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Mondays (except Bank Holidays)	BINGO	Eyes Down at 7.45pm	Meat Bingo, Raffles, Snowball.
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
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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	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

From the Village Diary @ newtonwonder.net

December 2018

Sat 1st	Garden Club Parish Hall Cttee	Coffee Morning MUSIC & CAROLS WITH C.O.D.s	10.30am 7.30pm	Parish Hall Parish Hall
Wed 12th	History Group	Christmas Meeting	7.30p	Parish Hall
Sat 15th	Church	Crediton Town Band Concert £5 on door, includes tea/coffee and mince pie.	7.00pm	Parish Hall

January 2019

Sat 5th	Church	Coffee Morning	10.30am	Parish Hall
Mon 28th	Revels	Initial Planning Meeting, all welcome	7.30pm	Parish Hall

February 2019

Sat 9th	Church	Soup Lunch	12.00noon	Parish Hall
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For further information and more recent entries and previous entries please go to the website: www.newtonwonder.net.

2018

This is the last Newton Wonder in 2018 and what a year 2018 has been; all the village groups have been active and offered opportunities for leisure, sport and learning a new school building has been opened and around half of the new houses in the Orchard View development have been occupied.

The year saw the 2018 Newton Revels, a biennial event at which the village has the opportunity to come together. This year the weather was, would you believe it, too good. It was so hot that the giant inflatables were just too hot to touch and had to be let down. Interestingly there were more visitors than at previous Revels but they didn't stay as long as usual as it was so oppressively hot that visitors quickly left for the cool of their own homes. This was a great pity as the event was well planned and the acts, music and displays were all excellent.

At the Newton Wonder we have been able to develop the use of colour in the magazine and the website continues to pick up more visits. We have been examining the relationship between the magazine and the website and have emphasised the point that the website exists to support the magazine, and cannot become an alternative. At the heart of the magazine is the idea of community; a concept which has all sorts of meanings and connotations. We often hear people bemoaning the loss of community spirit and recently David Baker who was chairman of the Parish Council wrote in this magazine encouraging people to get involved in village groups and activities. The idea of community has always centred around the notion of groups of people living together in the same locality. However the idea of community in the 21st century may need rethinking. The development of modern transport and more particularly communication and information means that people can belong to a very wide community in which there are complex interactions between them but the individuals live and work in very different places and in several different groups. The sight of a bus or train full of travellers all furiously flicking their mobile phones does not mean that people are not interacting with each other in a community, it is simply different sets of communities.

The problem is that it is all too easy for individuals to be lost in this system and that is where local community still really matters. It is important that we look after the lonely, some of whom may be old, some not so old and also those with needs they cannot cope with on their own are looked after. We could ask ourselves whether we are doing enough to identify and help those in need. The Chairman of the Parish Council writes in this issue to promote a Community Fair supporting all the existing groups, enabling them to recruit new members and offering a forum for the creation of new ones. The Newton Wonder will be there looking to expand our team, especially the editorial team and contributors.

The Playground

The Newton Wonder is non-profit making but from time to time makes a small surplus which is used to benefit the community. One project which the editorial committee supports is the re-development of the playground beside the sports fields. A few years ago a great deal of work was done, producing a design and plan. Unfortunately the anticipated grant did not appear and the project went into abeyance. It is being suggested that with the Rec Club we hold an open meeting in the New Year, probably February and take another look at what can be done; the club has some money and we have some put aside for that purpose. Whilst probably not enough, with a few new volunteers it should be possible to raise enough money to complete the project.

Finally I would like to thank all our readers, contributors, distributors and the editorial committee for all their work and support during the year and wish every one a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy and Successful 2019.**

Do You Remember?.....December

December 1978

Complaints about the village water supply are to be passed to South West Water Authority.

The Parish Council has been asked by the Boundary Commission to offer suggestions regarding minor changes to parish boundaries.

Moves are afoot to establish a Sports and Social Club. A meeting to discuss the possibility is to be held in the Parish Hall.

Christmas turkeys can now be ordered from Ford Farm.

December 1988

Dr Peter Howard of Exeter College of Art and Design gave a talk to the Arts Group about painters of Devon. He told of a painting of trees that resembled broccoli because the artist used broccoli in a studio replica of the original landscape.

Parishioners expressed concern over the type of bus service in the village, as the double decker is to be withdrawn and replaced by a 25 seater midicoach. A draft timetable seen by the Parish Council indicates that the service will be every 30 minutes.

December 1998

The Cancer Research Campaign raised £335 from an envelope collection in the village.

The Football Club is hoping boost funds with a Race Night and Christmas Draw.

The Young Farmers entered two teams in the Haldon Group Pub Quiz and gained first and third places.

The school pantomime this year is based on Jack and the Beanstalk, rehearsals are going well and everyone at school is getting rather stage struck.

December 2008

The Recreation Ground report on the firework display recorded appalling weather, however the show went on with only a few damp squibs.

The Newton Ramblers walks for December included one on Boxing Day going to the top of Sand Down Lane along the ridge and down to Oldway then to the rear of Tytheing Close finishing via Court Barton Lane.

The new fencing at the recreation ground should be finished by the year end.

The Parish Council advised everyone that the speed limit for the entire length of Station Road is now 30 mph. It is hoped that motorists will adhere to the restriction.

Mid Devon District Council will carry out estate inspections on 9th December at Tytheing Close, New Estate, Shuttern Close and Court Orchard.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORTNOVEMBER

Seven Councillors attended the November meeting and were joined by six members of the public. Cllr Margaret Squires (DCC) attended the first part of the meeting.

During the public session at the start of the meeting, a representative from the Motor Bikers Rally which had held an event at the Recreation Ground in September thanked the Parish Council and the residents of Newton St Cyres for their support and understanding. He reported that it had been a very successful event and they had raised a great deal of money for their chosen charities. The group hoped to return again next year for a similar weekend.

DCC Highways issues. The concrete blocks opposite the entrance to Langford Road had been referred to the Bridges and Structures Department for a decision on their future. Notices will be put up requesting that excess advertising signs be removed. The resurfacing of School Hill was now in the budget for some time next year. The problem being encountered by the School Lollipop person while gas works are being carried out has been referred to Highways and a manual handling of the traffic lights when the school children are crossing is being suggested. Other issues regarding flashing lights at the new school etc. are under review. It was reported that Average Speed Cameras may be installed in the village within the next 12 to 18 months.

Funding issues. The application made by the Arboretum for funding to replace the entrance gate with a disabled friendly gate was approved, subject to the agreement of the landowner and the Council also agreed to award a donation to the Citizens Advice Bureau in response to their request.

Council vacancy. The vacancy for a Councillor would be advertised locally and in the meantime Cllr David Baker was elected as Vice Chairman.

Community Matters. Discussion on the papers put before the Council took place and the following were agreed: The proposed Community Fair would be advertised in the Winter Newsletter and it was hoped that this would bring groups and potential helpers together; the idea of including the Parish Councils newsletter in the Newton Wonder and delivering this to all households free of charge as an encouragement for more subscribers was discussed and it was agreed to look into the figures and logistics more thoroughly as a possible exercise in 2019; the idea of a Community Support organisation would also be discussed In the coming year.

