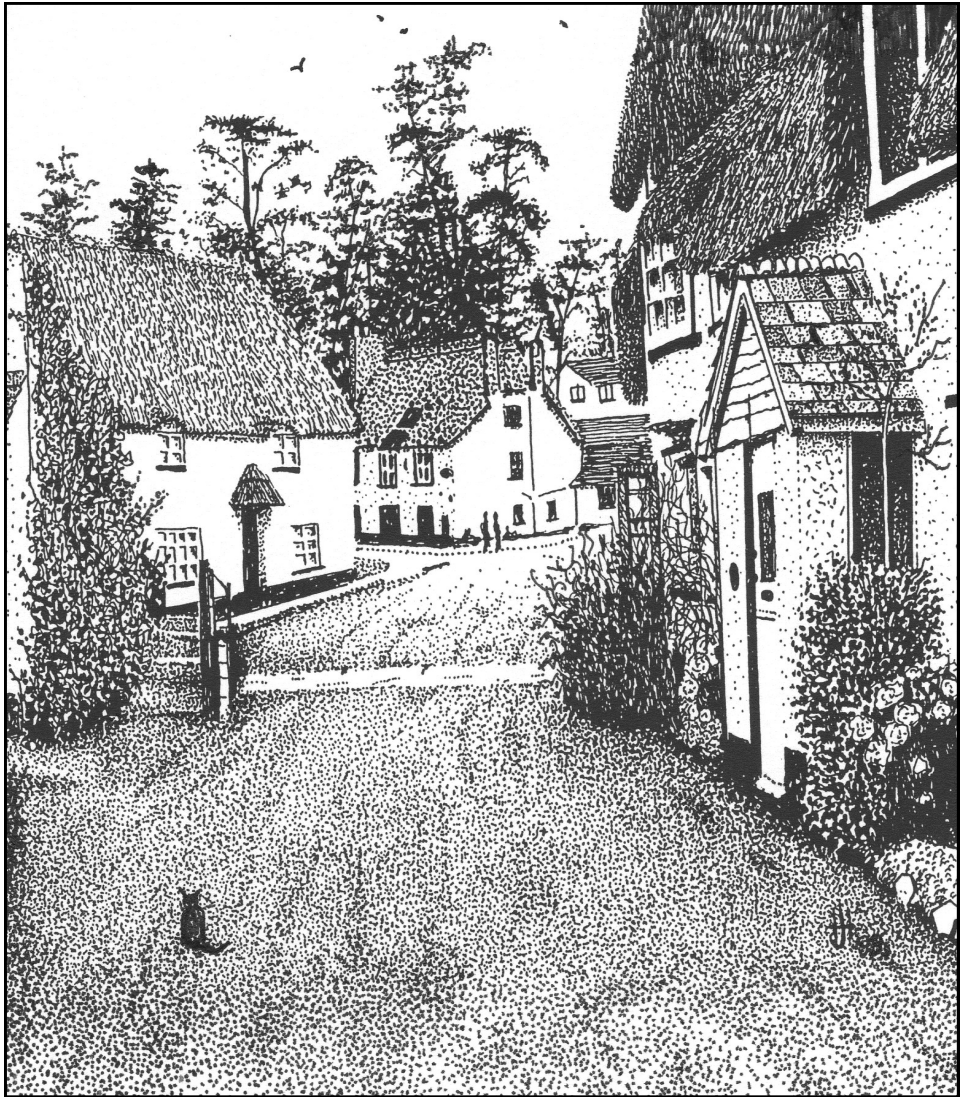


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Summer Gardens

I can hardly believe that June is here already and the spring flowers are giving way to the summer. Gardens are at their best and in June we have a festival of open gardens. Bert Jewell, who writes our monthly gardening notes and his wife, Margaret are opening their garden in Crediton on Sat 13th. and Sun 14th. and raising funds for Hospicecare. On the same Sunday Nick and Jilly Baker are opening their gardens in Cowley.

New Council

Following the elections last month the new council has held its first meeting and the councillors took on their new duties. Only six candidates stood for the office so three more were co-opted; Gina Quicke, Adam Reeves and Jacqui Ward.

We are here for you

The Newton Wonder is here for everyone in the community. The regular contributors are mostly from the groups, clubs and teams running in the village. However, it is important to remember that if you would like to write to interest the community we are keen to publish your writing. Recently we are pleased to have had contributions from different sources, prose and poetry. Keep the contributions coming in.

Community Support Group

Over the last couple of months the Community Support Group has changed the way in which it can be contacted. Instead of one co-ordinator being required to be available 24/7 for 52 weeks there are now two mobile phones which are answered by a volunteer. If one is unavailable (possibly out of range) the other should be. The numbers are 07749 813 244 and 07749 813 233.

Notices:-

Diana Heal and family would like to thank everyone for the support and kindness given during the time of the loss of Philip.

All the Cards, messages and beautiful church flowers gave great comfort at a sad time.

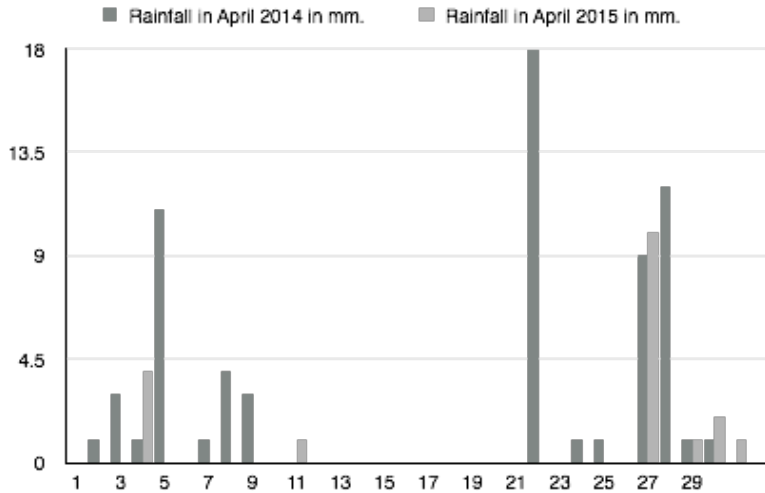


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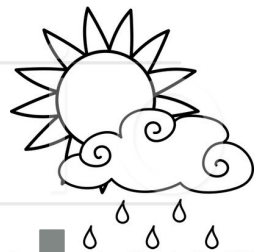
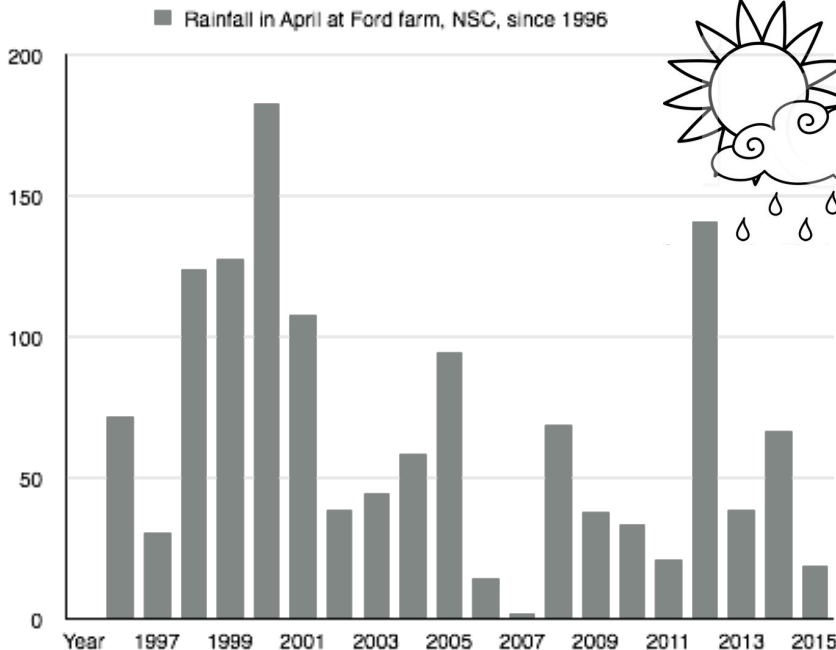
The Weather



James Walters' rain gauge never fails to produce interesting information about the weather.

