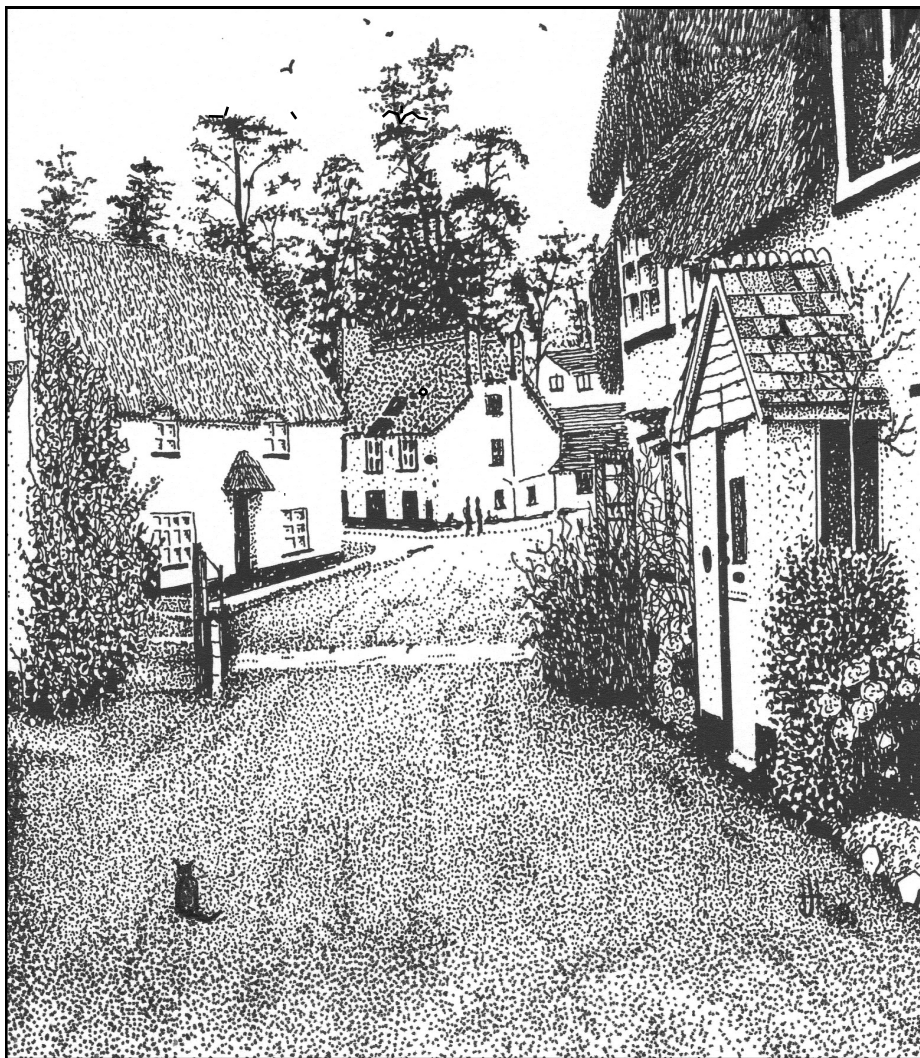


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Sense Prevails

I think we were all pleased to receive the latest letter from Simon Newcombe, MDDC's Waste and Transport Manager. It appears that the refuse collections in Pump Street and the station area will revert to the previous arrangements. Having not really accepted fortnightly collection of our "grey" waste, to have the service so severely reduced by the loss of the brown bin collection was just too much. I had thought that the Government was going to provide additional funds to reinstate weekly bin collections but it appears that Mid Devon has not benefitted from this.

Or Does it?

I think it was in January or February that the road by Kemps Bridge became impassable following the deluge last year and the beginning of this. There has been no attempt by the County Council to repair this road even though the government has made funds available to help with flood damage. Many people will have been outraged by the chaos caused at Downes Bridge, where the council repaired a pavement on which I have never seen a pedestrian. Traffic lights caused delays and annoyance and any pedestrians could easily walk on the grass. Meanwhile the main access to Crediton from Sweetham, Shute and Langford Road was, and still is completely closed. The council have piled a load of aggregate across the road to ensure that it is impassable and someone has dumped rubbish and a heap of unwanted soil there too.



The Crediton side of Kemps Bridge, showing the waste earth dumped.....

....and the Newton St Cyres/Wyke Cross side of the bridge.



Community Support

June 22nd sees the launch of Neighbourhood Health Watch, a scheme which has been trialled in Newton St Cyres. To celebrate this a party is being held at the Crown and Sceptre. There will be all sorts of events, stalls, displays and demonstrations as well as a free Barbecue. There will be music and dancing of various kinds and sporting activities and personalities from various sports.

From the Past

In this issue we have a delightful account of the activities of the now defunct Newton St Cyres Players. This was written by Hilda Mear in July 1998 and read onto a tape for the visually handicapped of Exeter. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I did. Thank you Reg for sharing it with us. Thanks too to Liz Spooner for typing it for me.

Fun Day for charity at the Golf Club

The Rotary Club of Crediton Boniface will again be running their Laser Shoot and Sporting Fun Challenge on Saturday 15th June from 2.p.m. at Newton St Cyres Golf Course to raise funds for Devon Air Ambulance. This event has been held for several years on a Tuesday evening in June and has proved very popular but we always ran out of daylight. This year the club hope that by switching to a Saturday afternoon it more groups will be able to take part.

The Challenge consists of teams of five, shooting 20 sets of clays, playing skittles, target golf, outdoor darts and beat the goalie. The team with the best cumulative place points receives the trophy which they hold for a year. There is also a trophy for the best laser team score. There have been a number of local businesses and groups who have entered teams over the years but the Rotary Club would hope that the change of day would allow some family teams to be formed but must include one adult. Price per person adult £8 under 16 £4. There will be a bar and BBQ.

Please let David Taylor (6 Woodlands, 01392 851604) know of your intention to enter a team to help the organisation on the day. All the proceeds go to Devon Air Ambulance and we hope to improve on the best evening we have had in the past when we raised £770 by moving the event to a Saturday afternoon.

as well

A Band in the Barn

On the same night The Chicken Slacks, East Devon's leading Country and Blue Grass band will be performing in the Barn at Newton St Cyres as part of the Crediton Festival and to round off the day. Bar and BBQ. Come and enjoy a summers!! evening of music with a hot dog and drink. Tickets are £5 available from David Taylor as above or the Crediton Festival Office.

The Rotary Club of Crediton Boniface would like to thank Anne Westaway and all at Newton St Cyres Golf Course for their continued hospitality and hard work both in the past and for these events

Unite Carers in Mid Devon



Unite Carers is a Mid Devon charity which supports carers young and old. The sort of activities involved depend very much on the volunteer. The aim is to help those who spend large amounts of time caring for others. Some carers are very young, some older, but all need help to meet, to get away, some have transport needs, some are very isolated.

Volunteers befriend and mentor younger carers, provide social activities, youth and adult support groups, trips out etc.

Jonathon Nicholls writes:-

"The first stage in becoming a volunteer is to complete an application form in which you indicate what roles you may wish to get involved. You can see on page 3 there are a range of opportunities available. Every volunteer is invited to an informal interview so we can find out more about you and likewise it gives each volunteer the chance to find out about the project. A DBS (formerly CRB) form is completed and we ask every volunteer to attend the training day. These training days are held throughout the year and there is a separate one for volunteering with young carers or adult carers.

Once all the formalities are completed you are then ready to get involved with as much or as little to suit you. Some of the volunteering roles require a regular commitment and these can be discussed at a later date. All volunteering expenses are reimbursed so you are not out of pocket and we fully support every volunteer. We also hold a few volunteer social events each year which gives you the chance to meet other volunteers and share experiences. We are a volunteer led charity and without volunteers we would be unable to provide the services currently offered to carers of all ages."

Local Democracy - County Council results

I'm not sure what the results of the County council Elections tell us about ourselves, however Margaret Squires was elected with 46.4% of the vote. Only 40.1% of the electorate bothered to vote. This was above the County average of 33.3%.