Councillors' Reports. Allotments - Cllr Paul Taylor will be the contact person for allotment queries until the end of the present session in April next year.

The Village Green will need treatment for the weeds growing there. Cllr Steve Parker will oversee the planting of the flower baskets in Pump Street next year. Cllr Jill Baker reported on a recent meeting of the Raddon Hills group of Parish Councils and asked that an item on rural mental health issues be put on the agenda for the next meeting and a representative from Newton St Cyres be allocated to attend a meeting of the parishes to discuss this problem and possible ways forward.

Policies. The Council agreed the contents of the Press/Media Communications policy and the Digital & Social Media policy and these will become standard guidelines for all Councillors to follow.

Parish Surgeries. The following dates for the Parish Surgeries were suggested:

January 5th (Church Coffee Morning) - Cllr Jim Enright
February 2nd (Arboretum Coffee Morning) - Cllrs David & Jill Baker
March 2nd (Church Coffee Morning) - Cllr Steve Parker
April 6th (Twinning Coffee Morning) - Cllr Paul Taylor
May 4th (Church Coffee Morning) - Cllr Jim Enright

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 6th December at 7.30 pm in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall and this will be its Budget meeting. The Council always welcome members of the public to their meetings.

The next Parish Surgery will be held on Saturday 1st December in conjunction with the Gardening Club Coffee Morning. We look forward to meeting parishioners at this social and friendly event.

Cllr Jill Baker, Press Officer

PRESENTATION

The Parish Council will be making a presentation to David and Jill Baker at the Gardening Club Coffee Morning on Saturday 1st December. David and Jill have moved to North Devon after 18 years in the parish and the Council wish to acknowledge their input and support for the community during their time in the parish. The presentation will take place at 11.00 am during the Coffee Morning proceedings. Everyone is invited to come along and say their goodbyes.

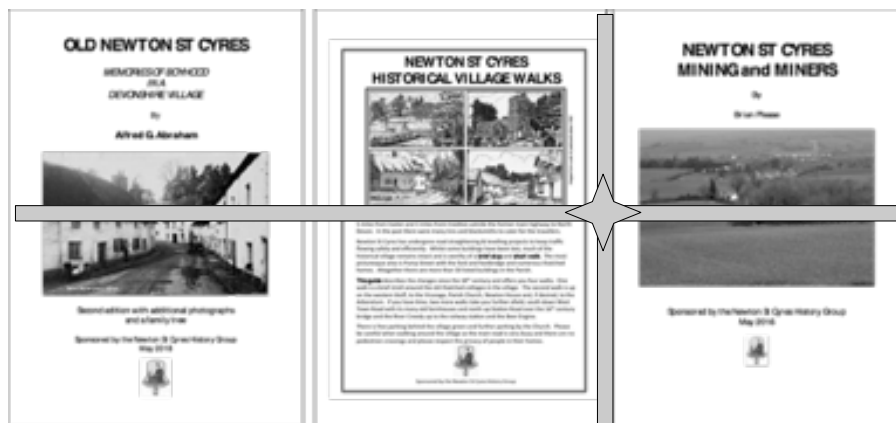
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RECREATION GROUND CLUB

Well this is my last report for a year that has seen some changes. This time last year I reported the loss of two skittles teams and a pool team and that the Cricket club were to join with Woodbury. During this year they took the decision to play all their games at Woodbury. The artificial wicket will, however, still be well used on weekday evenings.

I also reported on a bumper fireworks evening which contrasts with the disappointment of being unable to arrange adequate insurance for this year, resulting in the cancellation of the fireworks.

The Motor Bike Rally was a major success, their first time with us and, hopefully the first of many visits. The dreadful weather reduced their income but they still made good money for their charities.

The Youth football tournament was its usual busy and successful weekend.

I had thought that November was going to be quiet but it picked up with some darts cup games and a short notice skittles game. However December still looks quiet. We start our month with our quarterly meeting on the 2nd. December. The ladies darts team have a cup game but no league fixtures until the New Year. The mens darts are playing all through December. The footballers don't really have a break for Christmas as they have in previous years and have only one weekend with no games. The bar staff will be able to have a few nights off.

A few words about January; both men and ladies darts and skittle teams have league games and youth football have some fixtures there are as yet no dates for the senior teams.

The committee wish all the members and residents of the village good health and prosperity for 2019.

Wendy Lewis

Support Newton St Cyres School at TESCO in January and February 2019

This message was received from Suzanne Pearman: "We heard yesterday that Newton St Cyres School is going to be a blue token charity in Tescos during January and February. Would it be possible to put something in the next edition of the Newton Wonder asking villagers support us in voting. We are grateful for the promise of £1000 but £4000 would be amazing! "

So come on village make sure you remember to get your tokens and put them in the right box. The money is for the school to improve its play equipment.

Newton St Cyres FC

Our under 12s have made a great start to the season so far and are currently sitting 2nd in the division after playing eight games. Since the last report they have won 3 of their four fixtures netting 16 goals in the process. Victories against Lymptone and Exeter Panthers in the league and West Hill in the cup wasn't dampened by a loss to Axminster.



The senior first team have had a subdued period during November having played 4 matches and picking up 5 points in total. It started with a draw against local rivals Tedburn at home. It would have entertained the neutrals with 4 goals a piece but wasn't the result we hoped for. Next was a trip to Budleigh Salterton who were sitting below us in the table. This again resulted in a draw and the next game was a thoroughly disappointing result. We simply were not at the races for the away journey to Ottery who sat just above us. We were 2-1 down at half time but with Ottery putting up a stiff psychical challenge we couldn't cope and suffered a 6-1 mauling. Fortunately we finished the period well when we faced old adversaries the Winchester Club. Previously the best result we had achieved against them was a draw a couple of seasons back having struggled to deal with their psychical combative style. However, we stepped up our game following the poor result the previous weekend and got ourselves a good 2 goal lead by half time with some clinical finishing and showing confidence when in possession of the ball. Eventually we ran out 6-3 winners to give ourselves a morale boosting win we needed ahead of a busy festive period coming up.

The Club will be holding its Xmas party at the Recreation Ground on Saturday 8th December and this will also be the evening of the Christmas Draw. We are fortunate to be having our annual bingo night in the village hall on Monday 17th December starting at 7:30pm.

Training for the seniors has now moved to West Exe Astro turf on Tuesday evenings 7-9pm. Junior training is split between QE for the U9's on Wednesday's and St James School in Exeter for the U11s and U12s. For further information about youth training please contact Denis Neagle 07976 197944 / denislfc1892@gmail.com.

Mark Smaldon

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

2018 has been a busy year for the committee with the building of the clubhouse extension, but unlike the TV programme Grand Designs we more or less kept to budget, and nothing major went wrong! In fact, Viridor Credits, who provided us with a grant, have used us as a successful case study.



