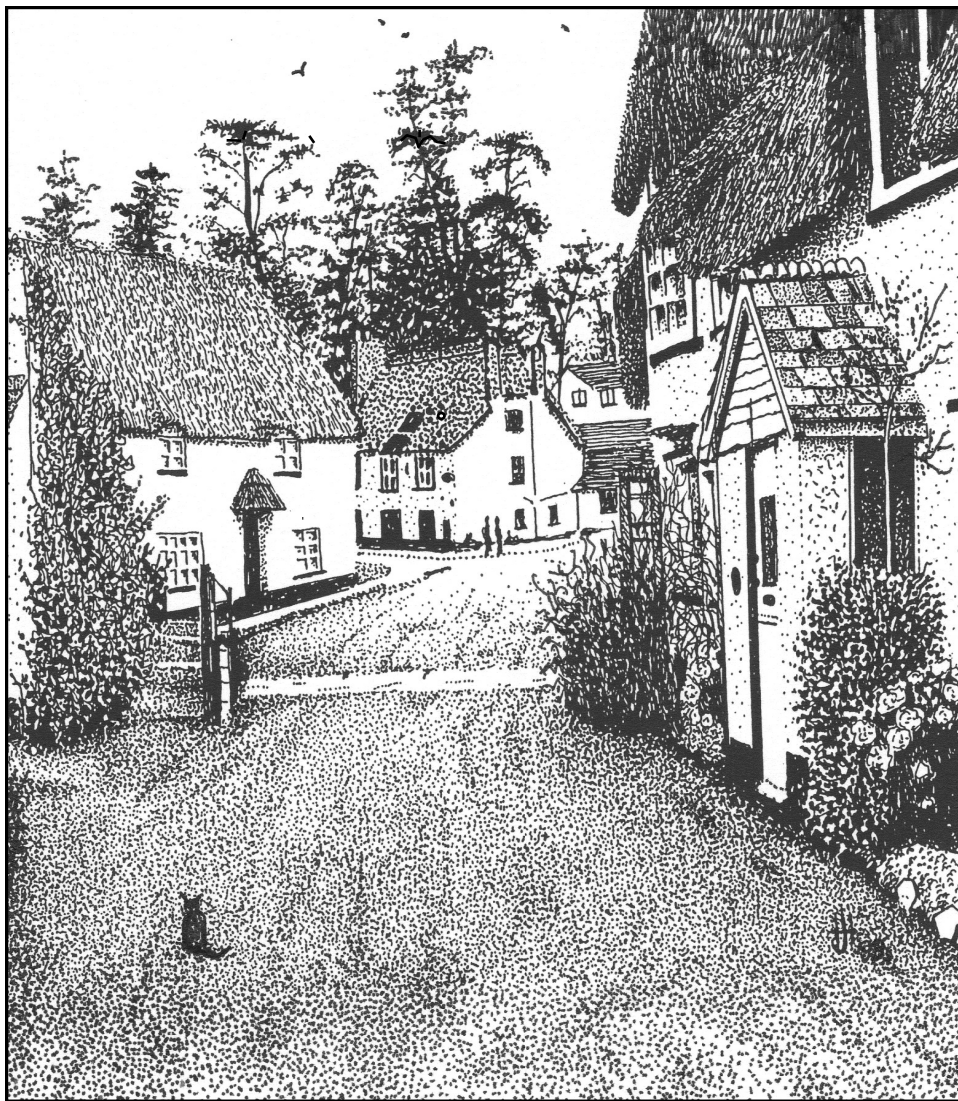


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A WEEK IN THE PARISH HALL

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A belated Happy New year to everybody.

It seems so long since the last Newton Wonder that I am wondering where to start. There have been changes to the Newton Wonder team. David and Jill Baker have decided that they have too many other commitments and have given up their editorial involvement and Daphne Clague has taken on the role of treasurer from David. His accounts for 2012 are included on page 7 of this issue. On the subject of money I have been reminded that subscriptions for the Newton Wonder are due in March. Your distributor will be knocking on your door.

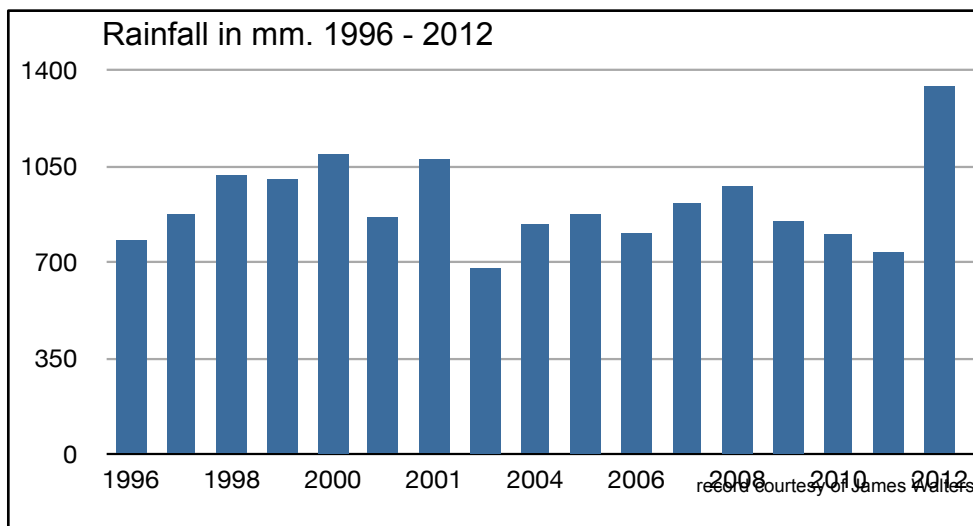
If you would like to be involved in the production of the Newton Wonder please do get in touch.

Community Website

A small group met recently to start the process of creating a community website. Watch out for details and if you want to be involved just contact me.

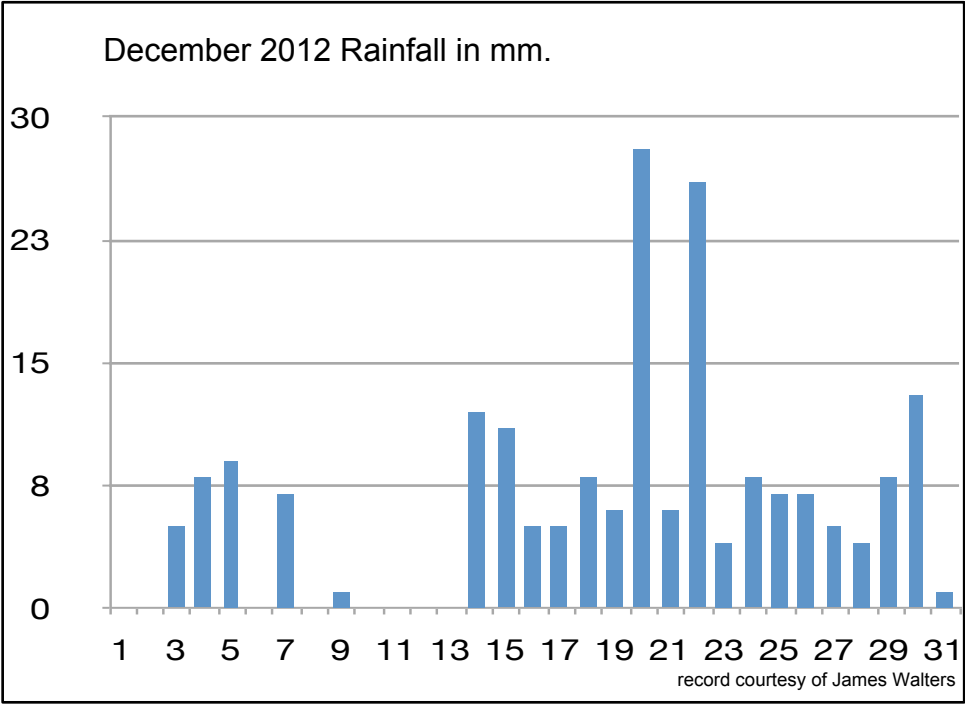
Weather

2012 produced record rainfall in Newton St Cyres. James Walters has been recording daily and monthly figures for rainfall since 1996. Interestingly, whilst the Met. Office have said that for the country as a whole 2000 had more rain than 2012 it appears that in Newton this was not the case. Below is James' graph for the years from 1996. This shows 2012 with 1339mm. compared with 1094 in December 2000.



