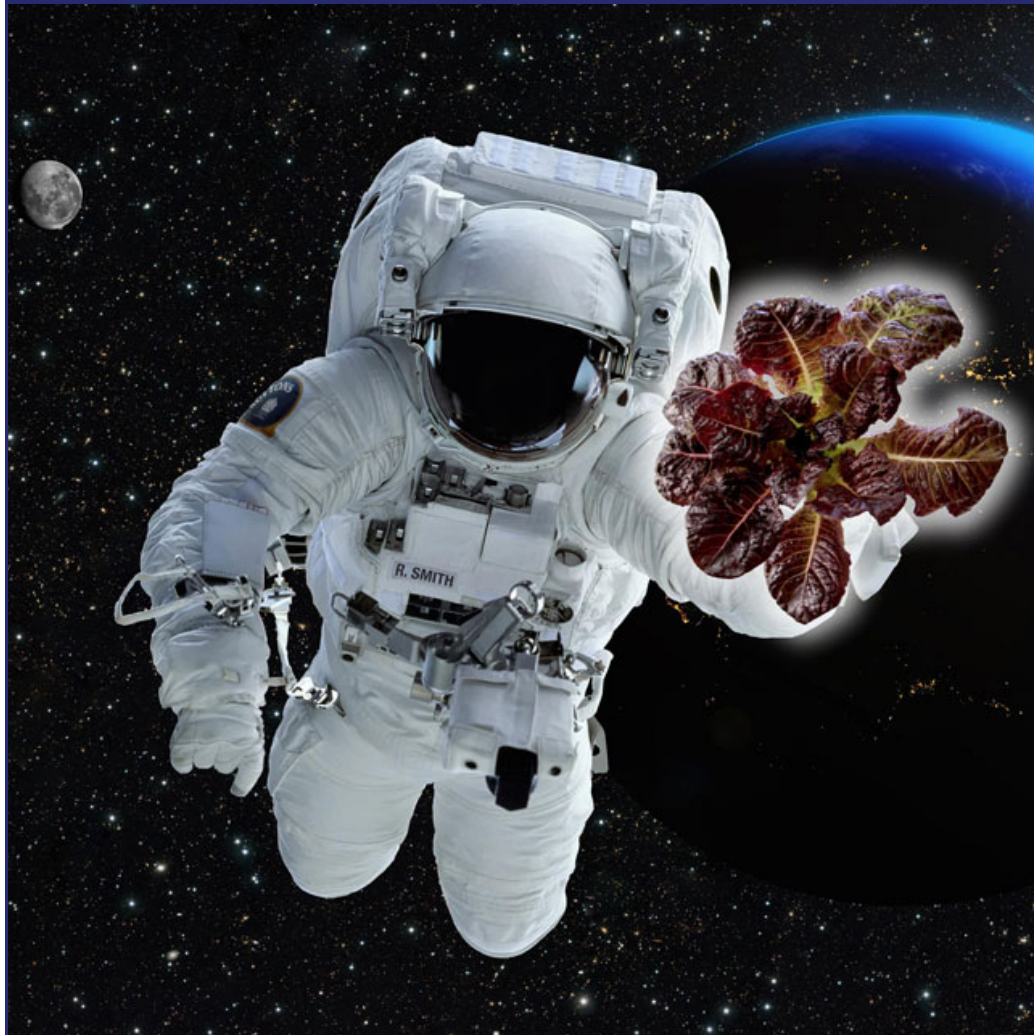


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A WEEK IN THE PARISH HALL

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 2019

Sat 2nd Church Coffee Morning 10.30am Parish Hall

Parish Hall & Villages in Action AN EVENING OF FILM, POETRY AND MUSIC
Jim Causley and Jane Dark 7.30 pm Parish Hall

Wed 6th Gardening Club "Bonsai" with Geoff Jackson 7.30 pm Parish Hall

Sun 24th NW Initial meeting of Playground Development Grp 7.30 pm Rec. Club

April 2019

Sat 6th Twinning Circle Coffee Morning 10.30am Parish Hall

May 2019

Sat 4th Church Coffee Morning 10.30am Parish Hall

June 2019

Sun 16th Church **Patronal Lunch** 12.30pm Parish Hall

July 2019

Sat 6th Church Coffee Morning 10.30am Parish Hall

August 2019

Sun 18th Church **Cream Tea** 1.00pm Parish Hall

September 2019

Wed 4th Gardening Club Steve Adams from Homeleigh Garden Centre
on progress and development

7.30 pm Parish Hall

Sat 7th Church Coffee Morning

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

Cover Picture

The image of gardening in Space, as explained to the Gardening Club by Tom Sharples was just too good to miss. The picture is from Suttons Seeds promoting the new lettuce variety "OutREDgeous" which has already been grown in Space.

Community Fair

March is the beginning of Spring, according to the meteorologists and it is for the village too. New starts for the playground project and the Community Fair offering the opportunity for new groups to be set up as well as new members and new workers for the existing ones.

If you think that there is a need in the village which is not being met then now is the time to start the ball rolling. Come to the Community Fair with your ideas. New houses, more children, more young people and the ageing of the village mean that new needs of all sorts are constantly arising.

Parish Council

Now at the end of their term of office the Parish Council is preparing itself for elections in May. Although several of the existing members will stand again for election there will be a need for new councillors. Serving the community is hard work but, more importantly is immensely rewarding in terms of the satisfaction of helping and the social relationships involved.

Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The February draw took place at the coffee morning in the Parish Hall on 2nd February and the winners are:

No	121	Nick Down	£10
No	12	Ken Baker	£10
No	62	Sheila Mundy	£10
No	40	D & T Clague	£10

Congratulations all

Daphne 01392 851639

DEFIBRILLATOR AWARENESS TRAINING

The Parish Council has arranged for Defibrillator Awareness Training to be available at the Community Fair taking place in the Parish Hall on Saturday 16th March 2019.

We have two defibrillators in the Village; one in the telephone box in the village centre by the Post Office and another at the Recreation Ground. The speedy use of a defibrillator increases the chance of survival following a heart attack seven-fold. Although they are easy to use some degree of familiarisation will reduce the pressure on the user when called upon to put one to use.

The Awareness Training will run between 11am and noon with attendance limited to around 20.

If you would like to attend please reserve a place with the Parish Clerk by emailing parishclerk@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk or telephone 01392 851148

ATTENTION ALL LOCAL RESIDENTS

COMMUNITY FAIR, Saturday 16th March

This is your opportunity to find out about numerous local clubs, groups and societies and perhaps join or help those whose interests you share.

The community fair is being held on Saturday 16th March at the Parish Hall and entry is free.

It will be open from 9.30am to 12pm so do come along and find out about what goes on in our village.

Wanted

Distributors for the Newton Wonder

Can you spare a little time each month to help with delivering the Newton Wonder?

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORTFEBUARY

All nine Councillors attended the February meeting and were joined by Cllr Peter Hare-Scott (MDDC) and Cllr Margaret Squires (DCC) for parts of the meeting. Four members of the public were also in attendance.

Planning.

The Council agreed 'No Comment' to the planning consent for replacement rendering at 1 Silks Cottages. The conversion of the barn to two holiday units at Ford Farm had been approved by MDDC.

Grant requests.

The Council discussed the request from the PCC for payment for the hedge cutting at the Churchyard and agreed that the resolution passed by the Council was for cutting the grass in the churchyard only and this fee is paid directly to the contractor concerned. There is no facility or agreement to pay for hedge cutting etc. A small amount of grant money was still available and it was agreed to donate £50 each to the Mid Devon Mobility service and to the North Devon Search and Rescue Team.