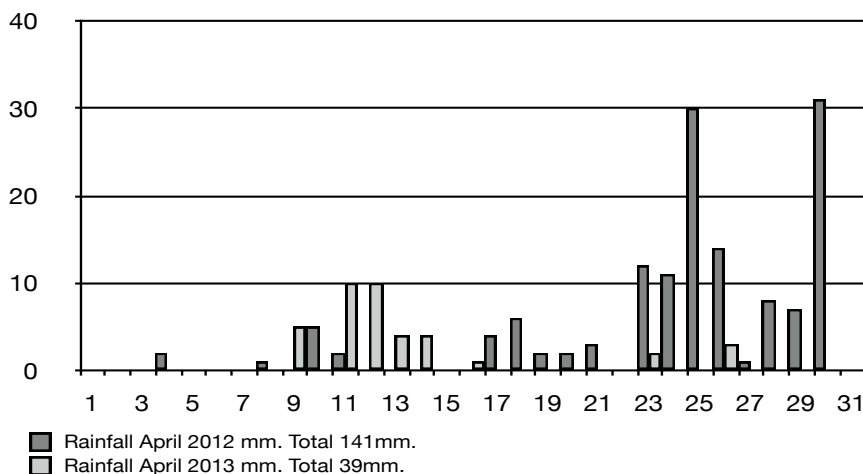
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SQUIRES Margaret Edith	Conservative	1,735	46.4%
Candidates	Party		
DOWNES John	Liberal Democrat	308	8.2%
EDWARDS Bob	UK Independence Party	855	22.9%
POVEY Keith	Green Party	246	6.6%
SQUIRES Margaret Edith	Conservative	1,735	46.4%
WERNER Charlie	Labour	591	15.8%
	Spoilt	6	0.2%
	Total votes cast	3,741	100.0%
	Total electorate	9,326	
	Turnout	40.1%	

Telephone Help

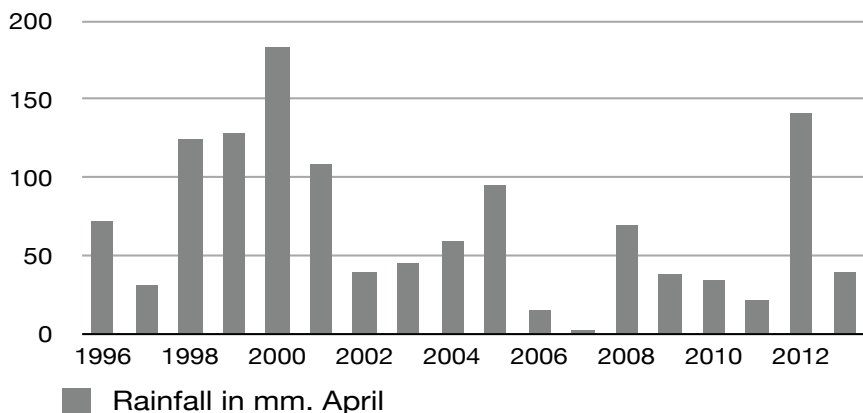
The manager of the Citizens Advice Bureau in Crediton has asked me to tell you that there is now a freephone number for initial enquiries, **Adviceline:- 08444 111444** which puts you through to a Devon system from which appointments can be made locally, if necessary.

Additionally messages, after listening to a number of choices, can be left at the **Crediton Office** on **01884 244630**. All the Mid Devon CAB phones are now routed through Tiverton.

Rainfall in April 2012 & 2013



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NEWTON St CYRES REVELS 2014

Sunday 6th July 2014

The Organising Committee for the 2014 Revels has held their first meeting, jobs have been agreed and a plan put in place.

Sincere thanks were expressed for the organisation that was put in place for the 2012 Revels only to be beaten by some of the worst weather in living memory. However the plans formulated for that event will form the basis of 2014.

It is a long time away but please do mark the date in your diary. It will be a fun event for all of the family to enjoy.

Jim Enright, Chairman of the Organising Committee



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RECREATION GROUND CLUB

May is going by so quickly it nearly caught me out, but I have managed to get this done with two days to spare for before Peter's deadline.

We can at last celebrate the end of the **Football**, it seems a very long time since the beginning of September last year, but our last Football game will be played on Wednesday 15th May so we can concentrate on Cricket and Archery in June.

We have a couple of **Annual General Meetings** in June the Rec, meeting is on Wednesday 12th June and the Football club's meeting is on Thursday 13th June.

There will be **Cricket** most Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday and Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons, Also there will be **Archery Practice** evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A new venture for us is a Magic evening to be run by the Football Club on Friday 21st, the show I understand is suitable for both children and adults, starting at 7 p.m. look out for posters and ticket availability.

June being quieter gives us a little breathing space before a busy two weeks in July. Wednesday 3rd will be the **Kingfisher Project**, always an interesting afternoon, then the **School are holding their Sports Day** on the 4th, weather willing, or on the 5th if they need the extra day. This year the **Football Club are holding their Youth Tournament** on the 13th and 14th they are already receiving entries, so it looks like it will be a busy weekend. Please remember Station Road will be busy from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. both mornings so worth avoiding, as there will be lots of people parking cars, then crossing the road to take part in the Tournament.

I'm crossing my fingers for the sun to shine with no wind or rain for both June and July. feel free to join me I'm sure we could all do with the better weather both for ourselves and our gardens.

Wendy Lewis



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Newton St Cyres FC

– June Update

It's been a long time coming but the season has now come to a close, on the pitch at least. It almost feels like the season has come in two halves with the long layoff over

winter which saw no games played for 7 weeks. Despite the length of the season, once you reach the end of it you'd do anything for a few more games to help avoid the list of jobs and chores that need to be done which you managed to put off for the last nine months...

Overall, it's been an excellent season for the Club, particularly in the adult section as both teams have achieved promotion from their respective divisions. It's also seen the formation of our new Under 7s team although it has been the last season for the Under 16s as they hopefully progress on into our senior teams.

In the next edition we will provide an end of year review, but until then we'll fill you in on the final fixtures of the season. With the back log that needed to be caught up on, there's quite a few to fit in!

The Reserves, finished the season well. They've come a long way since August and eventually finished third in the division. Seven games have been played since the last report and it started well with a win against Open Space (7-1). The next game was a narrow victory against Otterton and being 2-nil down at the break, this was a top result. We visited Cheriton Fitz and saw them off 5-1 on a bobbly, hard pitch and this was followed by one of the performances of the season against Tedburn in the derby, 4-nil was the outcome. In the next game, we knew a win from us and loss by Honiton would secure third place and we did our job with a 4-1 home win against Colaton Raleigh. Fortunately Honiton lost and with two games remaining, we gained promotion. The last two games came against the division champions – Halwill. The first match away was disappointing (5-1 loss) but the return leg was a totally different affair as we ran out 10-2 winners. A fine way to finish the season!

The First team have squeezed in 11 games since our last report which started well against division champions Dolphin 1 -1 and Crediton at home (2- nil win). It continued with a 5-1 win at Winkleigh but the run stalled slightly with a 3 all draw against Hemyock. Results picked up again with another three wins against Tedburn (2-1), Ottery (1-0) and University (1-0). In the last two games South Zeal stubbornly held us to a 1-all draw whilst the final game resulted in 7-2 win away against the University. The home win against the University confirmed third place for the Firsts and this has seen them achieve their second successive promotion, a great success!

The Under 16s have now come to the end of their journey through youth football. They have come a long way since the summer when it wasn't clear if they would continue or not, so this has been a successful season despite some of the results. Unfortunately the season didn't finish quite how we would have liked and the last four matches resulted in four losses, although they were unlucky not to pick up a few points in some very close matches. They have now gone on their summer break and we hope to see them back again as they integrate into the senior section.

The Under 11s have finally reached the end of their season after clearing a big back log which saw them playing twice and even three times a week in the final month. The season finished with mixed results with 6 losses although they managed a win and a draw as well. The team are continuing to train for a few more weeks until the summer break in July so they can at least enjoy some belated sunshine!