Shown are the April Rainfall figures for this year and last and below are monthly comparisons of April rainfall

from 1996 to 2015. This year was particularly dry and sunny. As is shown the main rain fell at the end of the month with the 22nd being the wettest. Only 2006 and 2007 were drier than 2015 in the last 19 years.



Annual Parish Meeting report 30 April

The Parish Hall was the venue for the parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting on the 30th April. A good number of parishioners turned out to hear the Chairman's report on the past year and to learn that the accounts of the Council had balanced once again.

The Chairman reported on another busy year and made special mention of the event in October last year when our MP, Mel Stride visited the village to alight from the train at the station onto the newly installed 'Harrington Hump', to unveil the new village sign on the green and to officially welcome the defibrillator as an asset to the village. The Councillors had been busy throughout the past twelve months looking after the allotments, keeping the notice boards up to date, staining and repairing the seats, undertaking risk assessments, coordinating the litter picking group and acting as representatives of the Council on a number of associated groups.

The Chairman also thanked retiring Cllrs Jim Enright, Roger Cashmore, Tim Sedgwick and James Walters for their support and untiring efforts and made special mention of the hard work undertaken with enthusiasm by our Parish Clerk, Jane Hole.

Cllr Andrew Leadbetter addressed the meeting on the subject of Broadband and took on board a number of comments from the audience about the slow progress of the roll-out of Broadband in the area.

Representatives from Sustainable Crediton showed the audience a map of the proposed cycle route from Exeter to Crediton and explained that landowners were being extremely co-operative and helpful about the proposed route. Cllr Steve Parker was thanked for all his hard work with this proposal.

At the end of the meeting Cllr Jill Baker was presented with a plaque and certificate in recognition of outstanding voluntary service to the community in 2014.

Thanks.

I would like to register a huge 'thank you' to the parishioners and Parish Council for the totally unexpected presentation of the plaque and certificate at the recent Annual Parish Meeting. I would like to emphasise that NSC is an amazing place to be associated with and the support that the residents give to all the various initiatives is outstanding. No one person can achieve everything that the village achieves, it is a team effort and there are many unsung heroes in our midst. Thank you for the support you all show to the various activities in the parish, without you all NSC would be a dull place indeed! Questions I would like to ask: How did I not see this award coming?!! Who managed to keep the secret so well?!!

Jill Baker

Parish Council Report ...May

Six Councillors and our newly elected Mid Devon District Councillor, Cllr Peter Hare-Scott attended the opening of the first meeting of the new Parish Council. One new Cllr had been elected in May and the original Cllrs welcomed Paul Taylor to his first meeting. Three new Cllrs were co-opted at the start of the meeting and the Chairman welcomed Gina Quicke, Adam Reeves and Jacqui Ward to their first meeting.

During the public session it was reported that a house in Castlands had been hit on the corner for a second time and the Council agreed to press DCC Highways to take urgent remedial action, possibly by removing the white lines in the centre of the road which may stop large vehicles from hugging the edge of the road.

The Council then elected its officers for the coming year: Chairman - David Baker; Vice Chairman - Paul Taylor. All the Cllrs then took responsibility for various roles and as representatives on various groups. A full list will appear in the Annual Report which will be delivered to all households during June.

Planning: The two applications before the Council received a 'No Comment' vote from the Cllrs. These were: The installation of a balcony and access ramp at Hanlons Brewery; and Formation of a new vehicular access at Castlands Farm.

MDDC Report. Peter Hare-Scott reported that MDDC had completed their financial year on budget and they had formulated a plan to promote businesses in the area and build more homes.

Seats, Notice Boards etc. Cllr Steve Parker had removed the broken seat by the bus stop on the Village Green and has offered to repair the metal ends and replace the broken wooden slats. The Council agreed to replace the footpath map on the reverse side of the main notice board on the Green. Cllr Parker had painted the pump in Pump Street and Cllrs David and Jill Baker will plant up the hanging baskets for the bridge. The Council agreed to obtain prices for a set of display boards for use at the Mini Market and village events.

Speed Watch. Cllr Kate Anstey offered to join the Speed Watch Group to help with monitoring the speed at Half Moon. Cllr Anstey also reminded parishioners that speeding cars can be reported to the Police on their 101 number.

Highways Matters. The Community Resilience Group had purchased depth markers with DCC grant funding) for use by the stream in Langford Road but had been told by DCC Highways that they could not install them! The Council will press DCC Highways for a solution to this as the depth markers are sitting awaiting installation. DCC Highways had agreed to repaint the hashed area at the entrance to Langford Road to make the regulations clearer. Potholes and poor road surfaces had been reported and outcomes are awaited.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 4 June at 7.30 pm in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall** and everyone is welcome to come along with queries or just to see how your Council functions. The next Parish Surgery will be held in conjunction with the **Mini Market on Saturday 27 June (10.30 am to 12 noon) in the Parish Hall.**

Jill Baker, Press Officer

NEWTON St CYRES PARISH HALL

The AGM of the Hall was held on 13 May with Clive Rendle, the Hall President, in the chair.

The Annual Report and Accounts were presented. This reflected a very successful year for the Hall with bookings up from 531 to a record figure of 664, with zumba and yoga adding to the regular users of the Hall. Income from bookings increased markedly, whilst costs were held at the same level as in the previous year. This resulted in an increase of £6015 in the General Fund. In addition, a number of events took place with the funds allotted to the Hall Improvement Fund, which increased by £1383 during the year.

The Hall Officers and Committee Members were all re-elected and Roy Beckett, the former Caretaker, was welcomed on to the Committee.

The discussion centred on two topics. Caretaking has been a problem since the resignation of Roy Beckett at the end of 2014. We are still seeking a replacement with a lead caretaker and a relief caretaker. There have been enquiries stimulated by the recent drop of flyers into most houses in the village. We currently have as a temporary arrangement two of the major parts of the work covered by Wendy Beckett and Jo Taylor, with a rota of volunteers opening and closing the Hall. The President thanked all those who had helped during this difficult period.

The second topic was Hall Redevelopment. Our application for Planning Permission for Hall improvements was successful, but unfortunately our application for Lottery Funding has recently been turned down. This application to the Reaching Community Buildings Fund was our main hope for being able to make rapid progress with our project as, if successful, it would have covered 90% of the total cost. We decided at the AGM that we will have to phase the development and seek to make progress initially with the most immediate requirement. This is the need to replace the heating system. We think that this should be able to be done within the next 12 months from the funds we already have and some grant support

The Hall is involved in several upcoming events including the Arboretum MidSummer Fest on 20 June, a Curry Lunch in October and then a Ceilidh on New Year's Eve. We have signed on The Barnstormers who provided the music for the very successful Ceilidh on New Year's Eve 2013. More details in due course.

If you want to book the Hall please contact Mary Long (01392 851624; marylong@btinternet.com) and if you can help the Hall in any way, please contact Roger Wilkins (01392 851337; rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com).

Community Support Group news.

The Group met in the Parish Hall Clubroom to hear about Patient Participation Groups and how our group can help and support their work.

Karen, from Newcombes Surgery explained how the PPG works, how they have an input into systems used at the surgery, how they deal with complaints and suggestions from their patients and help with decisions on the long term future of the Surgery. Karen took away a quantity of the new leaflets which have been produced detailing how to make contact with the group and how they can help and offered to distribute these to anyone in the parish seeking help. Karen will also make contact with the groups operating in Sandford and Shobrooke.

The Community Support Group are still looking for more volunteers to put their names on the list of helpers. If you feel you can help in any of the areas listed, please contact Jacqui Ward on tomjbward@yahoo.co.uk

Skills we are looking for: emergency prescription delivery service; pet sitting/dog walking; listening/companionship/reading; lifts to medical appointments; collection of groceries; collection and return of library books; gardening/DIY/ watering plants/small household chores; assistance with reading meters; practical help with form filling, letter writing etc; computer skills.

If you would like to help out with any of these, please contact Jacqui on the email above or phone the Group's mobile phone number: 07749 813244 or 07749 813233.

COMMUNITY MARKET

The next Community Market will take place on Saturday 27th June at 10 am.

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".

Newton St Cyres Parish Council Notice Boards

The notice boards in the Parish at Smallbrook, Station Road, Tytheing Close, Sand Down Lane, Langford, Half Moon and on the Village Green
all need cleaning up and repainting.

