This was a service which was accessible to churchgoers and to non believers: it was to honour those who have given their lives for our freedom. The music was excellent and those from the village who have given their lives in War were remembered and honoured.

Bonfire Night

As the 5th. November this year was on a Sunday the Recreation Club organised its annual Firework Display on Saturday 4th. It was cold and damp and there was a shower before the display but it was again a highly successful event. At the moment it is not clear how many came but the food sold out and around £400 was donated to charity.

The New Year

2017 has been an interesting year for the village. A start has been made on the new school after decades of lobbying. The New Year brings changes for the village. We will be welcoming 25 new households on the Kingfisher Estate and be celebrating the opening of the new school. These events will be challenging as well as well as rewarding. It is up to us as a community to make the most of our opportunities.

Every two years Newton St Cyres holds an event which, it is hoped, involves the whole village; the Newton Revels. The next is planned for Sunday 6th July 2018 and we are all looking forward to a record breaking event. The purpose is to enable village groups to enjoy and show themselves, recruit new members and raise funds. There are always opportunities for new groups to start if a need appears. The Parish Hall and the Recreation Club both offer facilities for community groups and sports teams. At the Newton Wonder are always happy to help promote your ideas and activity.

It remains for me to thank all our readers and contributors for your support over the past year. The magazine is what you all make it. The interest in the website has been particularly pleasing as has the ability to have a few pages of colour in the magazine.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

NSC Parish Council Report.....November 2017

All nine Councillors were in attendance at the meeting in November and were joined by Cllr Peter Hare-Scott (MDDC) and Cllr Margaret Squires (DCC) plus 4 members of the public. The Council also welcomed Cllr Peter Heal, Chairman of Mid Devon District Council who gave a very interesting insight into the structure of the District Council and the names of the Officers to contact if and when required. Cllr Heal cleared up a matter on planning issues and explained that any alterations to the final planning consent should be notified to the Parish Council and he would ensure that the appropriate officers were aware of this.

Police Report. (For October). Highway disruption (petrol tanker broken down on highway), Burglary, Road related offences - Motorbike riding recklessly, Speeding cars, Possible drunk in charge of a motor vehicle, 'Drag racing' on the A377. Violence on train coming into station, road traffic collision (damage only), 2 x concern for welfare, Nuisance (anti-social behaviour) young people window knocking. One crime of burglary was reported.

Report from members of the public. Thanks were expressed for the notices which had been put up opposite the Hall asking people not to park along there. Cllr Squires suggested that the Parish Council write and formally request double yellow lines to be placed on both sides of the road outside the Hall.

New School. It was reported that this work was underway and it is hoped to move into the new premises in May 2018. The Parish Council will be kept informed of any official opening ceremony in the future. Plans for the footpath between the new school and the playing fields were at the discussion stage and the old school footpath will still be maintained to allow children from the Tytheing Close area to walk down to the village safely. It was agreed to check if there were any old covenants on the original school building which may have to be taken into consideration when the building is vacated.

Highways matters. The work to clear the drain at the bottom of Sand Down Lane would be undertaken soon. Highways were suggesting that the 'lego' blocks at the base of the hill opposite Langford Road should be moved back further into the hill as traffic was starting to re-align the road as a consequence of having to drive round these blocks. Cllr Squires agreed to take on board the comments by the Council over the pothole filling on School Hill. It was agreed that it appeared to be making two jobs out of one job as only some of the potholes had been filled during a recent visit by DCC Highways.

Greater Exeter Planning Strategy. The Council agreed to keep a watching brief on the Greater Exeter Planning Strategy as the plans progressed through the consultation process.

General matters. It is proposed to hold a meeting of the allotments holders and the litter pickers in order that a progress report can be made. The Recreation Ground reported that they are looking for a Project Manager to oversee the erection of the new play equipment as funds are being held to go towards this play equipment.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 7th December in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall starting at 7.30 pm. There will be no January meeting unless a planning issue arises, in which case notices will be posted on the notice boards. The February meeting will be held on Thursday 1st February 2018.

Parish Surgeries will be held on the following dates, in conjunction with the Coffee Mornings: Saturday 2nd December; Saturday 6th January and Saturday 3rd February. Please come along and meet your Councillors with your questions and queries.

Cllr Jill Baker, Press Officer

New Churchyard

Through the generosity of John Quick the Parish Council have been able to secure additional land next to the current Churchyard to ensure that those wishing to be buried in the parish can continue to do so once the current Churchyard is full. This land is now owned by the Parish Council and will be maintained by them until the current Churchyard becomes full.

Once this happens the Parish Council will become the Burial Authority for Newton St Cyres and will maintain the current Churchyard as well as the new one.

David Baker
Parish Council Chairman

Christmas Fayre

The Fayre made over £800 . Thank you to all who supported it and everyone who ran the stalls. It was a lovely afternoon .

RECREATION GROUND CLUB

I really can't believe this is my last report this year. Its been a year of ups and downs. The downs have been the loss of two Skittle teams, the Pool team moving on and the Cricket combining with Woodbury and doing a pitch sharing arrangement reducing the numbers of games at the Rec. We did keep the three friendly Cricket Teams, so we still had Cricket most Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings through May June July and August. When the regular teams had blank dates, we managed to find other sides to fill most of the dates.

The major up, was a very well attended Firework evening, which was both a financial and social success even though the weather was not at its best. We thank those who supported the food stall, they had a very good evening and will be sending all the profit to the Charity Force. We are very grateful to get some sponsorship and this year our sponsors were N.A.Guppy, Bernville Nursery, Daw Refrigeration, Newton Golf Club and the Beer Engine. We had many compliments on the running of the Fireworks evening, Tony and his gang work hard to get everything set up and cope with the few that inevitably fail. We hope everyone that attended enjoyed the whole evening, it is a village event and we hope you feel it is a worthwhile event.

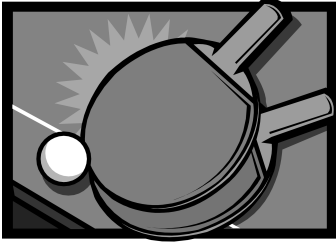
Now to the sport, the Football is progressing and all the teams Senior, Youth and Mini are doing well in their various leagues. The Darts and Skittles have a break over the Christmas and New Year period, but we do have cup games to compensate from both the Darts and Skittles Leagues.

We don't have anything booked over the Christmas Holiday, other than the Football Club Christmas Party for all the teams and they incorporate their Christmas Draw on the evening.

We are Happy to host family or group events throughout the year, so if you give me a ring on Exeter 432287 and we can sort out what you need and a suitable date.

We wish all our members, their families and the folk who support us a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2018.

Wendy Lewis



ANY ONE FOR TABLE TENNIS?