General Maintenance.

The Handyman from Thorverton had checked the work required in our parish and agreed to undertake the work required.

Pedestrian Crossing.

Draft plans for consideration had been received from Devon County Council Highways for a possible pedestrian crossing in the middle of the village. It was agreed that more discussion was required as the centre of the village would be affected by the proposals. The Council therefore agreed to hold their Annual Parish Meeting in April and invite DCC Highways to attend with the draft plans. The date for this meeting will be published in the April edition of the Newton Wonder and on notice boards around the village.

Community Fair

This will be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday 16th March and everyone is invited to attend this event. Defibrillator training will be given in the Clubroom at 11.00 am on that morning and anyone interested in attending this session should pre-book with the Parish Clerk on 851148 or email parishclerk@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk Refreshments to purchase will be provided by the Hall Committee.

A377 Action Group

A letter had been received from the newly formed Action Group and it was agreed to ask the group for more details on their idea for a Parish Road Safety and Traffic Management Plan and to encourage their representatives to stand for election to the Parish Council in May to take their views forward.

Highways issues.

The list of outstanding issues is still a long list and updates are urgently required. The Council wished to make it clear to parishioners that they are doing all they can to obtain positive results to the problems and issues and would encourage parishioners to log onto <https://new.devon.gov.uk/> then go to Roads and Transport, then to Report Highways

and then go to the area you wish to make a report. These notifications of problems receive a more prompt response, especially if there are several reports on the same problem. Additional issues were added to the list: the block drain at Five Elms Cross where ice was forming on the road due to the overflow and the large pothole in the corner of Woodlands where the vehicles are parked.

It was reported that DDC had undertaken to check the caravans parked in Half Moon lay-by to make sure they complied with regulations regarding length of time they could stay there, health and hygiene issues etc.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 7th March at 7.30 pm in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall. The next Parish Surgery will be held on Saturday 2nd March in conjunction with the Church Coffee Morning. The Councillors are always happy to meet parishioners with their questions and queries so please do come along and enjoy a sociable morning.

Important Date to note: Saturday 16th March - Community Fair in the Parish Hall starting at 9.30 am. Please also watch for the date of the Annual Parish Meeting in April when the proposed layout for a possible pedestrian crossing will be displayed and comments and ideas will be logged.

The Chairman closed the meeting and thanked Cllr Adam Reeves for all the commitment and enthusiasm he had put into his term as a Parish Councillor and wished him luck in his new career.

Cllr Jill Baker, Press Officer

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E-mail:- maryglong@btinternet.com

200 Club Needs a New Co-ordinator

I have been running the 200 Club since January 2009 and am now retiring after this years collection. Please, is there someone out there who will take it on so it doesn't have to close. It is not a hard job. Collecting the annual subscriptions takes place in April and May and the year runs from June to May. No you don't do all the collections, there is a team of collectors who do a round each. Once the subscriptions are in the monthly draw takes place at the Parish Hall coffee morning (or a suitable venue), it is then very rewarding handing back the winnings and once a year donating roughly £1000 to the fabric of the church. No you don't have to be a church goer but I do like to know the church is standing up there on the hill (and not falling down through lack of repair).

Also could anyone help with the collections due this coming April/May please?

Please contact me for more details on 01392 851639 or email tomclague99@gmail.com

Daphne Clague

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Jim Enright, Chairman of Newton St Cyres Parish Council

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RECREATION GROUND CLUB

When I wrote for the February edition of the Newton Wonder last year, we had just been hit by the Beast from the East. Thank goodness we are experiencing better weather this year (so far at least!). Snowdrops are on show and crocuses and daffodils are in bud, so Spring must be just around the corner. Fingers crossed!

With any luck, the Football League will soon be in a position to release more than two or three weeks' fixtures at a time and we can plan our stocks and ground works to take us to the end of the season. We do have the Youth fixtures to the end of April, and that helps a little.

I can hardly believe it's a whole year since we had the news that Sheila Ward had passed away. We are still planning how we will use the legacy she left us.

The Darts and Skittles have two more months to go before their league commitments are fulfilled. The Skittles are busy in March with both league and cup games, and the Darts have a full month of league games.

No parties or club activities are planned, but in March we will have a meeting organised by Peter Hawksley to generate more interest in upgrading the play equipment. Put it in your diary: Sunday March 24th at 7.30pm at the Rec. Club?.

Wendy Lewis

ATTENTION ALL LOCAL CLUBS, GROUPS AND SOCIETIES

Community Fair, Saturday 16th March 2019

This is your chance to tell our residents about your club, society or organisation and encourage them to become a member or a helper.

You can book a **free** table at the Community Fair to be held in the Parish Hall from **9.30am to 12noon on Saturday 16th March**.

To make a booking please email or call Jim Enright.

Email jim@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk or call 01392 851859.

Newton St Cyres FC



Without wanting to jinx it, the weather continues to be kind and we are getting plenty of games under our belts, unfortunately the first two games since our last report weren't anything to write home about.

In the first we entertained Lymptone who are in a position to win the league, so we knew it would be a difficult game. We started well enough but never got in front in the match and it never really felt like we had enough to beat our opposition. In the end Lymptone cruised to a 3-2 win although it wasn't really reflected in the score line.

Next we travelled to Axmouth who were near the bottom of the division, an easy three points surely? Not quite. A dismal performance all over the pitch saw us go down 3-1 in the second half and we came back with our tails between our legs.

After a bit of reflection following the Axmouth result, Budleigh Salterton visited the Rec and we were hoping to avoid a repeat performance from a week earlier. It was a game full of entertainment and we played some of our best passing football of the season so far, but a couple of defensive mishaps meant we never got a clear margin until past the 70 minute mark. But in the end we were 7-3 winners and were more than happy with that.

The final game was against Otterton who were looking to beat us and jump above us in the division. It was an incredibly challenging game for us as our opponents were physical and pressed us quickly whenever we had the ball. It ended up with us finishing the first half nil all but really frustrated with our attitudes - allowing Otterton to intimidate us. A few strong words at half time and the team came out and dug in. We got our first goal and this was the catalyst for an upturn in our beliefs that we can win this game. We struck again with two more and took the stuffing out of Otterton finally finishing the game 3 nil victors.

The Under 12s have completed two games since our last report. First was a nerve racking 4-3 win against Cullmpton Rangers. Having got ourselves 3-0 up, we well and truly took our foot off the pedal and Cully got it back to three a piece with just a couple of minutes to go. But somehow, we got up the other end and struck an injury time winner. A great result for the team but a concern for the manager's wellbeing.

The other fixture was a match against title contenders Copplestone. Unbeaten so far this season, this was going to be hard. However, with it being half term, both teams were suffering absentees, was this our chance? We started well and it was a good contest, but without our usual firepower we weren't able to convert our chances and a weakened Copplestone had enough to take all three points with a 2-1 win. None the less, we put in a good show and are sitting second in the division.

Unfortunately the under 9s friendly fixture in January was postponed due to the rain so we hope to reschedule that again shortly.

Training for the seniors is at West Exe Astro turf on Tuesday evenings 7-9pm. Junior training is split between QE for the U9's on Wednesday's and St James School in Exeter for the U11s and U12s. For further information about youth training please contact Denis Neagle 07976 197944 / denislfc1892@gmail.com

Mark Smaldon



Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

With the days growing longer we are beginning to look forward to our summer season. Club membership starts from April 1, so for anyone thinking of joining, now is a good time to come and

try out the club in order to get a full year's membership. We offer two free club sessions as a try out before making a decision about whether to go ahead with joining.

