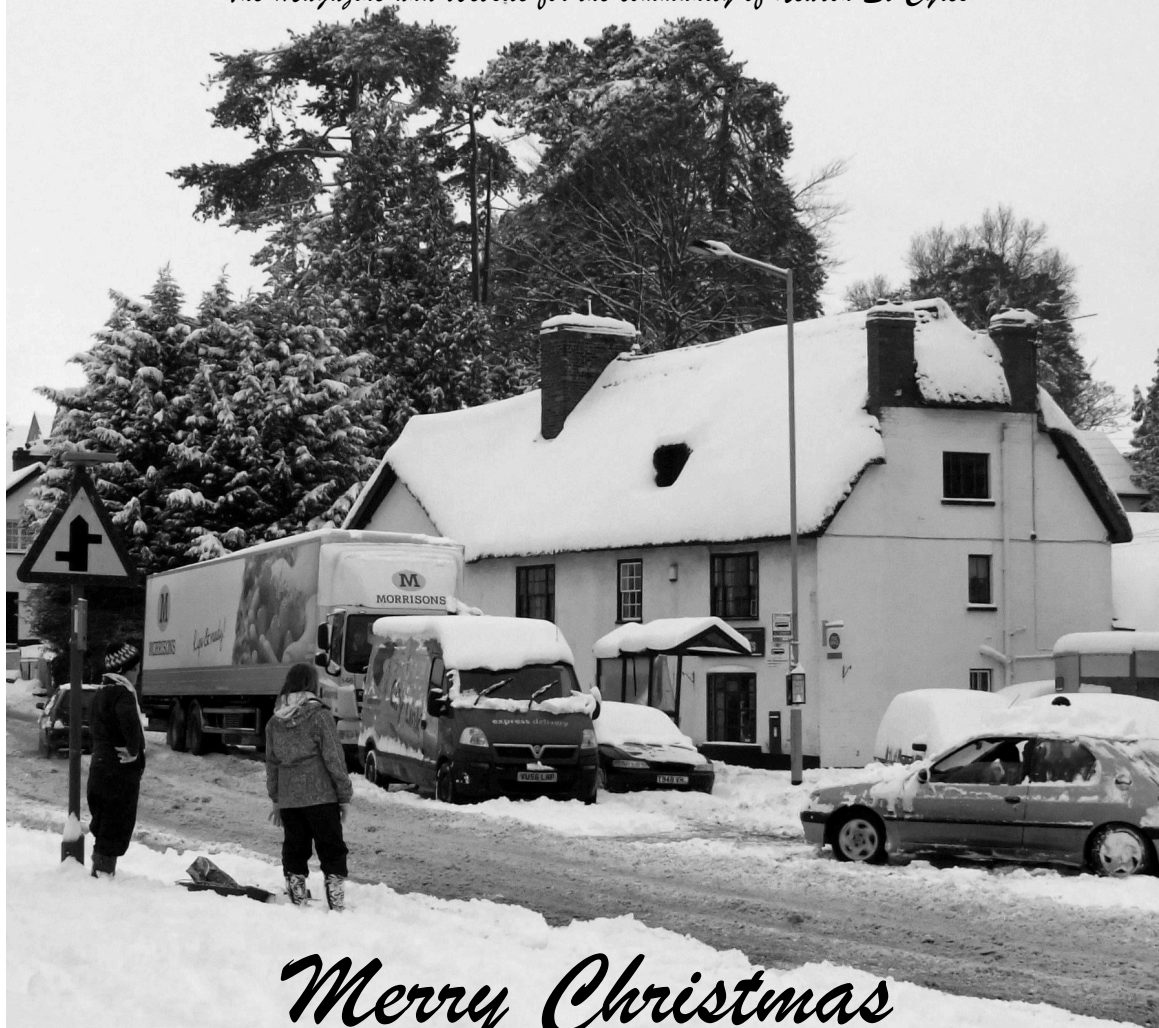


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December/January 2016/17

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The Newton Wonder Website has come been very successful and we are now seeing around 120 visitors per week and they(you) are looking at over 400 pages. If you have not already visited the site, do so now. Your views and contributions are not only welcome but highly valued. The Village Diary is a well visted page. Please use this facility to promote village events. It is not possible for us to pick up everbody's events and put them in. We need telling. To put in or amend an entry just use the box which is now at the top of the Diary page and click "submit".

Housing Survey

The Parish Council has asked Devon Communities Together to run a housing needs survey. You should have received it by now. Please complete it even if you have no need or involvement for social housing as your replies are a valuable tool for assessing the attitude/mood of the village.

2016

What a year? Finally the building of the new school is about to begin. It was the year of the Revels which were blessed with good weather and all the organisations were delighted with the monies they raised. The next Revels are in 2018 and planning for them must start this month. There will be a meeting in the Club Room of the Parish Hall at 7pm on Monday 16th January 2017. Do come to this meeting and if you would like to volunteer to help please do. Your input will make a difference. In response to the recent questionnaire to develop the next Parish Plan lots of people said they would like to volunteer for village activities. There are ample opportunities to contribute to the village and new ideas and energies are at a premium in all areas.

The year has seen the biggest ever crowds at the Rec Firework Display and as the year is coming to an end, Christmas and the New Year festivities are almost upon us. Christmas trees are out in Crediton and the Church held its Annual Christmas Fayre on 18th November. The picture shows brisk trading.

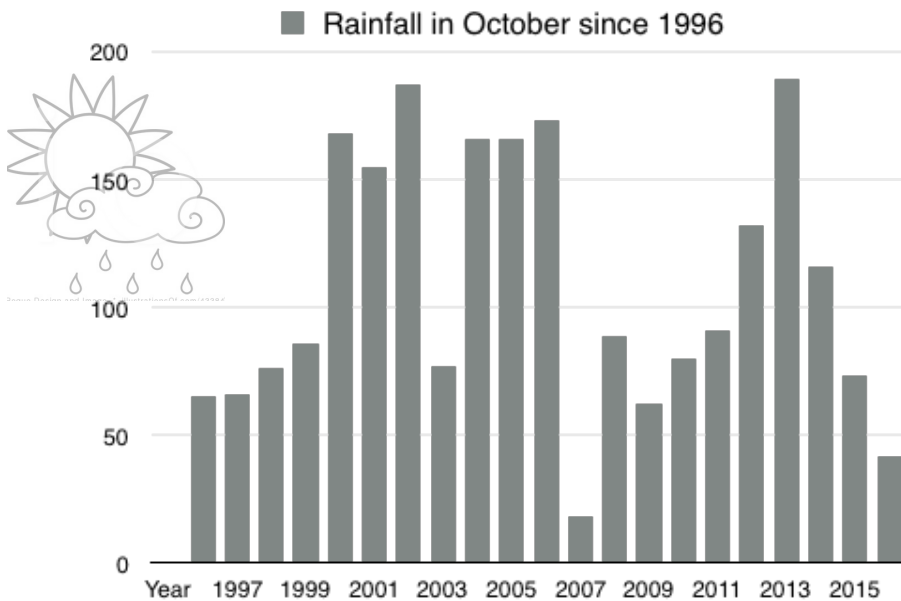
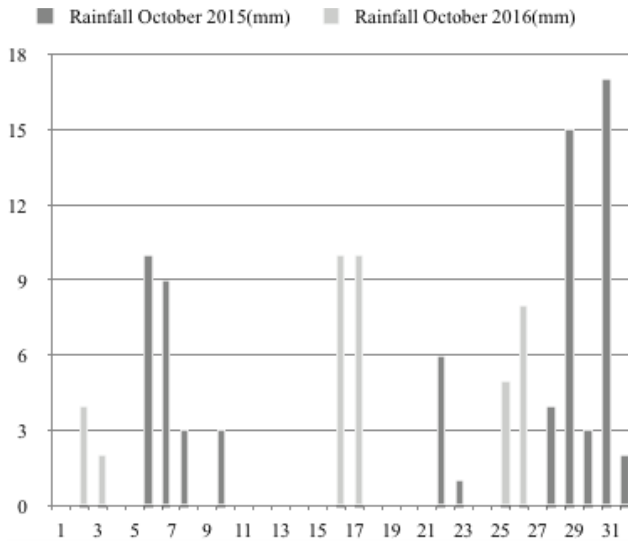


