

NEWTON WONDER

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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A WEEK IN THE PARISH HALL

Mondays	FOOD & FITNESS CLASS	9.30 -12.30 pm	Emma Healy Tel: 07969 900794
Mondays (except Bank Holidays)	BINGO	Eyes Down at 7.45 pm	Meat Bingo; Raffles; Snowball
First Monday of Month	PARISH COUNCIL	7.30 - 10.00 pm Club Room	All are welcome
Tuesdays	GENTLE KEEP FIT	9.45 - 10.45 am	Call Jane on 366413 £3.50 per session
Tuesdays	LINE DANCING	7.15 - 10.00 pm	Paula Benford Tel 01392 210 830
Tuesdays	BALLET and ZUMBA Classes	4.00 - 6.45 p.m.	Iurie Richards Tel 0787 5645590
Tuesday (Fortnightly)	YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB	8.00 - 10.00 pm	Millie Murphy Sec. 07955 686719 Alex Turner Chair. 07891 682997
Last Wednesday of Month	ART GROUP	6.45 - 10.00 pm	In the Club Room
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Fridays	TABLE TENNIS	7.15 - 9.45 pm	Just turn up - £2 per session (£1 children)
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A Parish Celebration 26th October

On a mild and dry Sunday in October Newton St Cyres celebrated four different events in one afternoon.

Our MP, Mel Stride, boarded a train at Crediton with David Baker, Chairman of the Parish Council and they travelled to Newton St Cyres Station and alighted onto the newly installed Harrington Hump. They were welcomed by a group of enthusiastic helpers who look after the station and a group of parishioners. After looking around the station and admiring the planters and tidy platform, Mel and David were driven into the village by Cllr Steve Parker and his wife, Angie.

On the village green the new village sign had been festooned with a ribbon bow ready for the unveiling. The Rev. David Carrington dedicated and welcomed the new sign with a prayer and then Mel cut the ribbon to officially unveil it.

Penny Riches Mills from CPRE then presented the village with a framed certificate as runners up in the Past Winners - Large Villages class of the Best Kept Village competition this year.

We then moved to the car park of the Crown & Sceptre where the new defibrillator had also been festooned with a ribbon bow! Simon Lovell explained the fund raising that had gone into the purchase of the defibrillator. Simon also explained how the equipment will work and Mel then cut the ribbon to unveil this important piece of equipment.

Mel was very complimentary about the community spirit that is evident in the village and this was borne out by the fact that some 50+ parishioners turned out to join in the celebrations.

Most of the parishioners then went into the Crown & Sceptre for cream teas and cake kindly provided by Heavitree Brewery.

The following day this email was received from Mel:

"Just a quick line to thank you so much for making me feel so welcome yesterday in Newton St Cyres. It was great to see progress on such a wide front within the village and thank you to you and the P C for all that you do locally. Please pass on my thanks to everyone involved. With all best wishes. Mel"

See the front cover for images from the Celebration:

Top:	Opening the defibrillator outside the Crown and Sceptre.
Middle:	Villagers celebrate the unveiling of the new Village Sign.
Bottom:	The Harrington Hump is officially open to raise the platform level.

Photographs courtesy of Alan Quick, Crediton Country Courier

Its that Time of Year Again

Amazingly it is time for our double issue again. It is incredible how quickly it comes round. Its been a busy year in the village:- the Community Support Group has secured a defibrillator for the village, we have a new sign, Harrington Hump, Vodaphone mini masts, runner up in our class of the best kept village to mention but a few local successes.

Broadband

Its not all been successful though, 2014 was the year when we were told that high speed broadband was coming to Newton St Cyres. It has been announced that Newton St Cyres has "gone Live". However it seems that CD&S (Connecting Devon and Somerset) didn't really mean it when they said they were going to bring high speed broadband to rural areas. They meant to 30% of rural areas. Only a few houses in the middle of the village can actually connect to the new service. What a waste of enormous amounts of public money? When challenged CD&S said they never said we were all connected and that by 2016 there should be 60% connected!!

Website

Which is bad news for the Newton Wonder's proposed website. I'm very pleased to say that volunteers are emerging and we hope to launch our website early in the New Year. It is intended that the magazine and website will run alongside each other. there will be a fair amount of work to achieve a useful and up to date website so if you feel you would like to be involved please let me know.

Village shop and Post Office

A meeting was held in the Parish Hall on Saturday 15th Nov. at which the Parish Council Chairman, David Baker, invited people to consider whether there would be support for a community shop/post office.

It was emphasised that the present owners are not about to leave immediately, as some people interpreted comments in last month's Newton Wonder. I am sorry that my comments were misleading.

The meeting was called because a group of people had expressed concern about the future of the shop. The possibility was that in the longer term it may be necessary to explore how to run such a venture in the village. Richard and Liz are keen that the business should continue but the retail market has changed and it is becoming harder to find new owners for small shops in rural villages. It may ultimately be necessary to seek change of use, to residential, in order to sell the house.

Nemo Shaw, social enterprise adviser from the Community Council of Devon explained how community enterprises could be financed and run. Michael Kirby described the process and problems which arose when the shop in Kennerleigh was taken over as a community venture. In this case the funding was largely through the issue of community shares along with some limited grants.

It was agreed that everyone present was keen to ensure that the village retained a post office and shop. There were a variety of forms that this could take; from retaining the present building to putting up a portakabin somewhere in the village. The most useful way forward at the moment was to include a section in the forthcoming questionnaire which will be seeking villagers' opinions in the drafting of the next Parish Plan. This way the real strength of feeling could be measured.

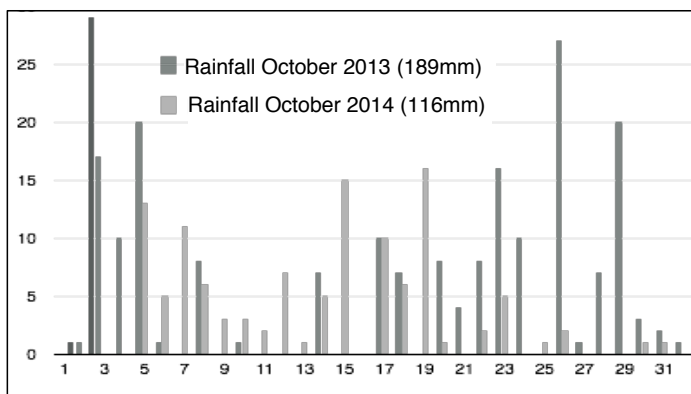
The Chairman of the Parish Council will liaise with Richard and Liz, whose retirement is unlikely to be in the near future.

Lost Property

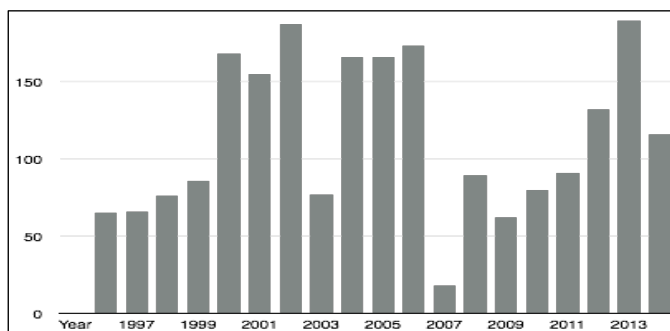
Jane Hole, the Parish Clerk, has reported that there is a new, quick and easy way of reporting lost property online. The **ReportMyloss website** allows people to log their lost item using an online form, which will register the item on a Police Approved, National Database. Police all over the UK will be able to view the database, which is available from Monday the 3rd November 2014. For more information visit: www.reportMyloss.com

The Weather

The rainfall in October was, surprisingly less than last year and it was, as we know a very mild month. Here are the Rainfall figures from Ford Farm.



Rainfall in October at Ford Farm since 1996



Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous and Successful New Year to all our readers.

Community Resilience and Flooding

On the 10th November, the third and final meeting was held and steady progress on maintenance and upkeep was reported up the Shuttern Brook into West Town as well as in Sweetham and Smallbrook. This progress was due to some good work by local landowners working with the co - operation of local residents.

The early warning rain gauge is being installed and the Community Resilience Group has had an initial meeting with the Newton St Cyres Community Support Group. The team has also completed its response plan, is well under way to being staffed, submitting budgets for tools and equipment and will receive professional training in January 2015.

As already mentioned, Mid Devon District Council has a responsibility to check and “police” these water ways in our parish, and to this end, a couple of weeks ago, they again walked our water courses. Unfortunately they found that there were still a number of areas where residents are:- not clearing the undergrowth back from their own banksides, and - dumping rubbish in the stream. This was particularly noticeable behind the fence at the Village Hall car park.

The Council has identified the location of these areas and will be writing a second, more strongly worded letter to the landowners. We do, however, understand that not all landowners are necessarily the culprit and ask all residents to discuss any concerns they may have in confidence with the council. We further understand that not all residents will be physically capable of doing clearing work on their bank sides. Again, we ask you to contact the council if this is the case, we will do our best to arrange for some assistance.

Roger Cashmore for Newton St Cyres Parish Council

THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY 2015 8.00pm (Doors 7.15pm)

STEVE KNIGHTLEY Newton St Cyres Parish Hall , Nr Exeter EX5 5BL

The songwriting force behind the phenomenally successful Show of Hands, Steve continues his solo ‘Grow your own’ tour of village venues with this appearance at Newton St Cyres. He is renowned for his strong, trademark narrative songs which reflect the escapades, hopes and fears not only of people in his native West Country but of those beyond, and he pulls no punches when writing highly literate songs about bigger, global issues. Expect an intense and engaging evening with a great musician.

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Parish Council Report ... November

Nine Councillors attended the November meeting together with 5 members of the public. Apologies were received from both our District Cllr, Peter Hare-Scott and County Cllr, Margaret Squires.

The Cllrs were informed that the planning application for change of use from a store room to a function room at Hanlon's Brewery had been granted. No comment was passed on the application for an extension to a garage at Pines, NSC and for the application for extension, internal alterations and improvements at the Parish Hall. Cllrs agreed not to pursue the idea of a war memorial in the village as the cost would be very high and grants were almost non-existent. Talks are underway with the landowner and the Church about extending the Churchyard as there are not too many spaces left in the present Churchyard for burials.

The Chairman thanked the Cllrs for their almost 100% attendance at the village celebrations on the 26th October and passed on MP, Mel Stride's thanks and congratulations.

Highways concerns. Devon County Council have a consultation document out which parishioners are encouraged to look at on the website and complete with their views. The link is: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/highways budget/> and the consultation period ends on Friday 5th December. Parishioners views are always important in these consultations.

