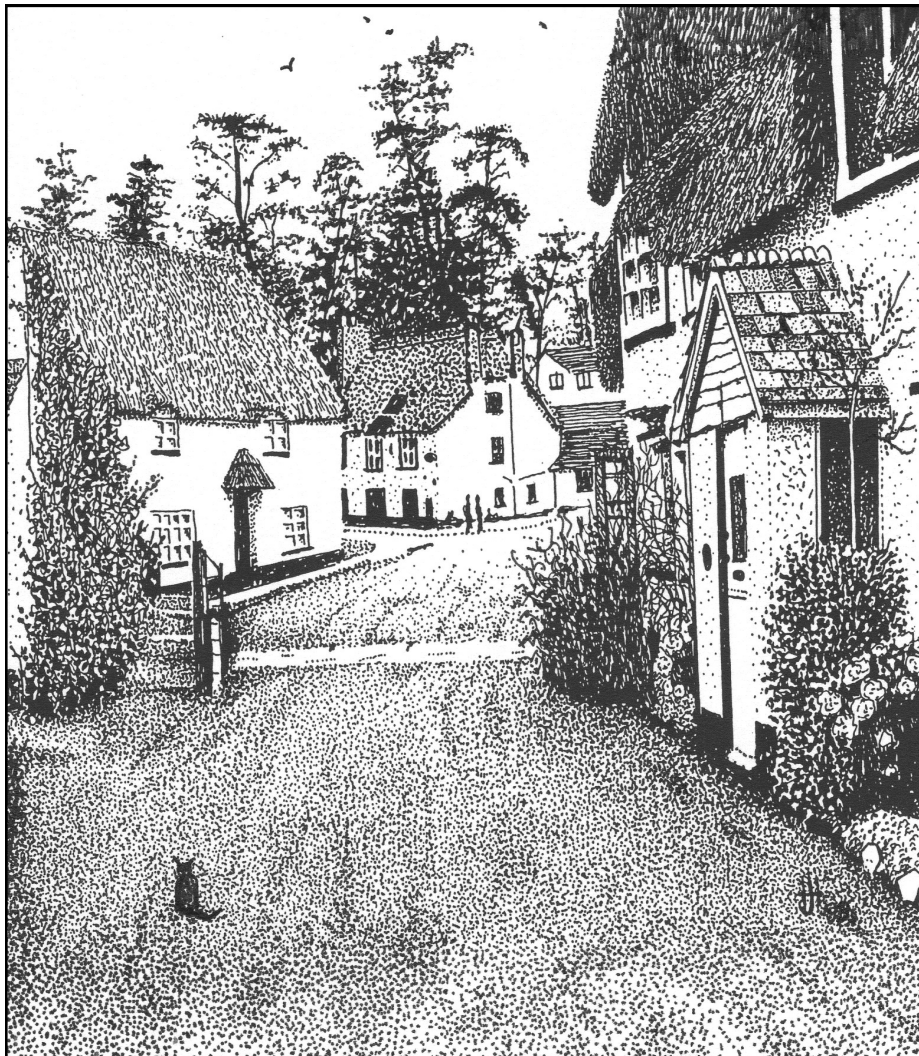


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The Future of Newton St Cyres

This village, like all villages in the 21st century has to look to the future. We are part of Mid Devon and the current consultations about the development plans for the whole area are of paramount importance to all of us. Currently there are proposals for housing development on three possible sites in the village. Two questions are raised: should there be housing development in the village and, if so, where? Also what kind of housing and for whom? The consultation ends on March 24th. and Parish Council will discuss the issues at their next meeting on Mon. 3rd. March at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall. Notices indicating the possible development have been sent to neighbouring houses. Villagers can put their views forward directly on the MDDC website or through the Parish Council. Do we want to be an ageing dormitory of Exeter? Do we want to see young people. Should there be more employment, of whatever kind, very different from that of the last century, which could provide a whole new, different, vibrant community? Is there a realistic vision for the village's future? Let us hope so!

All villages need basic amenities which include shop, church, pubs, cultural, leisure and sporting opportunities. We are lucky in this village that we have all of these and it is vital that we support and protect them. At the beginning of February the church of St Cyr and St Julitta made an appeal for help in the form of a public meeting.

Church Emergency Meeting 8th, Feb. 2014

About 70 people turned out for this meeting on a horrible wet and windy morning. We were welcomed by one of the churchwardens, Charlotte Dyer who outlined the purpose of the meeting. Tony Hough outlined the history of the building.

It was explained that historically fundraising for the Church had been carried out by the worshipping members of the community. Now costs were so high and the size of the regular congregation meant that it was necessary to attempt to raise funds from the wider community. The church is part of our heritage. Many of us have ancestors buried in the graveyard, some were baptised and married in the church. It is part of the community and although in the 21st century people may not all attend for regular worship they expect the church to be there to celebrate their rites of passage as well as to offer a supporting social structure. The Treasurer, Clive Lawrence highlighted the need for considerable expenditure, especially on updating the heating system, fencing the graveyard and its extension and on internal decoration. The Rev. Douglas Dettmer discussed the church as building and as body of people. The vicar "owns" the grade 1 listed building and the Parochial Church Council is responsible for its upkeep.

Linda Findlay described the situation in Upton Pyne where a similar situation had arisen and a group had been formed calling itself the Friends of Upton Pyne. They had leafleted the village and raised £6000 from donations, either on a one-off or on a regular basis and of course encouraging people to gift aid their donations. With a variety of fundraising activities they had managed to produce over £10,000 in 2013 to help support the church and its grounds.

After a break for tea and coffee there was lively discussion about the way any funding would be directed. The PCC already has two ring-fenced funds, one for the church



A great attendance at the Meeting

Photo by Jack Hookway

organ which now has sufficient to do the necessary work on the instrument and a Building and Grounds fund. Some concern was identified by people who were not worshippers that funds they raised may be used for the day to day running of the church not its physical maintenance. Further concern was raised because there could be conflict between fundraising activities which were already in place and those specifically for the building and its grounds.

At the end of the meeting we were asked to provide our names and email addresses, put down our suggestions and Emma Raworth volunteered to collate the information and co-ordinate a follow up.

Since the meeting various people have been contacted and it is intended to circulate notices to all villagers asking for practical and/or financial help. Of course when giving even small amounts of money it helps enormously if taxpayers "gift-aid" their contributions; every £1 becomes £1.25p. We wish the organising group success and trust that with continued effort by everyone the historic building and its grounds can be maintained and improved.

Devon's Best Kept Village Competition

Devon's Best Kept Village Competition is seeking judges for 2014 and a notice appears on the next page. Unfortunately the notice just missed our February issue and it was pointed out that it might be short notice for the training sessions on 18th. March but Diana Moryse said: "If any one is interested in judging, I would be happy to do an induction to the process on an individual basis".

Devon's Best Kept Village Competition 2014

Seeks Competition Judges!

The Devon Best Kept Village Competition is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to be judges in this year's competition. No previous experience of judging is necessary, just an interest in and enjoyment of Devon villages and a desire to find out what is going on in some of them.

The main objective of the competition is to find and reward villages which are judged to be making the most with what they have in terms of – the care of private and public buildings, open spaces, other village amenities and the wider environment, as well as sustaining a vibrant community life.

Judges visit several villages during May and/or June, mark them against the competition standards and then write a short report. Judges usually work with a partner. Why not join us and bring a friend? An induction and half day training workshop, including lunch and refreshments, takes place on 18th March 2014, in Chudleigh Town Hall. Travel expenses are paid for this and all judging visits. Judges choose in which areas of Devon they wish to judge.

