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A WEEK IN THE PARISH HALL

Mondays	AEROBICS FITNESS PILATES	9.30 - 10.30pm 11.00 - 12.30	Emma Healey Tel. 07969 900794
Mondays (except Bank Holidays)	BINGO	Eyes Down at 7.45pm	Meat Bingo, Raffles, Snowball.
Tuesdays	GENTLE KEEP FIT	9.45 - 10.45am	Call Jane on 366413 £3.50p per session
Tuesdays	LINE DANCING	7.15 - 10.00pm	Paula Benford Tel. 01392 210830
Tuesdays (Fortnightly)	YOUNG FARMERS CLUB	8.00 - 10.00pm	Rob Davie - Sec. 07801597703 Georgina Davie - Chair. 07801273424
Wednesdays	PARENT & TODDLER GROUP	9.30 - 11.30AM	Emily Ricard Tel. 01392 851899
Last Wednesday of Month	ART GROUP	6.45 - 10.00pm	in the Club Room
1st Wednesday of Month (Quarterly)	GARDENING CLUB	7.30 - 9.30pm	Jane Timlett Tel. 01392 851361
3rd Wednesday of Month	HISTORY GROUP	7.30 - 9.30pm	Jean Wilkins Tel. 01392 851337
Thursdays	BALLROOM AND LATIN DANCING	7.00 - 9.30pm	Wendy Richards Tel. 07949 141800
1st Thursday of Month	PARISH COUNCIL	7.30 - 9.30pm	All are welcome
Last Thursday of Month	MAH JONG CLUB	2.00 - 5.00pm	Geoff Jackson Tel. 01392 851551
Fridays	MARTIAL ARTS	6.00 - 7.00pm	
	TABLE TENNIS	7.15 - 9.45pm	Just turn up £2 per session (£1 Children)
1st Saturday of Month (usually)	COFFEE MORNING	10.30 - 12.00 noon	Run by the Church and other village Groups/Organisations

From the Village Diary @ newtonwonder.net

March 2018

Thurs 1st	Parish Council	Monthly Meeting	7.30pm	Parish Hall
Sat 3rd	Church	Coffee Morning	10.3am	Parish Hall
Sun 4th	Rec Club	Quarterly Meeting	7.30pm	Rec. Club
Wed 14th	History Group	18th Century NSC- Brian Please	7.30pm	Parish Hall
Mon 26th	Bingo	In Aid of the Devon Air Ambulance	7.45pm	Parish Hall

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Wed 4th	Garden Club	Bert Jewell on "Vegetable Growing"	7.30pm	Parish Hall
Thurs 5th	Parish Council	Monthly Meeting	7.30pm	Parish Hall
Sat 7th		Coffee Morning	10.3am	Parish Hall
Wed 18th	History group	The Pirate Queen - Susan Ronald	7.30pm	Parish Hall

May 2018

Wed 2nd	Friends of the Arboretum	Tours and AGM	Meet 6:30	Parish Hall Car Park
Thurs 3rd	Parish Council	Monthly Meeting	7.30pm	Parish Hall
Wed 16th	History Group	WW1 Hospitals in Exeter - Julia Neville	7.30pm	Parish Hall

June 2018

Sat 9th	Garden Club	Trip to RHS Rosemoor		
Sun 10th	Quicke's Open Farm	Sunday		

July 2018

Sun 8th	Newton Revels	12noon	Recreation Ground	
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The Bi-annual village Fete which provides fun and enjoyment whilst giving an opportunity for village organisations and charities to raise both their profile and some funds.

For further information and more recent entries and previous entries please go to the website: www.newtonwonder.net.

To have your event(s) included in the Village Diary please either use the box on the Village Diary webpage or email details of your event(s) with date(s), time(s) and venue(s) to editor@newtonwonder.net.

Cover Picture

The picture of Sunrise over the Station was taken by Denise Watkiss on 12th February. I hope it is a lovely predictor of the Spring soon to come.

March

As the weather improves and Spring arrives there is a lot of activity in the village. The sports clubs and groups will be moving up a gear, especially in those sports which have lost fixtures due to the soggy winter. It is hoped that the playground project will move forward and there is to be a new kitchen in the Village Hall.

We are very lucky to have both a Village Hall and a Recreation Club with lots of facilities. They are run by a small but dedicated band of volunteers whose work often goes unrecognised. It is important that they are used to their maximum by the community if the work of those who run, clean, organise and manage them is to be properly repaid by the rest of us who benefit, both directly and indirectly.

Headmaster's Log

We continue with some further extracts from Reg Mear's Log as Headmaster of the school from 1957 until the mid 1980's

- 1958** April 1st - A County Land Agent inspected land following my inquiries as to procuring a school field.
- 1960 May 6th - School closed for the wedding of Princess Margaret.
- July 19th - "Open Day", but it was unfortunate that 30 pupils were absent with chicken pox, which lowered the attendance of parents.
- Sept 30th. - Most of the pupils were sent home because of flooding. Again on Oct 6th. and 27th. attendance was very low due to flooding.
- 1961 Civil Defence lectures were held in the school from November 18th 1960 to March 3rd 1961, there being 10 meetings. The Ladies Welfare Section of the Civil Defence held lectures from Feb 17th to March 14th, there being 5 meetings.
- The Summer Term saw our aim of having a swimming pool fulfilled. The pool sections arrived on May 17th and with the help of staff and a few fathers erecting began. Most of the work was done during the half-term holiday. The children swam for the first time on June 6th.
- On June 17th the pool was officially opened by Dr Cook (Chief Education Officer).

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FEBRUARY 2018

Eight Councillors were joined by Cllr Peter Hare-Scott (MDDC) and four members of the public at their meeting on the 1st February.

Planning. No objections were raised on the applications for alterations and extension to Southay or to the proposed pre-fabricated building at Langford Park Nursing Home. There were also no objections to the siting of a building for use as a pre-school in Station Road. The granting of amended plans with conditions at 3 Meadowlands was noted.

Pollution Monitor. A Pollution Monitor had been installed in the village to ascertain the levels of pollution from traffic travelling through the centre of the village. This monitor will be checked every month and will stay in place for 12 months, after which time a picture of any pollution in the village will become clear with excessive readings having the potential to affect planning.

New School footpath. Quotes for the work required for the new footpath alongside Station Road to service the new School were being drawn together in order that grant applications can be made.

New Cemetery area. Meetings were taking place between the Church and the Parish Council on the work required at the new cemetery ground such as the repair of the fence between the two areas, the present layout of the existing graves, depth of the soil in the new area, possible removal of trees and tree roots which could damage any future graves, grass cutting etc. These meetings are ongoing as there is a great deal to be sorted out before the Parish Council takes over responsibility for the Churchyard and new Cemetery.

Councillors' Responsibilities. It was agreed to obtain a quotation for the tidying and repainting of the notice boards in the parish this coming Spring. It was reported that new volunteers were needed to join the Litter Picking team.

It was noted that sometime this year scheduled trains would be running from Okehampton to Exeter and a letter had gone to our MP, Mel Stride, asking him to ensure that our request for some trains to stop at Newton St Cyres was taken into consideration in any new timetable.

Highways Issues. It was reported that DCC Highways intended to move the 'lego' blocks back further into the bank opposite the entrance to Langford Road

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thus reinstating the original width of the road and making the corner safer. This road was due for resurfacing too. The School were being asked to respond to the query about the crossing in the centre of the village as discussions are ongoing as to the best method of resolving this safely for all concerned.

Items for discussion at the next meeting. Clarification of the rules relating to the use of drones would be requested and reported back at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 1st March at 7.30 pm in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall. We welcome parishioners with their queries and questions for the Parish Council.

The next Parish Surgery will be held on Saturday 3rd March in conjunction with the Church Coffee Morning. Your Councillors will be happy to meet you and help with any questions you may have.

Cllr Jill Baker, Press Officer

Polite Request: Will people who put up notices on the Parish Council Noticeboards please ensure that after the event the notices are removed.

BINGO **Monday 26th March 2018**
in the Parish Hall
Eyes Down 7:45pm

in Aid of

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County Councillor Report

Devon County Council have a number of responsibilities under their remit, the three that affect us most our Social care, Children's services and Highways. As your elected representative I endeavour to represent the area and if you have any issues please let me know.