We are also planning another Club Open Day, as part of the LTA Great British Tennis Weekend event. This was very successful last year and lots of children and adults came for a free session and to meet current members. This year it will be taking place on Saturday May 11th, with a session from 10 to 12 for children under 16, and from 12 to 2 for older children and adults. It will be run by our tennis coach Toby Harradence. Please email me at sallybaldwin@hotmail.co.uk for more information or to book a place.

We still have places on our Wednesday Junior Coaching sessions with Toby. Please contact Alice Dowle on 07596 704458 for details. For all other information please see our website www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk or phone Laura Leigh on 01647 24259.

Sally Baldwin

Do You Remember?.....March

March 1979

The WI had a talk by Mrs Taylor on conservation of wildlife in Devon. The ladies also celebrated the 58th anniversary with a slice of cake and a glass of sherry.

Complaints have been made to the Parish Council about cars parked at The Barn Owl (now the Beer Engine) blocking access to Creedy View and New Estate. The complaints were passed to Devon County Council who replied that obstructions should be reported to the Police at Crediton.

An anonymous donation of £10 has been made to help pay for a new duplicator used to produce the Newton Wonder.

Attendance at the Over Sixties has been greatly reduced due to illness and bad weather.

The public meeting arranged to discuss extending facilities at the Recreation Ground was attended by only 13 people.

March 1989

The 200 Club was originally started to raise funds for the Recreation Ground and pavilion. It then passed to the Tennis Club until sufficient funds were raised for their needs. Now the Parish Church has taken it on to fund ever increasing cost of repair and maintenance. Volunteers are now being sought to run the club.

The Football Club report that the first team have kept their unbeaten record after two difficult games.. The club is also seeking volunteers for pitch preparation and helping with food preparation on match days.

March 1999

The Crown and Sceptre landlord, Terry Loyd, reports good business at the pub especially on the food side. Terry and his wife Jan have been in the licensed business for 43 years and are looking forward to their stay in the village. Douglas Dettmer is the new Priest-in-Charge of the Raddon Team Ministry. An appeal for unwanted toys has been made so that they can be sent to a psychiatric hospital in Russia, where disturbed children have nothing to play with.

March 2009

Volunteers were being sought to help prepare the Newton St Cyres ground for the coming cricket season. Jobs that needed to be done included repainting and general maintenance.

Crediton & District Community Transport were highlighting the "Ring & Ride" service that they provided in Newton St Cyres. The charity gave a door-to-door service for the elderly and anyone who found public transport difficult.

NEWTON RAMBLERS

Sunday 10th March

The walk this month is around the Silverton area, and will be led by Nicola and Michael Baker. The walk is around 4 miles and starts from Coach Road.



However, we will meet in the Car Park in Newton St Cyres at 09.30 and arrange car shares to the starting point in Silverton. The walk is generally uphill on the way out, but very downhill on the way back! Some of the route follows very quiet lanes and there are wonderful views along the route, including across the Culm Valley to the Exe Estuary at Dawlish Warren & beyond.

There is one short stretch, along the ancient Green Lane, which has a spring rising across it. Wellies or waterproof boots are recommended

All are welcome. Any queries to Nicola on 01392 851985

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

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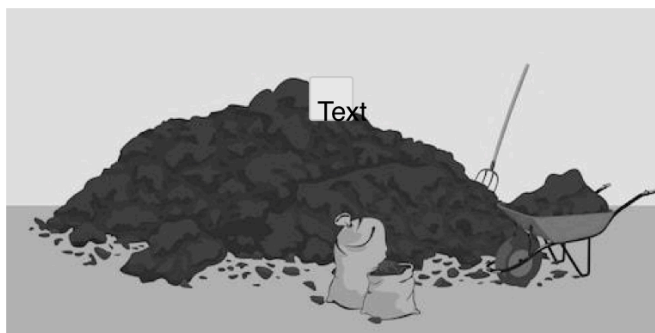
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Newton St Cyres YFC Annual Dung sale



Deliveries on the 2nd of March 2019

Good supplies of local, well rotted manure delivered to your home or your allotment by Newton St Cyres YFC. To order your dung and arrange delivery contact

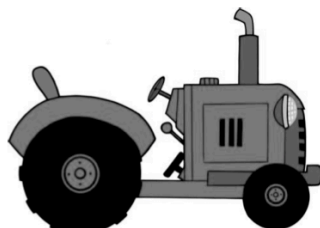
Will Ayre on: 07964286831

£3 per bag or 4 bags for £10

Half trailer load = £35

Full trailer load = £60

All the money raised will be going to our chosen charities



Community Fair

On the morning of **Saturday 16th March** we are holding a Community Fair in the Newton St Cyres Village Hall from 9.30am to 12 noon.

What is it?	It is a display of “what’s on in Newton St Cyres”.
Who will be there?	All local organisations are invited to have a free display
Why?	To let the community know what you do and how they can join you
Who will attend?	Anyone who lives in or close to NSC and wants to find out about and take part in local clubs, groups or service provision
Some examples?	Gardening Group meets monthly and you can join in History Group meets monthly and you can join in Art Group, Keep Fit, Archery, Sports and so on
Can I volunteer?	The Parish Council is looking for new Councillors The Parish Hall, Recreation Ground, Revels Group, Church, Newton Wonder, School and so on ALL need more helpers
Can I start a new Group	Yes you can come and see if others are interested
What will it cost?	It is entirely free to have a space and free to wander around
Tables and chairs?	Will be provided free
How do I reserve a space?	Contact Jim Enright on 01392 851859 or email jimenright@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk

The Community Fair is being held to promote activities and voluntary groups within Newton St Cyres.

Saturday 16th March, 9.30am – 12pm, Village Hall, Newton St Cyres



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NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP



The disastrous fire on Cathedral Green, in October 2016, which destroyed the Royal Clarence Hotel and The Well House, and no 18 The Mansion House, was a very sad day for Exeter. It is now two years since the event, and after the 7 months it took to clear the site, the rebuilding is going ahead. We were very pleased to have Dr Todd Gray to speak to us on November 14th on The Clarence – its History and an Update. Dr Gray is currently Honorary Research Fellow at Exeter University and is well known for his knowledge of, and publications about, the history Devon and Exeter. He is also an experienced and entertaining speaker and lecturer. The speaker and subject matter meant that we decided to meet in the big hall and not the clubroom, and this proved to be just as well given the size of the audience.

Dr Gray opened the talk by taking us through the events of the weekend of the fire, as he experienced them. He was on the scene early because he was asked to do a 15 second soundbite for BBC Spotlight, by Hamish Marshall, the television reporter: however, as the catastrophe unfolded this became 50 interviews in three days. Because The Clarence was referred to as ‘England’s Oldest Hotel’ the fire made national and international news, rather than being a local story, and the numbers of journalists rose from five to dozens, as the number of firefighters rose to over a hundred, plus other response crews. Dr Gray is the person who has made the history of Devon and Exeter his focus for many years and as it happened, he had recently read through the Building Report on The Clarence and so it was fresh in his mind. He was sure that the bottom two floors were made of stone, much older than the rest of the building, and this was correct. The original ‘stone built medieval canon’s house’ had been re-invented in the C18th and C19th as an Assembly Rooms and hotel. Thus he was able to impart this to the Fire Incident Commander who had not been briefed on the ancient building and this was very helpful. Furthermore he was able to stress the importance of Numbers 1 – 9 on the High Street, also medieval buildings at heart, because he had recently been inside them. It soon became clear that The Royal Clarence could not be saved, but that the rest of the buildings might be, and the fire crews were able to focus their efforts to doing just that, as well as safeguarding Moll’s Coffee House and The Devon and Exeter Institution, all of which were vulnerable. Furthermore, most of the buildings on 1 – 9 the High Street had entrances on the Cathedral Green side as well as the street side, so that you could walk right through, as you can in Waterstones now. If the entries were plastered over and not bricked up then the fire could easily break through. This did indeed happen and it made it very dangerous for the firemen as the fireballs burst through the opening. Thankfully, these other buildings were saved.