This is a fun thing to do in the spring and summer when Devon really bursts into life and flourishes! This is your chance to help put Devon Villages on the map!

If this sounds interesting and you want to know more, please contact:

Diana Moyse
Devon Best Kept Village Organiser
Tel: 01626 853021

Email: diana@moyse.org.uk
www.devoncpre.org.uk

Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The February draw took place at the coffee morning in the village hall on 1st February 2014 and the winners are:

No	167	P Ashmore	£10
No	123	Rachel Dowle	£10
No	114	Peter Hawksley	£10
No	184	Olive Cheriton	£10

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RECREATION GROUND CLUB

My first hope is that someone will answer our request for help. We urgently need someone to become our Secretary. Because of house moves and illness we have lost two very willing volunteers whose lives had become complicated. We have bi-monthly meetings and we have a temporary secretary who is only available until June, our A.G.M. Please, Please, please if you or someone you know is able to help us please ring me on 01392432287.

Who would have thought this dreadful weather could last so long? Its now mid February and no Youth Football has been played since mid December, we have played the Senior Football matches when the pitch has been suitable so very few games have been played since before Christmas. May is going to be a nightmare as all the missed games will have to be played as early in May as possible.

I feel so sorry for the people whose homes have been flooded but Spring is beginning to show with Snowdrops, Primroses and Crocus popping up. I'm just praying Spring does come soon.

March and April are very busy with lots of Skittles, both League and Cup games. All the Darts teams will be completing their various leagues.

This years refurbishing will be concentrating on the outside of the building. All the gutters and soffits are in need of replacement. They were fitted in the early 1980's. Ian will start by doing the back first as these are in a worse condition. All these little jobs cost so if you need a venue please contact me and book a date all these extras really do help our finances. so thanks in advance.

We have had a comment that the low level lights at the back of the building have disturbed some residents on New Estate. These lights are left on for security and health and safety. The local Environmental Health Officer has visited and found no problems. If those effected could contact the committee we will investigate the problem. The lights were fitted when the Club House was extended in 1984 and this is the first time they have been brought to our attention as a problem.

Please think about my request for help by becoming our Secretary. We do help with out of pocket expenses. We really need to find someone before our A.G.M. in June.

Wendy Lewis

Mid Devon Fouling of Land by Dogs

With the introduction of the Mid Devon Fouling of Land by Dogs order in December 2012, dog walkers are reminded that it is a criminal offence if they fail to clear up forwith after their dog defecates on land anywhere in Mid Devon.

For full press release please see: <http://www.middevonnewscentre.info/>

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

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

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

Superfast Broadband for Newton St Cyres

Jane Hole, the Parish Clerk has forwarded the following letter from Ed Cross of the Connecting Devon and Somerset Programme:-

"Many homes and businesses within Newton St. Cyres CP will be able to connect to high speed fibre broadband by March 2014 thanks to the Connecting Devon and Somerset programme (CDS).

Following extensive survey work, CDS announced the first tranche of parishes to be connected under the £94 million partnership with BT in December. Running alongside the commercial roll out, the programme aims to connect 90% of premises across Devon and Somerset to high speed broadband by the end of 2016.

In addition to ensuring a minimum of 2Mbps for all premises within the programme area, it is lobbying for further funding to extend the availability of fibre broadband to reach more than the guaranteed 90%.

A full list of postcodes of the areas expected to receive an upgrade are available on the CDS website at www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/current-infrastructure-deployment. Please note however that once the infrastructure is in place and ready for service, faster speeds will not automatically become available. Anyone wishing to have access to faster speeds will need to contact their existing broadband supplier to discuss a new package."

Kind regards,
Ed Cross

The fortunate postcodes (which do not include your editor's home!) which will have access to the new high speed broadband are EX5 5AY,5AZ,5BA,5BH,5BJ,5BL,5BN,5BP,5BR,5BS,5BT,5BU,5BW,5BX,5BY,5BZ,5DA.

Highways ... report from Cllr Margaret Squires, DCC

We have seen a mild dry autumn – somewhat different to 2012. When the wet weather came so did the blocked drains, floods and potholes. December 2013 saw a late autumn with the leaves falling late and blocking drains as the rain came. Unfortunately we see the potholes appearing, I report those I see, but do not travel all the roads in the parish. There are a number that are reported at Parish Council meetings but still some are missed. Anyone can report them by ringing the Call Centre 0845 1551 004 or email csc.roads@devon.gov.uk it can also be reported via the Devon County website. If you report a fault it is best to have details to identify location, a post code or grid reference will do. If you ask the operator will give you a reference number so that the report can be followed up. You can also let me know and I will report. Call me on 01363 84337 or Margaret.squires@devon.gov.uk If there is a problem let me know and I will follow it up.

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club



We are holding two open days in March for any prospective new Juniors aged between 6 and 17 – on Sunday 2nd March, 10am to 12pm and on Saturday 8th March, 2 to 4pm.

Please note these correct dates & times (there were a couple of errors in last month's issue, for which apologies). Please contact Viv Baber on 01392 681180 if you would like further information.

Our strongest adult club sessions are on Sunday afternoons from 2pm and Thursday evenings from 6.15pm. More relaxed daytime sessions continue on Tuesdays and Fridays at 2pm (as per the winter timetable), and all adults are welcome.

All up to date information can be found on our website – www.newtonstcyrestenniscub.co.uk – or you may call our Membership Secretary Laura Leigh on 01647 24259.

March Dates from the Parish Diary

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| 1st March | - church coffee morning at the parish hall
- Speciality Asian Menu at the Crown & Sceptre. |
| 8th March | - community support group meeting with Age Concern as guest speaker.
- Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir in Church.
- Charity Curry Night Fundraiser for the Army Benevolent Fund at the Crown & Sceptre, 7pm |
| 15th March | - Speciality Irish Menu Night with Live Music from Exmouths Junkyard Angels. |
| 20th March Hall | - Gardening & History Club, combined meeting. 7.30pm at the Parish |
| 22nd March | - mini market 10.30 at the Parish Hall |
| 29th March | - community games afternoon at the Crown & Sceptre, from 2.30pm |
| 30th March | - Mothering Sunday at the Crown and Sceptre. 3 course lunch where booking is advised. |

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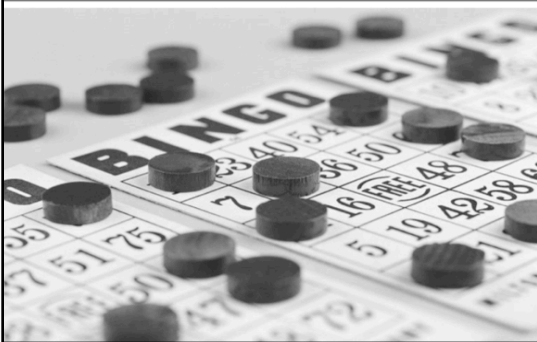
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VISIT TO ARBORETUM

Vaughan Gallavan and Ann Dean will lead a tour of the Arboretum on Tuesday 8 April. This will highlight the recently established Information Trail in the Arboretum.

The visit will be followed by tea and biscuits in the Parish Hall and the AGM of the Friends of the Arboretum. All are welcome. There is a charge of £2, but the evening is free for subscribing Friends.