The Table Tennis Group meets in the Parish Hall every Friday from 7.15 to 9.30. **New players are always welcome.**

Table tennis is a great family sport and many of us will have played before (sometimes many years ago). We have four tables and can fit in people with varying levels of experience from beginners to league players. The first hour is open to all, but focuses on children from the age of 9 upwards with the second period for adults and experienced children. There is a charge of £1 for children staying for the first hour, £1.50 for children staying throughout and £2 for adults, to be paid only on the evenings that you play. Equipment is provided, but in order to protect the floor from grit, please bring clean trainers with you and change into them in the hall. ***Just show up on a Friday evening or ring Roger Wilkins (851337) if you want further information.***

In addition to the Friday club sessions, for several years the group has had teams playing in the Exeter Leagues. This winter Alex Carder and Curtis Garnsworthy have been doing well in Divisions 1 and 2 of the Junior League. We have a combined team with Stoke Canon in the 'adult' League and are at present near the top of Division 3 thanks to the efforts of Peter Billington, Mike Carrotte, Jana Garnsworthy, Alma Horrell, Roger Wilkins and Ray Yardley.

COUNTRY WALKS IN NEWTON ST CYRES

A new edition of this leaflet has been produced and is available from the document dispensers in the Parish Hall Car Park and the Arboretum. The leaflet, which describes six circular walks starting in Newton St Cyres, was first produced in 2010 by members of the Newton Ramblers Group. This is the third printing with a remarkable 2,600 copies having been used (or at least taken!) over the last seven years.

Many thanks to the Newton Wonder for funding the production of this new edition. The walks are the same as previously, but the layout is now more user friendly. Thanks to Peter Hawksley for masterminding this revision, with his expert attention to appearance and layout.

We are fortunate to have such great scenery around the village and a good network of footpaths. Please take a leaflet and enjoy the walks.

Roger Wilkins, Newton Ramblers

Newton St Cyres FC



The First Team have risen to 10th of 16 teams in Devon and Exeter Premier Division - P10, W4, D2, L4. On October 28th they held a strong Ilfracombe Town side to full time in the Cup but lost 7 - 3 after extra time.

The Reserves are 6th of 13 teams in Division 4, with games in hand over some of the teams above - P8, W4, L4.

The Under-16's remain 3rd in the Exeter and Devon Youth League Division 2 - P4, W1, D3. In the Cup they held Ottery St Mary from Division 1 to 3 - 3 after extra time only to lose 5 - 4 on penalties. Our regular goalie, Obi Huntshaw, has been out injured for the last two games and Will Furniss has stepped in with Man of the Match recognition in both games.

The under 11's under the guidance of Adam Kefford beat Hemyock 6- 2.

The under 10's are through to the third round of their Cup having beaten Seaton Town 5 - 2. Other recent victories include 8 -2 against Bradninch, and 6 - 1 against Broadclyst - well deserved results from an enthusiastic squad trained by Denis Neagle.

Steve James, who has been a stalwart manager of the younger age groups, is retiring at the end of this season because of work and family commitments and we thank him for all he has done.

Roger Furniss

Headmaster's Log

Many of the older villagers will remember Reg Mear who came to Newton St Cyres School as headmaster in 1957 and remained in post until the 1980's. We continue with some extracts from his log at the school:-

"1971 Summer Term 131 Pupils on the roll. 16th July Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Minister of Education visited the school. She visited "as its an outstanding example of the lively work which can be done in an old building. (In my report to the managers I told them that we could look forward to some new buildings and re=modelling here in the not too distant future!)"

"1972 Summer Term May 8th, 30 top Juniors accompanied by the Headmaster and his wife travelled to Paignton for a five day course in Animal Study, Flora and Fauna. We stayed in Private Hotel, returning to school on Friday 12th May.

During our stay the BBC filmed our work and activities for 3 days. The resulting film (of 30 minutes duration) was televised on 14th November on Channel One. It was titled "Shall I go to the Zoo?"

NEWTON RAMBLERS

December and January

The walk for December will take place on
Boxing Day .

Boxing Day Walk – 26th December



We will again take the now traditional Boxing Day walk, which was led for many years by Richard and Eleanor. This is not a long or arduous walk and gives us an opportunity to get out for some fresh air and walk off some of that Christmas excess! We leave from the car park and go to the top of Sandown Lane then along the ridges, with a break to look down on the Creedy Valley. Descending via Oldway, we will head back along 50 yards of the A377 to join the footpath circling Tytheing Close, with a view of the centre of Newton, which we will reach via Court Barton Lane.

Meet at the Newton St Cyres Parish Hall Car Park at 10.00 am.
Please join us.

Sunday 21st January

The January walk is one way from Powderham to Exeter. We will walk from the church at the north end of the Powderham estate, up the River Exe estuary right into Exeter passing by Turf Locks and the Topsham ferry and finishing at Haven Banks opposite the Quay, where we might stop for refreshments

This is a flat walk of about 5 miles. At this time of year there should be plenty of overwintering birds on the estuary.

We will leave Newton St Cyres village car park at 9.30 am and will be sharing cars. We will take sufficient cars for one to be parked at the end of the walk to take drivers back to the other car/s left at the start.

All are welcome on either of these walks.

For more information please ring Rosemary or Nigel Chambers on 01392 851400.

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

Do You Remember?.....December

December 1977

The bus service from the railway station is now daily at 10.30 am returning from Exeter at 1.00 pm.

Tiverton District Council suggested a part time OAP be employed to collect litter in the village.

The A377 has now been designated a primary route for heavy vehicles. The Parish Council made a £50 grant to the recreation ground to help repair recent damage by vandals.

December 1987

The new heating system has been fully installed in the church. Of the total £4700 cost over £2700 was raised from parishioners and friends.

The Afternoon Club enjoyed their Christmas dinner at the Waie Inn.

The Monday Group met at the vicarage and saw a demonstration by June Passmore on the art of making Christmas crackers.

December 1997

The Parish Council noted that speeding on minor roads in the village is putting pedestrians at risk. Also, irresponsible drivers are blocking Tytheing Close and Sand Down Lane.

December 2007

The subject of keeping the railway station in good order and installing floral displays was raised at the Parish Council meeting. The vice chairman agreed to form a small group of volunteers to undertake the work.

Langford Park staff are on the lookout for a tuner to see to their recently acquired piano.

An early reminder to parishioners was made for the Revels in July.

Newton St Cyres toddler group

Come along and join us every Wednesday in term time, lots of great toys to play with. Stories to enjoy, craft session and activities to try. It is great family fun.

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NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP

Our meeting in October featured Family History, with its links to archaeology and DNA, and was a skilfully integrated talk explaining all the steps and avenues of family research illustrated by the unfolding and increasingly addictive family research of the speaker, Dr Peter Marsden.