We held a successful Open Day as part of the LTA's Great British Tennis weekend, and recruited several new members as a result, both adults and juniors. Lovely weather for most of the summer meant that we all enjoyed Mediterranean like conditions for some of our tennis, including our exciting Club Finals day.

As we approach the festive season, we would like to take the opportunity to thank again all those involved with the building of the extension, and also with the upkeep and maintenance of the Recreation Ground. We wish all readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our Wednesday Junior Coaching sessions will be continuing through the winter so if anyone would like to join them in January please contact Laura Leigh on 01647 24259, or Alice Dowle on 07596 704458.

Sally Baldwin

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NEWTON RAMBLERS

7 members of the walking group and Shelties enjoyed a 'summerlike' walk from Otterton, on a lovely sunny Sunday morning in late October.

This circular walk, in East Devon, gives the best of both worlds. With fantastic views along the River Otter estuary taking in a section of the East Devon coast which has been named a World Heritage Site by the United Nations.

We started from the bridge in Otterton, turning left and walking along the right bank of River Otter before crossing at White Bridge and joining the South West Coast Path, making the ascent through fields to the top of the cliffs overlooking Ladram Bay.

The photo shows us taking a break, to admire the wonderful views above Brandy Head, at the concrete observation hut which was used during World War II to test new aircraft-mounted cannon and gun sights. Opened in July 1940, the range was used by the RAF Gunnery Research Unit, based at Exeter Airport, to test turret-mounted guns, as well as wing-mounted cannon and later nose-mounted ones. Targets such as flags and steel structures were placed out in the bay, and aircraft such as Typhoons, Hurricanes and Spitfires used them to test their weapons.



We then continued our walk taking us back inland along Stanty Way where we found the excellent Honesty Café. A repurposed shipping container, which offers traybakes and biscuits - homemade on the farm, and hot drinks.

The walk then took us back into Otterton where some of the group stopped for lunch. Everyone agreed that it had been a lovely walk on such a glorious day.

Details of future walks are advertised in the Newton Wonder each month, and all are welcome to join any of these walks.

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 Sand Down 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.

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

Sunday 20th January 2019

This will be a new walk for the Ramblers, covering 3½ miles from Yeoford to Copplestone. This is Walk 2 in the booklet Tarka Line Walks and is on paths, across fields and on minor roads. We will pass through the hamlet of Penstone and both Colebrook and Coleford. It is fairly flat with excellent views, but a couple of hills. No stiles!

We will assemble at the Hall Car Park at **10.00 prompt**, so we can share lifts going to Copplestone Station, where we will catch the 10.41 train to Yeoford. The fare (paid on the train) is £2.40, but only £1.60 if you have a Senior Railcard. The walk ends back at Copplestone Station.

Any queries to Jean or Roger Wilkins (851337).

All are welcome on either of these walks. Please join us.

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



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Bert Jewell writes Rhymes and Ways about Gardens and Gardening

Though the days are short, the evening is long,
December's the month of music and song.
As choirs practise to get it just right;
to sing out loud on the 24th night.

But before we get to that special night;
with children in bed wondering if they might;
get the present they've asked for on Christmas day,
will it be chocolates or something to play.

So back to the beginning; the shops to explore;
with all those people going through the door;
it's difficult to see how we'll all get inside:
at least the shopping isles are wide.

With the shopping over for that day at least;
It's getting quite cold with the wind from the east.
My thoughts turn to plants, will the greenhouse be fine!
Will the heater look after those plants of mine?

Another day dawns, the greenhouse is snug,
As I enjoy a coffee from my favourite mug;
Then back to the shops for the odd bits and bobs;
leaving me time for a few gardening jobs.

As the big day approaches, the tree standing tall
with the small twinkling lights around the front hall,
There's just time to wish you the best of good cheer;
Have a merry xmas and a happy new year.

Ways to grow carrots

I enjoy travelling around the towns and villages, judging the different kinds of flowers and vegetables in the summer and autumn shows. A few years back the carrot class always had a good number of entries, today there are not as many growers of root vegetables so the entries are no longer what they were.

The biggest enemy of the carrot is the root fly: we'll talk about that later. Carrots can be fussy when it comes to soil. If the soil is heavy you are best to grow short or

stump rooted varieties. Long rooted varieties grow well in deep fertile soil. The short or stump varieties are a little like your finger in that they have a blunt end, with usually a small single root; whereas the long varieties are tapered with the single root forming part of the taper.

I always plant my seeds in toilet roll centres filled with a mix of multipurpose and John Innes No 2 soil based compost. The soil based helps to retain moisture. I put three seeds in each centre placed in a mushroom box. The box is then placed on a bench that is more than 30" off the ground.

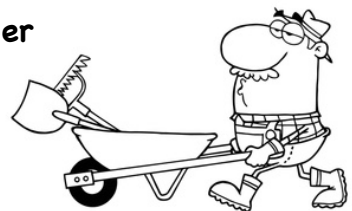
As soon as possible after germination, take out the two weakest seedlings leaving just one to be planted. Planting out is quite easy; mark out a row where the carrots are to be planted and plant the whole cardboard centre in the ground, 4" to 6" apart. They must be put in the ground before the root shows at the bottom of the centre. If the soil is heavy the carrot will push up above ground level and turn green at the top. If you think this might happen make holes with a bar and fill them with compost. Do not plant carrots on ground that has had manure applied within the last 12 months, this will make the roots fork.

The carrot fly is attracted to the smell given off when the foliage is crushed, like when you are thinning out a row. If you just want to sow seeds direct into the soil; mix them with fine sand before sowing. There are a couple of varieties that have some resistance to carrot fly, these are "Flyaway" and "Resistafly". One other tip, the carrot fly always stays close to the ground so a barrier of horticultural fleece around your carrots will greatly increase your chance of having a good crop. Sow seed at intervals between early March and late June for a continuous supply of carrots.

Plant for December

"Sarcococca Hookeriana"

The common name is "Christmas Box"



The stems of this clump forming shrub are tinged with purple and have small pointed leaves. The plant comes alive during December and January with small fluffy white flowers that have a fantastic scent. It can grow to about 4' high and spread over time, it will grow in most soils and likes a shady spot.

Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year
Enjoy your gardening.

NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP

For our October meeting we welcomed Kay Townsend who spoke of the 'Fairgrounds at War 1939 - 45'. Kay is herself a member of the Travelling Community and her family have run fairgrounds in Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire for over a hundred and fifty years. Their winter base is near Weymouth on what was a turnip field when her Grandma bought it for £100 in the 1930's. It is now covered in large ware house style buildings to house all the fair equipment so that it may be painted and renovated during the winter months. Kay has overcome the educational deprivation of her interrupted schooling to write several books and she now combines traditional fairground stall work with speaking engagements. She tells how her mother used to write the teacher a note every April to let her know Kay would be returning to school in November.



Although she now has a bungalow base she is still happy travelling in her caravan and we were fortunate she was working at Killerton Apple Fair last weekend.