The Under 7s are progressing well and took part in their second mini tournament at Ladysmith School in Exeter in May. They took part in four matches and managed to come away with a draw and a win, not that it mattered much to them as they just look forward to playing - whatever the outcome. We've booked in to attend some summer tournaments during June so fingers crossed we have a better summer this year....

AGM (Thursday 13th June) We are holding the Club's AGM at the Recreation Ground Clubhouse on the 13th from 7pm. Anyone interested in getting involved or hearing about the progress over the last season and plans for the next is welcome to attend.

Magic night

A night of magic is on offer at the Recreation Ground on Friday 21st June. The night starts a 7pm and will entertain children and adults with stage performances and table demonstrations from a number of magicians. Tickets to the event are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. Contact the Club Chairman - Graham (01392 851277) to buy your tickets. (note: Bar will be open)

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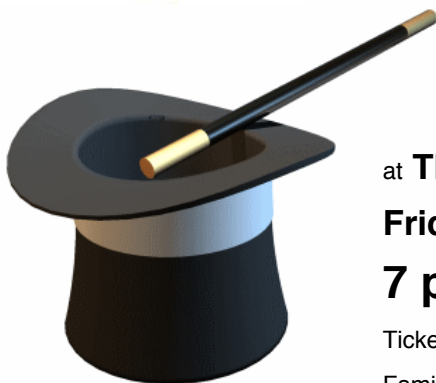
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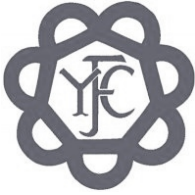
Friday 21st. June

7 p.m.

Tickets:- Adults £5, Children £3

Family Ticket £15 (2 Adults+ 2 Children)

Tickets from Club Chairman - 851277



Young Farmers Club

Newton St Cyres Young Farmers Club have been keeping busy the past few months. They have competed in Haldon groups pool, skittles and darts league to determine which club represents the group at county level. The club represented the group in the skittles where they came

fourth overall.

We recently had a speaker on alcohol awareness, which was very informative for the members.

At the last meeting Dr Richard D'Souza, a Consultant Nephrologist at the Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Trust was at the meeting to receive a cheque on behalf of the Kidney Development Fund kindly presented by the past chairman Tom Lee. Members had been busy fundraising over the past year, for this very worthwhile cause.

The majority was raised through dung sales, carol singing, car washes and draws to raise an amazing £2250. This money will go towards equipment in the Creedy Ward at the hospital. Members are now busy focusing on completing their entries for the young farmers tent at the Devon County Show with many classes entered. This year's chosen charity is the Farm Crisis Network and we are currently holding our annual dung sale to raise money for the charity.

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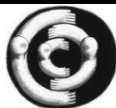
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As if this wasn't enough, we have arranged three residential adventure holidays so that the children can get to know each other a bit better! First to go away were the year four children who spent a long weekend at Beam House in North Devon. For many it was their first experience of being away from home but they came through with flying colours, taking part in a wide range of activities that included body-boarding out to sea!

Next it was the turn of the year five children who went away to the Dartmoor Training Centre. Their week included archery, art and shelter building in the forest but the highlight for most of them was the opportunity to go caving at Priddamsleigh – a never to be forgotten experience that really challenges the bravest of folk!

Our last residential is reserved for the year six children who will be going away to Grenville House at Brixham Harbour for a long weekend of water sports and team building activities later this month. These children are really cementing their friendships with each other as they prepare to leave primary school and move on to their chosen High Schools. It is very rewarding to learn how much they appreciate these opportunities to spend time with a wider peer group than their village school allows for – they really do have the best of both worlds now!

Perhaps one of the most outstanding recent achievements these children have completed though was a sixteen mile walk, map reading across the moor in teams of four, to take part in the Exmoor Youth Challenge. We entered six federation teams for this event and they were all successful in completing the gruelling event. As the youngest age group taking part, they made us very proud, with many of the groups completing the route in very fast times indeed. It is the kind of activity that will never be forgotten by the twenty-four children that took part and may even inspire them to enter the Ten Tors across Dartmoor as they get older!

All of these activities add to the richness and variety of life in school – we want the very best

of opportunities for the young people in our care and will always seek to provide a well-rounded education for them all. If you would like to find out more about the three schools then please take a few minutes to visit our brand new website at www.exevalleyfederation.co.uk where you can keep up to date with all the latest news!

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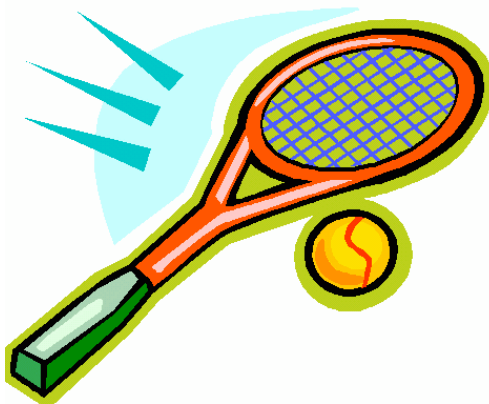
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Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

Seventeen club members turned up for maintenance day on Sunday 21st April, armed with a trailer and strimmers, a rake and teak oil, brushes, a Hoover, buckets and jif, weeding tools, gloves and brushes, milk and flapjacks, and plenty of energy. Everything looks spick and span. It is truly a case of many hands making light work. Thank you to all.



Our Wimbledon tickets have now all been allocated, and all those attending are keeping their fingers crossed for dry, warm weather!

The Club Championships will get underway on Sunday 2nd June, with qualifying for the Ladies and Mens Doubles competitions, followed by Mixed Doubles qualifying on 9th June. The Singles competitions kick off at the beginning of July. A Junior Singles tournament is being arranged, with several age-group categories. More info to follow (also posted on the website).

The 4 Men's teams, 2 Ladies' teams and 1 Mixed team are continuing to battle away against stiff opposition, though some poor weather has forced a few postponements.

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 at 10am and Fridays at 2pm, and all adults are welcome. We are also introducing a new Saturday morning adult session, for 'rusty returners' – those who have not played for a while and would like to test their tennis legs before coming along to one of the main club sessions. Full details on the website.

All up to date information can be found on our website
www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk.

Alternatively you may call our Membership Secretary Laura Leigh on 01647 24259.

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Parish Council report May 2013

Eight Councillors attended the May meeting of NSC Parish Council and were joined by Cllr Peter Hare-Scott (MDDC) and Cllr Margaret Squires (DCC). Margaret was welcomed to her first meeting since her election.

As this was the meeting where new officers are elected we started with these important elections. David Baker was re-elected as Chairman with Jim Enright continuing as Vice Chairman. All the Cllrs were elected to take on various roles of responsibility in the Parish and a full list of these will appear in the Annual Report and Directory which will be delivered to all households early in June. Cllr Margaret Squires congratulated the Parish Council on being such an active Council and sharing out the responsibilities. She also commented on the cleanliness and tidiness of the village and passed on her good wishes to all who help to keep it looking so good.

Mid Devon District Council. Cllr Peter Hare-Scott reported that John Berry is the new Chairman of MDDC and would hope to attend a Parish Council meeting. The recycling problem in Pump Street and Station area would be resolved as the recent decision had been reversed. The problem of the failed light in the entrance to the car park continued as neither MDDC or DCC were responsible for its maintenance. This will be referred to the Hall Committee for their consideration.

Highways issues. Cllr Margaret Squires noted the problems and on-going concerns on Highways matters and agreed to talk to the right department to ascertain where in the system some of these works now stood. The Parish Council agreed that Cllrs would undertake some of the tasks themselves as funds were tight for some of the smaller jobs.

Grants. The Council agreed to make the following grants this year: Parish Hall - £600 (under a long-standing arrangement concerning the car park); The Recreation

Ground (part-payment of rent) - £495; The Church - £650 and a grant towards the Parish Hall roof renewal - £500.