Social Care is working with NHS to provide care in the community. Devon is working with partner councils and other agencies to encourage public health. Exercise, fresh air and good quality housing provision all add to our wellbeing which in turn works to prevent ill health.

Children's services cover a wide remit from early years and children's centres, right through the school provision. There are about seven hundred Children in care in Devon. We have a fair number of foster carers who are highly valued but we can always do with more. Children services have responsibility for children until they are 18. For those in care this is extended until they finish formal education. For young people with disabilities responsibility continues until they are 25.

The issues I pick up from parish councils and residents are mostly around highways. I represent a huge rural area and as you can imagine with the rain that we have been having over the last few months there has been many potholes and drainage issues. As I don't travel all the roads in the division on a regular basis I rely on parish councils and residents to report. The best way to report is online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk on the front page of the website scroll down to "Report a pothole" the next screen gives you a number of options eg. potholes, drains, enforcement, street lighting etc. click on the required option and proceed. There is a page that explains how to use the site, press the continue button and a map of Devon comes up and you can scroll in to where you want and click where the problem is to report. Photos can be entered if appropriate and when you press the finish button you have the option to report another issue. If you give your contact details you will be given a ref number to chase up.

To be classed as a pothole it needs to be at least 300mm across X 40mm deep (1 foot by 2 inches deep) with a vertical edge.

Once reported it is entered right on to the system for all across Devon and will be attended to in due course. For some minor roads at the moment it can take up to 28 working days. Alternatively one can call 0345 155 1004 to report.

Please feel free to contact me.

Margaret.squires@devon.gov.uk

01363 84337

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RECREATION GROUND CLUB

To start I have to tell you all, this about one of the worst thing I have to send in these reports. This week we had the sad news that Sheila Ward one of our Vice Presidents lost her life to liver cancer. Sheila has been unwell for several months but still remained an interested member of our committee. Since she moved to Crediton and sadly lost David her attendance at meetings diminished, but she kept herself aware of what was happening at the Club. We will miss her interest. As I write this I am aware that any Service for Sheila will have happened by the time you read this.

Now to the Sport; so far we have lost 5 weekends of football to the weather. It will be hard to recoup the lost income as these games will probably be rescheduled to April/May and be evening kick offs. Evening games never generate the income Saturday afternoon matches bring in, which is not surprising when it means the players have to do a full days work and then be ready to play by 6.30 p.m. After playing most of them just want to get off and go home to be ready for work in the morning.

We have had some Skittle and Darts to bring in some monies. The league games for both the Ladies Darts and the Skittles come to an end in mid March; the players then are involve in cup finals. The Men's Darts go on into May.

March starts with the Twinning Group having a quiz night on Friday 2nd and our quarterly meeting will be Sunday 4th We also have a couple of family get-togethers: one is a family goodbye to the village and the other a baby shower so all is not lost. Two very different reason to get together and both welcome to use our building .

We are hoping the weather improves and we get to play all the dates in the diary on the date entered and don't have any more postponements.

Just to confuse my poor brain while we are trying to get all the football booked in, I have had confirmation of dates required for cricket. So at least some of our members are looking forward to the summer months.

Wendy Lewis

Newton St Cyres FC

The wet weather has meant that the First Team have not played since the last report and remain 10th of 16 teams in Devon and Exeter Premier Division – P14, W5. D2, L7.



The Reserves managed one game, atre 7th of 13 teams in Division 4, but with games in hand over the two sides above – P13, W7, L6.

The Under-16's remain 5th in the Exeter and Devon Youth League Division 2 – P8, W1, D4, L3. A recent League meeting discussed the possibility of starting an under-17 division next season which has our strong support

The younger teams continue to be hugely enthusiastic despite the winter weather – cold and wet which makes conditions tough – not just for the players but the enthusiastic coaches and parents.

Roger Furniss

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club



We were very pleased to learn that our grant application to Virador has been successful and we can now start work extending the clubhouse. We will be adding a changing room and toilet with disabled access at one end of the hut, and a glazed viewing area at the other, so people can watch play on court in the warmth and dry.

Both these improvements will be especially useful during junior coaching sessions, particularly in winter when it is dark and cold, and will make the hut a much more comfortable and welcoming venue for all members. Thanks to Virador, and those on the committee who spent such a long time on the application process.

With days starting to lengthen, we are looking forward to the summer season. Club membership renewals are due in March, so if anyone is thinking of joining now is a good time to get a full year's play from your membership fee. We are very reasonably priced compared to many of the bigger clubs in the area, and you will get a friendly welcome whatever your level. Please contact our membership secretary Laura Leigh on 01647 24259, or look at our website www.newtonstcyrestenniscub for all information about the club

Sally Baldwin

Do You Remember..March

March 1978

A snowfall in February was as heavy as any in living memory. Residents in the village and at Half Moon enjoyed a quiet traffic free period from Saturday night to Tuesday morning.

Nicky Lee has been selected as one of a team to represent England at the European Young Farmers Clubs rally in Sweden.

March 1988

The County Council is to introduce a concessionary fares scheme for use on any bus service in Devon at half fare after 9.00 am Monday to Friday and all weekends and Bank Holidays. Among those eligible are men over 65 and women over 60.

The Playgroup reported that the 4+ group will be moving to the school for the Wednesday morning session.

The Tennis Club is to replace the perimeter fence which means that the courts will be out of use for two weeks.

This month's edition included the free 'School Wonder'. Among articles written by the children are stories, drawings, recipes plus a report on Comic Relief Day when £140 was raised for the charity.

The Young Farmers entry in the YF National Drama competition was 'George' performed at the Palace Avenue Theatre Paignton and achieved fourth position.

March 1998

31st March was the anniversary of the opening of the Beer Engine under that name, and also of the brewery. It was previously known as the Railway Hotel, the Railway Inn, the Iron Horse and then Ye Olde Barn Owl.

It was reported that in January the Newton St Cyres Twinning Circle had regained the winner's trophy at the Bow Twinning Association quiz night.

The Afternoon Club would welcome any new visitors to their Tuesday afternoon meetings.

The Art Group had enjoyed a talk given by Lionel Aggett, illustrated by slides of pictures painted by him while he was in Spain.

March 2008

New charges are announced for booking the Parish Hall and a new booking secretary, Mary Long, will take over from 1st March.

Newton St Cyres is entering the Best Kept Village competition this year.

The Twinning Circle was given an illustrated talk 'A Journey Through Exeter in the Last Century' by Lyn Pearce.

The Parish Council is seeking to co-opt a councillor to fill a vacancy.

NEW KITCHEN FOR PARISH HALL

A new and improved kitchen is to be installed in the Hall, with work scheduled to start on 26 Feb and to be completed within two weeks. There will inevitably be a bit of disruption during that period and we apologise to users for this. Temporary facilities for making cups of tea etc will be set up in the small room at the left hand side of the stage (the table tennis tables that usually live there will be moved out!).

When finished we will have a much improved facility. The equipment is being supplied by System 6 Kitchens from Exeter and installed by Perrin and Son Construction from Chudleigh. The work is funded by grants from the Lottery Awards for All Scheme, the Bernard Sunley Foundation and an anonymous donor, together with Hall funds.

NEWTON RAMBLERS

On **Sunday 18 March** the Ramblers will walk from Steps Bridge, near Dunsford, along the River Teign towards Clifford Bridge and then back.

There should be a mass of wild daffodils in flower. This is an easy walk and is around 3.5 miles with no hills!

We will meet in the Parish Hall Car Park **at 9.30 am** and take the minimum number of cars.

All welcome. Any queries to Jean or Roger Wilkins on 851337.

