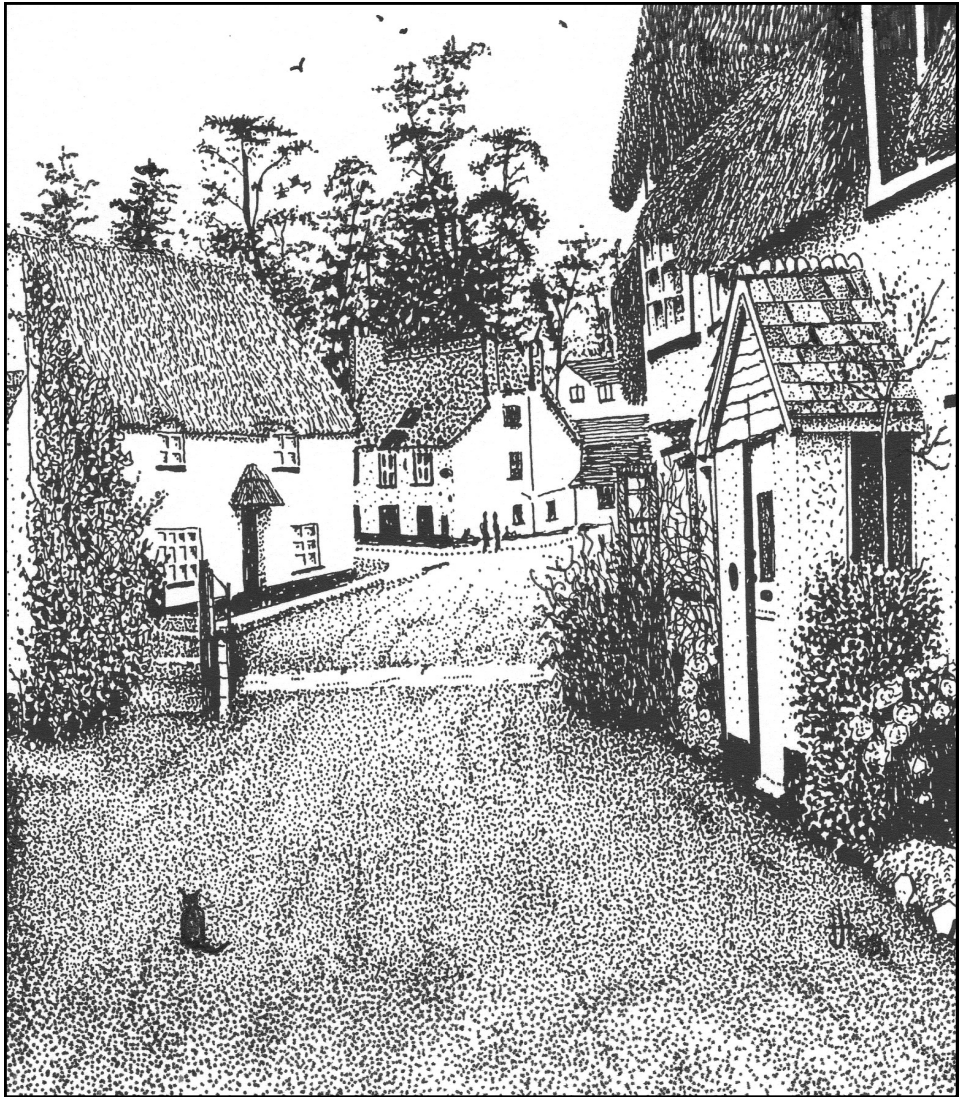


NEWTON WONDER



50p

February 2015

The **NEWTON WONDER** team consists of Peter Hawksley, Daphne Clague Richard Nicholls, Gerry Radford and Alice Blatchford.

ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION : Please e-mail to Peter Hawksley, Editor, (newtonwonder@btinternet.com) Tel: 851 269

NOTICES OF LOCAL EVENTS : Please e-mail to Peter Hawksley, Editor, (newtonwonder@btinternet.com) Tel: 851 269

ADVERTISEMENTS : Please e-mail to Richard Nicholls richnick@outlook.com Tel: 851 877

Please include your Business Name, Address, Ad-Size required and Number of Insertions.

Payment is required in advance. Cheques should be made payable to NEWTON WONDER and sent to Richard Nicholls, Landown, Sand Down Lane, Newton St. Cyres, EX5 5DE.

ALL ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION MUST ARRIVE BY THE **15th** OF THE MONTH.

These may be left at the Post Office-Village Store if e-mail is not available.

PLEASE NOTE that we aim to distribute the NEWTON WONDER by the month end but this cannot be guaranteed. We therefore recommend that events taking place early in the month be advertised the month prior.

LOCAL VILLAGE EVENTS WILL BE MENTIONED FREE OF CHARGE

The **NEWTON WONDER** is delivered to local households and businesses at an annual charge of £5.

Additional copies may be purchased from the Post Office-Village Store.

Advertising Rates for the NEWTON WONDER

	1 year
Small (credit-cardish size)	£30.00
Quarter Page	£60.00
Half Page	£100.00
Full Page	£200.00

The editorial team of the NEWTON WONDER does not necessarily agree with the views of contributors contained in their published articles. This is a community magazine and it is our policy to print reports, articles and submissions that might be of interest to the community - provided that we have sufficient space to do so and they are not libellous in content.

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
Wednesdays	PARENT & TODDLER GROUP	9.30 - 11.30 am	Alissa Haward Tel: 01392 851591
Wednesdays Fortnightly	YOUTH CLUB	7.00 - 10.00 pm	Pat Finch, Tel: 851478
Thursdays	FOOD & FITNESS CLASS	9.30 - 11.00 am	Emma Healy Tel: 07969 900794
Usually 2nd Thurs. of each month	EXE VALLEY BIRD CLUB	Viewing from 6.30 Sale at 8.00 pm	Membership available at door
3rd Thurs of month	HISTORY GROUP	7.30 - 10.00 pm	Jean Wilkins Tel: 851 337
Last Thursday of Month	GARDENING CLUB	7.30 - 9.30 PM	Anne Rice Tel: 851712
Fridays	MARTIAL ARTS	6.00 - 7.00 pm	Freephone 0800 0015 853
Fridays	TABLE TENNIS	7.15 - 9.45 pm	Just turn up - £2 per session (£1 children)
Usually 4th Saturday of each month	MINI MARKET	10.30—12.00 pm	Table bookings: Ann Pearce-Mariner Tel 01392 668603

The NEWTON WONDER is delivered within the Parish at a charge of only £5 per year. Please contact Gerry Radford on
01392 851 504 or
e-mail paul.radford3@btinternet.com
If you move away it can be posted for an additional £5 pa.

Hall and Hearty

The February 2014 issue of the Newton Wonder focussed on the future of the village. In particular it was clear that the Village Church was in danger. The congregation was not able to fund the necessary improvements and there was a long term danger to the fabric. A meeting was held and villagers who were not necessarily churchgoers agreed that the village needed certain essential services for the community and that the fabric and environs of the Church should be supported. It was made clear that funds raised by non-churchgoers would be used solely for the benefit of Newton St Cyres church and would not be used for the purposes of the diocese. Several fund raising ideas have been instigated and the Friends of Newton St Cyres was established. On 28th of this month the Friends are organising a "Hall and Hearty" Meal which will raise funds for the new central heating system which is urgently required in the church. This event is for all the community and sounds as though it will be terrific. "Hall and Hearty" is a group which was established by Tim Maddams who was a chef at River Cottage. The idea is to go to village halls in the South West of England and, showcasing local produce, cook and serve the sort of hearty, healthy food which is promoted at River Cottage by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall and his team.

We got the Hump

March saw the installation of the "Harrington Hump" on the platform at the station and it is now relatively easy to get on and off the trains. It had been suggested that as the station was now more passenger friendly more trains would stop. Sadly this has not yet happened.

Superfast Broadband

The promise of Superfast Broadband turned out to be a disappointment to many. Although a few people in the middle of the village now have this facility the rest of us have no idea when or even if we will benefit. Other countries in Europe are investing massively in this new technology and the Government promised it here. Unfortunately the contractors to "Connecting Devon and Somerset" appear to be only connecting those rural areas which are easy and cheap to do. They are nowhere near providing the 95% coverage promised.

Defibrillator

The community Support Group used its funds and the talents of some of its members in raising money and grants to provide the village with a portable defibrillator. Winning the Prince of Wales Award of Honour brought a cheque for £1000. The Defibrillator is located outside the Crown and Sceptre and, should it be necessary to use it there will be help from the pub. The machine also contains a computer system which tells the operator how to use it.

Community

Several significant contributions to the community include the establishment of a community Resilience Plan which will enable the community to respond to emergencies and unexpected events. These include storms and floods as well as accidents and other emergencies.

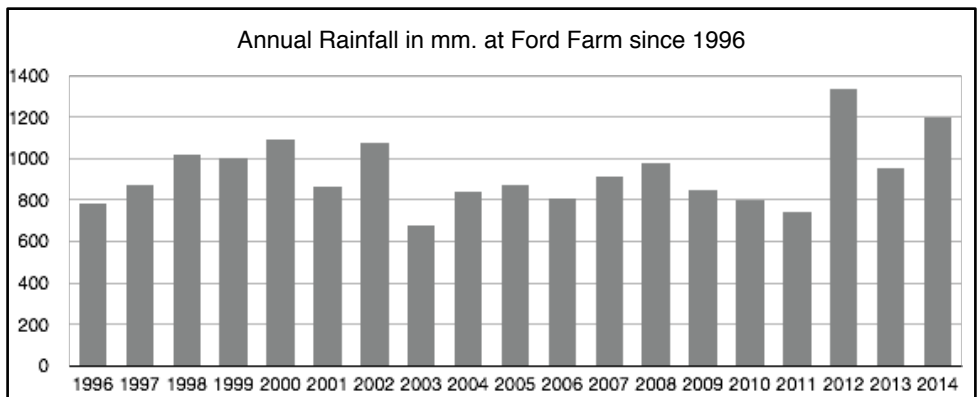
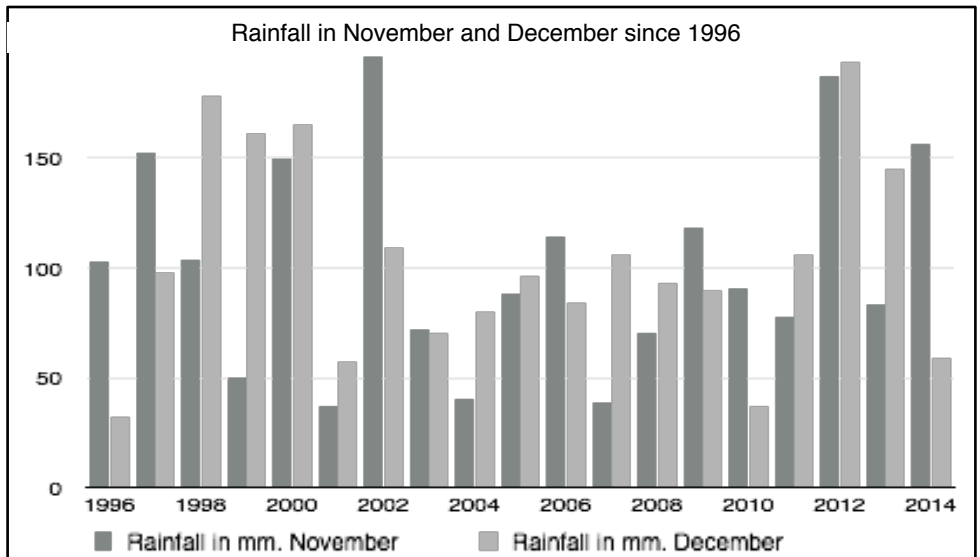
The Village unveiled a new sign and came second in its category of the Best Kept Village awards.

Breakfast at Quickes

Newton St. Cyres based dairy, shop and café, Quickes Traditional, took part in a nationally run campaign to celebrate the most important meal of the day. To mark National Farmhouse Breakfast Week (25-31 January 2015) Quickes Farm Kitchen ran a special breakfast menu and offered a discount on all 'grab and go' breakfasts ordered before 11 am. There was also a variety of local breakfast produce available to sample in the farm shop throughout the week and the opportunity to win a Deluxe West Country Breakfast

The Weather

James Walters' rain gauge never fails to produce interesting information about the weather. Below are monthly comparisons of November and December rainfall since 1996 and the annual totals. 2014 was the second wettest year since 1996 and, as we all remember, 2012 was the wettest.



Parish Council Report ... December

Eight Councillors were joined by Cllr Peter Hare-Scott (MDDC) and Cllr Margaret Squires (DCC) and three members of the public at their meeting on the 1st December.

