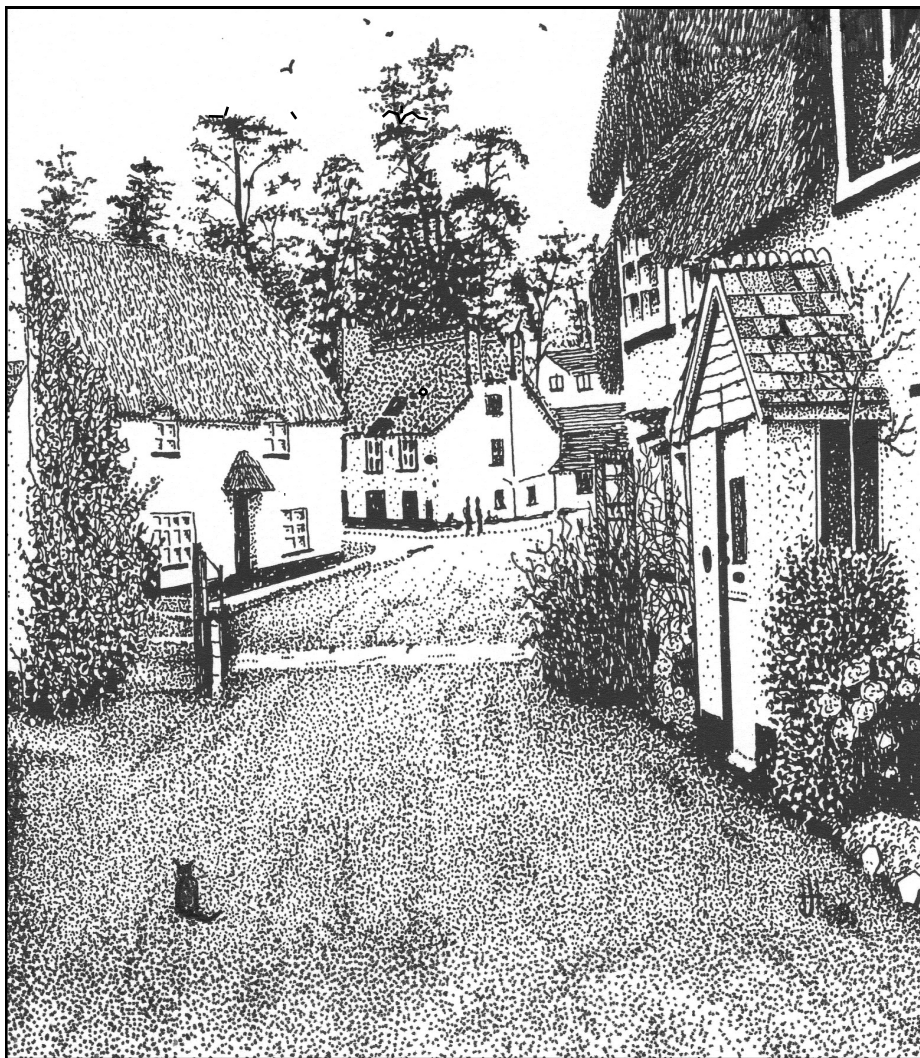


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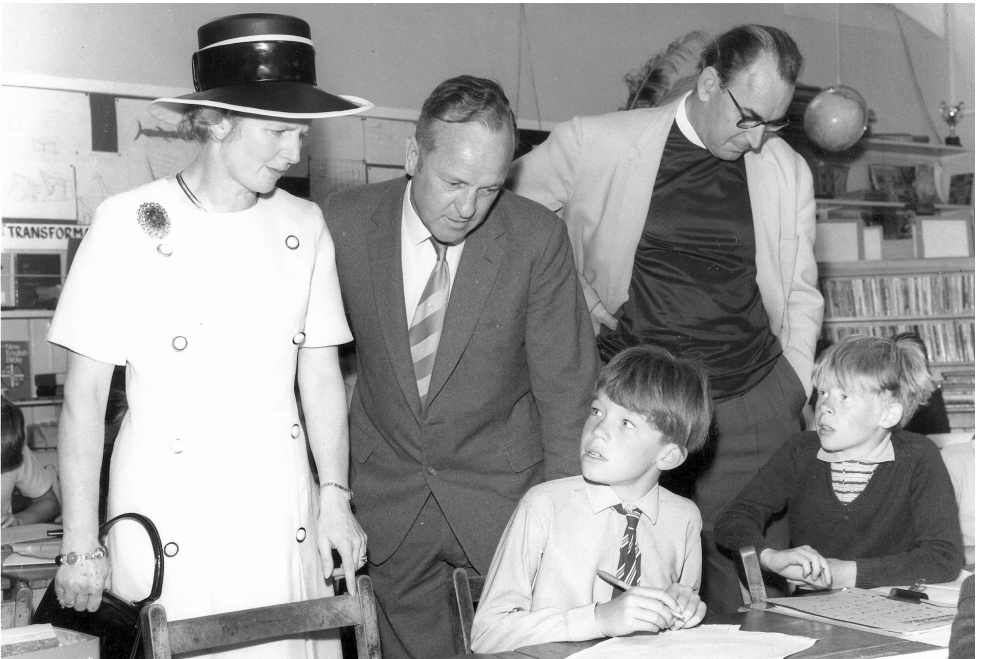
Joyce Rook, pictured, was recently awarded a Community Hero award by Tesco and the Crediton Courier. The Certificate and a bouquet of flowers were presented by David Baker, Chairman of Newton St Cyres Parish Council. Joyce has been running Bingo sessions in the Village Hall for many years. Many of the village organisations have benefitted from her fund-raising efforts.