Regular Features

The Newton Wonder benefits from regular contributors who every month write reports about the clubs, societies and activities in which they are involved. This is a task which is well appreciated by all and, on behalf of our readers I would like to thank all those who contribute regularly to providing the interesting material which is in this magazine every month.

Finally I would like to wish everybody a very Happy Christmas and the very best for the New Year.

Rainfall in Newton St Cyres



October Data from James Walters

Parish Council report November 2016

All nine Councillors attended the November meeting and were joined by Cllr Peter Hare-Scott (MDDC) and one member of the public. Three other members of the public joined the meeting for the public session and then left at 7.40 pm.

Police Report. Calls during September 2016: 1 x concern for welfare; 1 x traffic; 1 x hit & run in NSC; 2 x burglaries; 1 x cows in the road (A377); 1 x drugs related; 3 x males walking in the road (A377); 1 x vehicle left running; 1 x alarm. Crimes in September 2016: 3 x burglaries.

Public Session. Concern was raised about vehicles parking on the grass verge opposite the School at the entrance to Tytheing Close which were obstructing the view towards Exeter. It was agreed that this should be reported to both the Police and to the School for action.

Red Telephone Boxes. The Council are in the process of purchasing the two telephone boxes in the village (one by the Beer Engine and one by the Crown & Sceptre) and are inviting NSC residents to come up with ideas for their use. One suggestion is for books which can be borrowed and swapped but any other suggestions will certainly be looked at.

Parish Hall and car park etc. It was reported that the drainage work in the car park had been completed and had worked well during a recent heavy rainfall. The antique light at the far end of the hall is in need of repainting and maintenance so the Council agreed to seek a price for this work to be carried out.

Allotments. Following a meeting of the allotment holders it had been agreed to raise the rent of an allotment to £20 per plot per year in an attempt to break even on the costs involved. These would be reviewed again next spring.

Parish Plan & Housing Survey. A new Development Group has been formed and has held their first meeting to discuss the issues raised in the Parish Plan. Groups will be contacted in the near future to follow up some of the ideas and suggestions raised in the Plan. A Housing

Survey form will have been delivered to all households in the parish and the Council hope that as many as possible will be completed and returned so that a true picture of the housing needs in the parish can be formed.

Parish Surgery. Among items raised at the surgery in October was a request for a light by the garages in Court Orchard, a concern about a step from the car park into the lane behind Shuttern Close, and a query about the installation of a barrier against the road outside No 2 The Village. All these points will be raised by the Council to the appropriate department.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting has been changed as the School Panto is booked for the usual date of the first Thursday in the month. The Parish Council meeting will now be held on **Friday 2nd December at 7.30 pm in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall.**

The next Parish Surgery will be held in conjunction with the Village Market on Saturday 17th December at 10.30 am in the Parish Hall. Please come along and meet your Councillors and raise any concerns you may have.

Cllr Jill Baker, Press Officer

CONCERNS FROM RESIDENTS OF HAMLETS WITHIN THE PARISH

In the Parish Plan which was produced this year there was a concern expressed by some residents of hamlets within the parish feeling marginalised from activities within the village. The Development Group of the Parish Council, which is undertaking to ensure that the other points from the Parish Plan are implemented, would like to know from these residents what the concern is and how it can be rectified.

This will then help to implement the actions required.

Any thoughts and comments should be sent to David Baker 851752 or at davidbaker687@btinternet.com

Thank you.

From the Village Diary - newtonwonder.net

December 2016

Sat 3rd Garden Club Coffee Morning: Fund-raising event in the Parish Hall with raffle, cakes, produce, books, etc.

Sat 10th **Concert and Carols**

The Crediton Operatic and Dramatic Society choir will perform show songs from their recent sellou' ShowStoppers' concerts, followed by carols, for all to sing along

Jointly Organised by CODS and the Parish Hall

Doors open 7.00 for 7.30pm

Parish Hall

Wed 14th Devon Tales - Chris Lee. --- Carols - Sonja Andrews 7.30 pm Parish Hall

January 2017

Mon 16th Revels 2018 Planning Meeting 7.00 pm Parish Hall

Wed 18th History Group

The History of Estate Agents - David Force 7.30 pm Parish Hall

February 2017

Wed 8th Gardening Club

Glorious Gardens in Devon - with Miranda Allhusen 7.30 pm Parish Hall

Wed 15th History Group

Stories from a Devonshire Kitchen - Paul Cleave 7.30 pm Parish Hall

March 2017

Wed 15th History Group

An aspect of Newton's Archaeology - Bill Horner 7.30 pm Parish Hall

April 2017

Wed 26th History Group

Medicine in Devon in the 18th and 19th Centuries - Andrew Knox 7.30 pm Parish Hall

Sun 30th Gardening Club

Visit to Hayne Barton Gardens, Zeal Monachorum, with a Cream Tea, Details later.

For further diary entries and previous entries please go to the website:
www.newtonwonder.net

To have your event(s) listed in the Village Diary please use the box on the webpage or email details of your event(s) with times and venues to editor@newtonwonder.net

Newton St Cyres Gardening Club



The members were treated to an excellent talk by Chris Britton of Higher Garden Nurseries, Kenton on Unusual and Interesting Shrubs. Chris brought along trays full of sample shrubs and climbers and explained the various variations on the species, the type of soil they require, care and maintenance etc. So many of the shrubs we know very well have variations which are more interesting than the standard ones, some with unusual colouring, flowers and foliage which would do well in our climate. Chris had plants for sale and answered queries at the end of the meeting.

Our next event is our
COFFEE MORNING ON SATURDAY 3RD
DECEMBER

Please come along to this very social occasion and enjoy seasonal refreshments, a raffle, cake and produce stalls, second hand books, bric-a-brac and the Tombola stall
The doors open at 10.30 am for coffee and mince pies etc.