The Council agreed to put a paper together outlining how the parishes in the Raddon Hills Group could work together to employ Road Wardens and Lengthsmen. The Raddon Hills Group meets again next February so hopefully there will be an outcome to report.

Footpaths. Cllr Steve Parker has been extremely busy. Cllr Parker explained that it was important to have plans and proposed routes in place for when funds become available so that the parish did not miss out on possible funding in the future. Cllr Parker had been working with Sustainable Crediton about a safe cycle/footpath route between Newton St Cyres and Crediton and the group are very impressed with Cllr Parker's work and ideas.

Primary School. Approval was given by MDCC for the outline planning application for the re-location of the School to Station Road and for the associated highway works. The Council agreed to ask for a 20mph speed limit through the village from the bridge at Newton House to the entrance to Court Barton to make the centre of the village safer for children crossing on their way to School.

Dog Fouling issues. The Cllrs agreed to place a notice in the Newton Wonder about the dangers of dog mess being left on verges, pavements, roads and fields. This notice appears elsewhere in the magazine and it is hoped dog owners will heed the warnings. It was made clear though that not all dog owners are guilty of leaving the dog mess for others to walk into - some are very responsible and always pick up the mess and place it in the red bins provided. Unfortunately, as is often the case, some irresponsible people make it bad for those who are very thoughtful and responsible.

2015 Parish Council elections. Parishioners are reminded that Parish Council elections take place in May 2015 and potential candidates are invited to come along to an open meeting on Saturday 28th March 2015. The Cllrs will be in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall to answer any questions interested people may have about the role of a Parish Councillor. The Mini Market will be in the main hall so we hope many people will call in and talk to the Cllrs. Young people are especially welcome as their views are the ones which will influence the future of the parish and its parishioners.

Thanks. The Cllrs have sent letters of thanks this month. One to Stagecoach for putting on a special bus which ran from Crediton to Cowley on the Sunday when the road was closed at Cowley Bridge for the Great West Run. The second letter has gone to the parishioner who voluntarily cleaned all the gutters and road edges in the village recently. The Council are very happy to be able to pass on these thanks instead of having to complain!!

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 1st December at 7.30 pm in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall. Everyone is most welcome to come along.

The Parish Surgery will be held in conjunction with the Mini Market on Saturday 20th December from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm - please note the change of date and time. Again, please come along and meet the Cllr on duty there.

The January and February meetings of the Parish Council have been amalgamated and will be held on Monday 26th January 2015.

Cllr Jill Baker, Press Officer

Newton St Cyres Parish Council

The Parish Council wish to remind all dog owners of the rules about dog fouling. Several instances have been reported to the Council recently of dog mess being left on verges, pavements etc. and some bags of dog mess being thrown into the hedges.

If someone is seen leaving the mess on the ground and a photo is taken of them, or they can be identified, the fine is £1,000.

Apart from the obvious mess and irresponsibility of the owner, there is also a serious risk to health if children get it on their hands or anywhere on their skin.

Would you like to walk into dog mess and drag into your house? Would you like to ride your bike through it or push your child's buggy through it and have to clean off the mess when you get home?

This also applies to agricultural land.

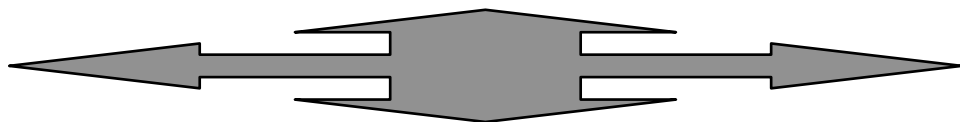
Of course you would rather not experience any of this!!

So, the answer is with the dog owners to behave responsibly and to use a bag to pick up the mess and deposit it in the many red dog waste bins provided in the parish. Thank you.

PARISH HALL CARETAKER

Roy Beckett will be giving up the post of Caretaker in early January. We wish to thank Roy and Wendy for doing a tremendous job in looking after the Hall for more than 7 years.

An advertisement for a replacement is being prepared and will be displayed around the village, but if anyone has interest in this important village position, please contact Roger Wilkins (851337; rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com) or Rosemary Chambers (851400; rosemary_chambers@yahoo.co.uk) to discuss and for further details.



Community Notices

a free facility for all memebrs of the community

Tim Packer.

Gail, Robbie and Simon would like to thank everyone in the village for their cards, phone calls, flowers and letters following Tim's death from cancer in September. We really appreciate being part of such a caring and generous community especially at difficult times like this.

COMMUNITY MARKET

Please note that the **December mini market will be held on Saturday December 20th at 2pm.** Any prizes for the Christmas raffle would be greatly appreciated, Thank you all for your support this year I really appreciate all the help I recieve. Happy Christmas to you all AnnPM

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Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The November draw took place at the Coffee Morning on 1st November 2014 in the village hall and the winners are:

No	195	Sue Browne	£10
No	143	Rosemary Chambers	£10
No	153	Gail Meldrum	£10
No	36	Joyce Rook	£10
No	43	Sue Kendall	£10

Congratulations all

Daphne 01392 851639



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Do You Remember?..December and January

December 1974

Geoff was welcomed as Licensee of the Crown & Sceptre.

The Recreation Ground held their AGM in the Barn Owl and the following officers were elected: Chairman – J Hill, Vice Chairman – J Durrant, Treasurer – W Denny, Secretary – Mrs B Runacres. Discussion took place as to whether Tennis Courts should be provided at the Rec.

Mrs Durrant was elected as President of the W I

The Crediton Courier had appeared on the shelves for the first time.

Sid Gratton had resigned from the Parish Council due to work commitments.

Street cleaning was being offered to the Parish Council to carry out.

It was decided to form a Tennis Club.

December 1984

It was reported that the Newton Car Scheme was having difficulty finding enough drivers.

The Parish Council reported that the County Council will be planting trees at the Half Moon Lay-by.

There will be a realignment of the Parish boundary on 1st April 1985 with Rowthorne going to Whitestone and Ashford to Newton St Cyres.

The 'Hillbillies' were top of the Skittle league.

Newton St Cyres Guides and Brownies held two successful Bingos.

December 1994

The Garden article was about how to grow and care for Madonna lilies.

Season's greetings appeared from 8 parishioners and the Parish Council with donations going to Amnesty and Save the Children and to local charities such as Cancer Research and the Heart Foundation.

The School took part in the Children in Need appeal and the School Cook, Beverly Jepp made Pudsey Bear biscuits.

There was a note from J G Quicke and Partners asking if anyone sees straying sheep in the village to please phone Mr Putt and not J G Quicke and Partners.

A welcome was extended to new owners of the Post Office, Mr & Mrs Colin and Tina Standing and their son Justin.

There was an article on the history of Twinning by Sarah Tester.

The Parish Council reported on the ceremony at the Parish Hall when Henry Gliddon received his MBE. A reception had been held afterwards and 100 people were present.

December 2004

A presentation was made in the Parish Hall by Powergen on 'Beat the Winter Blues' Rambling walks for the month were on Dartmoor and the Boxing Day walk around the Parish.

Cancer Research organised a successful Antiques evening. January 1975

The Editor reported the Newton Wonder accounts had broken even after all running expenses had been accounted for and subscriptions were held at 30p per annum.

A gift of \$25 US had been received from a couple who had visited the Church during the summer and a pair of cruets for wine and water had been purchased.

The Crediton Country Courier newspaper was launched and the first issue was circulated free with the December Newton Wonder. Organisations were being encouraged to use the facilities offered by the paper.

On the list of School Managers, some 7 out of the 9 were parents. Fred Moore of Westholme was elected to fill a vacancy on the Parish Council. The W I Whist Drive had been a success and more were planned for January and February.

The Over 60's thanked their drivers and made small gifts of appreciation. They had recently had a dinner and a trip to the Panto.

The Parish Hall charges were increased to cover running costs, i.e. sewerage charges and the Hall agreed to buy 60 new chairs at a cost of £200.

The Football Club results were listed where the 1st Team had won 2, drawn 1 and lost 2.

Alarm buzzers had been fitted to houses in Court Orchard and linked to the warden's house. Neighbours were asked to respond if they heard a buzzer going.

January 1985

Following a site meeting Devon County Council confirmed they would not be erecting NO ENTRY signs at the Half Moon end of the lay-by.

Both the Mothers Union and Women's Institute held meetings with the W I arranging a coach trip to Dunsford pantomime.

The Twinning Group held classes in Basic French Conversation followed by a Social Evening.

Village sweatshirts were being sold on behalf of Church funds.

January 1995

The School were lucky to have a French Teacher living locally and she was helping the top class learn French.

The School children had been producing a School newspaper and these were available for sale at 30p each.

The Twinning Group had enjoyed a Skittles evening at the Waie Inn, Zeal Monachorum.

Tansy Caley demonstrated pastel painting at the Art Club meeting.

A very informative article appeared on the history of the Twinning Group. 1981 was the first meeting and it was chaired by Rev. John Scott.

The first twin was to be Ussy but this did not happen and then Rots was approached. The Twinning Group was properly consolidated in July with the first visit in 1983.

January 2005

The Hall had held a successful Curry Lunch and raised £250. They were also advertising a new Keep Fit class on Friday mornings.

The weekly market had produced a questionnaire on the times, possible admission fees and comments.

Cancer Research Campaign had reached a milestone of £20,000 raised.

The Young Farmers' Club held a Charity Race night in the Crown & Sceptre which raised more than £500 and the Club had been involved in the Harvest Festivals in Newton St Cyres and Exeter.

The Table Tennis Club was one year old and a new folding table had been bought for the Club by the Hall.

There walks were organised by the Ramblers for Boxing Day, January 8th and January 30th.

The Cricket Club made presentations to Mike Parfitt, Mike Johnson, Will Stephenson, Chris Davies, Tom Dowle, Clinton Lewis and David Vallance.

A Beetle Drive was advertised in aid of Church funds.

RECREATION GROUND CLUB

Well, well here we go again, it's raining and the seas around our coast are doing something I didn't know about until last year, when we were introduced to waves overtopping at Dawlish. I wonder how many people have noticed this word has become part of our language. I do hope we are not going to see the devastation that the weather can cause again this winter, but it isn't making a good start. Fingers crossed we don't get all the postponements to the Football we have had for the last two years.

Now to our news and a great big thank you to all of you who came down for the Fireworks. We had the biggest gate we have ever had and a great display with no failures. The weather was good to us no rain in the afternoon, so the setting up was fairly easy if a little wet under foot and no rain in the evening so everyone could enjoy the display. We thank social media for good coverage of the event thanks to all of you who posted the date.