Many of us uncover basic documentary evidence of our family histories but few of us use all the available resources to give as big a picture of past lives as is possible. Peter, as a retired archaeologist, has professional knowledge and he was able to show us how links can be made with archaeology by visiting the areas where ancestors lived and how DNA technology can give insights into family origins and at times come into conflict with existing ideas.



Peter was lucky and inherited a Marsden family tree from a Great Great Grandfather and also written 'memories' from a 3x Great Grandfather. Most of us have old photographs and have or had access to oral history. Birth, marriage and death certificates are available from 1837 although expensive. Census records are invaluable and for some places available from 1831. From 1851 they are more informative. Gravestones, wills and obituaries may be found, and house deeds can yield useful information and may be lodged with the Record Office or with the present owner.

Census material revealed that the Marsden family moved from the village of Paythorne (NE of Clitheroe) to the Lancashire mill town of Nelson during the 1850s. Nelson was originally called Marsden but as there was also a Yorkshire town by that name the coming of the railway necessitated a change and the Lancashire town was called after a local pub!

A visit to Nelson and a study of old maps revealed a Marsden Street near the centre of town. Peter's Greatx3 Grandfather was a mason and had built the houses there, two up, two down cottages. Census material showed how these were often occupied by large families and by looking at the neighbours it was possible to build up an idea of the community there in a newly expanding cotton town. Photographs were obtained from a local newspaper just before 20th century demolition and included plans of the house layouts. The carved stone street sign is now in the local museum.

Architectural and Historical Evaluations may be commissioned from professionals, for old houses. Peter gave two examples: the first was Combe Hayes Farm house near Honiton, former home of his wife's family. After sale the house was gentrified and such a report produced. The second was one he had done himself on a former home in Hastings. All the rooms are carefully inspected and measured, plans drawn up, and old features

described. The house history is followed, using the Tithe map as a key start in this. An excavation in the back garden of the house in Hastings revealed clay pipes and an amazing array of crockery, some of it from Normandy. Bones gave an idea of the diet of the occupants.

Eastholme in Newton St Cyres has had a similar survey and Peter Kay has shared that information with our group.

We were then given hints on reconstructing the communities of our ancestors. In Peter's case this was to look at how Nelson grew and came of age. In 1851 Thomas Marsden was born in Paythorne in Gisburn. By 1854 Marsdens were building houses in Nelson. Using census material he constructed a graph to show the exodus of families from Paythorne and compared this with a similar graph to show the increase in population of Nelson a town of developing cotton mills. Overcrowding was rife and a 3x Great grandmother Marsden died as a result of contaminated well water. The Marsden family saw needs as opportunities and set up the Marsden Building Society. They set up the water company and were active on the committee for the laying of sewers.

Peter then proceeded to follow his family back into the 18th century giving us a warning to beware the Gregorian, Julian calendar change. He used the Gisburn Parish Registers to follow his Paythorne relatives. According to his inherited family tree Peter had an ancestor who was MP for Clitheroe and lived at Wennington Hall. However he found his line to go back to John Marsden, illegitimate son of Mary Danser who had a further three illegitimate children, and was so poor that she was excused the Hearth Tax. This is where DNA results were interesting. Peter had his done to a high level of sophistication and was informed that a man named Morley had an amazingly close match with his Y chromosome. A visit to Wennington Hall revealed that at the time of John Marsden's birth (1667) it was occupied by Henry Morley! So, did Henry Morley pay Thomas Marsden to assume parentage of John? A further twist in the story is that Wennington Hall was sold to a Henry Marsden in 1673. Disputed property rights still exist for a nearby building and the old papers are withheld by the current owner. Maybe these will complete the story?

Paythorne, home of Mary Danser and of successive generations of Marsdens, is a small village and some of the old cottages have survived, giving an idea of the sort of home she may have had. Using the Tithe map of circa 1840 Peter found field number 22 was labelled Marsden Croft, and surmised that is where his family farmed in the 18th century. Now it is rough pasture but aerial maps revealed the site of a cottage and its kitchen garden, another small building and two enclosures. Aerial maps with snow cover showed the ridges and furrows of pre-enclosure open fields. Further information can be obtained from local village papers such as Churchwarden's accounts. Paythorne is a deserted Medieval village.

Family names and DNA was the next topic, names may relate to places, occupations, patronyms, or personal characteristics. We cannot assume that people of the same name are related.

The male Y chromosome is important and is constant from father to son apart from small mutations over periods of time. It gives us a means of indicating which wave of migration we may identify with. Most men in the UK have a Y chromosome R1B showing there was

colonisation of Britain after the Ice Age from the Iberian Peninsula. Most women have H1 type mitochondrial DNA which originated in the Basque country. These were the DNA types of the round house inhabitants of Dartmoor.

Peter revealed that he has a Y chromosome that is R1A. Only 5% of British men have this and it has a Scandinavian origin. Thus he wondered if he was descended from fearsome Viking rampagers and pillagers! He has Northern family roots in an area with Viking names and the village of Marsden from which his family take their name would have been on the route from York to Preston, two well known Viking strongholds. Dublin was also a Viking stronghold from which they were later expelled and many would have settled across this same country.

This was an amazing evening and we were held spellbound for more than an hour. We thank Peter very much for letting us follow the fortunes of his family and in so doing learn more about how to enhance our own family histories.

DECEMBER AND NEW YEAR MEETINGS

Our Christmas meeting will be held on ***Wednesday 13th December at 7.30pm*** in the Club Room of the village hall. Chris Southcott will show pictures of the repair of the bridge over the Creedy and we will discuss its history. He also has aerial pictures taken with a drone. After some seasonal refreshment Chris Lee will take over and we look forward to half an hour of pure entertainment.

Everyone is welcome and the refreshment is provided.

NEW YEAR MEETINGS 2018

Wednesday January 17th Farming in Sandford and Around - a Film

Mike Brett from Sandford Heritage Group will show a selection of old film of local agricultural practises long since superseded.

Wednesday February 14th A History of Mills

Martin Watts is associated with the University and has a special interest in mills. We know of the position of three of these in our Parish and the evidence of their leats remains. They were basically a source of power and had various functions from milling grain to grinding manganese, fulling cloth and processing rags to make paper.

Meetings are held monthly on Wednesdays in the club room of the village hall at 7.30pm. There is no special membership fee and all are welcome. The fee is £2 to include tea and biscuits.

NB. Brian Please will be giving a talk to the Crediton History Society on **Monday January 8th** on 'Mining and Miners in Newton St Cyres' in the Boniface Centre at 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome £3.50

GARDENING CLUB LUNCH AT BOW GARDEN CENTRE.

The Gardening Club are trying a new venture for 2018 with visits to Garden Centres and including a lunch. The first one is on Wednesday 10th January leaving the Village Car Park at 11.45 for the Waterside Café at Bow Garden Centre. There will be four options for lunch.