At a recent Bingo £354 was raised for Devon Air Ambulance Trust.

Photo by Alan Quick, Crediton

National Hero?

The picture below seemed relevant given the recent funeral of Lady Thatcher. History will decide how Margaret Thatcher will be regarded by future generations. I suspect she'll be a hero to some. But do you know where and when this picture was taken and who the other people were? The answers are on page 19.

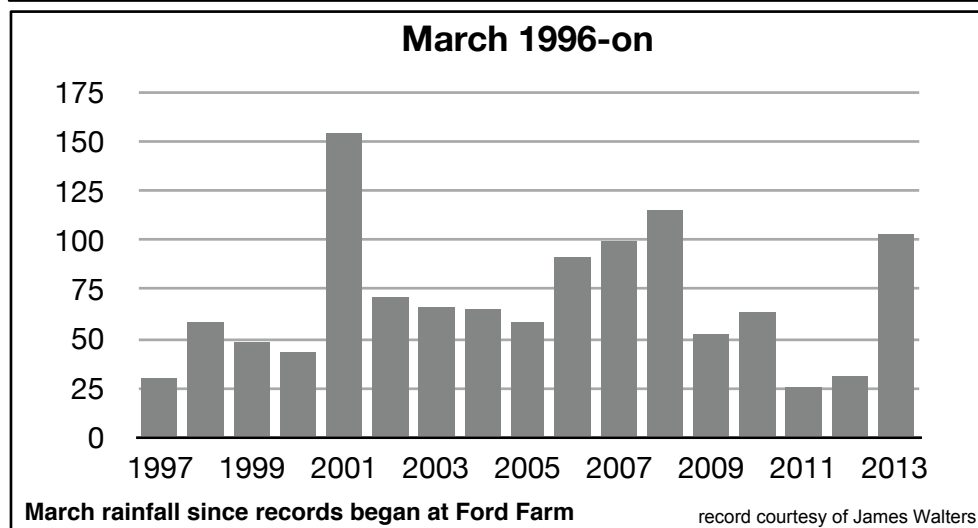
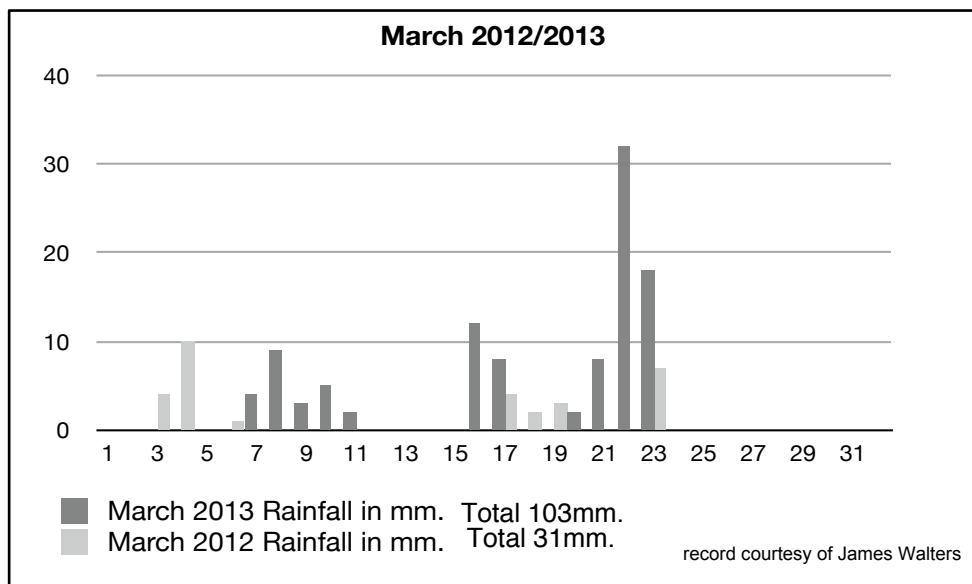


