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June 2017

Thurs 1st	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	Club Room	Parish Hall
Sat 3rd	Twinning Circle Coffee Morning & Parish Surgery	10.30am		Parish Hall
Sat 10th	History Group Outing to Chudleigh			
Sun 11th	Open Farm Day	11am - 4pm	Home Farm	
Sat 17th	Gardening Club			
	Visit to Burrow Farm, Axminster, with a CreamTea, Details later.			
Sun 18th	Patronal Festival in Church at 11 am and Lunch afterwards in the Parish Hall			
Sat 24th	Midsummer Fest at the Arboretum The Second midsummer event supporting the Church, the Parish Hall and the Arboretum			

July 2017

Sat 1st	Church Coffee Morning & Parish Surgery	10.30am		Parish Hall
Thurs 6th	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	Club Room	Parish Hall
Sat 8th	Gardening Club			
	Visit to John West's Nursery, with a Cream Tea, Details later.			
Wed 19th	History Group with Tony Sheffield			

August 2017

Sat 5th	Craft Club Coffee Morning & Parish Surgery	0.30am		Parish Hall
Sun 20th	Cream Teas	3.30pm		Parish Hall

September 2017

Thurs 7th	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	Club Room	Parish Hall
Sat 2nd	Coffee Morning & Parish Surgery	10.30am		Parish Hall
Sun 3rd	Matford Car Boot - 2nd. Arboretum slot-contact David Vallance on 851266			
Wed 13th	Gardening Club			
	The Healing Garden - with Gavin Haig	.30 pm		Parish Hall

October 2017

Thurs 5th - Sun 8th	FLOWER FESTIVAL		Church	
Thurs 5th	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	Club Room	Parish Hall
Sat 7th	Arboretum Coffee Morning & Parish Surgery	10.30am		Parish Hall

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

A tremendous facility for the village

The cover picture this month is of the Summerhouse in the Arboretum, a great asset to the village which has been rescued and is looked after by volunteers.

Wednesday 17th June was the date of the annual guided tours around the Arboretum. About 40 people arrived for the two tours: one led by Frances Watkins, an expert on lichens, mosses and liverwort, and the other led by Vaughan Gallovan and Geoff Jackson. The focus of the latter was the recently planted trees and shrubs, described by Vaughan and the newly planted fernery which was described by Geoff.



After the tours the Friends provided tea and biscuits before the AGM (see page 29).

Station Gardens

Another village asset is the station. Sometime it is to be hoped that there will be more trains stopping at Newton St Cyres Station. However the gardens have proved an encouragement over the last few years. Once again the gardens have been entered for the Tarka line Best Garden competition which is judged in July. The team of volunteers have been working away with the ideas and the planting and the watering rota has started. Chris Southcott has asked me to thank the sponsors, The Beer Engine and Daw Refrigeration for their kind support.



Parish Council Report May 2017

Eight Councillors attended the May meeting and were joined by Cllr Peter Hare-Scott (MDDC) and six members of the public. The meeting was held in the main hall as the Clubroom was being used as a Polling Booth for the County Council election. During the public session a concern was raised about the state of the fence at the entrance to Court Orchard which would be overlooked by the new houses. It was agreed to check ownership and raise this with the appropriate body.

Councillor resignation and vacancy for a new Councillor.

Unfortunately Cllr Kate Anstey has had to tender her resignation from the Parish Council due to work and family commitments. The Council accepted Kate's resignation letter and thanked her for her support and enthusiasm over the years. This leaves a vacancy on the Council which will be advertised on notice boards etc. If any parishioner would like to apply for the vacant position, they should make contact with the Parish Clerk, Jane Hole, in the first instance. Jane can be contacted on 851148.

Police Report.

Logs recorded in April: 1 hit and run on the A377 & 1 highway disruption at Half Moon. No crimes were reported during this period. PCSO Nikki Payne expressed her wish that these low numbers continue!

Election of Officers etc.

As this meeting is also our Annual General Meeting positions were confirmed. David Baker was re-elected as Chairman with Jim Enright as Vice Chairman. Other responsibilities and representative roles were allocated and a full list will appear in the Annual Report & Directory which will be delivered to all households in early June.

MDDC Report.

Cllr Hare-Scott reported that they had finished their year ahead of budget and plans were being formalised for developing land behind the Town Hall in Tiverton. It was hoped to be able to install an air pollution monitor in NSC at the end of the year.

General maintenance matters.

The Clerk reported that two new tenants had taken allotments and these would be cleaned ready for occupation. The seats in the parish will be re-stained and the tree on the village green will be pruned in the autumn. Cllrs were all allocated a footpath in the parish to walk and check. Any work that needed to be done would be reported to Cllr Steve Parker who would ensure this was carried out.

Communications

Cllr Parker had set up a community website called Next Door where residents could log their interest and share information and requests for help etc. This had been well taken up so far. The website can be found on: www.newtonstcyres.nextdoor.co.uk The Cllrs are producing short profiles for inclusion on the Parish Council website and will have individual photographs taken to include on the site.

Dog fouling.

The Clerk was asked to find out if it would be possible for the Parish Council to introduce bylaws to help control dog fouling in the parish. The Clerk was given authority to purchase a pink aerosol spray of biodegradable paint to highlight where dog fouling had taken place.

New housing development.

Mid Devon District Council had confirmed that the new road into the new houses in Station Road should be called Kingfisher Close. This was the name chosen by the school children and endorsed by the Parish Council.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 1st June at 7.30 pm in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall. The next Parish Surgery will take place with the Coffee Morning on Saturday 3rd June. We welcome everyone to the meetings and to the surgery with any queries or comments.

CLlr Jill Baker, Press Officer

Community Volunteer Award

The winner of this Award for 2016 is Joyce Rook. Joyce was considered to be a worthy recipient of this Award not only for running the weekly Bingo sessions and raising hundreds of pounds for local good causes, but also for her support and hard work at the Recreation Ground over the years. As Joyce does not enjoy the limelight, the Parish Council Chairman, David Baker presented the certificate and plaque to Joyce at the start of one her Bingo session. Congratulations Joyce!