The rain at the end of the year resulted in all sorts of problems, the football club has been unable to play many of its matches and it is going to be necessary to play extra mid-week matches to catch up. There is a letter from Isabel Fanson who fortunately was able to rescue all her ponies.

Although we don't believe everything in the press it does seem that global warming may be having an effect on our weather and James is going to provide us with monthly records of rainfall. His record for December 2012 is on the next page.



Below, a Crediton dog walker is stuck in the mud following the rain. Is it going to be like this more often?



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RECREATION GROUND CLUB

Well what a horrible start to a year the weather has been totally against us. So far not a single football match has been played, and if the forecast is right we won't have had any by the time I write for the March edition. It is difficult to know which is worse the wet or the frost, but I'm keeping my fingers crossed that we don't get the SNOW as that really puts a stop to everything.

Most of the teams have lost between four and six weeks of football and this is a worry as they have to complete their required number of games to complete the season. That will mean we will have lots and lots of midweek evening games which will inevitably clash with the start of the cricket because one of our teams **MUST** play on the front field. This is dictated by the league who have to approve the pitch for the league i.e. size and closeness to changing rooms. so we really do need to see a change in the weather and soon.

Hopefully we will have had all the **Skittles** and **Darts** booked in to the end of the month played.

We have a couple of A.G.M. meetings coming up in February, the **Cricket Club** date yet to be confirmed and the **Archery Group** on the 15th. The Twinning Group are having a Social evening on 22nd.

If we can get the Football back on track we will be much happier and book in a couple of parties to help things along, so if you have a celebration coming up and need a venue, please give me a ring and we can confirm a date. Nothing planned for Valentines but that could change when we have our next meeting on Sunday 3rd February at 7.30. p.m.

That seems to be all for this edition, I'm hoping for a better report next time.

Wendy Lewis

NEWTON WONDER

Accounts

1 January – 31 December 2012

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Subscriptions	1071.50	1299.50	1384.15
Adverts	2305.00	2391.50	2300.00
Bank Interest	<u>1.20</u>	<u>.88</u>	.98
TOTAL	<u>£3377.70</u>	<u>£3691.88</u>	<u>£3685.13</u>

EXPENDITURE

Printing	3117.79	2850.00	2815.99
Distribution Costs	142.00	144.00	178.43
Donations	543.00	<u>292.00</u>	<u>305.00</u>
NSC In Bloom	<u>161.80</u>		-
TOTAL	<u>£3964.59</u>	<u>£3286.00</u>	<u>£3299.42</u>

BALANCE SHEET

Balance B/F at 1.1.12	2728.54
Profit on year	<u>385.71</u>
	£3114.25

Balance C/F at 31.12.12	C/A	1174.51
	D/A	<u>1939.74</u>
TOTAL		£3114.25

NOTE:

Profit 2005 was	£283.56
Profit 2006 was	£145.74
Profit 2007 was	£227.76
Profit 2008 was	£66.13
Profit 2009 was	£667.06
Loss 2010 was	£586.89
Profit 2011 was	£405.88
Profit 2012 is	£385.71

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Newton St Cyres FC – February Update

The Under 7s haven't managed a training sessions since early November as the Rec has been out of bounds. This has been much to the disappointment of the players. However, the good news is the team's new kit has now arrived (courtesy of Sainsbury's) and the boys will be showing it off in the local press so keep an eye out! Whilst the weather continues to be bad we are organising indoor training sessions but hopefully it will dry out soon!

The Reserves have managed to play just three games over the last two months as a result of the poor weather. The first came against Tipton St John who were, at that time, top of the division. We started brightly and got our noises in front leading one nil at the break. Tipton didn't offer much resistance and we scored another two but with 15 minutes to go we conceded three and ended up sharing the points. Next was an away trip to middle of the table Ottery and we at last took all three points for the first time since November, a late scare didn't stop us running out 3-2 winners. The last game came at home in a derby against Tedburn at home on 15th December and it ended comfortably for us in a 4-1 win. With only eight games played in five months, it's going to be a hectic last four months with no fewer than 18 games to fit in!

The Firsts have also only played three games, resulting in two wins and one loss to local rivals Thorverton. The match started badly as we were down to 10 men after 15 minutes and despite our best efforts we went down one nil. The two wins came against South Zeal 2-1 and Hemyock 2-1. The Firsts currently continue to sit at the top of the division but are desperate to get some games played!

The Under 16s have not had a good spell with two losses out of two since the start of November. The first came at Central and the second at Exmouth Eagles. Still plenty of games to go to get some more points on the board.

The Under 11s have not managed to have any games or training sessions since the start of November and have been very disappointed. The Under 10s however have played three games although these all resulted in losses

Fingers crossed that the weather improves quickly or its going to be a long season!

Senior fixtures during February (2.15pm KO):

Firsts – 2nd North Tawton (A), 9th Sandford (H),
23rd Ottery (H)

Reserves - 2nd Starcross (A), 9th Cheriton Fitz (H),
23rd Lymptone (H)

Mark Smaldon

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Newton St. Cyres Tennis Club

The winter league is almost at an end, with just a few matches still to play. All three of our teams have done extremely well this season, with all currently top of their respective division. The weather has been a challenge, but we are very much hoping for better over the coming months.

Junior coaching is already in full swing, with our club coach Toby Harradence, who has been coaching at the club since November. Toby represented Wales as a junior at county level, and currently plays in the top divisions of our two local tennis leagues. There are plans to offer more competitive opportunities for junior members during the spring and summer terms. Junior matchplay takes place at 2pm every Saturday.

Several of our younger junior members participated in a tournament at Willand Tennis Club at the end of October. Well done to Marli Maddick, James Knox, Šárka Garnsworthy, James Lambourne and Michael Lambourne. For most of them this was their first tennis competition outside our club, and all of them played extremely well and enjoyed themselves.

Our strongest adult club sessions are on Sunday afternoons from 2pm and Thursday evenings from 6.15pm. More relaxed daytime sessions continue to run on Tuesdays and Fridays 2–4.30pm, and all adults are welcome. We also encourage our older juniors to start playing some of the club sessions.

All up to date club information can be found on our website – <<http://www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk>> . Alternatively you may call our Membership Secretary Laura Leigh on 01647 24259.

Is This Love?

Valentines Day - February 14 is traditionally a day on which lovers express their love for each other by presenting flowers, chocolates, gifts and cards. However all may not be as loving as it seems.

Research shows that young people have a wide acceptance of abuse within their relationships. Findings from a survey, carried out by the Zero Tolerance Charitable Trust revealed that:

- **1 in 8 young men thought it would be okay to hit a nagging woman.**
- **1 in 10 young men thought hitting disrespectful woman was justified.**
- **19% of young women and 34% of young men did not think that being forced to have sex constituted rape.**
- **One in five teenage girls have been hit by a boyfriend.**

The National Domestic Abuse Freephone Helpline is 0800 2000 247

or see the 'Stop abuse for everyone' website at <http://www.safe-services.org.uk/>

NEWTON ST CYRES YOUTH CLUB

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For further information contact: Pat Finch

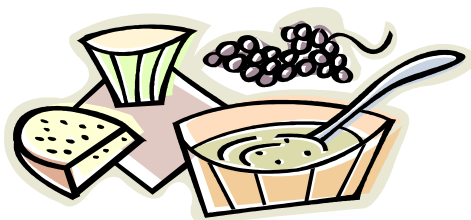
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Newton St Cyres Primary School

Happy New Year to all Newton Wonder Readers – I trust you have enjoyed a superb Christmas break.

As you can imagine December at the primary school is a particularly exciting time of year. The older children would have been learning lines for the production of 'Treasure Island'. We couldn't put on the production without the help of all the staff and some parents who were involved in: practising dances, make-up, hair, costume making, prop making and preparing the wonderful back drop. The younger members of the school stole the show with the dances they had prepared. Many parents commented that this production was one of the best yet! It certainly was a very enjoyable experience and the children were superb to work with; they were very sensible about preparing themselves for their parts and showed themselves to be very talented actors and singers. It was I believe a stunning production.

No sooner had the production finished we were then busy learning songs for our Nativity Service at the church. Class 2 took the lead in the re-telling of the Christmas story. Unfortunately our 'Joseph' was taken ill and at very short notice a stand-in performed superbly. Well done to Miss Scott-Hake and the other teachers for providing such a pleasurable service.