Twinning

In April the Twinning Circle celebrated thirty years of exchange activity with a visit from their opposite numbers in Rots. The mayor brought a photo of the new library in the Espace Newton St Cyres and an enamel sign marking the event.

Still Raining

May is upon us and the weather doesn't seem to be getting any better. We are enjoying the occasional good day but we have as yet had no consistent period of good weather. Although not the wettest March at Ford Farm James' records show it as amongst the highest.



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RECREATION GROUND CLUB

Well we are half way through April. What a headache! It seems that there is a change to the fixtures for the football teams most days, but hopefully we now have confirmation of the final dates for all the teams to get their seasons finished. The cricketers are straining to get going, so its fingers crossed the weather dries up and they can all get started.

Mid May should see all the football finished, but it will mean a very short time from the end of the football to needing the ground in good condition for July and all the events then.

The end of May will see the end of both the mens and ladies Darts and all the Skittles both league and cup games.

All the Cricket teams that played here last year are to play here again this year. . There should be Cricket on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons so please come on down and support who is playing that day.

The Tennis Club have a busy Summer planned and the Archery will be practising Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings.

We do have quite a lot in the diary but we like to be busy so if you need a venue please ring and see if we can help on your required date. With the darts and skittles finishing the club house will not be as busy so if a group of you need a venue for either please ring me on Exeter 432287 to find a mutually agreeable date

Most important before I go please, if you have any interest in helping us at the club come and join us for our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 12th June at 7.30p.m.

We do urgently need a few more hands to help spread the load, not on a daily basis maybe one or two evening a month, but mostly we need fresh ideas, so please join us and find out where you could help.

Thank you, see you on 12th June.

Wendy Lewis

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Newton St Cyres FC

– May Update

Unfortunately the weather has continued to affect the fixtures and it still wouldn't surprise us if it continued to do so right up to the last game of the season. It's been a quite unbelievable season and it's likely that some results will have to be decided virtually – certainly for the youth leagues. The last time this happened was around 2001 as a result of the foot and mouth outbreak. Nevertheless, we have managed to play some games since our last report and there have been mixed fortunes for all our teams.

The Under 16s have played two games, first against Central who steamrollered them earlier in the season. This time it was a different story and Newton went down to a single (worldly) goal. The lads put in a real performance which had second placed Central more than a little concerned. The other result of the period came against Feniton. This was a big game for the players as Feniton sat just one spot below them in the table so much was at stake. Feniton got their noses in front early but the players stuck it out and after quite a few heart-stopping moments came away with all three points (3-2).

The Under 11s are really struggling to get all their games played now with a handful more postponements during April. They did manage to play two games though with a well-earned draw at Heavitree although the second was a heavy defeat at Moors.