As may easily be imagined fairgrounds and their workers had many difficulties to overcome during the war years but Kay showed us during the evening what a huge contribution to the war effort was made by the travelling community.

Even before the war started in early September, in July 1939, the Authorities took it upon themselves to see how quickly a fair in full swing could be silenced, evacuated, and blacked out. Unexpectedly, a busy fair near Bristol was asked to do just this and achieved it in 20 minutes.

On the outbreak of war all big fairs were immediately cancelled. Jack Herbert's big steam fair was on the road at the time and was in the process of setting up before a policeman informed them they were cancelled. Only two very small fairs at Salisbury and Bridgewater were allowed to go ahead. They ran with just two rides and a very few stalls so were a depressing sight made worse by 'don't do this or that' posters produced by the local councils who did not want them to open. Many showmen at that time were almost illiterate so there was little possibility of finding other employment to support their families.

The trade association for travelling showmen is the Showman's Guild and they were able to put the showman's case to the government. After three weeks of the 'phoney war' fairs were allowed to restart. However the lighting was to be very subdued, only five 25 watt bulbs were allowed per stall. This gave two at the front to count the change and three at the back. Billy Smart found a way to enclose rides and roundabouts completely in canvas and these were allowed more internal lighting, however these lights had to be shaded and Cow and Gate baby food tins were used to direct the lighting downwards.

Helter skelter and high rides were still unusable in the dark so this was hard on their owners. In February 1940 double summertime was introduced which eased that situation.

Councils would no longer organize sites for fairs and it was left to owners to make arrangements with farmers. Not only was lighting to be subdued but also sound. In Caerphilly Lillian Studt was fined a pound for playing the organ loudly. A pound was considerable when rides cost only pence. The reason given was that the noise may mask the sound of the siren. The Guild intervened and sound was again allowed but it must be at a low level. The government asked for light coloured vehicles to be painted dark. The showmen mixed all their left-over paints together to paint their vehicles which unfortunately turned out khaki. They then received the message that only army vehicles were to be that colour!

A young showman, just arrived home on leave, was asked to step in quickly to mind his mother's stall while she cooked him a good dinner. He still had his uniform on and soon found himself arrested! All the younger fit men were called up for military service. The girls went to work in the munitions factories and to build spitfires. After 'call up' the fairground men were singled out for their expertise in driving heavy vehicles and for their skill as mechanics. Lads as young as fifteen had been encouraged to learn manoeuvring skills on the fields so that by the age of 21 they were ready to get their heavy goods licenses. The fairs became very much reduced. However it was realised public morale was low and ways to improve this were sought. Billy Smart was called upon to give advice. Shooting stalls had run out of ammunition (previously imported from America). There were no coconuts and sweet stalls needed a permit. The cost of rock doubled from 6d to 1s. It was decided to grant the Guild an allocation of ammunition, darts, cards, steel plate, paint, canvas, wood, Woodbines, chocolate and 800 tyres for distribution throughout the country. However if you won chocolate you still had to hand over your ration coupon. The fairs were kept running by the older men, women and children and those unfit for service. Jack Herbert of steam fair fame had some land near Dorchester where he had a very productive pig farm. He had no prior knowledge but his production aided the war food effort. There was no abattoir and they slaughtered their own pigs.

Some fairs suffered devastation in the bombing. Heals of Bristol was entirely burnt out when nearby bombing started fires. Fortunately the family survived as they had taken a night off and were in a shelter. They had a traction engine (18 -20 tons) it turned on its side and equipment, including their trucks , reduced to matchwood by a land mine. The Edwards family were in a shelter, apart from two older boys asleep in the living wagon. Miraculously they escaped. Landmines arrived by parachute and were set off magnetically by metal which they homed in on. It was reckoned that there was only a seventeen seconds interval before explosion. Overhead dog fights between aircraft meant bullets would fall. Canvas was rolled up during the day to avoid such holes. In Southampton there was a risk of falling doodlebugs.

On a brighter note, the roll a penny did rather better as the Americans rolled silver coins! In spite of all their difficulties the showpeople raised £5,000 to buy a Spitfire aptly named 'Fun of the Fair'.

Showmen lost their lives in the war, others were in POW camps. Some excelled and were mentioned in dispatches. A Bristol showman, who was a plane mechanic, rescued a pilot from a plane 'on fire' as it landed. He defied orders and they were just clear in time before the explosion. His eardrums were badly damaged. As previously mentioned, showmen's driving ability was prized and one was given the privilege of driving the flame thrower tank. He found that it was hard to recover from the mental anguish this caused him. Another showman worked as a mechanic on the dam buster planes and worked out how to make spark plugs more reliable by using an insulation tape washer.

When the war was over show people opened their dodgems - ride arenas for celebration parties. Being ever thrifty and inventive they found an excellent way of recycling the old RAF drop fuel tanks. These were in addition to the normal fuel tanks so as to give extra mileage to the planes and once used were jettisoned. Hence they were of aerodynamic design with metal that could easily be cut away. The showmen fitted them with seats, gave them a coat of bright paint and used them as cars on their roundabouts.

Kay had also given thought to the German Showmen. They were already depleted by the loss of Jewish workers. She showed a picture of a German fair devastated by a British raid. Also a German roundabout with SS men in uniform taking a ride. Apparently their roundabouts turn in the opposite direction.

This was a very lively and interesting evening led by a very charismatic lady and we must also thank David and Brenda Vallance who first met her at a Westpoint Christmas Fair. We are always open to speaker recommendations!

Kay has other talks suitable for other groups and may be contacted at kay58@mail.com

NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP December 2018

This year our Christmas meeting will be held on Wednesday December 12th at 7.30pm in the club room of the village hall.

Seasonal refreshments will be provided by the Committee.

The theme will be Christmas and New Year Celebrations in the village in the past.

NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP SPEAKERS FOR 2019

16 Jan	John Heal	The Crediton Workhouse
20 Feb	Peter Hawksley	The Beer Engine
20 March	Prof James Clark	Newton St Cyres and the Priory of Plympton
10 April	Paul Roberts	George Roberts an Unsung Hero of the Great War
16 Oct	Sue Andrew	Church Roof Bosses
20 Nov	Paul Cleave	Food in WW2
11 Dec		Christmas meeting

Meetings are held in the Club room of the Parish Hall on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm. On 16 October the meeting will be in the Church.
£2 to include tea and biscuits.



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Recipe for December

Cranberry and almond crumble

This crumble mixture works well when baked on top of apples or plums. For 4 - 6 helpings you will need 1 ½ lbs (750g) of fruit, and for the crumble; 6 oz (150g) wholemeal flour, 3 oz (75g) butter, 2 oz (50g) ground almonds, 2 oz (50g) brown sugar, 2 oz (50g) dried cranberries, ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon.