NEWTON ST CYRES GARDENING CLUB

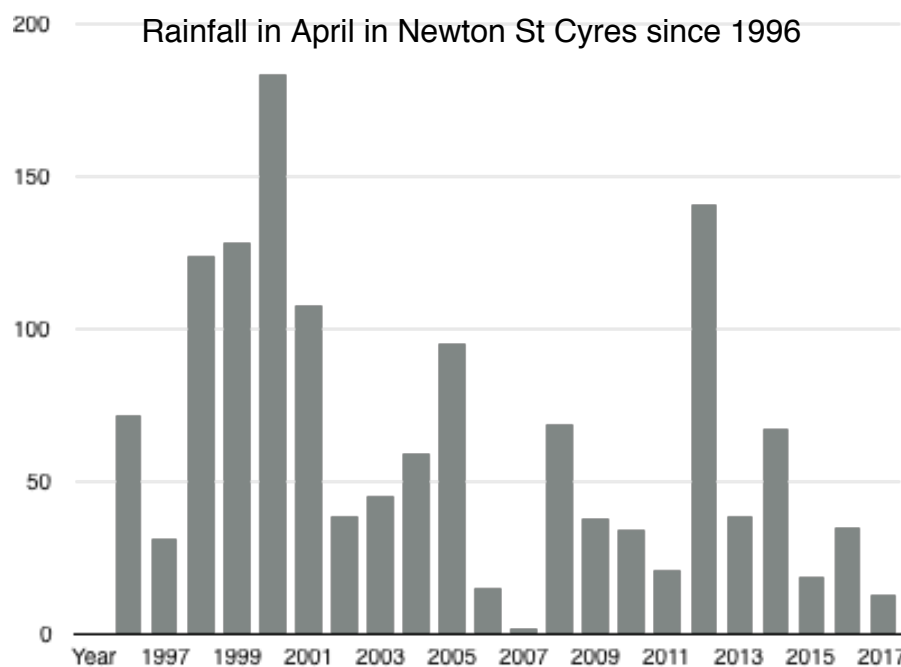
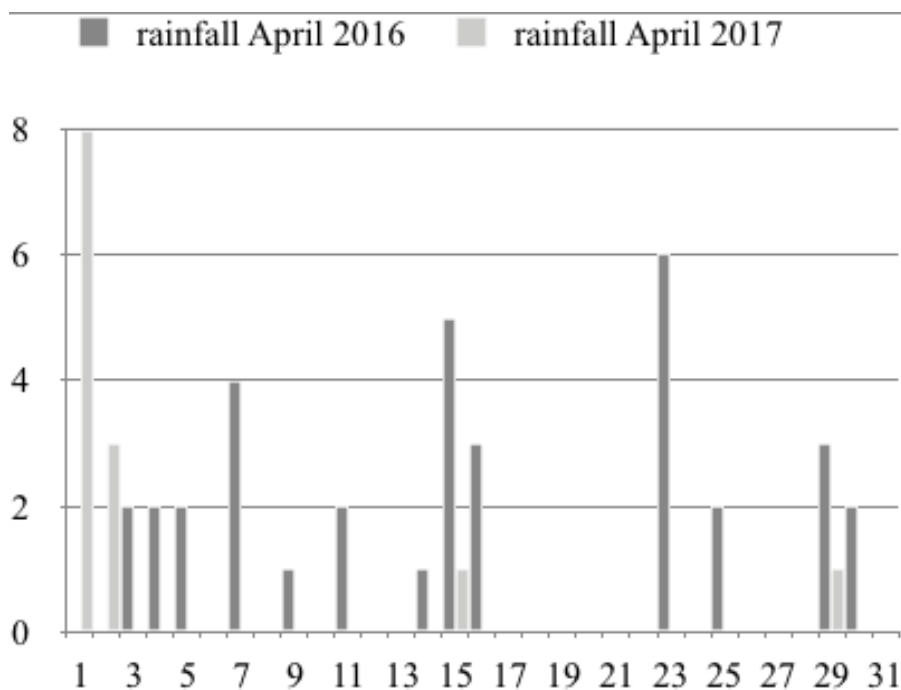
Unfortunately the planned outing to Hayne Barton Gardens, Zeal Monachorum on Sunday 30th April had to be cancelled due to the torrential rain that day.

The owners of the gardens will welcome anyone who would like to visit on their National Garden Schemes Open Days – Sunday 11th June and Sunday 23rd July. Details are in the NGS Yellow Book.

The next outing will be on Saturday 17th June to Burrow Farm Gardens, Dalwood, Axminster and details are in the poster elsewhere in the Newton Wonder. Cream teas can be purchased on the day and there is no need to order these in advance.

Please note that Stuart Dowle will be taking names of anyone interested in coming along. Stuart can be contacted on 851536.

Rainfall in Newton St Cyres





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RECREATION GROUND CLUB

June probably is the quietest month for the club in the year. Although there is lots of Cricket, regular practicing for the Archery Group and the mini football teams get together for training. Overall there is not much else happening.

We will however have our most important meeting The Annual General Meeting. This years date is Wednesday 14th June it is an open meeting, so if you have an opinion or suggestion please feel free to come along and join us, The meeting is 7.30 for 8 p.m.

July is a very different story with several Tennis Tournaments. The Kingfisher Picnic this year is on Wednesday 5th July, a most interesting afternoon when several local schools take part in a countryside competition. It is totally amazing what the children can come up with to demonstrate what they have learned about a particular area of countryside interest.

Then the weekend of 8 th-9th is the Youth Football Tournament a very busy weekend normally about 1,000 people visit the grounds. Children from 8-16 take part in Football games. They all get provided with food and drinks, All the winning teams get a trophy for taking part. The day starts at about 8.30 when the first cars arrive and goes on until about 6.

If you need to go along Station Road this week end please be patient and mindful that that all these small people will have football foremost in their minds. So road safety may not be featuring.. So if you get a bit delayed we hope you can bear with us, its only one weekend a year and gives those taking part a great deal of pleasure.

We will enjoy our quieter June take a breath before we cope with July.

Wendy Lewis

Elections

May and June are the months of elections. We have already voted for our County Councillor and Margaret Squires was re-elected, with 54% of the votes as our county councillor, in the new ward of Creedy, Taw and Mid Exe.

After a general election in 2015 you may think it a bit early to do the whole thing again. However, a referendum later, we are back into the general election roadshow. There are seven candidates to choose from in the election to be held on 7th June.

Citizens Advice in Crediton

Following the allocation of funds by Mid Devon District Council it has been necessary to reduce the provision of the advice service in Crediton to one day per week. The bureau is now open on Tuesday between 10am and 3pm. If you would like to make an appointment please ring 01363 776210, wait to the end of the message and leave your number for the bureau to ring back

Newton St Cyres Cricket Club



Summer is around the corner and the cricket season is well and truly underway. It has been a busy and interesting few months for Newton St Cyres Cricket Club. After a number of challenging years in the league with wide divisions between teams creating a number of uneven games, a few clubs decided to leave the league. This meant an even tougher season lay ahead and so the decision was made to merge with Woodbury - another team struggling to get enough players together and potentially also having to make the difficult decision to drop out of the league.

The newly formed Woodbury and Newton St Cyres Cricket Club merges the East and West and is able to field both a first and second XI, which both compete in league games as well as holding numerous friendly matches and a mid-week league tournament hosted by Cheriton Fitzpaine. In addition it is hoped that the merged club can further develop the existing youth cricket already in place at Woodbury to ensure the long term survival of the club.

Matches are to be played at both grounds throughout the season, together with regular matches at the Rec club for both of the other two teams in the village - Heads and Tails and the Beer Engine. So please come along and continue to support them.