2017 PROGRAMME

By the time you read this article you should have received a copy of the 2017 programme with details of the speakers and their subjects and outings for 2017.

Please put the following dates in your diary and watch the Newton Wonder for more details as the year progresses.

Wednesday 8th February. Miranda Allhusen on Glorious Gardens in Devon.

Wednesday 13th September. Gavin Haig on The Healing Garden.

Wednesday 8th November. Elizabeth Holman on Rejuvenating a Tired Garden.

Sunday 30th April. Outing to Hayne Barton, Zeal Monachorum (with a Cream Tea)

Saturday 17th June. Outing to Burrow Farm, Axminster (with a Cream Tea)

Saturday 8th July. Outing to John West's Nursery (with a Cream Tea)

We look forward to you joining us at these meetings and outings in 2017.

RECREATION GROUND CLUB

First I must thank everyone who attended the Fireworks display a truly wonderful and well attended evening, with the best attendance ever. So we felt all the hard work to set it up was worth the effort. Also because of the attendance figure we have agreed in principle to upping the quantity of fireworks for next years display.

We are so lucky to have the support of some wonderful Sponsors to help with the financial investment required to set up the evening. This years Sponsors were Bernaville Nursery, N.A.Guppy, Daw Refrigeration, James Ayre, The Beer Engine, The Stables, Westaway Golf Course and Dan Singleton. I hope they realise how much we appreciate their support. If you feel you would like to be involved and become a sponsor next year contact Tony Lewis to discuss with him how much you feel you would like to give.

The Fireworks Display is to show the village how much we appreciate the support we get throughout the year.....with an event that is not sport based. We hope those of you who attended enjoyed the Display. If you missed it, look out for the signs and posters next year and come down and join us.

This year the food and hot drinks both sold out, so thank you for the support as all the profit from the food goes to charity.

Well back to normal business. So far the only football that has been postponed has been because opposition team have not been able to raise a side. Fingers crossed the weather doesn't turn and we start losing games because of frozen or wet pitches.

The leagues for Football, Skittles and Darts all take a break of two weeks for Christmas and New Year, so we can give our hard working volunteer bar staff a break,' Yes you read that right all our people working behind the bar are volunteers so a small break is much appreciated by them.

Hoping for a good weather Winter to help not to end up with a backlog at the end of the football season. The Ladies dart league finish the first half of their season with a break for cup games and the Christmas and New Year holidays. We are the venue for a couple of the cup games which helps with the finances.

Still can't believe this is the last writing for this year. 2017 has come round much too soon for me, I'm not ready at all for the forthcoming celebrations.

So from the committee we wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous year in 2017, Thank you for your support this year and look forward to seeing you in 2017.

Wendy Lewis



Newton St Cyres FC – December 2016 Update

The season for the adult teams continues to be a struggle.

In Devon and Exeter Premier Division the Firsts have played 11 games and won only one with two drawn leaving them in 14th place of 15.

The Reserves have played 10, won one, drawn 2 and lost seven leaving them in 12th place of the 13 clubs in Devon and Exeter Division 5.

The under-15's have benefitted from the depth of the larger squad, managing to field strong squads even through half term holidays. They top the Exeter and District Youth League Division 3 having won three of the four games played with a goal difference of 15.

The under-10's have enough players to field two teams, Newton Knights and Newton Crusaders and both are winning well, with plenty of goals.

Roger Furniss



Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

As the shortest day approaches we are now onto our winter timetables with afternoon club sessions starting earlier in order to avoid having to use the court lights.

League matches continue throughout the winter for our hardy players who don't mind the cold and dark, and Wednesday afternoon and evening junior coaching also carries on, weather permitting. Please see our website www.newtonstcyrestennisclub for details of junior coaching, committee contacts etc.

We were very sad to hear of the sudden death last month of one of our members, Garth Vaughan. He had been an active and enthusiastic player, Captain of our Men's C team, and will be sadly missed. We send our condolences to his family.

The Club would like to wish all readers a happy festive season and a peaceful 2017.

Sally Baldwin



Newton St Cyres Housing Need Survey

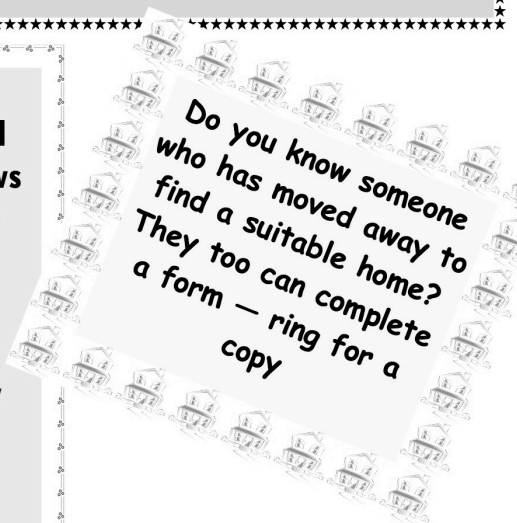
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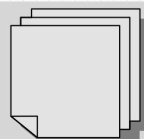


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Recreation Ground Annual Firework Display November 5th 2016

This event was a great success this year. Our takings on the gate were the best we have ever had and on the basis of this we estimate the number of people attending was about 1,200. Our previous best was around 850 people.

£1,500 worth of fireworks were let off by Tony Lewis (lead firer) ably assisted by Darren Finning and Martyn Smale (rockets).

The fireworks are all securely fixed to the ground before the event and the rockets all have their own tube which point slightly away from the audience. We also have to waterproof the fireworks with plastic bags and used paint tins! As it happened the weather was dry and ideal for fireworks.

The exceptionally high numbers attending were probably due to the very good weather, and there not being very many other local displays happening at the same time.

Thank you for all the people who attended, we hope everyone had an enjoyable time.

Very many thanks to our sponsors: Bernaville Nursery, N.A. Guppy, Daw Refrigeration, James Ayre, Dan Singleton, The Stables, The Beer Engine and Newton St Cyres Golf Course.

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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 will leave from the Newton St Cyres car park and go to the top of Sand Down Lane and 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 a.m. Please join us!

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

Sunday 15th January

In January we will be walking a circular route through the grounds of the Streatham Campus of the University. The University of Exeter's Streatham and St Luke's Campuses have both been awarded the Green Flag, which recognises well managed parks and open spaces for all to enjoy, and are acknowledged as the most beautiful and botanically interesting of any UK University.

The walk will be mostly along surfaced footpaths, however there will be some sections through wooded areas. The walk will be led by Nicola Baker, who will be telling us about some of the buildings and grounds, and is expected to last around 2 hours.

We will meet at Newton St Cyres car park at 10 am and share cars to the University. Those wishing to meet at the University should park in Car Park D <http://www.exeter.ac.uk/visit/directions/streathammap/>

There will be a possible opportunity for refreshment in the Forum, towards the end of the walk.

All are welcome. Any queries to Nicola on 01392 851985.