To make the crumble, place the flour, almonds, sugar and cinnamon into a basin, add the butter, cut into small chunks and rub into the flour until the mixture looks like breadcrumbs, then add the cranberries. Sweeten the fruit to taste and place in a pie dish, spoon the crumble on top, and bake in a moderately hot oven until golden brown. This is good with vanilla ice-cream.

Paul Cleave

DECEMBER ON THE FARM

NATURE

The early frost gave a golden autumn, bright coloured leaves on the trees, which stayed late, a welcome lift in the gathering damp, cold and dark. By the end of the month, they will all have fallen, an aromatic ruin underfoot. The deer venture into the orchards, keen to scoff apples we've left behind, drawn by the rich cider aroma. They leave looking decidedly perky.

We saw a young buzzard playing in stormy weather, dancing and wheeling in the wind. He looked like he was having fun, flying for the sheer enjoyment of testing his strength against the wild weather. A Peregrine Falcon scythes across the view, and the pigeons flew up in panic. They see her terror not her beauty. A robin comes to check out what they are doing, drawn by the turned soil. They become much more curious and friendly as the weather chills.

ARABLE

The crops are all tucked up, beautiful and even with the new no-till cultivation. It'll be interesting to see if, as promised, the soil develops its own structure with the earthworms undisturbed, kings of their underground kingdom. Traditional farming would fear that without ploughing the soils will lose the essential air and water pockets. We'll watch and learn. So far, the crops look lovely and orderly, a reset after the droughted harvest of this year, all promise and expectation.

COWS

The heifers graze the last of their own areas, each age group having completely explored some little corner of the farm. Now they come onto the kale, interspersed with bales of wheat silage, still with the ears on it. The bales look odd, dotted around the field. We fence each group into a day's worth of feed mixed to keep them growing. We've constructed a wheeled trough from big plastic barrels fixed onto an old trailer chassis so we can keep the smaller animals growing through the winter. The purist might have them grow just off fodder, but they aren't growing quite fast enough.

The autumn born calves are now tucked up in the shed for the winter. We were very happy when one of the Belted Galloway bull's calves turned out red, very pretty. We will rear him for beef for the Farm Shop in a couple of years' time.

The spring herd are still languidly grazing. They can barely be bothered to come in for milking: not enough milk to remind them it's time to come in for milking. Their calves grow big in their bellies, and they will all dry off by Christmas. It's lovely when the last cow leaves the parlour for her winter holidays, and milking finishes.

The autumn-calved cows are now getting in calf, and they are settling into comfortable mid-lactation. They come inside, leaving the pastures to recover for as early a turnout as we can manage.

All of our cows have names, you have the same name as your mother and a different

number. We gave the names to the cows who founded the black and white herd, bred from the Shorthorns my grandfather had, and the Ayrshires my father started with. Ness was a cow we had in the 1950's, her descendants have so thrived in the herd. Ness 718 – the 718th - was born this autumn.

DAIRY

In the dairy, the milk is now all from the autumn cows, with a good balance of fat and protein just re-establishing as the cows eat some slightly stalky grass silage. Their milk was a little low in fat when the cows were grazing very leafy grass new-grown after the drought, apple pomace from crushed apples sent for cider to Sandford Orchards, and maize silage. Cows need fibre to produce fat, and there wasn't quite enough, and cheese was a little too firm.

We're packing up the last of the cheese for Christmas: it's always crazy even till late into a December, as people remember they might want a nice bit of cheese to see the New Year in.

RECIPE

Liz Hart of Parracombe gave me this recipe which is lovely as a cheesy hit with a Christmas drink:

Cheese Thins

50g flour
40g soft butter
1 egg yolk
40g Quicke's cheddar
Pinch of salt
Pinch of mustard powder.

Rub butter into flour, add egg yolk, then cheese salt and mustard.
Bring the dough together, shape into a log, cover in clingfilm and chill.
heat oven 200c, slice the mixture and place on baking sheet, bake for 10 mins,

VISITING & ORDERING

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- Christmas Eve 9.00am until 1.00pm
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- Open Friday 28th December
- 10.00am until 2.00pm
- Open Saturday 29th December 10.00am until 4.00pm
- Monday 31st 10.00 am until 3.00pm
- Closed New Year's Day

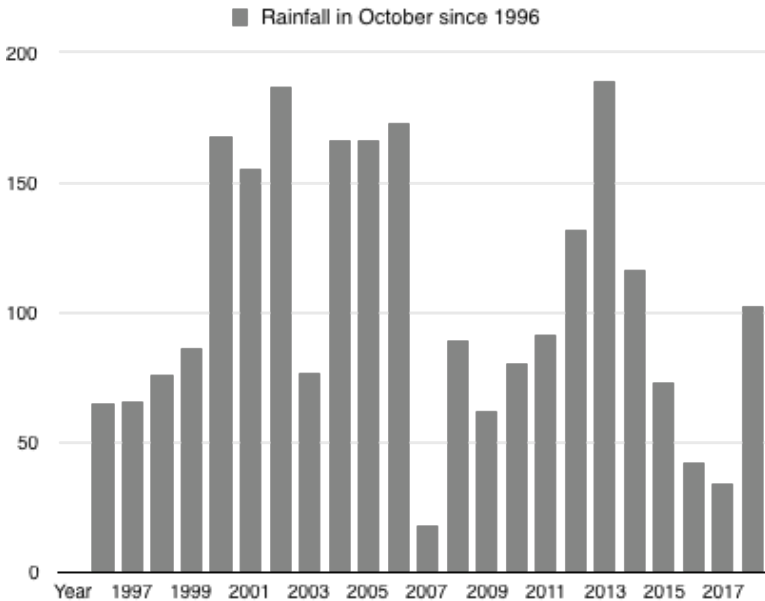
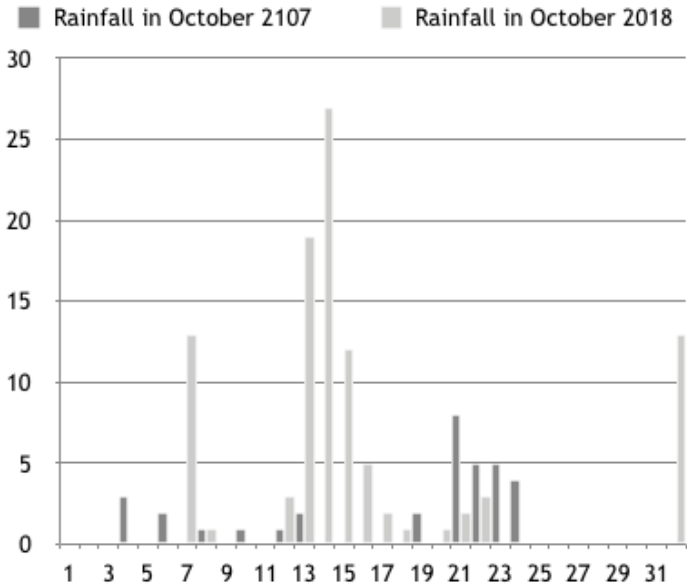
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Online ordering times:

Last orders online must be made by Wednesday 19th December in order to guarantee delivery by Friday 21st December.