The games so far have been encouraging winning the first 2 friendlies over Clyst Hydon and Bridford. We then had a double fixture planned for both the Saturday and Sunday at Lynton & Lynmouth, one of the most picturesque grounds in the country. The Saturday saw a narrow loss with the opponents chasing down the total of 185 with an over to spare, whilst Sunday saw the rainclouds come in and the match called off. When the league finally started both teams played Topsham, with the 2nd XI winning, but the 1st team coming off second best! The second weekend saw the 1st team lose a tough match against Barnstaple, whilst the second team had its match rained off near the end but as they had a lower run rate the win was awarded to Feniton. Whilst in the mid-week Cheriton Fitzpaine tournament, the first match saw the rarest of results in T20 cricket - a draw! - with both teams only able to score 105 in challenging batting conditions.

Hopefully we'll start to see more see more wins in the league games over the coming weeks and there is plenty of cricket planned for the year, so if you wish to get involved please get in touch.

Paul McCutcheon

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

May Update

Tennis is a great activity that can keep you in shape whether you are 5 or 95. It is good for the cardiovascular and muscle systems, and is also a strategic mental game which exercises your brain and keeps your vitamin D levels topped up because you are outside in the fresh air. One health and fitness website lists the top ten health benefits of tennis as:



- Full body workout
- Improved aerobic and anaerobic health
- Burns calories and fat
- Improves bone health
- Heart healthy
- Enhances flexibility, balance and coordination
- Boosts brain power
- Is great cross training for other sports
- Improves discipline and social skills
- Boosts mood

Scientists in Connecticut have also apparently found that people who play tennis are more optimistic, have greater self-esteem and are less anxious, angry and depressed than people who play other sports or are sedentary.

Sounds good? Why don't you give it a go? At Newton St Cyres Tennis Club we have club sessions and coaching suitable for all ages, from primary school age to those well into their eighties. We are friendly and inclusive and always welcome new members of all levels. So with light evenings and warm weather upon us what about taking up an activity which is not only good for you but great fun? Full details of the club can be found on our website www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk, or contact our membership secretary Laura Leigh on 0164724259. See you on court!

Sally Baldwin



Newton St Cyres FC



**May
2017
Update**



A long season has finally drawn to a close with mixed results but better than could have been expected earlier in the season when management changes in the two adult teams presented a challenge

In Devon and Exeter Premier Division the Firsts finished the season in 13th of 15 teams - W7, D5, L16. The Reserves, who play in Devon and Exeter Division 5, finished in 8th of 13 teams - W6, D7, L11. It is almost certain that both teams will stay up in their respective divisions. Much credit for this goes to Ben Taylor who stepped into the First Team Manager's shoes as well as keeping an eye on the Reserves. In recognition of this he was named Club Person of the Year - well done Ben and thanks from the whole club

Despite losing their last two games the under-15's won the Exeter and District Youth League Division 3 W7, D1, L2. We are awaiting decisions on the league structure for 2017/18 under-16's but the strength of the squad has already encouraged us to plan to play in an under-18 league the following year.

The club fielded two under 10 teams with half of the players only eight years old - four were accepted into the Exeter City Performance Academy - results were P62, W21, D10, L31.

On 13 May 110 junior players, parents and supporters attended an end of season BBQ which augurs well for next season when Newton will have under 8, 9, 10 and 11 teams.

Our thanks go to all the managers, coaches, supporters and parents who contribute to such a thriving village club. Mention must also be made of the Rec Club which produces such good pitches.

Finally it's the club two day 5 - aside tournament on 8 and 9 July - do come along.

Roger Furniss

NEWTON RAMBLERS

Our monthly walk on 14th May was to Killerton to explore the lesser known tracks around the estate. We went from the highest point, the Iron Age Fort up behind the house right round to the lowest, Ellerhayes Bridge, a mixture of open country and woodland tracks. We were a little concerned upon arrival to find a large vintage car rally taking place but were relieved to see that they had their own car park and that our usual park was almost empty. One of our objectives was to catch the last of the bluebells, and in this we were successful. At one point we discovered vast swathes of a mix of bluebell, red campion and cow parsley - very patriotic! There were nine of us and five dogs who all enjoyed various forms of refreshment in the Stable Cafe at the end of a very rewarding morning.



Sunday 11th June

This month we will be doing a walk on Dartmoor. We will leave from Chagford Common and make our way to Shovel Down and then on to Scorhill Down taking in various antiquities along the way. We will then make our way back to the River Teign.

We will meet at Newton St Cyres car park at 11 am, and will share cars to Chagford. We will be starting a bit later than usual and will take picnic lunches with us,

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

*Please note that anyone joining this walk obviously does
so at their own risk.*



Newton St Cyres Gardening Club

Future Outings planned are:

Saturday 17th June. Visit to Burrow Farm Gardens near Axminster with a Cream Tea. Burrow Farm features in the NGS Yellow Book too.



Saturday 8th July. Another visit to **John West's Nursery** with a Cream Tea. This is always a popular visit and numbers are limited so it will have to be first come, first served.

Please contact David Baker on 851752 or email: davidbaker687@btinternet.com to book your place on these outings.

PRESS-UPS FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Village local, Annabelle Meakin-Lee, who is a British Taekwondo champion and student at Bramford Speke Primary School, is doing 30 press-ups a day for the 30 days of June in aid of Cancer Research. Touched by the loss of many folk in our village and the loss of friends and family to this horrible disease, she decided to come up with a challenge to do something positive. She regularly practices press-ups with Dave Powlesland at TKD sessions that take place in the village hall on Friday evenings. The press-ups in June will help to condition her upper body as well as doing good for charity. She will complete some press ups at school, some at TKD and some at home and every press up will be logged on her sheet by an independent witness! It would be great if everyone can donate something to this brave 9yr old's challenge. The best way to donate is via this web page:-<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/AnnabelleTKD>

It is very fast, secure and every penny will make it to Cancer Research. If you see us around, you can donate in person and we'll (mum and dad) pass it on to Just Giving. Any amount will be gladly received. Let's do all we can to beat Cancer.

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**Newton St Cyres Gardening Club
Invite you to join them on a visit to**

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Dalwood, Axminster
on
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Do You Remember?.....June

June 1977

The Annual Parish meeting heard complaints from Half Moon residents concerning traffic problems.

A plea has gone out for funds to overhaul the heating system and replace the boiler in the church.

The Parish Council is to place a litter bin at the Half Moon layby.

The Twinning circle are planning a barbecue at Sherwood House.

The St Cyres Players presented their Jubilee Review in the Parish Hall.

The Walkabout had perfect weather for the 38 walkers. Philip Mitchell claimed to be the youngest walker to complete the full distance at 10 years and 10 months.

Mrs M Walters was elected chairman of the Tennis Club Committee.