As the fire came under control and the worst of the crisis passed, Dr Gray was allowed to go up in the cherry picker used by the fire crews, and was able to look down on the inside of the Clarence and photograph the ravaged building. The photos are quite shocking, and clearly very little of the building was left except the ‘stone built medieval church house’. All the superstructure, mostly Georgian in date, had to be pulled down as it was unstable and unsafe, and could not be saved. The fire had started in No 18, The Mansion House, which was being converted into flats. The building had been restyled in the 1870s in the ‘French Chateau Style’ by a dentist, Edward Brand, who collected antiques and curiosities. The elegant interior has not survived and cannot be restored, but the Well House next door has been half burned and can be replaced.

Having outlined the events of the fire and the scale of the destruction, Dr Gray then turned his attention to some of the outcomes, one of which was that Historic England commissioned him and Sue Jackson to look into the history of each of the 42 buildings that make up the block between the Cathedral Green and the High Street, referred to as St Martin's Island. The



book is now published, within two years of the fire, after a large amount of work and research. The photographs which Dr Gray showed us gave a real insight into the medieval origin of the buildings, and how much still survives behind the modern facades on the street.

The old cathedral-owned building on the corner, which became the Royal Clarence, was so named after the visit of Adelaide, Duchess of Clarence, who came to stay in 1827. Before that it was a coffeehouse, inn and tavern, owned by Peter Berlon, who had run a French school in the city. He advertised his business in French, and described it as an 'hotel', the first use of the word in this context in England.

The building which presently houses Laura Ashley was formerly an apothecary shop and then a chemist, but the old treatment room upstairs remains, with a basin and a fireplace, and the old 'closet' or lavatory to deal with the effects of a purge! Behind many of the buildings original fabric from the fifteenth century onwards remains. Much of it is partly derelict, with little stairways and ladders, including an early sixteenth century chimney stack, and a 400 year old balustrade. Wherever there was no use for an area, the ancient remains. This is true of whole buildings. For instance, behind Tinley's Café (now Pizza Express), lies the frontage and roofs of a fifteenth century merchant's house. A sweetshop was built in front of it, in 1825, after the demolition of the Broadgate which led on to the High Street, and the building was later remodelled to give the curved frontage as we see it today.

Dr Gray finished by pointing out that one positive result from the fire is that there is now much more known about the older buildings of this part of Exeter. As he said, they survived the Blitz, when so much was lost, and so they should be saved and protected, rather than destroyed to make way for new buildings (as has happened). Developers may say that these are better for commerce, but the reverse is true – the charm and the connections with the past given by these old buildings are much more valuable. On a less hopeful note, there is now apparently only one council officer who is responsible for checking the buildings, and the Fire Officers have no powers to enforce their upkeep and safe maintenance.

Todd Gray brought an interesting selection of the many books he has written on Exeter and Devon, which the audience could browse through at the end, and our thanks go to him for a most interesting, informative and entertaining evening.

Isobel Hepworth

HISTORY GROUP

Meetings will be held on a WEDNESDAY evening

7.30pm in the Village Hall Club Room.

We have no special membership and everyone is welcome.
There is a small charge of £2 which includes tea and biscuits.

For further information contact Jean 851337 Isobel 851351

2019

Mar 20th	Tony Gale	‘The Anglo Saxon Boundaries of the Cridie, 739CE with particular reference to the Crediton/Newton/ Brampford Speke areas’
Apr 10th	Paul Roberts	George Roberts of N St C Unsung hero of the Great War
May 15th	James Clark	Newton St Cyres & Priory of Plympton
June 8th (Saturday)		Outing to Moretonhampstead

'NB Changes to Programme'

James Clark has had to cancel his talk on the 20th of March due to illness. However he now hopes to be able to do it on Wednesday May 15th. Tony Gale has very kindly agreed to come and speak on Wednesday March 20th. in his place.

Tony's title is;

‘The Anglo Saxon Boundaries of the Cridie, 739CE – with particular reference to the Crediton/Newton/Brampford Speke areas’

So, fortuitously we should be better able to understand Medieval Newton when James speaks in May!

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Livestock Attack

Overnight on Thursday 14th February a flock of sheep were attacked by a dog or dogs in a field near Kennerleigh, sadly this attack resulted in the death of several ewes that were due to lamb.

This obviously was a distressing event for the owner.

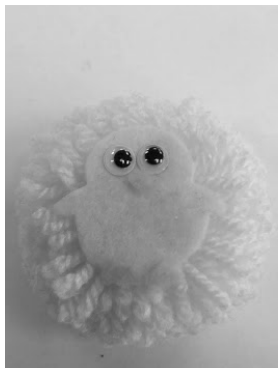
This is an opportune moment to remind dog walkers of the importance of keeping their dogs on leads and under control when in the vicinity of livestock whilst walking in and around fields.

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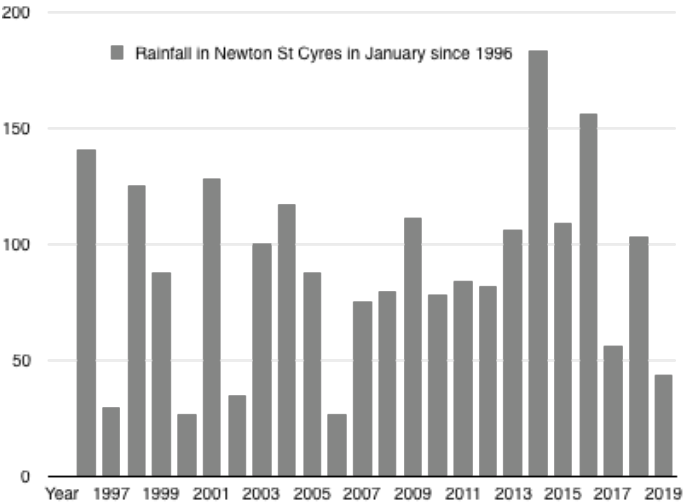
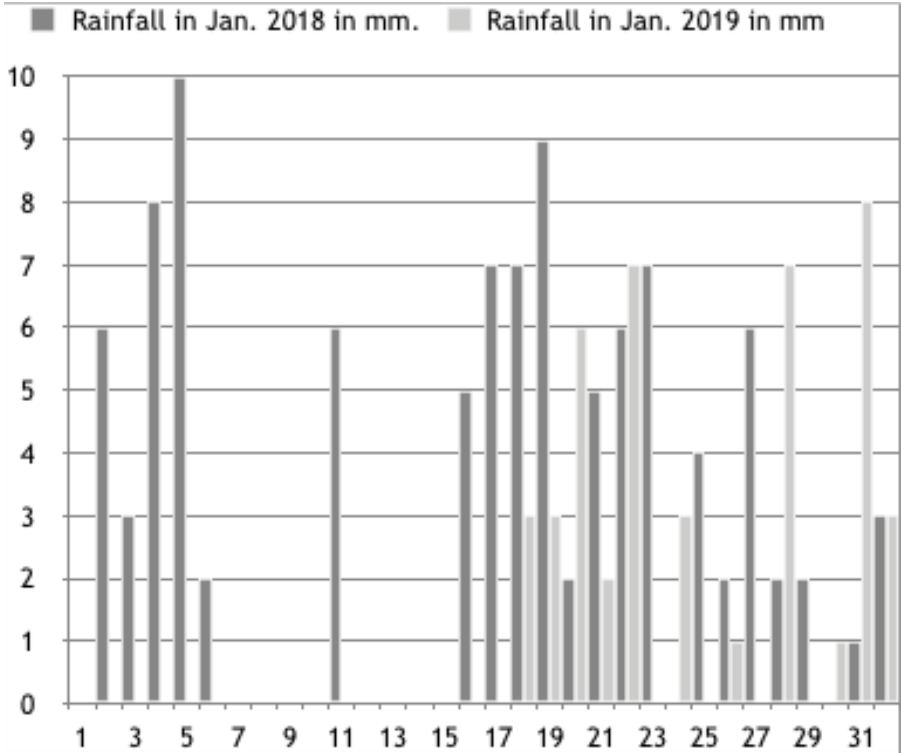
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Parish Soup and Cheese Lunch