Jock Campbell updated the Council on the Community Resilience Plan and explained that initially 2 stores could be provided with emergency equipment with a possible third store at a later date. It is understood that DCC will fund the cost of these stores and equipment on receipt of payment by the Parish Council. Jock was thanked most sincerely for all his work with this plan and associated works.

TAP Funding. The Ladies Football Club have been awarded TAP funding to purchase new strip. There is still a small amount left on the TAP fund and applications from organisations in the parish are invited. It should be noted that the funding is for equipment and not for running costs and will need a supporting letter from a neighbouring parish.

Local Community-led Plan. The questionnaire is being compiled this winter and will be circulated to all households early in the spring. It is important that the questionnaire is completed by parishioners as the future plans for the parish will be based on the answers received.

Cycle path and footpaths. Cllr Steve Parker has met with Sustainable Crediton and walked all the possible routes for a cycle path/footpath between Langford and Crediton. He was able to report that local landowners are being very supportive of the plans and he hoped to have paperwork ready in time for any funding which may appear. A small working group would be pulled together to help in the preparation of the bids. Cllr Parker was thanked by the Council for all his hard work.

Highways matters. Parishioners are reminded that they can report any potholes they see through the following link: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem>

Annual Parish meeting: The Cllrs agreed to invite Cllr Andrew Leadbetter to address the APM on Thursday 30th April and to talk about the provision of Broadband in the parish. Sustainable Crediton would also be invited to come along and update the parishioners on progress with cycle paths and footpaths.

Dog Fouling. Again this subject was raised and another notice about the consequences of leaving dog mess on the pavements, roads, verges and fields in the parish is emphasised. Please read the notice and be aware that anyone can report an owner leaving dog mess on the ground (or picking it up and then slinging the plastic bag into the hedge) on the following link: <http://www.middevon.gov.uk/eworks/dogfouling/dogfouling.asp>

Parish Precept. December is the month when the precept is decided for the coming year. The Cllrs decided to raise the precept by a small margin to help to cover the extra costs incurred by the Parish Council for minor road works, gritting side roads, flood prevention measures, replacement and maintenance of notice boards, cleaning bus shelters, grass cutting etc. etc.

The next meeting of the Parish Council has been changed and the January and February meetings will be amalgamated into one meeting on the 26th January 2015.

The March meeting will be held on Monday 2nd March at 7.30 pm in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall.

The next Parish Surgery will take place in conjunction with the Mini Market on Saturday 28th February (10.30 am to 12.00 noon)

Cllr Jill Baker

Press Officer.

Newton St Cyres Parish Council

Once again the Parish Council need to remind parishioners of their duties when walking with their dogs.

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

So if you see someone leaving the dog mess on the ground you can now report this directly to Mid Devon District Council on:

<http://www.middevon.gov.uk/eworks/dogfouling/dogfouling.asp>

OR take a photo and send it to Mid Devon District Council
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 it 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?

Community Notices

a free facility for all members of the community

For Sale – A baker's dozen of glass demijohn bottles, ideal for home brew or storing small change. Only £2 each or £20 the lot.

Check Amazon if you don't think they are cheap enough! Contact Tom 851639.

COMMUNITY MARKET

Hooray back to normal 1st market of 2015 will take place on Sat Feb 28th. at 10 am.

See you all there hopefully with some new and exciting stalls.



Susan's
Flower Shop

131 High Street, Cridton
TELEPHONE: 01363 775818



The Village Sign & Other Things

The Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977, the Parish Council decided a special memorial to the event should be undertaken, so we advertised for ideas for a suitable memorial to be anonymously submitted. We had about 12 suggestions, and very seriously considered each one. Many would require continual maintenance, for example a pond, a garden, trees, a flagpole and so on. In the end, the voting was unanimous for the present wrought iron sign we have. Melvyn Durrant had designed it based on one of the stained glass windows in the church (see if you can find it there). It was constructed locally, and a special event launched it. It is encouraging to see it has lasted so long before needing maintenance. Well done to all the team that did this maintenance; it looks super.

At the same time, the Parish Council had some pressure put on them to try to get more trains to stop, and improve access to the carriages. After prolonged negotiation with British Rail, we got nowhere (one excuse was that stopping trains used up brake linings, and was too expensive!) We even submitted plans for a raised section of the platform, but they said that their drivers would have difficulty in stopping the train in the correct place! It is great to learn that the situation has been resolved, but it should be called "The Newton St. Cyres Hump". It is hoped that if extra trains stop, they will be well used. Well done to all concerned. Chris Southcott's Friends of the Station no doubt contributed towards what has happened.

Best wishes to everybody in the village. Lyn and I had a marvellous life there.

John Durrant (Shuttern Cottage 1965 - 85, Mount Pleasant 1985 - 2003)

Exeter open studios

Artists at work.



Exhibition and sale
of original
paintings, prints.
cards and crafts

Light refreshments.

at the Village Hall Newton St. Cyres.
Friday March 20th.---Sunday March 22nd.
10:30 am---5:30 pm daily.



Elite Blinds
& Tracks Ltd.

Manufacturers and Suppliers of all types of
Quality Blinds & Window Dressings
VERTICAL ROLLER VENETIAN WOODEN ROMAN
CONSERVATORY CURTAINS TRACKS & POLES

Free Estimates Competitive prices

Tel: 01392 860141

email: eliteblindsdevon@btconnect.com

Visit us at: www.eliteblindsandtracks.co.uk

- **WEIGH**
- **TALK**
- **EXERCISE**

Let's Grow

East Devon & Exe Valley
Tel: 07969 900794

Newton St Cyres Village Hall

Monday 9.30 & 11.00am

Thursday 9.30am



**CROWN
&
SCEPTRE**

15% Off

Cut out this Voucher,
bring with you, present
with your order and
receive a 15% discount
on your meal. Valid
between Mon & Thurs
and only applies to food
purchased.

Crown & Sceptre

Newton St Cyres, EX5 5DA.

Tel: 01392 851278

**Quality Award Winning Ales & Freshly Prepared Locally Sourced
Food, Served in our Bar, Restaurant & Beer Garden.**

Bookings are Advisable especially for our Famous Sumptuous
Traditionally Cooked Sunday Roasts.

Lunchtime Senior Meal Deal Discounts – Dine and receive **15%** from
your Food Bill (Not redeemable with any other offer)

Enjoy yourself in our friendly atmosphere for all to enjoy.

Curry & Quiz Night – Our extremely popular Curry & Quiz Nights are held
on the First Tuesday of every month - Cash Prizes to be won and
Bookings are essential.

Opening Hours:

Mon – Fri 11.00 until close & 11.00 until close Sat & Sun
Meals served from Midday until 3pm & 6pm until 8.30pm Tues – Sat
12 noon – 4pm – Sun

Take Away Food Available upon request.

**Pre-Booked tables during February & March will receive a 10% Discount from
their food bill (Not redeemable with any other offer)**

Do You Remember?...February

February 1975

The Editorial highlighted the problems on the A377, i.e. Cowley Bridge junction; Half Moon Village (narrow roadway); Castlands (narrow); the Village; Smallbrook (tight bends, bus stops and Dunscombe farm entrance).. BUT asked why work on widening and straightening 2 bends at Cartaway had been carried out.

The Church re-decoration would start in April and scaffolding had been loaned by Exeter Cathedral.

Cowley Church were advertising a Coffee Morning at Cowley Manor. The Parish Council had put up four new notice boards at a cost of £46 and were continuing to press for more Council housing.

A Public Meeting was advertised to discuss the provision of a Tennis Court.

The Over 60's went to the Pantomime to see Babes in the Wood at Torquay.

In the Gardening news a problem with mice eating the peas growing in pots was reported.

February 1985

The lead article from the Editor was about the problems on the A377 and how dangerous it is particularly for pedestrians.

The Afternoon Club had held a dinner at the Devonshire Café, Crediton which was attended by 37. They had also been to see the Pantomime at Tedburn St Mary.

The W I had been unable to go to see Dunsford Pantomime because of the arctic weather.

The Scrabble League was active with many matches being played.

February 1995

The School welcomed David Lockley who would be taking games and outdoor education.

The School also had a burglary when a TV and video recorder were taken.

The School Hall was being offered to village groups to use when not in use by the School

The Parish Council reported that Newton St Cyres had been identified as possible location for a gateway traffic calming scheme.

It was reported that the Church Christmas Fair had made £913.05 and that the Sunday School had been re-started.

Pauline Loo was collecting postcards which were being sold for Hospiscare funds.

February 2005

The editorial mentioned the tsunami and it's after effects.

Hazel Price requested information and memories of Langford Park and Winscott Hamlet as she is compiling a history.

Langford Park Care Home thanked the Beer Engine and all the staff for the lovely Christmas meal enjoyed by their residents.

There were two and a half pages of earthquake news which had caused the largest number of casualties world-wide. The largest recorded was on December 16th 1920, magnitude of 8.5, in Ningxia, China when about 235,000 were killed.

The ramblers have 2 walks planned, one at Shobrooke and one to Snowdrop Valley, Butterleigh.

NSC Church Clock history and maintenance schedule was printed dating back to 1697 with items such as "pd for lent of a horse to go to newbuildings to fetch home ye Clock and Dyall Table" - 1s (one shilling) and in 1736 "pd Tucker for doing up ye Clock" - £2.2.0 (2 pounds, 2 shillings and no pence).

A Coffee Morning was advertised at Ford Farm for Church funds.

A list of memorable quotes from George W Bush were listed: 'If we don't succeed, we run the risk of failure'; 'The future will be better tomorrow'; 'For NASA, space is still a high priority'!

RECREATION GROUND CLUB

I expect many of you like me are really beginning to get fed up with the weather. Okay we haven't had the floods of the past two years but the cold winds and constant drizzle gets annoying when you need to look like a roly poly pudding just to put out the bins.

January is a quiet month for us but February picks up with Cup and League games for both the Darts and Skittles. Football is busy with matches every Saturday morning and afternoon. The Pool teams and the Archery group meet Sundays through February.

The Cricket Club had their A.G.M. in January and the Archery Group have their A.G.M. in February. Our first meeting of this for this year will be on Sunday 8th February at 7.30. It is an open meeting and if you wish to attend please feel free to come along.

Also on Tuesday 17th we will host a farmers meeting. Yes we don't only do sport and parties - you can have meetings in the club house too.

March and April all the sports will be playing out their league commitments, so we will be busy in the evenings and Saturdays. Early April sees the Easter Weekend and I'm sure we will be allocated a full weekend of football.

Although we are busy with sport, we welcome enquires about parties and will try to help whatever your requirements,

Only a brief piece from me this month so please help to make more to write about by booking in events.

Wendy Lewis

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

Icy courts and torrential rain are a winter tennis hazard, but so far this year we have not seen too much of either and play at the club has continued relatively unhindered. Low sun has often made visibility difficult, but no one is complaining too much about that! A recent Sunday afternoon club session saw 13 people arrive, all keen to work off some of the Christmas excess. So if your new year's resolution was to get fit and have fun, why not think about joining? You can come along for a couple of taster sessions before making up your mind. Our membership year starts on 1 April so now is the time to start thinking about it in order to get a full year for your money. Our membership secretary is Laura Leigh, telephone 01647 24259, or check out our website www.newtonstcyrestenniscub for information about club sessions, coaching etc.



Newton St Cyres FC – January Update



It's been a time for celebration over the festive period for the First team having played six games in total since our last report and winning them all. It started with good home win over Bickleigh and was followed a close one nil away win against a stubborn East Budleigh. Next was an away trip to the Marine Camp to face Lymptone. This fixture was a disappointment last season but it was a completely different affair this season as we came away four nil victors. Wellington were brushed aside 7 nil in the next home game in the lead up to Christmas day. A cold and wet away trip to Witheridge was the penultimate game of the period and we had to maintain concentration and effort for the full 90 minutes against a strong team but we came away with all three points 1 nil. The final game resulted in a 3-1 win against Alphington on home turf and this now sees us in second position in the league four points behind the leaders Honiton but with one game in hand and an away fixture at their place to come.

The Reserves have had a good spell over December too pushing their way up the table are in a good position going into the tail end of the season. It started with a 7 nil demolition of East Budleigh at home but was followed by a 3-1 loss away to Kentisbeare. Alphington visited the Rec next and aren't far behind us. It ended honours even at 3 a piece but two high scoring wins followed. A 5-nil win versus Beer Albion and 7-1 against Langdon sees us now sat in third place with promotion up for grabs.

The Under 13s haven't seen much action at all this season and managed just the two games over the past 8 weeks! It was a positive outcome though beating West Exe 7-3 at home and overcoming Heavitree 4-3 to ensure the unbeaten record in the league remains!