All are welcome to join us even if you are not a regular Gardening Club member. Anyone wishing to go, please let David know as soon as possible and by the 3rd January. David will then be able to tell you what the options for lunch are and take your details.

Contact David on 01392 851752 or email:
davidbaker687@btinternet.com



GARDENING CLUB MEETING

The next Gardening Club meeting will be on Wednesday 7th February, 7.30 pm in the Clubroom of the Village Hall.

The Speaker is David Price talking on 'Butterflies, Moths and Gardens'. Cost is still only £1.50 to include refreshments, hire of the Hall and the speakers fees. We look forward to seeing you there.

PARISH HALL CAR PARK CLOSURE 30 DECEMBER

The Parish Hall Car Park will be closed for 24 hours on Sat 30 December as part of a policy to close for one day annually to prevent the establishment of legal rights of access by users. Please could people with cars parked there on 29 December ensure that they are moved to an alternative location. The Hall Committee apologises for any inconvenience this will cause.

Roger Wilkins, Chairman Parish Hall Committee

Many thanks to Joyce for giving us a date for a bingo on Monday 13th of November, in aid of Force Cancer Charity. £167, including a donation, was raised.

Anne Westaway

Newton Nappies



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We are looking to get some new toys for the baby and toddler group and wondered if anyone might have some they would be able to donate.

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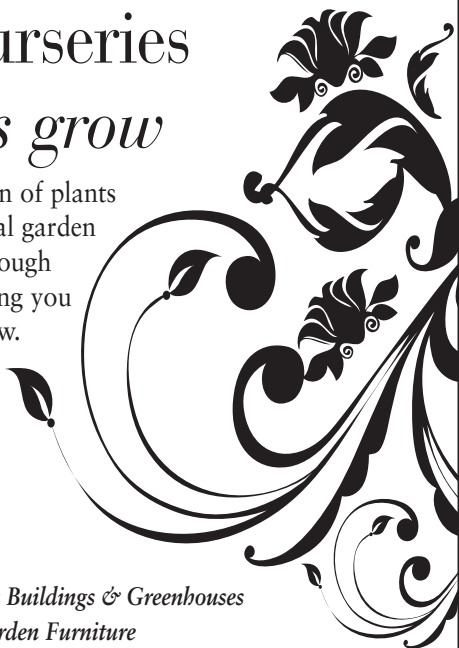
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We currently have a stall at the Newton St Cyres Parish
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12 noon

Please can you email jackieenright@btinternet.com or let Simon LOVELL at the
Crown & Sceptre know if you are able to come along.

All proceeds will go towards
Newton St Cyres School's Summer Trip

Monthly Gardening notes for December from Bert Jewell

Another gardening year is drawing to a close. Were you happy with the way the garden turned out? Did the plants respond to all the hard work and time that you put in? Whether it was flowers or veg there is always a little niggly of disappointment. Like the lady I was talking to the other evening who would love to get her Sarcococca (Christmas Box) to flower. She told me it only ever has foliage, no flowers. Sarcococca, like most other plants will grow in any fertile soil but if it is too rich in nitrogen then foliage rather than flowers could be the end result. So don't be too disappointed if 2017 didn't turn out quite like you had hoped, use this to your advantage and do a soil test or try a different variety of plant.

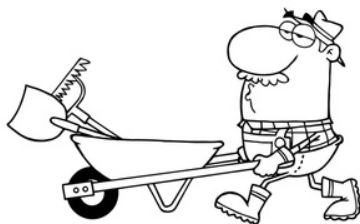
Now I really must get on with my journey. My work with Bailey Bartlett meant that I was home every night. I got to visit building sites with deliveries of bricks, blocks and timber and I also had to go to quarries and collect sand, chippings and sometimes stone for walls. I enjoyed my time with Bailey Bartlett and all the staff that worked there but as I mentioned earlier there is always disappointment. The bosses decided to close the Crediton branch and concentrate on the Bideford depot, some of the staff were near retirement age and the rest of us could go to Bideford or find another job.

I started doing a few electrical jobs for people in and around Crediton with the thought of maybe working for myself full time, but without a regular wage and the cost of doing up the house, I decided that this was not an option. I carried on doing the odd electrical jobs evenings and weekends. Back then I didn't go to church so my weekends were free. My father had always said that people went to church to see what their neighbours were wearing and to talk about them the following week. This is probably why I didn't feel the need to go. It's interesting though that the vicar at Beaford, the Rev H Marshall gave a bible and a book of common prayer to James Jewell on 30th April 1885. We think this was my grandfather, but don't know for sure.

I will tell you about my next job in the January magazine. Now I think it's time to take a stroll outside to see what needs doing in the

Vegetable Garden

Continue harvesting sprouts, broccoli, winter cauliflower and cabbage. Root crops such as parsnips can be left in the ground until needed. With cauliflowers, bend some of the leaves over the heads to protect them from the frost and remove lower leaves on sprout plants to make it easier for picking. Rough turn the ground as it becomes vacant so the winter weather can break it down into a fine tilth ready for spring planting.



Flower Garden

I was always one of those gardeners who had to have the flower beds and borders tidied up and put to bed as the saying goes, with all the old stems cut down, fallen leaves cleared up and put on the compost heap. We now have a new way of thinking and we are advised to leave some if not all of the old stems and seed heads in place so that the insects have somewhere to over winter. This in turn provides food for the birds. Goldfinch numbers have increased over the last couple of years: as have the number of Red Admiral butterflies. I now tidy the beds and borders in early March, before new growth begins.

Fruit Garden

Keep an eye on any stored fruit and eat or throw away any that are showing signs of rot. Keep the fruit garden weed free.

Lawns

December is a good time to give the lawn mower a little tlc. Give it a good clean, sharpen the blade and if it has a grass box or bag, give this a good wash with a pressure washer.

Trees, Shrubs and Climbers

Continue to move or plant new deciduous shrubs or trees any time throughout the dormant period but this is best completed before the growing season starts in early March.

If you buy a cut Christmas tree for the festive season, (one with no roots) you could end up with a carpet full of pine needles. Try these basic steps to help reduce needle drop. Before you take the tree indoors cut about an inch off the trunk. Then stand it in a bucket of water for a short while to allow it to take up water. Once indoors place it in a stand that has a vase which the trunk fits in, once in position fill the vase with water and keep it topped up until it's all over.