If anyone is interested in tendering for this work (to be undertaken through this summer), please contact the Clerk on 841148 by 20 June 2015

**Newton St Cyres
Community Support Group
COFFEE MORNING**



**Newton St Cyres
Community Support
Group**

Saturday 6th June

in the Parish Hall

10.30 am to 12 noon

Raffle...Tombola

Book Stall

"Make an Offer" Stall

**Produce stall with Jams, Marmalades,
Cakes etc.**



Community Support Group

**Visit to Eggesford
Nurseries**

(including a Cream tea)

Saturday 11th July

**Open to all - everybody is
welcome to join in**

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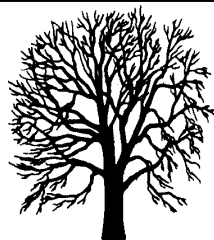


**Newton St Cyres
Community Support
Group**



MIDSUMMER EVENT IN ARBORETUM

All villagers are invited to the Arboretum MidSummer Fest to be held in the Arboretum on **Saturday 20 June from 5.30 to 8.00 pm.**



The Friends of Newton Arboretum, the Church and the Parish Hall have combined to organise this new fun event for villagers of all ages. The event will start with a range of activities for children (and adults), including lawn games, a treasure hunt and quiz (using the marked posts throughout the Arboretum) and face painting. This will be followed by 'bring you own' food and drink (and blanket, although we should have some hay bales for sitting on), with background music and then further musical entertainment including singing by Bella a Capella, who gave such a good performance recently in the Parish Hall.

If the weather is wet, we will relocate as much as possible to the Parish Hall.

There will be a charge of £5 per adult, with accompanied children free.

Please put the date in your diary. More details will be given in the next Newton Wonder, or contact Roger Wilkins (851337) or Isobel Hepworth (851351).

Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The May draw took place at the coffee morning in the village hall on 2nd May 2015 and the winners are:

No	180	D Singleton	£10
No	23	L Bewick	£10
No	102	P Hoey	£10
No	5	M Wootton	£10
No	68	N Wheadon	£10

The 'Full House' Bonuses

No	86	D Bright	£25
No	32	Dougie West	£25
(To his daughter)			

That is the last draw of this year and congratulations to all the lucky winners. I am pleased to report that the collectors are doing a good job and at the time of writing we have two thirds of the subscriptions in. If any one has a bit of spare time we could do with new blood on the team.

Daphne 01392 851639

RECREATION GROUND CLUB

April's lovely weather helped get all the different football leagues' games finished within the first 10 days of May. All the Skittles and Darts dates will be finished soon and are already booked in the diary. The Pool league moves from a Winter League to a Summer League in Mid May.

June is probably our quietest month of the year, but a letter received recently seemed to throw a spanner in our well organised diary, it warned that Station road at the bridge would be closed from 15th June to the 10th July. This is going to affect every date booked in the diary. I have notified all those concerned and all feel they will just use the alternative routes to the grounds during those four weeks.

June being quieter helps us prepare for July when we have the School Sports day, the Kingfisher Picnic, the Youth Football Tournament, a family Party and all the Tennis and Archery dates. However we will just keep smiling and work our way through this stressful period.

Our A.G.M. date this year is Wednesday 10th June at 7.30 p.m. if you're interested in what we do and what we stand for, please come on down on the evening and find out. You will be made welcome and can become involved in one or more of the many ways sport is involved within our clubs.

The Football club will be holding their A.G.M. on the following night on Thursday 11th June.

We are a busy place but still have lots of times when we could book you in for a party or just a get together. Just phone me on 01392 432287 and we can discuss what you require. We get a real mix of reasons to book. We already have in the future bookings for an 18th and a 40th Birthday celebrations, a christening and friendly sports games. This shows we can cater for all ages and reasons. At the moment we are waiting for someone to book in an event for the seniors in the village. I'm confident that one will be booked in soon.

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Newton St Cyres FC – June Update



In our last report we told you about how well our Under 13s had done so far this season but that there were still two important matches remaining to ensure we captured the runners up spot. In the end, we took it right to the wire after going down 2-1 against Hemyock. This didn't dent the confidence of the team however, and in the last game of the season, we defeated Heavitree 6-1 to guarantee that Sidmouth couldn't catch us. Overall, it's been a great season for the squad and the management team and we're looking forward to the test ahead as they move up a division next season.

The Reserves had finished their season already when reporting last month, however, the final league position was still dependant on other matches and unfortunately this went against us and Beer overcame Kentisbeare to pip us to the fourth spot. We are still well placed to get a promotion but will have to wait until the AGM in June before we know the constitution of the divisions for next season.

When we reported the first team progress last month, they had just three games left in their chase to obtain a promotion position. It started well when we achieved the double over Exwick defeating them 2- nil and then went on to beat Lymstone by the same margin but the final game saw us held by Witheridge in a 1 all draw. At this point we were sat in second but Exwick had games in hand over us and in the end they made those games count eventually finishing 6 points ahead in second. In the end we finished third but this is a great achievement considering we have achieved promotion for the third consecutive year and we are now on the verge of returning to Premier football. Congratulations to the team!

New Under 6/7s Team

Due to local demand, we are running a six week programme of taster sessions for 5 and 6 year olds which commenced on Wednesday 6th June and continue to June 10th. Sessions are being held on Wednesday evenings at the Rec between 6 and 7pm. Attendance is free, just turn up on the night and join in. If the sessions prove popular, we will look to continue them over the course of the summer with a view to establishing a team next season.

AGM

Our AGM this year will be held on 11th June at the Recreation Ground from 7.30pm. It's an open evening so feel free to attend should you wish to find out more about the club or even like to get involved with the running of the club.

Summer Tournament

The organising of the summer tournament is continuing and as of the middle of May, we had something like 90 teams entered which is ahead of our normal number at this point of the year. In total we expect around 130 teams over the weekend of 11th and 12th July which is our main fundraiser of the year.

Mark Smaldon

Newton St Cyres Cricket Club

April / May report

It's been an encouraging start to the 2015 season for Newton St Cyres Cricket Club. Some unseasonal good weather during mid April helped give the chance to get rid of some early season cobwebs and this was taken advantage of in the first game which was against Heads & Tails at the Rec on the evening of 14th April. Steady bowling and fielding restricted the visitors to a reasonable, but still testing target, but Leighton Dayman and new skipper Martin Pearce had their own competition between themselves of who could hit the ball the hardest and hurried Newton to a 9 wicket win.

The next match the following Sunday was the traditional pre-season trip to Clyst Hydon, a very picturesque ground and always a place to field first so you can take advantage of the delicious tea on offer! This didn't disappoint this season again and Newton put up a good show after the top order for Clyst had scored heavily. However, 4 wickets apiece for Andy Cork and Mike Barlow led to the last 8 wickets falling for about 35 runs. Newton started steadily and although were always a bit too far off the run rate, scores of 30+ from Chris Collyer, Barlow, Pearce, and Tom Sunderland led to a final total of 190-5 to fall to a 40 run defeat.

Friday 24th April was the date of the Newton St Cyres CC quiz night and a great night it was too. And I'm not just saying that because my team won, though that helps! A tasty buffet, quality set of questions from quizmaster Dave Church and a decent turn out of teams, not just restricted to cricketers lead to a very enjoyable night at the Rec.

The following Sunday was a first visit to Bradninch for the club and following a night of heavy rain was always going to be a lower scoring match. The home side batted first and were kept in check by tight bowling and fielding. The innings turned with the introduction of Paul McCutcheon to the attack. His extravagant swing was too much for the batsman and he picked up 5 wickets including twice being on a hattrick! After this Pearce returned to mop up the tail with the final 4 wickets to leave Bradninch all out for exactly 100. Newton set about the chase and found scoring quite difficult but were never really in any danger of not winning. Debutants Usman Manazir and Steve Hughes provided decent contributions before Sunderland got the visitors over the line.

The 2nd May was supposed to be the first league game of the season but the trip to Chelston / Kingskerswell was abandoned because of the weather so the 9th May, home v Clyst St George was the curtain raiser. Batting first Newton started steadily but were pegged back after passing 100 and were finally 116 all out. Dayman continued his good form, top scoring with 31. In reply Newton kept CSG under check but despite 2 wickets in an over from Jack Withers, the visitors won by 7 wickets with 6 overs to spare.