The Ladies have played two games since our last report, first losing out in a game that could have opened the door to the division championship. Unfortunately we went down 4-1 to Tavistock who will now surely go on to win the division. The second and final game of the year was against Okehampton on a cold and wet Sunday afternoon. We came away with all the points winning 4 nil. The Ladies now have only four games left to play and will be aiming for maximum points between now and the end of the season.

February Fixtures 3pm KO

First Team: 7th Heavitree (H), 28th University (A)
Reserves: 21st Ottery St Mary (H)

*See website for up to date fixtures

Newton St Cyres Primary School

During the Autumn term we produced a wonderful performance of Panto Pandemonium. The children's acting, dancing and singing was just amazing. It was a huge tribute to the commitment of the children and staff who put the whole performance together in about 3 weeks. I have to say that the audience participation wasn't half bad either; it was all in all a really rewarding experience and one of the most enjoyable for while?

The younger children of the school and preschool put on a Nativity Service at the church; the older children helped out with the singing and share some of their work. It was the first time that the very youngest children performed with the preschool; it really was a great way to start Christmas.

The children in class 4 also did some Carol Singing at Tesco's – you may have heard them? They followed it up by visiting Langford Park Nursing Home too. Their final piece of fund-raising of 2014 was the Christmas Fayre that was enjoyed by the whole school and parents too. It was a bit of a squash though; we really do need a larger school Hall. Now, if only we had a new school... (News on our new school plans to follow soon I hope!)

This term the children have arrived back at school full of energy and enthusiasm; the staff were quite excited by what the New Year offers too! The topic this term is France and for the older children Europe. The children in class one have a French 'Alp style' café and they get the opportunity to practise some French and to taste some French foods too.

This term it is the turn of the Year 3 and 4 children to attend the Friday morning Sports at Lords Meadow Leisure Centre; this continues to be extremely popular and so beneficial for all the children.

The older children in the school are looking forwards to a concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra in January. They are also participating in the Local learning community Singing performance at the University in March.



We are pleased to announce that the school has organised a textile collection with a Bag2School collection in order to raise funds.

By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided (or alternatively a dustbin bag) – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, bags, soft toys, curtains and bedding (not duvets or pillows). We receive an amount per tonne of clothing collected. In addition it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse. Don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well! A big thank you in anticipation of your help. If you do have any items that you would like to donate then please give them to us at school 01392 851267, or alternatively contact Kate Anstey on 01392 851190 and she will kindly come and collect them or leave the bag at the school.

NEWTON RAMBLERS

On **Sunday 22 February**

the Ramblers will have an easy fairly flat walk of just over 3 miles. We will walk from the village along Station Rd and then on the footpath along the River to Ashfields, returning on paths towards Tytheing Close and across the Shuttern Brook into Court Orchard. If the weather is good and folks prefer a longer walk, there would be the option of extending the walk to go to Langford and then along Bidwell Lane to Bidwell Barton and back through Jackmoor and Winscott.



We will meet in the Parish Hall Car Park at 10.00 am. **All welcome.** Any queries to Jean or Roger Wilkins on 851337.

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

New shop now open

Barton Place Farm Shop

Wrefords Lane, Exeter, EX4 5BS
Tel: 01392 422720
www.bartonplacefarm.co.uk

We sell our own beef, pork and lamb products, together with our own free range eggs, homemade cakes, honey and local produce

Teign Renewables

**your one-stop shop
for renewable
energy**

**Solar PV, Solar Thermal, Air Source Heat
Pumps, full plumbing and electrical**

RECC assurance NAPIT approved
10 yr warranties through IWA
01626 681316 / 07557121325



NEWTON St CYRES PARISH HALL

A BIG THANK YOU TO NEWTON WONDER

The Parish Hall Committee very much appreciated the donation of £250 from the Newton Wonder to the Hall Improvement Fund. We now have Planning Permission and hope to be able to get the work done in the Summer of 2016, but this will depend on fund raising and the success of grant applications.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CARETAKER

We are delighted to welcome Mel Marsden as the new caretaker for the Hall. Mel is well known in the village having at one time been a post lady and more recently being a self- employed village help, providing caring and cleaning services. Mel started work in the Hall in the New Year. Mel looks forward to meeting the many users of the Hall.

FUTURE FUND RAISING EVENTS

The Hall is organising the **Coffee Morning** to be held on **Saturday 7 Feb from 10.30 to 12.00**. Please come along and enjoy coffee, cakes and meeting people.

On **Saturday 28 March** I will give a talk on '**Behind the Iron Curtain**' at 7.30 pm, followed by light refreshments.

I was privileged to make several visits to the Soviet Union, East Germany and Bulgaria between 1974 and 1998 as an invited guest of their Governments. I will give some impressions of good and bad aspects of life in these countries at that time and also relay how as a naive young agricultural scientist I became embroiled in international politics, negotiations with Government Ministers, surveillance by security agents and involvement with an assassin.

This will be the first time that I have given a talk about these experiences. More details of the event will be given in the March Newton Wonder.

Roger Wilkins, Chairman, Parish Hall Committee

Community Support Group

Over the Christmas period the Community Support Group has met up for a couple of social events. In December we had coffee and mince pies and a Christmas Lunch was arranged for later. In January we shared a coffee morning with the Church. At this meeting we were joined by David Prywata who again informed, amused and entertained us with information and stories from his experiences as a policeman.

The next Coffee Morning will be held at the Crown & Sceptre on Sat 14th. Feb at 10.30 am.



DINE

**ON THE FINEST LOCAL,
ETHICALLY-SOURCED
SEASONAL FOOD**

**COOKED BY TIM MADDAMS (EX RIVER
COTTAGE CHEF) AND HIS TEAM**



NEWTON ST CYRES VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2015

£25 PER HEAD FOR THREE COURSES

SPECIALY SOURCED WINES AVAILABLE FOR EACH COURSE

TO BOOK TICKETS (PRE-PAID ONLY), CALL 07984 672 649 OR EMAIL

friendsnewtonstcyres@gmail.com

EARLY BOOKING ADVISED AS LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE

**ENJOY INCREDIBLE FOOD, DELICIOUS WINES AND HELP RAISE
FUNDS FOR A NEW CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM FOR THE VILLAGE
CHURCH**

ORGANISED BY THE FRIENDS OF NEWTON ST CYRES

www.hallandhearty.co.uk

Buy direct
from the
manufacturer for
great savings!



ASHGROVE KITCHENS

freephone 0800 0683291 www.ashgrovekitchens.co.uk



creditonpharmacy

At the heart of local healthcare

**Crediton Pharmacy now offers
a FREE prescription collection and
delivery service to all home and
work addresses in the area**

We can collect your prescription from any local
doctor's surgery and deliver to your home or work place.
We cover from North Tawton in the west to the edge of
Exeter in the east

Crediton Pharmacy
19a High Street
Crediton
EX17 3AH

Please contact us on: **01363 773030** for details
and an application form.

Delivery service covers an 8 mile radius from Crediton,
signature required on delivery, terms and conditions apply

JERRY JERMYN

HANDYMAN

Tel : 01363 773349

Mob: 07729 259785



Painting & Decorating

General DIY

General Plumbing

Covered by all
major insurers



Established
over 25 years

**CREDITON & EXETER
OSTEOPATHS**

Back & Neck pain
Joint problems & Sports Injuries

100 High Street, Crediton, EX17 3LF

01363 774175

Notaries House, Chapel St., Exeter EX1 1AJ

01392 213899

**CREDITON COMPLEMENTARY
HEALTH CENTRE**

Qualified practitioners in:

Acupuncture & Chinese Herbal Medicine,
Alexander Technique, Aromatherapy,
Counselling, Cranial Osteopathy, Healing,
Homeopathy, Manual Lymphatic Drainage,
Nutritional Therapy, Osteopathy, Physiotherapy
(bodywork), Reflexology

100 High Street, Crediton, EX17 3LF

01363 774175



NEWTON ST. CYRES, EXETER EX5 5AX • TEL: 01392 851282 • FAX: 01392 851876

Serving an array of good home cooked food using our own ales and locally sourced produce, an excellent place to relax and unwind.

Presenting a variety of four individually brewed ales at any one time.

Bar Opening Hours:- 11am - 11pm (times vary Sunday & Monday only)

Food Served Tuesday - Saturday: 12noon - 2.15pm & 6.30pm - 9.15pm
Sunday & Monday: 12noon - 2.15pm & 6.30pm - 8.15pm

Mike, Jan and the team offer everyone a warm welcome.
It is advisable to book well in advance for weekend bookings.

Members of CAMRA, SIBA, FSB & BII

Listed in many of the Good Pub & Good Food Guides

www.thebeerengine.co.uk

info@thebeerengine.co.uk

Exeter's Traditional Family Independent
Funeral Directors For Over 100 Years

M. Sillifant & Sons

Martin Sillifant & Son

A phone call will obtain our personal attention

01392~272688



19-20 Holloway Street,
St Leonard's,
Exeter. EX2 4JD



www.sillifantandsons.co.uk



MOLE AVON
TOWN & COUNTRY STORES

www.moleavon.co.uk

FOR HOME, FARM & FAMILY

Animal Feeds & Health	Fertilisers & Lime
Clothing & Footwear	Field Equipment
Crop Protection & Seeds	Horticulture
Electrical	Household & DIY
Equestrian	Pet

Mill Street, **CREDITON** T: 01363 774786
Monday to Friday 8am to 5.30pm
Saturday 9am to 4pm

Open Selected Bank Holidays



QUICKES Farm Kitchen

Quickes Farm Kitchen specialises in high quality locally produced food, served in a relaxed and family friendly atmosphere. We serve hearty breakfasts, lunches, excellent coffee and cream teas in our beautiful pop-up kitchen, overlooking the stunning views across the valley.

*Why not book your next event at
Quickes? For more information
or to make a booking, please
contact 01392 851000 or email
kitchen@quickes.co.uk*

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
Mon-Sat 9am-5pm Sun 10am-4pm

Home Farm, Newton St Cyres, EX5 5AY, 01392 851000
www.quickes.co.uk [twitter@QFShop_Kitchen](https://twitter.com/QFShop_Kitchen)

SG
SMITHSGORE

WHAT RENT FOR MY HOUSE?

For a free professional appraisal of rental value
without obligation for any rural property, please
phone Smiths Gore's Exeter Office now

RURAL RESIDENTIAL LETTINGS SPECIALISTS



Exeter Office tel. 01392 278466   
philipsara@smithsgore.co.uk

smithsgore.co.uk

MCA WINDOWS
MADE TO MEASURE

PVCu Windows & Doors Installer • Patio Doors
Conservatories • Facia Boards & Guttering

MARK ANDREWS

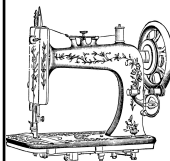
16a MARSH LANE, LORDS MEADOW,
CREDITON DEVON EX17 1ES

TELEPHONE OR FAX

(01363) 774199

Bespoke Curtains

and Blinds



Bespoke Curtains & Blinds
Free Quotations
Friendly & Reliable Service

Primrose Cottage ~ Newton St Cyres
Contact Hannah Graham ~ 07703815164

The Groundsman

For a neat and tidy garden

Weeding
Lawn mowing
Strimming
Hedge
trimming
Tree surgery
Fencing



Call John on
07967806059

Memorials

F. J. Stevens & Son

New Memorials
Additional Inscriptions
Cleaning & Renovations
**Caring & Professional
Family Business**



Albert Road
Crediton
EX17 2BZ
01363 776321
07850128413

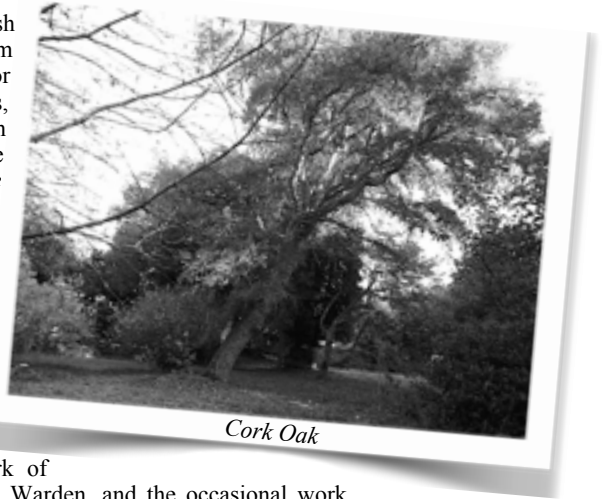


www.memorials.gb.com
stevenscrediton@yahoo.co.uk

Newton St Cyres Arboretum

Many readers will know that behind the village church is an arboretum, planted in the late eighteenth century by the Quicke family. It was reached by a bridge across from the old Newton House. At some point an attractive Gothic summerhouse in the rustic style was built, and later a tennis court was laid out in the level area in front of it. After two World Wars and over two hundred years, the arboretum had grown into a mature, but diverse, woodland, but was no longer a maintenance priority. Some additional planting was done in the 1950s but many people in the village will remember that by this century it was over grown with brambles and undergrowth and only the main paths kept clear by the occasional cutting. The shrubs and trees had grown unchecked and unpruned, but that meant that the arboretum was a haven for wildlife.