June 1987

More articles came from the village school pupils as a free supplement to this edition.

A plea from the Church has gone to all parishioners to help raise nearly £5000 to replace the heating system. This has to be done in the very near future to ensure a heated building for the coming winter.

Due to very little interest the proposed revival of the Flower Show has been dropped.

A 4+ Playgroup is to be started each Wednesday morning in the Parish Hall.

June 1997

The school has reported that it has now grown to 63 pupils which is close to capacity. The Newton Wonder committee has said that no volunteers have come forward to help produce the magazine. As the present committee will retire at the year end the last edition will be in December.

The Morris Men will be dancing at the Crown and Sceptre on 16th June.

The Twinning Circle hosted 40 guests from Rots. The visitors won the annual trophy.

Visits to Totnes and Buckfast Abbey were arranged for the French party.

June 2007

Sue and Gerald Digby said farewell to the village having spent over eight years at the Post Office.

A plea has gone out from the Recreation Ground Club for voluntary workers to keep the club going, either as committee members or casual helpers.

The Club had played host to several hundred children as part of the Kingfisher Project.

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NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP

We went far back in time for our evening on 15th March, to the first inhabitants of Devon in the Mesolithic, or Middle Stone Age, 10,000 years ago. This was the starting point for Bill Horner's talk on the importance of the Lower Exe, Culm and Creedy Valleys in the Prehistoric and Roman periods. Bill Horner is the County Archaeologist and last came to speak to us in 2011 when he gave a general talk on Devon's various sites from prehistory to the Second World War, based on aerial photographs. It was clear that he had plenty more that he could tell us. This time he concentrated on the area to the north and west of Exeter, where our village is situated, and explained that the geography of the surrounding hills and valleys makes this fertile place a nodal point in the landscape. The land is productive, all routes westwards and eastwards funnel through it, and even in prehistoric times the rivers and estuary were navigated. The influential landscape historian, WG Hoskins, called it 'the vestibule of the West Country'.



The Mesolithic era is dated roughly between 8,000 and 4,500 BC, when the first hunter gatherers entered the area as the ice retreated. They would have moved up the river valleys and made clearings in the thick woods, to attract the animals they would hunt for food. During the Neolithic, or New Stone Age, which followed, more land was cleared for farming, settlements and enclosures were established and trading contacts made. The landscape holds the evidence of these times, in flint scatters of arrowheads and tools which can be found by field walking, as Christopher Southcott has shown on Lake Ridge. The flint would be traded and Beer was one source. Stone axes might come from as far away as the Lake District or the Lizard, and Hembury ware bowls and pots were produced all over the area from the local clays.

Bill showed us aerial photos which showed the various types of settlement marks left in the landscape from this period. He began with the causewayed enclosures at Raddon and Nymet Rowland. There are others in Devon, and it is thought that these earthworks were used for feasting and trading, and possibly funerary rites, rather than being permanent settlements. Maybe they were defensive, but it seems that warfare then was more complex and that there were ritualised forms of conflict. Long barrows were used over time for communal burial of the dead, and we saw a photo of a possible one at North Tawton. Henges (post or stone circles with a bank and ditch) existed all over Britain, the most famous being Stonehenge, but in Devon the best preserved sites are on Dartmoor, where the use of stone and lack of farming preserved many sites from the Neolithic and Bronze Age. However, there is one at Bow, where the marks left by a post and timber circle remain.

The Bronze Age is dated from c. 2,500 to c. 750 BC when the use of iron became more widespread. Round barrows date from this time, often in groups, and often high on the skyline to indicate the ancestors' presence and the ownership of land. Ploughing has reduced many of these mounds so that they only show as crop marks, but there is a concentration here at Upton Pyne and along towards Bow. Photos of ring ditches at Hayne Barton, and a huge enclosure at Rewe, are further evidence of the amount of activity in this area. Field systems too show in the soil as excavations are

carried out ahead of roadworks e.g. at Feniton, though they show most clearly in the reeves on Dartmoor. These and other settlement enclosures reveal the small farming communities who lived here and one of these enclosures shows from the air at the top of Tin Pit Lane. There would have been a wooden enclosure around a farm house and outbuildings. During the Iron Age, hill forts were built, the nearest to us being Cadbury Castle, though there are others such as Milber Down near Newton Abbot.

The enclosure at the top of Sandown Lane, with a double ditch, was a farm dating from the middle of the Iron Age, around 200 BC and was used into the Romano-British period to about the second century AD. It was interesting to see the recent excavation photographs.

The Roman invasion brought a period of more intense occupation and land use. The Romans were keen to exploit the mineral wealth of the south west, and iron, silver and tin from the local mines was funnelled through the Exeter area. Of course as this was a military zone at first, this area was well garrisoned and controlled from the large fortress they built at Exeter and the fort at Topsham, the main port on the Exe at the time. There was also a large fort at Tiverton (Bolham) to secure the routes eastwards. There was smaller garrison at Bury Barton Farm, Lapford, which again shows as crop marks, an enclosure at Ide, and a probable Signal Station on Stoke Hill, which would have passed on alerts by fire or by trumpet along a network of similar stations. There were questions about the whereabouts of the Roman military road going west from Exeter through Coleford, North Tawton and Okehampton. Parts of its route are known, but the section joining these to Exeter has not been found, and there is no proof that it did go along the ridge south of the village, as many of us suspect!

The Roman civilian period lasted for nearly four centuries, and there are some traces of the farms and settlements here, such as the enclosure in Sandown Lane, already mentioned, a tile found in Silverton, and a turnspit found in Rewe. More significant is a Roman Villa at Downs House outside Crediton. This is a substantial building and may well indicate that the road ran close by.

It was clear, by the end of Bill Horner's talk, that this area has been a busy place for many centuries, since the first hunter gatherers came into the landscape. It was very interesting to see the evidence of the inhabitants over such a long time span. Our thanks go to Bill Horner for the wealth of information he presented so clearly.

Isobel Hepworth

Meetings will be held on a WEDNESDAY evening

7.30pm in the Village Hall Club Room.

We have no special membership and everyone is welcome.
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For further information contact Jean 851337 Isobel 851351

2017

June 10th Saturday Outing to Chulmleigh

July 19th The History of an Australian House in Moss Vale, NSW

Sept 20th The Italian Garden at Ambrook

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NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP

JUNE - Saturday June 10th

Outing to Chulmleigh with the option of a buffet lunch first at Chulmleigh Golf Club. The tour of Chulmleigh will start at 2pm and will include some time in the Church with its elegantly carved 16th Century rood screen. The afternoon will finish with tea in a local cottage. *We shall need to know numbers beforehand as early as possible so please phone Jean or Isobel on 851337 or 851351 to book your place.* We shall meet at 11.30am in the village hall car park to arrange car shares for those wishing to have lunch which will cost £8.