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NEWTON ST CYRES ARBORETUM

On Sunday 4th November we were fortunate to welcome members of the Devon Fungus Group, led by David Farley, to the Arboretum.



Friends of the Arboretum, Nicola Baker & Deborah January met the group and joined them for their foray. The purpose of the visit was to find and record the wide range of fungi within the Arboretum and we were not disappointed. The Arboretum has a good variety of trees with lots of piles of woody matter, which is great for fungi and many other organisms. There were quite a few of the larger fungi on the day, including a good specimen of the Stinkhorn - *Phallus impudicus*, seen in this image. The group also has a great interest in the micro fungi, of which many were found and were taken away by the group for full identification using microscopes.

We hope to receive a full record of the day's finds from the DFG in due course, which will be kept by the Friends, for future reference. This will compliment the lists of higher plants, mosses, lichens and liverworts that are already kept.

We are extremely lucky to have such a wonderful facility in the village, and anyone wishing to join the Friends of the Arboretum should contact Roger Wilkins (details listed in the Who's Who in the Village section of this magazine)

Coffee Morning

For the Gardening Club

Saturday 1st December

in the Parish Hall

10.30am to midday

Stalls including raffle and bric-a-brac



It would be lovely to see as many as possible at this coffee morning; and with Christmas fast approaching!!

NEWTON ST CYRES GARDENING CLUB



The November meeting, saw the Club Room of the Parish Hall filled with colour, when Alan French gave his presentation on the topic 'Autumn into Winter'. Alan worked for many years at St Bridget Nurseries and with his wife Linda brought a wide range of hardy plants & shrubs, suitable for the soil here, to the meeting. He talked about what each brings to a garden, & how we can still

have colour throughout the year through flowers, berries and bark. At the end of the meeting, the plants were available to purchase, and many of us took advantage of the opportunity.

We hope to see as many as possible at the **Coffee Morning on Saturday 1st December**, which will be held in the Parish Hall running from 10.30am to midday, and there will be stalls including a raffle and bric-a-brac and plants.

Our 2019 programme will start on Wednesday 7th February, when Tom Sharples will speak in The Club Room of the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Tom worked as senior horticultural manager at Suttons Seeds for many years and we are very pleased to welcome him Newton St Cyres Gardening Club, He will speak on growing vegetables, and will include many tips on how to get started and the selection of the many different varieties that are available.

We will be holding evening meetings most months during the Spring, Autumn & Winter in the Club Room with trips to various gardens arranged during the summer months. All of these will be advertised in the Newton Wonder. If you would like to receive details of meetings for the Gardening Club, by email, please contact Nicola n.e.budden@exeter.ac.uk

There is no joining membership, just a small charge of £2.00 at each meeting, for the hire of the Hall, fees for the guest speaker and tea/coffee and biscuits. All are welcome, no knowledge of gardening is required so please come along and join our friendly group.

Community Fair

Saturday 16th March 2019, 9.30am to 12noon,

Newton St Cyres Parish Hall

The Parish Council is holding a Community Fair which will bring together Voluntary Groups, Clubs and Interest Groups, and local residents who have a bit of time on their hands to get involved in;

Local activities such as Gardening Club, History Group, Table Tennis Group or

Self-help groups such as the Parish Hall, Arboretum, Recreation Ground or

Community Service Groups such as the Parish Council, Church, School.

The idea is that the Groups, Clubs, Associations will be provided with a table to display their literature and talk to prospective enquirers about what their group does and why they should consider participation.

The prospective helpers or members can look around at the various opportunities and select those that best suit their interests, aspirations and experience.

The Fair will be free to all.

The Parish Hall Committee has agreed to host the event without charge. They will cover their costs by providing chargeable teas and refreshments.

The Community Fair will be well publicised starting with the Parish Council newsletter delivered to all households in December, articles in the Newton Wonder and mentions on Facebook. Ideally the participating groups will mention it in their publicity too.

The Community Fair will take place on the morning of Saturday 16th March 2019 at the Parish Hall in Newton St Cyres from 9.30am to 12noon.

If your group is interested in having a free space please contact Jim Enright, Chairman, NSC Parish Council by email at jjmenright@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.org or by phone 01392 851859.

Bingo raises money for FORCE

On Monday Nov: 12th, a bingo in aid of FORCE was held in the parish hall, and raised £168. Thanks to Joyce for letting us hold it, and thanks to friends who provided lots of the draw prizes.

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We think that the gate from Sand Down Lane going into Pathfield (the field with the Public Footpath going back to the village) near to New Barn Cross was left open and our cows got out of the field and severely damaged a nearby garden.

We would very respectfully plead with anyone walking to shut the gate if they are using the Footpath, and if anyone is walking anywhere and sees a field gate left open (especially a field with cows) please shut it immediately, you should not be told off!

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John Quicke



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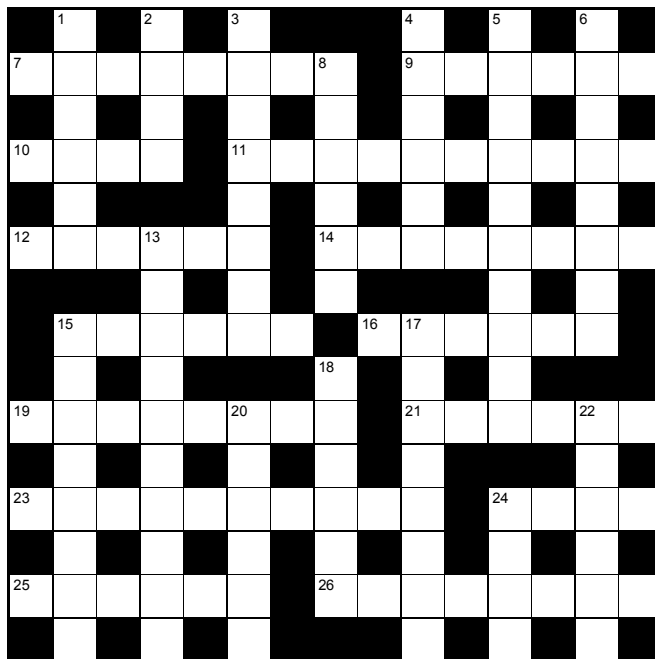
Christmas Fayre a Great Success



Pictured are helpers at the well filled Cake stall,

Margaret Tucker

Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 7 Rogue can't hope for memorial (8)
- 9 I sat outside when ready (6)
- 10 Obese, gobbling seconds? Don't eat! (4)
- 11 Free of suspicion, hence trial collapsed (2,3,5)
- 12 Sounds like education cut (6)
- 14 One likely to lose is urged on anyhow, maintaining decorum initially (8)
- 15 Bag of cash confused alien (6)
- 16 Going up a trail (6)
- 19 Limit a large town's size (8)
- 21 Shrink cured loony with drug (6)
- 23 Passing on work to representatives (10)
- 24 American police hit heavily (4)
- 25 Subtle changes creating a stir (6)
- 26 Find out one's caught in port (8)

DOWN

- 1 Money back for a beer that's off – about time (6)
- 2 Disease giving a taste of France? (4)
- 3 Artist, one into ballet, shows brilliance (8)
- 4 Add a couple of pages to conclusion (6)
- 5 Loved one is riling Fred unfortunately (10)
- 6 Begin attack (3,5)
- 8 Strongly attack greeting by solicitor (3,3)
- 13 Escort a man around state capital (10)
- 15 Bet placed on unfashionable police operation (5-3)
- 17 Sees runs hit with certainty (8)
- 18 Army I'd assembled is countless (6)
- 20 One magazine starts to employ sexy pictures (6)
- 22 Top of column's black and yellow (6)
- 24 Display is partly British owned (4)

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.