The Reserves have been in good form with only two losses in the league since December, the first game saw them eventually seek revenge over Fluxton who had been a thorn in their side this season. It was one of the performances of the season against the league leaders as we ran out 4-1 winners. Next up was a bank holiday trip to Colaton Raleigh and on a hard, dusty surface we pretty much scrapped through 5-3. Lymstone visited the Rec next and have been climbing the table recently. Despite a close scoreline we were worthy winners and should have scored more but finished 3-2. New boys Open Space were the next visitors on a Wednesday evening and although we expected a tough game, ended up trouncing them 9-0. We're looking forward to the return leg of that one!! The last game was against Honiton. With a handful of players away and Honiton hot on our heels, this game was potentially our toughest of the run-in. Unfortunately it resulted in a narrow defeat no thanks to some dubious refereeing decisions. A draw would perhaps of been a fair result but it was a good run while it lasted. The challenge now is to win all of our remaining games!

The First team have played four games suffering a couple of postponements over the past month. It's been a mixed bag of results although it started well with a win against Upottery (2-1) but followed with a lacklustre draw with Offwell. The big derby game came next at Crediton and on a wet night and rain soaked pitch, we went down to three first half goals. The team were bitterly disappointed but still have the home leg to seek retribution. Lymstone travelled to the Rec for the final game of the period and had been climbing the table steadily, however, with an eye on promotion, Newton were too much for them a won by a single goal to retain third place in the division.

Upcoming events

Arsenal Soccer School

The Club are holding training sessions on Saturday 25th May and 8th June at the Recreation Ground in partnership with Arsenal Soccer Schools. Sessions are being held between 10.30-11.30am for 5-8 year olds and 10-11.30am for 9-11 year olds and are open to current members and non-members.

Arsenal Soccer Schools offer specialised training programmes based on the progressive coaching methods that are used at the training ground to help produce imaginative, entertaining and skilful football.

Sessions will cater for youth players from the age of 5 through to 12, boys and girls. Attendance at the session will cost £3 per player and there's no need to book, just turn up on the day!

Players attending should bring shin pads, appropriate footwear for a grass surface and plenty to drink. More information is available on the Club's website - www.newtonstcyresfc.co.uk.

Magic night

A night of magic is on offer at the Recreation Ground on Friday 21st June. The night starts at 7pm and will entertain children and adults with stage performances and table demonstrations from a number of magicians. Tickets to the event are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. Contact Club Chairman - Graham (01392 851277) to buy your tickets. (note: Bar will be open)

Ticket prices - Children £3, Adults £5, Family ticket £15 (2 adults 2 children)

Senior fixtures during May (3pm KO unless stated):

Firsts - 1st Tedburn 6.45pm (A), 4th Ottery (A), 10th Uni 6.30pm (H).

Reserves - 4th Colaton Raleigh (H), 8th Halwill 7pm (A), 15th Halwill 7pm (H).

Mark Smaldon



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- 450ml Cheese sauce (homemade is best!)
- 2 small to medium sweet green peppers
- 1 small onion (chopped)
- 2 tablespoons oil (light olive oil is best)
- 4 large ripe tomatoes, peeled
- Salt and pepper
- 100g cheddar cheese, grated

Method:

Skin the fish and cut it into 2.5cm pieces.
Put half into a greased shallow ovenproof dish.

Cover with half the sheets of lasagne and half the cheese sauce.

Put peppers and onion into a pan with the oil.

Chop the tomato and cook for a further five minutes.

Season to taste

Spread half of this mixture onto the cheese sauce. Top with the remaining fish and lasagne. Add the rest of the tomato and finally the cheese sauce. Sprinkle cheese on top.

Cook at 190c/375f, Gas mark 5 for 40 minutes and serve hot.

Enjoy!

Jacqui Ward

Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The April draw took place at the Coffee Morning in the Village Hall on the 6th April 2013 and the winners are:

No	167	P Ashmore	£100
No	129	M Walters	£10
No	194	G Quicke	£10
No	77	J Tremlett	£10
No	104	Dr Marshall	£10

I am pleased to report that we were again able to donate £1100 .00 towards the upkeep of our lovely old church up on the hill and the cheque has been duly presented. As always numbers become spare, so if anyone would like another number please give me a ring or ask your collector. Hopefully all the money will be collected ready to start the new year in June.

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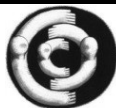
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Newton St Cyres Primary School

It is lovely to see the children making the use of the field at the school – a definite sign that spring is here!