The next league match is at Kenn on 16th May, and the next 5 weeks has plenty of matches on a variety of days of the week. Anyone who is interested in playing (or even umpiring or scoring), please feel free to have a word with anybody down at the Rec during a game or at nets. Nets take place from around 6.30 on a non-match Tuesday, weather permitting of course. Or you can contact us for more information via email - cjcollyer@yahoo.com.

NEWTON RAMBLERS

Newton Ramblers Visit to Kelly Mine

On 17th May the Newton Ramblers visited Kelly mine near Lustleigh, Kelly believed to be a corruption of a Saxon name, possibly Cadwallader. 10 of us accompanied by 2 dogs left the car park at Trenchford Reservoir and made our way across fields and down the steep path to the mine – a long way down the hill but beautiful with orchids and swathes of bluebells on the wooded hillside.



We were met at the entrance to the site by two volunteers from the Kelly Mine Preservation Trust and were divided into two groups.

Micaceous iron oxide was mined here – very shiny, soft iron oxide. The first record of the mine is from 1797 when a single man was working the mine owned by a local farmer. Later the mine was leased by a company and there were 8 people working here. It finally closed in 1951 and all the machinery was left here due to debts to the landowner.

We had a one hour tour of the mine, which lasted longer and could have easily been even longer. We saw original equipment both used at that mine and at others on Dartmoor, equipment which had been re-created by

the enthusiastic volunteers, waterwheels, and a mine tramway with old trucks, and part of the mine itself complete with candles and carbide lights. We then saw the processing of the ore from mining through washing, pounding to a dust and drying and packing into barrels to be shipped to London, Wales and around the world.

A thoroughly enjoyable visit to a mine made real by enthusiastic and knowledgeable guides. I now know what a “buddle” is and have seen one in action!

More information about the mine on www.kellymine.co.uk and thanks go to Roger and Jean Wilkins for organising this for us.



Sunday 21st 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 3.30 pm on Sunday evening, with a view to taking a minimum number of cars.

We will walk from the car park in the quarry opposite the Two Bridges Hotel, up the western side of the river, through farmland along the leat, over Beardown and then down to the river which we will cross. We will then go up on to Higher White before making our way back to the car park.

This walk may be modified according to the weather.

All are welcome to join us. 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 Tennis Club

May update 2015

Summer league matches are all progressing well with some great wins for our junior members playing in the teams. Our club sessions are well attended, as is junior coaching on Wednesday afternoons, which still has a few vacancies.

The club hosted a FREEPLAY session on Sunday 17th May, when anyone was welcome to come and try the courts and find out more about the club. Anyone who is at all interested may also contact our membership secretary Laura Leigh on 01647 24259 and come along for a club session to see if they would like to join.

For all information please see our website www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk



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Do You Remember?.. May

June 1975

The Parish Council had received a complaint about people washing cars in Shuttern Brook at the Ford and also mixing cement, both of which were considered to be unlawful and unkind.

The organ overhaul at Cowley Church had been completed and looked very smart. At the Church the scaffolding had come down sooner than expected so they agreed they may need to invest in some of their own.

At the Parish Council AGM the following were elected: Chairman – Rev J Scott, Vice Chairman – Mr Furneaux, Clerk – Henry Gliddon.

An advert appeared for a revived Newton Fair on the Green in aid of the Church with games, country dancing, side shows and a dragon competition.

On the Newton Walkabout, 53 walkers had started out at 10.00 am and the first ones home finished at 2.30 pm.

The Carnival Committee (last held 14 years ago) met to distribute the remaining funds to the Church, the Methodist Church, the Hall and the Recreation Ground.

The Young Farmers heard a talk by Mr T G Mortimer of Exwell Barton, Powderham and from Tony Dallyn from Winkleigh with his slides of New Zealand.

R Salter of Hill Park was advertising bedding plants for sale.

June 1985

Robert Ayres' monthly farming article gave an interesting insight to what was happening on the land.

A Flower Festival was to be held in the Church.

June 1995

The School were to receive a visit from OFSTED inspectors and they had invited parents to a meeting where they could express their views. These were all very positive.

The Twinning Group undertook a visit to the West Somerset Steam Railway.

June and Jim Passmore moved to Chagford and thanks were expressed to them for their contribution to NSC.

It was reported that the following had been elected to the Parish Council: S Dowle, J H Gliddon, S Tarry, J Walters, Mr & Mrs Durrant, A MacInnes, B Vicary and D West.

Jean Palk was elected as District Councillor

June 2005

The Hall, through the Villages in Action, had shown the film – Ladies in Lavender.

The Parish Council entered the Best Kept Village competition and reminded residents about dog fouling problems around the Beer Engine and Court Orchard.

An article appeared by Nick Lee (District Councillor) about access to the Station and asking for an idea of how many people would use the train if it stopped at NSC.

Newton Nippers Jumble Sale raised £295+

A Summer Social Evening was planned at Court Barton with a Buffet Supper in aid of Church funds.

The Southside Walk had taken place in muddy conditions due to the heavy rain but 65 walkers had left the village green and raised over £1,100 for Cancer Research.

Mary Quicke's recipe was for Adult Cheesy Chips: cut roasted potatoes into small chunks, cover with grated cheese, black pepper and mixed herbs and pop under the grill

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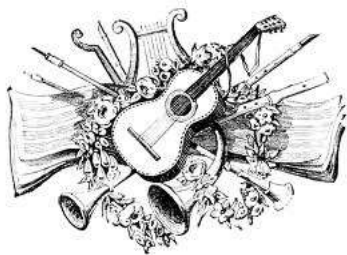
The Village Diary has been re-located to the Post Office now. Please use it to note your upcoming events as this saves clashing dates. Also, if you want to know what is going on in the village it will show you what is happening and where. It is open for all organisations in the village to use and for all events whether taking place in the Hall, the Church, the Recreation Ground etc. Please ask Richard or Liz in the Post Office if you wish to use the Village Diary.

June 2015

1st.-4th.	Art Exhibition and Sale (NSC Art Group)	11:30 - 5:00pm	Boniface centre
3rd.	Garden Club - Speaker: John West	7:30pm	Parish Hall
4th.	Parish Council Meeting	7:30pm	Parish Hall
6th	Community Support Group Coffee Morning	10:30am	Parish Hall
7th.	Open farm Sunday	11:00 - 4:00pm	Home Farm
13th	Open Gardens - Bert Jewell -	2:00 - 5:00pm	Park St. Crediton
13th.	History Group - Murder Mystery	11:00am	contact Group for transport
14th.	Open Gardens - Bert Jewell -	2.00 - 5:00pm	Park St. Crediton
14th.	Open Gardens - Nick Baker	2:30pm	Cowley
20th	Arboretum Fest	5:30 - 8:00pm	Arboretum
21st.	Patronal festival - followed by Lunch	11:00am	Church & Parish Hall
21st.	Evening Ramble on Dartmoor	3:30pm	Car Park

July 2015

2nd.	Parish council Meeting	7:30pm	Parish Hall
4th.	Coffee Morning for the Church	10:30am	Parish hall



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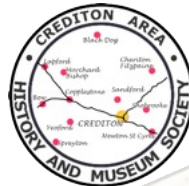
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This should be a very entertaining evening and we would encourage everyone to put the date in their diary and come along for a good evening out. The cost is only £1.50 and this includes a hot drink and biscuits.



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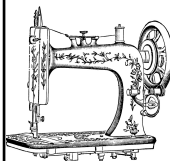
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Monthly Gardening notes for June from Bert Jewell

I cannot believe that it is June already, where is the time going. Before we go out into the garden I must tell you how we kept warm when I was young. So let's continue with my journey :- The only heating we had in the house was a small black range situated in the main room where we ate our meals, read our comics, played snakes and ladders and ludo. Mother did the ironing with an old metal iron, which she heated up by putting it on top of the range. She would test how hot it was by wetting her finger and tapping it on the bottom of the iron. I still have the old iron she used.

The meals were cooked in an oven situated on the left of the fire box. On really cold winter days, the front of the fire box could be opened to allow more heat out into the room. This didn't happen very often because it would burn more fuel with an open front. The fuel was coal and logs and as money was tight, coal was limited but logs were plentiful.

At the bottom of the field opposite the house was a cover consisting of oak and ash trees, hazel and a few beech trees. The farmer agreed that we could have the wood if we cut out all the unwanted trees, these were mainly ash as they germinate readily from seed dropped from existing trees.