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Parish Council report ...February 2014

The February meeting was well attended by seven residents of the village who raised concerns about the Mid Devon Local Plan Review and the possibility of land being released for building within the parish. The Chairman, Cllr David Baker explained that the Review and its contents were out for consultation and comments would need to be fed back to MDDC by the 24th March. He promised that this would be raised again on the agenda for the March Parish Council meeting when parishioners' comments and views would be considered before the Parish Council makes its comments to MDDC. Later in the meeting the Parish Council agreed to put together a leaflet with a map explaining the proposals and deliver it to all the residents in the area who may be affected.

Seven Councillors attended the meeting together with Cllr Peter Hare-Scott from MDDC. Cllr Hare-Scott confirmed that MDDC would not be raising their share of the Council Tax for the forthcoming year.

Planning: No objections were raised over the planning applications for redundant barns to become 2 dwellings and 1 guest annex at Barton House, the reconstruction of a gable chimney and associated repairs at Pump Cottage and erection of a replacement lean-to extension at Elm Cottage.

Annual Parish Meeting: Details for the Annual Parish meeting on the 30th April were discussed and the Cllrs agreed to invite Cllr John Hart, Leader of Devon County Council to come as the main speaker and ask him to explain how the County Council could support parishes who wished to help themselves and take on some of the work that will no longer be

done by DCC. Local groups would also be asked to come and make a short input on their organisation and any progress made during the past year or put on a display.

School footpath: Sincere thanks were expressed to Cllr Steve Parker for all the work he had done to make the lower end of the School footpath safer. He had knocked off the troublesome lumps and spread and compacted the chippings which made it much safer for the children using that footpath from the School.

Highways issues: Some Highways issues were still outstanding but some were earmarked for the Council to tackle, such as repairing road signs and signposts. Once approval had been given by DCC these works would be carried out.

MDDC Local Plan Review: This report finishes with a reminder to all affected residents that the consultation period for the MDDC Local Plan Review lasts until March 24th and comments should be either made direct to MDDC through www.middevon.gov.uk/localplanreview or by attending the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 3rd March.

The next meeting will start at 7.00 pm on Monday 3rd March to allow more time for parishioners to come and make their views known. It will be held as usual in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall.

The next Parish Surgery will be held in conjunction with the Mini Market on Saturday 22nd March from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon. Please come along and meet your Councillors and bring any questions and queries you may have.

Cllr Jill Baker, Press Officer

Do You Remember.....March?

March 1974

A General Election had been called for 28th February but it would be too late for the results to be published in the Newton Wonder. There was a debate on postal votes in the Newton Wonder as it appeared that if you were away from home, sent by your employer and being paid then you could get a postal vote. If you were on holiday then you could not have a postal vote.

The fallen tree in the Churchyard was being cut up for logs and were ready for distribution.

The Young Vic Junk Sale was a success and made over £22.

In an accident in Pump Street a Mini hit the parapet and fell into Mrs Hampson's gardens at Old Beams. The occupants were unhurt. Rowdy dances in the Parish Hall were blamed for the damage done to the shelter on the Green.

The proposed car park at the School was turned down by Devon County Council but the District were still pursuing this.

The Coffee Club were looking forward to a talk on Corn Dollies by Mrs Munday.

March 1984

The Newton St Cyres telephone numbers were being changed to an Exeter number – being 01392 + 851....

Each month details of why the Church light is on are published and in February it was to honour the birthday of Mark Sedgwick and the birth of Daniel to Steve and Angie Parker. The Annual Parish Meeting was to be held on the 28th March.

It was reported that NSC Parish Council was formed in 1894. There had been few Parish Clerks in this time with only four recorded.

Up until 1949 Parish Councillors were elected for 3 years by a show of hands at an Annual Meeting. The Chairman usually served for 2 years but Fred Halse was Chairman for 15 years and John Quick for 7 years.

The telephone kiosk at Half Moon had been removed but it was hoped it would be replaced.

March 1994

The Garden article listed the jobs to do in preparation for spring.

The School thanked everybody who had collected Boots and W H Smith tokens. They had received sets of hoops and quoits and playground equipment and books.

The Tennis Club AGM was advertised. In the Cooks Corner the recipe was for Easter Biscuits.

The Parish Council accounts had been accepted by the Auditor and showed the grass cutting to be more expensive due to the cost of disposing of the cuttings.

Road works were scheduled on the A377 between the School and Kneels Laundry on Cowley Road for 12 weeks.

The YFC members would be doing some work in the Churchyard as part of a project in the village..

March 2004

The Recreation Ground Club are looking for ideas for a major Village Fund raising event. The School announced the start of the Walking Bus from the Car Park to the School and back.

Young Farmers reported on a very busy programme including a Drama competition.

Community Support Group

At the recent Community Support Group meeting, we held a board games session in the afternoon at the Crown and Sceptre. Everyone brought a board game and some food to eat. We saw many different age groups join in, from familiar faces to passers-by who came to the pub for something to eat.

It was lovely to see so many people enjoying themselves over a simple board game! Donations were made at the bar for people to give towards the defibrillator, making a total of £36.60!

Due to the turnout and feedback we received the Community Support Group will be holding another board games session in the near future, we look forward to seeing you all again soon!

Since the meeting the Steering Group has met and is planning its representation at the Revels in July, a Garden Party in August to raise funds for the defibrillator a Village Coffee Morning and a further Board Games session.

Church Lunch



Pictured are just a few of the local people from both Newton and Crediton, who enjoyed the Soup and Cheese lunch, held in the Parish Hall, and organised by Charlotte Dyer and her band of helpers. There were 5 delicious soups to choose from, with bread and rolls, followed by a selection of cheeses, and tea or coffee. The event together with a raffle run by Alice Dowle, a stall and tombola, raised a total of £475 for church funds.

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David and Jill Baker

NEWTON RAMBLERS

On **Sunday 16 March** the walk will be from Fingle Bridge on the Fishermen's Path by the River Teign and then returning to Fingle Bridge via Castle Drogo and the Hunters' Path which runs above the valley. The walk has excellent views and is around 5 miles, with a fairly steep climb to Castle Drogo.

We will meet in the Parish Hall Car Park **at 9.30 am** and take the minimum number of cars. The Castle, café and gardens will be open at Castle Drogo, so there will be the option of taking a break part way round the walk.

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Sandra has lived in Crediton with her husband, James, for 23 years. When they first came here from London, they enjoyed walking the local footpaths and lanes, while Sandra took photographs of the wild flowers in the hedgerows and built up a photographic record of these.

Sandra was a practising herbalist for her first ten years in Devon. She gave talks, classes and workshops on herbs and led walks to identify wildflowers and herbs. In the course of this, she became interested in painting the subjects of her studies. As she had a garden (containing a buddleia!) and an allotment, Sandra had the opportunity to observe closely and photograph many visiting insects – in particular butterflies – which she has started to paint in addition to the plants she grows.

Sandra joined the Newton St Cyres Art Group, with whom she has exhibited regularly. She also exhibits at the annual Artists Garden Exhibition at RHS Rosemoor.

During her life and activities in Devon, she has produced and illustrated several booklets on the plants and insects of the mid-Devon hedgerows. (There will be copies for sale at the exhibition).

Sandra said "Many of the paintings and books will be at a reduced price as I aim to make space in my studio for new projects".