For those not wishing to have lunch meet in the Hall car park at 12.50 to arrange transport. In Chulmleigh meet outside the Red Lion. Chulmleigh is an old Saxon hilltop market town that was bypassed by the new Turnpike road to North Devon in the early 1800's.

JULY - Wednesday July 19th TONY SHEFFIELD visiting from Australia will give a presentation on the History of his House. Village Hall Club room 7.30pm.

Tony, a photographer, has been interested in Newton St Cyres since he discovered that the first occupant of his house was Helena Wyatt from Eastholme. We are very lucky to have him visiting the village, and being prepared to show us the power point on the history of his house in Moss Vale, that he has prepared to honour its centenary. Not a big deal here but much more so in Australia.

Tony will also show pictures of some of the plants to be found in the gardens of his district of NSW and of some of the local agriculture.

We hope you will keep the 19th July free to come and support our Australian visitor.

SEPTEMBER - Wednesday Sept. 20th ANGELA DODD CROMPTON - The Italian Garden at Ambrook

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Some 40 Friends participated in the tours and the AGM. One tour was led by Frances Watkins, who provided insights to the mosses, liverworts and lichens in the Arboretum. The other was co-led by Vaughan Gallavan and Geoff Jackson. Vaughan featured trees and shrubs that had been planted over the last two years and plans for further planting, whilst Geoff demonstrated the fern garden that he has established with more than 40 contrasting ferns.

At the AGM, Andrew and Peter Watts, Treasurer, reported a very successful year. The number of Friends increased to 80 and their support makes a major contribution to the costs of maintaining the arboretum. With the recent award of £1,000 from Tesco and accumulated funds, a sum of £3,000 has been set aside to be used later this year for the improvement of paths to increase their suitability for push chairs and wheelchairs.

Brenda Vallance and Richard Whalley retired from the Committee and they were thanked for all their help. Sarah Curtis, Jill Melling and Margaret Ware were elected to join the Committee, with other members continuing to stand.

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As we had a 'Full House' again this year we were able to have the extra Bonus draws. Will we have them again next time? We shall see. At the time of writing this we have some spare numbers so if anyone would like another number or be a new subscriber, please telephone me. It is only £11 per year.

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June on the Farm

Beautiful, gorgeous, flourishing June, when every leaf reaches to the sky, and every creature luxuriates in peak sun. The greens merge from their spring myriad of shades to the mid green of high summer. The ash trees, really late this year are finally in full leaf, and the landscape is now complete with its full complement of leaves. Young of everything are everywhere. Our house martens hadn't arrived by mid-May. I even dreamt about exhausted house martens struggling to get here from central Africa, that extraordinary journey for these tiny creatures. I keep hoping they will turn up any day. The tadpoles are developing legs and disappearing, I hope not just into the heron's beak that so elegantly stands fishing. It's no longer safe to stop and sit in the sun in the woods as every inch of the forest floor is covered with wood ants just waiting to defend their territory. The size of their ant hills is amazing, with some getting to 4 foot high, huge cities filled with busy ants. Disturb them, and they send up an eye-stinging cloud of formic acid to defend their city.

The crop are at their most flourishing: all promise, and no reality check. That comes later when we see what we have harvested. For now the barley ears are filling and starting to turn, if it stays as dry as it has been. The wheat is coming into full flower, soft and rich green ears releasing clouds of pollen. Each little green floweret could make a grain of wheat, and it probably won't be as fat as the flower promises: it never quite is, and this year, the dry spring has already limited the roots growth and leaf size. People are already expecting straw to be in shorter supply: the plant's plan for how tall it will grow is already set.

The maize starts its extraordinary growth, meeting in the rows then reaching tall. It is the latest sown crop, and the one that gets the tallest, using the sun's energy the most efficiently of any crop we have: it just needs warm weather and just a little moisture to make it all happen. We are seeding kale and fodder beet for our cows and young cattle to grow on over the winter when the cows aren't milking and the grassland is too tender to harbour them. As we make bales of silage, we will put those in the field so each group has a fresh big bale every day.

We had a difficult TB test last month. Almost the whole of the group of heifers ready to go to the bull now for the first time reacted very strongly to the test. We are still all shocked and saddened by it. Early in the week, you put a killed sample of the disease just under their skin. You see how they respond 4 days later. If they have never met the disease, they have a little lump: if they have met it and are fighting it, they have a big lump, depending on how hard they are fighting it. If they have the disease and their immune systems have suppressed it, the lump may be little. Sadly our shiny, joyful, up-for-life little heifers came in to the reading part of the test with lumps the size of tennis-balls. No-one could meet each other's eyes, not the vet doing the test or any of us, as we got each one in to be read in turn. It's so sad that animals so ferociously resisting the disease go off to slaughter. It's the way to see grown-ups cry.

The vet thinks the animals could have bumped into an external source of the disease when they were out grazing the kale. We are looking at everything to keep them safe next winter. When we check the animals, we don't walk every inch of the fence line. We'd be happy to pay someone to help us be this vigilant. We need someone to walk the whole boundary of the two outwintering fields once or twice a day every day from November/ December through till February/ March. We can ask the vets to help us if they do notice a problem. If you know of an outdoorsy, reliable, wildlife-interested person who would be willing to take this on, let me know.

For now, the grass is growing beautifully, with the clover growing like crazy. We really enjoyed the useful lot of rain that came in a couple of days last month and we'd like to book an inch and more in one go every couple of weeks. It is remarkable how much more grass we have available to the cows by the river now we have taken the spring cows up the hill. It's lovely to see how their grazing that has been used for cropping for ages is slowly turning into a rich sward, as they graze and manure the grass roots get really bedded into the soil. Grassland farming is completely magical: it takes stuff we can't eat and which nurtures the soil and with the help of some beautiful, generous animals, turns it into something wonderful that makes delicious, nourishing food.

The spring cows are getting in calf: the herd now looks quiet and content as more and more animals get pregnant. One feature of our grassland farming, and our little cross-bred cows is that they yield less than cows who live an inside life and they get in calf more easily. The lower yields mean the cows aren't putting so much into their udders, so they feel happier to get in calf more quickly. We are happy to see the mating frenzy decline, that means the cows have got in calf, and we are set for new life and milk next February.



The grass fed milk is starting to take on some lovely clover notes, with the clover growing so fast and starting to flower. It feels like that lovely aroma comes through into to milk.

The cheese dairy is hot, and we need to make sure the curd cools with a big fan before we put it away in the moulds. Too hot, and we can get a little dome of open texture inside the cheese. That's fine in flavour, it just means the wedge doesn't hold together properly when you cut it.

We're looking forward to welcoming you to Open Farm Sunday on June 11th. It's a special day for us where we open our gates and welcome the local community in to see what farming at Quicke's is all about.