An initiative in 2009, part of the Parish Plan, led to the licensing of the arboretum by John Quicke to the Parish Council, for a minimal rent, to enable public access, and The Friends of Newton Arboretum were established to manage the arboretum. *It should be noted that the summer house is not included in this agreement, because of its age and state of disrepair, as well as the possibility of vandalism.* The Friends Committee was able to gain funding from DCC, MDCC, the Parish Council and other bodies, as well as organising its own fund raising. The Arboretum has been open now for four years, and regular walkers will have seen how it has been transformed through the regular work of committed volunteers under the Head Warden, and the occasional work parties of Friends.



Cork Oak

There is now an Information Trail (with a new guide produced this January), a perimeter path and shelter/lookout, and a network of named paths. The trees and shrubs have been identified and named and plant lists produced. Some 175 trees have been tagged and more than 60 are labelled. More than 130 species of higher plants have been identified and there are many different mosses, liverworts and ferns. Many areas have been cleared to let in light and air. Regular mowing has improved the grass areas and this has improved the display of cyclamen and primroses. A memorial bench to Sir John Quicke, plus two picnic benches have been placed near the summerhouse. Some trees have been professionally felled to clear areas that were over shadowed, and a limited amount of suitable new planting has been done. The range of bulbs was enlarged with a planting session this autumn, and we hope to see the results this spring when they come up. Some areas have been left for wild life, and the piles of cuttings and wood have widened that habitat. The aim is to keep a certain wildness to the area rather than make it parklike.

The Arboretum is now a real asset to the village for walks and leisure and it is to be hoped it will remain so with the support of Friends and volunteers. If you have never visited it, make sure you find time to do so this spring when the camellias and magnolias are flowering. It is excellent that many people in the village have become a Friend; the cost is £10 per year and the funds go towards the maintenance of machinery and fuel and professional work – so you could consider helping in this way if you have not already done so. This gives access to the Annual Newsletter and also notice of events, particularly the tours associated with the AGM. This year it is on Wednesday April 22nd. Vaughan Gallavan will be taking round a group to show the new planting, and Frances Watkins will take round a group to look at the lichens and mosses (lenses provided). Non Friends can attend for a charge of £2. More information is available from Roger Wilkins 851377 (Secretary).

Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The December draw took place during the morning while setting up for the church Christmas Fayre on 29th November 2014 in the village hall and the winners are:

No	171	Jim Enright	£50
No	163	Jackie Barnes	£50
No	137	David Baker	£10
No	108	Jen Holt	£10
No	169	Mrs Cann	£10
No	90	Pita Burt	£10
No	39	M & T Whitely	£25

The January draw took place at the coffee morning on 10th January 2015 in the village hall and the winners are:

No	135	Mr Fanson	£100
No	153	Gail Meldrum	£10
No	145	Paul Singleton	£10
No	97	Sue Gee	£10
No	9	Mary Finning	£10
No	119	Mrs P Martin	£10

Congratulations all and may you all have a happy and prosperous 2015.

Daphne 01392 851639

Dates from the Village Diary

February:

Tues 3 rd	Curry & Quiz Night at the Crown & Sceptre – 6.30pm
Sat 7 th	Coffee Morning at the Parish Hall
Sat 14 th	Soup & Cheese Lunch at the Parish Hall – Midday Valentines Night Meal at the Crown & Sceptre 6.30pm (Bookings advised)
Wed 18 th	History Group Meeting
Sat 21 st	Concert in the Church – Local Folk Group, Cross Border, will be playing to raise monies for the Church Heating System.
Fri 20 th -Sun22 nd	Exhibition and Sale of Paintings etc. Newton St Cyres Art Group Entry £3.00 per person & £1.50 for under 12's
Fri 27 th	Young Farmers 'Cider and Pasty Quiz. Sandford Village Hall 7 for 7.30pm.
Sat 28 th	Mini-Market in Parish Hall 10.am Hall & Hearty, Dine and Wine with ex- River Cottage Chef Tim Maddams 7 for 7.30pm. Great locally sourced food.

March

Sat 1 st	Church Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall – 10.30am Circus Berzercus in the Parish Hall – 7.30pm
---------------------	--

Monthly Gardening notes for February from Bert Jewell

I am often asked how I become a gardener, did I go to Horticultural college, work in a Garden Centre or work in a Nursery.

Well to give my gardening notes a bit of a makeover, I am adding a little bit about my journey into the gardening world each month. It will not only help me to remember, it will also stop me from writing the same notes that I wrote last year, well that's the theory anyway.

My journey started in my parents garden when I was eight or nine years old. I was the middle child of five, with two older brothers and a younger brother and sister. The house we grew up in was an old keepers cottage, two rooms upstairs and two down. No electricity, gas, telephone or mains water, not even a well. The water we used had to be fetched from a spring about a quarter mile away down a fairly steep hill. We were about a mile from the village church and primary school and three miles from the nearest town.

My journey will continue next month, now we must see what needs to be done in the

....

Vegetable Garden

It is still early to start large scale planting and sowing but there are still things to do so long as the soil is not waterlogged or frozen. Broad Bean plants grown from seed sown in pots during December can be planted out, best planted in double rows 12" apart and 8" between plants. Canes can be pushed into the soil at each end of the rows and along the sides so as the plants grow, string or garden twine can be tied from cane to cane, keeping the plants upright.

Continue clearing away any weeds and debris from last years crops.

Plant Shallots towards the end of the month.

Flower Garden

With the topsy turvy weather over the last couple of months, one day 12 degrees the next 6 degrees, either blowing a gale and wet or a lovely sunny day, the winter flowering Violas and the Spring flowering Bulbs in our gardens seem to be as confused as we are as to what to do. But don't worry, all will come right in the end and I'm sure the display of Spring flowers will look great. Give them a helping hand by picking up any fallen leaves that may congregate around plants and bulb shoots, they make ideal hiding places for slugs and snails.

Lily of the Valley crowns can be planted.

Lawns

If the weather is mild towards the end of the month and the soil is firm enough to walk on, then it would be a good idea to get the edges cut and any reshaping done before the mowing starts next month.

Trees, Shrubs and Climbers

Prune any large flowered hybrid Clematis that start flowering in June and continue well into September. This type of Clematis can be cut down to about 2' from the ground. Clematis that start flowering late July, early August, can be cut down to about 6" from the ground. Always keep their roots shaded.

Check any newly planted Trees and Shrubs and firm the ground if necessary.

Deciduous Trees or Shrubs can be moved this month before growth begins in March.

Fruit

Major pruning jobs like that on Apple and Pear trees, Vines, Red and White Currants and Gooseberries should be finished as soon as possible if not completed in January. Cut out any old or damaged leaves on Strawberry plants. Cut the tops of Summer fruiting Raspberry canes down to 6" above the top supporting wire.

Plant of the month.

"Iris Stylosa"

A winter flowering Iris growing to about 12" high. Spreads to 2' or more in time by underground Rhizomes. The flowers are dark blue with a flat appearance. Grows well in soil with good drainage and full sun. Propagate by dividing Rhizomes every two or three years.

Spare a thought for the birds this winter and put out some food and water. Enjoy your gardening

Newton St Cyres Gardening Club 2015 Programme



The Gardening Club have re-arranged their programme for 2015 and will only meet once per quarter, in March, June, September and December. The idea is to make the meetings more interesting and lively with an interesting speaker, question and answer sessions, produce, plants and seeds for sale or to swap and an auction at the end of the evening. We will meet in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm

March 4th Pests in the Garden with Bert Jewell

June 3rd John West with one of his brilliant topics

September 2nd Tina Parkes with flower and foliage arrangements (and with something for the men in the audience)

December 9th Joint Christmas meeting with the History Group

2015 Flower and Produce Show

This will be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday 6th September.

Schedules will be available in plenty of time to plan what to grow and enter for the Show.

We welcome everyone to these meetings – the cost is only £1.50 per meeting which includes the hire of the hall, the speaker's fees and a tea or coffee and biscuits. We hope very much to see you in 2015.



Harris Timber Products Ltd

Unit 1
Moorview Industrial Estate
London Road
Whimble EX5 2QT

Telephone 01404 823366
Mobile 07778 623224

www.harristimberproducts.co.uk
info@harristimberproducts.co.uk

Harris Timber Products is a family run Devonshire based business, providing a totally bespoke design and build service for your garden room or garden office.

We also make cedar greenhouses, oak frames, garages, stables, sheds and all other garden buildings.

Newton St Cyres Youth Club

We meet Wednesdays fortnightly from 7pm to 9pm at the Village Hall

Ages from 10 to 15

Games, Dancing, Table Tennis,

Art and Craft Talks,

Have Fun and Learn New Skills!

We look forward to seeing you

For further information contact Pat Finch

Tel: 851478

email: patsyfinch@yahoo.co.uk

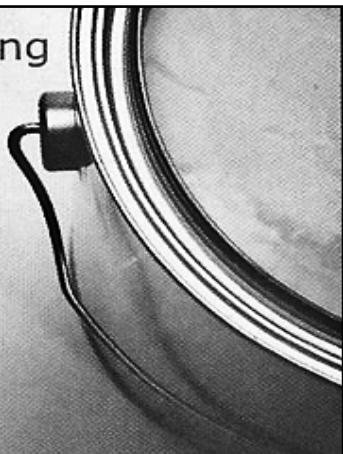
Katie's Painting & Decorating

Female painting and decorating service

Katie Acton
Painter & Decorator
k.acton@homecall.co.uk

01363 866585

2 West End
Poughill
Crediton



JTA Building & Plastering Exeter

Quality Building at Affordable Prices

All aspects of building work undertaken

Telephone 07764 938 244
Evening: 01363 777738
Email: jamieacton@hotmail.co.uk



M J ATKINSON ELECTRICAL

available for all types of electrical work

01363 866585
07545 262944

Newton St Cyres History Group

November Meeting



The seventeenth century in England was a turbulent time of complex religious and political events, which affected families and individuals of all social classes. Our speaker on Thursday 13th November was Roger Mortimer from Bradninch, and he told us the story of the dramatic events of Monmouth's Rebellion in 1685. Warwick Knowles, of Bradninch History Society, acted as his technical support and was in charge of the excellent illustrations to the account. We were carried along at a cracking pace through the cast of characters, and a wealth of colourful detail about their lives. Ambition and political intrigue, weakness and oath breaking, romance, battle, death and tragedy and the lure of power were all described, culminating in the brutal aftermath of Judge Jeffrey's trials, the 'Bloody Assizes'.

The story began with the beheading of King Charles I on January 13th 1649, after more than six years of bitter Civil War between the Parliamentary Roundheads and the Royalist Cavaliers. After this, Oliver Cromwell emerged as the most powerful man in the country and led the Commonwealth until his death, and the eventual restoration of the monarchy in the person of King Charles II in May 1660.

These political facts are well-known, but other events had been taking place behind the scenes. The future Charles II took a mistress, Lucy Walters, whilst in exile, and they had a son, James Scott, the first of Charles' illegitimate children. Charles was very fond of his son, and made him Duke of Monmouth in 1663. Through his marriage he also became Duke of Buccleuch and he proceeded to a successful military career during the next 16 years. Significantly, he was a Protestant.

The plot now began to thicken. James II, Charles' brother and thus Monmouth's uncle, was a Catholic. The powerful men in the country began to take sides once again, this time Whigs and Tories. The Tories supported James II and the Divine Right of Kings to rule, but the Whigs wanted a Protestant ruler, and took James Duke of Monmouth as their candidate for the kingship. They tried to prove that Lucy Walters and Charles II had been secretly married to strengthen Monmouth's claim to the throne. There were efforts to exclude James II from inheriting the throne. They even plotted to murder both King Charles and his brother, James, in 1683, and as Monmouth was implicated in this plot he had to go into exile in Holland.