For more information, please contact Sandra Chalton on 01363 773518

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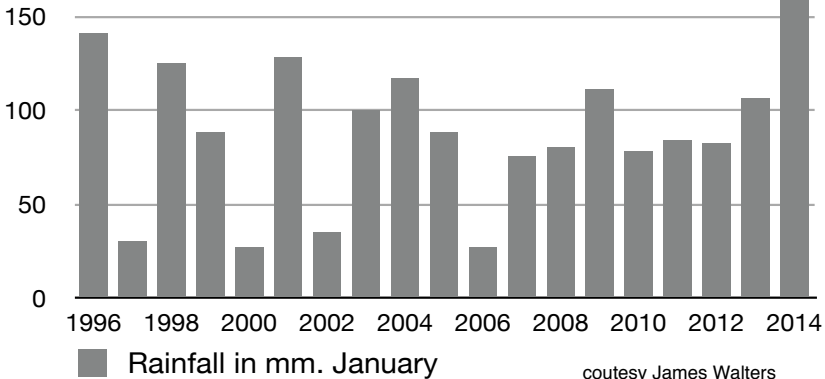
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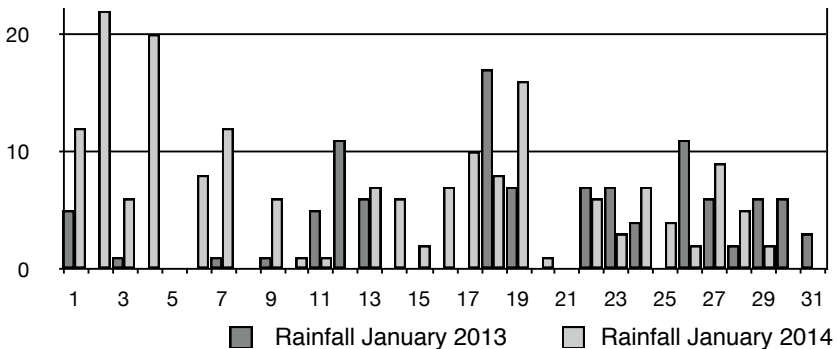
It rained in January!

As you might already know and can be clearly seen from the chart below January 2014 produced record amounts of rain. Fortunately we have escaped the floods, so far.

Rainfall in January from 1996



Daily rainfall in January 2013 and 2014



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WINS FOR SHELTYES FROM NEWTON ST. CYRES.

It was a great weekend for Liz Fiddock and Liz Mitchell of Newton St. Cyres, when they took their Shetland Sheepdogs to two shows. At the Plymouth and District Open Show held at Matford Exeter, 7 year old Daisy was judged the Best Pastoral Veteran, and then won the Award for Best Veteran in Show. Then on the Sunday, they went to the Central Cornwall show at Wadebridge, when their new tri-colour Sheltie called Summer aged 9 months, won the Best Shetland Sheepdog puppy class, and then was placed 3rd in the Pastoral Puppy Group. Their older bitch, Tean aged 8, took the award as Best Pastoral Veteran in Show. Although one of their dogs, qualified for Crufts, they have decided not to take part this year.

Margaret Tucker

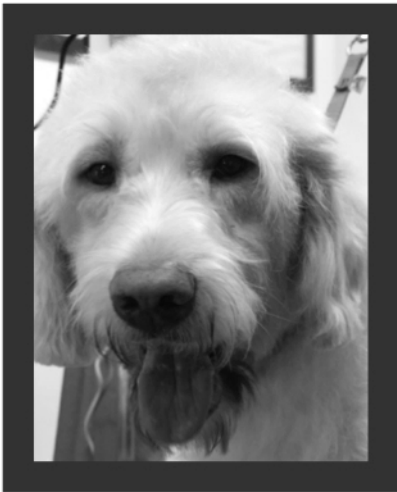
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Garden club news

At our Meeting on 23rd January we welcomed David Price who describes himself as an expert in natural history with a particular interest in birds. His talk had the rather intriguing title of "If you go down to the woods today".

David is a resident of the Teign Valley and part of his remit is the conservation and monitoring of the pied flycatcher. I must confess that this is not a bird that I would have recognised before David's talk. It is slightly larger than a sparrow and feeds as the name would suggest on flies. Both birds have a bold white patch on their folded wings, the male's wing is black and the female's is brown.

Amazingly these tiny birds return every year after over wintering in Africa, just south of the Sahara, to nest in the Teign Valley. The purpose built nest boxes in Dunsford wood being their chosen habitat. Dunsford wood is 57 hectares of largely oak woodland which despite being some 80 -100 years old is made up of relatively small trees. This is because the wood was originally planted to support the charcoal and tannin industries so the trees were coppiced every year.

Many woodlands in the UK are much older and known as ancient woodland. In the UK the planting of new woodland was uncommon before 1600, so a woodland that was known to exist at that time is highly likely to have developed naturally. These woodlands often have excellent soil structure to grow some of our most recognisable, as well as rare and threatened woodland plants. David says look out for the English bluebell, wild garlic, wood anemone and oxalis to name but a few. Beware a plant with small yellow flowers and rounded leaves with a lobed margin, it will likely be the golden saxifrage. Take note not to stand on it as you will not only squash the plant and ruin the soil structure but also end up with very wet feet, as it likes nothing better than to grow in a bog! In damp areas look out for the beautiful tiny plant called *adoxa moschatellina* more commonly known as town hall clock. It has pale green flowers growing at the top of a short stem with four of the flowers at right angles and one facing up to the sky.

Another common plant that we often associate with woodland is the primrose. Think they are all the same? Well take a closer look at the centre of the flower. Some have the stigma in the centre looking like a pale green disc with the anthers hidden below. These are known as pin-eyed primrose flowers. Others have the bright yellow anthers on show in the middle of the flower with the stigma hidden below. These are called thrum-eyed primrose flowers. I suggest you type this into your web browser for some pictorial clarification and then casually drop this snippet of information into the conversation on your next woodland walk.



Your friends cannot fail to be amazed! The two types are seen growing side by side.

SO WHY NOT GO DOWN TO THE WOODS TODAY?

Dunsford wood is owned by the National Trust but run as a Nature reserve by the Devon Wild life trust. It is accessed from either Steps Bridge or Clifford Bridge and is free to enter and walk in. It is the perfect place for a spring walk when thousands of wild daffodils carpet the floor of the woods. The wild daffodil is also known as the lent lily (*narcissus pseudonarcissus*) and is generally smaller than the average garden variety. You may also spot otters, fritillary butterflies and woodpeckers. Perhaps it will inspire you to create a woodland area in your own garden?

Enjoy your garden

Anne Rice

Our next meeting will be in conjunction with the History group and the Friends of the Arboretum. We have Caradoc Doy (Exeter based professional horticulturalist and Veitch historian) talking about Veitch's Nursery.

As usual everybody is welcome to join us on 20th March at 7.30pm in Newton St Cyres village Hall.

Look forward to seeing you there. No need to book. ..just come along.



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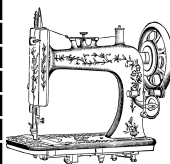
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Monthly Gardening notes for March from Bert Jewell

General garden tasks.

1. Prune coloured stemmed Dogwoods (Cornus Alba) cultivars by cutting the oldest Stems down to 6" and the rest trimmed to keep tidy.
2. If the rain ever stops and the garden starts to dry out, we can plant seeds like Parsnips, Turnips, Carrots, Peas and Spring Onions. Also plant Onion sets, and at The end of the month early Potatoes.
3. Perennials can be divided and planted and the corms of Gladiolus and Lily bulbs Can also be planted.
4. Remove weeds from around Fruit trees and bushes and apply a good mulch using Well rotted manure or garden compost.