So every winter when all the leaves had fallen, we would set off with our crosscut saw, axe, billhook and string. Father would decide which trees to cut down and which way to fell them. He would cut out a v with the axe facing the way he wanted the tree to fall. Then father and one of his four sons would fell the tree with the crosscut starting on the other side. The secret of using a crosscut is never to push, each person pulls the saw to him and if the saw is sharp it is quite easy. Once the tree was down, we would cut it up into manageable pieces and carry them home, to be cut into logs ready for the following winter. We always had about two years worth of logs in the wood shed.

Pea and bean sticks would be cut out of the hazel and these would be tied into bundles or faggots and carried home. All the wood had to be carried on our shoulders as no other transport was available.

Now I think we should make our way into the garden to see what is happening in the:-

Vegetable garden.

Main crop carrots can be sown very thinly in rows 1" deep, the thinner they are sown the less they have to be thinned out, this in itself helps to reduce carrot fly. The crushing or handling of the foliage releases the smell that attracts the fly and it lays its eggs in the soil next to the carrots that are left.

Carrot fly also attacks parsnips, parsley and celery.

Continue sowing lettuce and spring onions every two to three weeks.

Tender plants that have been grown in the greenhouse, can be hardened off and planted out in their final positions. Keep the veg patch weed free and water if the weather becomes hot and dry.

Firm the soil before planting out Brussels Sprouts and Cauliflower plants. This can be done by walking along the row where the plants are to go. The sprouts and caulis will blow if the soil is loose.

Flower Garden

Cut off the Daffodil foliage at ground level with a dutch hoe once it starts to die down. This helps to deter the Narcissus fly, as well as tidy up beds ready for planting out summer bedding.

Keep containers and baskets well watered and dead heading will help keep the display going all summer. Add liquid Potash feed to the watering once a week to improve flowering.

Lawns

Continue mowing lawns regularly (not too short) and always trim the edges. This always makes the lawn area look finished.

Trees, Shrubs and Climbers

Clematis Montana can be tidied up once it has finished flowering, by cutting back unwanted shoots, but keep the secateurs under control, hard pruning will sacrifice flowers for a year.

Dead head Rhododendrons by carefully pinching out the old flower head.

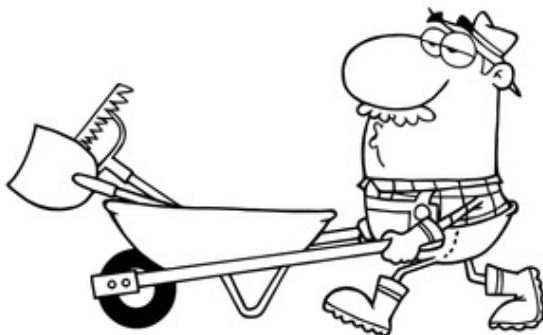
Fruit.

Continue to harvest Rhubarb by pulling the whole stem away from the base. Remove any flower stems before they fully develop. Harvest Strawberries by nipping off the fruit complete with the calyxes. The fruit will stay fresh for longer and it also helps to prevent mould getting onto the plant.

Plant of the month

Hostas

Hostas are looking their best at the time of the year, after the new leaves have fully unfurled and before the summer heat has taken its toll. Best grown in moist soil in light shade. Keep them well watered if grown in full sun or pots. They also do well as marginal pond plants. The only down side that I can see is that slugs and snails also like them



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vegetables, to store cupboard staples such as breakfast cereals, flour, rapeseed oil and eggs, farmers also spend hours every week caring for the countryside.



Organised by LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming), Open Farm Sunday is a chance for visitors to meet farmers and discover for themselves the story behind their food. Open Farm Sunday offers an informative and enjoyable day out for everyone, young and old alike. Each farm plans their own unique event and many will include a host of activities from nature walks and farm tours, to sheep shearing, machinery displays and even cookery demonstrations. You can search for participating farms near you and find out information on their event by visiting www.farmsunday.org. New farms are registering on a daily basis.

Farming and Food celebrations!

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Free to attend and running from 11.00am until 4.00pm, Open Farm Sunday takes place on Sunday 7th June. Visitors can see the 'Cheese Cathedral' watch the milking, learn about the New Zealand style grazing system for the cows, see the tractors and other farm machinery, operate the telehandler, trailer rides, farm and cheese tours and sink a couple



of cold ciders at Home Farm.

Please dress appropriately – wellies recommended!

The Farm Shop and Quickes Farm Kitchen will be open all day for refreshments, as well as the newly opened children's playground, boasting ride on tractors and a playhouse. Joining the farm team will be Mole Valley Farmers, Pearce Seeds, NFU

Crediton Branch, Women's Farming Union and a host of others.

Crediton Community Bus Service will be running a dedicated shuttle bus between Tesco Crediton and Home Farm throughout the day as parking is limited.

Lucy Quicke from Quickes Traditional commented; "We are looking forward to holding Open Farm Sunday on June 7th. This will be our fourth year hosting the event on Home Farm growing from strength to strength. We hope that many visitors will join us and enjoy the variety of activities that will be taking place throughout the day. "

News from Friends of Newton St Cyres Station

After our Spring daffodil display we are hard at work preparing for the coming summer, hopefully with an equally colourful show.

We would like to acknowledge the generous financial contribution from a local business, Daw Refrigeration Ltd. This will help us to buy plants, compost and other garden necessities.

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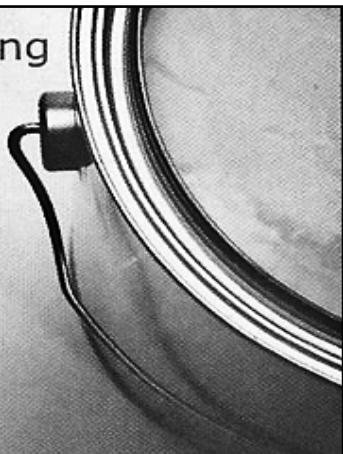
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COSTUME OF THE 18TH AND 19TH CENTURIES with AN AMAZING EXAMPLE FROM THE QUICKE FAMILY

For our April meeting we were treated to an amazing evening led by Hermione Skrine looking at clothes brought along by John and Gina Quicke from a collection that has been inherited by their family.

The most interesting outfit belonged to a John Quicke around 1770 to 1780 and this was displayed on one of three dummies. Another dummy showed a wedding dress, possibly that of Edward Quicke's sister Gladwys who married in 1909, and Hermione had used the third dummy to display examples of eighteenth century women's clothing that she had made herself. Along the wall were hung many examples of bright red military jackets also belonging to various members of the Quicke family.

Hermione structured the evening cleverly, tracing the evolution of fashion, particularly that of the gentry and the military, from Restoration (Charles 2nd 1660) to Edwardian. Charles 2nd had been in exile at the French Court during the Cromwellian years and returned to England bringing the more flamboyant French fashions with him. Thus we were able to see how the Quicke outfits fitted into this evolution.

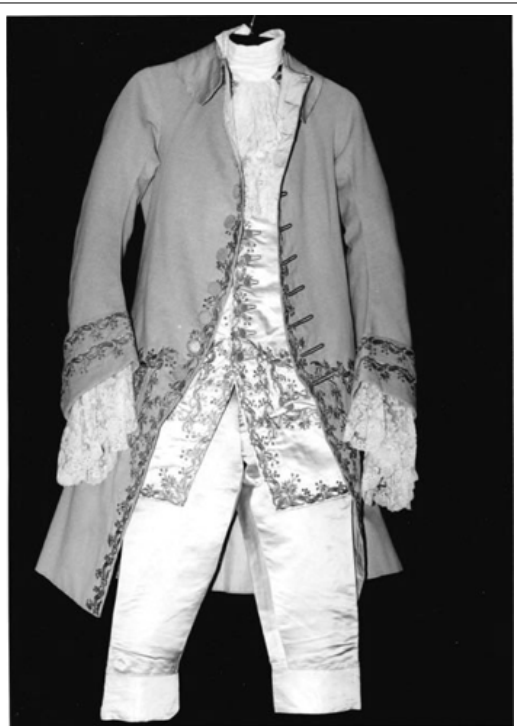
We then returned to Hermione's dummy and she showed us the basic elements of women's eighteenth century costume. Both sexes wore a shift next to the skin which had sleeves and which was slit at the sides from the waist downwards for men and had extra gores of fullness at the sides for the women. This would be of fine linen for the rich and rough homespun linen for the majority. Linen was a tough fabric and could be washed frequently. Over the shift the women wore a corset of stiff denim-like material often striped. The gentry laced theirs at the back (they would have a maid to help them), the working women at the front and sometimes on the shoulder. They then put on a long and full skirt, they called a petticoat. At various periods hoops, cages and panniers were used to make the 'petticoat' fuller. Over this came the gown which covered the back and arms but left the corset and petticoat on view. The corset was covered by the stomacher which was held in position by dressmaker's pins, there were no safety pins. Rather horrifically ordinary pins were used on baby clothes too. Sometimes two areas of the gown would be looped up to be buttoned at the waist. This became more common near the end of the century.