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Solution to November Cryptic Crossword

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ACROSS

3 roost. 8 Assisi. 9 allies. 10 Mimi.
11 stockstill. 12 Somali. 13 overturn.
16 Annie Get Your Gun. 18 elongate.
21 the Met. 23 Persephone. 25 lees.
26 donate. 27 lentil. 28 today.

DOWN

1 Eskimo. 2 litigation. 3 Riesling. 4
on top of the world. 5 tackle. 6 clot. 7
seller. 12 slave. 14 tortellini. 15
nonet. 17 on the sly. 19 lie low. 20
applet. 22 emetic. 24 scab.

The Parish Church of St Cyr and St Julitta Newton St Cyres



Church of St Cyr and St Julitta Preparing for Winter in the Churchyard

We are having a tidy up
on
Saturday December 1st at 10.00

Coffee and Cake to refuel helpers

All help is appreciated
and makes a huge difference
(Please bring own implements)

December 2018/January 2019*Theme - Trust*

Date	Time	Event
1st Dec	10:00am	CHURCHYARD TIDY-UP - Church
Saturday		(coffee & cake to refuel helpers)
2nd Dec	10:00am	OPEN DOOR Service - Church
Sunday		(Lay Led)
3rd Dec	2:00pm	SCHOOL NATIVITY - Church
Monday		
4th Dec	2:00pm	SCHOOL NATIVITY - Church
Tuesday		
9th Dec	9:30am	FAMILY SERVICE – Church
Sunday		(Lay Led)
12th Dec	2:30 pm	Brampford Speke W.I. CAROL SERVICE
Wednesday		Newton St Cyres Church
13th Dec	2:00 pm	CHRISTINGLE - Church
Thursday		
15th Dec	10:00am	Decorating the Church for Christmas
Saturday	7:00pm	CREDITON TOWN BAND CONCERT - Parish Hall
16th Dec	6:30pm	Newton St Cyres CAROL SERVICE - Church
Sunday		
21st Dec	evening	PUB CAROLS - Beer Engine
Friday		
23rd Dec	9:30 am	HOLY COMMUNION Service - Church
Sunday		
24th Dec	3:00pm	CHRISTMAS POSADA
Monday		followed by afternoon tea & cake
25th Dec	10:00am	CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY Service
Tuesday		(Lay Led)
30th Dec	11:00am	MISSION COMMUNITY Service
Sunday		Upton Pyne Church
5rd Jan 2019	10:30am	COFFEE MORNING – Parish Hall
Saturday		(Stalls & Raffles)
6th Jan	10:00am	OPEN DOOR Service - Church
Sunday		(Lay Led)
13th Jan	9:30am	FAMILY SERVICE – Church
Sunday		(Lay Led)
27th Jan	9:30 am	HOLY COMMUNION Service - Church
Sunday		

Newton Saint Cyres Church Project - Update - November 2018

The Appeal for funds to carry out much needed works in the Church was launched in February 2014. To date approximately £45,000 (including Gift Aid reclaim) has been raised.

The proposed works have been organised into five Parts:

Part 1: External 'French' drains to prevent further water ingress through lower parts of the South wall. This work was completed in February 2017, to allow for 12+ months of drying. The net cost was £7,255 (paid from the Appeal Monies). VAT was reclaimed.

Part 2: New Lighting & Electrical system, and Sound system. We are waiting to hear the decision on our Faculty application to carry out this work. We expect the (urgent) Lighting & Electrical work to be carried out in the next 2 months. The net cost will be approximately £16,000 (to be paid from the Appeal Monies). VAT will be reclaimed.

Part 3: Conservation Works Stage 1. We are waiting to hear the decision on our Faculty application to carry out this work. It is hoped to begin these works in the next 4 months. The net cost will be approximately £19,000. VAT will be reclaimed. We have been successful with 4 out of 5 Grant applications to carry out this stage of the Conservation work - giving rise to £12,500 in grants. The shortfall will be paid from the Appeal Monies.

Part 4: Conservation Works Stage 2 (wall-paintings). In Stage 1 the Conservator will prepare a Conservation Report to assess whether worthwhile conservation can be carried out on any of the wall-paintings identified.

Part 5: New Heating System, New Kitchen area, Internal Lavatory, some pew re-organisation, and Repair & Redecoration Works. A Faculty application to seek permission to carry out these works is in preparation. The likely cost of these works is of the order of £100,000. Simultaneously we are preparing Grant applications to carry out these works.

- A very BIG THANK YOU, both to everyone that has contributed gifts and/or set up standing-order payments for the on-going Appeal, and also, to all those that have attended fund-raising events and given of their time and help.
- The Appeal monies raised to date have been a significant factor in securing the Grant awards we have received - one of the first questions asked is always: "How much has the organisation itself raised?!"
- Early in the New Year we shall be writing to everyone in the Parish to towards the cost of Part 5 (and possibly Part 4).

- ***If you have not been able to in previous years, please do consider contributing to the Appeal.*** The more we can demonstrate our own commitment, the more successful we are likely to be with our Grant applications.
- This whole process (long as it has been, so far!) is not simply raising money for its own sake, but a reflection of our community's desire to produce in the Listed Grade I building a well-lit, warm, inviting environment that: -
 - Provides a more flexible space for both Worship and non-Worship activities to take place,
 - Better informs visitors of its history and heritage, and
 - Secures, for the foreseeable future, the ancient fabric of the church building.
- The earliest part of the church building dates back to the 12th century - whilst worship on the site spans over 1,000 years; back to the Monks of Saint Peter's Church, Exeter.

If you have any queries, or comments you would like to make, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Clive Lawrence,
T: 01392 851406

COFFEE MORNING

JANUARY 5th, 2019
10.30 - 12.00

PARISH HALL
Newton St Cyres

**Come and join us
for coffee and chat,
stalls and raffles.**



All funds in aid of the Church.

Newton St Cyres Parish Church Rotas

December 2018

Not forgetting Churchyard Autumnal Tidy Up on December 1st

Everyone very welcome!!