Anne and Anne

The Soup and Cheese Lunch held in Newton St. Cyres Parish Hall on Sunday 10th Feb. which raised £439 for Church funds. Visitors had the choice of five delicious home made soups, including carrot and coriander and chicken and vegetable. followed by cheeses and bread. then tea or coffee. There was also a raffle, and a bric a brac and Cake stall.



Jane Bailey with granddaughters Moira Bailey aged 5 and her sister Isla 8, with Geoff Jackson and Mary Long, at the Soup and Cheese Lunch held in Newton St. Cyres Parish Hall.



Nicola Baker Anne Mitchell, with Wendy and Tony Hough who ran the raffle

A Big Thank You to all those who attended the Soup & Cheese Lunch in February, and to the members of U-Lot who provided, prepared & served the meal. U-Lot are a very willing group who fundraise for the Church, and are regularly involved with the Church Coffee Mornings and various other events throughout the year, including the Patronal Lunch and the summer Cream

Tea. Over £400 was raised from the Soup & Cheese lunch, and this will help with the on-going projects in the Church including the essential electrical work which is taking place at present.

Our next Church Coffee morning will be on Saturday 2nd March, from 1030 – 12 noon in the Parish Hall, where there will also be various stalls, cake sales, Tombola and a Raffle. If you are interested in joining U-Lot, we will have a table at the Community Fair on 16th March when you can have a chat with us about what we do. We look forward to seeing you.

Nicola Baker, on behalf of U-Lot

NEWTON ST CYRES GARDENING CLUB

The February meeting welcomed Tom Sharples to speak to the Club on the subject 'In Praise of Vegetables'. Until his recent retirement, Tom was Senior Horticultural Manager at Suttons Seeds and has over 40 years experience in flowers, fruit and vegetables.



These included trial grounds, catalogue production, marketing and new product development. His talk was very interesting, as many more people are now looking to grow their own vegetables often in small gardens or on patios. He gave the Club details of lots of new varieties of vegetables, many of which were new for 2018/2019 and which were suitable for small gardens.

These included varieties of Potatoes, French Beans, Sweetcorn and Beetroot. One of the stars was Lettuce OutREDgeous, a red romaine variety which was the very first plant to be grown on a NASA space mission and eaten by the astronauts! He also explained about the new grafted varieties of tomatoes, which are resistant to blight and which yield a much greater crop, than traditional plants.



The March meeting will be held in the Club Room of the Parish Hall on Wednesday 6th March at 7.30pm, when Geoff Jackson will be speaking on Bonsai. Entrance to meetings is only £2.00 to include Tea/Coffee & biscuits and all are very welcome – no membership required.

Our first Visit of the year, is to the **Grounds of the University of Exeter on Wednesday 3rd April**. This guided tour is **limited to 12 persons**, so please book early. The cost will be **£5.00 for the tour (to include Tea & Coffee)** with **an optional lunch @ £11.85 per person for 2 courses** (This must be pre-booked via Nicola)

Anyone wishing to book a place for the Tour, please contact Nicola 01392 851985, by Tuesday 5th March.

Nicola Baker

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Tickets (£8 for adults and £6 for children, including nibbles) will be available from Roger Wilkins (851337) or from the Village Shop. There will be a licensed bar.

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Paul Cleave

MARCH ON THE FARM

NATURE

In like a lion, out like a lamb. I hope the weather knows that, and also our politics. We can do nothing about either, so both come into the same category: accept, and get on with what we can affect.

Barring a replay of last year's snow, spring's growth gains momentum. Daffodils go from being a whisper to full blown shouting. Primroses don't shout, and round the corner, in the sheltered hedges and mossy dingles, I come across scented carpets of them. Wild garlic scents the air too, in the damp valley bottoms, reminding me to make glorious wild garlic pesto. Nettle soup is back in the menu, with its almost shellfish flavour.

For wildlife, this can be the hardest time of year, the end of the winter, when everything holds its breath waiting for the new growth to arrive. Our resident buzzard takes off heavily from his favourite tree, looking hopefully for the first of the new baby rabbits. Birds are busy nest-building, and their song provides a glorious wake-up call in the morning. The air starts feeling spring-like becomes almost like a nourishing food, each breath invigorating you, infusing you with new energy.

ARABLE

We prepare the fields for spring crops, just spring beans for harvest as protein for the cows. We've taken manure out to compost in heaps in the fields. Now the dung spreader makes its annual entrance, throwing the nutrients and fibre both thinly across the field. Once spread, we need to get the strawy dung incorporated, close to the soil organisms who will break it down and take it down deep to fertilise the soil. The separator manure, that takes cattle slurry and chopped straw, can sit on the top of growing crops, and worms and beetles will take it underground. Farming gives an illusion of human agency, and actually all the work is done in soil, rumens, cheesemaking and maturation by our companion life forms who we co-exist with. We merely provide them with the opportunity to act at a time and place of our suggestion.

We're also sowing some of the ground we had planned as crops into grass. Last year's weather left us short of fodder for the winter, and we need to restore our stocks. Grass also provides a good soil improver and barrier for disease if we return it to crops in the future. Grass is such a good restorer of soil fertility. The more care we take with soil fertility, the more carbon dioxide we take out of the air. Farmers around the globe could take 100ppm, half of the globe's problem, if we added just one hundred's of the agricultural soil's weight as organic matter. Something to chew on as you enjoy your grass fed cheese.

The pasture are in fine shape coming out of the winter. We graze it short enough in the late autumn so that it was all vigorous young leaves coming into the winter. The cold puts those youthful leaves into suspended animation: leaves enjoy a youth of four months, against a ten day life at the peak of growth.

COWS

The cows have been enjoying the pasture since last month, relieving our scanty stocks of fodder. Until magic day, when the grass growth is more than the cows' demand, we feed silage to keep their bellies full and the milk balanced. The spring cows have popped out

their calves, hardy little cross breeds. We make sure they have had enough colostrum, that health-giving library of their mother's immune system. We take the calves from their mothers before everyone has the chance to bond. For the first twenty four hours it seems harsh, and then the calves become crystal clear milk comes from a person. Turn up in their shed or their field, and let you know they are peckish and in need of a feed. They gain comfort, warmth and companionship from their herd mates. Often they will stay friends for life, coming into the milking parlour close together.

DAIRY

We are making a little more cheese in the spring flush. Everyone is happy to be busy. We've started grating some cheese, and offering it in case some of the classic cheeses for grating like Gruyere or Parmesan aren't available. It's great to be working with chefs as they explore the full palate of flavours available from our cheese, and show how our cheeses can match the depth of flavour you find in those classic Continental cheeses

RECIPE

Abe and Izzy, two Michael Caines Academy students were finalists in a competition for the Michael Caines Academy to use our cheese. They made a trio of cheesy Bonbons: Scotch eggs, with three maturities of cheese replacing the egg.