Trees, Shrubs and Climbers.

How to grow CLEMATIS.

There is a vast range of species to choose from depending on where you want it to grow, and what you want it to do, cover an old trellis, an old tree stump or a dwarf variety to grow on or near the patio. Some people grow them up trees, but I personally would not recommend this. I have worked on trees with climbers tangled around the branches and it is not easy.

When planting other trees and shrubs it is best to plant them so that the top of the compost in the nursery pot is level with your soil, with Clematis it is best to break this rule and plant deeper by up to 6". This helps to keep the root cool and less likely to dry out.

The ideal situation is for the roots to be in the shade and the stems to be in the sun .

Clematis Montana cultivars are the most vigorous and can be pruned immediately after flowering but only if necessary.

Varieties that flower in Spring can be lightly pruned in late winter, and varieties that flower in Summer/early Autumn can be cut back hard in early Spring.

Pests to look out for. Clematis Wilt caused by a fungus, the whole plant suddenly dies, cut all stems down to just above ground level, it will probably send up new shoots from the base.

Vegetables.

How to grow CARROTS.

For those of us who want carrots for the kitchen the stump rooted types are normally grown and can be sown every two or three weeks from early Spring to late Summer, at a depth of ¼ ".

Those of you who like a challenge, try growing the long rooted types. These can be grown in pipes or drums filled with sifted soil, or make holes in the ground with an iron bar and fill with sifted soil, and sow three or four seeds in the centre of each station.

Always grow Carrots on soil that had manure on it for a crop the previous year, as fresh manure causes the roots to split or fork. Thin seedlings out to 4" apart, try not to crush the foliage as this attracts the Carrot Fly, erect a 2' high barrier around the carrots using fleece or polythene, the Fly does not go above this height.

Flowers.

How to grow COSMOS.

This is an annual grown for Summer bedding. It works well in the border or in a container and has delicate ferny foliage. The flowers are large and mostly single with slightly raised centres. (The single flower is more beneficial to wildlife than fully double flowers.)

They come in a range of colours from white, pink, red and orange and grow from 1' to 3' high.

Sow seed in a tray of seed compost which is watered first and scatter them thinly on the surface, cover the tray with a piece of glass and a sheet of brown paper over the glass.

Keep the temperature at 60 to 70 degrees, remove the brown paper and prop up the glass once the seeds have germinated. Prick out seedlings when large enough to handle.

Harden them off and plant out at the end of May early June. Pests to look out for are Slugs and Snails.

Fruit.

How to grow Red and White CURRANTS.

These are treated differently to Blackcurrants as they fruit on older wood so are pruned differently. They are best grown in the form of a bush on a leg of 6" to 8", keep them weed free and mulch every Spring with well rotted manure or garden compost. Prune every year just after leaf fall by reducing the leaders by half, prune weak laterals back to two or three buds and the remaining laterals back by a third.

Try to keep the centre of the bush open.

Pests to look out for are very few. Birds may be a problem as they pick out buds over winter.

Plant of the month.

MAGNOLIA STELLATA

The flowers of the plant look like white stars and will grow in most gardens with little trouble. Grows to about 6' x 6' in a sun or partial shade in a sheltered site.

Enjoy your gardening

Parishioners Notices

Bill and Jen would like to thank all who are helping them in so many different ways.

We have been overwhelmed by all the love and practical support and prayers we have received from neighbours and friends both in our village and throughout the Netherexe Mission Community.

Thank you so much and, please, we still value your ongoing support.

The exciting story of how we got some of our classic garden plants !

The famous Exeter based **Veitch Nurseries** (now St Bridget's) are quite familiar to many of us, but the story of this influential local family and the plant collectors they sent all over the world, will be told in the Parish Hall on 20 March at 7.30 pm. The topic is 'Victorian Plant Collectors'. We are fortunate to have Caradoc Doy as the speaker. Caradoc is a gardening consultant with wide experience and an expert on the Veitch Nurseries, and a 'google' search will give a taster of his knowledge.

The **History Group**, the **Gardening Club** and the **Friends of Newton Arboretum** join forces for this special evening, when Caradoc will share with us some fascinating stories from these expeditions.

The Veitch Nurseries carried out 23 plant collections overseas over a 72-year period. They resulted in the introduction of many new species into British horticulture, several of which have the botanical name '...veitchii'. Caradoc re-published in 2006 the classical book 'Hortus Veitchii', 100 years after it was first published by the Veitch family. Our Arboretum benefits from several species introduced by the Veitch's. Sir Harry Veitch as heavily involved in setting up the first Chelsea Flower Show and Caradoc organised an exhibit on the importance of the work of Sir Harry Veitch at the Centenary Show in 2013.

This promises to be a very interesting and stimulating evening for gardeners, historians and all who walk in the arboretum.

All are welcome. There is a charge of £2 to include tea and biscuits.

Notice from Mary Quicke:-

Permissive footpaths will be closed on the Quicke Estate on Tuesday 11th March. Maps to show where these are available in Quickes Farm Shop. This does not affect the statutory footpaths on the estate.



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Newton St Cyres History Group

January Meeting

Many of us in Devon have experience of thatched houses, living or having lived under a thatched roof, and so there was a great deal of interest in our talk on Thursday 16th January, our first in 2014. Jo Cox, from Keystone Historic Buildings Consultants in Exeter, came to talk to us about Devon Thatch. Jo has co-authored several publications about thatch and was commissioned by Devon County Council to write a book 'Devon Thatch', with John Thorp, and then to produce the Devon County Council advisory leaflet for thatch owners. She also has a wide experience in historic buildings research throughout the country, and so we were in safe hands and very fortunate that she came to share some of her knowledge with us.



Any long stemmed plant material can be used for roofing, and has been since prehistory. Seaweed, sedge, heather, even broad bean plants have been used if they are to hand, as well as the more familiar hay and straw thatches. Furthermore, thatch does not have to be the thick and permanent roofing we are used to, but before the days of tarpaulins was often used as a thin and short-lived temporary covering, to protect farm machinery over the winter, or cover a clamp. There is documentary evidence that thatch covers were built on posts which enabled them to move up and down to protect, say, a wood pile which would vary in height as it was used, but no examples have survived here. Thatch was used on humble cottages and large houses, but in Devon there was always the alternative of slate, and in quite a few cases, a hybrid roof was built with slate edgings, to take the worst of the run-off. In fact, it is unlikely that this helped much as the thatch was prone to rotting above the slate where it could not 'breathe' properly.

England retains the strongest thatching tradition in Europe, and Devon has by far the most thatched buildings in England; however, this is more a question of what has survived than what was originally in the country, as it is estimated that England has lost 90% of its thatched roofs since 1862. The majority of these thatches would have been on farm buildings, and as thatching became more and more expensive, so it became uneconomic to replace them, although in the last 25 years, wealthier non-farmers who have bought old properties have replaced thatch.

The traditional thatch in Devon is combed straw, which was sensible to use as it was the by-product of a mixed farming economy. The combing process was done to keep the stems all going the same way and with the leaf removed, to produce a bundle, or 'nitch' of straight clean stalks. The longevity of a roof would depend on the strength of the material and the skill of the thatcher. It must be even if it is to last in a wet climate, as dips will cause pooling and rot, and Devon is in many ways unsuitable for thatch, with its high rainfall and damp winds, compared to the drier climate of the east of England. The bundles are always laid to shed the water by the shortest possible distance, so they turn at the eaves to shed to the sides. The areas round chimneys and dormers are problematic, and will tend to decay more quickly, again because the water will tend to collect in corners, and where the material changes to cob or brick or slate.