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

Do You Remember?...December

December 1976

The Church received a gift of £300 from Mr & Mrs J Walker of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada. Mrs Walker was born in the village.

The Vicarage were selling Christmas cards.

A special committee was formed to make arrangements for the Queen's Jubilee Year in 1977. John Durrant was elected Chairman, Mrs Rona Gitsham, Secretary; Mrs R Smith as Treasurer. It was hoped to revive the Village Fair on the Green, Pump Street and West Town.

It was hoped to start Dressmaking and Crochet classes in the New Year.

The Youth Club was going from strength to strength with an average of 25 attending each time.

December 1986

The house to house collection for British Legion collected £145.23

The W I elected its committee with President - Mrs Stevens; Vice Presidents - Mrs Cheriton and Mrs Snell; Treasurer - Mrs Mears; Secretary - Mrs Bookchild and Committee Mesdames Ellis, Hawkins, Howell and Minter.

The Newton St Cyres Players were performing 'The Man for all Seasons' in the Parish Hall.

The 1st NSC Cubs and Scouts welcomed 3 new boys into Scouts.

Kenneth Taylor was trying to form a Newton St Cyres Archaeological Team and was looking for volunteers

The Hospital Car Service was requesting more volunteer car drivers to come forward.

December 1996

A successful Fireworks evening had been held at the Recreation Ground and a Senior Citizens Christmas party had been held. The Rec. had also held a Trivia Quiz.

Due to Glynis Harris retiring as Secretary the Recreation Ground Club were looking for a new secretary.

Three of the Primary School children, Sam Way, Holly Delve and Emma Hodge will have poems printed in a book containing poems from school children across Devon.

December 2006

The recycle bins in the Parish Car Park are to be removed as all households will have a recycling service provided by Mid Devon District Council.

The Parish Council were considering undertaking a Parish Plan and were seeking comments.

The Table Tennis Group having been going for three years were seeking new members.

A successful Bonfire night had been held at the Recreation Ground



New People, Fresh Ideas

The next **Newton Revels** is planned for July 2018. This may seem a long way off, but it is necessary to start planning and booking events and performers at the beginning of the current year..

Its time for New Blood and New Ideas. The responses to the questionnaire which preceded the curent Parish Plan indicated that there were a number of people who would be willing to volunteer to work in village activities. Now is the time! The rewards are great, if not financial. We all need to feel that we belong and it is that sense of doing something worthwhile, because it raises money for village activities and especially because its FUN.

Many hands make light work. Please bring yours to a meeting on Monday 16th January 2017 in The Parish Hall Club Room at 7pm

NEWTON St CYRES PARISH HALL

Concert by CODS on Sat 10 December 2017

There were many people disappointed that they were unable to get tickets for the recent sellout performance of Showstoppers by the Crediton Operatic and Dramatic Society choir. There is though a chance of seeing highlights from that show at the Parish Hall on Sat 10 December, with the concert starting at 7.30.

In a new initiative for CODS, they have combined with the Hall to put on an evening's entertainment. The first part will be the miscellany of popular songs from the Shows and this will be followed by carols, with audience participation. This should give a great start to the Christmas season. Tickets cost £7.50 (including coffee and a mince pie) and are available from the Village Stores, from Chris Barlow (01392 851125) and Roger Wilkins (01392 851337). There will be a licensed bar.

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3. **WHO** are the people in the picture?

No 8.

Clue: It's carnival time of year



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NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP

Other people's enthusiasm is always infectious, and our talk on Wednesday 19th October was a great example of this. We were told about the life of a Roman soldier by John Smith, a former archaeologist and curator of the Roman villa at Bignor, who is also a Roman re-enactor. He has a wealth of experience and knowledge. He arrived fully equipped with uniform, weapons and armour, explained their uses and the reasons for their design, as well as de-bunking many of the 'Hollywood' myths and mistakes publicised in films and books. Two good examples of these were the 'Nazi' salute, and the bright red horsehair helmet crest and cloak. In fact the Roman salute was an RAF open palmed salute to the head, and the helmets would have had a small crest, most likely natural coloured, as there were no dyes available which would turn hair crimson. Cloaks would have been made of natural coloured brown wool.



A soldier's annual pay, we were told, was 225 silver denarii, each coin being worth around £80 today in purchasing power. This was divided into 5 equal parts. From the first was deducted the cost of any lost or damaged equipment. The second part was put aside for a pension. The third part was used for the man's burial fund, to pay for a ceremony and a stone – these were often carved with much detail about the soldier's name, his father, unit, rank, age at death and length of service and so are a good historical source when they have survived. The fourth part was used to pay the mess bill and the fifth part was the man's spending money for the next three months – as pay days were four times per year. This sort of detail brings the past to life.

John then turned to the soldier's equipment. This would all have been hand made and all personalised to fit and for comfortable and practical use, depending on the rank and type of soldier, e.g. cavalry or infantry, as well as the legion to which he belonged. Helmet's were made to protect the nose, neck and cheekbones, with hinged flanges, but the face needed to be exposed so that the men could hear orders and communicate to work as a team. A *cornus*, or trumpet, was often used to sound orders. Gallic helmets were brass, but the best ones came from Eastern Germany and were iron with a brass edging to stop rust.

Body armour had to be practical as well as protective, because it was important that the soldier could be ready for battle in the shortest possible time, in case of a sudden alarm. The classic segmented armour was demonstrated, and John explained how heavy and uncomfortable it was, slow to put on, and also noisy! Far more serviceable was the chain mail, which was quiet, flexible, comfortable and more interchangeable. A cloak would be worn over this which could easily be thrown back to free the arms and reach for weapons.

These would be a spear, used more for distancing from the enemy than for throwing, when a javelin would be used. The sword was an expensive item, made with three separate tempering processes and with a long cutting edge right the way around. Men would customise their own sword, so that they could tell it was theirs even in the dark. A belt was worn to hold a dagger. A shield completed the equipment, and this was made of vertical and horizontal layers of wood, steamed to shape, and decorated with the legionary emblems.

Legionaries were kept busy and worked hard, so that they did not cause trouble. They would have

to build forts and man them as they proceeded, to hold territory, and do the same with signal stations. They would go out on patrols, and also prospect for metals such as tin, iron, lead and silver, to exploit these resources. This was particularly true here in the West Country where there are good deposits of these metals, and so there is a comprehensive series of forts in Devon.

John Smith made a long journey to speak to us and we really enjoyed his informative and interesting talk. Our thanks go to him and his wife.

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

2016

Dec 14th Devon Tales and Historic Carols Chris Lee and Sonja Andrews

2017

Jan 18th	From Land Agent to Estate Agent - 200 Years in Exeter	David Force
Feb 15th	Stories from a Devonshire Kitchen	Dr Paul Cleave
Mar 15th	Prehistoric Newton St Cyres	Bill Horner
Apr 26th	Medicine in Devon in the 18 th and 19 th centuries	Andrew Knox

NEXT MEETINGS

Our next meeting on Wednesday December 14th will be our Christmas one and we shall provide drinks and a little Christmas food. Chris Lee is going to come and tell us some Devonshire tales and Sonja Andrews from Morchard Bishop who sometimes visits us, will sing some of the old carols. We hope for a lovely evening.