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Recipe:

This time of year, I want light food to eat. I love growing all sorts of interesting salads. This month I pick lots of different lettuce varieties. I love all of those lovely flavourful cabbage-family plants like rocket (lots of different kinds), cresses and mustards, and the oriental greens: pak choi, mizuna and a whole bundle more from the catalogue. Then we've the beets that add beautiful colour, sorrels for sharpness, and fat hen relatives like amaranth or Vietnamese coriander. I always like to spice salads up with the carrot family: parsley, chervil, coriander and dill. Then there are the ones that don't fit into any of the big families, like corn salad, edible chrysanthemum, salad burnet and purslane. Add some flowers, like marigold, borage and scented roses on the top and you have a salad to light up your table. There can be so many flavours going on it needs something to tie it all together. Our Mature Cheddar, or Smoked Cheddar if I want to ring the changes, completely consistently adds depth and has all those flavours tie together. Grate generous amounts of Quicke's Mature or Smoked Cheddar over your mixed leaf salad. Top with edible flowers. Eat with a vinaigrette that is heavy on vinegar.

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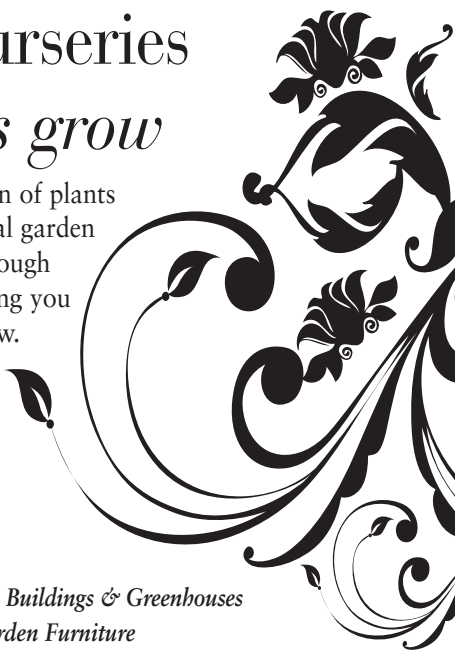
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Monthly Gardening notes for June from Bert Jewell

Let's continue further along my journey. Shall I take the job in Crediton or not, I kept asking myself over and over again. My mother didn't want me to go and father said I had to please myself. Then there was the girl from the village, although we weren't serious about each other yet, how would she react! Where would I live if I moved? I had to decide what I wanted to do and let my brother know by the end of the following week. After a lot of soul searching I decided to take the job and gave in notice to leave the place I had worked for nearly eight years.

I had learnt a lot from that place of work, about different types of steel, quite a lot about electrical installations and how to work with other people. I told my brother what I had decided and he said that a bedsit was available in one of the properties in Parliament Street. It was the cheapest option, so I said yes I would take it. There was nowhere to park a car so I sold mine but there was no garden for me to deal with either.

After saying goodbye to friends I had made in the village, including the girl and to my work mates, my brother collected me and my few worldly goods from home and we set off, the beginning of a new chapter in my life.

I went into the office at 8am on the morning of my first day and was told to go into the yard and meet the man who I would be working under. He was the brother in law of the man who had his name on the Lorries. I was shown some of the vehicles I would be driving. There was the Bedford Furniture van, a small Bedford Lorry for farm deliveries and an E.R.F flat bed Lorry for general haulage. It had no side or tail boards and all loads had to be sheeted and tied down with ropes, there were no curtain sided vehicles. Back then I was also shown the coach that I would take my test on. Before I tell about that I think we should take a stroll around the.....

Vegetable garden

Keeping the veg patch free from weeds has been fairly easy with all the fine dry weather we've been having, but don't hang the hoe up just yet. The first drop of rain will have the weeds popping up just where you don't want them. Regular hoeing will check weed seedlings before they can get established. If the ground is wet put down pieces of board to use as stepping stones.

Late May early June is a good time to put in runner and French beans, either seed or plants. Sow, maincrop carrots, peas, sweet corn and swede.



Flower garden

Lift Tulip and Hyacinth bulbs once the foliage has died down clean them off and store in a cool dark place until autumn when they can be replanted ready for next spring. Daffodil bulbs are best lifted every 3 – 4 years discarding any rotten or damaged bulbs and separate the others to be planted as individual bulbs. Now that the risk of frost has passed, plant out bedding into borders and containers.

Fruit garden

Keep fruit bushes, canes and trees well watered during dry periods, this will help to swell the crops and keep the plants healthy.

Lawns

Lawns will need regular mowing to keep the whole garden looking good Oh and don't forget the edges. Trimmed edges on a lawn, to me are like the icing on the cake.

Trees, Shrubs and Climbers

Fast growing hedges like Privet and Lonicera Nitida (Nitida is green leaved, Baggesens Gold is the yellow leaved variety) will need frequent clipping to maintain shape and density, the Lonicera more than the privet. Clematis Montana can be tidied up once the flowering has finished but pruning too hard could mean fewer flowers next year. Tie in new growth on climbing and rambling Roses. Carefully pinch out dead flower heads from Rhododendrons.

Plant of the month

Geranium (Hardy Cranesbill)

So called because of its seed pod. These hardy plants live outside all year round and should not be mistaken for Pelargonium's which are sold as Geraniums. I would like to see these plants sold under their true name but it's all about marketing. Anyway, Geraniums will grow in any well drained soil in sun or light shade and are available in a wide range of colours and growth habit, some used as groundcover and others reaching 2' or more. The ground cover varieties can be dead headed using a pair of shears, this way you should get a second flush of flowers. Dead head the taller varieties once the flowers have faded and cut the stems down in the autumn.

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Newton St Cyres Young Farmers Club



May 2017

In March we held our annual dung sale raising around £500. A big thanks goes to Matthew Crooke for organising it, providing the dung and doing most of the deliveries and to David Trigg for supplying the bags. Also in March, 15 members attended a clay pigeon shoot, kindly hosted by the May family, at Netherexe Farm. Our fortnightly club meeting was held at the new Devon Rural Hub on March 28th. This gave members an opportunity to see how some of

the money we fundraised was used. Thank you to Nick Creasy who gave us a tour of the building.

The Devon YFC Outdoor Activities Day was kindly hosted by the Bellew family on 10th April. Newton members did a fantastic job helping Haldon group take the trophy home for the most overall points, winning prizes for activities such as tractor handling and block laying. A massive 'Well done!' goes to everyone who competed.

On 18th April the club held an Easter Bingo with a raffle, at Thorverton Village Hall raising £229.50 for Devon Freewheelers. Members were inspired to raise money for this fantastic charity after volunteer, Kevin Balding, gave a really interesting talk at our meeting on 28th March. Devon Freewheelers consist of a team of 37 volunteer Emergency Vehicle Drivers who provide an out of hours service, supporting the NHS, by transporting blood, medication, samples and donor breast milk around Devon and beyond.