To round off the term the children all enjoyed their Christmas Lunch; however the Hall is close to bursting as 120 children sit down! Gone are the days when the staff could sit down with them for their lunch (but the staff do make particularly good waiters and waitresses). Finally, we ended the term with our Christmas parties, with a special thanks to Father Christmas who visited the Key Stage One party!

Last term we said goodbye to Ms Deborah Wright who has taught the younger members of the school and has recently managed Newton Nippers; we also wish her well in her new teaching role at Cheriton Fitzpaine. We also say goodbye to Miss Penelhum who leaves us to have her baby. So this New Year is a particularly special one for us at the primary school as we welcome back Mrs Theedom to Class 4 and we offer a warm welcome to Miss Ronchetti who will be teaching in Class 3. Also, Miss Anika Higgins will be joining us to cover the teachers planning time in classes 1,2 and 3. As for me I will be teaching the eldest members of the school and also carrying out my 'Head of Teaching and Learning' duties.

As soon as the children arrive back in school in January they are keen to get their learning underway. Key Stage One's new topic is 'Once Upon A Time' (hence the castle role play areas that have appeared in the classrooms). However in Key Stage Two (the older children) get to find out more about 'The Romans'. If you hear loud screams from the playground during February it could well mean that the Celts and Romans have met; but only for a re-enactment, the children will be making replica outfits and shields for the occasion.

May I take this opportunity to say that we are always keen to welcome volunteers into the school to listen to readers or perhaps to share some expertise; be it history, musical or artistic talents? If you think you may be interested in coming in to help then please do contact the school.

Glynis Harris

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Parish Council report January 2013

Eight Councillors attended the January meeting and were joined by Cllr Peter Hare-Scott (MDDC) and Cllr Michael Lee (DCC).

Cllr Hare-Scott explained to the meeting that the breach of the Grand Western Canal during the recent heavy flooding was a disaster and they were working closely with the local residents and Devon County Council to repair the damage on this important tourist attraction.

Cllr Hare-Scott also assured the Council that the tree with the potentially damaging fungus in Court Orchard had been examined by MDDC and he would report back on their findings.

The Parish Council agreed to loan the laptop computer which was now redundant to the Neighbourhood Health Watch and to make a bid to the TAP funding for extra laptops to be kept in the Crown & Sceptre for community use.

It was agreed to write to the landlord of the Crown & Sceptre to thank him for his community spirited gesture on Christmas Eve when households in the parish were visited with gifts of sweets.

Flood Plan Steering Group

A meeting would be called on Monday 11th February 2013 in the Parish Hall Clubroom at 7.30 pm when the Environment Agency would come to help the village set up a Flood Plan Steering Group.

Recognition of Community Service

Nominations are invited from residents for people they think have made an outstanding contribution to the community life of the parish. These nominations should be accompanied by a short article explaining why the person should be nominated for this recognition and sent to the Parish Clerk, Peter Dunn on parishclerk@newtonstcyrespc.org.uk or sent to his home address: 3 Drakes Meadow,

Cheriton Fitzpaine, EX17 4HU. The Parish Council will assess the nominations and the winner will be presented with a certificate at the Annual Parish Meeting in May and their name will be engraved on a special plaque to be displayed in the Crown & Sceptre.

Highways matters

The Council were informed that work would start on the 27th February to re-align the road hedge at Smallbrook to increase visibility on this notoriously bad corner. Mr Philip Browne will undertake to carry out this work.

Extra bollards have been placed outside the School to stop the parking on the pavement but more are needed on the opposite side of the road to stop the parking there too.

The collapsed gully at the entrance to Court Orchard from the A377 is still awaiting repair.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 4th February in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall at 7.30 pm. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

The next Parish Surgery will be held in conjunction with the Mini Market on Saturday 23rd February (10.30 am to 12.00 noon). Please come along and meet your Councillors and bring any queries or questions you would like raised.

Cllr Jill Baker
Press Officer

Changes to Planning Regulations

The Parish Council have been informed that new, more relaxed planning regulations will come into force which will ease the rules affecting barn conversions. The re-development of redundant barns may be granted as long as the barn is an actual building and not a pile of rubble where a barn used to be.

Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The December draw took place during the Pasty & Pudding night in the Village Hall on 8th December 2012 and the winners are:

No	195	Sue Browne	£50
No	172	Liz Mitchell	£50
No	54	Jen & Bill Holt	£10
No	88	Mrs D Cook	£10
No	135	Mr Fanson	£10
No	85	Mrs D Powell	£10
No	45	Janet Vosper	£10
Christmas Bonus			
No	35	Mr C Lawrence	£25

The January draw took place at the coffee morning in the village hall on 12th January 2013 and the winners are:

No	80	R Beer	£100
No	32	D West	£10
No	53	J Maddocks	£10
No	98	I & H Hole	£10
No	125	J Brock	£10

Thanks to all your support, we were able to have the £25 Christmas bonus again this year. Let's hope we can keep it up.

I hope you all had a good Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Daphne 01392 851639



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Committee members and book lovers outside The Bookshop at 100 High Street. L to R: Carolyn Southcott, Caroline Wilson, Aidy Wilson, Graeme Robb, Jill Holden, John Skrine

Big Changes at CREDITON Bookshop

Ambitious plans to bring The Bookshop in CREDITON High Street into community ownership are making good progress. A share offer launched at an event attended by 150 people in mid-November raised £18,000 towards the £44,000 needed to acquire the bookshop by mid-January, and

over 60 people have come forward to volunteer their help.

The new Community Bookshop plans to expand current activities with the help of its volunteers, so that it becomes a hub for all kinds of reading, literature and literary activity including events, reading groups and writing groups. Visits by authors and story telling have been very popular requests in a

questionnaire which has been widely circulated. The evidence is that social enterprises have a much better survival rate than ordinary businesses, and the committee believes that a local bookshop that provides all the services that can't be bought on Amazon really can succeed.

The committee is very keen to hear more ideas for how the bookshop can expand its activities for all age groups - children's books will be a speciality - and plans to make grant applications to support these.

But first it aims to raise the money it needs by the end of February. Shares cost £20 each. The share offer document (an essential read!) and all necessary documents can be downloaded from the website:

www.creditoncommunitybookshop.co.uk For more information, to give your views and to offer your help, email info@creditoncommunitybookshop.co.uk, or visit The Bookshop at 100 High Street.

While a good start has been made, there is a long way to go, and everyone interested in keeping a bookshop in Crediton is urged to support the share issue.

Letter to the editor :-

I expect the flooding is a distant memory.

Four of my ponies got caught in the flood down at New Bridge. We had checked the river the night before so this was very unexpected.

We were stopped from getting to them by the Police, which caused us some distress.

David Swallow was standing guard stopping them from swimming up the river. He was brilliant and if it was not for him I would have lost the ponies.

A Big Thank You to Dave and The Fire Brigade who eventually got us out and kept all the ponies safe.

Thank you to all the people who called. Please do not hesitate to call again if you think something is wrong with any of the ponies, we really appreciate it.

Isabel Fanson

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Thank you to everyone who has helped, donated, taken part in our events or in any way contributed to the sum of £1950 which we have been able to send directly to the Charity, for research, during this last year. Thank you to Eric Fee and the Twinners who did so much to make scarecrow week and the charity walk a success, to the collectors who stood outside Morrisons for hours, to the Bingo ladies and to all those who have donated toys and helped with the stalls at the mini markets.

So far our profits from the toys comes to a total of just over £216. Unfortunately we missed our best market when the Revels had to be cancelled so still have an appreciable amount of stock remaining. We intend to have more stalls at a minimarket closer to Easter when we can display more of the summer and outdoor toys.

Thank you to everyone for all the help and support. I think you will agree it's amazing how it all adds up!

Jean Wilkins



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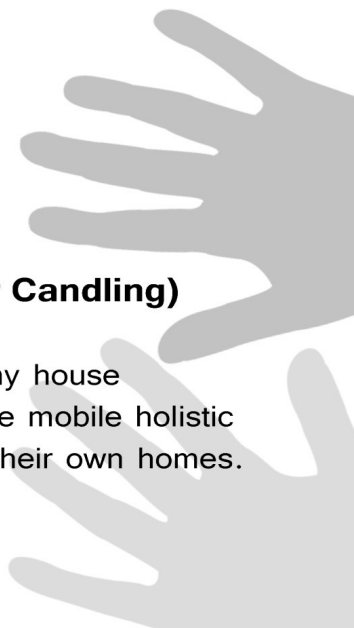
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Do You Remember..... February

February 1973

The question of lighting in Sand Down Lane was discussed at the Parish Council with arguments for and against.