Our January meeting is about estate agents and I am reliably informed by someone who has already heard this talk that it is very entertaining, so do come along even if the weather is bad. William Helmore lived in the village and is buried in the Churchyard.

FROM LAND AGENT TO ESTATE AGENT - 200 YEARS IN EXETER

David Force Wednesday January 18th 2017

We start 2017 with what I am reliably informed is a very entertaining talk. David tells me they were undertakers somewhere along this journey which seems somewhat improbable. He is a 'serious' historian just about to complete a book on the history of Dawlish. We hope you will brave the January weather for an evenings entertainment with us.

Everyone welcome just £2 to include tea and biscuits. Parish hall club room 7.30pm

Jean Wilkins continues her tributes to WW1 heroes from the village with the story of William John Hewitt. His story already appears online on the Devon Heritage web site researched by Muriel Brine who has given her permission for it to be printed in the Newton Wonder.

War Memorials can record stories of great sacrifice, selflessness and heroism - and occasionally, the unexpected.

The entries on this memorial are grouped so that the dead of the Senior Service - the Royal Navy - appear at the beginning. Of these, the first name is that of WILLIAM JOHN HEWITT. His name is remembered here, apart from the others, because Naval Service Records are now freely available for all to read. This is his story:

William John Hewitt was born in Morthoe, North Devon, 6 October 1867. In the January of 1883, he joined the Royal Navy and, as his record shows, worked his way up through the Navy's ranking system from Boy 2nd Class to Acting Chief Petty Officer. In 1905, his 22-year contract with the Royal Navy came to an end. He was paid off at Devonport, awarded a Naval pension. He immediately joined the Royal Naval Reserve, probably thinking, like most who volunteered, that his services would never be required.

With a Good Conduct medal to show, William Hewitt would not have found it difficult to get work and he came to Newton St. Cyres with his wife and family as the village postmaster. As the years went by, he became a central figure in village life and as events will show, the village took him into their hearts.

William had a son - William John Robert Hewitt - born 19 December 1896. On 28 April 1913, the young William enlisted in the Navy, having previously been working as a farm labourer. As 2956 Boy 2nd Class, he was sent to HMS Impregnable, the Royal Navy Training establishment at Plymouth at the start of a 12-year contract. Seven weeks later, on 16 June 1913, his record records that his father paid £10 to buy him out of this contract with immediately effect and take him back home to Newton St. Cyres. No reference is made on the document of the reason why this occurred; the lad took no part as a soldier or a sailor in the Great War when it came.

At the outbreak of War in August 1914, William John Hewitt (the father) contacted the Authorities at Devonport, asking that he should return to the active roll. He was sent to HMS Vivid, a ship on which he had served previously. But things had changed for William. He was now aged 47 and carried with him the long term results of contracting a deadly disease which was the scourge of the Royal Navy at this time and which, in its final stages, reaches the brain. He clearly tried to do his level best - his final report describes his conduct as "Very Good" - but after a medical examination on 20 September 1915, William (senior) was immediately invalided out of the Navy and his previous status as a pensioner restored with effect from that date.

He came home to Newton St. Cyres where, in the Spring of 1917, he died aged 50.

Did the village believe that he died of wounds or what was then commonly called "shell shock"? Or did they show great compassion when they included him on their memorial, thinking of him as a man who, in spite of everything, had done his best to serve his country not only in its hour of need but for the greater part of his life?

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<http://www.devonheritage.org/Places/Newton%20St.%20Cyres/WilliamJohnHewitt.html>

FOR WHOM THE BELLS RANG

You may have heard the Church bells on the morning of Tuesday the fifteenth of November and wondered how or why we were all so lucky to have such a treat. Michael Mears, nephew of the WW1 casualty Walter Mears of Venny Cleave and later gardener at Inverary Castle, had arranged with seven bell ringing friends to ring a full peel on the centenary of his uncle's death. This they did in around two hours and forty minutes.

Walter's story appeared in the November issue of the Newton Wonder and I think you will agree this was a lovely tribute to him.



picture by Eileen James

In the picture are Michael Mears, second from the right, and the bell ringers who came from around Devon, - Torquay, Mary Tavy, Exmouth, Crediton, Paignton, Newton Abbot, Kingsteignton and Bovey Tracey.

The Newton Wonder Chain Story.....continues????

No-one has contributed to the story this month. We need a contribution to find out what is going to happen next.

To read the story so far and add your bit go to the website:-
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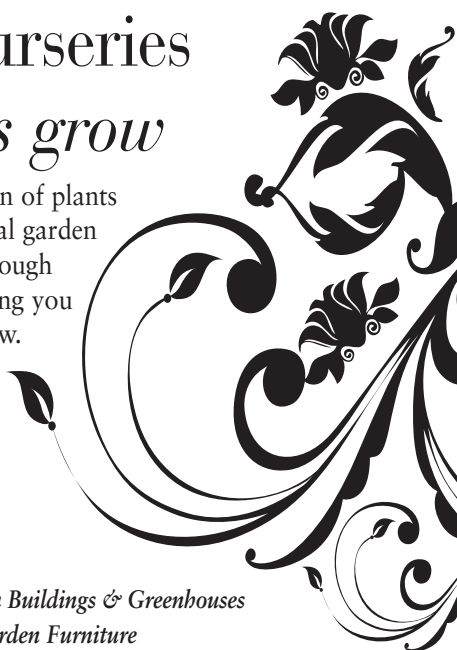
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rings.



Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The November draw took place at the Church coffee morning in the village hall on 5th
November 2016 and the winners are:

No	181	D Clague	£10
No	6	P Loo	£10
No	3	E James	£10
No	17	E Hiscocks	£10

Congratulations all.

Daphne 01392 851639



Concert and Carols



**Newton St Cyres Parish Hall
Saturday 10 December 2016**



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The Academy of Cheese: Cheese Expertise to be Recognised in the UK

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A group of passionate individuals from the cheese industry have been working closely together over the past two years, to establish a professional accreditation programme for the cheese sector. Initiated by Mary Quicke from Devon based cheesemakers, Quicke's. Mary had watched how the Certified Cheese Professional (CCP) in America, elevated the role of those in the cheese supply chain. She wanted to see this happen in the UK. With the support of John Farrand and Jilly Sitch from the Guild of Fine Food plus Tracey Colley from Harvey & Brockless; Ros Windsor, Paxton & Whitfield; Charlie Turnbull, Turnbolls Cheesemongers and Clare Downes of Monkhouse Food & Drink - this is now happening and level one will be ready to sit and pass in spring 2017.

Identifying a need for cheese!

This passion and belief was not enough if there was not a genuine need for the qualification. Stage one of this process, was to establish if the wider industry - from maker through to cheesemonger and chef, actually felt that they would benefit from a nationally recognised standard. Once research came back positively, the formation and funding of the Academy of Cheese, began. The development of the actual content and structure is now in progress; with level one and level two due to launch in the first six months of 2017. This will then be followed by level three. The ultimate, aspirational level four will be next in 2018; this will be the pinnacle of cheese expertise - a Master of Cheese.