In February 1685, King Charles II died, and matters now reached a crisis. Monmouth was a charismatic and popular figure, particularly in the West Country. He had sworn an oath to William of Orange and Mary (James II's daughter) not to invade England and claim the throne, but encouraged by the Whig nobility, he headed a small invasion force, confident that the West would rally to him in a bid for the kingship, and he landed at Lyme Regis in early June. At first, he did gain support and he defeated the local militia and captured the town of Axminster. The campaign moved north to Taunton, where Monmouth had himself crowned King, and then on through Bridgewater and Wells to Keynsham. However, the weather was very bad, and his volunteers were ill equipped and poorly armed: there were

desertions. Furthermore, the king's troops were by now mobilised and efficiently commanded by John Churchill (later Duke of Marlborough) and the Earl of Feversham. Monmouth might have changed the course of events if he had decided to capture Exeter, or even Bristol, but he did not. He retreated back towards Bridgewater and engaged the King's Army on 6th July. He had planned a surprise attack under cover of darkness, but his forces were spotted and the alarm raised, and they then were outflanked. The volunteer troops fought bravely but Monmouth fled the field when he saw that he could not win. He was found hiding in a ditch two days later and suffered a particularly gory beheading at the reluctant hands of Jack Ketch, who took five axe blows to complete the job.

There then followed a brutal and notorious series of trials to punish the rebels. King James sent Judge Jeffreys to deal with the tradesmen and cloth workers, townsmen and churchmen who had joined the rebellion, devout Anglicans and Puritans who acted out of conviction and patriotism. He did this with unparalleled severity. Nearly 300 were hanged, drawn and quartered and their remains displayed in public places, but so many were convicted that it seems the executioners could not cope, and 800 to 850 were transported to the living death of the sugar plantations in the West Indies. Some escaped with imprisonment and fines, but the memory of Judge Jeffreys' 'Bloody Assizes' remains a terrifying one.

Behind this complicated series of events, the figure of the Protestant William of Orange stood in the shadows, watching and waiting. Matters came to a head in June 1688, with the birth of a male heir to James II and Queen Mary – this would ensure a Catholic succession, which was too much for both Whigs and Tories to contemplate. William of Orange was secretly approached: he landed at Torbay on 5th November 1688 and was declared king in February 1689. This 'Glorious Revolution' succeeded without a shot being fired, in stark comparison to the Monmouth Rebellion. Judge Jeffreys died of kidney disease in the Tower.

James II had reigned for only three years, but Newton St Cyres church has one of the few surviving Coats of Arms in his name. There is no record of anyone from the village joining the rebels. It is likely that there was a strong Tory, Royalist influence here because of the marriage between Andrew Quicke and Dorothy Northcote in 1685. This meant that for 30 years or so the Quicke's were related, through Dorothy, to Sidney Godolphin the Lord High Chancellor and through him to the Duke of Marlborough. Both these gentlemen had strong royal connections.

Roger Mortimer took us through the events and the personalities with great skill and a telling amount of detail. This brought the story to life and made for a vivid and gripping presentation. Our thanks go to him and Warwick Knowles.



December Joint Meeting with Garden Club



By the time you read this in the February 2015 Newton Wonder, Christmas 2014 will be in the past. However, I can report that the History and the Gardening Groups decided to have a joint meeting for a Christmas Social, and we had a very enjoyable and seasonable evening. It took the form of a miscellany of readings and reports, accompanied by party food and refreshments brought by everyone who came. The readings were from the nineteenth century and many involved characters from the village.

We started with a moving description of the unofficial Christmas ceasefire in 1914, in the trenches in Flanders. Christopher Lee, in full army uniform of the period, read an anonymous account to be found

in a history of the Devonshire Regiment by W J P Aggett. The account, by a member of the Royal Devons, had been written in later years. He was an eyewitness to what happened in his area and it was poignant to hear how the guns stopped, the men emerged into No Mans Land, exchanged cigarettes and conversed on Christmas Day, only for the firing to start again and battle to resume for nearly four more years of bitter warfare.

Jean Wilkins set the scene with information about the Devonshires and their whereabouts and after the reading, Christopher finished with the well known poem by Wilfred Owen 'Anthem for Doomed Youth'. Although this was a sobering start, it was relevant and timely for Christmas 2014.

The mood then changed as we stopped for glasses to be filled or refilled, for food and time for discussion. Roger Wilkins then reconvened the meeting and Ian Maxted read an amusing account from the Exeter Flying Post of 1863, which reported on the Crediton Petty Sessions. Joseph Mayne, a watchmaker of Newton St Cyres was charged with being drunk and disorderly at the Crown and Sceptre. The landlord called in PC Passmore but things deteriorated into a brawl, with Mayne demanding a debt owed him by the policeman. The accounts of various witnesses were heard, some stating that Mayne couldn't have been drunk as he showed prowess in managing an unruly set of pigs, and in the end, the case was dismissed! Isobel Hepworth then read a curious account of the village bonfire celebrations in 1874, when a two headed effigy holding parsnips and carrots was burned 'the meaning of which is well-known in the neighbourhood'. It would be interesting to know if anyone has heard of this custom.

The next part of the evening was to open the floor for any interesting stories about local history or gardening, and we heard about slime mould, giant Mudford plums, marpums (a marrow x pumpkin cross!) and finally snakes in compost heaps, which seems to be a common experience in the village.

Judi Binks then entertained us with 'school bloomers' which she had put together from her years in the classroom. She had assembled them into a 'history' and read them with great verve and realism in her academic gown! Jean followed this with an account of naughty schoolchildren in Newton St Cyres, sticking the headmaster to his stool with cobbler's wax. The village cobbler was George Hancock, and the boy was Alfred G Abrahams. We continued with a story from January 1880 when the severe weather froze a brace of 'remarkably fine ducks' into a stream near the village. Luckily they were freed the next morning and took no harm. Lynda Pearce continued with two contrasting accounts of the attitudes to women; in 1804 John Rice a 'respectable' farmer received damages of £150 from a James Payne (the son of an opulent farmer from Whitestone), who had seduced his daughter, and in 1877, an Exeter man was fined a mere £1 (including costs) for beating his wife because she went to a fête 'without his leave'. Roger then read an account from November 1840 concerning Thomas Moore, a wheelwright from the village. He had a terrier bitch which had recently had a litter; a young otter was caught by the dog at Winscott marshes, and she carried it back home, suckled it and 'attended with most maternal care to her newly adopted'. The villagers were all very interested and the newspaper assured readers that Mr Moore would show anyone who attended 'this extraordinary freak of nature'.

Our final excerpt was again from the Crediton Petty Sessions. Jean read a hilarious account from May 1855, in which Mary Elson, of Newton St Cyres, summoned Henry Melhuish for stealing a pair of ladies drawers from a clothes line. You had to be there to get the full flavour of the adventures of the drawers, which were stuffed, put in an oak tree and fired upon, kicked about and then carried to the Half Moon beer-house. It appeared to turn out that these were after all not the lost drawers for they were later found at the bottom of a well. Again, proof was not forthcoming and the case was dismissed!

This ended our enjoyable evening on a very cheerful note. Our thanks go to Mary Long for some of the extracts, all who took part and read and supplied refreshments, and Roger for acting as MC.

Killed 100 Years ago

ALFRED JOHN WYATT (1890 -1914)

Although perhaps we here in Newton St Cyres would consider Alfred as a local lad as he was brought up at Castlands he is remembered on the War Memorial of Upton Pyne. Maybe his family attended services there after moving nearer to Exeter. We are indebted to Richenda Wakefield of Upton Pyne for her research into his life.

Alfred was baptized on the 31 August 1890 at Newton St Cyres, as John Alfred. He was the eldest child of John Alfred & his wife Mary Jane (nee Bowden). His father was a Gardener

On the census of 31 March 1891 the family were at Castlands, Exeter Road, Newton St Cyres & John (as he is named) is 6 months old. His father was a Gardener.

On the census of 31 March 1901 he was still at Castlands with his parents & 3 siblings. He was now named as Alfred, & his father was now a Farm Labourer.

On the census of 2 April 1911 as Alfred John he was a Private with the 1st Battalion Devonshire Regiment at North Tidworth, Andover. His parents & 3 siblings were still at Castlands, his father was now a Carter Man. His parents had been married for 21 years & had 4 children, all still alive, there were 3 rooms in the house.

He died of wounds at Dranoutre, (now Dranouter) Belgium, on 9 December 1914 when he was a Lance Corporal in the 1st Battalion, Devonshire Regiment. His mother's address was Exe View Cottage, Cowley Road, Exeter.

In August 1914 the regiment were in Jersey.

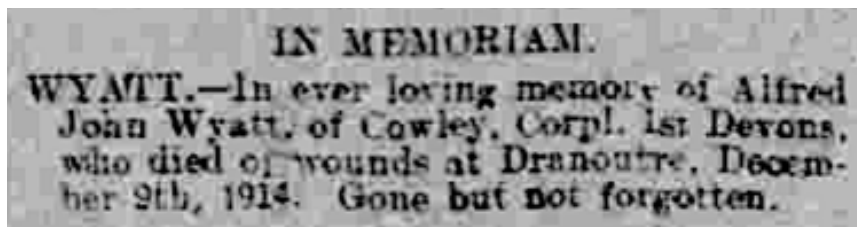
On 21 August 1914 they landed at Le Havre and joined Lines of Communication Defence Troops.

On 14 September 1914 they joined 8th Brigade, 3rd Division.

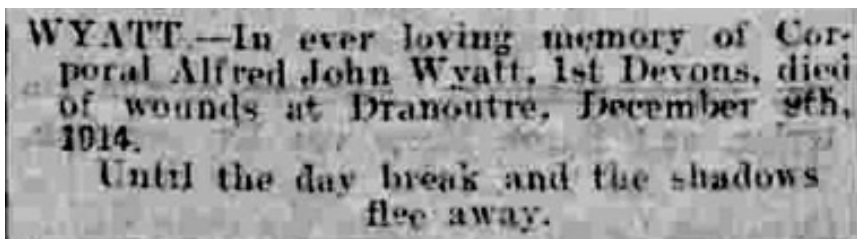
On 30

September 1914 they transferred to 14th Brigade, 5th Division

He was buried at Dranouter Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium & his headstone reads "PEACE. PERFECT PEACE".



Exeter & Plymouth Gazette 9 December 1915



Exeter & Plymouth Gazette 9 December 1916

NB From January 2015 History Group meetings will be held on a WEDNESDAY evening at 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

NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP PROGRAMME 2015

Feb 18	Rev Christopher Pidsley	The Story of Haldon Belvedere and the Palks of Haldon House
March 18	Amyas Crump	Railways in Devon
April 15	Lynda Pearce	Animals in War
May 20	John Scott	The History of Our Parish Church (in the Church)
June	Outing	To be arranged
Sept 16	Felicity Harper	The Courtneys of Powderham Castle
Oct 14	Simon Tootell	The Seaton Down Roman Coin Hoard
Nov 18	Nick Baker	The History of Upton Pyne
Dec 9	Peter Hood	Food. Prehistory to Victorian (with some examples)

Professionally Qualified Tree Surgeons

With relevant qualifications
& insurance to complete a wide
range of services, including:

- ◆ Dismantling, felling & removal
- ◆ Crown reductions
- ◆ Crown lifts & pruning
- ◆ Ongoing tree maintenance
- ◆ Veteran tree care
- ◆ Hedge cutting
- ◆ Woodland management
- ◆ Tree surveys arranged
- ◆ Working locally
in the Crediton area



**WE ALSO
SUPPLY
WOODCHIP
& LOGS**

Bruce Kerry

Mobile: 07779 995720

brucewtw@gmail.com

All work completed to British Standards BS3998.

www.westerntreeworks.co.uk

Gems & Pearls

BESPOKE JEWELLERY AND VALUATIONS

EMMA MEETEN FGA,

Gemmologist

Tel: 07941 264 585

www.gemsandpearls.co.uk

Fellow of the Gemmological Association of Great Britain



Seven new affordable homes in Upton Pyne.

Might you be interested in renting one? Might you be eligible?

Please come to our 'Lettings Event' on 19th March to find out more

These new homes will be available this autumn, –
two 1-bedroom, four 2-bedroom & one 3-bedroom.

Priority goes to people who are in housing need and who have a local connection - first to
people connected to Upton Pyne & Cowley,
next Bramford Speke, then neighbouring parishes.

The 'Lettings Event' is an informal opportunity to find out more about the homes, about
eligibility and about how to 'bid' for them through Devon Home Choice

Upton Pyne Village Hall, Thursday 19th March 2015

any time from 3.00 to 7.00 pm.