Plant of the month

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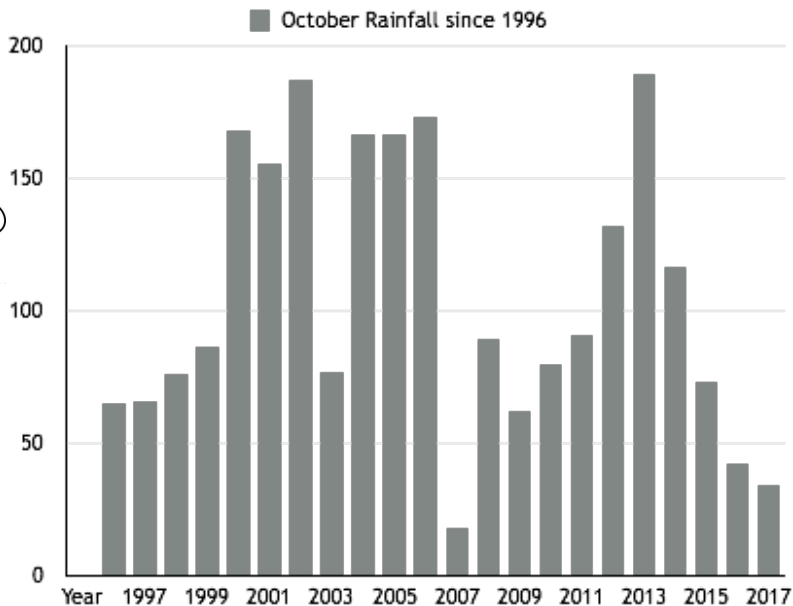
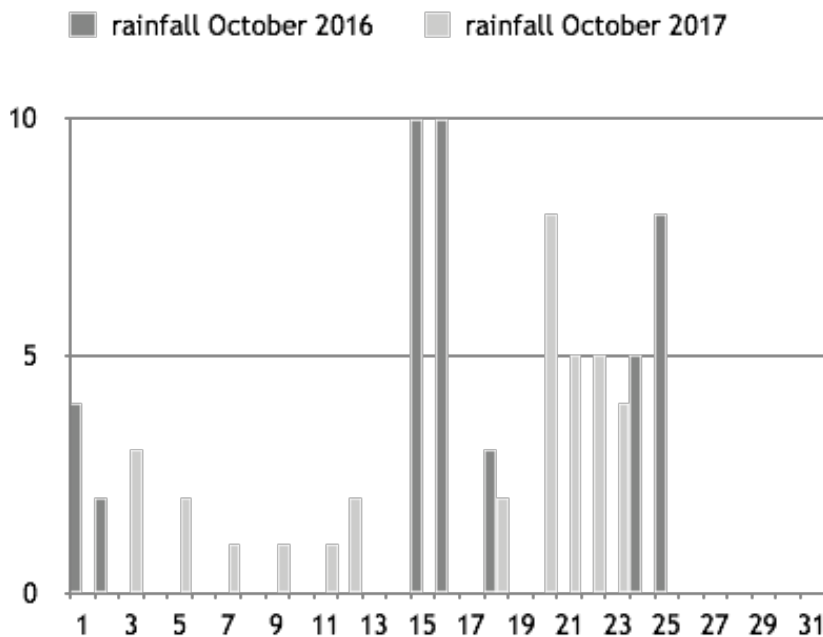
This is one of those shrubs that is just doing nothing for most of the year, it has flowers that are hardly visible. Then autumn arrives and the leaves turn orange and red and as the leaves fall the beauty of the shrub is revealed, clusters of small violet – purple berries which remain on the bare stems well into December.

Have a great Christmas and New Year, but most of all

Enjoy your gardening

The Weather

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Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The November draw took place at the coffee morning in the Parish Hall on 4th November 2017 and the winners are:

No	115	Sally Daldorph	£10
No	82	Pam Mitchell	£10
No	68	Norman Wheadon	£10
No	116	Andrew Daldorph	£10

Congratulations to all the winners. We still have spare numbers if anyone would like one.

Daphne 01392 851639

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- 2. WHERE was it taken?**
- 3. WHO is in the Picture?**

No. 19



**For a closer look see our website:-www.newtonwonder.net
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Newton St Cyres Gardening Club

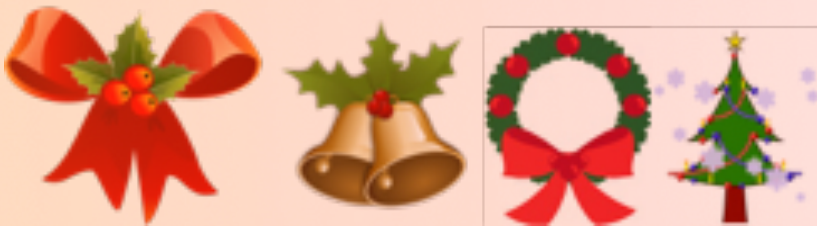
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The History Group in the Village are producing short biographies of each of the Fallen Heroes of WWI on the Anniversary month of their deaths. Several have already appeared on our pages. They are all available on the website: www.newtonwonder.net



DECEMBER ON THE FARM

NATURE



The days get murkier and murkier and shorter and shorter. Plants feel the lack of light: old growth is limp, pale and mildewy. We're grateful to have Christmas to distract us from the disappearing light. Now is the time when I try to recall where I've seen holly berries growing and I take a walk to the Arboretum, where everyone has already got all the berries within easy reach. I'll have to range a bit further.

Tom Browne, neighbour and wildlife enthusiast, told me: 'There seem to be squirrels everywhere at the moment, super active, getting ready for hibernation. Last week we had a fox calling all night outside our bedroom window. We saw a tawny owl when we were walking, didn't make any noise, just kept its eye on us. It must be very cold in Scandinavia now as there is woodcock everywhere this week, flying out into the fields at dusk to tuck into the worms.'

ARABLE

The crops all got snuggled up in their seedbeds by Guy Fawkes' Night, and the little seed leaves are all poking bravely into the December air. It's a satisfying assurance of new life and next year's harvest. They create a beautiful tapestry of bright green, woven into the rich brown and red soil, the even rows showing the sensuous shape of the hills. Even rows make me happy as a farmer; they're the first step of a good yield.

GRASS

The cows will graze until the soil will no longer support them. We want to graze the grass until it's short and clean enough to come happily through the frost. Old, mildewed leaves get blasted by frost, while fresh growth is more resilient. The frost creeps across the fields, etching every leaf, and when it thaws, those same perfect bright green leaves reappear.

COWS

The spring cows are on the dreamy slope to calving. We milk them once a day. Calves heavy in their bellies, they can't be bothered. Their milk becomes very rich. On its own, it would be tricky to make into cheese, so fatty and the protein as lackadaisical as the cows.

Most of the autumn cows are just in calf. We will bring them inside for the night now, to make sure they have a good feed of silage as the grass is more sparse and wintry. We made some very young, leafy grass silage, and it will be interesting to see how the girls get on with it, cut and pickled in April. We hope it'll put a spring in their stride, and a lift to their milk.