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





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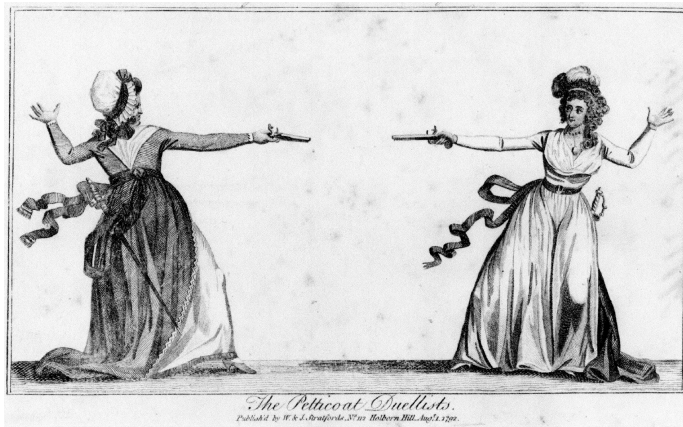
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NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP

DUELS SINCE 1760

For our November meeting we welcomed David Pugsley, an expert in law, to tell us about the practice of duelling which he did with many interesting examples. Ably assisted by Claire and Clive Rendle, dressed as two ladies of the late eighteenth century nobility, Clive fetchingly 'made up' and bewigged (he acted the part of the elder lady), David introduced us to the Petticoat Duel. The two 'ladies' were having tea together when the conversation mentioned the age of the elder who was trying to pass as much younger. An argument ensued and the elder



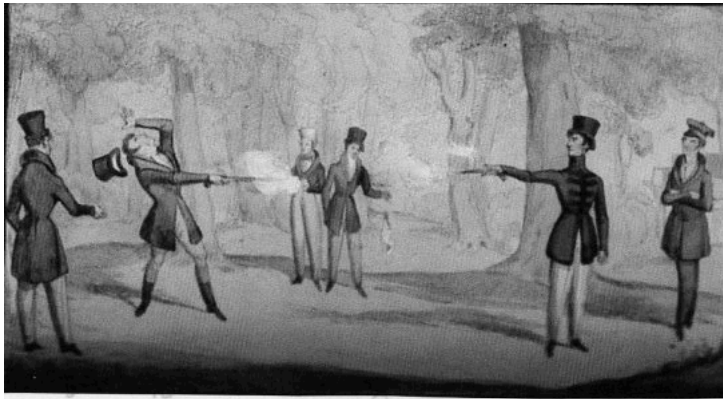
regarding her honour breeched, challenged the younger to a duel with both swords and pistols. The props were real and the pistols were very heavy. Both ladies retired unharmed. This duel was later admitted to be a spoof. Ladies did not duel in England but they did so, on the Continent.

Duelling had grown out of the medieval laws of chivalry and was very much about a gentleman protecting his honour. To address a gentleman as a scoundrel or rascal was a slur upon his honour.

In 1792 in Mount Street, Mayfair, a row of houses of the nobility with many servants, they had been celebrating the King's Birthday. However celebrations turned to riots, windows were broken and carriages were scratched. Thus it was that the guards moved in and so when Lord Lonsdale arrived in his emblomed carriage, Captain Cuthbert not only attempted to prevent his annoyed Lordship's entry to the street but also called him a 'rascal' for defying the Law. His Lordship considered this an assault on his honour, so Cuthbert was challenged to a duel. The duel took place at daybreak with pistols and both missed with the first shot. With the second shot Lonsdale's bullet was stopped by a button on Cuthbert's coat. His Lordship considered his honour restored and they shook hands and went home.

The accepted code of duel conduct varied between countries. In England pistols or swords could be used until 1784. Thereafter only pistols were used. The number of paces apart was generally 10 or 12 but the exact rules for any single duel were decided by the seconds, generally friends of the contestants. A site out of town was usually chosen, and 6am the time, before there were public onlookers. The starting signal varied, it could be a countdown or the dropping of a white handkerchief. Often the seconds would try to conciliate to prevent the duel and may at times have agreed between themselves not to load the pistols (a duty they must perform together) or supply enough powder.

Sometimes it would be agreed that one contestant fired first. He might take care to miss and then trust his opponent would fire in the air. Both could then return home honour satisfied. However there were deaths. The English legal system of the time did not allow



those prosecuted to give evidence. As the murderer could not give evidence, or the seconds, as they were prosecuted for aiding and abetting, it often happened that a case could not be proved. David gave the example of a Welsh duel where the agreement was

that the parties should start back to back, walk 10 paces, and then turn and fire. However one took only 5 paces, and turned and shot his opponent in the back. Since there were no witnesses apart from the surviving principal and the two seconds, who could not give evidence on oath, the verdict of the Coroner's jury was wilful murder, against some person or persons unknown!

In England duelling could be considered a game of sport for gentlemen. They would normally finish by shaking hands. If the police intervened they would be bound over by the Magistrates to keep the peace. In 1798 a sum of two thousand pounds was demanded from the contestants as surety. In the reign of George 3rd (1760-1820) the Times reported 172 duels and 69 deaths. 96 were wounded and 179 unhurt. There were 18 trials, 3 verdicts of murder and 2 persons hanged, both of whom were Irish, where duelling was taken very seriously. The first conviction for murder was in Exeter in 1799 before Mr Justice Buller when a free pardon was given. George 3rd's sons were keen duellers and many free pardons were given.

The duellist's stance was important, and he would stand sideways and keep his elbow bent (Kilkenny style) to protect his chest and abdomen. It became the practice to take along a surgeon ready to treat the wounded. However he could be prosecuted for aiding and abetting the murder. In 1803 there was a case of two people riding in Hyde Park with

their dogs when one dog attacked the other. One rider hit the attacking dog and was challenged to a duel. He took the King's Surgeon with him. The surgeon was tried at the Old Bailey but was acquitted. Not surprisingly, surgeons were reluctant to attend duels but, as in the case on Haldon in 1833, often "happened to have been passing by" on the way to attend a patient!

It was a misdemeanour to challenge for a duel and the challenged party could appeal to a Magistrate, as did Edward Divett MP when challenged by an Exmouth man.

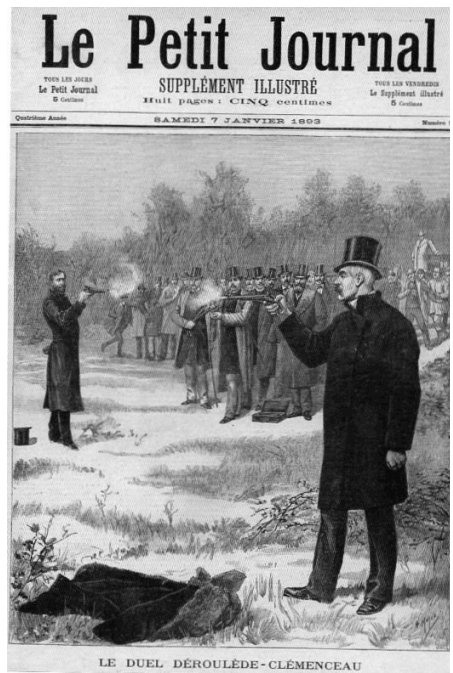
Before rules were introduced by Erskine May for behaviour in Parliament in the 1840's insults in the House of Commons were frequent. The Foreign Secretary and the Minister for War, Castlereagh and Canning fought in 1813. Canning was injured in the thigh, but the wound was not serious.

In 1829 the Duke of Wellington was appointed as Prime Minister on a promise not to bring Catholics into public life. He did and was challenged by Lord Winchelsea. The Duke fired first and missed and Winchelsea fired in the air and apologised.

In the 1852 General Election there was name calling. Perfidy applied to one gentleman provoked a duel. The parties took a train to Weybridge, walked over two fields and still found spectators, so they took a carriage together and found a quiet place only to be disturbed by a cock pheasant taking off noisily. They gave up and rushed home only to see a little later a letter in the Times from the Cock Pheasant pointing out it was not the beginning of the shooting season yet! This was the last recorded duel in England and was the English 'laughing it out of court'.

The French and the Germans took duelling more seriously and it continued in those countries much later. The French had no rules of behaviour in their National Assembly so insults were sometimes settled by duels. In 1892 Clemenceau, the future Prime Minister, was accused of corruption by Deroulede, and a duel was fought outside Paris at 25 yards with pistols. There were three shots, but all missed. In England they would have shaken hands. Deroulede refused. The last duel in France was in 1967 when Gaston Defferre, then Minister of the Interior, said to Ribiere: "Tais-toi, abruti," (Shut up, numbskull). This duel was with rapiers, and Defferre won when he drew blood twice. It can be watched on U Tube.