You will have noticed out, signs were not on the green this year, we had existing signs which did not meet with the Parish Councils required sizes so we placed them elsewhere.

The November rains have slightly curtailed our out side programme but we have lots going on through December and January, Darts Skittles and Pool all have both League and Cup games with a short break over the Christmas and New Year holiday. No special events booked in yet but that can change in the next few days we do have a Christmas party for the Football Club and a couple of Family parties booked in so we will still keep busy.

I am again recording our thanks to the Sponsors for the Firework display, they certainly make the evening a little less stressful, maybe we will have an even bigger display next year.ingers crossed the rain soon goes away and doesn't come back.

Thank you all for your support over the last year and please think of us for a family of village event next year.

We wish all our members and their families a happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Wendy Lewis



Newton St Cyres FC – December Update



We are now in that time of year where the weather has a major impact on our sporting calendar. We have now missed two weeks in a row for the Reserves and three for the Firsts. It doesn't look great either in the weeks ahead as the rain looks set to continue to fall. The wet weather has put a dampener on the season for all our teams. The women who have been in a good vein of form have suffered two postponements in a row including their quarter final fixture at Tedburn, this will be repeated on the final weekend of November.

The Ladies have played two games since our last report beating fellow league newcomers Okehampton 9-1. The following week was a trip to Plymouth Uni where we were 5 nil victors. We also celebrated our Ladies player - Ana Holmes, being selected for Devon Under 18s who defeated Somerset 1 nil in their first leg of the challenge cup, congratulations Ana!

The First team have played two matches starting with an away victory against Westex 2-nil. The second fixture in the Devon Senior cup wasn't such a pleasant affair as we went down 5-nil. We started well and had two golden opportunities to score which we spurned and Witheridge took their changes following this to secure their progress to the next round.

The Reserves have played three matches during this period with the first being a heavy defeat away against Ottery St Mary - 5-1. This was followed by a 1 nil defeat against Dunkeswell. This was a bitter pill to swallow having probably edged the game until the final minute when a freak goal stole all the points. Next and finally was a trip to East Devon in the form of Beer Albion. It was a tough game in which Beer called on some of their first team players due to shortages but we put in a shift coming away with a well-earned point.

Our Under 13s have made a grand total of zero games since our last report due to a mix of free weekends and the poor weather. They have a lot of home games ahead so we are hoping for an improvement so the team can get their season back on track!

December Fixtures 2.15pm KO (unless stated)

First Team: 13th Lymstone (A), 20th Wellington (H), 27th Witheridge (A)

Reserves: 13th Kentisbeare (A), 20th Alphington (H)

Ladies: 14th Tavistock (A) 2pm, 21st Okehampton (A) 2pm

January

First Team: 3rd Beacon Knights (A), 17th Exmouth (A), 24th Uni (H), 31st East Budleigh (A)

Reserves: 17th Silvertown (A), 24th Woodbury (H), 31st Bradninch (A)

Ladies: 18th Uni Plymouth (H) 2pm

Mark Smaldon

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

November update

League matches are progressing well, and club sessions are continuing throughout the winter as normal. Please see our website

www.newtonstcyrestennisclub for details of

these. Junior coaching on Wednesday afternoons with coach Toby Harradence has places available in January for the Spring Term starting in January, please contact Viv Baber (01392 681180) or Laura Leigh (01647 24259) if

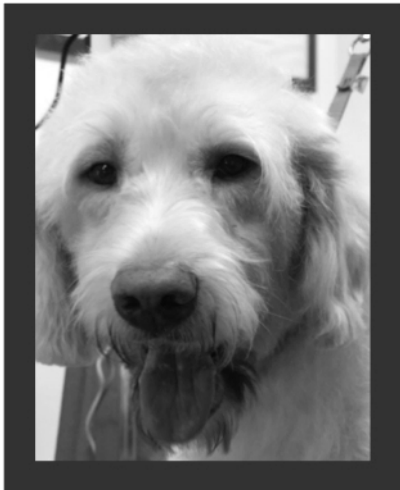
you are interested. The courts have recently been professionally cleaned in order to make them less slippery, which has made a big difference.



Club members will be celebrating another year of tennis at the Christmas party on 19th December, in the meantime we wish all readers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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HALL IMPROVEMENTS

Many of you will know that we have been planning improvements to the Hall. These will involve changing the entrance to the side of the Hall, to avoid the hazard of direct access to West Town road, rationalising the toilet facilities, installing a larger and better kitchen and a new heating system. We reckon this will give us really excellent facilities for the next generation. MDDC are considering our Planning Application and we are seeking support to fund these improvements.

Last month's Newton Wonder reported that the residual money from the Gravel Pits Fighting Fund has been donated to the Parish Hall to assist in this refurbishment. We much appreciate this donation of £180. We also wish to thank those who supported the Curry Lunch held on 2 November. This was a really enjoyable event that also made £500 for the Hall Improvement Fund. We still have a long way to go, but the Hall Committee will be increasing the events that we organise with proceeds going to this fund. Our next event will be a Coffee Morning in the Hall on Sat 7 Feb.

This November we had a record of 68 bookings. We estimate that some 18,000 visits will have been made to the Hall this year, confirming what an important facility the Hall is for the village. We do still have vacant slots, particularly during the day time during the week and at weekends. Please contact Mary Long, our Bookings Secretary, if you wish to book the Hall.

Thanks for your support.

Roger Wilkins, Chairman, NSC Parish Hall

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Across all the schools in the Exe Valley Federation, children, teachers and teaching assistants are making the most of this festive time of year. The primary postal service is working to capacity for the delivery of those very important Christmas cards and classrooms are being transformed into twinkling grottoes with festive trees, decorations and displays.

For most children, one of the highlights is getting ready for their Christmas production and we have a fine tradition of entertaining well. This year, the children from Newton St Cyres had great fun with "Panto Pandemonium" which they performed a little earlier this year, at the end of November. Now they are looking forward to their Nativity and Carol Service on Monday 15 December – please join us in the church for this if you are able to (3:00 start).

Meanwhile, at Cheriton Fitzpaine, the younger children in the school will be performing their very cute version of "Born in a Barn" on the afternoon of Thursday 11 December. This delightful retelling of the Christmas Story is taken from the point of view of the animals in the stable and it has some lovely songs in it.

During the following week, the older children will be giving an afternoon performance of their pantomime, "Cinderella Rockerfella" on Monday 15 December at 2:00 and an evening show starting at 6:30 on Tuesday 16 December. Everyone is welcome at the afternoon performance in particular and we would love to see you there if you can make it.

Meanwhile at Thorverton, you will be able to see a KS2 adaptation of "Alice the Musical" at the Memorial Hall on the evenings of Thursday 11 December and Friday 12 December. The musical is based around the story written by Lewis Carroll many years ago and stays fairly close to the original story. Rehearsals have just started and the children are enjoying taking on the many challenges it presents. On the following Wednesday 17 December at 2:30 it will be the turn of the younger children to perform their version of the Nativity in the church. There is no doubt that they will delight so do come along if you can!

Looking back, we have had another great year as a federation – the children have made lots of new friends and they have gained many happy memories from times spent together on residentials, arts events and trips. On behalf of them all, may I take this opportunity to wish all readers a very enjoyable Christmas 2014 and a happy and prosperous 2015!

HEATHER M PERRY
CO-EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

Community Support Group

At the recent Community Support Group meeting, we heard from Jock Campbell who has written up the Community Resilience Plan. It is a booklet containing action plans regarding various events, such as flooding, medical emergencies etc. The document will be used in the event of any accident or emergency and will guide residents of the community:- what to do and who to contact.

The Community Resilience Plan, was started when meetings and planning regarding the flooding from last year. It was then realised that the village should compile a booklet, which could be used as a reference to different action plans that may be needed if different events occur in the future. The booklet is still being worked on, and Jock has added that if anyone would like to give any criticism to help with the compilation of the Community Resilience Plan, Jock would be very grateful.

The plan also includes an Individual Household plan, to help households within the community deal with various events and can be used as a reference if necessary.

Jock has contacted a lot of people and local services to help, for example, the Fire Brigade are willing to come to the village to discuss about dangers etc as well as the ambulance crew, who are happy to talk to residents about first-aid procedures.

This will be very useful, due to the addition of the defibrillator - which has been located next to the Crown and Sceptre's entrance.

Later in the meeting Jackie Enright and her craft group, which is based at the Crown and Sceptre every Monday morning from 9.30 - 11.00, introduced the group to various crafts and creations the group are making.

They showed us how to make various seasonal items such as, holly wreaths and Christmas puddings. Many of the products were also sold at the meeting, including chutneys and jams made by Maureen Whitely.

The Craft Group was made to support the local school as well as, for the members to have fun and experience new things. All the money that is made from the Craft Group is given to Newton St Cyres school, and last year the group raised £500 for the schools yearly trip.

Thank you to Jock and the Craft Group, for coming to the meeting, and involving and showing us what you do.



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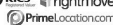
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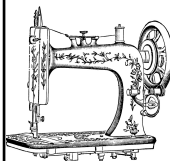
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Dates from the Village Diary

December 2014

4 th , 5 th & 6 th	Art Exhibition	-	Parish Hall
6 th	Christmas Fayre		10.30am – 3pm at Quikes
6 th	Live Music, Alex Hart		8.30pm at the Crown & Sceptre
11 th	Gardening Club		7.30pm Parish Hall
13 th	Community Support Group Christmas Lunch		10.30am at the Crown & Sceptre (all welcome)
13 th	Live Music The Thorvertones		8.30pm at the Crown & Sceptre
19 th	Carols Around the Tree		7.30pm at the Crown & Sceptre
20 th	Mini Market		2pm Parish Hall
21 st	Carol Service		6.30pm at NSC Parish Church
22 nd	Christmas Draw		7pm at the Beer Engine
24 th	Live Music and Christmas Celebrations		7.30pm at the Crown & Sceptre
25 th	Christmas Prize Draw and Village Gathering		Noon – 2pm at the Crown & Sceptre
	Christmas with Mike and Jan		12 -2pm at the Beer Engine
26 th	Boxing Day Lunch		from 12.30pm at the Crown & Sceptre (bookings required)
31 st	New Year's Party		7pm at the Crown & Sceptre

January 2015

1 st	New Year's Day Roasts	12.30pm at the Crown & Sceptre
7 th	Live Music Circus Berzercus	6pm at the Parish Hall

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Wednesdays Below:-

Jan 14	May 6	Sep 23
Feb 11	Jun 3	Oct 21
Mar 11	Jul 1, 29	Nov 18
Apr 8	Aug 26	Dec 16

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Newton St Cyres	Post Office	09:45	10:45
Upton Pyne	Village Hall	11:00	11:45
Bramford Speke	School	12:00	12:45
Pathfinder Village	Car Park	14:00	14:45
Tedburn St Mary	Village Hall	14:50	15:50

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.