The heifers are mostly still out. Some are finishing off the grass on the hills. Some are on the kale and silage we grow for them. The oldest ones, with stronger teeth, are on fodder beet. They'll all grow woolly coats, and look like mountain cows, not lowland dairy cows. We'll have the ones in need of TLC in the barn: their coats will stay sleek and shiny, almost like a different breed.

DAIRY

In the cheese dairy, the vats steam with warm milk on these cold days. We always worry the curd will chill, and we can wrap it under cheesecloth if it looks to be a slow make. A benefit of mixing the Cornish Sea Salt in so carefully is that we no longer get chilled fines that sit as crumbly cheese that never quite knit together in the mature cheese.

RECIPES

We've been going wild with some festive pairings on the website, teaming up with local producers like Lyme Bay Winery. You will be able to try some out at a feast being held by Cakeadoodle on 8 December (call Kate on 01392 851019 for tickets).

One of my favourite pairings at this time of year is Lyme Bay Winery Apricot Brandy with Quicke's Goat's Milk Clothbound Cheese. The smooth and rich liqueur tastes like ripe apricots, just off the branches, which balances through our creamy, nutty goat's cheese. Perfect for Christmas.

Mary Quicke

see next page for Christmas opening etc.

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However, there are some simple steps that you can take to protect your mobile phone against theft including:

1. use the security features provided
2. be aware of your surroundings
3. know how to identify it when the phone is stolen

Security features

Most mobile phones have a range of security features that are intended to stop anyone else accessing and using them should they be stolen. These security features include:

1. requiring access control such as a unique code (a PIN, password or some form of pattern) or biometric authentication (such as fingerprint or facial recognition) to be entered on the user interface of your handset to unlock it
2. tracing the location of your handset using a remote service
3. wiping data from, or locking your handset remotely (for example, by using another internet enabled device)
4. a function to display a home/lock screen message to someone who may find your handset to help you recover it.
5. preventing thieves from simply resetting your handset to its factory setting in order to bypass any unique codes or other security features that you are using to protect your handset

However, these features will only protect your mobile phone if you have them switched on.

Knowing how to identify your mobile phone if it is stolen

You need to know more than the model and colour of your handset. Each mobile phone manufactured for use in the UK has a unique International Mobile Equipment Identity number (IMEI) hardwired into it during the manufacturing process. Knowing the IMEI will help the police and insurance companies identify your handset should it be stolen. UK network operators will also prevent a stolen phone from working across their respective networks if they know its IMEI.

You can find your handset's IMEI by:

1. typing ***#06#** into the keypad or dialer of your handset
2. looking inside the battery or SIM card compartment of your handset
3. looking on the side of the box, or on the associated paperwork, that you received when purchasing the handset

Being aware of your surroundings when using your mobile phone

Here are three simple things to consider in order to protect your handset from opportunist thieves:

1. **busy locations** such as concert venues, shopping centres, and public transport (where close contact with others is normal) are popular places for pickpockets, especially if your handset is visible in an open bag, or hanging out of your back pocket
2. thinking about **when** you use your phone – outside underground stations can be popular venues for snatch theft, as people instinctively get their handsets out to check for signal and any missed calls
3. don't leave your handset **unattended** in public places - you would not leave your wallet unattended, but a surprising number of people leave their mobile phone on the table while they go to the bar to order a drink, or go to the toilet.

Your phone contains information that is valuable to you.

Protect it accordingly!!

Jim Enright

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Wash the apples and pears, peel, core and slice into a serving bowl. Sprinkle with the orange or lemon juice and gently stir in a tablespoon of Devon honey. Add the berries, halves of seeded grapes if liked, and serve once the frozen fruit has thawed.

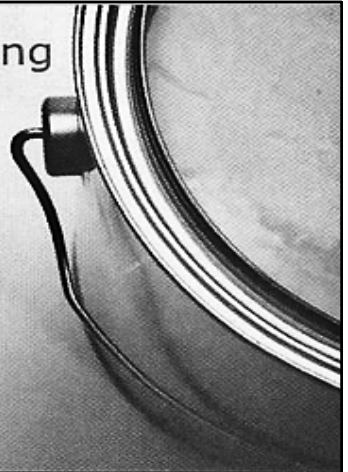
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Newton St Cyres Young Farmers Club



November 2017

Newton St Cyres YFC have had another busy month. Despite the horrendous weather, our 'Rumble in the Jungle' carnival float placed 1st at Okehampton on 21st October. The float travelled to South Zeal on 28th October for their carnival where we placed 3rd.

On Saturday 11th November, the club celebrated its 80th anniversary with our annual dinner and dance. The event saw 150 members past and present attend Highbullen Hotel, Golf and Country Club near Umberleigh for a delicious 3 course meal. We were joined by guest speakers, Matt Smith and Claire Bellew. Matt is a world record holding sheep shearer and Farmers Weekly Sheep Farmer of the Year; whilst, Claire is the Devon YFC chairman. Following the meal, the amazing Archive band and DJ Dan Grist provided plenty of entertainment on the dance floor. The raffle also raised a fantastic £400 for Devon Air Ambulance.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2017

CREDITON PARISH CHURCH

Thurs 7th & Fri 8th Dec 11am to 6pm
Sat 9th Dec 10.30am to 7pm
Sun 10th Dec 11am to 5pm