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December & January on the Farm

The year heads to the nadir. Days are dark, the sun wearily just makes it low into the sky, and everything grows weakly. The remains of the year become detritus and slides back into the soil where it came from – leaves, fruit, all the rich growth of the fields and hedgerows. Keep for wildlife becomes thin, and creatures are driven to be bolder looking for food.

A deer walked straight through the garden just in front of the house, a yearling, just evicted from his mother's side. He couldn't work out how he'd ended up in such a place and just had to keep going, wide eyed, stiff legged and nervous. A fox trotted across the orchard, self-assured and bold. A fat badger darted across the road, heedless. No one will bother him, strongman of the woods.

CROPS – The crops have established well with a near perfect autumn. The whole year has been kind – rain and shine in the right places for grass and crop growing. The wheat and barley shoots are all beautifully in lines, the soil showing through the green leaves like a delicate tracery. The new growth has got the whole winter to go through, gradually developing a good root system to fuel the growth to come next year. Too warm and it can get mildews; too cold and the leaves desiccate. A good soil structure will give it good roots to deal with whatever the weather throws at it.

GRASS – The cows have eaten the grass more or less to where we want it. They'll eat the remaining longer grass, which would get damaged and mildewy through damp weather. Then it is susceptible to frost. The secret to taking grass through the winter is to eat it down to the right level, then the healthy young leaves grow slowly all through the cold months with enough leaf to kick start growth with warmer weather.

COWS & YOUNGSTOCK – The spring calving cows are now in their new grazing platform, the fields to the south of the main road. We are settling in to the new parlour before they all go dry. It looks the part, now to see if it lives up to its promise. Moving the spring cows means the two cow teams will each focus on the one job in hand – milking, dry, calving or serving. Each herd will have the optimum amount of grazing so they can harvest all of their feed themselves, spreading their own manure as they go. This simple system should take us forward for the next few years.

We'll bring the spring cows' milk down and mix it in the tank for the cheese dairy so the cheese will come from the mixed milk of both herds. It will be interesting if the grazed grass from the red soil gives a different flavour to the cheese. What I'm looking for is just more grazed grass, which always gives a delicious grassy note to the milk, like new-mown hay.

DAIRY – December milk is always quite rich. It's got a lot of protein as all the animals settle into milking, and we have to keep up the fat by feeding good fibre to keep the cheese luscious. The gently warmed milk in the cheese dairy soon tells you: if it leaves grains on the side of the vat it's got too much protein, or little bobbles of

fat let you know it's gone too fatty. Making cheese from our own cows means we can make the little adjustments to keep the milk just so.

Less milk in the cheese dairy means we can catch up with cleaning shelves and getting cheese out for people's Christmas cheeseboards. It's always a busy time, and we age more cheese on to Extra Mature and Vintage: nothing beats a complex, balanced, rich aged cloth bound Cheddar.

FARM SHOP - Make sure you order any cheesy presents in time for us to send it off to you or your friends. The shop will be open until Christmas Eve 8am - 3pm. Last day for posting out orders is Thursday 22nd December. Check out the website for our hampers, or come in and get everything you need from the shop.

The Farm Shop will be open as follows over the Christmas period:

December 24th: 8 am - 3pm

December 25th: CLOSED

December 26th: CLOSED

December 27th: CLOSED

December 28th: 9 am - 5pm

December 29th: 9 am - 5pm

December 30th: 9 am - 5pm

December 31st: 9 am - 4pm

RECIPE - **Quicke's Apple Cobbler**

A deliciously warming dish which goes rather well with Quicke's cheddars. You can mix in other fruits as well. I chose to use apples from the farm orchards.

Makes 6 servings

Preparation time - 25 minutes

Cooking time - 40 minutes

Ingredients:

60g (2oz) Quicke's Cows' Whey Butter unsalted

700g (25oz) Bramley cooking apples, peeled, cored & sliced

100g (3½oz) brown sugar

30g (1oz) plain flour

1/2 tsp. vanilla extract

1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon

1/2 tsp. allspice

Pinch of salt

For topping:

30g (1oz) Quicke's Cows' Whey Butter unsalted, softened

70g (2½oz) self-raising flour

70g (2½oz) caster sugar

1 egg

Pinch of salt

- Heat the oven 180C/350F/Gas Mark 4. You will need a 25cm by 25cm baking dish.
- Combine all the ingredients for the apple cobbler reserving 30g of Quicke's Whey Butter to dot on top of the mixture and place to one side.
- For the topping combine the self-raising flour, sugar and egg.
- Spoon the apple mixture into the baking dish and finish off with a layer of the topping. Top with small pats of the butter.
- Bake for approximately 40 minutes until the top is golden and the fruit mix is bubbling. Leave to stand for a couple of minutes before serving.
- Serve with Devon clotted cream and some Quicke's cheddar on the side.

Mary Quicke

Newton Nappies



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Monthly Gardening notes for December from Bert Jewell

It's now too dark in the evenings to work outside, giving me more time to spend in the office writing about my journey, so let's travel a little further.

I continued working on the lathes during the week and in the garden at home at weekends. Then one Monday morning we were told that our boss had died from a heart attack whilst playing tennis at the weekend. No one knew what was going to happen regarding our jobs. Then we were informed that Mike was to spend more time on the management side and we were getting a new foreman. He was from outside the area and rented a house for a few months until he settled into the job.

Then he bought a house on the outskirts of the town with an overgrown garden. One day when he was checking my work I happened to mention that I liked gardening, I had just booked myself a Saturday job, with pay. The garden was on a slope and had lots of shrubs, trees and fruit bushes which were smothered in weeds and brambles. The first few Saturdays were taken up by cutting out all unwanted vegetation and burning it. We uncovered blackcurrant and gooseberry bushes, shrubs that I knew nothing about, (apart from a flowering currant and forsythia) and some interesting perennials.

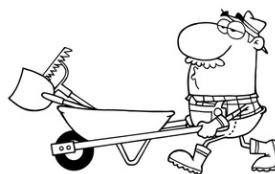
To get to town from our council house meant that we had to pass our old house or take a short cut along a very narrow road, past a couple of farms and through two S bends . I loved riding my B.S.A 250cc bike along this road, with cow horn handlebars in the winter and dropped handlebars in the summer. It was on one of these summer days after working in the foreman's garden that I meet a car on this very narrow road. I saw the car for a split second and later woke up in Exeter hospital having my hand and wrist examined and then put in plaster. I was told that my hand had gone into the car headlight. I was also told that without my helmet I would not have survived. My legs were also badly bruised so I remained in hospital for just over a week. I think we should take a break from my journey now and see what needs doing in the

Vegetable garden

Continue harvesting veg from your garden or allotment. Sprouts, Leeks, Purple Sprouting and Parsnips should all be ready for you to enjoy, the taste is even better once they have had a frost. Cover Cauliflower heads by bending a few leaves over the crown. Continue rough turning if the soil is not frozen.