The Parish Council decided not to ban lorries from the car park.

The church wall had been finished.

Ernest Butt retired as Church Sexton and was replaced by Reg Bray.

The Mothers' Union organised a 'Knit In'

A Church of England Men's Society was re-formed.

The Parish Hall reported that it had repaid all of its loans which had helped towards the re-building

The Newton St Cyres Players were busy practising for their performance in March.

It was reported that Newton Junior Football team had lost 34 – 1. Following that defeat they travelled to Poole to play in the Daily Express Five-a-side Competition. The team comprised of Nicky Down, Clive Vincent, Paul Martin, Charles Guppy & Philip Arthur with George Tahta as sub, and they did well.

February 1983

Residents were invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on the 28th February in the Hall at 7.30 pm. Two speakers were booked – Mr E Chorlton (Area Engineer – East) and Mr L Blake, engineer for Mid Devon District Council.

The wedding took place between Stephen Brown and Kay Bloomfield.

At the Cancer Research Campaign AGM they reported a successful year with £600 sent to Headquarters.

The Parish Council heard it may be possible to construct a pedestrian refuge in the village but they were still asking for a speed limit to be considered.

The School footpath was discussed and it was agreed that more use would give it a better surface. Parents at the School had agreed to help with maintenance but this had fallen to Councillors to do.

The Twinning Group had made their first contact with Rots and a party of four will visit Newton St Cyres in February.

The W I meeting was well attended and a talk was given on cane work by Mrs Hoster from Crediton.

The Afternoon Club had a party with entertainment by Crediton Operatic Society and a lovely meal.

The Old Vicarage had been bought by a local man and his young family.

February 1993

Some of the Clubs who were in being but no longer exist were: Cubs and Scouts (John Escot), Sunday School (Bill Holt), Afternoon Club (Geoff May), Scrabble Group (Iris Swain), Prayer and Care Group (Peggy Coates), Newton St Cyres Players (Reg Mear). The idea of siting a Park and Ride at Cowley had been withdrawn and Devon County Council were seeking a new site.

The Playgroup had acquired a pet dog!

The Parish Council were appealing for more use of the trains – use them or lose them!

The Ramblers were organising a walk round Blackdown and Crooklake with John Quicke. A start had been made on serialising current and past history of the Parish of Newton St Cyres.

A list of Parish Councillors appeared: John Durrant, Henry Gliddon, Brian Vickery, James Walters, Hazel Down, Douglas West, Stuart Dowle, Chris Lee and Lyn Durrant.

The month's recipe was for Cider Baked Pork Chops

The Carol Singing in December had raised £86.

Hints on pruning etc. appeared from Liz Mitchell

February 2003

The magazine started a 'Thank You' page as it had received so many requests.

The Parish Hall were advertising a Barn Dance with Home Brew Country Dance Band and entry included a Cheese Ploughman's.

There were two warnings from the Neighbourhood Watch Group about bogus callers.

Reg Smith celebrated his 70th birthday.

Tim Pearkes wrote an interesting article on squirrels, (both red and grey)

The regular article from the Post Office included mention on the New Pin Pad that had arrived.

John Durrant gave an illustrated talk on 'The 1549 Rebellion in the South West'. The talk was followed by a 'Pudding Evening'

The Recreation Ground were concerned about people exercising their dogs at the Rec as they could be fined by the Football Association up to £1,000

NEWTON RAMBLERS

Sunday 17th February

The walk this month will start at 10 a.m. from the car park in Lord's Meadow, Crediton.

We will walk to Shobrooke Park, through the park to Shobrooke Church and then along a right of way and lane to Nomansland. We will then take the lane to Haske and then to Lower Creedy via an unsurfaced lane. We will next take a lane to Mooreacre and walk towards North Creedy. We will then take a path over fields to join a lane north of Sandford. There will be a possible stop in Sandford for refreshment. We will then return to Crediton via the millennium footpath.

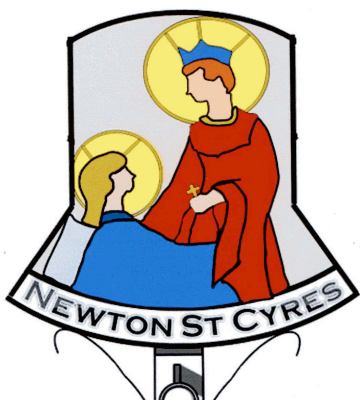


The walk is mostly on lanes and can be shortened or lengthened as appropriate for the conditions on the day.

All are welcome. Any queries to Colin Joslin on 01363 776951

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

Newton St Cyres History Group



Our Christmas meeting on December 13th 2012 was led by a return visit from Ian Macted, former Head of the West Country Studies Library, whose interest and expertise is on the history of paper. His talk could not help but be amusing, given its subject 'Cloacal Paphryology', but in fact his knowledge of the use of lavatory paper is scholarly and thorough!

Of course, the history starts in China where paper itself originated, and the first documented reference is in 589 AD by Yan Zhitui, a scholar who mentions in an aside that he dares not use for toilet purposes the writings of the sages, implying that paper had been used in this way for some time already.

In the Arab world of the time, the use of paper was regarded as uncleanly in comparison to washing, and this is still the case. However, by the 15th century China was producing thousands of large sheets for the purpose, which were cut to size; by 1393 there is even a record of perfumed sheets being produced for the imperial court.

Paper took a great deal longer to reach Europe and the first mention of its use for toilets comes in Rabelais' 'Gargantua' in France, in a rude couplet. By the time of the Dissolution in England, there is reference to the use of old books from monastic libraries being used for cleaning boots,

candlesticks and 'the jakes' (or lavatory). Sir Thomas Urquhart's translation of 'Gargantua' dated 1653, uses the term 'bum-fodder' for waste paper, and this was a commonly used word (from which the slang 'bump' derives) also used as a term of criticism e.g. to insult a newly published newspaper. Newspapers were also, of course, used for the purpose. However, far more improving was the recommendation of Lord Chesterfield to his son in the 18th century, to use "a common edition of Horace" in the 'necessary house', so that he could read a couple of pages before using them and then sending 'as sacrifice to Cloacina' (Cloacina was the Roman goddess of sewers and drains).

The modern commercial use of toilet paper was developed by Joseph Gayetty, an American who patented Medicated Paper for the Water Closet, watermarked with his name, and selling in packs of 500 sheets for 50 cents. The perforated roll followed in 1870. In England, Bronco (British No 1 Thin) was first made in 1880. Thereafter a number of manufacturers in Victorian Britain produced dispensers and different types of paper with names tending to reflect strength (Bulldog, Samson, Virila) or health (Sanico, Izal) or softness (Sateen). By 1910 papers could be customised with the name of a firm or a town or district council, and each sheet would be so printed. Different perforations and printing marks were used and they often had messages on them such as: "now wash your hands please". Abroad, crepe papers were more popular and Andrex first produced soft papers in the 1940s, but they were not used in public lavatories for very many years because the rolls would be stolen. Examples of papers from the twentieth century are collectable and full of interest in their technicalities, to the extent that forgeries exist!

During both world wars, propaganda messages and drawings were printed, but throughout the century, scatological pictures, crosswords, music, and seasonal (Christmas, Easter and Hallowe'en) have all been produced.

Altogether, this was a fascinating talk on an unexpected subject!

But the evening was not finished, and Nick Baker

and Christopher Southcott had both brought in examples of local finds. Most of us have got the odd bottle or piece of china dug up from the garden, but Christopher had some very lovely examples of glass bottles which we could handle and discuss, some whose use for beer, ink or chemicals were obvious, and some which were not so clear. Nick had an impressive collection of bottles and iron work, all from local villages where he has worked. A most beautiful copper knapsack sprayer, probably Victorian, is a reminder of how plentiful fruit orchards were in the area. Nick had been given it covered in tar deposits and he has painstakingly cleaned it. Two bottles from Upton Pyne are of American origin, showing some sort of connection in the past, and an old gun had a surprisingly interesting history, researched by Nick. He also has some beautiful wood working planes from The Three Horseshoes, which as well as being an inn, has had a carpenter's shop, and by connection, a funeral parlour. A group of old keys also show different methods of manufacture, either cast in two halves, or lathe turned. Every object had a story attached.