Sarah Scott 01392 841250

sarah@sarahscottjewellery.co.uk

MOTHERING SUNDAY AT QUICKES FARM KITCHEN

MARCH 15TH 2015



**Treat the mother in your life to
a delicious Sunday Roast Lunch**

Our own Beef and Creedy Carver Chicken

"Local is our Larder"

For details and to book please ring 851627

or email [kitchen @quikes .co.uk](mailto:kitchen@quikes.co.uk)



Quikes Farm Shop

Award-winning cheddar and a great range of West Country cheeses. Plus lots of other delicious Devon produce including, chutneys, crackers, meat, wine, ales and our own ice cream.

10% Off
when you spend over £5

Please present this voucher
when paying, only one
voucher per transaction.

Mondays-Saturdays 9am-5pm, Sundays 10am-4pm

Home Farm, Newton St. Cyres, EX5 5AY, 01392 851000

www.quikes.co.uk

Quickes Farm Kitchen

Valentine Candlelit Dinner

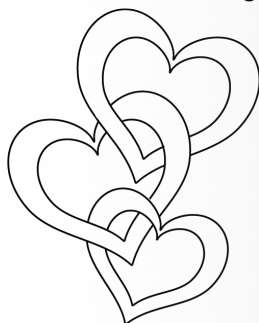
Saturday February 14th from 7pm

On Arrival

A glass of Prosecco with a dash of Kir

Starters

Prawn and Egg Mousse
Chicken Liver Pate
Pea and Mint Soup (V)



Main

Salmon Fillet with Dill Sauce
or

Quickes Wild Venison Loin with Mushroom Sauce
or

Puff Pastry Parcel of Tomato, Spinach and Quickes Goats Cheese (V)

all served with Seasonal Vegetables and Pommes Dauphinoise

Dessert

Chocolate Tart served with Clotted Cream or Quickes Vanilla Ice Cream
or

Meringue Heart with Fruit and Cream
or

Artisan Cheese board of

Quickes Mature & Quickes Goat Cheddar, Stilton and Cornish Yarg

Filter Coffee or Tea

£29 per person

A pre-order is required for all bookings. Please telephone 01392 851000
or email kitchen@quickes.co.uk

Newton St Cyres Young Farmers

NEWTON ST CYRES YFC VISITS FRANCE TWICE IN A MONTH

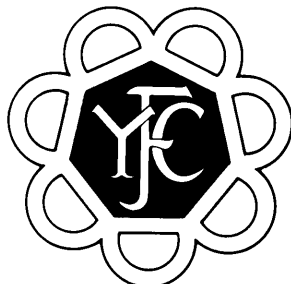


Fourteen members from Newton St Cyres Young Farmers Club recently travelled to Normandy in France, with their president Stewart Turner and advisory member Stuart Luxton who helped organise the trip.

During the four days in France, the group visited Bayeux, the American War Monument, a D-Day landing museum and beach, Pegasus Bridge and Mont Saint-Michel. The Young Farmers were also lucky enough to have a tour of a Beef farm and a Dairy farm in Commes, which was kindly arranged by contacts of Stuart Luxton. The group stayed at a hotel in Port En Bessin which was base for the four days, where they sampled the local cuisine and visited the well-known Sunday market.



During December the club held their annual carol singing raising £176.60 for The Royal Alfred Seafarers' Society, and the Christmas bingo which raised £322.20. Members also attended the County Christmas dance at Matford Centre, with special guests radio 1 DJs Chris Stark and Aled Haydn Jones.





Six club members travelled 26 hours on a coach to Val Thorens in France for a week on the slopes. Everyone had an enjoyable week and luckily all returned home without any broken bones. The annual trip was organised by Will Dracup and Millie Murphy of Devon YFC, for a group of 58 members.

Some of the female members will be participating in the tug of war competitions after a successful year in 2014, if anyone would like to join this team contact Emma the club captain on 07835 253760.

The club will be holding their popular 'Cider and Pasty Quiz', and this year it will be held at Sandford Parish Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm start. Teams of 4 will be £20, including a drink and pasty per person. The event is jointly organised with the Crediton & Witheridge NFU, and we would like to welcome everyone to come along. To enter a team call the Crediton NFU on 01363 775511 or email crediton_agency@nfmutual.co.uk.



This year we have seen an increase in membership, and always looking for different places to visit, and interesting speakers for our club meetings. If you can help in anyway, please email georginadavie@hotmail.co.uk. The next meeting will be held at Newton St Cyres Parish Hall on Tuesday 20th January at 8pm

Above:- Sophie Lines, Georgina Davie, Millie Murphy and Ellie Joy in North France.

Right:- Club Members dressed up for the Christmas Ball.



Georgina Davie



Newton Nippers Preschool

01392 851522

Newton

Nippers Toddler Group

Every Monday 1.30pm to 3.00pm
(during term time)

Come and find us at
Newton St Cyres Primary School
£2 per session *(including a snack)*



Activities: craft, singing,
tactile materials, story
time and outside play.

Plus lots of opportunity to

meet other parents/carers.

Come and enjoy our well-equipped Pre-School, we look forward to seeing you soon!



Community Council brings Devon Communities Together

An independent charity which helps communities in Devon, The Community Council of Devon, has announced it is to change its name after 50 years.

Founded in 1961, CCD has accumulated a wealth of experience in helping communities resolve and progress the matters that are important to people in the county.

In recent years there has been a call from those it works with to change the name as the charity is often mistaken for Devon County Council. The feeling was that the name no longer represented what the organisation does.

The charity, whose vision is "dynamic communities shaping their own futures" will now be known as Devon Communities Together and will be the operating name for the Community Council of Devon.

It will be business as usual as the organisation develops growth in the charitable and commercial sector and continues to build upon the strong relationship it has with partners and communities in Devon. The charity has achieved significant projects and achievements.

Partnership working has helped Devon Communities Together in its work with rural communities and has been integral to its work involving, affordable rural housing, neighbourhood planning, village halls, sports facilities, community services and social enterprise.

Key partners include District and Parish Councils, Devon County Council, Devon and Cornwall Housing Group, the Heart of the SW business support programme, Devon Oil Collective, the University of Exeter and the Devon Association of Local Councils.

Elaine Cook, chief executive, said: "Devon Communities Together is constantly evolving to keep pace with the ever changing social, cultural and economic needs of communities in Devon.

"This name change forms part of that commitment and the charity's commitment to support our joint vision of dynamic communities shaping their own futures."

For more details about Devon Communities Together, please telephone 01392 248919, email: info@devoncommunities.org.uk or apply online at:

www.devoncommunities.org.uk .

The Brampford Speke Twinning Association



recently celebrated its 10th anniversary and is now hoping to increase its membership as it looks to the future. People living in the Upton Pyne and Thorverton areas are invited to join as well as any new members from the Brampford Speke area of course.. You do not have to speak French – but for those who do it is a great way to practise. Brampford Speke is twinned with Commes in Normandy, which is close to the Normandy beaches, Bayeux and the lovely little fishing village of Port-en-Bessin. Visits to and

from France take place in alternate years. The next visit, to Commes, is likely to be in May 2015. Call Pat Brazil (841475) or Stuart Luxton (841094) for information.



DIGGERS FOR HIRE

**0.8 ton Micro, 1.5 Ton,
3 Ton and 8 Ton**

Operated or Self-Drive

**Also Dumpers, Track Barrows,
Roller & Breakers, Augers etc.**

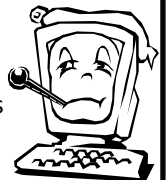
Low Prices

**Call : James Ayre
on : 07886 941472**



Computer Support and Supply Services

You've read the manuals, called the helplines, and things are still not much better. Why not try a local expert instead? Some of the things I can do are:



- Optimise or upgrade your computer.
- Provide you with a new computer.
- Get your broadband working properly.
- Set up networking for computers, tablets, readers and 'phones.

- Tackle hardware and software issues.
- Try to get data from a dead machine.
- Advise on your computer security.
- Prepare your old computer for scrapping.

I offer a service for home or business users, which is local, friendly, professional, and unbiased. Home visits a speciality, including evenings or weekends, to suit you.



- Dialword Limited, Shobrooke -
Contact **Ian Gunter** on (01392) **851841**





Logs For
Sale

Ed Rogers

LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE

Experienced professional providing landscaping and greencare services to homes, smallholders and businesses across Exeter and East Devon.

Services include:

All types of landscaping / Driveways / Small
Ground Works / Hedge Trimming / Tree Surgery
/ Garden Maintenance / Paddock Maintenance

07717 845 184 / 01392 860 748

info@ed-rogers.co.uk / www.ed-rogers.co.uk

Chard Cottage, Jericho Street, Thorverton
Exeter EX5 5PA

CENTRAL HEATING and DOMESTIC PLUMBING N.A.GUPPY Ltd

General plumbing and small-bore heating
(gas, oil or solid fuel).

Large or small contracts.

Inquiries invited. Estimates free.

Specialists in lead work.

Please contact : **Mr N Guppy**

Croyland, Brampford Speke, Exeter

Tel : 01392 841 336

A. White & Sons Funeral Directors

Albert Road, CREDITON,
Devon EX17 2BZ

(01363) 772043

*Members of the N.A.F.D. and S.A.I.F
Prepayment Plans Available*

CREEDY BRIDGE COTTAGE

SEWING ALTERATIONS

07817 076 756



212421

C6567



Kings Heating & Plumbing 
safe – affordable - reliable

Repairs, servicing & installation
High efficiency boilers
Bathrooms – kitchens
Full design & tiling
www.kingsplumber.co.uk

Tel Lawrence 07410605962

CREDITON CAR & M.O.T. CENTRE

776076 (SALES)

01363 772515 (SERVICE)

www.creditoncarcentre.co.uk

HONDA SPECIALIST

QUALITY NEW & USED CARS

D. WORDEN & A. DAFTERS



LEWIS'S



PARTNERS IN EUROPE'S BIGGEST
INDEPENDENT ELECTRICAL
BUYING GROUP

EURONICS

Showrooms & Registered Office:

HAWKINS WAY, LORDS MEADOW

CREDITON, DEVON EX17 1HY

Telephone: (01363) 773246

Mon - Fri 8.30-5.30

Sat 8.30-4.00

FEBRUARY ON THE FARM

Already the days are noticeably longer, the dark pushed back each morning and each evening. We wait for the forecast cold weather, great to dampen down pests and diseases, and we'd rather everything just carried on growing.

I saw a little badger running down the road, plump and healthy. This winter has been much easier than the last two, and I'm hopeful the setts are dry and warm and the badgers will fight off infection, to save our animals from harm. Everything starts to feel hopeful, and the signs of spring are getting louder and clearer in every warm spell.

I cultivate my garden, which now provides the Kitchen with salads, herbs and flowers. That was a challenge with short days and frost on the ground. Each warmer day brings more growth, and I'm nursing the plants through the cold snaps. The primroses and pansies are the core flowers now, with some rocket, mustard and broccoli flowers giving bright yellow.

FARM KITCHEN - I love Quickes Farm Kitchen, our cafe on the farm. I love it that people enjoy coming again and again. I love how people really seem to enjoy themselves, the food and the sense of eating food in

view of the source of it, the grass and the cattle. We can tell the story of what we do here, and the wildlife and landscape we support, and how eating the food supports that wildlife and landscape. Although it's in a safari tent, we've kept it warm through the cold weather, thank you to everyone who has supported it so whole heartedly.

CROPS - The crops start their growth. They've come through the winter well, with our care of the soil, the easy winter and the even drilling from our GPS-guided tractor. Fewer deer mean less bare patches. We've still got the deer here, and it's lovely to see them, it's just you can have too much of a good thing. Enough make very good eating in the Farm Kitchen. We can enjoy see them on the woodland edges, and enjoy eating them - a good balance. In our crowded island, on our crowded planet, we need to keep the balance right between people and the natural world.

GRASS - The grass has had its annual holiday from grazing. Now we see what the winter has left us to graze - some grass held over from the warm autumn, and a very little grown over winter, and just starting to grow now as it warms up, all looking healthy. We watch, and

walk, and measure to see the crucial time to send the cows out for the first time, that most joyous of events in the farming year. Then even the most matronly of the cows lets it all swing as they skip, dance, buck and butt to greet the grassland. The soil needs to be firm enough to suffer minimum damage from their grass-fuelled bacchanal. We hosted a farmers' meeting last month on Free Range Dairy, to highlight the benefits of grass fed cows, www.freerange-dairy.org. It's great to see this movement gaining pace, with all the health, environmental and cow welfare benefits of grass fed.

COWS - The spring calving cows are just starting to calve, that great expression of hope and gorgeousness as the cows deliver their calves, the girls our future dairy herd. Our crossbreed cow, a mix of Kiwi Friesian, Swedish Red, Montbeliard and now a little touch of Jersey, calve easily with vital life-seeking little calves. Any cow takes a little time to recover and look her best (as those of us who've done it can attest), and our ladies are up and going soon. We aren't expecting huge yields of them, although the physiological demands of suddenly starting milking are tiring even if yields are modest. We tend them, send them out to grass, and everyone is soon shiny and happy.