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

Sunday 18th January

The January walk around Eggesford will take place on Sunday 18th, leaving Newton St Cyres car park at 9.30 and sharing cars. There is good parking space outside St Andrew's church at Eggesford, just beyond the turnoff for Eggesford Nurseries.

The walk is mainly on minor roads round Eggesford. There is one stretch in the woods at the beginning, first on a bridlepath and then a footpath which can get muddy. The views along the ridge at the top are magnificent on a clear day (here's hoping!). We come back downhill joining the Tarka Trail for the last section.

I look forward to seeing all interested walkers on the 18th.

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All are welcome on either of these walks.

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



Garden club news

Our speaker on 23rd October was garden designer Patti O'Brien who is now based in Exeter but formerly owned Berties cottage near Hittisleigh which some of you may remember visiting when she opened it to the public under the open garden scheme. Patti brought along a series of slides and gave a very interesting talk based around the highs and lows of transforming a piece of land into a garden with interesting flowers and foliage for all seasons. She says it was a steep learning curve and not all plants she experimented with survived on the heavy clay at Berties cottage. I think every gardener aspires to have something flowering backed by beautiful foliage throughout the entire year and it certainly looked as if Patti had achieved this. She called her talk interesting flowers at Berties Cottage and provided us with a plant list which I will now endeavour to share with you.



For winter flower why not try a viburnum farreri. This hardy shrub can be deciduous or evergreen with lime green palmately lobed leaves and clusters of white or pale pink fragrant flowers turning to berries to feed the birds later in the season. The winter honeysuckle lonicera fragrantissima is an equally hardy bushy deciduous shrub. It has fragrant cream flowers in winter providing much needed forage for bees with red berries in early spring to attract the birds. Hellebores are a good staple for the winter garden along with forsythia. Looking for a small tree for your garden? What about amelanchier lamarckii a small tree of open habit, with bronze-tinged young leaves which turn orange and red in autumn. It has white flowers and edible fruit similar to blueberries, but you will need to be fast to beat the blackbirds if you want to try some.

In the spring Patti suggests planting iris pumila which is a bearded iris along with pulsatilla vulgaris and alliums for beautiful flowers and interesting seed heads. How about a combination of poached egg plant (limnanthes douglasii) and spring bulbs? This strikes me as a practical way of giving your spring flowers a canvas of finely divided leaves in which to nestle but without delaying the initial lawn cutting to allow the bulb foliage to die back. If you like something showy and have an area of well-drained soil try the crown imperial fritillaria. Alternatively you can plant the bulb on its side in a layer of grit to help drainage. Plant it alongside a Victorian vegetable called cardoon which has large silvery foliage for a really unusual show.

For the summer lobelia tupa is a very unusual lobelia growing to 2 metres tall and ideal for the back of the border with its pretty pink flowers. Underplant your roses with Gertrude Jekyll's favourite viola cornuta with its lovely white or violet flowers. Eucomis adds structure to any border while allium sphaerocephalon is a summer flowering allium with very straight stems each topped by a small, oval chartreuse-

green head tinged with a maroon-claret tip. Drift it through your borders in a well-drained sunny position and it will thrill you year after year.

Heptacodium are deciduous shrubs with simple, prominently 3-veined leaves and small, fragrant creamy-white flowers in panicles in late summer and autumn, followed by colourful, persistent sepals.

It made me realise that you really can have beautiful fragrant flowers and interesting foliage all year round if you do your research before planning your borders. If you need help with this Patti may be just the person to talk to. She is happy to do one off consultations and pruning for individual plants as well as larger garden projects. You can phone her 01392 758559 or email her at pattiob@me.com Please say you heard about her from the Newton St Cyres garden club.

So with the days getting shorter resulting in less time to spend in the garden maybe it is a good time to do your research and plan for next year.

Enjoy your garden

Anne Rice

Due to dwindling numbers attending the garden club next year we will be experimenting with some changes to our meetings. We will meet on the first Wednesday of the month (in the evening) but only in March, June, September and December. By doing this we hope to make the meetings more special and varied. We will have a speaker, question and answer sessions and donated produce being auctioned at the end of the evening.

Watch this space for future dates.

Suttons Seeds

The gardening club has been given a discount of 50% off Suttons seeds and 15% off other goods. It is very easy to do and if you are interested in taking advantage of this offer please contact Rosemary Chambers for more information on 851400 or rosemary_chambers@yahoo.co.uk

WALKS LEAFLET

We wish to express our appreciation to The Newton Wonder for funding a re-print of the leaflet 'Country Walks: Newton St Cyres'. This leaflet describes six circular walks, all of which start in our parish. They vary in length from just over 1 mile to 7 miles.

The leaflet was first produced four years ago and quite remarkably the 1600 copies have all been taken. The new leaflet has only minor alterations and is available from the document dispensers in the Hall Car Park and in the Arboretum. The 1000 new copies should last a few years and enable more people to enjoy the marvellous walks that are available to us

Thanks to The Newton Wonder.

Roger Wilkins, Newton Ramblers

Monthly Gardening notes for November from Bert Jewell

General Garden Tasks.

Veg Garden

1. Continue rough turning the soil as soon as the crops have been harvested, as long as the ground is not frozen. If frost is turned into the soil it will take longer to warm up in early spring
2. Harvest sprouts whilst they are firm and remove the bottom leaves from the stalks to allow air to circulate and make it easier to pick. Make sure the plants are firm in the ground (the sprouts will blow if not) and stake if necessary.
3. Protect Cauliflower heads by tucking the usually long pointed leaves into the Centre of the plant as it grows. The variety we grow are self protecting.
4. Check any stored Potatoes and remove any that are showing signs of rot, also remove any shoots.

Flowers

1. Check stored Gladioli corms and discard any that have rotted, small areas that have gone soft can be cut out and the wound dressed with "Flowers of Sulphur". This will dry the cut and help prevent bacteria from infecting the corm
2. Keep dead heading winter flowering Pansies and Violas
3. Over wintering Pelargoniums in a cold greenhouse can be difficult if the winter is cold and frosty. With a few simple steps it can be successful, depending on the severity of the frost. Line the inside of the greenhouse with bubble wrap or fleece. Keep the plants on staging or shelving above the ground as the coldest place is on the floor. Cover the plants with more fleece if a hard frost is forecast but remove during daylight hours. Open the door whenever possible during the day as good ventilation is important. Always water in the morning, this will allow the compost around the stem to dry out before nightfall.
4. Remove any fallen leaves from the crowns of Herbaceous plants. This will allow maximum light and also prevent slugs and snails from hiding in the crowns.

Lawns

1. Rake up fallen leaves with a leaf rake rather than a metal lawn rake. The wider tines will not damage the root structure.

Trees, Shrubs and Climbers

1. Only plant new trees and shrubs if the soil is workable (not too wet or frozen). This is also a good time to move Deciduous Trees or Shrubs that are in the wrong place so long as they are not too big.
2. Our thoughts will soon be turning to Christmas trees, do we have a real one or artificial. A real tree can be with roots or cut off just above the ground. The one with roots can be potted up into a large planter and watered, then planted into the garden after Christmas. The cut off one can be problematic in that it will shed its needles quicker and be a problem to get rid of after Christmas. To help reduce needle drop, cut off 25mm from the bottom of the

stem before placing it in a stand that has a reservoir for watering. After Christmas it can be taken to the Recycling Centre.

Fruit

1. Cut off all old leaves from Strawberry plants as well as any unwanted runners.
2. Check any stored fruit and discard or use up any that is showing signs of decay

General Notes

Some people I talk to think that gardening is a job for the Summer months. My belief is that if they are happy and enjoy the garden then that is fine. Others accept that it is a job that goes on all year.

It all depends on your garden. How big is it? What do you grow in it? What do you do with what you grow in it?

As you are all aware there is a worrying decline in our wildlife. Despite the abundance of fruit this year I have only seen a handful of wasps.

It has taken a long time and a lot of factors to get to this awareness of the decline, it will also take a long time to return wildlife to the numbers we used to have. If we can all do our bit to encourage wildlife into our gardens, it will make a difference.

Put out food and water for the birds, bug boxes for over wintering insects and grow some single flowered plants next year. Single flowers leave the centre exposed which is much easier for the bees and butterflies to feed.

Plant of the Month

Mahonia

There are two forms of Mahonia, the spreading form, (Aquifolium) grows to one metre high and flowers during March / April. The Shrub form (Japonica) can grow to two metres and flowers during December / January.

My favourite is Mahonia Japonica Charity, with long spikes of yellow flowers with a Lily of the Valley scent.

The leaves are spiny and it will grow in light shade in any reasonable soil.

Margaret and I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

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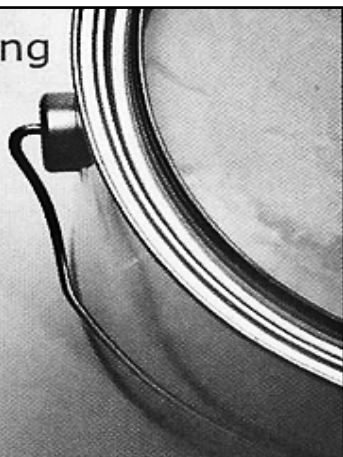
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Newton St Cyres History Group



We are planning to have a few talks about the farms and houses in the parish, and our first was on Thursday 16th October, from Peter Kay who lives at East Holme Farm. East Holme is a Grade 2* listed medieval hallhouse, with three rooms and a cross passage, described in Pevsner as having the remarkable survival of the roof trusses over the screens, clearly showing that there were originally two halls with an open fire in each. Furthermore, it is now known that the site has been occupied, (perhaps not continuously but sporadically) since the Middle Bronze Age. Excitingly, in 2011 during the course of restoration work, the field archaeologist Stewart Brown discovered pieces of a Trevisker Ware pot which has been radiocarbon dated to approx 1400 BC, and which is now conserved and at the RAMM in Exeter. It is almost certainly a domestic find, not part of a burial, although possibly an example of a ritual, observed from other archaeology, whereby a pot was deliberately smashed upside down and deposited in a pit.