The Germans were very keen on duelling into the First World War years, undergraduates and young army officers being mainly



involved. In 1913 16 young army officers were killed duelling. The practice had died out by 1918.

Russians too were keen duellers, and this was how, in 1837, the poet Pushkin met his death. He had already survived many duels when he challenged a Dutchman, who he believed had interfered with his wife. It was winter and the seconds had to flatten three feet of snow. Ten yards was the agreed distance, they went another five yards away, had one bullet each and then walked towards each other ready to fire. The Dutchman hit Pushkin in the bowel, he dropped his pistol, but they gave him another. His shot hit the Dutchman's buttons and he got up. Pushkin died in agony 48 hours later. It was suspected the Dutchman was wearing a bullet proof jacket.

These were just some of the examples given. David has quite a repertoire of them. His talk was followed by many questions which showed the appreciation of his audience.

Jean Wilkins

NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP

Our March meeting will be held on Wednesday the 14th when Brian Please will be speaking on 18th Century Newton St Cyres.

Dick the Plowman's map together with plans of the mines are familiar to many in the village. They are from a survey of the village done for a John Quicke soon after he reached his majority. Brian has managed to put Dick's map onto a more realistic scale and revealed more information.

There was a similar survey done around 10 years later for the Northcote heir. These together with the lengthy documents produced during the sale of land from Northcote to Quicke should form a basis for our Knowledge of the period.

However there are many more documents that have survived for Newton St Cyres. Before the 19th century, the sources of information are varied, different, and sometimes very difficult to read! We will share what progress we have made in an endeavour to give some insight into the lives of ordinary folk and the poor alongside those of the Squire and other landowners.

April 18th Susan Ronald from Chulmleigh will speak on 'The Pirate Queen'. She is an expert having written a book on this subject. Those famous Devon sea captains heroes or villains?

Meetings are held on a WEDNESDAY evening

7.30pm in the Village Hall Club Room.

We have no special membership and everyone is welcome.

There is a small charge of £2 which includes tea and biscuits.

For further information contact Jean 851337 Isobel 851351

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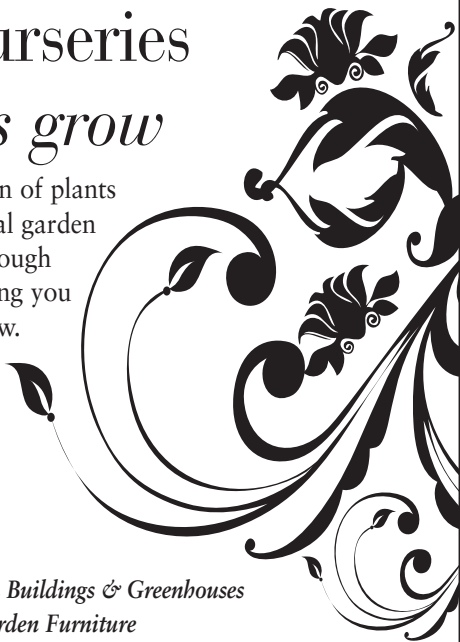
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Monthly Gardening notes for March from Bert Jewell

There are lots of things to do in and around the garden this month, but first I think I should take you a little nearer to the end of my journey

The driving job went well and all the staff at the delivery points were friendly which helped to make the days go well. It turned out that my boss was a keen rose grower and was featured on the television with a celebrity gardener known as "Top line Broadhurst". I heard he was ex navy and if a task on board ship was done well he would say "Top line".

The garden at home was developing and as well as cacti and succulents, I started growing Chrysanthemums, both spray and bloom types, Gladiolus and Sweet Peas. I found myself getting really focused on how to grow these plants to their very best. I bought books on these subjects and joined societies to gain information.

I remember entering cut flowers in my very first show, thinking that they would do well. On returning to the show after judging I was mortified to see that I had not won anything. As I was picking up my exhibits at the end of the day, a retired farmer spoke to me. He told me I had done well, I remember saying "you must be joking, I haven't won anything". He said "no, but you haven't lost your temper and you haven't thrown your stuff into the back of the car, you'll do alright".

I was brought up growing vegetables, but my interest was now in flowers and pot plants. I continued to study at home. What type of soil was best for the plants we grew! How to feed them and with what! Within a couple of years I was winning awards in lots of local shows and began to realise that I needed a bigger garden. It was time to put the house in the High Street on the market.

The house was bought by the Crediton Courier, allowing us to buy the bungalow at Penrose with its very large overgrown garden. The garden was a real challenge but it paid off. I'll tell you how next month. Now let's take a stroll in the

Vegetable garden

As soon as conditions allow the veg garden should be got ready. Harvest the last of the winter crops. Pull up old Brassicas stumps and put them on the compost heap, they rot down quicker if cut or broken up. Remove all weeds before they go to seed and decide where you are going to plant the green crop, Cabbage, Kale, Cauliflower, Sprouts and Calabrese. If this part of the garden has been cleared of all weeds, it can be left unturned as these plants like firm soil. Turn up the rest of the veg patch ready for the root crops.

Seeds that can be sown towards the end of the month are Lettuce, Radish, Spring Onion, Broad Beans and early varieties of Carrots and Peas.

Flower Garden

Give the flower borders and containers a tidy up by going over the plants to dead head and remove any dead or broken stems. If any of the perennials have outgrown their allocated space, this is a good time to divide them. I find the best way to do this is to use two forks back to back. Start planting Gladiolus corms and continue planting every two or three weeks. This will give you a longer flowering season.

Lawns

Worm casts can be a problem in early spring and make the lawn look unsightly, but please don't reach for the chemicals to get rid of the worms, they help aerate the soil. Instead pick a dry day and break up the cast with a stiff broom or besom. Cut the grass high for a few more weeks and don't feed until April.

Fruit garden

Give the fruit garden a good spring clean. Get out all the weeds and mulch around bushes and canes with well rotten garden compost or farmyard manure. Strawberry plants are best feed with liquid potash, like tomato feed. Pot grown Strawberries can be planted out into their permanent position.

Trees, Shrubs and Climbers

It's that time again when the Buddleia and coloured stemmed Dogwoods come face to face with the secateurs. It's surprising how many people don't like to hard prune. It might look drastic but it is a job worth doing. If left unpruned the flowers of Buddleia Davidii (Butterfly Bush) are way up out of sight. So cut all stems that grew last year back to about 6" from the main framework from where the shoot started its growth. Once this has been done remove any dead wood. The same method can be used for Sambucus, (Ornamental Elders).

Cut out the oldest stems of coloured stemmed Cornus Alba cultivars (Dogwood) and trim the remaining stems back by about a third.

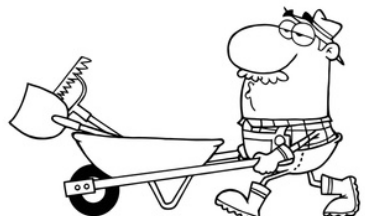
Plant of the month

"Azara Micropaylla"

This large shrub or small tree is not often seen in private gardens, but if you have room and a sheltered spot it is well worth trying.

We grew it in our garden at Penrose but it had to come out when we built the new house. The flowers can be killed off by late frost but if conditions are right, the stems will be covered in masses of fluffy yellow flowers that have a strong scent, maybe of marzipan.

Enjoy your gardening



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MARCH ON THE FARM

It's so lovely to see the season on the turn. There may be the odd frost or even flurry of snow, and each day the sun strengthens, the days get longer, so any cold will be short-lived. The sun is stronger; out of the wind, it can feel balmy against your skin.

NATURE

All the plants know it, too. All of the cabbage family are making a leap for immortality as everything from the tiny shepherds; purse, oilseed rape in the fields or cabbages in the garden start flowering. Anything that flower or breeds in the spring is on notice to get in action. Birds are building nests or already rearing chicks. They sing their hearts out in the dawn chorus carving out territory. It's lovely to see the blackbirds assert themselves again, everyone excited by the onset of spring. Tom Browne, our neighbour, saw a magpie checking out an old nest. She was keen to tell everyone about it while she was inside.