This year the club will be celebrating its 80th year. To celebrate, a few members are completing a variety of challenges embracing the number 80 all in aid of Farms for City Children. Emma and Georgina Davie will be cycling 80 miles from the North to South coast of Devon on 21st July. Chloe Eyles will be swimming 80 miles, and Katie Davie will be running 80 miles, between 21st June and 21st July. You can donate online, via their collaborative JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/newtonstcyresYFC>

Members have recently returned from the National AGM at Torquay where a great time was had by all. Newton St Cyres was awarded the title 'Club of Convention' meaning that members got the chance to meet some of the Radio 1 team including Scott Mills, Chris Stark and Matt Edmondson.



For more information about joining the club, contact Georgina on 07801273424.

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Neighbourhood Watch and Emergency News

For further information or to submit a report please go to the website or contact the Parish Council Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator,

Whilst this is not a reported problem in Newton St Cyres it is worth noting:

Anti-social behaviour

Anti-social behaviour covers a wide range of unacceptable activity that causes harm to an individual, to their community or to their environment. This could be an action by someone else that leaves you feeling alarmed, harassed or distressed. It also includes fear of crime or concern for public safety, public disorder or public nuisance.

Examples of anti-social behaviour include:

- Nuisance, rowdy or inconsiderate neighbours
- Vandalism, graffiti and fly-posting
- Street drinking
- Environmental damage including littering, dumping of rubbish and abandonment of cars
- Prostitution related activity
- Begging and vagrancy
- Fireworks misuse
- Inconsiderate or inappropriate use of vehicles

The police, local authorities and other community safety partner agencies, such as Fire & Rescue and social housing landlords, all have a responsibility to deal with anti-social behaviour and to help people who are suffering from it.

If you are experiencing problems with anti-social behaviour, or have any concerns about it, or other community safety issues, you should contact your local council or call the non-emergency number, 101. In an emergency, call 999.

NEW TYTHEING CLOSE DEPUTY

We are happy to welcome Damien as the new Deputy for Tytheing Close.

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Theatre: 'Hopping Mad', Thus 8 to Sat 10 June, 7.30 in Newcombes Meadow. Following on from the 2015 success of *'Operation Belinda'*, this exciting musical performed by the acclaimed Credition Youth Theatre is performed by a talented cast of local young people and tells the story of the lives, loves and secrets of hop pickers in 1930's Kent. Dramatically performed outside in the heart of Credition's park, it promises to be a magical experience for all ages. Tickets £8/£5.

Food: 'Credition Food & Drink Festival', Sat 17 & Sun 18 June, in Credition Town Square. Running for the ninth year, this weekend the Square will become filled with food. It includes stalls showcasing local producers, cookery demonstrations, live music, fun activities and the finale of 'the Big Sunday Lunch'. For more details visit www.creditionfoodfestival.co.uk.

Music & Film: 'Seat of the Pants Orchestra', Sun 18 June, workshop 2.00-5.00, performance 7.30 at Credition Arts Centre. This innovative event challenges musicians to improvise and perform a soundtrack to eclectic silent movies. See the intriguing result or come along and take part, it is open to musicians of all ages and abilities. Workshop £5, Performance £6/£3.

Comedy: 'Comedy Suits', Thurs 22 June, 8.00 at Credition Arts Centre. Hilarious and ribald stand-up comedy and sketches from some of Credition's best loved local comedians. Tickets £6.

Music: 'Busk It', Sat 24 June, 10.00-1.00 in the High Street & Town Square. This free event fills the town with music for the morning with a diverse range of musicians - from Jazz to Folk, choirs to Classical - all playing out on the street and in shops and cafes, creating a wonderful sonic ambiance throughout Credition.

For more information about the above events visit www.creditionartscentre.org pick up one of our brochures, or contact us on 773260 or email info@creditionartscentre.org. To find out more about what is happening in CredFest 2017 visit www.credfest.co.uk or pick up the program in shops and venues around Credition.

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The French connection in this concert continues with motets by Pierre Villette (a pupil of Maurice Duruflé), exquisite, spiritual settings, highly charged in their chromaticism and sensually expressive harmony, and the lovely "Cantique de Jean Racine" by Gabriel Fauré, composed when he was just nineteen years old. The second half of the programme is devoted to a selection of Afro-American Spirituals.

The concert will be performed on consecutive days during the June midsummer weekend, and interval refreshments will be available at both venues.

Sat. June 24th 2017, 7.30pm at St.Paul's Church, Honiton

Tickets: £12 (children/students FREE)

Sun. June 25th 2017, 3.00pm at Newton St. Cyres Church

Tickets: £10 (children/students FREE)

We would be delighted to see you at one of these concerts. Please bring your friends and visit our website to buy your tickets : www.exeterchamberchoir.co.uk
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Paul Cleave

Newton St Cyres

St Cyr and St Julitta

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From the Local Newspaper August 23rd 1867

CHAPEL OF EASE FOR COWLEY.

The pleasant little hamlet of Cowley was on Wednesday the scene of a very interesting ceremony - that of laying the foundation stone of a chapel of ease for the parish of Brampford Speke, of which the Rev. R.C. Kindersley is the vicar. About six years ago the late Mr. Sheppard, who resided near Cowley Bridge, originated a series of Sunday services for the accommodation of parishioners of Brampford Speke living at Cowley, and those of other parishes bordering thereon. Mr Sheppard placed a commodious room at the disposal of the congregation, and from that time to the present Cowley services have been regularly held in it. From the generosity of Mr. Gibbs, Tyntesfield, late of Mashed and the donor of the splendid church being built on Mount Dinham, chapel of ease is about to be erected. The site of the building is an elevated piece of ground, at the junction of the Crediton road with the road from Exwick, given by the family of the late Mr. Sheppard; and it is estimated that the total cost, the whole of which is to be defrayed by Mr. Gibbs, will amount to about £1,200. That gentleman also contributed nearly £300 towards the endowment fund of £2,000, which is now complete. The builder is Mr. J.P. White, of Pimlico, London, the designs by Mr. Hawkins, architect, also of the metropolis. The chapel which is intended to seat 150 persons, will be of the decorated Gothic style. The plan consists of a nave and chancel, with vestry. A recess for an harmonium will be provided near the vestry. The pulpit will be of stone. The materials to be used in the erection of the building are Westleigh stone, with dressings of Hamhill and Bath stone. The following figures

represent the dimensions of the chapel: - Total height, 36ft.; chancel, 22ft. by 18ft.; nave 48ft.4in. by 21ft.6in.; vestry 12ft by 7ft.. There will be a handsome three-light window at the east end. This we understand will be glazed with plain glass; the substitution of stained glass would, however, prove a most desirable in an ornamental point of view. As the site of the chapel is more than two miles distant from the parish church of Brampford Speke, its erection will supply an easily accessible place of worship for many who at present have to travel considerable journey in order to attend a Divine service. The ceremony of laying the corner stone was performed by Miss Sheppard, a daughter of the gentleman to whom we have alluded, in the presence of a large number of persons. The scaffolding tastefully decorated with flowers and evergreens, the thickly foliated trees and rustic cottages around, and the bright sky above, formed a truly pretty scene. The service for the occasion was partly read by the Rev. R.C. Kindersley, and partly chanted by the choir of Brampford Speke church, Mr Clarke (sub-organist at the Exeter Cathedral) presiding at a powerful harmonium. Some hymns, specially selected for the occasion, were also sung, with a very pleasing effect, especially on commencing -

"This stone to thee in faith we lay."