In Key Stage One (the younger children) this term the children are concentrating their learning around 'Growing Things'. They are visiting Killerton gardens and are planning their own garden. In fact all the classes have responsibility for their own garden in our new sensory garden. If you are a gardening enthusiast perhaps you would like to come in and share your expertise with the children, we have a strong gardening group who would enjoy having someone to work with. The children will also be creating paintings in the style of some famous artists such as Monet and Van Gough.

The younger children are also enjoying having some tennis tutoring from two coaches from Exeter University. Additionally, some children have been selected to play at a tournament that Exeter City football club have organised.

In Key Stage Two the children are travelling back in time to find out what life was like in Ancient Egypt. They will be sharing a variety of tales about Egyptian Gods and finding out about hieroglyphics and other Egyptian traditions.

The children are also enjoying having students from Exeter College come in to coach them in ball skills.

By the time you read this the Year 4 children will have returned from their Federation Residential in North Devon where they will have participated in a range of adventurous activities, including orienteering, aero ball, surfing and body boarding. The school Residentials are a wonderful opportunity for children to attempt new and exciting activities, to support each other and develop their independence.

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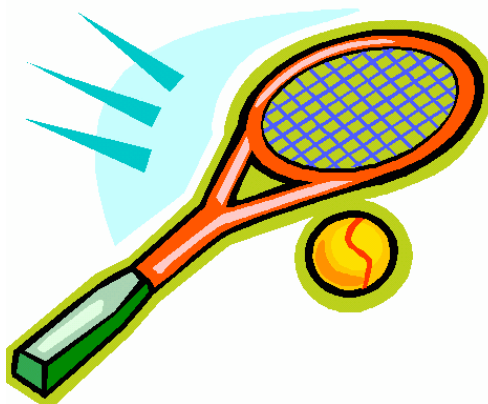
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Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

On 6th April, on the most tennis-like day of the year so far in terms of the weather, eight young

Newton St Cyres players competed at an American Tournament styled event held at Victoria Park Tennis Club in Exeter. The competition was organized by Frankie Peroni and Sue Stott on behalf of the East Devon League. Alice Dowle, Flora Niven, Francesca Ward, Curtis Garnsworthy, Jack Gordon, Reuben

Taylor, Tobias Rimbon-Whittaker and Tom Baber were our representatives. There were three awards given out and we picked up two of them. Frankie Ward won a very close girls 15 and under section and Reuben Taylor won an equally tight boys 12 and under. It was a fantastic event held in a friendly atmosphere an ideal first foray into doubles for our juniors who are mostly inexperienced at doubles play.



Tony Pryce came and held a racquet demonstration at the club on Thursday 11th April, giving all club members an opportunity to try out several new racquets, test the speed of their serve, and purchase ex-demo raquets at reduced prices.

Our Open Day on Saturday 14th April was, thankfully, not rained off, and it was lovely to meet all the youngsters (and not-quite-so-youngsters) who came along.

Club coach Toby gave everyone a good workout and a lot of fun was had, and we have several new members as a result.

Our latest club singles competition winners are Will Bell (A series), Joss Baldwin (B series) and Guy Ainsley (C series).

The summer league is already underway, and our 4 Men's teams, 2 Ladies' teams and 1 Mixed team have all made a strong start.

Our strongest adult club sessions are on Sunday afternoons from 2pm and Thursday evenings from 6.15pm. More relaxed daytime sessions continue to run on Tuesdays at 10am and Fridays at 2pm, and all adults are welcome. We are also introducing a new Saturday morning adult session, for 'rusty returners' – those who have not played for a while and would like to test their tennis legs before coming along to one of the main club sessions. Full details on the website.

All up to date information can be found on our website – www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk.

Alternatively you may call our Membership Secretary Laura Leigh on 01647 24259.

Parish Council report April 2013

The Parish Council still had a vacancy.

Eight Councillors attended the April meeting and were joined by Cllr Peter Hare-Scott (MDDC) and Cllr M Lee (DCC) plus three members of the public. The Council welcomed their new Clerk, Mrs Jane Hole and wished her well in her new post.