Meetings are usually on Thursday evenings in the village hall club room and start at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome. There is a small charge of £2 which includes tea and biscuits. For further information contact Jean 851337 Isobel 851351

Next meetings

January 17 th	Mike Patrick Wool Trading through Topsham.
February 21 st	Nick Baker The History of Cowley and an Introduction to the History of Pynes
March 21 st	David Oates The Colourful Arms of Devon's Colourful Gentry (incl Quicques)
April 18 th	Derek Jackson Towers and Bells of Netherexex Parishes.
May 16 th	Colin Hart Metal Detecting – History beneath our Feet 2. Colin will bring a different set of exhibits from last year.
Mid June	Our Outing - one Saturday afternoon
to be confirmed.	

At our meeting on the 21st of February Nick Baker will be talking about the history of Cowley. Nick has researched this extensively and has a wealth of material that he has collected over time. We all pass through Cowley frequently and are too busy these days watching the speedometer to think much about the buildings there, but come to the meeting on the 21st and be introduced to an older quite different Cowley.

Our two meetings in March and April will be of interest to those who wonder about our Church history. David Oates has made a study of heraldry and has a special interest in hatchments including the Quicke ones in our Church. Derek Jackson's expertise is with the history of bell towers and bells. Have you ever wondered where our Church bells were recast in the early 1700's and by whom? Come along on April 18th and find out. **We have no special membership arrangements. Everyone is welcome.**

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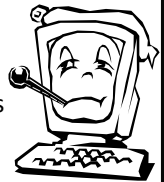
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PAT BUTT

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Garden Club News



Unfortunately because of the flooding our meeting on Thursday 22nd November was cancelled. We hope to invite our speaker Patti O'Brien to speak on plants for South west Gardens at a later date so watch this space.

Earlier in the year a friend of mine came down to the South Hams for a holiday, so I met up with her for the day and we visited the South Devon Chilli farm. There was a shop and café but more importantly you can walk through a polytunnel of labelled chilli plants and be amazed at the diversity in both shape and colour of the chillies growing in them. They grow over 10,000 chilli plants a year from which they harvest tons of chillies to either sell fresh or incorporate into products as diverse as sauces, preserves and chocolate.

So here is what I learnt about chillies on my jaunt through a polytunnel in a field in the South Hams. Get ready to plant your chilli seeds any time from February to April. They are not difficult to grow but do like to germinate at about 30C. Planted in a heated propagator in moist (but not wet) seed compost at a depth of 2–5mm. The seedlings should show their heads at 7–10 days. They then like to live on a sunny window sill or heated greenhouse where the temperature will not drop below 18C. Plant each seedling into a 3 inch pot once they have a set of true leaves. Take great care to separate the seedlings with a small blunt dibber holding the seedling by the leaf so that the stem is not damaged. The chilli plant should be re-potted only when the roots fill the pot using soil based compost so that it is free draining. Smaller chilli plants will be happy in a 6 inch pot while larger chilli plants may need to be potted on again into a 9–12 inch pot. Avoid blossom drop by keeping the mature plants between 18–35C. Avoid over feeding with nitrogen as this will encourage excess foliage rather than blossom production and encourage heavy cropping by feeding with a high potash feed.

The chillies can be picked at any stage but will be milder if picked while immature. Chillies for drying will look more attractive if left to ripen. They are hung up in a sunny dry place or airing cupboard until they are dry and ground to powder just before use. This way they will maintain their flavour for longer. Chillies are also good frozen whole. Take them out of the freezer and chop while frozen and you won't get chilli flavoured fingers.

The heat in chillies comes from an alkaloid chemical called Capsaicin and contrary to popular belief this is contained not in the seeds but in the fleshy strip that the seeds are attached to within the fruit. The heat of chillies was traditionally measured in Scoville units invented by Mr Wilbur Scoville. A chilli was blended into sugar water and

diluted a number of times until it was no longer detectable. As you can imagine this was rather open to individual interpretation so currently this is done using liquid chromatography.

Chilli plants to be kept over the winter should be treated the same as perennial house plants but may need some pruning in November. Smaller variety's such as Serrano, Twilight, Prairie Fire and AjiLimon are best for over wintering as house plants. This way you will have some indoor gardening to keep you busy when the snow is on the ground. Ideal!

Monthly Gardening notes for February

General Garden Tasks.

1. Finish rough digging the veg patch if weather permits.
2. Shake snow off bushes and hedges.
3. Remove the top two or three inches of compost from tubs that have a permanent plant, and replace with fresh new compost. Azaleas and Bays will benefit from ericaceous compost.
4. When buying plants such as Polyanthus or Pansies for your tubs, select plants with good leaf condition but not too many open flowers. These plants are grown in controlled conditions and once the first flush of flowers have finished you may have to wait some time for the next flowers to appear.

Trees, Shrubs and Climbers.

Now is a good time to plant new trees and shrubs, especially bare root plants. Try to plant them to the same depth as they were planted in the nursery. They may die if planted too deep.

Clematis that flower in late summer can be cut down to a couple of feet from the ground. Clematis Montana can be tidied up by tucking in stems or cutting them off to keep it under control.

Flowers.

Lightly fork over beds and borders, (I use a small hand fork) and remove any weeds, so the plants can use any fertilizer that is left in the ground after the prolonged spell of wet weather. Watch out for any emerging bulbs.

Now is a good time to plant Lily-of-the-Valley crowns.

Fruit.

Prune Autumn fruiting Raspberries by cutting all the canes down to about one inch above the ground, then rake in a light dressing of Superphosphate. This helps to stimulate strong root growth.

Tidy up Strawberry plants by removing old dead leaves and any weeds.

Clean around summer fruiting Raspberries and mulch with garden compost or farm yard manure.

Give all fruit a light dressing of Superphosphate.

Vegetables.

If you are thinking of starting early with the veg garden, it's best to clean the area you wish to till, rake well and cover with a sheet of black polythene. This can be left in place for four weeks or more to warm up the soil. When conditions are suitable remove the polythene, sow the seeds and cover with horticultural fleece.

Seed Potatoes are now available and should be placed in a tray, somewhere frost free to allow them to chit (produce shoots).

Any gaps in rows of over wintered onion sets planted last Autumn can be filled by transplanting sets from the end of the row, clean away any weeds and apply a high Nitrogen fertilizer to the rows.

Lawns.

I think most lawns will be too wet to do any work on, but if yours dries out quickly then edges can be cleaned and trimmed and any moss can be treated. Leave applying lawn food until next month.

Plant of the month.

Primula Vulgaris (Primroses)

One of the earliest wild flowers to naturalise on a grassy bank or in the hedgerow. The wild ones are much hardier than those sold for our gardens or tubs. Try growing them from seed by placing the seed tray out side on a frosty night or placing in the fridge, then move them into a warmer temperature to germinate.

Rainfall in our garden during December was 174mm, with the lowest temperature of -2.9C

Froghopper. Friend or Foe ?

Froghoppers feed on sap from Herbaceous plants but do not really cause any damage. The young insects covers themselves in a white froth, we call Cuckoo spit. This stops them from drying out and protects them from predators.



2013 Programme

**All the Gardening Club meetings
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February meeting:
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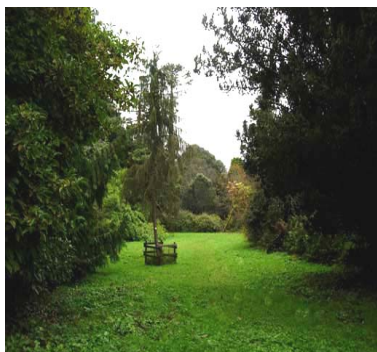
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Friends of the Arboretum - Report on 2012

2012 has seen steady progress on all fronts and impressive work done on the maintenance and improvement of the arboretum. We have been fortunate in that Ron Nethercott and Courtney Weare came forward to offer help in clearing brambles, thinning the bamboo, and clearing around many of the specimen trees. They have been instrumental in greatly improving many areas that were overgrown by thinning and clearing and in laying out firmer paths with scalpings and wood chips. The branches have been stacked to provide wildlife refuges.

The Gingko, which had been smothered by eleagnus, looks greener, healthier and better. The Styrax, Stewartia, Mahonia and Plane have also been freed from undergrowth and competition. The Weeping Larch has had a protective fence put round it to save it from animal damage, and again, it is looking better and will hopefully recover and do well.