General. The A377 Action group agreed to continue to meet with Cllrs from Upton Pyne P C to press for some form of speed restriction in the black spots on the A377. The Council will try to obtain the figures recorded by the 'black boxes' and analyse the results to strengthen their case.

Cllr Tim Sedgwick was appointed to be the liaising Cllr for the Neighbourhood Community Support Group. This group would include the Neighbourhood Health Watch, Neighbourhood Watch, Snow Wardens and the Flood Plan Group and Simon Lovell from the Crown & Sceptre would act as co-ordinator and initial contact for all these volunteer groups.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall on **Monday 3rd June at 7.30 pm.** All parishioners are very welcome to attend. The next Parish Surgery will be on Saturday 22nd June in conjunction with the Mini Market in the Parish Hall (10.30 am to 12 noon). Again, everyone is welcome to come along and talk to the Cllrs on duty.

Cllr J Baker, Press Officer

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Annual Parish Meeting report

More than thirty parishioners attended the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 8th May to hear the reports from the Chairman of the Council, Devon County Council, Mid Devon District Council and the financial position of the Council.

Local groups also presented reports – The Primary School (Glynis Harris), The Church of St Cyr and Julitta (Bill Holt), The Parish Hall (Roger Wilkins) and the Recreation Ground Club (John Quicke). Other groups put on displays around the Hall and these included the Arboretum, Table Tennis, the History Group, the Gardening Club, the Friends of NSC Station, Neighbourhood Healthwatch and the Friends of Newton School.

Rhys Davies, Highways Neighbourhood Manager for Devon County Council was the main speaker and he outlined the financial problems being experienced by DCC at present. Devon has 8,000 miles of roads to maintain and a budget of £75million of which £33million is revenue budget and £42million is capital budget. Maintenance of the street lighting and traffic lights and general winter maintenance take up a large proportion of this budget and the repair of potholes is a continuing concern.

Rhys explained that DCC have to make some tough decisions and the bad weather experienced over the last months has meant an increase in maintenance and repair costs for landslips and storm damage.

However Rhys was able to pass on some more encouraging news as he could confirm that the Parish Lengthsman would still visit the village on 4 days per year and DCC are looking at ways of enabling parishioners to be covered by insurance if they take on maintenance tasks around the parish, such as storm damage repair.

At the end of the meeting three presentations were made; The Parish Council made a small presentation to Michael Lee who had been our County Councillor for about 17 years and had always been a great support to NSC.

Cllr Bob Collier, Vice Chairman of Devon Association of Parish Councils presented a certificate to Cllr James Walters in appreciation of his 40 years' service on the Parish Council. The third presentation was to Roger Wilkins as he had been nominated as the first recipient of the certificate and plaque in Recognition of Voluntary Service to the parish.



Cllr J Baker

Roger Wilkins receives his award from Cllr Bob Collier

Photo by Sue Read, Crediton Courier

Do You Remember June

June 1973

The Football Club had won the Devon International Cup, 6-1 against Bere Alston.
The Flower Club were organising a Flying Competition at its Flower Show.
John Quicke and Stanley Perriam were not standing for the Parish Council at the elections.
Mr Board of Castlands was delivering Farm Bottled Milk and eggs, cream and butter. He had Channel Island cows.

June 1983

New telephone numbers were to be used with 851 at the beginning.
The Summer Show and Gymkhana were advertised in aid of the School Swimming pool fund as urgent repairs were needed and a possible all weather protection.
The St Cyres Players finished high in the order with their One Act play at Exmouth.
The Newton Walkabout took place in bad weather with water-logged ground in many places.
Norman Down was successful in the Mid Devon District Council elections and nomination forms for the vacant place on the Parish Council were available.
Susan Mitchell was elected YFC Dairy Maid for East Devon.
The Playgroup was advertising for a Supervisor to start in September.

June 1993

Gardening tips on summer bedding in tubs, troughs and baskets appeared in an article.
An appeal was launched for used greetings cards etc. for the Handicrafts Group by Pauline Loo.
At the Parish Council the Chairman's report for the Annual Parish Meeting included details of more trains stopping at Newton St Cyres in the 1992 timetable but there were still

Newton St Cyres 200 Club

**The May draw took place at the Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
on 4th May 2013 and the winners are:**

No	125	J Brock	£10
No	123	R Dowle	£10
No	136	A Westaway	£10
No	71	J Rendle	£10

and the two Bonus numbers

No	75	J Fee	£25
No	19	O Cheriton	£25

The collectors are doing a grand job and 80% of the subscriptions are now in, so at the time of writing – early May - I am off on holiday to France with the knowledge we *might* once again have a full house, I'll let you know in the next report.

Good luck to you all.

Daphne 01392 851639

problems of accessing the trains from the platform.

Newton St Cyres had entered the Best Kept Village competition and were appealing to everyone to help to keep the village tidy.

The Twinning group presented the telephone box to the Mayor of Rots and it now stands outside the Post Office in the Square.

An Exemption Dog Show was planned at the Recreation Ground with a car boot sale in an adjacent field in aid of Cancer Research.

An eggless boiled fruit cake was the chosen recipe this month.

The Playgroup received £100 from British Telecom.

The Afternoon Club had visits planned to Burnham-on-Sea and Dawlish

Also planned were an Art and Flower Festival in Church and a Craft Fair with refreshments in the Parish Hall.

June 2003

Following Andrew Wherrett's letter printed in May, Hilda Mears relates her experiences when moving to the village in 1957 and the kindness shown to her and her family.

The monthly Mini Market had started to serve Breakfasts and Brunch.

A meeting was held to discuss Network Rail's proposal to erect a Communications Mast at Newton Station.

The Tennis Club organised its First American Tournament and Katie Lee was the Ladies winner and Neville Lane and John Simcock, the men's winners.

Vodafone were applying for planning permission to erect a 45 foot mast by the Telephone Exchange in Tytheing Close which the Parish Council were opposed to.

COFFEE MORNING

**The Gardening Club are holding
another of their special Coffee
Mornings in
The Parish Hall
Saturday 1st June (10.30 am to 12
noon)**

Thorverton Country Show



The popular Thorverton Country Show, which started as a Vintage Rally in 1995 and has evolved year on year into the Show we know and love today, will not be taking place in 2013. Instead the new Committee has taken the decision to hold a Family Fun Day on 8th June at Thorverton Memorial Hall, from 10am to 4pm.

There will be lots of activities for the whole family, including a climbing wall, children's entertainment, fun run, dance workshops, Family Dog Show, Homecraft competition and much more with **free entry**. As this coincides with the Thorverton Saturday market date we are incorporating an outdoor market and inviting local crafters and traders to have a stall at very competitive rates.

We would also like to invite local voluntary and community organisations to take part in the Fun Day and run an activity or stall to raise funds for their own organisation in return for a small donation to the Thorverton Country Show.

If you are interested in being involved in the organisation of the Fun Day or having a stall or activity, or for further information please contact Caroline Taverner on 01392 860069 or see our website at www.thorvertoncountryshow.co.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.

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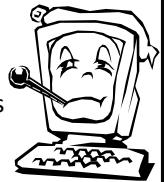
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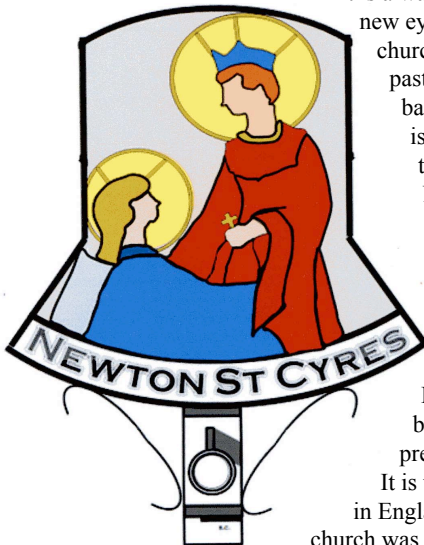
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Newton St Cyres



It is always good to learn to look at the world around you with new eyes, and I now know that the tower at Stoke Canon church is a rectangle and not a square. When you drive past, (and only if you are a passenger!) turn to look backwards and you can see that the side facing the road is longer, to be more impressive to the passer-by. Our talk on Thursday was on Towers and Bells of Netherexe Parishes, but was centred on Stoke Canon church, and was given by Derek Jackson who has been researching its history.