At the proper stage of the service the corner stone was adjusted and the mortar spread by Mr. White in readiness to receive the finishing touch from Miss Sheppard. The done, the stone was lowered into its place; and after some gentle strokes with the mallet, Miss Sheppard repeated the words - "In the faith of Jesus Christ, we place this foundation stone, in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost." The remaining portion of the interesting service having been gone

through, the ceremony was brought to a close. No speech making took place. Amongst the assembly we noticed – Lady and Miss Norhtcote, Dr. Blackall, J.C.Bowring, Esq., Capt. Selby, J.W.Sparkes, Esq. (Creditor), E.H.Roberts, Esq., L. Roberts, Esq., Misses Barnes, Revds. Canon Crooke,

R.A.Knox, S.C.Northcote,, and T.Davy; T.M. Snow,Esq., Miss Snow, J.C.Wilcocks, Esq., –Merrivale,Esq., Mr. and Mrs. Chalice, Mr. Gaines, Mr. White (builder), Mr Helmore and party, Mrs. C. Kitson (Wellington), &c., &c., A slight shower of rainfall during the ceremony, but it did not mar the proceedings.

This article was found by Chris Lee

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It's summer so there must be more happenings brewing in the Sheldon Open Air Theatre!

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What it means to be Armenian

I am often asked the question "Where is Armenia?" Well, it is a small land-locked country, about the size of Wales, located between the Caspian and Black Seas. It is where my ancestors are from and, like all Armenians, I am very proud of my heritage. The capital city of Yerevan lies in the shadow of the biblical Mount Ararat upon which Noah's Ark landed. Mount Ararat is the only mountain in an otherwise very flat landscape and has in fact TWO peaks. Folklore says that it was in fact once the highest mountain on Earth but, when the Ark landed, it collapsed to form two smaller peaks. The soil at the foothills of Mount Ararat is very rich making the land the agricultural bread basket of the former Soviet Union, some even say that it was the location of the Garden of Eden! Armenians are the modern-day descendants of the tribe of Hittites. That is all Old Testament.

In 301AD, twelve years before Constantine legalised Christianity in the Roman Empire, King Tiridates III made Christianity the official religion of Armenia, the first national ruler to do so. An alphabet was created in 405AD by a priest, Mesrob, in order to make the first translation of the bible from Greek. It was then accessible to the faithful which was a fundamental step in strengthening the Armenian national identity as Christians. The Armenians were subsequently conquered by the Romans, Arabs, Persians, Ottomans, and Soviets. In 1915, the Young Turks government attempted to exterminate them, massacring 1.5 million. In 1988, an earthquake killed up to 50,000 Armenians. That same year, a war between Armenia and Azerbaijan claimed tens of thousands of lives.

Yet despite this tragic history, Armenian culture survived, largely thanks to the Armenians steadfast fidelity to their Christian faith. According to a 2012 survey, 92 percent of Armenians consider themselves religious, the third-highest percentage anywhere in the world.

Thanks to the pioneering vision of St. John Paul II and Karekin I, the main obstacle to communion between the Catholic and Armenian Apostolic Churches was lifted in 1996. Furthermore, unlike the Orthodox Churches, the Armenians do not have a centuries-old grudge against Rome. The Armenian Apostolic Church remains the only Church that is in Communion with both the Catholics and Protestants how ecumenical is that! Although being ordained in the Armenian Church, I feel equally at home worshipping at St. Mary the Virgin, Rewe.

Armenians and Jews share many things in common: they are both ancient Near Eastern people with a long history. They have often faced persecution, which culminated in the Armenian Genocide of 1915 and the Holocaust of the Jews in WWII. Adolf Hitler in fact modeled the Holocaust on the Ottoman extermination of the Western Christian Armenians. Last month was the UK release of the acclaimed film "The Promise" which recounts the story of the Armenian Genocide amidst a Love Story which caused the dispersal of Armenians into the worldwide Diaspora, which is how I came to be in Devon...or did God have this planned?

In his book entitled "Historical views of Devonshire", Richard Polwhele (1793) argues that the first inhabitants of Britain came from Armenia; specifically settling in the Devonshire. That is not how I came to be here, but nevertheless I feel truly blessed to share my Christian faith in this beautiful Mission Community.

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Common Worship [CW] Common Worship Service

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer in the Netherexe Parishes

Morning Prayer is said on Tuesdays at 9.15am in Stoke Canon Chapel

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Newton St Cyres Parish Church Rotas June 2017

Cleaning and Flowers

Week Ending	Flowers	Clean Church/ check loo	Brass: key with Sue
June 4th	H. Price	S. Browne	-
11th	-	J. Furniss	-
18th	P. Boother	J. Ward	-
25th	A. Ward	-	J. Pyle

Sidespersons

June 4th	9.30 a.m. Family Service Lay-led	Anne Page	Clive Lawrence
11th	10.00 a.m. Open Door		
18th	11.00 a.m. Patronal Service	Jen Holt	Margaret Snow
25th	9.30 Holy Communion	Wendy Hough	Tony Hough

MAY 2017 SERVICES & INFORMATION

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

Sunday 7 May Easter 4

09:30 am	Family Service		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
09:30 am	No Service today [Arts Festival set-up]		Thorverton	
10:00 am	Service with a Smile & Baptism ☺		Brampford Speke	KC
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 & Baptism		Rewe	J Henton
05:30 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	KC

Sunday 14 May Easter 5

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

Sunday 21 May Easter 6

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

Thursday 25 May Ascension Day

06:30 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Cadbury	KC
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Sunday 28 May Easter 7

09:30 am	Sunday Service		Brampford Speke Baptist Chapel	BOF
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	KC
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[BCP]	Thorverton	TBC
10:00 am	Messy Church		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	SS
05:00 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Cadbury	Lay Led
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Huxham	Lay Led

Sunday 4 June Whit Sunday

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	SS
10:00 am	Service with a Smile ☺		Brampford Speke	LF
10:00 am	Service of the Word <i>Bells & Flowers Festival</i>		Cadbury	Lay Led
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Family Service & Baptism		Newton St Cyres	KC
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company		Rewe	
03:00 pm	Evensong		Netherexe	TBC
06:30 pm	Thy Kingdom Come Celebration Service		Exeter Cathedral	

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