During the Elizabethan period and into the reign of Charles first the short doublet had been the fashion but by 1680 full length coats from shoulder to knee had appeared. They were worn over a long waistcoat, that was often very decorated. Both coats and waistcoats had many

buttons. James 2nd was said to have had a suit with 300 buttons! Coat sleeves were short enough to show a shirt cuff with ruffles. Breeches were buttoned at the knee. Stockings were of wool or silk. The Elizabethans had invented stocking making machines, which strangely were always worked by men.

By 1700 the coat sleeves had lengthened and big cuffs developed. These may be turned back to show the lining of different colour and/or may be buttoned back to the sleeve. The waists became tight and fitted. These coats were worn with high heeled shoes and large and powdered wigs. Gentlemen would relax at home into a garment not unlike a dressing gown. By 1710 there were fewer buttons and the sleeves were tighter but the cuffs were still huge and maybe held by buttons at the elbow. The lace around the cuffs of the shift had died out. Waistcoats were elaborate and cravats worn around the neck and one end brought through the waistcoat buttoning. Hermione then showed a picture of one of the Quicke waistcoats now in Exeter museum. This is a long, sleeved, garment, elaborately patterned, with numerous buttons. There has been some saving of the expensive material by the use of plainer blue material where this would not show. It may have belonged to John Quicke who married the heiress Rebecca Nutcombe in 1720 and it is still in amazingly good condition.

During the 1730's and 40's wigs became more modest and the stock replaced the cravat. This was a band of linen buttoned at the back and often worn with a small black tie. The sleeves were still quite wide. Shoes had smaller heels but coats and waistcoats were made to stick out more. Coats had a slit in the centre back. The position of the buttoned pockets was gradually rising, they had been low on the 'skirt' of the coat. The splits towards the coat sides (topped by buttons) for accessibility to the sword were still there although used less. Ladies were wearing closed gowns with a black shawl, a tiny cap and with their hair small and neat. A Canaletto of Warwick Castle at this time shows ladies in enormous hooped skirts, in fact several overskirts (not petticoats). Between 1720 and 1780 there was an option for a lady to have a less tight, back pleated garment,



Quicke's suit c1770-1780 possibly the wedding suit of John Quicke m1780.

The lace cuffs are not authentic but added later

however there would have been a tight dress beneath. All ladies wore caps. Gainsborough in a painting about 1750 shows a man wearing the three-cornered hat and a lady in an enormous dress with a diaphanous apron and muslin across the chest for modesty.

We then considered the Quicke coat on the dummy. Hermione thought it most likely that it belonged to John Quicke born 1759 and married in 1780, the son of John Quicke (seen at Bath by the Rev. Penrose) and his double heiress wife Jane Coster. She showed us portraits of both father and son. The coat is of very slim line and was unlikely to have been made before 1770. The workmanship needs seeing to be believed. The coat is of a fine deep fawn wool material. This material has been deeply felted, so that the raw edges can be left so, and do not need stitching. The quality of this material would be hard to find these days. It is richly embroidered around the edges and around the pockets with gold thread which is still bright. There are small runs of tiny gold sequins and the thread is held by a method known as

couching. The coat has a small turned down collar which helps in dating it. It has a central slit at the back and the two hip buttons head the stack of folds around the side slits. The breeches, in contrast, are of cream silk satin and have a buttoned fly covered by a small buttoned flap. The magnificent cream silk satin, long, many buttoned, sleeveless waistcoat is richly embroidered to match the coat. Buttonholes are exquisitely made and embroidered as are the pockets. The many buttons are criss-crossed in gold thread. The entire suit is wonderfully preserved and looks as though it was hardly worn.



Back of Quicke's coat c 1770

Following this we looked at the the evolution of the many military jackets on display and worn by various Quickes during the nineteenth century until Edward Quicke's of WW1. We followed the evolution of the jacket tails as they had developed from the slits to reach the sword, through their buttoning back and until they almost disappeared. All the jackets on

display were a very bright red which was made possible by the introduction of cochineal as a dye with suitable mordants. Similarly the French army were able to have jackets of bright Prussian blue. Other military styles were considered, double breasted jackets, often of two colours were introduced during the American War of Independence, for warmth, and these made their appearance in everyday English fashion. Epaulettes were introduced during the 1830's.

Hermione then turned her attention to the evolution of the Quicke's ladies dresses on show, both from the Edwardian era.

During the 1780's French fashion became very exaggerated with high hair and huge feathers

for the ladies and enormous gowns. The English dress, however, became simpler for both men and women.

For women the waists went up and the straight empire line developed. The men's trousers became very tight with a tight fitted jacket and tight sleeves. By 1808 pantaloons had become the fashion, colours were dark blue or black and collars were high. Ladies waists came down again by the 1830's and by the 1870's bustles were in fashion for a short time. By the 1890's with the slimmer lines women's dresses were more recognisable to us. Waistlines began to rise a little after 1910 with the Poiret look. The two dresses on show were both Edwardian and machine stitched, sewing machines having been invented in the 1840's. One was a wedding dress and the other a black evening dress. Both were beautifully made.

This was a very different evening and we thank Hermione and also John and Gina for letting us see the heirlooms they have inherited. We finished the evening with a view of a chemise and some lady's pantaloons from the mid Victorian period inherited by Jane Bailey. Jane Timlett had brought along her great aunt's black two-piece dress that she had worn for the Quicke tenants' photo in 1909. Unfortunately time had run out so we look forward to seeing it another day.

SATURDAY June 13th

HISTORY GROUP OUTING

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1.30pm The trial at the Half Moon (conducted during our lunch). This will be followed by the execution after lunch.

Home by 4.30pm

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Devon charity Appoints New Head of Business Operations

Long established rural council for Devon, recently rebranded Devon Communities Together, announced today that Nora Corkery has joined the firm in this newly created strategic role, dedicated to generating new opportunities for the organisation.

Nora comes with a wealth of experience, having come from the national charity Citizens Advice, where she managed Devon Welfare Rights Unit and co-ordinated the Devon Advice Network and was engaged in managing strategic and business development, public, partner and customer relations and financial management and fundraising.

A mature charity, with a trusted voice and a wide reach within the rural community, Nora joins just as the charity prepares to launch the campaign for their Rural Futures Conference, which has been running for over 50 years.

This year entitled More than a Place to Live, the event is being hosted by The Met Office on the 1st October.

Nora says "I am excited to start a new challenge within Devon Communities Together and look forward to working with the team, uncovering new opportunities that will support the organisation's mission. I am fortunate to be joining such a respected charity that prides itself on helping rural communities thrive."

Chief Executive, Elaine Cook said "Nora's wealth of experience and industry knowledge has already made her a key addition to the Devon Communities Together family. We view her appointment as a sign of our commitment to adapting to the changing economic climate that has affected funding in recent years. With new innovations and approaches we hope to sustain and grow our income streams in order to continue helping communities to help themselves. It is very fortunate that we were able to find someone of Nora's calibre to fulfil this role. I'm confident that Nora will play a key role in providing and implementing high quality solutions for our organisation providing opportunities that will support growth while remaining on message and true to our mission."

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YFC and NFU Annual Quiz Raises £1,745 for Charity



Club members who organised the YFC and NFU Annual Quiz.

On Friday 27 February, Sandford Parish Hall hosted a sell-out quiz which was organised by members of Newton St Cyres Young Farmers Club and the Crediton/Witheridge branch of the National Farmers Union.

The successful event raised £1,745 for the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI) and the Farming Community Network (FCN).