Week Ending	Flowers	Cleaning	Brass: key with Sue
December 2nd	H. Price	P. Boother and J. Ward	
9th	P. Boother		-
Saturday 15th	Everyone for	Church decoration	
23rd	A. Ward		M. Snow
30th	Someone to check		

Services & Sidespersons

December 2nd	10.00 a.m. Open Door		
9th	9.30 a.m. Family Service Lay-led	Anne Page	Jen Holt
16th	6.30 p.m. Carol Service	Clive Lawrence	Margaret Snow
23rd	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Wendy Hough	Tony Hough
24th	3.00p.m. Posada: Mary and Joseph arrive	Pita Burt	
25th	10.00 a.m. Christmas Day		
30th	11.00 a.m Mission Community	Upton Pyne Church	

January 2019

Week Ending	Flowers	Clean church, check loo	Brass: key with Sue
January 6th	S. Munday	A. Mitchell/A. Ward	J. Furniss
13th	A. Page		
20th	P. Burt	-	
27th	H. Price		

Services & Sidespersons

Week Ending	Flowers	Clean church, check loo	Brass: key with Sue
January 6th	S. Munday	A. Mitchell/A. Ward	J. Furniss
13th	A. Page		
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27th	H. Price		

CREDITON TOWN BAND
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First things First

This autumn has marked several significant changes in our household.

Our eldest son went away to begin university in North Wales, our youngest daughter started secondary school, our middle son has started his GCSE preparations, my husband Paul has gone back to work, and we have adopted four chickens! Sometimes I'm not sure if I'm coming or going, such has been the change at home.

At Christmas we will come back together again, for the first time since these changes began. My son from University will be different. He has learnt in one short term how to fend for himself and coming back home will seem like a strange land. We at home will have changed too, we have a new way of working together, adapting to our new situation, so this Christmas will be a first for us of how things will be moving forwards.

We know well the Christmas story, but perhaps we sometimes forget that for those individuals it was a time full of firsts for them too. Joseph is returning to Bethlehem, the village of his ancestors for the first time since he has been married. Mary is approaching the birth of her first child and together they will be parents for the first time.

The shepherds are treated as special for the first time, given the news that their long-awaited Messiah is to be born. They are treated to a heavenly choir that not only is a first for them, but one that few have witnessed before or since. The wise men have realised that the new star they follow heralds a new start, a new King born to bring a fresh start between God and humanity.

Jesus is born into humble surroundings as a baby, a first for God.

This Christmas season may include some firsts for you too, it may be the first time you have a family to celebrate with, or the first with a close family member missing. The situation at home may have changed for the better or worse, but this Christmas perhaps you can make an opportunity to do another 'first'.

Perhaps you will give something to the food bank to help those who are hungry or give a gift at one of our toy services, so a child in crisis will receive a present. You might invite a lonely neighbour round or visit a friend who is struggling. Perhaps your first will be to step inside church and hear the Christmas story. And if you do, you may see displays of stars as we seek to join those wise ones and #follow the star We will consider that first journey of Christmas as maybe your first will be to join us on that quest.

With Christmas blessings to you all

Rev Katie Cross

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

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	Reader	01392 841753 laura.ford@netherexe.org
TBC	To be confirmed		

Associate Ministers

MSS Revds. Michael & Sharon Simpson

BOF Baptist Officiant

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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

The Netherexe Parishes

A Mission Community in the Church of England

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Journeying with Joseph and Mary The Posada Christmas Tradition

Posada Service at Newton Church

December 24th

3.00pm

followed by afternoon tea

There's a great way to welcome Mary and Joseph into your home this Christmas.

The Posada (an inn) is a wonderful 400 year old Advent tradition originating in Mexico.

It is a re-enactment of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, seeking shelter.

This is how it works...

From **December 1st– 24th** the knitted figures of Mary and Joseph will travel around different households in the village and stay for one night.

Look out for Mary and Joseph who will be seen in School or in the Post Office. With them will be a book to sign up to host them for one night. Mary and Joseph are meant to be played with and are usually included in lots of family activities.

It's open to everyone, and families find it's a great way to be involved in the Christmas story.

On Christmas eve, the figures will go to the Church where they will be welcomed at the:

**Posada Service
at**

3.00pm

followed by afternoon tea



DECEMBER 2018 SERVICES & INFORMATION

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

Sunday 2 December Advent 1

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	KC
10:00 am	Service with a Smile	😊	Brampford Speke	Lay Led & LF
10:00 am	Open Door Informal Service		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	KC
11:15 am	Christmas Tree Festival [including toy collection]		Rewe	Lay Led
03:00 pm	Simple Christingle Service		Rewe	Lay Led
06:00 pm	Informal Evening Service		Cadbury	Lay Led

Sunday 9 December Advent 2

09:30 am	Family Service		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
09:30 am	OPEN		Thorverton	
10:00 am	Carol & Toy Service		Stoke Canon	KC & Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	LF & SS
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	KC
05:30 pm	Carol Service		Huxham	Lay Led

Sunday 16 December Advent 3

08:30 am	Holy Communion [Said]	[C]	Brampford Speke	KC
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Cadbury	SS
09:30 am	OPEN		Thorverton	
10:00 am	Family Service & Baptism		Thorverton	KC
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company		Rewe	
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	KC
06:00 pm	Carol Service		Poltimore	Lay Led & LF
06:30 pm	Carol Service		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led & KC

Monday 17 December

07:00 pm	Carol Service		Netherexe	Lay Led
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Friday 21 December

07:00 pm	Carol Service		Brampford Speke	Lay Led
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Sunday 23 December Advent 4

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	MSS
11:00 am	Joint Service		Thorverton Baptist Church	CANCELLED
11:15 am	Carol Service		Rewe	Lay Led
04:00 pm	Crib Service		Upton Pyne	KC
05:00 pm	Carol Service		Thorverton	Lay Led & LF
06:00 pm	Carol Service		Cadbury	Lay Led

Monday 24 December Christmas Eve

03:00 pm	Posada		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
03:00 pm	Crib Service & Posada		Poltimore	KC
04:00 pm	Crib Service		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:00 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	KC & LF

Tuesday 25 December Christmas Day

09:30 am	Family Communion by Extension	[C]	Huxham	LF
			Joint with Poltimore	
09:30 am	Family Communion	[C]	Thorverton	KC
10:00 am	Service with a Smile	😊	Brampford Speke	Lay Led
			Joint with Upton Pyne	
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

Sunday 30 December Christmas 1

10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	KC
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JANUARY 2019 SERVICES & INFORMATION

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

Sunday 6 January The Epiphany

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	TBC
10:00 am	Service with a Smile	😊	Brampford Speke	Lay Led
10:00 am	Open Door Informal Service		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	TBC
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company		Rewe	
06:00 pm	Informal Evening Service		Cadbury	Lay Led

Sunday 13 January Epiphany 2

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Huxham	TBC
09:30 am	Family Service		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
09:30 am	OPEN		Thorverton	
10:00 am	Informal Gathering		Stoke Canon	
11:15 am	Morning Worship		Rewe	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	TBC

Sunday 20 January Epiphany 3

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

Tuesday 27 January Epiphany 4

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

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