Flower garden

All the planting should now be complete and any tidying up needs to be finished before the end of the month. When I started my own business in the 1980's it was general practise to cut down and remove the old flower stems from a lot of perennials. It is now thought to be best to leave some so that insects can overwinter in them which in turn provides food for birds, and the stems help protect the crowns from frost.



Lawns

Rake up any fallen leaves and repair any damaged edges. Avoid walking on the grass as much as possible so that the soil is not compacted.

Trees, Shrubs and Climbers

There is a host of plants in this section that really can brighten up the dull winter days. Such as shrub Honeysuckles, (a good one is *Lonicera Purpusii* ,) some Rhododendrons flower this month, winter flowering Viburnums, Mahonias, Skimmias (these grow best in lime free soil) Callicarpa, Hemamelis (Witch Hazel), Sarcococca (Christmas Box), Hollies, Cotoneaster, Pyracantha, and Winter flowering Jasmin, (Although this is not a true climber). Put one of these on your must have list for next year.

Fruit

Check any stored fruit and discard those that are showing signs of rot, or you could use the good bits in a nice pie.

Plant of the month

"Lonicera Pupusii" (Shrub Honeysuckle).

Can grow to about 6' x 6' in a sheltered area in well drained soil, light shade or full sun. The flowers are born singly and much smaller than the climbing Honeysuckle but the scent is fantastic for this time of year. Lightly prune once flowering has finished.

Wildlife

Wildlife as I knew it when I was growing up is declining at an alarming rate. This year I have only seen a handful of wasps, a few Butterflies, one Song Thrush, a few Starlings and two Hedgehogs, sadly one of these was killed by a car, they have no road sense whatsoever. I miss seeing the Starlings running across the lawn. Their running imitates rain, which encourages worms to come to the surface. Lots of birds do this.

I don't want to get into the politics involving wildlife, the destroying of habitat, the importing of pests and diseases. We now have a leaf miner that is threatening our Horse Chestnuts, Ash Dieback is a bigger problem than first thought, the list is endless. All I ask is that you put out a shallow bowl of water so that the birds can bathe and drink and some food. If you only have a patio, a pot with some single flowers or a small shrub will help.

I forgot to mention that we have an abundance of House Sparrows, Blackbirds, Blue, Coal and Great Tits, Goldfinches, Robins and Wrens.

Have a great Christmas but most of all

Enjoy your gardening

Neighbourhood Watch and Emergency News

*For further information or to submit a report please go to the website or contact the
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Jim Enright on 01392 851859 or email jimenright4@gmail.com*

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The Inland Revenue will always correspond by letter, not by email and not by phone. Your bank will never ask you to transfer money to another account.

Please remember that anything that looks too good to be true almost certainly is a con!!

BURGLARS

Sue Gee has reported that a neighbour of hers heard a knocking on her window in the early hours. She wisely put on lights and waited a while before slightly opening her curtain and having a look. Whoever had been there they had left. Of course it might have been a bird or the wind. But it might have been a burglar. Do make sure that your home is always secure.

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PCSO 30341 Lisa Crocker from Crediton has been notified by Safety Partnership in Mid Devon District Council that a member of the public has received an email from the HMRC in Parliament Street, London. Within this email the HMRC advises the email recipient that they were entitled to a Council Tax refund over the last two years and that the person needed to click on "Refund" to complete a request form. Please note this is a SCAM. Council Tax is NOT handled by the HMRC. If in any doubt contact your Local Authority. DO NOT click onto the link within the email or provide any personal and banking details. Thank you

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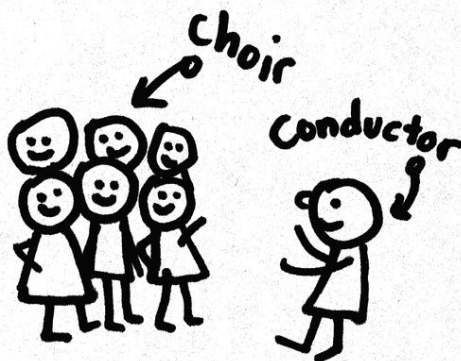
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Make a syrup by melting 75g (3oz) honey with 10g (1/2 oz) butter. Place the apples in a baking dish and pour the syrup over them. Bake the apples in a moderate oven until soft, basting occasionally with the honey syrup. Serve with the syrup, and a generous dollop of clotted cream. [You can also stuff the centre of the apples with raisins or mincemeat if liked.]

Paul Cleave

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Would you like to be involved in the local raising of quality pork direct from the field to your freezer? The Crediton Pig Club aims to support native pig breeds and to ensure excellent welfare through close liaison with local smallholders. It costs £15 to join the Pig Club for a year. Members can sign up for a share in a pig in January, and then pay a regular monthly sum to cover the costs of raising the pigs. Young pigs, called weaners, reach market size at about six months old in the autumn. A half-share in a pig provides around 20 kg of meat including pork joints, chops, sausage mince and other cuts and products for the freezer. Smaller shares may be available based on weight although choice of cuts cannot be guaranteed.

Crediton Pig Club is recruiting new members for pig sharing in 2017. Members can get involved with planning the activities of the Pig Club and other optional benefits include a sausage-making day. For further information about joining the Crediton Pig Club return the slip overleaf.

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For details of the Sustainable Crediton Food Group see sustainablecrediton.org.uk/

Coming up

Seed Share on February 18th. It's at the Old Town Hall on Crediton High Street from 11am to 2pm with plenty of free seeds, refreshments, stalls and music.

Newton St Cyres YFC - November 2016



Newton St Cyres YFC has once again had another month packed full of activities. Our 'Farming Frenzy' theme carnival float has visited Okehampton carnival where it was awarded 'Highly Commended', South Zeal carnival achieving an amazing 1st place in the YFC comedy class and Hatherleigh where it was also awarded 'Highly Commended'.

It is also great to report that members have been getting involved in this year's speaking competitions. A big congratulations goes to Katie Davie who at just 14 years old, was awarded 'Best Female Under 21 speaker' at the county final of 'Just a Minute'.

On 11th October, the Farmwise event was held at Westpoint Arena Exeter where 1200 primary school children gathered to learn more about farming in Devon and where there food comes from. Keen to support this worthy



cause, two of our members, Millie and Tom, went along to help. I don't think either of them has ever been asked so many questions.

At the end of October, we held our 79th Annual Dinner and Dance at the Waie Inn, with guest speaker Nick Creasy, Devon YFC county organiser. Nick gave a great speech on his Devon Revolution challenge to swim, cycle and run a total of 250 miles in just 48 hours, all in aid of the new rural hub at Cheriton Bishop. A fantastic evening was had by all.

If you're interested in finding out more about YFC, please feel free to come to along to our next club meeting on 6th December at 8pm held at Newton St Cyres Village Hall.