An interesting point made by Jo was that in the past roofs were very rarely re-thatched completely, as we are used to today. Instead, most farmers would patch and cover weak areas every year, so there was a continuous process of repair going on, and the longevity of a roof was not an issue, as there was always a man at hand able to patch a leaking roof. Because of this, some very old thatch remains in Devon, from as far back as the fourteenth century. There are many examples of smoke blackening on rafters and the interior of the thatch, dating from houses built without chimneys but with a central hearth, and Jo showed us a rare example of a smoke hole, clearly visible because it had been thatched over with clean material when a chimney was built and the roof was sealed in. Furthermore, the tons of ancient crop material in these old thatches forms the largest archaeological resource in Europe, with a record of plant material and crops grown, as well as the bramble, hazel and honeysuckle staves and ties used to secure the roof.

Twentieth century farming methods have been a disaster for thatch, because cereal varieties have been grown for high yields and short stalks, and the reaping methods also crush the stems. A reed comb attachment was developed for stationary threshing machines, and these are still used to produce thatching straw, but need 8 – 12 men to operate, and so are an expensive system. Bureaucratic control of seed sales is another restriction, making it difficult to obtain seed suitable for long straw crops. Thatching is a tiny percentage of the market, which is entirely geared to grain production, and so there is little incentive to grow the right material. Instead of being a by product of a traditional farming system, thatching straw is now an expensive commodity.

Jo pointed out at the beginning of her talk, that the study of thatch has led her into looking into farming methods, plant breeding, genetic modification, the effect of nitrates on fungal growth, the draining of wetlands, economic pressures, and other matters which all impinge on the use of thatch in the past, present and future. But the basic idea of growing your own roof is a wonderful and satisfying tradition, and Jo ended her talk with a photograph of the splendid long run of thatch on the cottages which used to run down the north side of Newton St Cyres village.

Next meetings

Meetings are usually on Thursday evenings in the village hall club room and start at 7.30pm. We have no special membership arrangements. Everyone is welcome. There is a small charge of £2 which includes tea and biscuits.

For further information contact Jean 851337 Isobel 851351

Mar 20th Main Hall Caradoc Doy on 'Plant Hunters and Veitch Nurseries'
Combined talk with Gardening Club and Friends of the Arboretum

Apr 10th Judi Binks Devon on WW1 : impact on farming, communities and women

May 15th Chris Southcott, Tim Sedgwick and Malcolm Brooks will be presenting an evening on 'Newton St Cyres and the Exeter Crediton Railway' and would be glad if anyone has photos, information or memories they would be able to contribute before that date. They will soon be giving details and contacts in the Newton Wonder.

Chris Southcott is interested in any memorabilia about the Newton St Cyres football club,



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Newton St Cyres Primary School

This year so far at Newton St Cyres has seen lots of change at Newton St Cyres primary school. We have two teaching members of staff on maternity leave. Mr Mike Kersey who was previously a Teaching Assistant here has been welcomed into the role of Year Two teacher. We also welcome Mr Durward-Akhurst who was previously working at Cheriton Fitzpaine primary.

The Year 3 and 4 children are this term making the most of the sports on offer at the Lords Meadow Leisure Centre on a Friday morning. They are taking advantage of swimming, zumbatonics and outdoor sports. At school we have had a break from our usual outdoor sports clubs as it has been just a little wet on our school field. So School Clubs have consisted of chess, dance, crafts and Warhammer. Hopefully, in March and April we will manage some tag rugby and football practice. We will also be participating in some local walks in preparation for the Exe Valley Challenge walk held in Exeter in the summer.

The younger children have been learning about homes and this involved a visit of the village to compare the different styles and age of houses. The children then produced some wonderful guides of the village. They have also spent some time designing and making clay houses.

The children in the top two classes have been studying Africa; finding out about different climates, art and of course they will complete their studies by finding out more about Nelson Mandela. Class 3 are also learning how to play the guitar – let's hope they have a tune ready for our Spring concert on 27th March!

Over the next few months all the staff are busy planning the new primary curriculum that will be introduced in September. This is a very exciting and busy time for everyone. The teachers and teaching assistants are also attending P.E. training as part of the Government's Sports funding to schools.

On 21st March we will be fundraising for Comic Relief and on 30th March we are hoping that some of the children will be participating in a Mothering Sunday Service at the church.

GLYNIS HARRIS



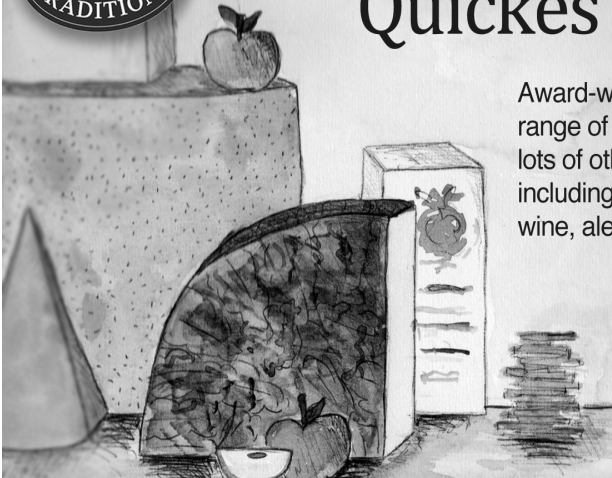
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MARCH ON THE FARM

The whole world has had exceptional weather - non-stop rain here and in Europe, deep freeze in North America, drought in California, Australia and Brazil, weather whipped into a frenzy by warmer oceans. Farmers around the world are reliant on the weather doing what it's always done, the seasons being in the right place, seed time and harvest at the right time. That was so important that our ancestors built Stonehenge to tell them the time of year so they would know when to do what to feed themselves. So what to do when the weather is so extreme?

Clear up the damage, for one. Our 30 year old eucalyptus fell, all 88 feet of it, roots ripped from wet soil, just glancing our fruit cage. Owls hoot less frequently - they hunt by sound, so wind and rain leave them hungry, maybe starving. We found a dead buzzard by a broken electricity line - did it break it, or kill itself chasing a leaping spark from the live wire. Spare a thought, and some cash, for those farmers on the Somerset levels, who spent a second winter under water, to help them recover. It's heartwarming to see how the whole country has leant in and supported them. If we were in that much trouble, we'd want the world to think of us.

I can't help thinking when the weather turns, our wishes for dry and sun will be answered with a drought; weather reverts to the mean.

CROPS - It's been warm all winter, and the crops are growing, although their roots are waterlogged. March often gives brisk east winds and dry. The crops want gentle dry, to allow their roots to breathe and chase the water though the soil profile. We will feed the crops, which turns them from yellowing and straggly to green and thriving as if we've taken a paintbrush to them.

GRASS - We'll wave the same magic paintbrush over the grass, either with flood

water (other people's nutrients), dilute slurry from our very full slurry lagoon (all the manure, whey, dairy washings and a lot of rain), or a bag. The cows went out later than usual, waiting for the floodwater to subside. We had to buy extra silage from the Taverners of Upton Pyne, to feed animals before the grass grew. Now we wait for 'magic day', when the grass growth is more than the cows can eat, we hope that comes by the end of March. Then we know spring is here.