I saw a little mouse hungrily eating away at some iris shoots as I sat to watch the sun go down. I watched, fascinated to see him attack a leaf many times larger. I did disturb him in the end when my gardening overcame my wildlife interest. Frogspawn is everywhere.

GRASS

The grass is growing just as long as it's not a frost. The fresh new blades eagerly soak up the sun. Last year's leaves are tired, and waiting to be eaten releasing the plant for new growth. Hang on, we will get the cows to you as soon as we can. They went out first just before Valentine's Day and they are nibbling off all the last year's stored grass in a sequence by length. However cold it is, the first response of a grass plant to being nibbled is to send up a thumbnail-width of new tender growth to kick start new growth from the root reserves. We protect that from being eaten: it a month or so, there will enough for the cows to graze.

COWS

The grass is growing less that the hungry cows want. The autumn calving cows come inside for the night time, to slow down the amount of grass they eat. We feed them on the last bits of silage we made last year. The spring calving cows are calving like crazy, and come off their winter feed of fodder beet onto pasture when they calve. We have a little fodder beet left over, so we'll give them a nibble to keep them topped up while it lasts.

We calve the spring cows in the barn, the only time those animals see straw, a roof and walls. We want to keep the wet newborn calves from chilling in the wind. Soon their coats fluff up, but we still will keep them sheltered until they are a little bigger and drinking milk well. They are born the size of a small person, and they won't yet have the resilience to manage wet and cold together.

As soon as we are sure the calf has enough colostrum, the antibody-rich oral vaccine nature provides to protect new-borns, the cows will join their friends in the milking herd to get on with the sociable and serious business of milking. We rear the calves together, and very soon they form their own little herd, bonded to each other and to the people who feed them.

DAIRY

In the cheese dairy, the grass feeding comes through as a glorious extra layer of flavour in the warm milk. The amount of milk increases as more cows calve and their milk is added to the tank, and also cows yield more off grass, however well you feed them inside. The change in diet calls for subtle changes in make, with the low fibre in the new grass dropping the fat in the milk, making for a firmer curd. Every season, even every day is different, and it's part of the cheesemaker's skill to adjust each day's make: timing, cut size, working of the curd, to have every day make the beautiful cheese hidden inside every vat of milk.

RECIPE

I've been overdosing on the last of the winter leaves from the garden and the polytunnel. Everything is growing so fast, and anything I don't eat will set seed. My favourite salad is strong-flavoured winter leaves: salad burnet, chicory, sorrel, landcress, lambs' lettuce, the Italian salads minutina and stridolo, and the shepherds' purse and chickweed that grow so freely and uninvited. I pick and wash them twice. I serve with a cider vinegar-heavy dressing to balance up the bitter flavours. Then I grate lots of Qicke's Mature Cheddar over the salad, so you find decent amount of it as you eat. That combined with some tasty sourdough bread and our Whey Butter makes a great first course or light lunch.



MARY QUICKE

Arboretum Coffee Morning Success



There was a good crowd at the Coffee Morning held on 3 Feb for the Friends of Newton Arboretum making over £300 that will all be spent on the maintenance and improvement of the Arboretum. We thank all those who helped with the event and donated prizes and goods for sale, and not least those who attended.



The next events for the Friends will be the tours and AGM on Wed, 2 May, including the launch of the new wheelchair-friendly paths.

Coffee Mornings are held every first Saturday in the month in the Parish Hall from 10.30 to 12. They are put on by different village organisations with the Coffee Morning on 3 March being for the Church.

Photo by Margaret Tucker

Pictured from the left are Gill Melling, Geoff Jackson, Vice Chairman, Lucy Watts and Peter Watts, Treasurer, at their bookstall at the event.,

Newton Saint Cyres Parish Church Appeal - Progress Report

In 2014 the Parish Church launched what has become an on-going Appeal to the local community for funds to help secure, for the foreseeable future, the ancient fabric of the church building, to better inform visitors of its history and heritage, and to provide a more flexible space for both Worship and non-Worship activities to take place.

It is estimated that by the end of February 2018 this appeal will have raised £42,000, 24% of our approximate target of £175,000.

This is a magnificent response, and demonstrates a deep and widespread concern for what is the most ancient and iconic asset within our community.

THANK YOU!

It is our intention to repeat the postal letter-appeal for funds; and every household in the local community should soon receive this. The monies are held in a special account for the Project.

Phase 1 of the Project ("French drain" works) was completed in February 2017; Phase 2 (New Lighting, Electrics, and Sound system) we expect to be carried out in the Summer of this year 2018, following final Faculty (Planning) approval; We are currently seeking Faculty approval for Phase 3 (Conservation works); and we expect to seek Faculty approval for Phase 4 (Including New Heating system, and Repair and Redecoration, etc..) later this Spring/Summer 2018. At the same time we are in the process of seeking grant support from a number of sources.

Details of the Project and the progress made to date will be provided by a Display (similar to that in 2017) in the Church on Saturday 12th March between 10 and 12noon. PLEASE DO VISIT THE DISPLAY – in any case, you are always welcome to contact me at any time.



Display in Feb-Mar 2017 that provided information about the Church Project

If you have not had the opportunity as yet to give funds and/or help in other ways and wish to do so, please do not hesitate to contact me:-Clive Lawrence, Treasurer, Newton Saint Cyres PCC (Tel: 01392 851406; clivelawrence@explicata.co.uk)

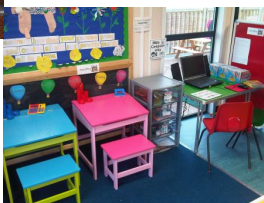
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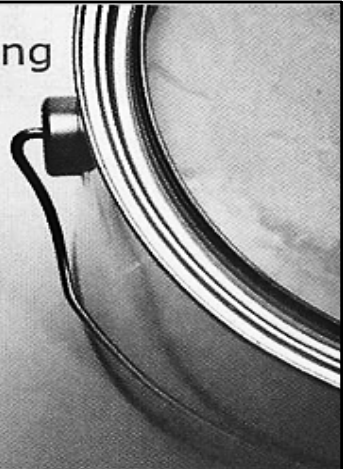
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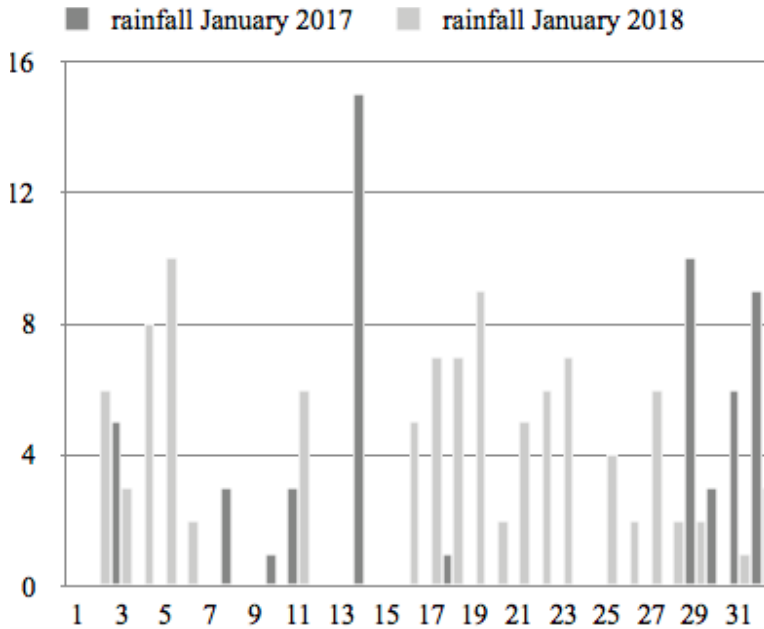
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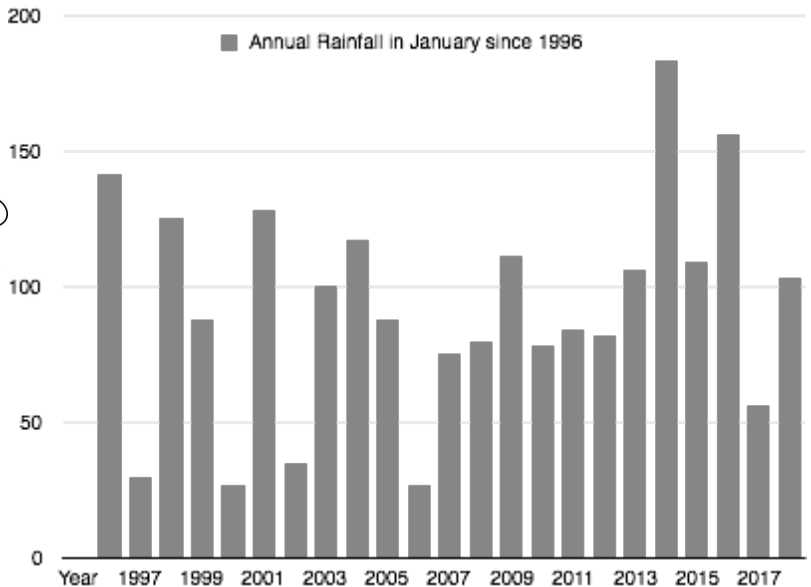
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The Weather

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We are grateful to James Walters and his family, especially his granddaughter Alice for providing us with regular details of the rainfall in Newton St Cyres.