Sun 10th Dec 9.30am Communion Service

CHRISTMAS CRACKER CAFÉ

Thurs & Fri 10am-4pm
Sat 10am-5pm Sun 2-5pm

CONCERTS

North Creedy Choral Society

Sat 9th Dec 7.30pm

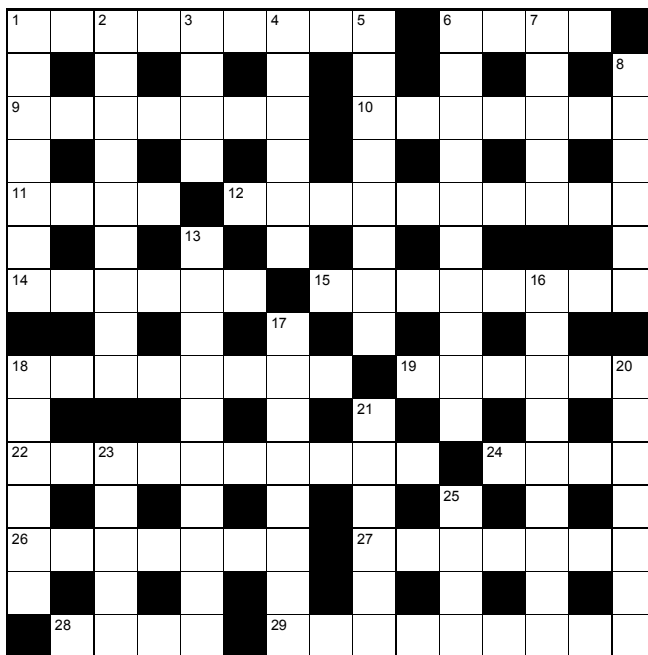
Crediton Parish Church Choir

Sun 10th Dec 6pm

FREE Admission

Disabled Access

Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 City of ancestral suffering (9)
- 6 Evasive about son being comfortable (4)
- 9 Sue assumes two fellows in charge to be enough (7)
- 10 Disrupted most of literary film preview (7)
- 11 Blades appearing when people have a row (4)
- 12 Note lack of talk about one displaying toughness (10)
- 14 B in test characteristic of a certain group (6)
- 15 Calming drug is vet's idea possibly (8)
- 18 Reliable-sounding Scottish city (8)
- 19 They work with a tool (6)
- 22 Applaud – yes, one goes wild, see (4,4,2)
- 24 Encourage some of our generation (4)
- 26 A complex plot's beginning to engross Peter perhaps (7)
- 27 Loose rocks by church make an unpleasant sound (7)
- 28 Advance payment for poet first off (4)
- 29 Former Blue Peter presenter wearing vest? (9)

DOWN

- 1 Stick it to the end, leaving after the others (4,3)
- 2 Tent fire destroyed one Egyptian queen (9)
- 3 A family related by blood (4)
- 4 Two letters read aloud in tent (6)
- 5 Crooked Eritrean lawyer may ask for one (9)
- 6 Generous cleaner's given one board (10)
- 7 Ring lost in bar or beauty parlour (5)
- 8 Country producing oil we hear (6)
- 13 Middle name put first in place for telephone operators (4,6)
- 16 I close home – that's serious (2,7)
- 17 E.g. insert mobile numbers (8)
- 18 For example, American backed Charles (4,2)
- 20 Chap is to walk with female (7)
- 21 Relative keeps us in money (6)
- 23 Decorate for a party with sailors (5)
- 25 Exam offers alternative to a student (4)

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Answer on page 46.

Sudoku

All you have to do is fill in the squares so that each row, each column and each square contain all the numbers from 1- 9.

6	9	5	1	4	2	7	8	3
7	3	1	8	9	5	4	6	2
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Answer to November puzzle



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Events coming soon offering good space at Sheldon.

December 1st – 3rd Advent Weekend Volunteer Workparty: Join the Sheldon team for a mix of practical work, daily prayers and liturgy for Advent Sunday, plus good food at regular intervals. £12/night.

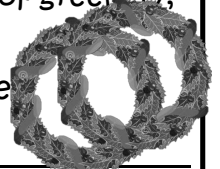
Monday December 4th Quiet Day: Led by the Revd Canon Dr John Searle, the day is held in silence and will contain 4 short addresses with plenty of space between to reflect, walk, read and pray, with chapels, grounds, library and labyrinth to enjoy. Refreshments and lunch included. 10:30am – 4pm. £20.

For more details ring the Sheldon Community on 01647-252752 or check out the “visit” section at www.sheldon.uk.com

UPTON PYNE AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB



Monday 4th Dec at 10am in the Village Hall during the local 'Coffee Morning' we will be having a Wreath making and Table decoration table. Anyone who would like to learn how to make your own wreaths can join in and help will be on hand. Wreath rings will be available along with some bits of greenery, but please bring your own decorations if possible, usually anyone with an abundance is happy to share



Our ANNUAL AGM is on Monday 15th January 2018

7.30pm in the Village Hall

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Seasons Greetings

At this time of year we all find our letterboxes bulging, perhaps the only other time this happens is on a special birthday. The influx of Christmas cards to fill the mantelpiece will once again require a string to be put up in order for them all to be displayed. It will be slightly fuller when you receive our Christmas card from the Church which has all the Christmas services and special events listed. But why do we send Christmas cards at all?

The first person celebrated for the introduction of the Christmas card was Sir Henry Cole. He was in the elite of early Victorian social circles and had many friends. The introduction of the new 'Penny Post' allowed folk to send letters to friends anywhere in the country. With many friends however, came a problem. They all sent letters that required a response, after all, what polite Victorian gentleman would not reply to his correspondence! At that festive time, everyone was writing a letter sending greetings and Sir Henry was trying to figure out a way to respond to all these people.

He hit upon an idea and invited his friend and artist to design a three-panelled card with a scene of a family enjoying a meal at a table in the centre and either side an image depicting people helping the poor. It was printed on stiff card with a space to personalise the correspondence and a generic greeting of "A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year To You." Merry at that time was a spiritual word meaning "blessed" as in "merry old England".

It solved his problem and he sold copies to others to enable them to reply with ease as well. The first Christmas Card.

Since that time, Christmas cards have become one of the joys of the season, a chance to catch up with family and touch base with friends that live near and far.

In many ways, the sending of a card has echoes of the story of the first Christmas. God, who loves the world and wants to be connected to people, sent messages in the form of prophets and leaders over the years, letters if you like. Although the people would initially respond, they would soon forget and rush on with life.

At Christmas, God does something new, something colourful and different. He sends a child, a real life person. God with skin on, to bring a message of hope and blessing. A new way of showing His love. Despite the fact that Jesus was born over 2000 years ago, this story is still told and remembered. A reminder to us all that God sent his greetings all those years ago and is still sending his greetings at Christmas, his message of love.

Perhaps you can make some time over the next few weeks to reply to his correspondence.

A Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year to you.

Rev Katie Cross

Newton St Cyres Parish Church Rotas**Cleaning December 2017**

Week Ending	Flowers	Cleaning (&loo)	Brass: key with Sue
December 3rd	A. Page	J. Furniss	
10th	-	-	
17th	A. Ward	J. Ward	
24th	H. Price	P. Boother	P. Burt
31st	-	-	-

January 2018

Week Ending	Flowers	Cleaning (&loo)	Brass: key with Sue
January 7th	P. Boother	S. Browne	
14th	A. Ward	P. Burt	
21st		-	
28th	S. Munday	A. Mitchell/A. Ward	W&T Hough

Sidespersons December 2017

December 3rd	9.30 a.m. Family Service Lay-led	C. Lee	A. Page
10th	10.00 a.m. Open Door		
17th	Carol Service	W. Hough	T. Hough
24th	9.30 Holy Communion	P. Burt	M. Snow
25th	Christmas Day	C. Lawrence	?