The problems of dog fouling in the Tytheing Close area and the ongoing problem of parking in the Close were raised by a member of the public. During the following meeting the Council agreed to purchase a dog waste bin for Tytheing Close and a quantity of notices warning people of the fines that can be imposed if owners are found to be letting their dogs foul the area and are not picking it up and disposing of it responsibly.

Planning Application: The Council had no objections to the proposed erection of a sustainable brewery, formation of an access road, concrete yard, parking and associated works on land at Hill Farm.

Mid Devon District Council: Cllr Peter Hare-Scott reported that Lords Meadow refurbishment was complete and the centre was now fully open. He agreed to find out why a fallen tree in a garden in Court Orchard had not been removed and why Pump Street and New Estate residents had been issued with garbage bags instead of their wheelie bins.

Notice Boards: Cllr Southcott was thanked for making a new notice board for the Station area and quotation was accepted for re-painting the boards at Half Moon, Tytheing Close, Sand Down Lane, Smallbrook and on the Village Green. A new board had been made and would be erected in Langford.

Best Kept Village: The signs we had been presented with had been placed on the Village Green and Cllr Parker was thanked for erecting them and planting the flowers around them. The Council have entered this competition again for 2013 and the first round of judging will take place in May. Cllr Cashmore was thanked for submitting our application. Councillors were also encouraged to help to keep the village tidy by cleaning road signs and the bus shelters.

Vodafone signal: Lines were being put into the agreed locations in the village and Cllr Cashmore was thanked for all his work with this initiative.

Highways issues: The Council were still waiting for a response to their request for the realignment of the bus laybys at Castlands and Half Moon and the provision of a bus shelter at Half Moon. The Council would request that the pothole on the A377 between Church Lane and the footbridge from Newton House was filled in as a matter of urgency and also requested that DCC Highways meet representatives from the Council on site to review the problems at Camps Bridge.

Devon County Council: This meeting is the last one that Cllr M Lee will attend as he is not seeking re-election this time. Cllr Lee reported that there were at least six candidates standing in each ward this time. Cllr Lee also agreed to check on why the pavement near Ladds had taken priority over other important road works in the area.

Flood Plan: The Council were informed that a group had been formed in the village and they were planning to walk around the area to identify problem areas. Some funding may be available from DCC Flood Relief funds.

Annual Parish Meeting: This will be held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 8th May at 7.30pm and residents are invited to come and hear the reports from various groups in the parish and see the displays. The main speaker will be Rhys Davies from Devon County Council Highways.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 13th May in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall at 7.30 pm. The next parish Surgery will be held in the Hall in conjunction with the Mini Market on Saturday 25th May (10.30 – 12 noon)
Cllr J Baker, Press Officer

Dog Fouling in the Parish

It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that a number of dog owners are not picking up the mess their dogs are making and depositing it in the dog bins provided throughout the parish. This is a particular problem in West Town, on the Village Green, Pump Street (particularly from Mount Pleasant to Lilly Farm), Sand Down Lane and the permissive footpath from Tytheing Close that runs parallel to the A377 towards Half Moon. There are bins in the following locations for the disposal of dog mess: West Town by the entrance to the road to Bakers, entrance to Court Orchard by the A377, by the river bridge in Station Road, in Pump Street between Mount Pleasant and Lilly Farm and at the top end of Sand Down Lane. There is a new one to be erected in the entrance to Tytheing Close. The issue of dog mess on the Village Green is of great concern as we have a contractor in to cut the grass and this causes him great distress as is the problem on the permissive footpath by Tytheing Close as this is used by school children.

The maximum fine for leaving dog mess anywhere on a public highway within the parish is £1,000 and the Parish Council have indicated that if incidents are reported and can be substantiated, these will be forwarded to Mid Devon District Council so that prosecution can take place.

There is also a disease risk if dog mess is left on or near to permissive or public footpaths. If your dog unfortunately has to mess, please pick it up and dispose of it in one of the red dog waste bins, otherwise prosecution may follow.

David Baker

Newton St Cyres Parish Council

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Do You Remember May

May 1973

Mr Warren had been elected as a Councillor for the area on the new Devon County Council.

Nominations were being sought for the Parish Council.