The church was in need of expensive restoration, particularly the roof, and it took over half a million pounds to get the building back into order. Funds came from English Heritage and the Heritage Lottery Fund, the latter requiring 12 talks about the church and bells as part of the arrangement, hence Mr Jackson's presence in Newton St Cyres.

It is well known that the Victorians rebuilt many churches in England and Stoke Canon was no exception. The medieval church was too small for the growing parish population: it had 110

seats, of which only 20 were free (the rest being assigned pews) and seats were even crammed into the tower area. After the rebuild, there were 450 seats, with 380 being free. The tower was the only section of the building not to be demolished, but a survey of the building has revealed that the curved medieval roof timbers were reused for the sanctuary end of the church in the 1836 rebuild. We were shown pictures of early engravings which showed the church before and after 1836, so you could see how much larger it became, and also how the rebuilt church was whitened in some way, looking quite different from the stone of the original tower.

Another surprising piece of information was that the round staircase turret on Stoke Canon church, which is very similar to the one on our church here, was added on at a later date (in Stoke in the 15th century). A church tower can be climbed by a series of internal, usually wooden, stairs to reach the bell platforms, but an outside stone spiral can be added. At Rewe church the spiral goes only half way up, but at Newton St Cyres and Stoke Canon it goes all the way to the roof.

The second section of the talk was on the bell founders who made the bells for the local churches, Exeter cathedral and indeed the whole south-west. The Pennington Family of Exeter were foremost in the seventeenth century and the Evans family of Chepstow, and also Llewellins and James of Bristol in the 19th century. Newton St Cyres has 2 Evans bells from 1733, and in an interesting reference back to our talk on Norton Cross last autumn, there is an Inventory of 1553 which lists 4 bells at Newton St Cyres and 2 at Norton Chapel.

Early church bells were made of 2 sheets of flat metal, bent over, and clergymen would wander from place to place, then ring the bell to summon worshippers and gather a flock. By medieval times, however, there were over 400 churches in Devon but 1000 or more chapels, often at the junctions of the parish boundaries (e.g. Cowley Bridge as mentioned by Nick Baker in his talk). Mr Jackson showed us a map of where the main bell casting floors were in Exeter, but it is also the case that bell founders would go to a locality and cast the bells on site. Of course they would make tripod cooking pots and similar things as well, in the meantime.

Bell casting was clearly thirsty work, shown by the Warden's Accounts in Rewe 1780 listing '*licker and vittels*' as considerable items. We were told quite a bit of interesting detail on the costs of bells, the metals used (largely copper, with iron and silver), and how old bells are re cast or re used. In 1885 the bell frame and 2 bells at Stoke Canon cost £138. In 2011 re casting two bells cost £9,068. Inscribing bells is expensive now, but 'Come let us Ring for Church and King' and 'Prosperity to those that love good bells' are inscriptions on two of our bells, and I think add to the 'personality' of the bell.

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

June 15th Outing to Pynes and Woodrow Barton led by Nigel Chambers followed by tea with Nick and Jilly Baker at their house in Cowley.

NB A Saturday afternoon. We shall meet in the Village Hall car park at 1.45pm so that we can share cars and we should expect to return by 5pm or soon after. The cost will be £5.50. Both houses have an interesting connection with Jane Austen. If you are keen to join us add your name to the list by ringing Jean 851337 or Isobel 851351.

Sept 19th Helen Turnbull - The Story of a Manor – Chudleigh 1050-2012

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NEWTON IN WORLD WAR 1: A HISTORY GROUP AND COMMUNITY PROJECT

As next year will be the Centenary of the outbreak of World War 1, the History Group wish to find out as much as possible about how our village was affected by the war.

There are many aspects to consider. We hope to collect memorabilia and oral history from long-established village families and find out about serving personnel, their regiments and campaigns and relationship with present Newton St Cyres families. A key aspect will be to look at the village itself and how employment, farming, food, transport, schooling and entertainment were affected.

Sources of information include old newspapers, directories, school log books church records etc, as well as census material. We hope to report the findings by autumn 2014. To be successful this must be a community project, with individuals and small groups taking on particular aspects.

Some very quick research into some of the names on the War Memorial gave interesting results. The village lost its 'squire', young Edward Quicke, in the first few weeks of hostilities. The Vicar, Canon Boles, lost a son who was in the Flying Corps and the former village shop-keeper, Mrs Knowles, lost a son and grandson. The gamekeeper's only son, Tom Nicholls, a school teacher in Kent, died two days after the war ended and John Crump, an Able Seaman on HMS Cumberland, died of disease during October 1918, after serving off Cameroon.

More details will be given in the next Newton Wonder, but please contact me if you have any ideas, can provide information or help in any way, even for only an hour or two.

Roger Wilkins, Coordinator

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Upton Pyne War Memorial

Do you know anything about any of the Upton Pyne men who died in the First World War and are listed on the village war memorial?

Next year is the 100th anniversary of the start of WW1, and the Friends of Upton Pyne hope to organise a commemorative exhibition. If you can tell us anything at all about any of the names below please get in touch with Linda Findlay at Robins Cottage (tel: 841402) or email friendsofuptonpyne@yahoo.co.uk. Please also let us know if you could help to research our WW1 village history over the coming months.

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Walter Ellis
Ben Ellis
Percival Ellis
Wallace Chaulker
Thomas Forward
William Hawkins
George Parker
Alfred Perkins
Charles Stoneman
Alfred Wyatt
Lionel Bamsey

NEWTON RAMBLERS

Sunday 16th June

The walk this month will be held on **Sunday evening** and not Sunday morning as usual. We will be walking on Dartmoor and if the weather is good we can expect a lovely evening walk close to the longest day.

We will meet in the Newton St Cyres village hall car park at 5.00 pm on Sunday evening, with a view to taking a minimum number of cars.

We will be walking above the car park above Okehampton Camp and will walk across to High Willhays, the highest point on Dartmoor, and then back down. The walk should take approximately 2 hours.



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Garden Club News



On 25th April we had an interesting interactive session with John Watts from Otter Nurseries who encouraged us to consider: What is a seed and what does a seed need to grow into a plant?

When the process of reproduction in a flowering plant is complete seeds are formed. The seeds vary in size, shape and colour and contain the genetic material at the centre, with an outer coating called the “seed coat” which contains the food store. Flowering plants need to make seed to reproduce and spread. Seeds can be spread by being blown in the wind, sticking to insects or swallowed and excreted by animals or birds. By this method the seed coat is weakened enough in the digestive tract of the host to begin

germination. People pay a lot of money for kopi Luwak which is a gourmet coffee which has passed through Indonesian monkeys' digestive tracts. More primitive plants such as mosses, ferns and liverworts do not produce seed at all but reproduce by releasing spores.

Seeds can lay dormant in the soil for a long time until the right conditions prevail. For example the Rose bay willow herb or fireweed will quickly colonise open areas following a forest fire and buddleia was quick to grow on the bomb sites after the 2nd world war. I guess like me though, if you have paid good money for seed, you will be keen to give it the best start in life. See it grow into a strong healthy plant and not leave anything to chance. Seeds need varying conditions to grow, including the correct temperature, water, oxygen and either light or sometimes darkness. The best indicator of the germination requirements of the seed comes from thinking about where and how it would germinate in the wild.

Water enough to break the seed coat but not drown the seed. This releases the food stores to feed the roots and stem until there are green leaves to make energy for growth from photosynthesis. I discovered that the uptake of water by the seed is known as imbibition. So there is a word to drop into the conversation at the local garden club meeting!

Oxygen is required by the germinating seed for metabolism and aerobic respiration which is the main source of the seedlings energy until it grows leaves. Regarding the temperature, most common vegetable seeds have an optimal germination temperature of 24–32 degrees Celsius.