When it became apparent that work needed to be done to East Holme, Peter and Janice Kay commissioned an historical survey from John Thorp and Jo Cox of Keystone (you may remember that Jo Cox gave us an excellent talk on Devon Thatch in January). This produced a coherent body of information on East Holme which was added to by Stewart Brown once the work started, and which Peter was able to use in his talk. The present house dates at least to the early 15th century and the sooted remains of a louvre (which acted as the outlet for the smoke from the open hearth over the main hall) can still be seen, with the smoke blackened straw thatch, likely to date from 1407 when the first legal rental document was drawn up.

The earliest record of Newton St Cyres (after the Domesday entries) is from 1121, when the village was held by the Augustine priory of Plympton, and a Suit of Court and Mill indicated that certain of the inhabitants had to pay to have their corn ground in the Priory Mill. However, the first record of East Holme is in a survey made in 1407-08 for the Rental made on the first Monday after the Feast of St Paul (Monday 25th January), which records two adjacent farms both called West Holme. John Thorpe was able to disentangle the potential confusion between the two adjacent farmhouses (East and West Holme) by careful reference to field names associated with the individual properties and which have persisted little changed across the centuries. It seems that documentary confusion remained until 1759, when the then Churchwarden and contemporary occupier sought to remove the confusion and the name Eastholme first appears in formal legal documents

The family of Crydga or Crydea were at East Holme in the 1407 survey, the widow of Thomas Crydga, and formerly William Crydea, paying £1 rent with suit of court and mill for 2 *ferlings* (a land measurement). This name we would now recognise as Creedy, as in the River Creedy. The next reference appears in 1540, after the Dissolution, when Newton St Cyres was held by Katherine Howard and then Katherine Parr, who of course were wives of Henry VIII. In 1544, 'West Holme' (but in fact East Holme) was granted to Lawrence Payne, his wife Alice, and son Thomas. The Langworthy family took on the lease in 1593. Hugh Langworthy was a weaver and he paid

£325 for the lease and then an annual rent of 50 shillings, which was a significant amount. The property consisted of the *messuage* (meaning the dwelling house and its outbuildings), garden, two orchards, and the field names and acreages were all listed in the grant.

The inventory on the death of William Langworthy in 1678 lists all the land held, the livestock, the crops and farm equipment, even down to the dung, which had a financial value, as well as all the household effects such as two feather beds, eight brass pans, pewter, butter and cheese, one settle, table linen and even a 'desperate debt' of £55. The Langworthy's were still there in 1722-3 when Hugh and Sarah were recorded as witnesses in a case between Thomas Furlong and Richard Burrough.

From about 1745 to about 1878 the Ley family of Trehill, Kenn owned the property and it was then that the name East Holme was first recorded in a rental agreement of 1759-71, made to Edward Hawkins, who was a church warden. In 1780 the rent charged to John Stone (who was there till 1808) was £316, but the property was still occasionally referred to as West Holme in the legal papers. Mary Stone was there from 1810 to 1822 and John Grosvenor from 1822/3 until 1861, aided first by his wife, and then by his niece, Elizabeth Channon, who was his housekeeper. The acreage held with the farm went up and down over these years, as land was bought and sold locally. The farm seems to have been prosperous and successful during this period of the 19th century. By 1871 Thomas Snow and his wife, Emma, held East Holme, but Elizabeth Channon was still there and described as sister in law to Thomas Snow, so the farm seems to have remained within the extended family.

The Wyatt family farmed at West Holme, but by 1878 William Wyatt's son, also William, had the tenancy of East Holme as well. By now the Quicke family owned both West Holme and East Holme and the Wyatt's were farming 230 acres over the two holdings. We now come close to living memory and in the 1901 census, William Wyatt was 70 years old and his wife Elizabeth was 68. They had a large family and it seems that Elizabeth and one of her daughters are in an existing photo of the farm from this period. The photo came from Elizabeth's great grandson, Mr Rowe. In 1910 Elizabeth's son Harold was the tenant farmer and this was the period when the cider from the farm was stored on the site of what is now the village hall. After the War, however, from 1919 – 23, John Hocking farmed East Holme. In 1939 George Wreford, farm bailiff to Noel Quicke, lived there but in 1976/7 East Holme was sold by the Quickes and there then followed three owners. The Kays bought it in 1995 and then some years later added on the cottage, at the buttery end of the original house, which had been partitioned off.

Mid Devon Conservation and English Heritage advised on the restoration of the house, and Peter showed us photographs of the work done to restore and stabilise the building. The roof of the cottage area, originally the buttery, was in a particularly perilous state of decay and a member of the audience remembered apples being stored and chickens housed there during the twentieth century. The roof trusses are now repaired and can be seen, and give a real feeling of how the building would have felt in the fifteenth century.

The screens needed restoring, and the pattern of the original ogee arch, squared off in later years, replaced. Unusually there was an elm screen; oak is more common and lasts longer, and of course these days it is hard to find elm wood. However, some was sourced from the Scottish borders and used to make repairs. There were residual traces of medieval paint on the oak uprights, and also witch marks scratched into the wood. A medieval drain under the screens passage still held 10 cms of 'cess' and probably came from a garderobe in what is now a cupboard!

The medieval hallhouse had open fires, but as is usual in these houses, a chimney was built with a turret staircase in the 16th century. A new stair turret was built on the rear of the house, probably in the 17th century, and a bread oven and kitchen inglenook was built in the buttery end and variously remodelled between the 17th and 19th century.

It was in digging for the footings to replace a 20th century staircase in the buttery end that the Bronze Age pot was discovered. It lay adjacent to a pit formed when tree roots were cleared. This tree was one of two that would have been felled in the 12th century to clear the space for the original house (that Stewart Brown believes was likely to have been somewhere within the current farmyard nearer to the road). Remains of medieval pottery and a fire were also found suggesting that the workers clearing the site had set up a cooking pot on a fire to sustain them in their labour.

The details of the farmers who lived and worked at East Holme, and the building they inhabited, on a site which had been used for over three thousand years, brought the past to life. Our thanks go to Peter and Janice Kay for a most interesting evening, and for sharing the history of their house.

COMING MEETINGS

Thursday Dec 11th 7.30 in the Village Hall Club Room
Joint Christmas Social with Gardening Club

Everyone Welcome

The Christmas Social meeting is shared with the Gardening Club this year, but all are welcome. Please bring a little plate of something to share. Entry will be £1.50 and we will hear a reading by Chris Lee of an account of Christmas fraternisation between German and Allied soldiers in WW1. As well as a reading by Jean Wilkins and others of a few snippets from strange, sometimes amusing newspaper articles relating to NSC from 100-150 years ago. We will then have an informal session when anyone can tell us about 'my favourite garden' or 'an interesting event in my garden' or 'a memory from my past in the village', or 'a story my father/mother told me about life in Newton St Cyres'.

If you are interested in the history of the village and would like to help on the committee we should love to hear from you. If you have been independently researching but don't wish to get involved we should still love to hear what you have been up to. For example have you researched the history of your house, or perhaps you would like to know how to go about it. Please do make contact with Jean or Isobel. We are particularly lucky in Newton St Cyres that we have a village with very good records.

From January 2015 our meetings will be held on a Wednesday evening
7.30pm in the Village Hall Club Room.

We have no special membership and everyone is welcome.
There is a small charge of £2 which includes tea and biscuits.

For further information contact Jean 851337 Isobel 851351

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Newton St Cyres Young Farmers

Newton St Cyres Young Farmers Club celebrated their 77th Annual Dinner and Dance at The Tiverton Hotel on Friday 7th November, with guest speaker Mr John Lee OBE who is also a Vice-President of the club. A fun filled trophy winning evening was had by all, and we even made £300 for charity with our prize draw and raffle! Trophies were awarded to members who have exceeded in the club throughout the year, and they were presented by the three

club leaders; Angie Prowse, Katherine Sealy and Neville Sparey. Best first year girl went to Millie Murphy and Ben May got best first year boy, Claudia Smith got the cup for the best girl under 19, and Andy May was presented the cup for the boys. Georgina Davie was awarded the speaking cup, advisory cup for the best girl and the members' member cup. Lewis Clarke received the advisory cup for the best boy. Emma Davie received the cup for the most consistent member, with Matt Crooke receiving the



runners up cup. The members, advisory and friends of the club also played the 'Heads and Tails' game to raise money for RABI, held a raffle and danced the night away to 'Contrast'. The guests listened to speeches to standing-down Chairman Emma Davie, guest speaker John Lee OBE, club president Stewart Turnerm and current Chairman Alex Turner. The club celebrated a successful year with many achievements which included donating £5,048.94 to charity.



As normal the club have been extremely busy with various activities, fund raisers and meetings! October saw the club Ice skating at Plymouth Pavilions, attending carnivals dressed as mad pirates, having club meetings to plan the weeks ahead and a trip to mega bowl and the Waterfront in Exeter for a yummy pizza dinner to finish of the evening.

As November approached we started to think more about Christmas and the things we could do in the festive run up, we have decided as a club to have trees at both Crediton & Brampford Speke Christmas tree festivals, so make sure you go along and see our festive trees with a difference! The evening before the dance a flower arranging evening was held by our Chairman Alex Turner, it's safe to say some members are more budding florists than others! However all the flowers looked lovely and were a fantastic Centre piece for the guest's tables.

During November meetings the club have been busy making Christmas decorations, again some members are more creative than others, funnily enough it was the older male members who went crazy for the glitter! Thursday 13th November saw 13 members attend the county final pub quiz at the Waie Inn, well done to Georgina Davie, Emma Davie, Millie Murphy and Lewis Clarke for coming third.



As the end of November approaches members are excited for future events to take place such as County sports day, Advisory skittles at the London Inn and their much anticipated trip to France where they will be going for a long weekend to look at historical war memorials, local beaches, vineyards, towns and take in the French culture!

December is a busy month for the club we are attending Crediton Christmas tree festival and Crediton Christmas tree concert, playing pool, skittles and darts against other clubs within Devon, we have organised a charity Christmas bingo (Wednesday 10th Dec Sandford Village Hall eyes down 8), have our Christmas meal, and our

much anticipated County Christmas ball. The members will then be able to rest for a few days before the Clubs annual Boxing Day bash, always a cracking night for all!

January sees 6 of Newton's members hitting the slopes of France for a well needed snowy Christmas skiing holiday! They will be going with 56 other Devon Young Farmers members from across the County, and they can't wait! For those not going skiing there's Go Karting to look forward to, circus skills, an indoor games night, blind drop evening & a bound to be fun filled trip to Clip 'n' Climb in Exeter.

Through all of these Club events we also have 3 members taking part in the group pantomime, Treasure Island; they are working

The club have a busy social calendar leading up to Christmas including skittles vs their advisory members, a trip to Normandy in France, bingo at Sandford Village on Wednesday 10th December (eyes down 8.00pm), club Christmas dinner, and their annual Boxing Day Bash.