Gingko



Weeping Larch

An improvement has also been made to the walks. It had been suggested that a link from the bottom far end of the arboretum, where the walnuts/daffodils are, back up to the circular paths, would be good and David organised this. It is a steepish path in places but is well used and makes a pleasant change from returning back up the hill. Scalpings have been put on the walnut path as it can be slippery, and wood chippings from the recent work done by Greentrees have improved the other paths.

The work by Greentrees is proceeding – it has been planned for some time but it is hoped it will be completed this year. It is mainly to deal with problems of shading or safety.

Vaughan Gallavan led a tour of the arboretum in conjunction with the AGM on 18th May. This was a successful, well attended and enjoyable evening, and Vaughan's knowledge and enthusiasm made for a most interesting walk. Many Friends were present and new ones joined.

The new oak tree, grown by David's grandson from an acorn from the Silvertown Oak, was planted on May 18th, just beyond the summerhouse. It has good protection and is flourishing despite some damping off on the leaves during the wet cold summer. A plaque will be placed there in due course.



ARBORETUM ON TV

The Arboretum will feature in a programme 'Secret Life of Dogs', to be shown on ITV1 on Thursday 31 Jan at 9 pm.

A unit from Oxford Scientific Films came in October to make a piece on the incident 3 years ago when 80-year-old Margaret Haverson was lost in the then much overgrown arboretum for nearly 48 hours and over two frosty nights. She was found by a sniffer dog brought from Cornwall after a helicopter search failed. The programme will feature Margaret, the dog Max and his handler Alex Lyons. We do not know how much of the programme will be devoted to this rescue.

Just a reminder that the arboretum is always open. Our volunteers have done a great job improving the arboretum. Make a visit and have a look. The first camellias are now out and there will be a good show of spring flowers.

Roger Wilkins

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There are adult and junior club sessions on offer from Monday – Friday throughout the day and into the evening. There are also competition and match play opportunities taking place for all age groups on a regular basis.

The club host regular adult Cardio Tennis sessions, cardio tennis is a fun based group activity that takes place on a tennis court. The sessions consist of racquets, low compression tennis balls, high energy music, heart rate monitors, warm ups, drills, game based tennis and cool down phases. It's not a coaching session it's a **fitness session** on a tennis court. You do not need to have any tennis experience to take part in cardio tennis as it's not about improving your technique it's completely focused on improving your fitness.

To book a taster session on one of our coaching / club sessions or you would like more information with regards to Exwick Tennis Club please contact Steve Ashton on 07835 041 719 or email s.ashton@homecall.co.uk

Community Support Group

The Neighbourhood Health Watch initiative was started by the Devon Partnership NHS Trust and was born out of a need to help vulnerable residents in an East Devon village during the recent bad winters. It really is going back to the days when neighbour helped neighbour in times of need and communities pulled together to help those in most need.

Four pilot schemes resulted from this first initiative and each one has gone about solving the problem in a slightly different way. The end results however are all the same – people offering skills and help to those less able or vulnerable in their community.

In Newton St Cyres the first thing to happen was a Coffee Morning in the Crown & Sceptre pub in the middle of the village. Notices appeared in the local magazine and on notice boards inviting residents to come along and hear about the Neighbourhood Health Watch scheme from Jayne Clarke. Jayne's enthusiasm soon rubbed off on those who had come to enjoy the coffee, biscuits and cup cakes and very soon ideas of how we could help each other started to flow.

A second coffee morning a month later produced yet more enthusiastic volunteers offering skills such as prescription collection, lifts to doctors and hospitals for appointments, pet care, dog walking, simple D I Y tasks around the house or garden and even just company to sit and talk to a lonely person.

The landlord of the Crown & Sceptre, Simon Lovell offered to become the co-ordinator for the scheme, taking calls from people needing the service and finding volunteers to fulfil the requirement. Simon's services have already been called upon and we hope that more and more people will avail themselves of the many and varied skills offered.

Cards have been printed with all the details of help and support offered and the contact to phone if you need the service. These cards will be distributed to everyone in the parish to keep beside the phone and used in cases of need. No call is too small or insignificant – if help is needed, then residents will be encouraged to call the co-ordinator and explain what they need.

An exciting additional initiative is the installation of a computer and printer for community use at the Crown & Sceptre. This is to be supported by Cosmic who have offered training in simple internet use to people who do not have their own computer but would like to be in contact with friends and family, order goods online and understand the new technologies.

Regular coffee mornings are planned where residents can come together and pool ideas and have a social gathering. As the weather brightens we hope to start gentle walks around the village for those who would like to get out more but need company to do so.

Since November there have been two coffee mornings for the Neighbourhood Health Watch. The regular coffee morning on 22nd December and a special meeting on Tues. 18th December attended by Assistant Chief Constable Sharon Taylor, who was impressed by the progress made by the group and keen to co-operate with the group and its activities.

Every household has received a card from the Newton St Cyres Community Support Group which identifies some of the services and skills available. Crediton Pharmacy are giving out cards with prescriptions and arrangements were made to involve the other pharmacies both

in Crediton and those associated with doctors in Exeter who deal with Newton St Cyres patients.

The success of the initiative in NSC was such that Jayne Clarke said that there would be continued funding for the coffee mornings from the central funds. There was the possibility that the promoters of the scheme would want to use the example of the initiative in Newton St Cyres to promote further schemes and all agreed that the more publicity there was the more it would support the group's efforts. It was agreed that there should be a very basic written framework for the organisation and that it should have a bank account. There will be some fundraising activities. Roasting a wild boar has been suggested. Where it is to be sourced from was not identified!



Group members with ACC Sharon Taylor

Photo courtesy Alan Quick Crediton Courier

At the coffee morning held on 19th Jan. it was clear that the community was responding to the needs of its members. The Parish Council had approached Devon County Council for funding for two laptop computers to supplement the PC in the Crown and Sceptre. It was to be emphasised that these are all for **everybody's** use. There is always someone available to help if you need it. When the new universal benefit system is rolled out it will be particularly useful. The facility is there if you just want to write a letter. There are printing and copying facilities as well, all available to everyone. It was agreed that there should be notices on all the notice boards advertising the facility. Sophie Ward agreed to do this and also volunteered to become the group's press officer. Many thanks to Sophie.

It was proposed that there would be a range of different speakers at the next coffee mornings and a speaker on personal alarm systems was proposed as was one on optimising fuel bills.

Much care in the community is carried out informally but one very important resource offered by the Support Group is the ability to relieve willing volunteers if they go on holiday, have to be absent for other reasons or just want a break.

The next coffee morning will be on Feb 16th at 10.30 in the Crown and Sceptre.



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EXE VALLEY FILM SOCIETY – FILM LIST 2013 (January–July). All films are shown in Brampford Speke Village Hall, doors open 7.30 for an 8pm start. The July film is an outdoor screening with supper at Station House. Entry to all films £1 for members, £5 for guests, the outdoor screening is £10 for everyone and includes supper.

DATE	FILM	SYNOPSIS	Director & Cast
31 st January	The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG) (2011)	A group of retired British people move to India to see their days out in a hotel which has seen better days. Complex relationships and histories unfold which lead to this being a compelling film.	Director: John Madden Stars: Judi Dench Bill Nighy Maggie Smith Dev Patel Tom Wilkinson
28 th February	The Help (PG) (2011)	In 1960's Mississippi a white society girl decides to write about the lives of local black servants to the distrust of both communities. Unlikely friendships are forged in this fascinating film touching on difficult subjects.	Director: Tate Taylor Stars: Emma Stone Viola Davies Octavia Spencer (OSCAR for best supporting actress.)
28 th March	Moonrise Kingdom (PG) (2012)	Set on a small island of the coast of North America in the 1960's, a young boy and girl run away together which turns the lives of the islanders upside down. A quirky film with genuinely funny moments.	Director: Wes Anderson Stars: Bruce Willis Edward Norton Bill Murray Tilda Swinton
25 th April	Il Postino (PG) (1994)	A fisherman helping with postal deliveries on a small island befriends an exiled Chilean poet and develops a love for poetry which he puts to good use in pursuing a woman. A charming film, Italian with subtitles.	Director: Michael Radford Stars: Philippe Noiret Massimo Troisi Maria Cucinotta
30 th May	Hairspray (PG) (2007)	A feelgood musical telling the story of an overweight teenager who manages to realise her dream of performing on American TV and champions the cause of disadvantaged performers whilst antagonising the wealthy set.	Director: Adam Shankman Stars: John Travolta Michelle Pfeiffer Christopher Walken
27 th June	Sightseers (PG) (2012)	A quirky British road movie, centred around a relationship between a psychopathic man and his naive girlfriend who joins in with his extreme ways of dealing with the things that annoy him. A dark movie with some violence but also funny and compelling.	Director: Ben Wheatley Starring: Steve Oram Alice Lowe Eileen Davies
25 th July	The Rocky Horror Picture Show (PG) (1975)	Hugely decadent and enjoyable outdoor screening, lots of audience participation as we observe the infamous Time Warp in the castle of Dr. Frank N. Furter helped by a wierd array of characters. Prize for the best fancy dress.	Director: Jim Sharman Cast: Tim Curry Susan Sarandon Charles Gray Meatloaf

FEBRUARY ON THE FARM

February has a reputation for being wet and gloomy. I long for it not be that way, and grasp at the lighter mornings and evenings. The sun does more than scrape itself off the horizon. The morning chorus of songbirds kicked off earlier in the season than I remember. I know it's birds defending territory, but it is a gorgeous start to the day as first one bird, then others join in till you get a swelling joyful sound.