Use the best compost that you can afford and add some perlite (about 20%) to allow free drainage. Fill your tray or pot and level off the compost, then wet it well before sowing the seed. You should not wet it again until, the seed has germinated. Prevent it drying out by covering with vermiculite. Generally small seeds should be just covered, although I am growing lemon grass for the first time this year and that had

to germinate on top of the soil. Larger seeds should be planted at the depth which is the equivalent measurement to their length. Use sieved compost on top of the seed. Do not allow overcrowding when sowing as the seedlings will be at risk of damping off. Apparently the trick when sowing small seed is to wet a cocktail stick and then you can pick up one seed at a time. Seedlings should be carefully pricked out when they have their first proper leaves.

So there you have it! Now all you have to do is get out there, germinate, propagate and enjoy your garden.

Anne Rice

Why not join us for our next meeting on 6th July which is an outing to The Garden House at Buckland Monochorum cost £6.50 with the option of going on to Buckland Abbey (National Trust property.)

Jill Baker is taking names if you wish to join us her contact details are:

01392 851752 davidbaker687@btinternet.com we will be sharing cars and leaving from the village car park at 9.30am.

The Garden club would like to invite you to join them in Newton St Cyres Village Hall on 1st June for coffee and homemade cake between 10.30 and 12midday. Hope to see you there.



Garden Extravaganza!

It's gardeners' delight at Brampford Speke on Sunday, June 9 when the village church plays host to a Garden Extravaganza!

Plantsmen and women can stock up on a range of horticultural bargains as well as enjoying a ploughman's lunch or cream tea - or both!

There will be stalls selling plants, shrubs and seeds, a variety of gardening essentials including aprons and tools, the village's famous homemade cakes, plus a prize draw.

Ploughman's lunches plus teas and coffees will be available from noon to 3pm with cream teas available from 2.30pm.

Younger visitors are invited to enter a competition for a garden on a plate and adults can submit their best garden-related photograph. There will be prizes for the winners of both categories. Entries can be taken to the church on the day or given to organisers Cynthia Street, telephone 01392 841975, or Shirley Madge, 01392 841784, in advance.

Monthly Gardening notes for June from Bert Jewell

General Garden Tasks.

1. Clip fast growing hedges.
2. Lift Tulip bulbs.
3. Hang out planted baskets.
4. Harvest Strawberries.
5. Mow lawns regularly.
6. Plant Runner and French Beans.

Trees, Shrubs and Climbers.

The Spring flowering shrubs such as Camellias and Rhododendrons have now finished flowering and will benefit from a tidy up and feed. Remove dead flowers from Camellias and lightly prune to maintain the desired shape or size. Remove dead flowers from Rhododendrons by carefully snapping them off, only prune if absolutely necessary and feed with Ericaceous plant food.

Clip hedges such as Privet, Lonicera Nitida and Box, and tidy the growth on Clematis Montana varieties.

Flowers.

Sweet Peas will benefit from a regular feeding with a fertiliser containing a high percentage of Phosphate, this encourages root development. I use a high Phosphate feed that is mixed with water and used once a week. Sheep droppings soaked in water is also a good source of feed.

Dead head Roses and remove any suckers that grow up from the root stock.

Lift Hyacinth and Tulip bulbs once the foliage has died down, dry them off and store in a well ventilated shady shed or garage until next Autumn.

Put up hanging baskets and keep watered.

Fruit.

It's Strawberry time! And the best way to pick them is to take the fruit from the plant with a short stalk, this reduces the risk of grey mould taking hold of small bits of fruit that may be left on the calyx.

Lawns.

Lawns have responded to the warmer weather and are now looking much greener than they did in mid to late April.

Mow regularly, and if the weather becomes hot and dry, raise the deck a notch or two. Put grass cuttings on the compost heap only if there are no weed seed heads or lawn weed killer present.

Vegetables.

To anyone who has grown early Potatoes this could be the month to enjoy your first meal of new ones. Don't get out your digger or spade as they may not be ready, but move the soil around with your fingers, any that are a reasonable size can be harvested and leave the smaller ones to carry on developing, but recover them with soil or they will go green and be inedible.

Plant out Runner and French Beans.

You can still sow seed of Lettuce, Spring Onions, Carrots and Peas.

Plant of the Month.

Geranium "Johnson's Blue".

A good ground cover hardy variety. Grows to about 18" high and flowers from May to August, in well drained soil, in sun or light shade. Cut down with shears in Autumn.

Friend or Foe.

Leafcutter Bee.

About 1" in length and orangey brown in colour. The female cuts small round sections from leaves usually from Rose bushes and rolls them up into a cell in which she lays one egg. She then puts the cell into a pipe or crevice, each cell is food for the grub when it emerges.

Rainfall in our garden during April was 19mm and the lowest temperature was -1.7

Enjoy your gardening.

June on the Farm

The late spring means everything is now happening at once – spring flowers are late, and the summer ones come at their normal time. The leaves are turning from their spring variety of colour and rapid changes to their summer richness, flouncy like a prom dress. The birds seem to sing the louder: the house martens in the nest above my window are particularly chatty, even quarrelsome, by the noise. One chick or another seems always racketing about something. The hen pheasants, so courted and sought after by the cocks, disappear into the hedge to lay eggs, then disappear into the fox. The fox played a clever game. Tom saw him strolling past them quietly and carefully when they were out and about. Then when they sat, he could just pick them, and their eggs, off at his leisure.

CROPS – The crops are just getting going – we re-drilled about half the crops after the winter, so the fields looked bare late, then slowly cover the field, ears emerging, that beautiful sight of the pale green barley beards making the wind visible across the field. We watch for the late-drilled maize to emerge: the spring has been cooler than it likes: the bare soil wastes the sunlight, so I will the leaves up, so the sunlight is captured: only when the leaves meet in the rows do they start to motor away, then producing more leaves until the soil is almost all in shade.

GRASS – The grass was slow too, to get going – so maybe its peak growth will stretch into June. We will make silage this month, capturing the growth the cows can't eat and shifting it to the winter. It's late – normally we would cut last month. We anxiously watch the grass and the weather, waiting for five days or so of fine weather. Then we mow the grass, spread it with a tedder, its long whirling fingers looking like a mad contraption, spreading then rowing up the next day. Then the forage harvester, the great beast, roars down the rows consuming them and throwing them into its attendant trailers, hauled by tractors dwarfed by the harvester. The tractors are in a stately dance into the field, wait to be filled, along the lane and tip at the silage pit,

knowing where the other ones are to pass them seamlessly . The loader at the pit drives up onto the heap while the trailer disgorges its green gold. Up the trailer tips, up the gate goes, trailer nearly vertical before the gob of grass moves slowly, then the tractor pulls forward to let all the grass out in a whoosh. The loader brings the grass to the top of the heap, rolling it to squeeze all the air out. When all the grass is in, we sheet it let the fermentation turn the sugar into acid to pickle the grass.

COWS – We had a long low peak of milk as the cows took longer to get going, with less grass early, but they've carried on producing more. Just now, in June, the milk is reducing a little. The cows are in the middle of bulling, the urgent desire to get in calf fulfilled as we watch and select out the hot from the not. We pull out the cows who were at peak bulling yesterday, standing rock steady while another cow mounts them, and serve them today. We select which cow gets which bull – if your sire was a Friesian, you'll get a Swedish Red; if a Swedish Red, a Holstein whose daughters graze well or Montbeliard depending on how stocky or delicately boned you are. We are happy with the milk our cross bred cows produce – good ratio of fat and protein, good strong protein for good bodied cheese, and cows happy to graze outside all year, fertile, long lived and good feet and legs to walk to the pasture.

HEIFERS – We get the teenagers pregnant, too; we were worried they were too small after the difficult season and poorer silage, but we topped them up with a little cake and the grass magically grew and most of the group made the weight they needed to safely carry a calf. We are choosing very gorgeous and beautiful young bulls to play with them once we'd given them all a chance for a dairy calf. The girls look very happy and adoring, and I think they look tasty too. We plan to have beef from the progeny in the shop in good time, so you can share in the pleasure.