If you are under 26 and interested in joining the club, they have a club meeting on Tuesday 25th November at Newton St Cyres Village Hall 8pm to discuss up and coming socials. Or find them on Facebook!

Quickes Consistent Quality Leads to Triple Triumph

Three golds announced at World Cheese Awards

Following the World Cheese Awards on Friday - leading traditional clothbound Cheddar producer, Quickes, is celebrating winning three gold medals for their Mature, Extra Mature and Vintage Cheddars.

The latest achievements followed an intensive day's judging that took place at Olympia London alongside 2014's Good Food Show. There were more than 2,700 entries from all around the globe including cheese from Brazil and New Zealand. A panel of almost 250 cheese experts took part in the process of grading the cheeses and awarding medals accordingly.

2014 has proved to be an incredibly fruitful year for the Newton St Cyres based dairy and the team of cheesemakers are happy to share the secret of their ongoing awards success. Tom Chatfield, Sales and Marketing Manager explains:



"Over the past twelve months the Quickes team has really developed its selection process for assessing the truckles that are matured to a greater age. Our cheese is graded 1-100 by an external auditor and in recent history we have achieved 85% of stock at a score of 90 or above which is exceptional both in terms of quality and consistency. This is really all thanks to our Cheese Dairy Manager, Malcolm Mitchell, who has celebrated his 31st year on the farm.

"In addition to considering the technical marks that our cheese is awarded by external assessors, we now also implement a rigorous process that considers the different spheres of flavour, aesthetics and the exact characteristics of each cheese, much like the Continental affineurs. This means that as specially selected truckles mature from 12 to 18 months to 2 years we can enhance the complexity of certain flavours - making them more appealing to our customers and judges at cheese competitions such as the World Cheese Awards. We are also select profiles for specific customers or a sector of the market according to what best fits their requirements."

Quickes also operate an open door policy that actively encourages their wholesale customers and other professionally interested parties to become engaged in the selection process to determine the characteristics that are right for their business. Recently Owen Davies, Category Manager from the leading speciality food supplier, Cheese Cellar, participated in the grading procedure during a tour of the dairy. Owen comments; "In my role, I regularly visit cheese producers all over the country and it is always refreshing to meet companies such as Quickes, who continue to pioneer new methods for creating the best cheese possible. It's exciting to have experienced this process first hand and this level of commitment has been rightly rewarded at the World Cheese Awards, I'm delighted by Quickes much deserved success."

Quickes is the largest British naturally matured traditional cheddar maker, selling to wholesalers and the independent market - and to export, mainly US and Australia. The 1,500 acre farm has 500 cows grazing outside for 10-11 months of the year; the farm also grows crops to feed the cows, to sell and to support local wildlife in extensive environmental schemes. The business employs 40 people in Newton St Cyres, near Exeter in Devon.

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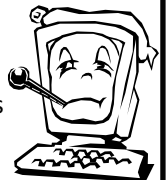
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It's the depths of the year. The sun just creaks above the horizon. The watery light drives plant life underground, conserving resources till that vital energy comes back. What can hibernate does. I weed my heathers gingerly, knowing I risk disturbing bumble bees from their protective winter sleep in the cosy brush. It's easier to see the wildlife, with the undergrowth gone. We saw a little family of wild boar in the woodland, bold and wary at the same time. I saw a young fox, and a gorgeous fallow buck, both bursting with life, style and elegance. I'm seeing a lot of barn owls - lovely to see them fleeting silently from the trees.

FARM KITCHEN - In our cafe, Quickes Farm Kitchen, we are serving meat, venison, beef and lamb, from the farm, casseroles and burgers in the week and roasts on Sunday. I love making that link from the fields you can see out of the window and as you walk and eating its rich produce, both dairy and meat. I'm complementing them with flowers, herbs and salad from my garden. Some of the leaves are strong, which I enjoy to give a zing. For garnish we use the better-tempered, milder leaves. We'd love to welcome you to celebrate with a Christmas lunch during December, you'll need to book. Visit the new website www.quickesfarmshop.co.uk.

CROPS - Delicious food takes preparation, and for us that starts by growing the crops and grass. We've sown most of the crops for next year's harvest. The fields that remain will produce spring crops, leaving stubbles to feed overwintering birds. This year we used our new GPS system: the tractor steered itself to sow the crops. They've come up in even and unerring rows, that is the first

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GRASS - The grass is the key input into the food on your plate in the Kitchen. It grew well this autumn, and we hope to graze up to Christmas, although the weather turned wet after that very dry September. Climate change predictions give warm wet winters, which gives grass that the cows, each around half a tonne, can't graze without damaging the soil. No problem, if that gives long enough grass to feed them in that important first round of grazing in February, feed stored over this tough time of the year till the soil can support the animals.

FODDER CROP - We do graze some dry cows and heifers on some fodder beet, where we can mend the soil by ploughing and sowing a crop in the spring. We are fencing the cows safely away from badgers, who love the sweet roots. A sick badger last winter caused havoc with our animals, so this year, we are doing everything we can think of to protect them. Housing cows won't help: a sick badger can seek out the shelter and food of farm buildings when they are in the last dangerous grip of TB, when they are very unsafe for farm animals. All we can do is keep them separate from our animals.

HEIFERS - Our heifers grow well where we can leave them outside safely, for them and the grass. It's odd, you would think outdoors in the cold and wet was too harsh for them. What we measure is that they grow better outside than in. This year we will try some groups in and some groups out to confirm this result we found last year. It's lovely to go out at Christmas and see lush grass in front of cattle. The lighter, younger animals do less damage than cows would. We move them every day to keep the soil safe and the cattle interested with fresh grass to attack. After a downpour, the patch they are in looks muddy but soon washes clean, and the earthworms and frost restore the soil structure.

COWS - The milking cows are inside from Christmas at the latest. I love the warm purposeful sense of cows in the barn, eating, resting, growing their calves and making milk. You do see them wistfully sniffing the grass growing on warm days the other side of the gate. Patience, girls, not long now.

CHEESE - We pack and send off cheese for Christmas around Britain. We've already sent off cheese to the four corners of the globe from September onwards, as it works its stately way by boat across the oceans. I love it that the sun, soil and water of this valley finds its way onto thousands of celebration cheese plates across the world. As I'm enjoying it here, I love the idea that lots of people I don't know (and a good few that I do know) are enjoying grass transmuted, like alchemy, into something as luscious and rich as our cheese.

Elaine Towler sent me this delightful ditty:
 'Just musing after buying a "truckle" of
 cheese specially wrapped for the
 "Dambuster's Inn" at Scampton
 Lincolnshire
 The word truckle intrigued me, and as I

like to write poetry began to think about what words could rhyme with it.....into my head popped the word "Muckle" and I thought about a phrase my Nana and Grandad used ~

"Many a mickle makes a muckle" or, every little makes a lot, and I thought about this phrase which could be so apt for a Dairy Farm making their own Cheddar Truckles.....

If Many a mickle makes a muckle
 then

" Every Trickle makes a Truckle " '

I agree!



I will be visiting the delightful Canyon Market in South San Francisco this January, and Susan Patton-Fox sent me this wonderful picture of our cheese there. What a good Christmas recipe, delicious apples on the cheese board with a good wedge of Quickes Traditional Mature Cheddar!

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

MARY QUICKE

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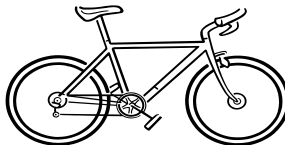
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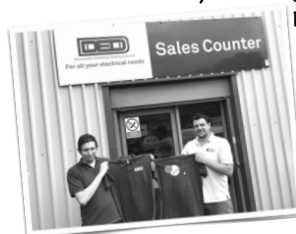
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The Exiles began the season with an 8-4 away win over The Half Moon at Cheriton Fitzpaine, followed by a 12-0 home win against The White Swan (Crediton) and a 10-2 victory over The Kings Arms (Crediton), with a draw against Upton Pyne Social (away) and a win against Malt Scoop (7-5) thereafter. Top of the league! The Rec has the top two players in the league after five matches with Keith Weir (Exiles) on 9 wins from 10 frames played and DSL (aka Master Blaster) on 10 wins from ten frames played. We'll post updates as the season goes on.

You can follow them online this season at <https://www.facebook.com/NewtonExiles>.

And you can follow The Exiles and The Wreck, as well as all the other teams and players in the best pool league in Devon here:

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Brian, Scott, Tom, Keith and DSL (left to right) from the Newton Exiles.

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People in the Crediton area may be £45,000 better off thanks to Plough and Share, Devon's community-owned saving and loans organisation.

That is the difference between the loan repayments local people have made on the £18,000 they have borrowed from the Credit Union over the last two years, and the amount they would pay to a typical doorstep lender charging over 272% APR.

Doorstep lenders typically charge over 350% pa (fixed). Plough and Share's top loan rate to first time borrowers with no savings is 26.8% APR. Savers pay lower interest rates.

Okehampton based Manager of Plough and Share, Paula Anscomb said: "It's the support of our local savers and 170 volunteers across the county who make it possible for us to provide a market-leading service in our field. Keeping it local, and community ownership, really pay."

John Skrine, Chair of Sustainable Crediton, explained why it teamed up with the Credit Union to tackle the problem of debt:

"We want to help local people get a fair deal on loans, and for more money to stay in Devon and help the local economy

"People in this area borrow money from doorstep and payday lenders which they find hard to repay. The Credit Union offers a way out of that trap. Loans are made only after strict checks on affordability."

The Plough and Share Service Point in Crediton is open every Friday from 1.00 to 3.00 p.m. in the Council Offices in Market Street. Plough and Share's services are also available online at www.ploughandshare.co.uk, by phone on 01837 658123, and at their Head Office in East Street, Okehampton.

Picture:

Plough and Share Credit Union Volunteers Peter Hamilton (L) and Ellie Green (R) spreading the word.



For more information, contact:

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John Skrine, Chair, Sustainable Cridton and
lead volunteer for Plough and Share in Cridton
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johnskrine@gmail.com



Voluntary Action in Mid Devon

Help for Groups and Voluntary Organisations



Raising funds for local activities can be a bug-bear for small organisations. And starting a new organisation or project can throw up all sorts of unexpected issues.

But Mid Devon's support agency for voluntary and community groups, Involve, now has an outreach worker who can offer free help.

"Involve works throughout Mid Devon," explained Chief Officer Duncan Wood. "We are delighted that John Skrine can offer help to local groups, wherever they are."