January 2018

January 7th	9.30 a.m. Family Service Lay-led	A. Page	P. Burt
14th	10.00 a.m. Open Door		
21st	-	-	-
28th	9.30 Holy Communion	W. Hough	T. Hough

DECEMBER 2017 SERVICES & INFORMATION

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

Sunday 3 December Advent 1

09:30 am	Family Service		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	A Geering
10:00 am	Service with a Smile	😊	<u>Brampford Speke Chapel</u>	LF
10:00 am	Informal Service		Cadbury	Lay Led
10:00 am	Service of the Word & Baptism		Stoke Canon	KC
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company & Toy Collection		Rewe	
05:30 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	KC

Sunday 10 December Advent 2

09:30 am	Sunday Service		Brampford Speke Baptist Chapel	BOF
09:30 am	OPEN		Thorverton	
10:00 am	Family Service & Baptism		Thorverton	KC
10:00 am	Open Door		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
10:00 am	Carol & Toy Service		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	MSS
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	A Geering

Sunday 17 December Advent 3

08:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Brampford Speke	KC
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	KC
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company		Rewe	
04:00 pm	Nativity Pageant		Upton Pyne	Lay Led & KC
04:30 pm	Carol Service		Poltimore	Lay Led
05:00 pm	Carol Service		Thorverton	Lay Led
05:30 pm	Carol Service		Huxham	Lay Led
06:30 pm	Carol Service		Cadbury	Lay Led & LF
06:30 pm	Carol Service		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led

Monday 18 December

07:00 pm	Carol Service		Netherexe	KC
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Friday 22 December

6:00 pm	Carol Service		Brampford Speke	Lay Led & KC
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Sunday 24 December Christmas Eve

09:30 am	Advent Service including Communion		Brampford Speke Baptist Chapel	BOF
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	KC
11:00 am	Joint Service		Thorverton Baptist Church	BOF
11:15 am	Carol Service		<i>Joint with Parish Church</i>	
03:00 pm	Crib Service & Posada		Rewe	Lay Led
04:00 pm	Crib Service		Poltimore	Lay Led & KC
11:00 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	Lay Led
			Stoke Canon	KC & LF

Monday 25 December Christmas Day

09:30 am	Family Communion	[C]	Huxham	KC
09:30 am	Family Service & Communion by Extension		<i>Joint Service with Poltimore</i>	
			Thorverton	Lay Led & LF
10:00 am	Service with a Smile	😊	Brampford Speke	Lay Led
10:00 am	Family Service		Cadbury	Lay Led
10:00 am	Family Service		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
10:30 am	Family Communion	[C]	Rewe	SS
10:30 am	Family Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	Archdeacon of Exeter

Sunday 31 December New Year's Eve

10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Cadbury	KC
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JANUARY 2018 SERVICES & INFORMATION

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

Sunday 7 January Epiphany 1

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	Lay Led
10:00 am	Informal Service		Cadbury	Lay Led
10:00 am	Service of the Word & Baptism		Stoke Canon	KC
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company		Rewe	
05:30 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	KC

Sunday 14 January Epiphany 2 & Plough Sunday

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Huxham	KC
09:30 am	OPEN		Thorverton	
10:00 am	Open Door		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
10:00 am	Informal Gathering		Stoke Canon	
11:15 am	Service of the Word		Rewe	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	SS

Sunday 21 January Epiphany 3

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

Sunday 28 January Epiphany 4

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	MSS
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[BCP]	Thorverton	TBC
10:00 am	Messy Church		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
10:00 am	Service of the Word & Thanksgiving		Upton Pyne	KC
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	TBC
05:00 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Cadbury	TBC
05:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Huxham	KC

SPRING BULBS NEWTON ST CYRES CHURCHYARD CONSERVATION AREAS

The Churchyard has lain more or less untouched for hundreds of years and is essentially a pristine environment.

It seems natural that parts of the Churchyard should be made into Conservation Areas to encourage wildlife but also to provide a peaceful environment in which to sit and enjoy.

Initially it is intended to put up nest boxes, while Spring bulbs will be made available to plant on graves.

If you would like some bulbs please contact: Sue Browne – 851460

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

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 9.10 am 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; contact Sue Browne on 01392 851460 for location.

Who's Who? Abbreviations Key

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LF	Mrs Laura Ford laura.ford@netherexe.org	Reader	01392 841753
TBC	To be confirmed		

Associate Ministers

MSS Revds. Michael & Sharon Simpson

HW Revd Harold Whitty

BOF Baptist Officiant

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

Mrs Margaret Lowe [Administrator]

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

Email: margaret.admin@netherexe.org

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

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

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

For transport from Rewe parish please contact Guy Sheppard on 01392 861022

COME AND SING CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT



CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE

NEWTON ST CYRES CHURCH

DECEMBER 17TH

6.30 P.M.

COFFEE AND MINCE PIES AFTERWARDS

collection in aid of Children's Hospice and Church

WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGE

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Community Policeman	PCSO Nicola Payne, Police Station, Crediton Nicola.payne@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk	Dial 101
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Tuesdays	GENTLE KEEP FIT	9.45 - 10.45am	Call Jane on 366413 £3.50p per session
Tuesdays	LINE DANCING	7.15 - 10.00pm	Paula Benford Tel. 01392 210830
Tuesdays (Fortnightly)	YOUNG FARMERS CLUB	8.00 - 10.00pm	Rob Davie - Sec. 07801597703 Georgina Davie - Chair. 07801273424
Wednesdays	PARENT & TODDLER GROUP	9.30 - 11.30AM	Emily Ricard Tel. 01392 851899
Last Wednesday of Month	ART GROUP	6.45 - 10.00pm	in the Club Room
1st Wednesday of Month (Quarterly)	GARDENING CLUB	7.30 - 9.30pm	Jane Timlett Tel. 01392 851361
3rd Wednesday of Month	HISTORY GROUP	7.30 - 9.30pm	Jean Wilkins Tel. 01392 851337
Thursdays	FOOD AND FITNESS CLASS	9.30 - 11.00am	Emma Healey Tel. 07969 900794
	BALLROOM AND LATIN DANCING	7.00 - 9.30pm	Wendy Richards Tel. 07949 141800
1st Thursday of Month	PARISH COUNCIL	7.30 - 9.30pm	All are welcome
Last Thursday of Month	MAH JONG CLUB	2.00 - 5.00pm	Geoff Jackson Tel. 01392 851551
Fridays	MARTIAL ARTS	6.00 - 7.00pm	
	TABLE TENNIS	7.15 - 9.45pm	Just turn up £2 per session (£1 Children)
1st Saturday of Month (usually)	COFFEE MORNING	10.30 - 12.00 noon	Run by the Church and other village Groups/Organisations

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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***We Wish
Newton St
Cyres a Very
Merry
Christmas and
a Happy New
Year***



NEWTON ST CYRES
PARISH HALL



NEW YEAR'S EVE



with

THE BARNSTORMERS

Sunday 31st December 2017

7.30 for 8.00 pm 'til 00.15

£15 per person

*Includes Supper with Dessert (please specify
when booking if a Vegetarian option is required)*

Raffle & Licensed Bar

Advance Tickets required, from Nicola Baker (851985)

Stuart Dowle (851536) or Village Shop

Proceeds to Hall Improvement Fund