CROPS - The crops are looking forward to drier roots. They have not been able to root deeply - no oxygen for the roots to use. If we get dry weather later, they will be less poised to harvest water and nutrients from deeper in the soil. We've had a warm winter, so the plants are starting to grow, but a lot of nutrient has been washed out, and waterlogged soil has less life in it, except slugs. I notice the seagulls are looking happy at ponded water on the fields, and the rooks are looking sleek on the slugs & worms close to the surface, again in search of air. It feels like the soil has lost structure over the last year – how long will that take to restore?

GRASS - We need an early spring; we are eking out our stocks of stored grass (silage) with chopped straw. The barns are emptying of stores fast. Both us and the cows look longingly out at the grazing fields. They are all looking a bit battered after the winter. We know the spring is coming, it comes every year, and I leap on every sign, the quiet signs of growth that I will to be more than they are. We have some dry cows out on paddocks on the red land, pecking at the grass that grows. We supplement them with bales of straw, counting out the swindling store.

COWS - The spring cows calve, not so fast and furious as last year. We look for signs of the dreaded Schmallenburg virus....I don't want to tempt fate by predicting how it will go. We've heard from shepherds the agony of dragging deformed stillborn lambs out of ewes, feet and head in all directions, or worse still having to cut them out. It is midge borne, doesn't affect people, and blew over from mainland Europe. So far, so good, long may it remain that way. By the end of February, we will have calved nearly half the cows. It's satisfying to see them through from dreamy end of pregnancy, through the ordeal of calving, into the parlour with the discomfort of the first milking, then the visible relief as the 'nature' (firmness from the colostrum) comes out of their udders and they settle into milking. By the end of the month, I hope they will be out at grass, after the winter that started when the floodwater came almost to the cowshed in mid November.

HEIFERS - The calves look lovely: shining, fluffy, trusting. We bed them with some of our precious straw, then get them onto woodchip as soon as we can. Their big sisters are growing on. We plan to weigh them more this year so we can keep track of how they are growing; we weigh them at birth, then we will weigh them whenever we handle them through the crush. It's all extra work, and will help us keep a better eye on them.

CHEESE - By the end of the month, noticeable amounts of new season milk comes through, the vats start filling up, so we do less of the catching up, board washing and rack repairing we do after Christmas. We've been working on getting some common words to describe flavour we can all agree on so we can define how each of our starters makes cheese and then how each matures. Our starters are our heritage yogurt-like cultures that turn the milk sugar into acid. Each has a different balance of the distinctive flavours of cheddar - sharp, buttery and brothy, each which develops further to grassy, caramelly, and bovrilly (our words, it would be great to hear yours, I want to make a common language we can all understand). It's interesting which starter develops which balance of these flavours. My favourite is PM69, which consistently gives layers of all of these in balance. It's interesting that the freeze dried cultures we have tried, the industrial alternative to our 'wet pint' artisan cultures, can do one axis of flavour, but don't do the complex layers. With a cloth bound cheddar, like ours, you also get all of those flavours from the varied mould-garden that is the rind, and the roundness of flavour from the cheese breathing as it matures.

FOOTPATHS - As we do every year, we are closing the permissive footpaths on the first Tuesday of February. The paths that are closed on that day are: 1, up through Whiddon Orchard, into Scrawthorne, along the ridge and back onto Tinpits Hill below Keepers; 2, down from Tinpits to meet 3, from Bakers up to Venny Cleave along the valley. The statutory footpaths are unaffected, so you can still use them.

RECIPE - My distant cousin Lionel Quicke lives in France, descended from a black sheep of the family several generations ago. He had some of our cheese for Christmas, and sent me a recipe for 'Le Welsh', posh French cheese on toast.

He says: 'It has been imported and adapted in the French Flanders (around Dunkerque) and around Lille, and became a typical dish known as "le welsh".

In a small individual earth pot I put a slice of wholewheat bread (can be toasted, but my toaster is out of order) and a slice of cooked ham.

The Cheddar Quicke (500g for 8) is melted in half a glass of hot beer (ale or stout). It should be constantly stirred, otherwise it burns! I added a spoonful of mustard. You can add more beer if you wish. When the cheese is melted, I pour it over the bread and ham and the pots are instantly put in the hot oven. Keep an eye on it! When the colour is between gold and light brown, serve it and eat it hot with the same beer used for the cheese.

Delicious!

Please send me your favorite recipe for our cheese, and I will share it with everyone.

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Soul Food

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Rev'ds Michael and Sharon Simpson

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River of Blessing

on Wednesdays 7:30-9:00pm in Stoke Canon Church and 'The Bridge'

No booking needed just come along

(Please see separate notices for greater detail on these sessions)

Chewing on the day's issues

Be a guest at someone's home for refreshments, with the opportunity to

discuss a current issue of the group's choice

These gatherings will have limited places so it will be **important to book** quickly!

Lunch with Sue Browne in Newton St Cyres - 851460

on Fri 22 Feb @ 12:00-14:00

Supper with Helen & Lévon Stefan in Rewe - 841887

on Thursday 28th Feb @ 19:30-21:00

Lunch with Laura Ford in Brampford Speke - 841753

on Thursday 7th March @ 12:30-14:00

Lunch with Fiona Thompson in Stoke Canon - 841070

on 11 March @ 12:30-14:00

Good Coffee and Luxurious biscuits with Sue Sheppard in Rewe - 841284

on 14 March @ 19:30-21:00

Lunch with Bridget & David Boxall in Poltimore - 841355

on Tues 19th March @ 12:00-14:15

Lunch with Laura Ford in Brampford Speke - 841753

on Thursday 21st March @ 12:30-14:00

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Lent 2013

'RIVER OF BLESSING'

7.30pm – 9.00pm at Stoke Canon Church/The Bridge

with Rev'ds Michael & Sharon Simpson

Lent is often a time to think about what we can give to God, but sometimes God wants us simply to pause so that he can give to us. We hear of his blessings, refreshment and renewal, but as an experienced Lay Minister said recently about Lent: 'We can only give what we receive!' So, this Lent, 'River of Blessing' is a relaxed opportunity (using story, scripture, 'pictures of faith', Christian meditation and prayer) to 'come apart and find some space' and explore ways God refreshes and renews us and our life as Christians.

February 20: Thirsty for God?

February 27: Channels of God's blessing

(March 6: *See separate note* Interval for JPCC Intercession!!)

March 13: God's Growth and freshness

March 20: An ever-rolling stream

March 27: 'Back to the Source'

The evenings will be suitable for people at any stage of Christian faith.

Although it is not a discussion or study group, there will be some openings to share thoughts together but anyone who prefers to 'join-in-without-saying-anything' is equally welcome!

The weeks will be connected', but each week can be a 'one-off' without losing the 'flow'.

No booking is needed.

Further details from Michael and Sharon – 01392 861757.

-----Intercession for the Mission Community

March 6th at 7:30 pm and The Bridge Centre, Stoke Canon Church

A Joint PCC meeting with a difference and OPEN to ANYONE who would like to share in an evening of prayer for the Mission Community and for opportunities for its future development.

COME, HOLY SPIRIT...

Prayer for the guidance of God's Spirit is appropriate at all times and especially at the beginning of a new calendar year, in which—as in every year—there will be for each of us decisions to make, priorities to set, resolutions to follow through. For the Church of England, and for all who are touched by its life and work, 2013 will have particular significance as efforts continue toward opening the ministry of bishops to women and men equally, while providing a continuing place for people who, for conscientious theological reasons, cannot receive the ministry of bishops who are women.