The autumn calved cows are milking well, and happy to go out on grass. The stored sunshine in the silage pit has done them well over the winter, and nothing beats grass.

HEIFERS - The heifers follow their older sisters out as soon as possible. Some have spent the winter outside, behind wildlife-proof fencing. It's harder on the ground, and better for their health and growth - we'll have to work out the best balance, as always in farming.

CALVES - As soon as the calves are feeding themselves securely, they go outside, and we take the milk to them. It's lovely to see how quickly bemused little calves, unsure of what to do and where their mum is as newborns, become alert (about a day) and then confident, sassy and friendly (about a week).

MILK - Then the spring milk comes in, the glory of grass fed, that extra layer of flavour arising from the magic green stuff. Milk volumes rise as more cows calve, giving the dairy team more milk to turn into junket then curd, then to cheddar by blocking and turning the curd, then milling and salting. All the more cheese to mould up, press up, to dress and to turn, all in pursuit of lovely flavour

CHEESE - Our mature cheddar is tasting particularly gorgeous at

present, and it's lovely to think of all that yum finding its way across the globe. People are enjoying it from Australia and New Zealand right the way to California. I love that we get to create and be absorbed by making the most lovely flavours we can that people can enjoy right here on the farm in our Kitchen, around the country and across the ocean. Thank you for enjoying it!



RECIPE -

Janine Watkins

www.webakelove.com gave me this Cauliflower cheese soup. It's a lovely winter standby, along the lines of Cauliflower and parmesan soup. I like it with cheddar as well.

x 1 big cauliflower roughly chopped, keep some of the outer leaves too.
x 2 onions chopped
x 1 garlic clove
x 1 large potato, peeled and chopped
x 1-2 litre of stock
x 100ml double cream

x 100g of Quicques Hard goat or ewe cheese, grated
x 1-2 sprigs of fresh thyme picked off stem.
seasoning

Add all the roughly chopped vegetables and garlic to a pan and sweat in oil on a medium heat. Add the stock, cook for 30 minutes until all veg is soft. Add cheese cream and thyme, take off heat, whiz with a blender until smooth, add seasoning to taste. Serve with crusty bread and an extra curl of cheese.

Mary Quicke

Twitter
@maryquicke

CRAFT & CHAT CLUB

ALL WELCOME

every Monday morning

9.30 am - 11am

at the Crown & Sceptre

(during school term only)



Would you like to learn a new skill or pass on your skills to others?

Please come along and join us

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE ANY CRAFT SKILLS TO JOIN IN!!



Do you have any **spare material** that you would like to donate to the club?

If so please can you bring along on Monday
or drop it off in the School Office if you can't make it.

**We currently have a stall at the Newton St Cyres Parish
Hall Market on the last Saturday of each month 10.30 –
12 noon**

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

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

SAMSON

On 7th July in the year 2000 a Guide Dog mum gave birth to a litter of puppies. Unfortunately one of the puppies was immediately rejected for guide dog training because he had an overshot jaw (a farming friend told me it happens a lot in sheep!). As a Guide Dog for the Blind puppy walker (I had 'walked' a beautiful black Labrador puppy in 1999 - perhaps some people in Newton may remember - I even took him to church) I was on their priority list for a rejected puppy as a pet. In contrast to the puppy I had trained, I had said I would like a little yellow Labrador girl puppy. However, head office in Leamington Spa telephoned to tell me about the rejected boy puppy. I said I would think about it. I did - for all of ten minutes!

When I went to collect Turner (the name Guide Dogs had given him) I could not believe my eyes. He was eight weeks old and seemed almost as big as a fully grown spaniel! However, Turner grew up to be a lovely gentle giant - very pale yellow (champagne the colour is called, I believe) and I renamed him Samson. We enjoyed our walks around the village and made many friends along the way. In 2001 when Samson was just a year old I wrote A Litter Lament. With all the controversy in the village at the moment about fouling by dogs and about litter more generally, I thought you may be interested:-.

When walking Samson in the lanes the other day I saw
A great many things upon the ground as if there'd been a fall
Of screwed up paper, sandwich bags, crisp packets and the rest...

Then, full of woe, he turned to me, 'I really do my best
When call of nature beckons me to hold 'til I get home
But if this is not possible, then to the side I go.

You kindly clear it up for me with poly bags, and then
We leave it fairly clean for nature's rain to wash it down,
But why do humans think it's okay to use the lanes
As if the country was a great big litter bin for them?

To do this to our earth I really do think it quite wrong
Especially when they cry to all, continually to complain
That animals are dirty things - which really should not be...

I know there are some naughty dogs
But still I'd make it plain,
That if their alpha male (female)
Does not show discipline,
It's surely natural for my friends, advantage for to take
And use wherever they can roam - it's just a piece of cake!

I nodded comfort to my pet
As onward we did walk
And in my mind considered that if only they could talk
Our animals would wisely counsel us for our own sake
And then perhaps we humans would some progress further make.

I offer these few thoughts to you
As wondering - I survive
With Samson bounding by my side
Just glad to be alive...

To my great surprise Anchor Books published it in a book of poems called A Companion For Life. (Incidentally, I have to admit that since the advent of our Litter Pickers, things have improved significantly, if not the dog fouling!)

At the end of July 2013, I had to take the painful decision to let Samson go. His back legs were crippled with arthritis and he could hardly walk. I cannot convey the pain it caused me and I know many people in the village miss seeing him walking around the Newton lanes. I wrote It's Only A Dog:-

It's only a dog I heard people say
When my beloved pet had passed away
And, of course, I know that it can't compare
With the loss of a child or a partner dear
But, nevertheless, when you alone are
When your pet is gone it is hard to bear.

The silent house, I stand and stare,
The pain I feel because you're not there
My pet, my dog, my dear companion
Though time may pass you are not forgotten.

The hurt may ease in time I know
And another dog may claim my heart
But nowhere and never, wherever I go
Will lighten the day we had to part.

Brenda A Lewsey Cocks



The Great Pancake Challenge

Supported by Bramford Speke Twinning Association

Shrove Tuesday, February 17

Upton Pyne Village Hall 6 - 8 pm
FREE entry and refreshments

Pancake tossing competitions for kids and grown-ups

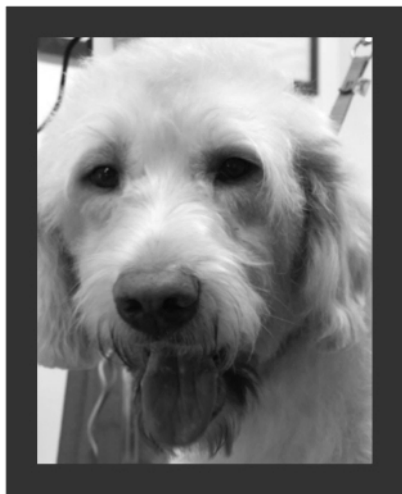
Pancake stall with all your favourite delicious fillings

Twining past, present and future in words, music and pictures. Your chance to relive past excursions or find out how to join in this year's trip to Normandy.

Fun with a French flavour

Dog Grooming at Curly's Groom Room

Sweetham, Newton
St Cyres



Quiet and kind dog
grooming by Groomer and
Qualified Veterinary
Nurse Katie Wilkinson.

07719 466328.

www.curlysgroomroom.co.uk

ADRIAN PAYNE CHIMNEY SWEEP

Your local sweep (Efford)

HETAS APPROVED

NACS REGISTERED

CERTIFICATES ISSUED

Telephone 01392 851199

www.adrianpaynechimneysweep.com



WATERBRIDGE GOLF COURSE



Waterbridge Golf Course
is a **no charge venue**
for Weddings and
Parties of up to 60
guests throughout
2014 & 2015!

With our amazing parkland views, Waterbridge
is perfect for your special day.



Cycle Chain Cleaning Kit

All you need to keep your
drive chain/bike in tiptop
condition. Effective chain
cleaning tool, 1L degreaser,
brushes and oil.

ONLY £35!

(RRP £46)

Tel Nick on: 07813 314 274
or email: nickg@nichecycletraining.co.uk

BASED IN NEWTON ST CYRES

Niche Cycle Training

A Pop Up Shop With a Difference **Crediton Give and Take Fortnight**

Sustainable Crediton's Waste Action Group are pleased to announce the imminent arrival of **Give and Take Fortnight**, a pop up shop on Crediton High Street with a major difference.... everything in it will be **Free!!**

Give and Take Fortnight will take place at 21 High Street Crediton (opposite Boots) from **6th to 21st February 2015**. It will be open from 10am to 4pm daily, except Sundays, and staffed by Sustainable Crediton volunteers. The event has been made possible thanks to sponsorship from the Big Lottery Fund and Devon County Council's locality fund.

The aim is to recycle perfectly good, reusable household goods people no longer need to stop them ending up in landfill, and also for Kirtonians to have some fun and the unique experience of shopping for goods that are absolutely free!

Of course to make the event a success **WE NEED YOU** to start emptying your cupboards. Look out all those baby items, books, toys, CD's & DVD's, garden tools, ornaments, kitchen equipment, clothes and household goods and linens you no longer need that are taking up space and are still in perfectly good, useable condition. Bring them along and we will sort them and put them on display for others to browse through and take away (sorry no paint or chemicals, food & drink or baby car seats).

But it will not be necessary to bring along goods in order to come and 'shop'. You are most welcome to come and take away goods even if you have nothing to bring - it really will all be **FREE!!**

Thanks for your help. We look forward to seeing you. Remember the dates 6th to 21st February.

Sustainable Crediton Waste Action Group

MC ELECTRICS

All aspects of electrical work undertaken

All works Fully Insured & Certified

01392 861259 / 07737 887326



Mark Cummins

Thorverton EX5 5PT

www.mc-electrics.com

THE GREEN SWEEP *no mess, no fuss, no dust!*

Eco-friendly chimney & flue
cleaning service -
in the Heart of Devon

01363 - 772820

07771 - 648575

alan@thegreensweep.co.uk



TUCKERS COUNTRY STORE

ASK ABOUT OUR
LOYALTY SCHEME

Lord's Meadow
CREDITON

Tel: (01363) 772202

Also at ASHBURTON

Tel: (01364) 652403

Your One-Stop Store
for

- Gardening
- Equine Products
- Pet Supplies
- Farming
- Fencing
- Hardware

'The Seed Specialists'



FOR A FRIENDLY, PERSONAL, CARING
SERVICE - SERVING OUR
LOCAL COMMUNITIES PETS

Phone advice or an appointment

ST THOMAS BRANCH

101 Buddle Lane St Thomas

Tel: 250 000

ALPHINGTON BRANCH

12 Lovelace Gardens

Alphington

Tel: 493 999

OTHER BRANCHES AT WHIPTON (Tel: 465553)
AND HEAVITREE (Tel: 250 066)

WWW.CITYVETS.CO.UK



home & garden maintenance

fencing

turfing

garden sheds and raised beds

grass & hedge cutting/laying

paths, patios and walls

pressure washing

house exterior maintenance

for a FREE / No Obligation Quote

t. 01392 860766

m. 07743 969647

Do You want or need
to use a computer for form
filling, communicating with friends
and family in this country or abroad?

The Community Support Group
can help!

Computers are available for FREE use at the Crown
and Sceptre and someone can be there to help.

Can't get to the Crown and Sceptre? Don't worry!
Ring Simon on 851278 and he will arrange for a Laptop to be
delivered with or without someone to help you.

No internet connection? -- The group will lend you a dongle to get
you started.



Moon Ridge Farm

Sales of Chickens, Domestic ducks, Quail, Peafowl, Guinea Fowl, Geese, Waterfowl,
Pheasants and Rhea

We sell Poultry Feed, Housing, equipment and more

Home to the **POULTRY LODGE**

"The perfect place for your poultry to stay while you are away"

We not only provide boarding for poultry just ask for any of your smallholding livestock

Open 10.30am-5pm Weds. to Saturday

No appointment needed.

We look forward to seeing you

Free Range Chicken Eggs £2.40 per Dozen
Free Range Duck Eggs £3.00 per Dozen
Quail Eggs £1.50 per Dozen
Oven Ready Quail on request, POA

01392 851190

07891329538

www.moonridgefarm.co.uk

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.