Funding, setting up, registering, ensuring safety, recruiting and retaining volunteers are part of a long list of issues that all have their challenges. Involve has extensive experience with its partners in providing solutions and access to a wide range of professionals.

Duncan Wood said: "Deciding how to fund and run a group can quickly lead people into a maze. But there are people, and sources of money, which can be of great support if you know where to look for them."

John Skrine is an active volunteer with Sustainable Cridton, the Community Bookshop and Plough and Share Credit Union in Cridton. He has worked in the voluntary sector for over twenty years, and came to Devon to work for the National Lottery Charities Board (now BIG Lottery Fund) in 1996.

"I'll be giving one-to-one advice and sign-posting on all aspects of developing and running voluntary projects," said John. "I can advise on grant applications, but there's much more to getting funded than filling in a form."

For free help, email development@involve-middevon.org.uk or call John on 07814 387090. He is also in Cridton Library, Belle Parade, Cridton, on Thursdays from 12.30 – 2.00 p.m.

Christmas @ the Crown & Sceptre

2014

Planned Events for the Festive Season

1—26 December (excluding 24th pm & 25th all day)

Christmas Lunch & Dinner Menus Commence

6 December

Live Music from local artist Alex Hart

13 December

Live Music—Christmas with 'The Fabulous Thorvertones'

20 December

Christmas Carol Event

Seasonal and Traditional Carols sung by the NSC Church Choir for all to listen to and join with. All are welcome

24 December

Christmas Party

Christmas Celebrations from 5.30 until close, with Live Music from Tinmouth Jon Mulled Wine & Cider, Hot Food, Collection of the Secret Santa Gifts etc...

25 December

Christmas Gathering

Christmas Drinks, Prize Draw Results, Complementary Bar Nibbles etc ...

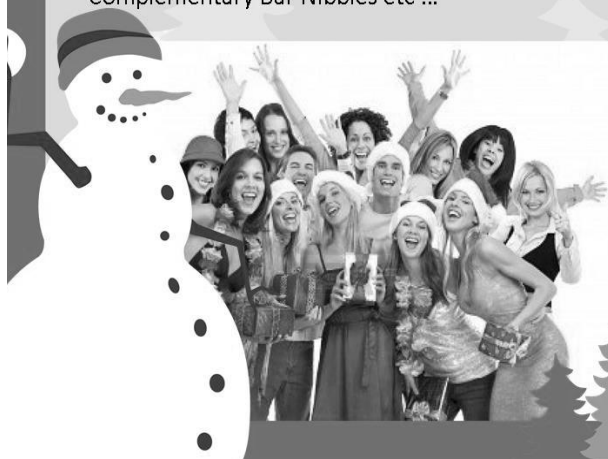


Prize Draws and Secret Santa Gifts.

1000 Number Draw—a chance to win a selection of quality prizes (TBC and in proportion to the tickets purchased)

Simon's Secret Santa Prize Draw—nominate a person to win a FREE Christmas Meal on Boxing Day here at the Crown & Sceptre. Open to all, but you cannot nominate yourself!

Secret Santa Gifts—A chance to do an act of kindness for someone in the Village. These are gifts you would like to be given to someone in the village anonymously by the pub. A chance to support and give to those who deserve a treat at Christmas. In return a Free Drink will be given by us for everyone who donates a gift.



New Years Eve

Early Evening Dinner (6pm Arrival for a 6.45pm Service). Join us for a Set 3 Course Dinner (see opposite) which commences from 6pm. (Booking will be essential along with a pre-order).

New Years Revelries—on completion of the set evening meal (estimated 9pm), why not join us for a fancy dressed 'Heroes & Villains' night of festive celebrations and bring in the New Year with us. Hear Big Ben Ring in the New Year!

New Years Day

Join us for a New Years Day Roast between 1pm until 4pm. Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding, Slow Roast Shoulder of Lamb, Roast Belly Pork with Crackling, Roasted Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing or Vegetable and Lentil Nut Roast to choose from.

Bar open from 12pm until close.



New Years Eve Dinner Menu £17.75pp

- Winter Spiced Lentil Soup
- Crown Chicken Terrine & Spiced Tomato Relish
- Daube of Beef in Red Wine Sauce & Mashed Potato
- Breast of Chicken in a White Wine Stilton and Mushroom Sauce
- Butternut Squash & Mushroom Risotto with Courgette Fritters Dressed with a Lemon Herbed Oil (v)
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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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Christmas Tree Festival

Rewe Church

13th and 14th December

2pm to 5pm

Refreshments



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Crediton Parish Church

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Our Christmas Tree Festival this year will take place from Thursday 4th – Sunday 7th December. It will open on Thursday and Friday from 11am – 6pm, on Saturday from 10.30am – 7pm, with a concert at 7.30pm and on Sunday from 2 – 5pm. Admission to the Festival is free. Refreshments will be available in the Boniface Centre. Coffee from 10am – 12 noon (Thurs, Fri and Sat), lunches 12 noon – 2pm (Thurs, Fri, Sat) and afternoon teas 2pm – 4.30pm each day. A photographic exhibition by five local photographers will be available to view in the Boniface Centre. Stalls selling a range of items will be found in both the church and Boniface Centre. Tours to the Governors Room will be available at 12noon and 3pm each day except Sun 3pm only and the chance to visit the bell tower will be available at 2pm on Thurs, Fri and Sat only. The bell tower houses one of four peels of twelve bells in Devon and a clock and chime barrel both dating from 1838.

The Sat evening concert entitled 'A Celebration of Christmas in Words and Music' will begin at 7.30pm and will feature Sarah Scoble, Ruth Bettsworth, Richard Clark and Leon Winston with our own choir. Refreshments of mulled wine and mince pies will be available. There will be an admission charge, yet to be agreed, for the concert. For group bookings, please use the contact details below. For anyone intending to come by public transport Crediton is on the Tarka Line (Church 15 minute walk) and there are bus stops within 200 metres.



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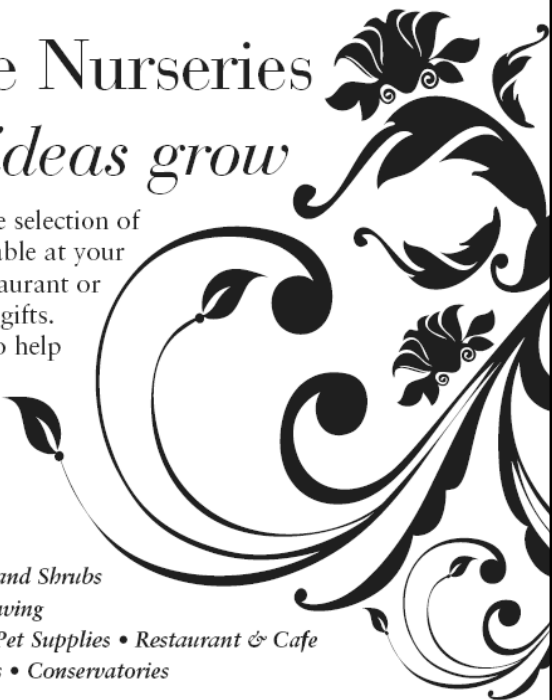
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Thursday	Dr Wride	08:30 - 19:30	Closed
Friday	Dr Wride	08:30 - 18:00	08:45 - 12:30

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	Thorverton	Silverton
Monday	15:00 - 17:15	09:00 - 11:45
Tuesday	08:30 - 11:30 15:00 - 17:00	Closed
Wednesday	07:30 - 10:00	15:00 - 17:45
Thursday	09:00 - 11:15 16:00 - 19:00	Closed
Friday	15:00 - 17:30	09:00 - 11:30

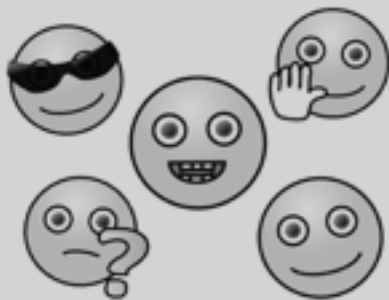
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In aid of Church funds

Lives and stories

“Now stop gawping and tell me: what do you want for Christmas?” Thus said Father Christmas to Doctor Who as he appeared - somewhat surreally - in the Tardis at the very end of the recent series. A ‘Dr Who Christmas Special’ has now been cued up. And two stories have collided, an ancient one (relatively speaking) and a modern one.

Doctor Who is good at the collision of stories. Worlds collide, alien species collide, epochs of time collide. In its early years it relied on the novelties (and scariness!) of this to entertain. But recent *Doctor Who* uses these to explore deep questions, as those who watch it will know (it is regular family viewing for us). The recent series tackled subjects including death, bereavement and the afterlife, no less. Dr Who himself, now played brilliantly by Peter Capaldi, is something of a Messiah figure, repeatedly saving the world. The script-writers creatively probe the boundaries of the programme’s non-religious framework.

These questions are explored through stories of people, however - ordinary people (with the one exception). We need stories of people. Strictly Come Dancing and The X Factor, both heading towards their annual December climax, give viewers back-stories of the contestants. Two of the top films on current release are the stories of JMW Turner and wartime code-breaker Alan Turing. We need stories of other people’s lives, not just for interest or entertainment but also to help make sense of our own.

What about the ‘big story’ to give context to our lives? A recent YouGov survey asked people which books they considered to be ‘of most value to humanity’. The Bible and Darwin’s *Origin of Species* scored highest, with the Bible just ahead, 37% and 35% respectively. The third and fourth placed books were also scientific: Stephen Hawking’s *A Brief History of Time* and Einstein’s *Relativity*. Fictional books scored relatively low. *The Origin of Species* was cited because it “answers fundamental questions of human existence”: scientific narratives are commonly providing the ‘big story’ today. David Attenborough’s natural history series ‘Life Story’ and Brian Cox’s ‘Human Universe’ paint the same picture.

The Bible was chosen by respondents in the YouGov survey largely because it “contains principles/guidelines on how to be a good person”. How tragic that its fundamental character as story has been lost (or at least relegated to being stories just for children or not credible). This when it is the ultimate Collision of Stories - mankind’s and God’s.

TV script-writers, film producers and even scientists are setting the pace in telling big stories about life in relevant and contemporary ways. The Church needs to rediscover how to do this, how to retell the Story of Jesus - not just the soft-centred tale of the Christmas baby but the powerful stories of life, death and resurrection.

We may not get a surreal encounter with Father Christmas ourselves, sadly! But may our stories collide with Jesus’ story in ways that generate rich new life, not just at Christmas but through the coming year.