Thirty-nine parishioners turned up to the Parish Hall AGM. Officers elected were: Mrs Prout (Secretary & Treasurer), Mr Quicke (President), and Mr Perriam (Vice President).

There was a report of the Annual Parish Meeting where a long debate on the merits of street lighting in Sand Down Lane was held and following a vote, it was agreed to proceed. Residents of Half Moon were concerned about traffic.

A bus shelter for outside Tytheing Close and in the Village to be looked into.

The Football Club had won the League and were into the finals of two cups.

May 1983

Only 8 candidates stood for the Parish Council election – Doug West, John Durrant, Hazel Down, James Walters, Anne Mitchell, Chris Lee, John Scott and Henry Gliddon.

Newton St Cyres Brownies and Guides welcomed the Queen when she came to distribute the Maundy money.

Bill Holt completed the London Marathon.

The twinning was made official with the signing of the Twinning Charter in Rots in June and Mrs Prue Quicke was elected Chairman.

The St Cyres Players production of 'A Comic Miscellany' was presented in the Hall in April and would be entering the Exmouth One Act Play Festival.

The Barnardos appeal house to house collection had raised £54.02

At the Parish Council meeting of the retiring Council the new attaché case for the Clerk was on view.

Planning permission was refused for a barn extension at Lilly Farm but granted for a bungalow.

Boundary changes meant that Rowthorne will be in Whitestone Parish and Ashford will be in Newton St Cyres.

The pub at the station – the Railway Inn, the Iron Horse, the Barn Owl and now to be the Beer Engine installed its own mini brewery by partners Chris di Paolo and Peter Hawksley.

A new cover for the Newton Wonder had been designed by Tim Cooper of Langford.

May 1993

At the Parish Council Henry Gliddon retired as Clerk but remained as a Councillor. The new Clerk is to be Alan White of Court Orchard.

The Twinning have 43 booked to catch the ferry from Poole to Cherbourg together with the red telephone box!

May's gardening article was about ornamental garden ponds.

The Tennis Club had elected their officers: Tim Packer (Chair), Margaret Walters (Vice Chair), Mark Sedgwick (Treasurer), Jean Brierley (Secretary). Captains were Anne Westaway and Robin Denny and Thelma Playle was Press Officer.

The recipe this month was for Coffee Walnut Cookies

An appeal appeared from residents to stop their dogs fouling in Court Orchard.

The Afternoon Club held an outing to Otter Nurseries and trips to Truro and Totnes were

planned.

May 2003

A presentation was made to Anne Westaway at the Tennis Club AGM as she was retiring after 25 years on the committee.

Andrew Wherrett wrote a most interesting article about the warm welcome he had received when he moved in to the village.

Ann Dean of Ashfields was encouraging people to request that Newton St Cyres be put onto broadband.

David Vallance wrote an article about the Cricket Club and mentioned that the cricket wicket was so dry that the grass had stopped growing.

The Recreation Ground reported that the fencing had been completed around the car park and the refurbishment of the Tennis Hut was nearly completed.



NEWTON RAMBLERS

Sunday 19th May

A bluebell walk on the South Side of the village to Sherwood.

We are glad to see that spring has arrived at last and are grateful that Dr John Quicke who has agreed to lead this walk, which is specifically to enjoy the bluebells and spring flowers in the

woodland above Sherwood.

The walk goes along West Town to Bakers, and along the valley towards Venny Cleave. We then climb through Whitstone Wood to the bluebells above Sherwood before descending through Sherwood garden. We return back to Venny Cleave and the end of Northridge Drive. Then we take the footpath over the fields to Riscombe Hill and back to the village.

It is a walk of just four miles. It has one or two climbs but there will be plenty of time to get our breath back. We shall meet in the village hall car park and leave promptly at 10.00 am. All are welcome to join us.

If you need any further information, please contact Rosemary Chambers on 851400.

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

Where, when and who were in that picture with Margaret Thatcher?

Thatcher? – The picture was taken when Margaret

Thatcher visited Newton St Cyres School on July 16th 1971. Many of you will recognise Reg Mear, headmaster and John Scott, the vicar. Did you recognise Paul Whiddon and Alan Perry?