Newton St Cyres Gardening Club

The Club were delighted to welcome new visitors to our meeting on Wednesday 7th February. Many had travelled from outside the village and were welcomed with a cup of tea and biscuits and a warm clubroom at the Parish Hall. To make the evening a complete success our speaker gave us a fascinating talk, accompanied by an amazing slide show, on Butterflies, Moths and Gardens. David Price comes from Bridford where he has a wildlife meadow near his home and is very enthusiastic about the woodlands near his home and the wildlife he finds so close. In fact David had spent the previous day helping to ring and register oyster catchers at Dawlish Warren – in the freezing cold!

David explained that lepidoptera (butterflies and moths) are quite easy to identify once you grasp the basic differences. Did you know that butterflies have antenna with bulges on the ends and moths have straight antenna – that 'lepidoptera' means wings and scales and close up the tiny scales can be seen on the wings – that one species of micro moth can hover upside down to suck the nectar from trailing plants such as fuchsia and docks and nettles are favourite food for some species. We saw the life cycle of caterpillars turning into beautiful butterflies and close up pictures of moths who can disguise themselves as frightening looking 'monsters' to ward off prey. The photographs were stunningly beautiful. David explained that there are really only sixteen species of butterflies that we need to remember in our gardens – the same number as a rugby team + their manager or the number of contestants on 'Strictly'!

The Club has an interesting programme of speakers and outings planned for 2018. In April Bert Jewell will come and talk about Vegetable growing, in September we will welcome Derrick Dyer from Eggesford Garden Centre to talk about Spring Bulbs and in November Alan French will be talking about Autumn into Winter. Our outings this year include a visit to RHS Rosemoor in June, to John West's Nursery in July (with one of his famous cream teas), a visit to NGS gardens in Moretonhampstead in August and lunch at Eggesford Garden Centre in October. Details of all these meetings and outings will appear in the Newton Wonder and the Crediton Courier.

The Club are looking for some new faces to join the organising group for next year. This little group meets in the autumn to sort out the programme for the following year. It is an enjoyable get together and the jobs of contacting speakers, booking the venues etc. are shared out. The Club is entering its 9th year this year and some of the original organising members are retiring or moving away from the area so replacements are urgently needed. It would be a great shame if the Club were to fold after the last successful eight years. So ... If anyone is interested in joining this sociable group, please make contact with David and Jill Baker on davidbaker687@btinternet.com or on 01392 851752. Thank you.

Jill Baker





Garden Club 2018 Programme



4 April—Bert Jewell on 'Vegetable Growing'

9 June—Visit to Rosemoor

14 July—Cream Tea at John West's Nursery

11 August—visit to Sutton Mead in
Moretonhampstead

5 September—Derrick Dyer from Eggesford
Garden Centre On 'Spring Bulbs'

10 October—Lunch at Eggesford Garden
Centre

7 November—Alan French on 'Autumn into Winter'

1 December—Coffee Morning in the Hall

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Demonstration in watercolour by Jem Bowden

Jem is an accomplished and acclaimed water colourist, and spends most of his time teaching, demonstrating and contributing to art magazines. He came all the way from Bristol, bringing painting equipment and also

several large examples of his work. He works energetically and fast, but not before planning his painting carefully in terms of composition and tone. He prefers to work en plein air when possible, as this method lends authenticity to the painting, and allows a more emotional interpretation than when working from a photo.

Using a limited palette of maximum 5 colours, and just 2 brushes, he produced 2 paintings of Norfolk scenery: water, reed beds, big skies, a church in one and a windmill in the other, and distant hills and trees. He worked from a tonal sketch in pencil, saying that attention to tone and composition are more important than colour. The finished paintings were delicate, yet full of light and movement. The amount of planning required is daunting: the sketch, the composition, the tones, and which areas to leave white, but as he said, the most effective paintings are those which involve taking risks once you start applying the paint. He demonstrated great skill and gave us all kinds of useful tips. An inspiring morning!

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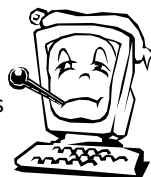
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Neighbourhood Watch and Emergency News

Devon and Cornwall Police Launch Sexting Campaign

Devon & Cornwall Police and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall (OPCC), have launched a campaign to educate young people under the age of 18 about the consequences of sexting.

Sexting is the term used for the sending or receiving of sexual, naked or semi-naked images or videos which can be taken by a young person of themselves (i.e. a selfie), or by others.

It is illegal for anyone to take, send, receive or share these types of images of anyone under 18 – included selfies. Devon & Cornwall Police's primary concern is to avoid criminalising young people where it is not appropriate, which is why we have launched this campaign to educate young people and their parents.

Reports of under 18s sexting in Devon and Cornwall have nearly tripled in recent years, from 115 reports between November 2015 and October 2016, to 440 reports between November 2016 and October 2017. These statistics show the speed at which this issue has grown.

Sexting in under 18s is an increasing issue which is reflected nationally, not just in Devon and Cornwall. However, it is largely unreported and therefore the true number of sexting incidents is unknown. Despite this, it is still reassuring to know that the majority of young people are not doing it.

The increase in figures has highlighted why it is important to educate young people about the potential consequences of sexting and encourage parents to have open and honest conversations with their children about it.

Messages have gone out on Facebook and Twitter, and to young people on Instagram and Snapchat. Printed materials will also be utilised to extend the reach of the safety messages outside of the digital world. This builds on the work that officers and PCSOs have already been doing with schools and youth groups.

Superintendent Head of Prevention Department, Matt Lawler, from Devon & Cornwall and Dorset Police said: "Education and safeguarding is at the forefront of all we do with young people as a police force. We want to re-affirm to young people and parents that we are here to help when you need us.

"Technology has become ever more advanced and available. This is why our sexting campaign is of such importance. By educating young people about the law around sexting and the potential consequences of sending these types of images, we can help them to avoid making a decision they later regret.

"Devon & Cornwall Police's primary concern is to avoid criminalising young people where it is not appropriate and we hope that by educating young people about Sexting we can avoid this altogether.

“Our main message to young people is this: when you press send, you lose control of that image – where it ends up on the internet and who sees it – you’re not just breaking the law.”

Alison Hernandez, Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly said, “Sexting is a growing concern as most young people now have, or have access to, a mobile device.

It is important that young people understand the law surrounding sexting and the consequences it can have.

As a parent myself, I feel it is also vital that parents and guardians have an understanding of the topic and are provided with the correct tools and information to proactively talk to their children about the issue.

As an office we are committed to working with young people and engaging with them around such issues.”

Advice for parents around sexting:

Talk to your children about sexting, the law and the potential dangers of sexting:

- 9/10 selfies end up somewhere else on the internet - when you press send, you lose control
- It’s illegal to take, send or receive ‘sexts’ of anyone under 18, including selfies!
- Not all teenagers are doing it, even if that’s what they tell their friends
- If they’ve done it and it’s gone wrong, speak to an adult they trust

If it has happened:

- Stay calm and support your child
- Take the device, don’t screenshot, don’t forward on
- Speak to your child’s school, they have the power to help
- Remember: it is illegal, but the police will always help young people and safeguard them in the first instance

Where and how to seek help:

- Parents and carers can get more information, with links to help and support, from Devon & Cornwall Police by visiting [dc.police.uk/advice/parenting](https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/advice/parenting)
- Young people can get more information, with links to help and support, from Devon & Cornwall Police by visiting [dc.police.uk/youth/sexting](https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/youth/sexting)
- Further information and advice for professionals can also be found at dcdhub.org.uk/sexting or by signing up to our newsletter

This campaign is a joint collaboration project with Dorset Police and Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Dorset, working together as part of our strategic alliance.