COWS & YOUNGSTOCK - This was the first year we have out wintered the youngstock and dry cows. This is part of us working to get ways of keeping our animals that are stable against whatever shocks the weather throws at us. The simpler the system, the more leeway you have.

The calves thrived on kale and silage, out all winter. They grew faster than last year's calves kept inside, and were noticeably healthier - no pneumonia. They grew long woolly coats, and looked happy. We move them every day, so no part of the field gets unduly damaged. That field will go into a spring crop, maize or spring barley.

Their teenage sisters looked happy and equally woolly on our clovery grass. Again, they moved on daily, and the grass has recovered - they will go back to the beginning and eat what they grazed in early winter

The dry cows and in-calf heifers were out on the fodder beet. They were nourished adequately by the beet, plus a few silage bales. Those cows are calving now in March, and their almost hibernation in the mud has created toned pelvic muscles and healthy calves. Again, those fields will go to a spring crop.

The new calves are thick on the ground, blarting after milk, out as soon as we know

they are drinking well, starting on their outdoor lives that their breeding fits them for.

CHEESE - And the new grass-fed milk comes through, yellow and rich in flavour, steaming vats for the cheesemakers to transform in that daily miracle, taking milk, heritage starter, rennet and an age old recipe to make glorious flavours.

RECIPE - Stephen Willett's Quicke's cheese tart

There are 4 elements to this tart: the pastry, the soufflé, the cheese sauce (embedded in the base) and the salad accompaniment. Stephen has given links - look them up or go to www.quickes.co.uk.

1) A rough puff pastry base. See Michel Roux [here](#) (You Tube) for the pastry, but you need to use only 250 gm each of butter and flour, which is about the minimum quantity that works. You will then need only half of that pastry for the base. Use a decent "00" grade flour.

The butter in your smaller quantities will warm up and soften more readily, and so mash together to ruin the layers.

I therefore suggest that you add an extra cooling period of 30 minutes in the fridge after mixing the dough and [before](#) any rolling to re-chill the butter.

Use a *dinner plate* to cut out a round of pastry rolled to 3 mm, and flip it onto a baking sheet.

See Michel Roux again, for some vital tips, this time using his pastry to [make a tartlet](#). (YouTube, again).

You will need to use a smaller plate to score the pastry half way through to make a lid.. like a large vol-au-vent. Prick the pastry before baking at 180c for 20 minutes until light golden.

With the pastry cooked and cooled, score the lid both through a diagonal line *and* round the circumference which you marked before cooking.

this gives you 2 half circles.

Now working along the long diagonal, slide a pointed knife under each half to carefully free each part of the lid.

Check the base and use a beaten egg and any flakes from the lid to repair any holes.

2) "Raymond Blanc's Comte cheese soufflé" YouTube video demonstrates the souffle mix and the [rich cheesy sauce](#).

This sauce uses double cream, a handful of Quicke's Cheddar, an optional shot of kirsch, and light seasoning including cayenne pepper.

Allow this to cool slightly before pouring and spreading into the pastry base and replacing the 2 halves of the lid.

3) The souffle mix: 300ml thick bechamel sauce seasoned with a good tea-spoon of Dijon mustard, enriched with 2 egg yolks. add to this a good handful of grated cheddar and stir over a low heat until the sauce is smooth. The consistency must be just readily dropping from a spoon. to see the consistency search online for "Raymond Blanc's Comte cheese souffle" video. pour out over over the pastry case.. there will be some left over...and bake to a good dark brown...you need a good crust to support the soufflé.

4) The vegetable accompaniment (pan seared chicory and chinese lettuce, with oven roasted baby plum tomatoes, a few basil leaves all dressed with olive oil and balsamic vinegar or vincotta) is served at room temperature, and can be prepared while cooling your cooked pastry base..

Stephen urges you to take the time to watch all three videos... they will help you on your way.

If you want to give to the Somerset appeal, go to this website: Just Giving <http://www.justgiving.com/Somerset-Community-Found-Flood-Appeal>

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Netherexe Mission Community --- Lent Offerings 2014

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In the run up to Easter, we often put aside a bit of time to think about what Jesus dying on a cross and coming alive again means for us today. Please feel free to come to any of the gatherings mentioned below. Try one out and see what you think of it. Invite a friend. Take something up – not necessarily give something up.

Reflections and / or Lunches

10 minute 'reflections' followed by a very simple lunch; Fridays 12:00 midday. Collections will be in aid of the UNICEF Winter Appeal for the Children of Syria

7 March	Thorverton church joint with Baptists and Womens' World Day of Prayer*
14 March	Newton St Cyres church
21 March	Rewe church
28 March	Stoke Canon church (may be no reflection)
4 April	Upton Pyne village hall joint with Brampford Speke
11 April	Poltimore church

* please note this service will start at 11:00 am

Church as Family – Facilitated Bible study / talks led by the clergy & team

During Lent there will be a series of five evenings of teaching and discussion. The aim is to consider together as a Mission Community what being 'Church as Family' means, in theory and in practice. ('Church as Family' is the fourth part of the new Netherexe Parishes draft 'Vision'.)

1. Bible narratives – Tues 11th March (Dave Carrington)
2. Relationships – Tues 18th March (Laura Ford)
3. Hospitality – Weds 26th March (Julia Dallen)
4. Conflict – Tues Apr 1st April (Sue Sheppard)
5. Church as family: wrapping things up – Weds 9th April (Douglas Dettmer)

Time: 7:15pm coffee for 7:30 – 9:00pm.

Where: Stoke Canon Bridge Community Centre

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Letter from Morwenna Ludlow

I have been invited to write to introduce myself as I undertake a long placement experience in the Netherexe Mission Community from the end of January to the end of March. By the time you read this, I hope that I will have met a good number of you, but it might be interesting for you to know a little more about me.

I am an ordinand on the South West Ministry Training Course, training for ministry as a priest in the Anglican Church. I began in September and I have found it enjoyable but also challenging! I love learning and having new experiences, but it has taken me a while to get used to being back in the classroom again. It's especially odd for me, because my 'day job' is teaching at the University of Exeter – so usually it's me writing on the white-board. One of the things I've learned is that it's very good for teachers to be back on the other side of the desk now and again: you quickly forget what it's like to feel the vulnerability of a new learner.

I teach in the Department of Theology and Religion (my specialism is the history of the early church) and when I have trained as a priest I hope to work as a 'Minister in Secular Employment', which means that I will continue in my present job as a lecturer and a theologian, but also as a priest. I will also be closely connected to my local Mission Community of St Margaret's, Topsham and St Luke's, Countess Wear (where until recently I used to run the Sunday School).

My family and I came to Exeter in 2006 so that I could take up my job in Exeter. Previous to that we had moved around quite a bit – my older daughter Lydia was born in Oxford and my younger daughter Eva in Cambridge! – so it has been lovely to be in one place for a while and to get to know Devon. As you might guess from my name Morwenna, I have West Country roots: my father grew up in Scorrier, near Camborne in Cornwall where my grandfather had a small dairy farm. My uncle was also a dairy farmer nearby. We used to have family holidays every year in Cornwall, but I knew little of Exeter beyond the by-pass (which is, ironically, where we now live!), so we've really enjoyed exploring the Devon countryside, the moors and the coast. Lydia is now a tall, giggly 14-year old, who enjoys teasing her mother and rolling her eyes whenever Mum uses her 'teacher voice'; Eva, aged 11, is a non-stop chatterbox for whom we've had to invent a new family rule: no singing and dancing at the table. My husband, Piers, is also an academic: he works at the London School of Economics in London, where he stays three or four nights most weeks in term. This year he's been on study-leave in Exeter, which has been a huge support for me and the girls as I embark on my training.