Andrew Goodridge from RABI said *'Devon Young Farmers are a real credit to the organisation. As a former member of Exeter Young Farmers, the evening brought back many happy memories and it was good to see the tradition of charity work still high on the agenda of the Young Farmer.'*

The event saw 50 teams participate in the quiz written by past member Tom Davie, whilst everyone enjoyed drinks and pasties served by the members of the young farmers club.

The top three teams won prize money donated by the NFU, and their scores were as follows; The Happy Campers 92, Complete Harmony 98 and Johns Deeres 103.

Georgina Davie who organised the quiz said *'It was great to see lots of people support our quiz, especially those who made such an effort to travel from across the County to attend. The members and advisory worked really hard to put on a successful and*

enjoyable evening. It is great to have such a strong partnership with the local NFU and we look forward to organising the quiz again next year.'

Georgina and her sister Emma, and Bow YFC member Alice Giles will be organising another quiz in May to raise money towards the Three Peaks Challenge which they are currently training for. Alongside the sponsorship, the three ladies will be organising additional events to help raise money for the Farming Community Network and the new Devon YFC building in Cheriton Bishop. The quiz will take place at The Waie Inn on Friday 1st May 7pm for 7.30pm start; teams of 4 are £10. To book a team email georginadavie@hotmail.co.uk.

Crediton Festival of Food and Drink

Crediton's Seventh Food & Drink Festival is taking place on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th June 2015. This year we are delighted that the Food & Drink Festival will form the first weekend of the month long Crediton Festival which will be opened in a ceremony on Saturday morning featuring the Mayor of Crediton, Frank Letch together with the Mayor of Crediton's twin town Avranches in France.

On the Saturday we are delighted that local chefs and food producers have again agreed to run cookery demonstrations and there will be a wide range of stalls showcasing food and drink from local producers. For our younger visitors we are running a bread shaping competition as well as a quiz and other activities.

Later in the evening we will have live music in the marquee with a chance to sample some locally brewed beers, ciders and other drinks as well as over a dozen tasty food stalls to give you the energy for dancing the night away.

On Sunday 14th the Festival continues with the focus being the Big Sunday Lunch – a great chance to buy and/or bring food to share and to catch up with friends whilst listening to some more local music.

Crediton Food & Drink Festival is generously supported by Ashgrove Kitchens, Crediton Dairy and Claremont Marquees. Entry to the Festival is free.

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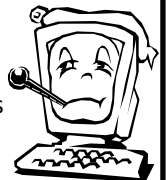
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CROPS – The crops are thriving as sun gets to its annual peak, plants extending themselves to make full use of its life-giving energy. The barley ears start filling. The wheat's green flowers, ears except all fibre and no starch, pump their invisible pollen into the air. The oilseed rape's pods set and swell, seeds green and juicy, collecting the sun's energy to turn into that lovely nutty oil.

The maize finally warms up enough to grow. A sub-tropical plant, it sulks in a jaundiced manner in our brisk English spring, making its visible and heady growth in these four warmest months of the year. We think of it as a new plant: a great maize-growing champion, Geoff Vickers, told me he'd seen reports of maize growing competitions in the 1880's, run by the Agricultural Societies, those great agents of agricultural progress in Britain.

GRASS – The grass, that true glory of our farming: its thoughts turn away from leaf, which is what our cows and us are interested in, and turn to sex, seed and posterity. So we, with the cows, engage in a biting, cutting conversation to persuade it to get its mind back to the green stuff. The cows graze paddocks at the leafy stage; it is growing so fast some paddocks get away from them. We cut and harvest those paddocks just before the plants flower, though they throw up the stalks in hope. The grass growth is at its most vigorous in search of flowering, so we cut it down in its prime. Again and again it will try and flower, and again and again we cut it. It doesn't give up the desire to set seed, to reproduce sexually, until the autumn comes and cools its ardour.

HEIFERS – We keep all the heifer dairy calves and rear them outside for much of the time, out to graze from a young age. The crossbred animals thrive outside, enjoying the open air, learning how to graze well. For the first few months, we bring them milk, which supports them until they are able to get all their nourishment from grass. To begin with, they will nibble the sweet and tender tips of the leaves, and soon, as their rumens develop, they learn how to curl their tongues around the leaves and push it up against their dental pads, cutting the plants with their teeth, which sit at the bottom of their mouths. This way of eating means they need a reasonable length of grass, more than sheep or horses, who have a set of teeth top and bottom of their mouths.



Put good grass in front of them, and they will grow well. By fifteen or sixteen months, they are two thirds full size, and big (and fruity enough) to yearn for a calf themselves. They are pregnant the same time as us, 280 days or so, and are nearly full grown by the time they calve. We serve them to a good dairy bull. They spend the summer, autumn and winter growing the calf and bring new life to the dairy herd and start milking in February.

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CHEESE – The grass is slightly stalkier now in June as the plant tries to send up its flower heads. This makes the milk more creamy. Fibre stimulates the cows' rumens to produce more butterfat, so the milk returns to its richness after the very leafy grass of May. The cheese becomes a little richer in flavour and slightly softer in texture. The cows are milking very well, and that makes more work in the cheese dairy. As the weather heats up, that makes for hot work in the cheese dairy. More cheese made is more cheese to wash, lard and cloth, and then care for in store.



CHEESE STORE – The stores work harder to keep the temperature and humidity just right. Fortunately the solar panels on the cheese store make more electricity the more the sun shines, a perfect combination.

FARM KITCHEN – In the Kitchen, we are developing our menus. I love people coming and seeing the calves, cows, and grass grow, while they are enjoying the delicious products of those animals, and those fields.

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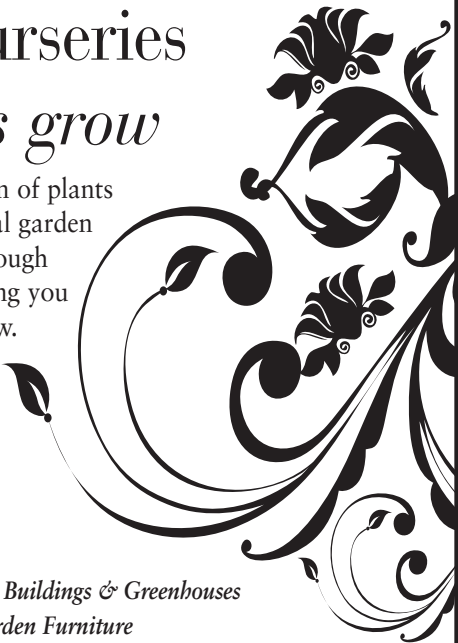
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Don't hide your light!

The world entered 2015 with more than 7.2 billion living souls on it. What an amazing number! More amazing I think is that every one of those people is different: that is the wonder of humanity. I have known three sets of identical twins in my life and although they might have had the same DNA and looked remarkably similar, each twin is a very different character from the other with quite different skills and attributes.

We benefit hugely from this rich diversity. We can enjoy (or not enjoy) music, art, stories, films, theatre, architecture and crafts within our own country and across the world. We also benefit from the same diversity in scientific advancement and invention. What a dull place the world would be if we were all the same and how we might lack many of the things we have come to rely on such as our cars, our mobile phones or our medical care.

Saturday 9th May was my last Reader Training Day marking the end of my three year training programme. Having had a one year licence since last September, I receive my first three year licence on 3rd October. It was nice to finish – there is always a good feeling when you get to the end of something; when you have achieved something but it was tinged with sadness. My training year group is small. There are only six of us and we have become very good friends; we have shared a lot, we have prepared worship together and discussed some of the difficult issues facing the church over the last three years honestly and openly. We will miss the regular opportunities to meet which the course enabled.

Our final session on this final day was one to discuss gifts. We had to hear from each other what members of the group thought our gifts are. This is not an easy thing but after three years of being together we were able to have a frank discussion. No hiding lights under a bushel allowed, no stiff upper lip; what were the gifts that we brought to being a Reader. It is important to know these things as we move forward in our ministry.

We all have gifts and with similar frankness we need to own them and not hide them away. We also need to affirm those gifts in others. We might think we are good at something but if someone tells us that we are then it gives us extra confidence to nurture that gift and to share it with others. We were not created to be the same. This brings to my mind the mythical story of the Cyclops who has one large eye but once blinded blunders around and is unable to help himself. If we do not share our gifts then we too blunder around trying to cope without all the resources available.