Recipe : Trio of Cheesy Bonbons

Each one has a different flavour combination, inspired by Abe and Izzy's flavour experiences:

1. A Italian sausage inspired Bonbon. Quicke's Extra mature Cheddar replaces parmesan wrapped in fennel sausage meat then bread crumbed. With a lemon dip to replicate the way Italians put lemon on sausage
 2. Quicke's Smoked cheddar wrapped in nduja mince rolled in bread crumbs with a paprika and roasted garlic mayonnaise.
 3. Buttery cheddar wrapped in seasoned lamb mince with a mint dip, showing off the cheese's astonishing richness of flavour for a 3 month old cheese
- They are little bursts of flavour focusing on the cheese in the centre.

INGREDIENTS

100g Mince meat	100g Panko bread crumbs
50g Lamb mince	1tbs Paprika
1 Red onion	500ml vegetable oil
4 cloves of Garlic	30ml white wine vinegar
1 Tsp Fennel seed	1 tsp Dijon mustard
10g Nduja	1 tbs caster sugar
30g Mint	
100g Yoghurt	20g Quicke's Extra Mature Cheddar
1 Lemon	20g Quicke's Buttery Cheddar
3 Eggs	20g Quicke's Smoked Cheddar
100ml Milk	

Method on next page

- Pre heat the oven to 180 to finish off the Bonbons after frying.
- Crush 1 clove of garlic into a frying pan.
- Finely slice the red onion and sweat down with the garlic, then leave to one side.
- Take 50g of the mincemeat and mix in a third of the red onion and garlic and the Nduja seasoning with a pinch of salt and pepper.
- Leave to one side.
- Take the other 50g of mince and again add a third of the red onion mix and a tsp of fennel seeds. Season with salt and pepper.
- Chop 10g of mint really fine and add that to your lamb mince with the red onion mix and seasoning.
- Cut 1 inch cubes with all three cheeses for the centre of the Bonbons.
- Take your fennel mince and roll into a ball in your palm, spread out the mince onto the palm of your hand so you have an even layer covering your hand, place the extra mature cube of cheese in the middle of the mince on your hand and close your hand around the cheese, use your other hand to help form an even layer around the cheese and roll into a perfect ball making sure none of the cheese is visible.
- Repeat with the lamb mince and butter cheddar and the nduja mince and smoked cheese.
- Place flour, 1 egg and bread crumbs into three different bowls and coat each bonbon in each ingredient in that order, making sure you coat them completely.
- Now they are ready to be fried - Deep fry in oil around 170°C until golden brown.
- Place on a tray and put in the oven until they reach 75°C. Make sure you label the tray so you don't mix up which one is which.

Serve the Smoked Cheddar Bonbon with Paprika garlic mayonnaise:

- On a piece of tin foil place 2 cloves of garlic your paprika and some oil, scrunch it up like a little parcel and put in the oven for about 15 minutes till you have sweet roasted garlic infused with paprika, once out of the oven let cook a little then crush/finely chop till it's fine then leave to one side.
- Crack 2 egg yolks into a bowl with your vinegar and start whisking, gradually start adding your oil at a very fine drizzle. If you add it too fast you will split your mayonnaise. You may need more oil or you might not use it all it depends what texture you want it but you are looking for a thick consistency.
- When you think you have reached the consistency you want season and add 1tsp of dijon mustard and your garlic. Taste and see what you think. If it's too rich you can add more mustard or some lemon.

Serve the Buttery Cheddar Bonbon with Mint yoghurt:

- Finely chop the remaining mint and place in a bowl with white wine vinegar sugar and a pinch of salt.
- Let that sit for about 30 minutes to allow the vinegar to break down the mint then whisk in half your yoghurt

Serve the Extra Mature Bonbon with Lemon yoghurt:

- Zest your lemon making sure you don't get any pith and crush 1 clove of garlic, fry both of in a frying pan till the garlic gets colour and the zest has softened.
- Add the zest and garlic into half your yoghurt and add the juice of your lemon too.
- Finish with a pinch of pepper.

Community Fair

Saturday 16th March 2019, 9.30am to 12noon,

Newton St Cyres Parish Hall

The Parish Council is holding a Community Fair which will bring together Voluntary Groups, Clubs and Interest Groups, and local residents who have a bit of time on their hands to get involved in;

Local activities such as Gardening Club, History Group, Table Tennis Group or

Self-help groups such as the Parish Hall, Arboretum, Recreation Ground or

Community Service Groups such as the Parish Council, Church, School.

The idea is that the Groups, Clubs, Associations will be provided with a table to display their literature and talk to prospective enquirers about what their group does and why they should consider participation.

The prospective helpers or members can look around at the various opportunities and select those that best suit their interests, aspirations and experience.

The Fair will be free to all.

The Parish Hall Committee has agreed to host the event without charge. They will cover their costs by providing chargeable teas and refreshments.

The Community Fair will be well publicised starting with the Parish Council newsletter delivered to all households in December, articles in the Newton Wonder and mentions on Facebook. Ideally the participating groups will mention it in their publicity too.

The Community Fair will take place on the morning of Saturday 16th March 2019 at the Parish Hall in Newton St Cyres from 9.30am to 12noon.

If your group is interested in having a free space please contact Jim Enright, Chairman, NSC Parish Council by email at jimenright@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.org or by phone 01392 851859.

Newton St Cyres Arboretum

ACTIVITIES IN 2018

This has been another busy and successful year for the Arboretum, which has now been open to the public for seven years. It is visited and appreciated by many people from the village and the surrounding area and we have benefitted from assistance by many volunteers. A highlight of the year was the increase in the number of subscribing Friends from 84 to 107, well exceeding the landmark target of 100 Friends. The help from the Friends is really important for the Arboretum.

AGM

The AGM and tours held on 2 May were very well supported with about 50 people participating. At the start of the tours Yvonne Pope cut a tape to open the new wheelchair-friendly path and to name it as Tim's Way. This project had been funded by a bequest from the late Tim Packer, a grant from the Tesco Bags of Help scheme and from Friends funds. Andrew Drayton, Community Liaison Officer, Tesco Crediton, was present and spoke briefly at the opening.

The group then split into two for tours featuring recent developments in the Arboretum. Thanks to Vaughan Gallavan, Geoff Jackson, Gill Melling, Ron Nethercott and David Vallance for describing the work that had been done. It was then to the Parish Hall for light refreshments, kindly provided by Tesco, and the formal AGM, at which the Committee for the next year was elected.

Open Farm Sunday

The Friends participated for the first time in Open Farm Sunday held at Quicke's Home Farm on 11 June. A display was mounted at the Farm and visitors were encouraged to come to the Arboretum.

Newton Village Revels

Our display at the Revels in July attracted a lot of attention and about 12 visitors signed up to become Friends. Our Treasurer, Peter Watts, was a particularly persuasive salesman!

Stone Lane Gardens

About 20 Friends visited Stone Lane Gardens, near Chagford, on 1 Sept. and enjoyed a tour conducted by Vaughan Gallavan, one of the Stone Lane garden team as well as being a key member of our Committee. The collection of birches was particularly impressive and seeing them helped us decide to plant small copses of birch in our Arboretum. Before the visit, Friends enjoyed a meal at Fingle Bridge Inn or a picnic at Stone Lane. Many thanks to Vaughan for facilitating this visit.