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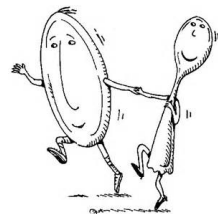
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Service With A Smile ☺ These services are designed for all ages and with the needs of young children especially in mind. They are informal and contemporary in style often including a children's activity at the beginning; without communion and are led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

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

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

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

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

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

Common Worship [CW] Common Worship Service

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer in the Netherexe Parishes

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

Morning Prayer is said on Mondays at 9.10 am in Stoke Canon church (during the school term, this takes the form of Collective Worship for Stoke Canon C. of E. School); on Tuesdays at 9.15am in Stoke Canon Chapel

Evening Prayer is said on Thursdays at 5.00pm in Newton St Cyres church; contact Sue Browne on 01392 851460 for location.

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

Newton St Cyres Parish Church Rotas December 2016 / January 2017

Week Ending	Flowers	Clean church, check loo	Brass: key with Sue
December 4th	A. Ward	A. Mitchell	
11th	M. Walters		
18th	A. Page	-	-
25th	S. Munday	P. Boother	P. Burt
January 1st			
8th	P. Boother	A. Ward	
15th		-	-
22nd	H. Price	M. Walters	J. Furniss

Sidespersons

December 4th	9.30 a.m. Family Service Lay-led	W. Hough	T. Hough
11th	10.00 a.m. Open Door lay led		
18th	-	-	-
25th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	C. Lee	M. Snow
January 1st	11.15a.m. Mission	Community Service	Rewe
8th	10.00 a.m. Open Door lay led		
15th	-	-	-
22nd	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	W. Hough	T. Hough
29th	10.00 a.m. Mission	Community Service	Stoke Canon

How do you feel about Christmas?

For some people it is the greatest time of year. The decorations, parties, the music and presents and the day itself surrounded by family and friends. I must admit I rather fall into this category although I do wait till nearer the day for the decorations to go up, the anticipation being all part of the fun.

For others, it's one of the toughest times of the year. The cold weather, memories of past Christmases where everything went very wrong or are no longer possible, broken relationships and loneliness all take their toll. And Christmas is the hardest time to be alone.

So amongst all the food, carols and gifts, let me offer a short thought about Christmas.

Christmas is about Jesus being born in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. And it's a great story but we often leave it just for the children, however, if we take a moment we can see just how mind blowing it is. Christmas is when the infinite, eternal God, who made everything that exists became part of his own creation. And not an important part either. He didn't become King of the Universe at Christmas, though even that would have been a big step down. He became an illegitimate baby born to a poor couple from a conquered race, born in a grotty cave-stable in an insignificant backwater of a town in the unfashionable end of the Roman Empire. And that is the same God who spoke and the universe was created. A Christmas carol puts it well:

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him,
nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away
when He comes to reign.
In the bleak mid-winter
a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty,
Jesus Christ.



And God did this not just to surprise us, but to enter our experience. The God of the Universe became one of us and lived as one of us so that we could know him and be with him. God himself bridged the gap between people and God, and at immense cost to himself.

Christmas is a time to celebrate what we have in this life, the good things this world can offer, but it also a time to celebrate what God has done and his love for us. We will retell the story of when he came at Bethlehem this December, but we can also discover and share the story of God coming into each of our lives today, still alongside us in all life brings.

So, no matter what our Christmas may hold, I hope and pray that you will find his joy this Christmas

God bless, and have a very Happy Christmas!

Rev Katie Cross

DECEMBER 2016 SERVICES & INFORMATION

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

Sunday 4 December Advent 2

09:30 am	Family Service		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	SS
10:00 am	Service with a Smile	☺	Brampford Speke	LF
10:00 am	Service of the Word & Baptism		Cadbury	KC
10:00 am	Informal Gathering		Stoke Canon	
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company, Christmas Tree Festival & Toy Collection		Rewe	
05:30 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	KC

Sunday 11 December Advent 3

09:30 am	Sunday Service		Brampford Speke Baptist Chapel	BOF
09:30 am	Open Church		Thorverton	
10:00 am	Family Service		Thorverton	Lay Led
10:00 am	Carol & Toy Service		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
10:00 am	Open Door		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
11:15 am	Service of the Word		Rewe	LF
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	KC
05:30 pm	Christingle & Carol Service		Huxham	KC

Sunday 18 December Advent 4

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

Monday 19 December

07:00 pm	Carol Service		Netherexe	KC
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Friday 23 December

06:00 pm	Carol Service		Brampford Speke	Lay Led
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Saturday 24 December Christmas Eve

04:00 pm	Crib Service		Stoke Canon	G Keehner & KC
11:00 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	KC
11:00 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	MSS

Sunday 25 December Christmas Day

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Huxham	A Hough
09:30 am	Family Service & Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	KC
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	C Edwards
10:00 am	Service with a Smile	☺	Brampford Speke	LF
10:00 am	Family Service		Cadbury	Lay Led
10:30 am	Family Service & Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	SS
11:15 am	Holy Communion by extension	[C]	Upton Pyne	LF

Sunday 1 January Christmas 2

11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company followed by Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	SS
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JANUARY 2017 SERVICES & INFORMATION

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

Sunday 1 January Christmas 2

11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company followed by Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	SS
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Sunday 8 January Epiphany

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

Sunday 15 January Epiphany 2

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

Sunday 22 January Epiphany 3

09:30 am	Sunday Service		Brampford Speke Baptist Chapel	BOF
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	SS
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[BCP]	Thorverton	KC
10:00 am	Messy Church		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Upton Pyne	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	KC
05:00 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Thorverton	LF
05:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Huxham	KC

Sunday 29 January Epiphany 4

Mission Community Service

11:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	KC
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Followed by "Bring & Share" Lunch



COFFEE MORNING

JANUARY 7TH, 10.30 - 12.00

PARISH HALL

Newton St Cyres

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

All funds in aid of the Church.

WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGE

Priest-in-Charge	Revd Katie Cross - katie.cross@netherexe.org	01392 759612
Church Wardens	Sue Browne, 1 Glebelands, Sand Down Lane	01392 851460
PCC Hon Secretary	Pita Burt pitaburt@gmail.com	01392 851410
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<u>PRIMARY SCHOOL</u>	Head of Teaching – James Akhurst Administrator - Maxine Pople	01392 851267 01392 851267
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Newton Nappies	Emily Rickard	01392 851899
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Art Group	Debbie Allerton	01392 462655
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Cricket Club	David Vallance, Manesty, Sand Down Lane	01392 851266

Community Policeman	PCSO Lisa Crocker, Police Station, Crediton	Dial 101
District Councillor	Peter Hare-Scott	01363 776409
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Local M P	Mel Stride mel.stride.mp@parliament.uk	01392 823306
Football Club	Mark Smaldon	07733 455177
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Tennis Club Secretary	Laura Leigh	01647 24259
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Gardening Club	Jane Timlett	01392 851361
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History Group	Jean Wilkins	01392 851337
Table Tennis	Roger Wilkins	01392 851337
Friends of the Arboretum	Roger Wilkins	01392 851337
Saturday Market – 4th Saturday of the month	Angie Hannaford	07505 127213
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