The aim of my placement in Netherexe is to give me experience of the life of the church in a parish or Mission Community other than my own. The placement will allow me to apply some of my prior experience and my training as I participate in worship with you, help plan some church services and lead on one or two occasions. For example, I will preach at the Mission Community service at Rewe in March and, with David Carrington, I will help lead one of the 'Saturday Supplements' held at the Bridge at Stoke Canon. I will also reflect on pastoral ministry through visits to contexts such as a local primary school. To help me understand how the structure of the Mission Community works, I will observe one

or two meetings, such as the Joint PCC – so if you see someone tall sitting in a corner and scribbling a lot, that’s just me! At the end of my placement I will reflect on my experience and write a report of 2000 words which will be assessed by the training course; Douglas Dettmer will also write a report on how the placement went from his point-of-view.

I am very grateful to you all for the welcome I have already received and very grateful too to Douglas and the clergy team for taking the time to guide me in this placement. It will be a great privilege to share your community life for a while and I am very much looking forward to the next few weeks.

With best wishes,

Morwenna

Newton St Cyres Parish Church Sidespersons				
March	2nd	5 pm	A.Page	O.Cheriton
	9th	10 am	M.Davies	C.Lee
	16th		-----	
	23rd		-----	
	30th	10 am	W.Hough	A.Hough
April	6th	9 am	J.Hiscocks	
		6.30pm	A.Page	O.Cheriton

NEWTON ST CYRES CHURCH ROTAS - 2014				
Week Ending		Flowers	Cleaning	Brass
Mar	2	NO FLOWERS	P Boother	A & W Hough
	9	MOTHERING SUNDAY P Boother/E Temby	C Dyer	C Dyer
	16	NO FLOWERS	A Mitchell	M Snow
	23	NO FLOWERS	R Dowle	P Heal
	30	EASTER ALL HELPERS 10am	S Browne	P Burt
Apr	6	A Page	P Burt	J Ward

Services in the Netherexe Parishes

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

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

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer in the Netherexe Parishes

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

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

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

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

Variations: Tue 25 Mar Holy Communion 6:00pm Rewe

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MARCH 2014 SERVICES & INFORMATION

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

Sunday 2 March 2014 Sunday before Lent

10:00 am	Service With A Smile	☺	Brampford Speke	Lay-Led
10:00 am	Service of The Word		Cadbury	Lay-Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	DD
10:00 am	Service of The Word		Stoke Canon	Lay-Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	JD
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	DC
05:00 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Newton St Cyres	JD

Wednesday 5 March 2014 Ash Wednesday

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[BCP]	Thorverton	DD
07:00 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Huxham	DC & DD

Mission Community Services

Sunday 9 March 2014 Lent 1

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

Sunday 16 March 2014 Lent 2

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

Sunday 23 March 2014 Lent 3

11:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	DC & M Ludlow
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Mission Community Service

Followed by Bring & Share Lunch in Rewe Social Club

Tuesday 25 March 2014 The Annunciation

06:00 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	DD
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Mission Community Services

Sunday 30 March 2014 Lent 4 & Mothering Sunday

09:00 am	Family Service & Holy Communion	[C]	Huxham	DD
10:00 am	Family Service of The Word		Brampford Speke	Lay-Led
10:00 am	Family Service of The Word		<i>Joint with Baptist Chapel</i> Cadbury	Lay-Led
10:00 am	Family Service of The Word		Newton St Cyres	JD
10:00 am	Family Service of The Word		Poltimore	DC
10:00 am	Family Service of The Word		Stoke Canon	Lay-Led
10:00 am	Family Service of The Word		Thorverton	Lay-Led
11:15 am	Family Service of The Word		<i>Joint with Baptist Church</i> Rewe	Lay-Led

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09:00 am	Holy Communion	[BCP]	Newton St Cyres	DD
10:00 am	Service With A Smile & APCM	☺	Brampford Speke	Lay-Led & DD
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	DC
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	MSS
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	JD
12:00 noon	Baptism		Upton Pyne	DC
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Cadbury	DD
06:30 pm	Service of The Word		Newton St Cyres	JD

WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGE

Priest-in-Charge	Rev Douglas Dettmer, The Rectory, Thorverton	01392 860 332
Church Wardens	Charlotte Dyer, Court Barton Bill Holt, 21 Woodlands	01392 851 618 01392 851 521
PCC Hon Secretary	Sue Browne, 1 Glebelands, Sand Down Lane	01392 851 460
PCC Hon Treasurer	Clive Lawrence, Elm Cottage, Pump Street	01392 851 406
Electoral Roll Officer	Jen Holt, 21 Woodlands	01392 851 521
Tower Captain	Bob Coates, Little Beams, Pump Street	01392 851 468
<u>DOCTORS (Crediton)</u>	Newcombes Surgery, - Drs Hall, Saunders, Mays & Harris	01363 772 263
	Chiddenbrook Surgery - Drs Shorney; Twomey, Murphy & Braddick	01363 772 227
<u>NEWTON WONDER MAGAZINE</u>	Editor – Peter Hawksley Email: newtonwonder@btinternet.com	01392 851 269
<u>PARISH COUNCIL</u>	Chairman - David Baker Clerk - Jane Hole	01392 851752 01392 851148
<u>PARISH HALL</u>	Chairman - Stuart Dowle, 1 West Holme Cottages Booking Sect - Mary Long, Email: maryglong@btinternet.com Caretaker - Roy Beckett	01392 851536 01392 851 624 01392 851 730
<u>PRIMARY SCHOOL</u>	Head of Teaching – Glynis Harris Senior Administrator - Madeleine Tucker Administrator - Maxine Bone	01392 851 267 01392 851 267
Newton Nippers	Julie Murphy & Helen Grigg	01392 851 522
Newton Nappies	Holly Lewis	01392 851 169
<u>RECREATION CLUB</u>	Chairman - Tony Lewis, 80 Wrefords Lane, Exeter Booking Secretary - Mrs Wendy Lewis, 80 Wrefords Lane, Exeter	01392 432 287 01392 432 287
Art Group	Debbie Allerton	01392 462655
Neighbourhood Watch	Tim Sedgwick	01392 851223

Cancer Research UK	Jean Wilkins, Coldharbour, Sand Down Lane	01392 851 337
Cricket Club	David Vallance, Manesty, Sand Down Lane	01392 851 266
Community Policeman	PCSO Lisa Crocker, Police Station, Crediton	Dial 101
District Councillor	Peter Hare-Scott	01363 776 409
County Councillor	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
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Young Farmers	Georgina Davie	07801 273424
Archery	Alison Couling	01392 841 282
Gardening Club	Gail Meldrum	01392 851 377
Honky Tonks Line Dancing	Paula Benford	01392 210 830
History Group	Jean Wilkins	01392 851 337
Table Tennis	Roger Wilkins	01392 851 337
Youth Club	Pat Finch	01392 851478
Friends of the Arboretum	Roger Wilkins	01392 851 337
Saturday Market – 4th Saturday of the month	Pat Butt	01392 861 131
Neighbourhood Health Watch	Simon Lovell, Crown and Sceptre	01392 851278
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