(Article taken from the Annual Newsletter to Friends of the Arboretum)



25th January Watercolour demonstration by Rachel Toll

As an untrained, self-taught artist Rachel is now well-known internationally for her beautiful wildlife paintings, which have been widely exhibited and often sold at major wildlife charity fundraising events. Locally, Lypmstone Manor commissioned a great many paintings from her. We admired her skill as we browsed the cards and paintings she had brought, and her website is definitely worth a visit.

Today she demonstrated her technique on the view of a Devon lane, flanked by hedges and tall trees, with shadows and dappled sunlight, not to mention masses of foliage; a daunting challenge.

She worked from a photo she had taken and had already sketched in areas she needed to differentiate. Then she combined loose, random wet-in-wet work with fine detail, sometimes with a dry brush, moving the painting around to encourage the water and pigments to flow and merge. Using extremely fine brushes, she showed us how to drop pigments onto the wet paper and manipulate them very carefully, layer on layer, to produce the effect of foliage, being sure to make the dark areas really dark.

The final touch - a spattering of white acrylic - brought the painting together with a sparkle.

We look forward to attending her workshop in March.

Jenny Hallam

Bert Jewell writes Rhymes and Ways about Gardens and Gardening

March

Can you believe that it's March so soon
Or a probe has landed on the side of the moon;
that we never see from the planet we share;
with millions of people from here and there.

Or the wonders of wildlife, like the mad march hare
with its piercing eyes that give you a stare
as it races away in leaps and bounds;
while a predator hovers, without a sound.

Or that Brexit is but a few weeks away,
Who knows if we'll leave or just stay,
As the political voices continue to rage;
I think it's time that we turned the page.

To see what's happening in our own little town,
Good news I see, a new vicar's been found.
With the paper read, my coffee all gone
the weather's set fair, it's time to get on.

With jobs in the garden, there are quite a few,
Like the sowing of seeds, some old; some new,
The potatoes to plant whilst the weather is dry
and the lawn to cut with the blade set high

With the clock slowly ticking, winter draws to a close,
There's green shoots appearing on the climbing rose;
But will the future be bright or full of despair,
Let's hope those in charge have commitment and care.

Ways to grow from Seed

March and April can be the busiest months in the garden and greenhouse. As this is when most of the seeds are sown or planted, providing veg and flowers for the coming year. My father grew all of our veg from seed and never grew any flowers. He didn't have a greenhouse so all the seeds were sown directly into the soil, either in their permanent position (these included peas, beans, carrots and potatoes) or in seed beds to be planted out into rows, when the plants were large enough to handle.

We would eat what we now call seasonal foods. Once a particular vegetable was ready to harvest then that was what we ate. Maybe we should go back to this way of eating as it would reduce the need to wrap veg in sealed plastic sleeves or packs, (these contain CO₂ to keep the product fresh) and then travel thousands of miles around the world before it reaches our table.

Sorry, I digress. Seeds come in all shapes and sizes and need to be planted at different depths and at different times of the year. Most seed packets will give you instructions on when and how to sow, but a few tweaks here and there may improve your rate of success.

Let's start with seed potatoes. I still plant ours the way my father taught me. Take out a trench with a Devon shovel 7" to 8" deep and lining the bottom with well rotted farm yard manure, I then cover this with a thin layer of soil and place the seed potatoes at intervals along the row, (late March for earlies and early to mid April for main crop), 12" apart for earlies and 15" apart for second earlies and maincrop. The rows need to be 2' apart to allow for earthing up. The seed should be about the size of a hen's egg and planted at least 4" deep. Back fill the trench and mark each end of the row with a short cane.

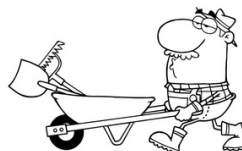
I love runner beans, but they struggled last year with all the heat and dry conditions, could it be the same this year, we don't know. So let's prepare the ground just in case. Decide where your beans are going and take out a flat bottomed trench, say 6" deep. Line the bottom with folded newspaper which you should drench with water, not screwed up sheets. Then cover with garden compost or well rotted manure, this will help to retain moisture. Mark the end of the row with two canes and back fill with earth. Put up supports and leave until planting time, late May for plants grown under cover or mid May for seeds sown outdoors. One seed per cane 2" deep and by the time the shoots appear above the ground the risk of frost should be past. To reduce the risk of the seeds rotting in wet soil, I plant them on their ends, this allows water to run off.

Sorry I will have to carry on with seeds in the April magazine as I have run out of space.

Plant of the month

"Forsythia"

For most of the year this is just a green leaved shrub, but in March and April it comes alive with masses of yellow bell like flowers on leafless branches. It can be pruned after flowering, but excessive pruning will result in a lot of unwanted growth with fewer flowers. It can reach 8' high and grows well in sun or partial shade.



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"Restoration of Hestercombe Gardens"

Seed swap month

Mon March 18th Speaker **John Walters** Wildlife Author & Illustrator

Seed swap month

"Wildlife on Dartmoor"

Mon April 15th Speaker Local Historian **Todd Gray** *"Historic Devon Gardens"*



Sat April 27th at 2.00pm **SPRING FLOWER SHOW**
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Mon May 20th Speaker **Jenny Tuckett** *"Growing Bonsai"*



May (dtba) Car share garden visit to **Stone Lane Gardens** (Please contact
Nr Chagford Pat 01392 841599)

June (dtba) Coach Trip to **Hestercombe Gardens &**
The Willows & Wetland Centre nr Taunton (contact Jilly 01392 851634)

Mon Sept 16th Speaker **Carol Lewis (RSPB)** *"Devon Birds"*



Mon Oct 21st Speaker **Neil Lovesey** Pickett Lane Nurseries

"The White Garden"



Mon Nov 18th Speaker **Allan French** *"Autumn into Winter"*

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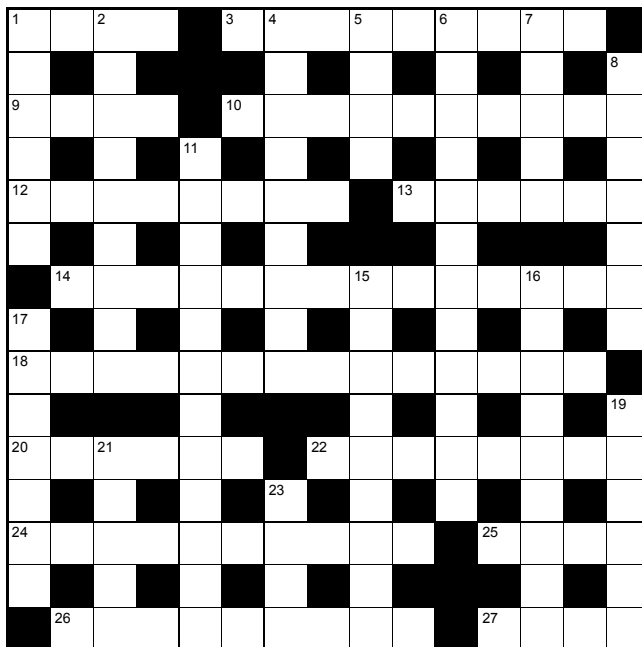
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Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 One with limited freedom to ride the waves, say (4)
- 3 Ideas came unstuck in these places of learning (9)
- 9 Avoid Donald perhaps (4)
- 10 Sign one's not healthy and fit? (10)
- 12 One paddles in ocean, swimming first (8)
- 13 Young Tom needs gear, camping equipment mostly (6)
- 14 After awful experience Dad takes on new role extremely quickly (4,3,7)
- 18 Desires land law reforms in part of the Pacific (7,7)
- 20 Pondering evil, sucker goes outside (6)
- 22 Aunt Dot's resolved to be conspicuous (5,3)
- 24 So slur I spread about scoundrel is libellous? (10)
- 25 Short memorial column (4)
- 26 Snakes shed tears when exposed to the elements (9)
- 27 A little memory to get your teeth into, say (4)

DOWN

- 1 Right away secured criminal to corrupt (6)
- 2 Never once arranged to meet again (9)
- 4 This is one angry expression! (9)
- 5 Engaged finally, I have to take the plunge! (4)
- 6 Breaking law, guilty man in the soup (12)
- 7 Former partner is given short time to live (5)
- 8 Anne's upset about trap (7)
- 11 Thoroughly stilted but polite (4-8)
- 15 Final high-ranking card – it's played on Judgement Day (4,5)
- 16 Hand buoys around in Canadian water (6,3)
- 17 To some extent problem is horrendous for Mark (7)
- 19 Sculpture from university in Iowa? (6)
- 21 Arab's second car (5)
- 23 Good student starts to overcome weariness and shine (4)

Sudoku

All you have to do is fill in the squares so that each row, each column and each square contain all the numbers from 1- 9.