As November 2012 showed, that will not be easy. The day-long debate in the General Synod, ending with the defeat of the legislation which would have enabled women to be bishops, began with a celebration of Holy Communion in the Synod chamber with earnest prayers and hymns asking for the Holy Spirit of God to be present among us. It was right for us so to pray. Whatever the relation between the outcome of the vote and the will of God for the present-day Church of England (a question which of course would be answered differently by different people), Christians have no alternative but to continue to ask the Spirit of God to be present in the ensuing situation and in the whole of our common life, that the fruits of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control—Galatians 5.22-23) may be visible as minds and hearts are guided by God's grace. Nothing apart from this is capable of transcending the fall-out of the Synod's decision in the church and in the wider world.

As a representative of the clergy I was present for the debate and voted in favour of the motion to admit women as bishops, because I believed (as I still do) that it is the right thing to do and that the time for this has come, and equally that the provision intended to help those who needed it could work for them fairly and dependably. I am sorry that most of those with conscientious reservations—whose position I respect although it differs from my own, and to whose continuing place in the church I am committed—together with a sufficient number of House of Laity members personally able to receive the ministry of women bishops, were not convinced that this would be so.

Bishops and their ministry have a powerfully symbolic dimension—this is both a strength and a danger for an episcopally ordered church (and indeed is a fact to which any bishop careful for his or her own spiritual life must attend). That symbolic or representative character, compounded by the unique place in English national life which the established church occupies, has had the effect of making the Synod's vote in November much more than a matter of the church's inner institutional working or even a strictly theological one. The fact of what bishops are has given this particular decision the power to hit people hard—both women and men—across the whole spectrum, lay and ordained, of those who identify personally with the life of the Church of England. Many, many women in our society continue to feel the effects of inequalities which regrettably are not just historic (effects which also continue to impact men and children). For some, this very public event in the life of the nation has reopened painful personal wounds.

In seeking a way forward, the General Synod and especially its House of Bishops (a body whose all-male membership is seen as increasingly problematic) will have to take account of the response to the November decision not only within that part of the population closely involved in church life, but in the country at large and in Parliament. The force of that response itself says some encouraging things about the continued significance which most people in this

country understand the Church of England to have for our national life. It really does matter to our wider society that the church should get this right. May the grace of God inform and inspire our life together, that we may do so.

With my best wishes— Douglas Dettmer, Rector of the Netherexe Parishes

February 2013 SERVICES & INFORMATION

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

Sunday 3 February 2013 Presentation of Christ in the Temple

09:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	DD & P Ashman
10:00 am	Service With A Smile & Christingle	☺	Brampford Speke	Lay-Led & DD
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	DC
10:00 am	Service of The Word		Stoke Canon	Lay-Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	Michael & Sharon Simpson
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	DD
05:00 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Newton St Cyres	P Ashman & DD
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Cadbury	DC

Sunday 10 February 2013 Sunday before Lent

10:00 am	Family Service & Holy Communion	☺	Newton St Cyres	DC & P Ashman
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	JD & DD
11:00 am	Joint Service		Thorverton Baptist Church	Baptist Officiant
			Joint Service with parish church	
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	A Simmonds
12:00 noon	Baptism		Huxham	JD
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Huxham	DD

Wednesday 13 February 2013 Ash Wednesday

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[BCP]
07:30 pm	Holy Communion	[C]

Mission Community Services

Thorverton	DC & JD
Brampford Speke	DD & P Ashman

Sunday 17 February 2013 Lent 1

08:00 am	Holy Communion	[BCP]	Thorverton	DD
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Cadbury	DD
10:00 am	Service of The Word		Poltimore	Lay-Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	DC
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	SS

Sunday 24 February 2013 Lent 2

09:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Huxham	DC
10:00 am	Service of The Word		Cadbury	Lay-Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	DD
10:00 am	Family Service	☺	Thorverton	Lay-Led
10:00 am	Service of The Word		Upton Pyne	Lay-Led
11:15 am	Service of The Word		Rewe	Lay-Led
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Poltimore	DD

Sunday 3 March 2013 Lent 3

08:00 am	Holy Communion	[BCP]	Newton St Cyres	DD
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	DD
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	JD
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	SS
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	A Simmonds
05:00 pm	Service of The Word		Newton St Cyres	JD
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Cadbury	DD

Services in the Netherex Parishes

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Holy Communion	[BCP]	Traditional service in traditional language [one hour]
Service of The Word	[SW]	Morning or Evening Service [without communion] in contemporary language, often Lay-Led
Morning Prayer	[BCP]	Traditional Morning Service [Mattins] from the Book of Common Prayer [about an hour]
Evening Prayer or Choral Evensong	[BCP]	Traditional Evening Service from the Book of Common Prayer [about an hour]

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer in the Netherex Parishes

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

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

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

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

Variations:	Wed 13 Feb	Holy Communion [BCP] at Thorverton 09:30 am
	Mon 18 Feb	Morning Prayer at Stoke Canon Church [No school assembly]

Who's Who? Abbreviations Key

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEWTON ST CYRES CHURCH ROTAS - 2013

Week Ending	Flower	Cleaning	Brass
Feb 2	A Ward	S Browne	P Heal
9	A Page	P Burt	J Ward
16	NO FLOWERS	M Walters	P Burt
23	NO FLOWERS	A Ward	J Pyle
Mar 2	NO FLOWERS	P Boother	A & W Hough

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

Ash Wednesday Quiet Day

Led by Canon Andrew Godsall. Wed 13th February.
Addresses, silence, space in chapel, library and grounds.
£18 including lunch.

Spirituality and Evolutionary Theory

Friday Fringe evening with Dr Richard Skinner.
Friday 22nd February. No tickets but let us know you're coming - £7 appreciated towards sandwiches and expenses.

Moving into the Psalms

Weekend workshop with Springs Dance Company. Meditating on the psalms through movement and stillness. Suit all ages and any experience or none. Friday 1st – Sunday 3rd March. £160 resident. Discounts for room sharing.

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www.sheldon.uk.com

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Newton St Cyres Parish Church Sidespersons

February

February	3 rd 5pm	A.Dowle	W.Hough
	10 th 10am	A.Page	S.Browne
	13 th		Ash Wednesday
	17 th		
	24 th 10am		C.Lee
O.Cheriton			

WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGE

Priest-in-Charge	Rev Douglas Dettmer, The Rectory, Thorverton	01392 860 332
Church Wardens	Charlotte Dyer, Court Barton Bill Holt, 21 Woodlands	01392 851 618 01392 851 521
PCC Hon Secretary	Sue Browne, 1 Glebelands, Sand Down Lane	01392 851 460
PCC Hon Treasurer	Clive Lawrence, Elm Cottage, Pump Street	01392 851 406
Electoral Roll Officer	Jen Holt, 21 Woodlands	01392 851 521
Tower Captain	Bob Coates, Little Beams, Pump Street	01392 851 468
<u>DOCTORS (Creditor)</u>	Newcombes Surgery, - Drs Hall, Homer, Mays, Harris & Saunders	01363 772 263
	Chiddenbrook Surgery - Drs Shorney; Twomey, Murphy & Braddick	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 -- Peter Dunn	01392 851 752 01363 460046
<u>PARISH HALL</u>	Chairman - Stuart Dowle, 1 West Holme Cottages Booking Sect - Mary Long, - mary- glong@btinternet.com Caretaker - Roy Beckett	01392 851536 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	Debs Wright	01392 851 522
Newton Nappies	Holly Lewis	01392 851 169
<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	Daphne Evans	01363 774 064

Cancer Research UK	Jean Wilkins, Coldharbour, Sand Down Lane	01392 851 337
Cricket Club	David Vallance, Manesty, Sand Down Lane	01392 851 266
Community Policeman	PCSO Lisa Crocker, Police Station, Crediton	Dial 101
District Councillor	Peter Hare-Scott	01363 776 409
County Councillor	Michael Lee	01363 772 671
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	Jon Lee	01363 772567
Archery	Alison Couling	01392 841 282
Gardening Club	Gail Meldrum	01392 851 377
Honky Tonks Line Dancing	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 Arboretum	Roger Wilkins	01392 851 337
Saturday Market – 4th Saturday of the month	Pat Butt	01392 861 131
Neighbourhood Health Watch	Simon Lovell, Crown and Sceptre	01392 851278