David Carrington (Curate, Netherexe parishes)

Newton Saint Cyres Parish Church Appeal - Progress Report

On the 8th February 2014 the Parish Church launched an Appeal to the local community for funds to carry out Repairs and Redecoration to the deteriorating internal Fabric of the Church and to replace the Heating System. It is estimated that by 7th February 2015 this appeal will have raised £14,000 (25% of our approximate target of £56,000) - including profit from a car-boot sale organised by the friends-group.

This is a magnificent response, and demonstrates a deep and widespread concern for what is the most ancient and iconic asset within our community.

Thank You.

The monies are held in a special account and would be, were the proposed works not to occur for some reason, returned to those that have given so generously.

It is our intention to repeat the postal letter-appeal for further funds; this to be sent next February 2015 to every household in the local community.

We are examining sources of grants, and the funds so far given will greatly help when we make applications for such grants, as they demonstrate one of the factors that grant-giving bodies look for, namely, prior community support.

As part of the proposed works, consideration is also being given to making the arrangement of space within the Church better able to facilitate church and community events.

Information of how things are progressing will continue to be reported in the Newton Wonder - in any case, you are always welcome to contact me at any time.

If you have not had the opportunity as yet to give funds and/or help in other ways and wish to do so, please do not hesitate to contact me...

Clive Lawrence, Treasurer, Newton St.Cyres PCC, Tel: 01392 851406;
clivelawrence@explicata.co.uk

NEWTON ST CYRES CHURCH ROTAS 2014/2015

Week Ending	Flowers	Cleaning	Brass
December 7	A Page	M Walters	A & W Hough
14	O Cheriton	A Ward	C Dyer
21	Christmas	P Boothe	M Snow
28	S Munday	C Dyer	P Heal
January 4	M Walters	A Mitchell	L Shrimpton
11	A Ward	R Dowle	J Ward
18	C Dyer	S Browne	J Furniss
25	P Boothe	P Burt	J Pyle
February 1	O Cheriton	M Marsden	A & W Hough

DECEMBER 2014 SERVICES & INFORMATION

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

Sunday 7 December 2014 Advent 2

10:00 am	Service with a Smile	☺	Brampford Speke Baptist Chapel	LF
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Cadbury	Lay Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	DD
10:00 am	Service of the Word & <i>Toy Service</i>		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	SS & DC
11:15 am	Holy Communion & <i>Toy Service</i>	[C]	Rewe	DD
05:00 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Newton St Cyres	DD

Wednesday 10 December 2014

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[BCP]	Thorverton	DD
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Sunday 14 December 2014 Advent 3

09:00 am	Holy Communion	[BCP]	Thorverton	DD
10:00 am	Family Service & Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	DC
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	DD
04:00 pm	Christingle		Poltimore	DC
05:00 pm	Holy Communion, Carols & Readings	[C]	Stoke Canon	MSS
05:30 pm	Service of Lessons & Carols		Huxham	DD

Thursday 18 December 2014

06:30 pm	Service of Lessons & Carols		Cadbury	DC
07:00 pm	Service of Lessons & Carols		Netherexe	DD

Friday 19 December 2014

06:30 pm	Service of Lessons & Carols		Brampford Speke	S Taylor & H Fri H Freeland
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Sunday 21 December 2014 Advent 4

10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	DD
11:15 am	Service of Lessons & Carols		Rewe	DC
04:00 pm	Nativity Pageant		Upton Pyne	Lay Led & LF
05:00 pm	Service of Lessons & Carols		Thorverton	DD
06:30 pm	Service of Lessons & Carols		Newton St Cyres	A Simmonds
06:30 pm	Service of Lessons & Carols		Poltimore	DC

Wednesday 24 December 2014 Christmas Eve

04:00 pm	Family Service of the Word & Crib Service		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
09:00 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	DD & LF
11:00 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	DC

Thursday 25 December 2014 Christmas Day

09:00 am	Holy Communion	[BCP]	Brampford Speke	DD
10:00 am	Service with a Smile	☺	Brampford Speke	LF
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Cadbury	HW
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Huxham	MSS
10:00 am	Family Service & Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	DC
10:00 am	Family Service & Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	DD
10:30 am	Family Service & Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	SS
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	DC

Sunday 28 December 2014 Holy Innocents

10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Huxham	DD
11:00 am	Joint Service with Parish Church		Thorverton Baptist Church	BOF



JANUARY 2015 SERVICES & INFORMATION

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

Sunday 4 January 2015 The Epiphany [Transferred]

10:00 am	Service with a Smile	☺	Brampford Speke	LF
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Cadbury	Lay Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	MSS
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion & Baptism	[C]	Thorverton	DC
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	SS
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	[CW]	Newton St Cyres	DC

Tuesday 6 January 2015 The Epiphany

07:00 pm	Meditative Service for Epiphany		Stoke Canon	Lay Led & DC
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Sunday 11 January 2015 Epiphany 1 & Plough Sunday

10:00 am	Family Service of the Word		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	DD
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	DC
05:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[CW]	Huxham	DD

Sunday 18 January 2015 Epiphany 2

09:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Brampford Speke	DD
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Cadbury	DC
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Poltimore	Lay Led
10:00 am	Family Service of the Word		Thorverton	Lay Led
			Joint with Baptist Church	
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	DD
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	DC

Sunday 25 January 2015 Conversion of St Paul

09:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Huxham	DC
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	DD
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Upton Pyne	Lay Led
11:15 am	Service of the Word		Rewe	Lay Led
05:00 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Cadbury	DC

Sunday 1 February 2015 Presentation of Christ

10:00 am	Service with a Smile	☺	Brampford Speke	LF
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Cadbury	Lay Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	
05:00 pm	Service of the Word		Newton St Cyres	



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
Services usually last about 35 minutes and are followed by refreshments

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

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

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

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

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

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer in the Netherexe Parishes

For daily services the format is generally Book of Common Prayer at Thorverton and Common Worship elsewhere, and the timing is about 20-30 minutes. All are welcome.

Morning Prayer is said on Mondays at 9.10pm in Stoke Canon church (during the school term, this takes the form of Collective Worship for Stoke Canon C. of E. School); on Tuesdays at 9.00am in Stoke Canon Chapel; In Thorverton at 7.30am on many weekdays and at 9.00am on Saturdays. For a list of the days this month on which Morning Prayer will be said at Thorverton, please see the notice posted in the church porch at Thorverton and on the website [go to churches section then select Thorverton]

Holy Communion [BCP] is celebrated on one Wednesday in each month at Thorverton at 9.30am; please see the notice in the church porch at Thorverton and on the website for this month’s date

Evening Prayer is said on Tuesdays at 6.00pm in Rewe church and on Thursdays at 5.00pm in Newton St Cyres church..

Variations:	Mon 22 Dec	Morning Prayer in Stoke Canon Church
	Mon 29 Dec	No Morning Prayer [Stoke Canon Church]
	Tue 30 Dec	No Morning Prayer [Stoke Canon Chapel]

Who's Who? Abbreviations Key

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DC	Revd Dave Carrington dave.carrington@netherexe.org	Assistant Curate	01392 841672

Associate Ministers

CH	Revd Christopher Hughes
MSS	Revd's 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]

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In Touch: Each month we publish details of all church services, events and activities in our information leaflet called “In Touch”. It is free and printed copies can be found in all of our churches but it is also available on-line from our website at www.netherexe.org or if you would prefer to receive a copy by email, simply send your details to our Administrator

Margaret Lowe at margaret.admin@netherexe.org and you will be added to the monthly email distribution list.

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 to weekday Holy Communion at Thorverton please ring Margaret Turner-Warwick on 01392 861173

For transport from locations in Newton St Cyres parish please contact Mrs Charlotte Dyer on 01392 851618

For transport from Rewe parish please contact Guy Sheppard on 01392 841284

Newton St Cyres Parish Church

Sidespersons December 2014

December 7th	5.00 p.m. Evening Prayer	O. Cheriton	A. Page	
14th	10.00 a.m. Family Service Holy Communion	W. Hough	T. Hough	
21st	6.30 p.m. Carol Service	S. Browne	C. Lee	
25th	10.00 a.m. Christmas Day	M. Marsden C. Lawrence	A. Dowle	
28th	No service	-	-	

January 2015

January 4th	5.00 p.m. Evening Prayer Holy Communion	O. Cheriton	A. Page	
11th	10.00 a.m. Family Service	S. Browne	C. Lawrence	
18th	No service	-	-	
25th	10.00 a.m. Holy Communion	W. Hough	T. Hough	
February 1st	5.00 p.m. Evening Prayer	O. Cheriton	R. Dowle	

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 10th January

10:00 am

Newton St Cyres Parish Hall

With Community Support Group

Stalls and Draw



WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGE

Priest-in-Charge	Rev Douglas Dettmer, The Rectory, Thorverton	01392 860 332
Church Wardens	Charlotte Dyer, Court Barton	01392 851 618
PCC Hon Secretary	Pita Burt pita@1bb.eclipse.co.uk.	01392 851410
PCC Hon Treasurer	Clive Lawrence, Elm Cottage, Pump Street	01392 851 406
Electoral Roll Officer	Jen Holt, 21 Woodlands	01392 851 521
Tower Captain	Bob Coates, Little Beams, Pump Street	01392 851 468
<u>DOCTORS (Crediton)</u>	Newcombes Surgery, - Drs Hall, Saunders, Mays & Harris	01363 772 263
	Chiddenbrook Surgery - Drs Twomey, Murphy, Braddock	01363 772 227
<u>NEWTON WONDER MAGAZINE</u>	Editor – Peter Hawksley Email: newtonwonder@btinternet.com	01392 851 269
<u>PARISH COUNCIL</u>	Chairman - David Baker Clerk - Jane Hole	01392 851752 01392 851148
<u>PARISH HALL</u>	Chairman - Roger Wilkins, Coldharbour, Sand Down Lane Booking Sect - Mary Long, Email: maryglong@btinternet.com Caretaker - Roy Beckett	01392 851337 01392 851 624 01392 851 730
<u>PRIMARY SCHOOL</u>	Head of Teaching – Glynis Harris Senior Administrator - Madeleine Tucker Administrator - Maxine Bone	01392 851 267 01392 851 267
Newton Nippers	Helen Grigg (or contact the school)	01392 851 522
Newton Nappies	Alissa Haward	01392 851591
<u>RECREATION CLUB</u>	Chairman - Tony Lewis, 80 Wrefords Lane, Exeter Booking Secretary - Mrs Wendy Lewis, 80 Wrefords Lane, Exeter	01392 432 287 01392 432 287
Art Group	Debbie Allerton	01392 462655
Neighbourhood Watch	Tim Sedgwick	01392 851223

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