Like people gifts come in all shapes and sizes and, like each of us, none is more or less important than the other. We may have specific gifts: musical, flower-arranging, baking, crafts and organisational skills that we can share within our communities and the various groups, from which we benefit, which need our help. We may be a good listener, an encourager or someone who is good at spotting when someone is in need. We can all use our gifts to be good neighbours to one another.

This I found in the newspaper on polling day written by Sir Tim Smith co-founder of the Eden Project:

“Whatever happens in tomorrow's general election, we will be waking up on Friday morning in the same homes, with the same people living nearby. Politics may divide us but we'll still share the same street and have the same local issues in common. So whichever party readers decide

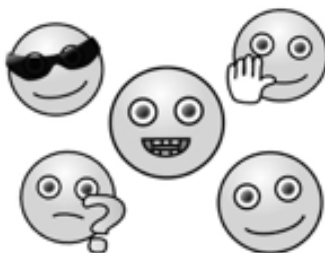
to vote for, in terms of uncertainty it's vital that we create our own coalitions close to home."

Of course, we did not end up with a coalition government but he makes an important point that working together locally and supporting each other is likely to have a much greater impact on our well-being. As Jesus taught us there is little pleasure in keeping our talents to ourselves; it is sharing and serving others that our talents are given real meaning. So let us all be honest with ourselves about what we are good at and how we can build-up those around us and let us not be shy in encouraging those we know have a gift, to share it.

Laura Ford

Do you live in

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



Why?

Youth Group

Who?

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

When?

Mondays 7.30 - 9 pm every fortnight

Monday 1 June - or is it?

Monday 15 June - looking good.

Monday 29 June - It'll be alright on the night

WI Hut, Thorverton

What else? there's always food!

Contact:

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Services in the Netherexe Parishes

Your parish churches aim to provide a variety of service types to meet the needs of the whole community. Most Sunday services except those early in the morning include hymns and music. Everyone is welcome at all services

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

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

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

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

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

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

Common Worship [CW] Common Worship Service

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer in the Netherexe Parishes

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

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

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

Variations: None

Who's Who? Abbreviations Key

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

Associate Ministers

MSS	Revd's Michael & Sharon Simpson
HW	Revd Harold Whitty
BOF	Baptist Officiant

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

Mrs Margaret Lowe [Administrator]

Tel: 07594 714590 - Tuesday & Thursday [08:30 – 16:30]

Email: margaret.admin@netherexe.org

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

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 861022

NEWTON ST CYRES CHURCH ROTAS 2015				
Week Ending		Flowers	Cleaning	Brass
June	7	A Page	A Marsden	M Snow
	14	P Boother	M Walters	C Dyer
	21	PATRONAL FESTIVAL O Cheriton	A Ward	P Burt
	28	S Munday	P Boother	J Ward
July	5	M Walters	C Dyer	J Furnies

Sidespersons		June 2015	
7th	9.30 a.m. Family Service Lay-led	Christopher Lee	Pita Burt
14th	6.30 p.m. Holy Communion	Olive Cheriton	Alice Dowle
21st	11.15 a.m. Patronal Festival Holy Communion	Wendy Hough	Tony Hough
28th	-	-	-

JUNE 2015 SERVICES & INFORMATION

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

Sunday 7 June 2015 Trinity 1

09:30 am	Family Service		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	SS
10:00 am	Service with a Smile	☺	Bramford Speke	LF
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Cadbury	Lay Led
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company		Rewe	
05:30 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	SS

Sunday 14 June 2015 Trinity 2

09:30 am	Sunday Service		Bramford Speke Baptist Chapel	BOF
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Huxham	MSS
09:30 am	Open Church		Thorverton	
10:00 am	Informal Gathering		Stoke Canon	
11:15 am	Service of the Word		Rewe	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	MSS
06:30 pm	Holy Communion	[CW]	Newton St Cyres	MSS

Sunday 21 June 2015 Trinity 3

08:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Bramford Speke	Michael Hall
09:30 am	Open Church followed by Family Service		Thorverton	
10:00 am	Family Service		Thorverton	Lay Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion <i>Patronal Festival</i>	[C]	Netherexe	John Henton
	<i>Followed by refreshments</i>			
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Poltimore	Lay Led
11:00 am	Holy Communion <i>Patronal Festival</i>	[C]	Newton St Cyres	MSS
	<i>Followed by lunch in village hall</i>			
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company		Rewe	
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	MSS
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Cadbury	LF

Sunday 28 June 2015 Trinity 4

09:30 am	Sunday Service		Bramford Speke Baptist Chapel	BOF
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Cadbury	MSS
10:00 am	Informal Gathering		Stoke Canon	
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Upton Pyne	Lay Led
11:00 am	Joint Service		Thorverton Baptist Church	BOF
			Joint with Parish Church	
11:15 am	Holy Communion & Baptism	[C]	Rewe	SS
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Huxham	D&B Boxall

Sunday 5 July 2015 Trinity 5

09:30 am	Family Service		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	MSS
10:00 am	Service with a Smile	☺	Bramford Speke	LF
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Cadbury	Lay Led
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Service of the Word		Rewe	Lay Led
05:30 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	TBC

WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGE

Priest-in-Charge	Vacancy	01392 860 332
Church Wardens	Charlotte Dyer, Court Barton	01392 851 618
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Tower Captain	Mary Quicke -mary@quickes.co.uk	07729 844 945
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	Chiddenbrook Surgery - Drs Twomey, Murphy, Braddock	01363 772 227
<u>NEWTON WONDER MAGAZINE</u>	Editor – Peter Hawksley Email: newtonwonder@btinternet.com	01392 851 269
<u>PARISH COUNCIL</u>	Chairman - David Baker Clerk - Jane Hole	01392 851752 01392 851148
<u>PARISH HALL</u>	Chairman - Roger Wilkins, Coldharbour, Sand Down Lane Booking Sect - Mary Long, Email: maryglong@btinternet.com Caretaker - Vacancy	01392 851337 01392 851 624
<u>PRIMARY SCHOOL</u>	Head of Teaching – Glynis Harris Senior Administrator - Madeleine Tucker Administrator - Maxine Bone	01392 851 267 01392 851 267
Newton Nippers	Helen Grigg (or contact the school)	01392 851 522
Newton Nappies	Alissa Haward	01392 851591
<u>RECREATION CLUB</u>	Chairman - Tony Lewis, 80 Wrefords Lane, Exeter Booking Secretary - Mrs Wendy Lewis, 80 Wrefords Lane, Exeter	01392 432 287 01392 432 287
Art Group	Debbie Allerton	01392 462655
Neighbourhood Watch	Vacancy	01392 851223

Newton Revels	Jim Enright, Chairman	01392 851859
Cancer Research UK	Jean Wilkins, Coldharbour, Sand Down Lane	01392 851 337
Cricket Club	David Vallance, Manesty, Sand Down La	01392 851 266
Community Policeman	PCSO Lisa Crocker, Crediton	Dial 101
District Councillor	Peter Hare-Scott	01363 776 409
County Councillor	Margaret Squires	01363 84337
Local MP	Mel Stride Em: mel.stride.mp@parliament.uk	01392 823 306
Football Club	Mark Smaldon	07733 455 177
Friends of NSC Station	Chris Southcott	01392 851 569
Luncheon Club	Sue Browne, 1 Glebelands, Sand Down Lane	01392 851 460
Newton Ramblers	Rosemary Chambers	01392 851 400
Tennis Club Secretary	Laura Leigh	01647 24259
Twinning	Lorraine Mitchell	01392 851596
Upton Pyne PC	Jacqui Ward clerkuppc@yahoo.co.uk	
Young Farmers	Millie Murphy	07955 686719
Archery	Alison Couling	01392 841 282
Gardening Club	Jane Timlett	01392 851361
Honky Tonks Line Danc-ing	Paula Benford	01392 210 830
History Group	Jean Wilkins	01392 851 337
Table Tennis	Roger Wilkins	01392 851 337
Youth Club		
Friends of the Arboretum	Roger Wilkins	01392 851337
Saturday Market – 4th Saturday of the month	Ann Pearce-Mariner	01392 668603
Community Support Group	Please ring one of the numbers and your requests will be dealt with.	07749 813244 07749 813233
Crediton Citizen's Advice Bureau	Adviceline (10.30am - 3.30pm) Crediton Office (Please leave message requesting ring back)	03444 111 444 01363 776210