			7	8			9	
9			2	5		3		7
8					3			
4					6	1		
7								5
		3	4					9
			9					3
3		6		4	7			1
	4			3	5			

© Web Sudoku 2015 - www.websudoku.com



Bernaville Nurseries

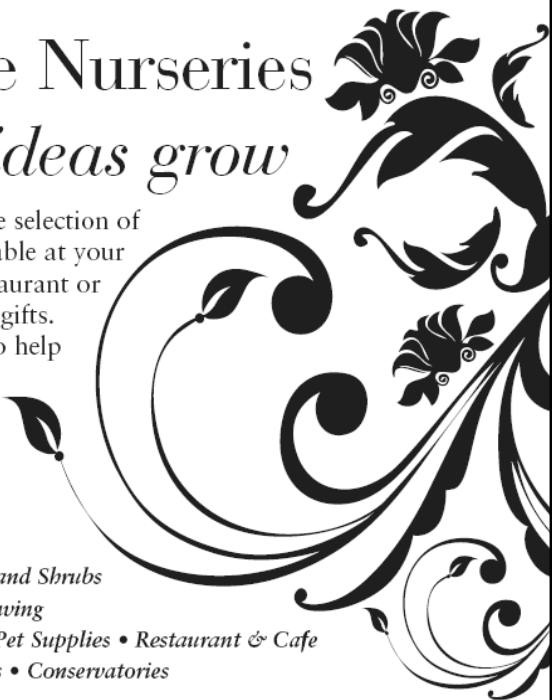
Where great ideas grow

Come and take a look at the huge selection of plants and garden products available at your local garden centre. Visit our restaurant or browse through the vast array of gifts. You'll find everything you need to help your garden flourish and grow.

*Find us on the A377 - Just outside Exeter.
Open 7 days a week.*

Tel: 01392 851326
www.bernaville.co.uk

- Indoor and Outdoor Plants • Trees and Shrubs
- Tools and Sundries • Fencing and Paving
- Garden Buildings & Greenhouses • Pet Supplies • Restaurant & Cafe
- Gifts • Garden Furniture • Aquatics • Conservatories



The Exe Valley Practice
Dr JON WRIDE and Dr LYNNE ANDERSON

We are now accepting new patients

The Surgery, The Berry
THORVERTON EX5 5NT
01392 860273

The Surgery, 3 Coach Road
SILVERTON EX5 4JL
01392 860176

www.exevalleypractice.co.uk
exevalleypractice@nhs.net

Opening times

	GP on duty	Thorverton	Silverton
Monday	Dr Anderson	08:30 - 18:00	08:45 - 12:30
Tuesday	Dr Anderson	08:30 - 18:00	Closed
Wednesday	Dr Anderson (am) Dr Wride (pm)	07:30 - 17:00	14:30 - 18:00
Thursday	Dr Wride	08:30 - 19:30	Closed
Friday	Dr Wride	08:30 - 18:00	08:45 - 12:30

Surgery times

	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

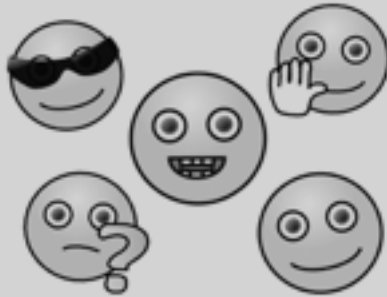
There are no surgeries on Saturday or Sunday, but a doctor will be on call
for emergencies only on 0845 6710 270.

Early surgery on Wednesday, late surgery on Thursday

REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS (Monday to Friday) – You can request your repeat prescriptions by calling our in-house dispensary on 01392 861622, or by using our online repeat prescription request www.exevalleypractice.co.uk. Please note that 48 hours' notice is required for all repeat prescriptions.

We accept credit/debit card payments for NHS and private prescriptions

Do you live in
Brampford Speke or Cadbury or Cowley or Huxham or
Netherexe or Newton St Cyres or Poltimore or Rewe or
Stoke Canon or Thorverton or Upton Pyne
or anywhere in between...?



Why? Youth Group

Who? Year 6s, 7s, 8s, 9s, 10s ...

When? Mondays 7.30 - 9 pm every fortnight

Monday 2 Feb 2015 Movie Night*

Monday 9 Feb 2015 Survival

**Monday 23 Feb 2015 "Food of the
desert" (or is that dessert?)**

WI Hut, Thorverton

***Extra night for year 9+ at 21 Broadlands**

What else? there's always food!

Contact: Revd. Dave Carrington

Tel: 01392 841672

Email: david.carrington@netherexe.org

CIRCUS BERZERCUS

Juggling, magic, musical
entertainment for ALL the
family

Saturday March 7th
6:30

Newton St Cyres Parish Hall

Adults £5, children 12 and
under £3

Family ticket £12 (2 adults/2 children)



SOUP & CHEESE LUNCH

Newton St Cyres Parish Hall
Saturday February 14th, 12 noon

Come and bring your friends to this popular event



In aid of Church Funds

Society of Mary and Martha at Sheldon, Dunsford, Exeter, EX6 7LE

Quiet Day Ash Wednesday 18th February led by Richard Gilpin, former Archdeacon of Totnes. A day in silence with 4 addresses and plenty of time and space to walk, read and pray. £18 including lunch and refreshments.

Fun with Words workshop Tuesday 3rd March led by Richard Skinner – poet, performer and counsellor. A day to surprise, stimulate and delight with easy exercises to start your journey of discovery. £30 including lunch and refreshments.

Biology Bites workshop for people in ministry Monday 2nd March led by Sarah Horsman – Warden of Sheldon. Learning to harness, outwit or even forgive our Stone Age biology in the face of 21st century challenges in life and ministry. £24 including lunch and refreshments.

Details and booking: 01647-252752. bookings@sheldon.uk.com www.sheldon.uk.com
Sheldon is home of the Society of Mary and Martha, Sheldon Lane, Doddiscombsleigh, Exeter EX6 7YT (the address has changed but we haven't moved!)

Lent Prayer Gatherings

As Douglas Dettmer leaves the Netherexe Parishes in March to become Archdeacon of Totnes, our churches enter a time of change and challenge, let us gather together to pray for the Mission Community as a whole and the mission of our individual Parishes and PCCs.

Starting at Stoke Canon on Ash Wednesday, there will be a series of sessions for prayer and reflection led by members of the Clergy team in several churches. Please come to any you feel able to, not just those in your own Parish.

They will run from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm and you are welcome to come when you can, for all or a part of a session . The dates and locations are;

18 Feb	Stoke Canon	Dave Carrington
	<i>[Including Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday]</i>	
25 Feb	Rewe	Sue Sheppard
4 Mar	Thorverton	Michael & Sharon Simpson
11 Mar	Brampford Speke	Laura Ford
18 Mar	Newton St Cyres	Harold Whitty
25 Mar	Netherexe	Dave Carrington

Mission Community & Farewell Service

for

Douglas Dettmer

11:00 am 8th March 2015

Thorverton Church

Followed by “Bring & Share Buffet Lunch”

in

The Thorverton Arms

Douglas Dettmer’s final service as Rector of the Netherexe

Parishes will be at 11:00 am at Thorverton church on 8th March

2015.

The service will be followed by a “Bring & Share” buffet lunch in the Thorverton Arms and we hope that as many people as possible will attend to thank Douglas for his outstanding work and to wish both Douglas and Chloe farewell, with best wishes for their future.

Donations of finger-food for the buffet lunch can be left at
The Thorverton Arms from 10:30 am.

A difficult beginning...

In her letter last month Sue wrote of endings and beginnings. Sue could not have been thinking that the beginning to 2015 would be as experienced in France on 7-9 January with its worldwide repercussions.

I was at my last residential Reader weekend in Plymouth from 9-11 January and at the beginning of the week had been asked to prepare prayers of intercession for the Sunday Eucharist. What do we do and what do we say in the face of such events?

We can, of course, pray for the families of those who have been killed. We can hope that the pouring out of people onto the streets of France can, by their unity, soften the hardened hearts of those who might be considering similar acts of violence.

World leaders came together in Paris reported in the papers as an “act of defiance”. Perhaps this would better be reported also as an act of unity – a coming together in support of those who died. It would be most unhelpful for such acts to be seen as aggressive or laying down a challenge that might be taken by another as an excuse to perpetuate violence. We need to pray for wisdom and imagination in our world leaders to prevent further escalation.

As we remember those in France, we also need to continue to pray for those in Nigeria and in several countries in the Middle East that suffer under extremist leaders and organisations on a daily basis. These people have had to flee their homes; they lack shelter and food and have seen members of their families killed as a result of their beliefs.

Much has been written in the newspapers of freedom. What is freedom? Is it freedom to say what we want? Is it freedom to say what we want and offend others? Can we expect not to be offended? Should we be prepared to accept others might not agree with us or laugh at our expense? Is freedom a free for all? Can freedom exist without regard to broader social goals and regardless of any responsibility for our obligations to others?

God longs for us to be free – free to be the person that he created us to be - rather than feeling we have to conform or mould ourselves to what the world requires. There are many references in the Bible to being free in Christ. This one from Galatians 5:13-14:

“For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself’”.

The need to centre our lives on Christ and his teachings is all the more important at times of crisis. In putting others before ourselves we avoid falling into the trap of forgetting our responsibility to others and to the world; to our neighbours both near and far.

Sue wrote that God brings hope – a hope that is not a flight from reality. Sadly we have started 2015 with a heavy dose of reality. We may feel unable to do anything to change the situation but we can pray and we can be – be the people God intended us to be. We can in our own lives consider those around us and ensure a better day in place of a bitter day, a day for understanding instead of stirring up discord and a day to search out the good instead of the bad.

Laura Ford

Newton St Cyres Parish Church

Sidespersons February 2015

February 1st	5.00 p.m. Evening Prayer	O. Cheriton	A. Page
8th	10.00 a.m. Family Service	C. Lee	T. Hough
15th	No service	-	-
22nd	10.00 a.m. Holy Communion	W. Hough	M. Marsden

NEWTON ST CYRES CHURCH ROTAS 2014/2015

Week Ending		Flowers	Cleaning	Brass
February	1	O Cheriton	M Marsden	A & W Hough
		S Munday	M Walters	M Snow
8				
		M Walters	A Ward	P Heal
15				
		LENT No flowers	P Boothe	P Burt
22				
March	8	No flowers	A Mitchell	J Ward

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 7th March

10:30 -12:00

Newton St Cyres Parish Hall



In aid of church funds

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]
Common Worship	[CW] Common Worship Service

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer in the Netherexe Parishes

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

Morning Prayer is said on Mondays at 9.10pm in Stoke Canon church (during the school term, this takes the form of Collective Worship for Stoke Canon C. of E. School); on Tuesdays at 9.15am in Stoke Canon Chapel; 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] **NB: Morning Prayer at Thorverton will cease from March 2015**

Evening Prayer is said on Thursdays at 5.00pm in Newton St Cyres church.

Variations: **Mon 16 Feb** **Morning Prayer in Stoke Canon church [not school]**

Who's Who? Abbreviations Key

DD	Revd Preb Douglas Dettmer douglas.dettmer@netherexe.org	Rector	01392 860332
SS	Revd Preb Sue Sheppard sue.sheppard@netherexe.org	Associate Minister	01392 841284
DC	Revd Dave Carrington dave.carrington@netherexe.org	Assistant Curate	01392 841672
LF	Mrs Laura Ford laura.ford@netherexe.org	Reader	01392 841753

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]

Email: margaret.admin@netherexe.org

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

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

FEBRUARY 2015 SERVICES & INFORMATION

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

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	DD
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	MSS
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	DC
05:00 pm	Service of the Word		Newton St Cyres	DC

Sunday 8 February 2015 Second Sunday before Lent

10:00 am	Family Service with Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	DC
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	HW & LF
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	DD
05:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Huxham	DD

Sunday 15 February 2015 Sunday before Lent

09:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Brampford Speke	DD
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Cadbury	SS
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Poltimore	Lay Led
10:00 am	Family Service & Baptism		Thorverton	DC & Lay
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	DD
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	DC & HW

Wednesday 18 February 2015 Ash Wednesday

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[BCP]	Thorverton	DD
07:00 pm	Prayer for the Mission Community & Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	DC

Sunday 22 February 2015 Lent 1

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
11:00 am	Joint Service		Thorverton Baptist Church	BOF
			Joint with Parish Church	
11:15 am	Service of the Word		Rewe	Lay Led
05:00 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Cadbury	DD

Sunday 1 March 2015 Lent 2

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	DD
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	DC
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	MSS
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	DC

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	Mary Quicke -mary@quickes.co.uk	07729 844 945
<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
Crediton Citizen's Advice Bureau	Adviceline (10.30am - 3.30pm) Crediton Office (Please leave message requesting ring back)	03444 111 444 01363 776210