CALVES – We are weighing calves as they grow to get a better handle on growth as they go on; that allows us to think about what they need to keep them growing on. Tina is now responsible for making sure they grow on: it's easier when someone is championing their cause.

CHEESE – the long peak kept the cheesemakers busy longer. The nursery stores look very full with beautiful even cheese – we now weigh each cheese as we make it, and it is surprising how additionally lovely it looks that they are all the same size. We've just got some new moulds, so the cheeses all look smooth and perfect. I check all the stores on Saturday mornings, and I found myself gazing at their gorgeousness.

RECIPE – My son Mikey sent me this recipe for Wild Garlic Pesto. 'Stinking Lily' grows in Devon's moist woodland valley bottoms, and leaves, flowers and bulbs give a gentle garlic flavour. The season is a late, so the leaves will still be around. If not, the bulbs are underground if you know where the wild garlic grew.

- 100g (3½ oz) Wild garlic

- 100g (3½ oz) Quicques Traditional Vintage Cheddar cubes
- 100g (3½oz) Roasted cashew nuts.
- Salt
- Ground black pepper
- 100ml Extra virgin olive oil

Blend it together, use on pasta or as a sauce for meat dishes, delicious as a canapé on toast.

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Mini Market - a note from Pat Butt

The next Mini Market will be on Saturday June 22nd. 2013 from 10:30 am till 12 noon.

Don't forget to come and meet friends over coffee, tea, soft drinks and bacon butties. All the usual stalls:- meat, vegetables, cakes, pasties, plants, hand crafted cards, bric a brac, jewellery and toys (in aid of Cancer Research). There will be a stall from the village school and the Parish Council "surgery".

If you would like a stall or have any other good ideas please contact Pat on 01392 861131.

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On the following Saturdays
It is hoped to have other attractions at these events also.

Dates for your Diary are:
Church Gardening Club

6 July
7 September
9 November

1 June
3 August
5 October

These will all be held in the Parish Hall during the morning.
Please watch Notice Boards and the Newton Wonder for
further details.

Community Support Group

At the recent neighbourhood Health Watch Coffee Morning, held on 11th May, the group were filmed by Toby Emmins from the Neighbourhood Health Watch team. He is making a promotional film to help spread the word about Neighbourhood Health Watch schemes.

Sharon Taylor, the deputy Chief Constable wants to learn more about the scheme and will be returning to Newton St Cyres on 1st July at 2pm.

At the next meeting Elaine Cook from the Community Council of Devon will be speaking about Health Watch. This is an advice and consultative scheme which is a new way of involving local people in the running of the NHS.

Patient participation groups were discussed and Barbara reported that there was now a group at Newombes Surgery. Chiddenbrook has had one for some considerable time.

A plan has been drawn up to expand the computing facilities at the Crown and Sceptre which are available for anyone to use. Heidi and Simon are going to purchase the new items. A big thank you was made for all the donations towards this project especially the contributions made by Mid Devon District Council, through the County Council's town and parish (T.A.P.) funding and a contribution of £500 from the police. Apparently the latter came from the proceeds of crime fund. So we can thank local criminals!

The official launch of the Neighbourhood Health Watch will take place on 22nd June from 2-4pm. Additional groups from around the country will be coming to see how we started and finding out how we got to where we are today. A marquee will be set up to display our work as the Neighbourhood Health Watch, as well as craft work from the local village school and local music acts who will play free of charge. Included in the event will be lots of activities including a bucking Bronco – which will be alternated for speed and age group – and some Beer goggles which Keith will bring to promote responsible drinking through awareness of the effects of alcohol. For more information on this event and any other queries on the matters discussed during the meeting, please contact Simon.

It was also decided that Simon would be the primary contact for the village, so that in the case of an emergency, whether it would be flooding or someone in need of medical treatment, Simon would be able to contact the necessary people and would be available to take the call.

Keith is enthusiastic about the idea of providing a defibrillator for parish use. Many villages in Somerset have this provision through local businesses and Keith volunteered to seek contributions.

As always, the meeting held a positive vibe even though the weather outside was gloomy. Coffee, tea, biscuits, and cakes were served, including those made by Francesca Ward who got up early in order to make the biscuits for the NHW meeting as part of her Duke of Edinburgh bronze award. Her recipe is printed in this issue of the Newton Wonder.

The next meeting will be held on 15th June 10.30 am in the Crown and Sceptre.

Sophie Ward

The Drama Group..... recalled by Hilda Mear in 1998

I had lived with my family in the village for quite a few years, a village of about 800 people, which produced a large Flower and Vegetable Show once a year, a Fete, Jumble Sales, and so on, but there was little taking place in the Parish Hall.

We had had a grand refurbishment of our Hall, and it now boasted a splendid stage, two dressing-rooms, plus a kitchen and the usual offices. It was crying out to be used. So it was with great excitement that I spotted a card in the Post Office window, asking that anyone interested in being part of a Drama Group, to please attend a meeting in the School on the named evening.

On that evening there was a power cut, a long one, so the School was lit by candles. A sizeable number of folk turned up and by the end of the evening we had our producer, who knew which play he wanted to produce, and we had decided to put on a three-act play twice a year, in Spring and Autumn.

We read the play through, the casting was done, back-stage jobs distributed and rehearsal dates arranged. This latter took some time to arrange because one person could manage Mondays, another Tuesday and so on, but we bumbled along and worked out a rota somehow. We did decide to make the producer's decision paramount and that proved to be extremely useful over the years to come.

The formation of that Drama Group was to bring into our lives a great mixture of emotions; laughter, dismay, terror, hassle and headaches, and disappointments, but overall, so much camaraderie, and the tremendous feeling of pulling together.

We now threw ourselves into six weeks of rehearsal, three evenings each week. Families were roped in to help and proved invaluable in hearing lines, painting and making scenery, selling tickets, making posters etc.

Suddenly, the opening night was upon us. The Hall looked grand – flower arrangements tastefully placed, soft music playing, the clatter of china in the kitchen, as the coffee ladies prepared for the interval, and in the dressing-rooms, amid the hustle and bustle of changing and make-up, eight budding actors – SCARED TO DEATH! There were cries of “What ARE we doing?” – “We must be mad” – “Can you just hear me say my lines in Act 3?” and so on. In the corridor a couple were pacing up and down repeating lines with maniacal repetition. Despairing looks all round!

The audience was coming in, the set was ready, the prompt in her position behind a false fireplace, and those of us who had been made up and were in costume, gathered on stage to peep through some tiny holes in the rather elderly red curtains. We counted them in, and noted with some satisfaction that the Vicar and his wife were there, in fact, we noted everyone who was there for this great dramatic venture.

Suddenly it was time – the National Anthem played and after much shuffling and scraping of chairs the lights dimmed – we were off!

Those of us not in the first act gathered at the foot of the stairs by the side, and Oh, I shall never forget that first laugh, that wonderful, wonderful sound of an audience caught, transfixed. We

hugged each other, and whispered “They like it, they like it”. And they did, they did! And at the close of the play we took our bows to good applause and as the curtains drew together we kissed and embraced, and danced around the stage.

We’d done it, our very first play, and so we took off our make-up, carefully hung our costumes up and made for the hostelry across the road where we re-lived the whole evening over and over again, agonised over missed lines, exulted in the especially good bits, and left each other most reluctantly.

The group grew and prospered, we went on and on with our productions, but never, never was there a night like that very first, when the sound of laughter was such sweet music to our ears.

We had no Prima Donnas amongst us – if we were not acting then there were dozens of other jobs to be done, and we all took a turn at everything.

We came from all walks of life and were of all ages. The group no longer exists. People have moved away, got older, a few have died, but when those of us who are still here meet, we talk of ‘those days’. We have such memories and it’s the things that went wrong that give us the greatest pleasure to remember.