Flight Ticket Fraud

Fraudsters are attempting to entice victims who are looking for cheap flights abroad.

Victims have reported booking tickets via websites or a “popular” ticket broker, only to discover that after payment via bank transfer or electronic wire transfer, the tickets/booking references received are counterfeit. In some cases, all communications between the company or broker and the victim have been severed.

Fraudsters are targeting individuals who are seeking to travel to African nations and the Middle East, particularly those wishing to travel in time for popular public and religious holidays.

Prevention Advice:

- Pay safe: Be cautious if you're asked to pay directly into a private individual's bank account. Paying by direct bank transfer is like paying by cash – the money is very difficult to trace and is not refundable. Wherever possible, pay by credit card or a debit card.
- Conduct research on any company you're considering purchasing tickets from; for example, are there any negative reviews or forum posts by previous customers online? Don't just rely on one review - do a thorough online search to check the company's credentials.
- Check any company website thoroughly; does it look professional? Are there any spelling mistakes or irregularities? There should be a valid landline phone number and a full postal address so that the company can be contacted. Avoid using the site if there is only a PO Box address and mobile phone number, as it could be difficult to get in touch after you buy tickets. PO Box addresses and mobile phone numbers are easy to change and difficult to trace.
- Be aware that purchasing tickets from a third party, particularly when initial contact has been made via a social media platform can be incredibly risky.
- If tickets to your intended destination appear cheaper than any other vendor, always consider this; if it looks too good to be true, it probably is!
- Look for the logo: Check whether the company is a member of a recognised trade body such as ABTA or ATOL. You can verify membership of ABTA online, at www.abta.com.
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Tickets: £8/£5 BAR

Film: The New Adventures of Pippi Longstocking

Saturday March 03, 3.00pm

After her father's ship is wrecked in a storm, the mischievous, super strong Pippi Longstocking finds herself alone in the world with just her pet horse and monkey for company. She returns to live alone in her family home, makes friends with the children next door and together they embark on a series of wild and magical adventures, much to the consternation of the adults in the town. Based on the much loved stories by Swedish writer Astrid Lindgren, this 1988 musical film, with its feisty heroine, will delight children aged 7 to 11.

Tickets: £5





Newton St Cyres Young Farmers Club

Members have worked hard to put on a very entertaining pantomime Lil Miss Hood. All members got involved in the production with acting, scenery or other back stage tasks. The club is very lucky to have such a talented membership. A rerun of the pantomime is being carried out at QE lower school on

Friday 23rd of February at 7pm with all proceeds being donated to charity.

Millie Murphy and Katie Davie won senior and junior member of the year at the Haldon

group round and went on to compete at the county round in Exmouth. With Millie coming fourth and Katie coming third.



The team of Katie Davie, William Davie and Chloe Eyles all read the book Goodnight Mister Tom in junior reading and achieved third at the county round. William

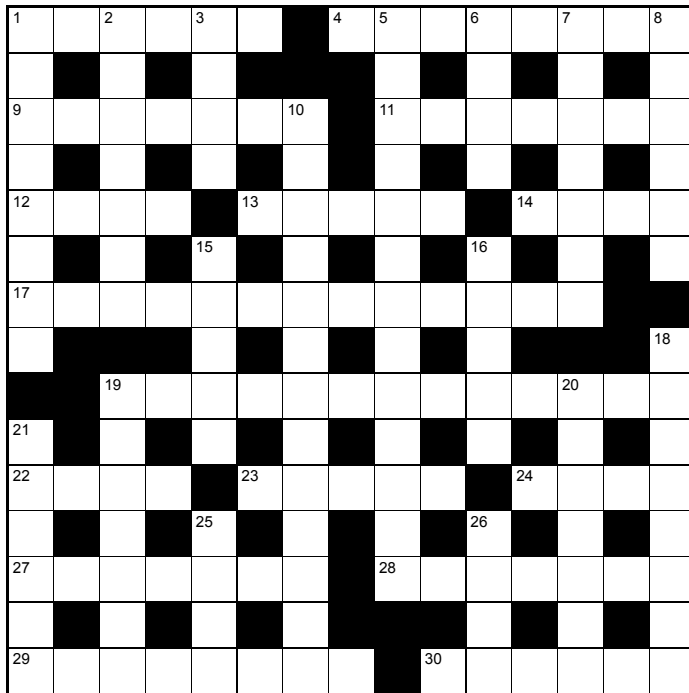
who is only eleven was awarded best male speaker, a brilliant achievement by all of them.

The clubs annual cider and pastie quiz held with Crediton NFU at Sandford parish hall was a great success with 31 teams all having fun on the night. Over five hundred pounds was raised for charity.

If you are interested in joining the club or would like to find out more contact Matt Crooke the club chairman on 01363 772654.



Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Flexible tree possibly includes one (6)
- 4 Delightful prince (8)
- 9 Spa got alternative power as temporary measure (7)
- 11 Giving away nothing but obsolete vessel (7)
- 12 Neat tequila is drunk initially – why, you say? (4)
- 13 Turner that can be viewed from both sides (5)
- 14 Gave birth to dull person (4)
- 17 Part of the Caribbean populated by chaste women? (6,7)
- 19 50 invest in city carelessly and without thinking (13)
- 22 Publicity fellows turned up first (4)
- 23 Surprisingly nitre is unreactive (5)
- 24 Most put up with him (4)
- 27 Ilona staggered across road first perhaps (7)
- 28 Some electricity is present (7)
- 29 Law a yob broke outside university city in Africa (8)
- 30 Glamorous former lover with old nervous habit (6)

DOWN

- 1 Optimistic for certain (8)
- 2 Working as a monk is? (2,5)
- 3 Close for the evening mostly (4)
- 5 Run on flower power? (13)
- 6 Gather some mature apricots (4)
- 7 Sinful rascal promises to pay (7)
- 8 Look, a goose! (6)
- 10 Supply given to friend for the time being (13)
- 15 Drunk gives gratuities at start of year (5)
- 16 One accepting fine is unsuitable (5)
- 18 Python broadcast I see sounded mesmerising (8)
- 19 Unbeliever elected by Castro (7)
- 20 Ask earnestly for new net rate (7)
- 21 Pal somehow gets round doctor, showing confidence (6)
- 25 Be aware of speaker's refusal (4)
- 26 Vintage unknown – that's the essential point (4)

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Now is compare thee to a summer's day...?



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200g (8oz) carrots thinly sliced
1 medium tin chopped tomatoes
1 bay leaf, 1 teaspoon turmeric, 1 teaspoon smoked paprika, 1 teaspoon caraway seeds
Vegetable stock, sea salt, freshly ground black pepper
Chopped parsley, and grated cheddar cheese

Heat the oil in a large saucepan and add the washed and prepared vegetables. Cook gently so that all the vegetables are coated in oil. Add the spices, tomatoes, and enough stock to cover. Bring to the boil, and simmer gently until the vegetables are tender. 100g (4oz) frozen peas, or broad beans can be added 5 minutes before serving the soup. Season, and enjoy with grated cheddar cheese, and crusty organic bread.

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Answer to February Puzzle

Solution to Cryptic Crossword on page 47

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ACROSS

1 pliant. 4 charming. 9 stop-gap. 11 dead-pan. 12 tidy. 13 rotor. 14 bore. 17 Virgin Islands. 19 instinctively. 22 puff. 23 inert. 24 Stan. 27 ordinal. 28 current. 29 Bulawayo. 30 exotic.

DOWN

1 positive. 2 in order. 3 nigh. 5 hydroelectric. 6 reap. 7 impious. 8 gander. 10 provisionally. 15 tipsy. 16 unfit. 18 hypnotic. 19 infidel. 20 entreat. 21 aplomb. 25 know. 26 crux.