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Solution to February Cryptic Crossword

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March 2019

Theme - Prayer for Our Local Community

Date	Time	Event
2nd March	10:30 am	COFEE MORNING – Parish Hall
Saturday		(Stalls & Raffles)
3rd March	10:00 am	OPEN DOOR Service - Church
Sunday		(Lay Led)
9th March	11:00 am	Service of Thanksgiving & Interment of Ashes
Saturday		for Charlotte Dyer
11th March	2:30 pm	Bible Studies - Sue Browne's house
Monday		<i>please contact Sue if interested</i>
24th March	9:30am	HOLY COMMUNION Service - Church
Sunday		
25th March	2:30 pm	Bible Studies - Sue Browne's house
Monday		<i>please contact Sue if interested</i>
31st March	9:30am	Family Service - Church
Sunday		
4th April	3:00 pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)
Thursday		all welcome
7th April	10:00am	OPEN DOOR Service - Church
Sunday		(Lay Led)

NEWTON ST CYRES CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING AND RENEWAL OF ELECTORAL ROLL

**Newton St Cyres Church will hold its Annual Parochial
Church Meeting (APCM)**

on April 4th, 2019 at 3.00 p.m in the Church.

**Prior to the APCM the Electoral Roll will undergo its five-
year review.**

**Everyone who would like to be included on the Church
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So starting on 11 March 2019 at 7:30 pm come and join us on a Monday evening at The Rectory in Thorverton or Wednesday afternoon 13 March at 2:30 pm in The Bridge centre in Stoke Canon church.

Counselling and Christianity – Acceptance of Difference

I have found that working as a counsellor has made me more evangelical – but mainly about not being too dogmatically Evangelical. In part this has been because I have had some clients whose problems have been caused or exacerbated by Christians. This reminds me that as well as a great deal of good, Christians have over the centuries done a great deal of harm to other Christians and to people of other faiths and cultures. We can't claim to have had a monopoly on wisdom or virtue. We haven't even followed the fundamental precept of loving one another, never mind those who are different. "Beneath the angel strain have rolled, two thousand years of wrong." If the meek are going to inherit the earth, being too sure that you are right doesn't seem like a good strategy.

So how do we love those who are different? Two friends have helped me to think about this. One, brought up as a Catholic, told me about being in church one day and hearing the priest, Father John, give a homily in which he was berating Protestants and those of other faiths and asserting that only the Catholics were on the right path. She told me that God gave her a message: "Tell John, I have many names". This was not exactly a ringing endorsement of the homily.

Another gave me a book which I found very inspiring: "The Book of Joy", written by the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. It tells of their great friendship and the mutual respect that they hold for each other's spiritual tradition and practice. Neither leader, Buddhist nor Christian, is claiming to have a monopoly on truth.

Closer to home, I am a fan of the writings of Dave Tomlinson, a priest in the Church of England, whose latest book: "Black Sheep and Prodigals" is subtitled: "An antidote to black and white religion". In his writing and in his ministry he has reached out to, and accepted, those who are different, showing us how a church can connect with, and form a community of, people with a variety of world views. I recommend the book, and you can even hear him talk about it on YouTube.

In my view, we love people who are different by accepting them, hearing them, and showing them that they have been heard. Incidentally, this describes much of what I do as a counsellor, and, by the way, black and white thinking is bad for your psychological health!

Do You Love to Sing



If you enjoy singing, come along to Newton St. Cyres Church Choir! Prior experience of singing in choirs or reading music is not essential. The choir is directed by experienced professional musician and music teacher Andrew Daldorph, and normally meets in the church at 6.30pm on the second and fourth Friday of the month, in advance of the Family Service and Communion services the following Sunday. Come along and have a go!

For more information please email Andrew on daldorph@btinternet.com or call 01392 851542.

Newton St Cyres Church

Would you like to help?

Becoming involved in our church community as a volunteer is a good way to meet new people in a friendly atmosphere. You can be sure of a warm welcome! Here are some suggestions of what you might do:

Join the choir
Flower arranging
Church and Brass cleaning.
Helping to keep the churchyard tidy
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NEWTON ST CYRES CHURCH

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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

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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]

Common Worship [CW] Common Worship Service

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer in the Netherexe Parishes

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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Newton St Cyres Parish Church Rotas

March 2019

Week Ending	Flowers & check water once in week	Clean Church/ clean loo: key usual place	Brass: key with Sue
March 3rd (OD)	A. Page	S. Browne/J. Furniss	
LENT 10 th (FS)	No flowers		
17 th	-	-	
24 th (HC)	No flowers		
31 st (MS)	- Mothering Sunday - posies	-	-

Sidespersons

March 3rd	10.00 a.m. Open Door Lay-led		
10 th	-	-	-
17 th	-	-	-
24 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Wendy Hough	Tony Hough
31 st Mothering Sunday	9.30 a.m. (?) Family Service	Anne Page	Margaret Snow

MARCH 2019 SERVICES & INFORMATION

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

Sunday 3 March Sunday before Lent

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	MSS
10:00 am	Open Door		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	JD
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company		Rewe	
06:00 pm	Informal Evening Service		Cadbury	Lay Led

Wednesday 6 March Ash Wednesday

11:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Brampford Speke	KC
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Sunday 10 March Lent 1

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Huxham	KC
09:30 am	OPEN		Thorverton	
10:00 am	Informal Gathering		Stoke Canon	
11:15 am	Morning Worship		Rewe	Lay Led & LF
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	KC

Sunday 17 March Lent 2

08:30 am	Holy Communion [Said]	[C]	Brampford Speke	KC
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Cadbury	D James
09:30 am	OPEN		Thorverton	
10:00 am	Family Service & Baptism		Thorverton	Lay Led
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Poltimore	Lay Led
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company		Rewe	
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	KC

Sunday 24 March Lent 3

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	MSS
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[BCP]	Thorverton	KC
10:00 am	Messy Church		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
10:00 am	Mothering Sunday Service		Upton Pyne	Lay Led
11:15 am	Communion by Extension	[C]	Rewe	LF
05:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Huxham	Lay Led

Sunday 31 March Lent 4 & Mothering Sunday

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	Family Service		Brampford Speke	Lay Led
10:00 am	Family Service		Cadbury	Lay Led
10:00 am	Family Service		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Family Service		Rewe	Lay Led

Sunday 7 April Lent 5

08:30 am	Holy Communion [Said]	[C]	Brampford Speke	KC
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	KC & LF
10:00 am	Open Door		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Service of the Word		Poltimore	Lay Led
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company		Rewe	
06:00 pm	Informal Evening Service		Cadbury	Lay Led

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