On one occasion one member of the group needed a prompt and being a bit deaf didn’t catch the first one or the second one, so in desperation bent his head towards the fireplace. The prompter was stationed behind. But in the audience that evening were some members of an Exeter group who had performed the same play, and so they called out the line he needed and he gratefully carried on – Ah! Village life!

We put on a play called ‘Pools Paradise’. One of the acts centred on a missing football pools coupon which had been tucked away under a cushion. There was a lot of hunting and searching going on, when suddenly a lady’s voice from the audience shouted loudly, “It’s under the cushion!” which brought the house down. The young lady in the cast whose mother had thought to help her out, stayed red faced in the wings, muttering “just what mother would be told when she got home that night”.

There was the time when the scene I was in called for a roll of thunder by our usually splendid sound effects man. It was vital to the plot, but it didn’t come. It was the cue for my stage husband and me to exit, but after much ad libbing looking at the window and saying how bad the weather was, we despairingly managed to convey to each other that we’d better exit anyway, and as we walked off, came the roll of thunder. Too late! Come the second act, and while we were waiting to make our entrances to the sound of music, the wrong switch was pulled and out blared the National Anthem. My stage better half, the most mild tempered man imaginable, uttered threats, the like of which I’m sure he’d never said before.

I love also the story I was once told, of a play put on in another area, where it became patently obvious that the cast had never rehearsed with the furniture. The set boasted a splendid old couch with large clawed feet, and every single member of the cast tripped over one of these in passing. How I wish I had been there. I’m sure the members of that particular group must laugh at that memory, just as the rest of us laugh at ours and, I hope, with as much affection.

As I said before, the Group no longer exists but I have a host of memories, some funny, some otherwise, and I’d like to share them with you from time to time.

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WHY? **New youth group
starting soon**

WHO? **Year 6s, 7s, 8s, 9s ...**

WHEN? **Mondays 7.30-9 pm
3rd June & 1st July**

WHAT FOR? **Games ★ food ★ have your say**

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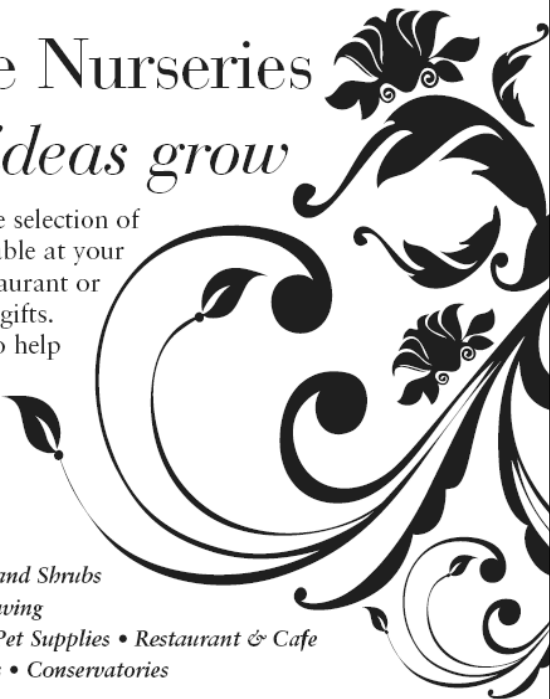
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This is why a new youth group is starting in the Netherexe Parishes at the beginning of June - an advert appears elsewhere in this magazine. It will meet fortnightly on a Monday evening from 7.30pm to 9pm in term-time. The evenings will alternate between a games night and an evening giving opportunity for discussion. The group will meet in Thorverton: the games evenings at the WI Hut next to the recreation ground, and the discussion evenings at someone's home. But the group is very much for the whole area - which includes Brampford Speke, Cadbury, Cowley, Huxham, Netherexe, Newton St Cyres, Poltimore, Rewe, Stoke Canon, Thorverton and Upton Pyne. All young people in the area currently in Years 6 - 9 - and in older school years - are very welcome, and their friends too if they live elsewhere.

Our aims are 'Fun, Friendship, and Foundations for life'. We aim to provide a relaxed, supportive and safe environment where the young people can be themselves and where they can make and deepen friendships. The group will have its own Facebook page. The young people will participate in the decisions made about the group - including its name!

The group will create the space for the young people to be able to explore, with others, how to build healthy foundations for life. As a church-based group the Christian faith will provide the context for doing this. The discussion evenings will offer the most natural opportunities for exploring the issues that the young people face in their lives.

The group will have a leadership team, consisting of Lynda Crossley, Emma Hemmington, Allison Toogood (who looks after the publicity) and myself; I will have overall responsibility for the group. The group receives advice and support from the Exeter Diocesan Youth Advisor, Paul Reisbach.

Having appropriate procedures for the protection of young people is essential. The group will adopt the 'best practice' guidelines recommended by the Diocese of Exeter. For example, these include obtaining written permission from parents for virtual or electronic communication using Facebook, email or texts as well as for face-to-face activities. All the group leaders will have the appropriate DBS clearance (DBS is the Disclosure and Barring Service, which has replaced the Criminal Records Bureau).

We hope that this new group will serve the young people in our area well. Please spread the word amongst them! And if you are a praying person, do pray for our young people.

David Carrington (Curate, Netherexe parishes)



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Saturday 13th July

12 noon

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Daily Morning & Evening Prayer in the Netherexe Parishes

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

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

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

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

Variations: **None.**

Who's Who? Abbreviations Key

DD	The Revd Preb Douglas Dettmer	Rector	01392 860332
SS	The Revd Preb Sue Sheppard	Associate Minister	01392 841284
JD	The Revd Julia Dallen	Assistant Curate	01392 861145
DC	The Revd Dave Carrington	Assistant Curate	01392 841275

Family Services of the Word marked ☺ are led by Lay Teams

For more information about the Netherexe Parishes please see www.netherexe.org or contact:

Mrs Margaret Lowe [Administrator]

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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		Flowers	Cleaning	Brass
June	1	C Dyer	P Burt	J Pyle
	8	O Cheriton	M Walters	A&W Hough
	15	PATRONAL FESTIVAL S Munday	A Ward	C Dyer
	22	M Walters	P Boother	M Snow
	29	A Ward	C Dyer	P Heal
July	6	A Page	A Mitchell	P Burt

JUNE 2013 SERVICES & INFORMATION

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

Sunday 2 June 2013 Trinity 1

09:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	DC
10:00 am	Service With A Smile	☺	Brampford Speke	L Ford
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	JD
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	SS
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Cadbury	DC
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Newton St Cyres	SS

Sunday 9 June 2013 Trinity 2

10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	JD & H Whitty
11:00 am	Joint Service		Thorverton Baptist Church	Baptist Officiant
			Joint with Parish Church	
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	DC
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Huxham	DD

Sunday 16 June 2013 Trinity 3

08:00 am	Holy Communion	[BCP]	Thorverton	DD
09:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Brampford Speke	DC
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Cadbury	JD
10:00 am	Service of The Word		Poltimore	Lay-Led
10:00 am	Family Service & Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	DD
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	DC
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	DD

Sunday 23 June 2013 Trinity 4

09:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Huxham	DD
10:00 am	Service of The Word		Cadbury	Lay-Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	SS & L Ford
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

Wednesday 26 June 2013

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[BCP]	Thorverton	JD
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Sunday 30 June 2013 Trinity 5 Mission Community Service

11:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Netherexe	DD, SS, JD & DC
			<i>Followed by Picnic in the churchyard</i>	

Sunday 7 July 2013 Trinity 6

08:00 am	Holy Communion	[BCP]	Newton St Cyres	DC
10:00 am	Service With A Smile	☺	Brampford Speke	Lay-Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	SS
10:00 am	Service of The Word & Baptism		Stoke Canon	DC
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	JD
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	Michael & Sharon Simpson
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Cadbury	JD
06:30 pm	Songs of Praise		Newton St Cyres	Lay-Led

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 (Crediton)</u>	Newcombes Surgery, - Drs Hall, Saunders, Mays & Harris	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 - Jane Hole	01392 851752 01392 851148
<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	Julie Murphy & Helen Grigg	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
Neighbourhood Watch	Tim Sedgwick	01392 851223

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