Conflict and Calamity

Exeter and the Lower Exe Valley during the English Civil War

a talk by

Prof. Mark Stoye

7.30 pm Friday 23 March

Brampford Speke Village Hall

£10 to include supper

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Civil War in the Exe Valley

The English Civil War in Exeter and the Lower Exe Valley is the subject of 'Conflict and Calamity', a talk by Mark Stoye, history professor at Southampton University, on Friday 23 March at Brampford Speke Village Hall.

Mark, who lives locally, makes regular radio and TV appearances, including the recent episode of BBC's 'Who Do You Think You Are?' when Cockney actor Danny Dyer discovered he was related to two English kings and Thomas Cromwell.

Mark, who specializes in the Civil War, said: "The English Civil War of 1642-46 was one of the most bloody and destructive episodes which this country has ever seen.



"Devon was among the most bitterly contested areas, and, as the rival armies of King Charles I and his enemies in Parliament marched and counter-marched across the county, local men, women and children saw their lives being turned upside down."

His talk will explore how the parishes of the lower Exe Valley – including Upton Pyne, Stoke Canon and Newton St. Cyres – were affected by the conflict and how the great siege of Exeter in 1645-46 led to large parts of the city being razed to the ground.

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PLEASE DO COME and JOIN US!

March is a wonderful month in so many ways. Spring is here, the clocks go forward and everywhere, in fields and gardens, new life is burgeoning. The whole world is yellow! Perhaps even more than January, this is the month when we start planning exciting new projects with longer days and brighter weather to enthuse us.

March is also the month when we celebrate Mother's Day and it is this occasion which I was reminded about as I was walking my dogs around the lanes of Cadbury. The fields are full of baby lambs, many now old enough to class as teenagers. They gather together in gangs charging around, climbing onto any high ground or clustering in untidy gaggles in gateways. Mums graze seriously, heads down and often a long way from their infants. For the moment they are not needed. I startle a group of youngsters and they erupt in a panic scampering straight back to Mum, the gang abandoned. Mum looks at me, checks I am no threat, and gently nuzzles her baby who has a quick drink more for comfort than hunger and then turns to regroup.

Isn't that the great thing about mums. Not trying to be your mate, letting you wander and have adventures but always keeping an eye out, always there, warm and solid and serene, with a meal if you turn up unexpectedly.

Jesus knew the love of a mother. Mary did not always understand her son, or the work he was called to do but she encouraged him, at the wedding in Cana, to use the powers she knew he had. Mary did what most mothers do. She said, go on, you can do it. It was, we are told, the first miracle Jesus performed. Mary probably complimented him, was certainly proud of him. She was there, usually unmentioned, throughout his ministry, right to the bitter end and one of Jesus's last acts was to ensure that one of his disciples looked after her. That moment of tenderness and concern on the cross is such a moving demonstration of his humanity and love.

We all have family roots, some strong and happy, others perhaps less so, but they have formed us. As we grow older, we may take on mothering roles in different contexts and we may be mothered by others. The communities we inhabit are part of our extended family and our churches are a quiet, steady presence, like mum, in the background, waiting to greet us whenever we visit. On Mother's Day we will probably give a gift, perhaps of flowers. A small token of our love and gratitude. Nothing, compared with the sacrifice given to us over the years, but nonetheless appreciated. Let's not forget to all be 'mothering and nurturing' in our community, whatever that means; encouraging, proud, patient, prayerful...and, like Mum, the church would appreciate a visit occasionally!

Gail Whalley
Cadbury PCC.

Services in the Netherexe Parishes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Common Worship [CW] Common Worship Service

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer in the Netherexe Parishes

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

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

Evening Prayer is said on Thursdays at 5.00pm in Newton St Cyres church; contact Sue Browne on 01392 851460 for location.

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BOF Baptist Officiant

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

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

For transport from Rewe parish please contact Guy Sheppard on 01392 861022

Newton St Cyres Parish Church Rotas March 2018

Week Ending	Flowers	Clean Church/ clean loo: key usual place	Brass: key with Sue
March 4 th (OD)	S. Munday	P. Burt	
11 th (FS)	P. Boother	A. Mitchell/A. Ward	
18 th	-	-	
25 th (HC)	A. Page	All hands for Spring Clean 10.00a.m.	J. Furniss
Good Friday 30 th	-	-	-

Sidespersons

March 4 th	9.30 a.m. Open Door Lay-led		
11 th Mothering Sunday	9.30 a.m. Family Service	Christopher Lee	Margaret Snow
18 th	-	-	-
25 th	9.30 Holy Communion	Wendy Hough	Tony Hough
30 th Good Friday			

MARCH 2018 SERVICES & INFORMATION

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

Sunday 4 March Lent 3

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	KC
09:30 am	Open Door		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
10:00 am	Service with a Smile	☹️	Brampford Speke	Lay Led
10:00 am	Informal Gathering		Stoke Canon	
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	KC
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company		Rewe	
06:00 pm	Informal Evening Service		Cadbury	Lay Led & LF

Sunday 11 March Mothering Sunday & Lent 4

09:30 am	Family Service		Huxham	Lay Led
09:30 am	Family Service		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
09:30 am	OPEN		Thorverton	
10:00 am	Family Service	☹️	Thorverton	Lay Led
			Joint with Baptist Church	
10:00 am	Informal Service		Cadbury	Lay Led
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
10:00 am	All Age Service		Upton Pyne	Lay Led
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Poltimore	Lay Led
11:15 am	Morning Worship		Rewe	Lay Led

Sunday 18 March Lent 5

08:30 am	Holy Communion [Said]	[C]	Brampford Speke	KC
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Cadbury	SS
09:30 am	OPEN		Thorverton	
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company		Rewe	
04:00 pm	Farewell Service for Bishop Sarah		Exeter Cathedral	
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	MSS

Sunday 25 March Palm Sunday

09:30 am	Holy Communion & APCM	[C]	Newton St Cyres	KC
09:30 am	Mattins [Sung]	[BCP]	Thorverton	Lay Led
10:00 am	Joint Walk of Witness with Stoke Canon Chapel		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	A Geering
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company		Rewe	
05:30 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Huxham	KC

Maundy Thursday 29 March

07:00 pm	Holy Communion		Mission Community Service	
	<i>Informal within a Simple Meal</i>	[C]	Stoke Canon	KC

Good Friday 30 March

10:00 am	Good Friday Drama		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:00 am	Good Friday Meditation		Cadbury	KC
11:15 am	Stations of the Cross		Rewe	P Colebrook
02:00 pm	Good Friday Reflection		Newton St Cyres	G Sheppard
02:00 pm	Good Friday Meditation		Thorverton	KC
04:00 pm	Good Friday Reflection		Poltimore	LF

Easter Day 1 April

09:30 am	Family Holy Communion	[C]	Cadbury	KC
09:30 am	Family Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	SS
09:30 am	Family Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	MSS
10:00 am	Service with a Smile	☹️	Brampford Speke	Lay Led
			Joint with Baptist Chapel	
11:15 am	Family Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	B Dugmore
			Joint with Huxham	
11:15 am	Family Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	SS
11:15 am	Family Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	KC
11:15 am	Communion by Extension	[C]	Stoke Canon	LF
03:00 pm	Easter Worship		Netherexe	KC

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FORMATION FOR CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

SOUP AND CHEESE A GREAT SUCCESS AT NEWTON ST. CYRES.

The annual Soup and Cheese Lunch at Newton St. Cyres was well supported and has raised £486 for Newton Parish Church Funds. The ladies had all worked hard to produce four delicious home made soups, which were:- Armenian, Bacon and Lentil , coriander and carrot, and chicken and vegetable. There was a good supply of both French and brown bread, on the tables, and a selection of cheeses, all followed by teas and coffees. . John Salter ran the Tombola, and he and wife Chrissie looked after the bric a brac stall. Also there were home made cakes, books, and toys. Vice Chairman Tony Hough did the draw, when there were many prizes.



Pictured are Holly Dowle, Gill Sutton, Chrissie and John Salter and Tony Hough all helped throughout the event.

MARGARET TUCKER.