Newton St Cyres Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

***Parishioners are invited to come along to the
Annual Parish Meeting on***

**Wednesday 8th May 2013
At 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall**

**The speaker will be Rhys Davies from Devon County
Council Highways**

***There will be displays by village organisations and reports
from the Parish Council, Devon County Council, Mid Devon
District Council, Parish Hall, Church, School and Recreation
Ground Club***

Coffee and biscuits will be served at the end of the meeting.

**All are welcome to come along and find out what is happening
in the village**



Community Support Group

During the recent Health Watch meeting held on 13th April one of the topics discussed included the creation of a name for all the combined voluntary services. One popular suggestion was "Community Support". However there will be further discussion at the next meeting.

The funding for the laptops has now come through, due to generous donations from the police, mid-Devon and town and parish (T.A.P.) funding through Devon County council, giving a total of £1300. With this money, the community support group can now purchase, necessary computing equipment to help those who do not have access to a computer. David was going to get a small group together to discuss how to best spend this money.

Vodafone are proposing to put up monitors in the village, including the recreation ground, village hall, Crown and Sceptre and the Beer Engine. This is an experiment in which only a few villages nationwide are involved. It is intended that the small monitors, which are no more powerful than a mobile phone, and therefore do not constitute the potential problems of a mast, will fill in the gaps in the signal for all networks, not just Vodafone. Concerns were raised for those who have a bad signal outside of these locations, however the possibility was raised of extending the coverage of the experiment, allowing the signal to be extended as far as the golf course.

The cost of the monthly Neighbourhood Health Watch was raised and it was suggested various business such as Tesco or the National Lottery. Another possibility was to run a fete in the village to help fund the NHW, probably in the garden at the Crown and Sceptre.

Sharon Taylor, the deputy Chief Constable, is coming back on July 8th. She is very enthusiastic about the scheme and is promoting the idea widely. She has a very wide range of contacts in the community throughout Devon and Cornwall.

Jane reported on the East Budleigh Food Watch scheme. Vulnerable people were identified and neighbours provide them with meals. The suggestion is that it is not difficult to add another portion and put it in a plastic microwavable container supplied by the scheme. The success of this scheme is, however dependent on GPs.

Simon reported that he had been to a meeting about rural isolation in Devon and discussed the scheme with Crediton Town Council. Several requests for help had been met, including gardening work. A local hairdresser has volunteered to cut men's hair when she comes home from work. Simon has the details.

To maintain enthusiasm it was suggested that we need to keep coming up with new ideas and we need an event. Jane has organised a stand at Devon County show and volunteers are always needed.

As always a variety of cakes and hot buns were supplied, and were complimented and appreciated by everyone – thank you.

The next meeting will be held at the Crown and Sceptre at 10.30 am on 11th May, and any newcomers are more than welcome.

Sophie Ward

Twinning Circle 30th Anniversary Celebrations

We have just celebrated our 30th Anniversary with a visit from our friends in Rots, Normandy. They arrived on Friday 12th April and returned home on the Sunday evening after a very enjoyable weekend.

Many of our members hosted our guests and fed, watered (wined) and entertained them with various trips in the area. The extremely wet weather on the Saturday didn't prevent us from getting out and about but seemed to enhance the laughter which was evident throughout the weekend. We used the Parish Hall for our Saturday night 'Hog Roast' (provided by John Horsman) and Disco and the Recreation Ground Clubhouse for an English Cream Tea on Sunday before the departure.

We, as a village, have been very fortunate to have found the people of Rots as Twinning partners. There are a great number of villages and towns, both locally and nationally, where Twinning has died, but here, the friendships that have been fostered and developed over the thirty years are as strong as ever. Although there are a number of members on both sides who have been involved from the beginning, there has always been a willingness to embrace new members and make them welcome.

Indeed, it was good to see first-timers on both sides on the 30th Anniversary. The people of Rots hold Newton St Cyres close to their hearts. They have had a red phone box outside their Post Office since the 10th Anniversary and have just recently opened a new village Library in the 'Espace Newton St Cyres'. We are part of their thinking - their everyday lives. The Rots Mayor, who has been a 'Twinner' for many years, brought over large photographs of the Espace and the Library. They have also presented us with an enamelled sign marking the 30th Anniversary.

Discussions held to date with the Parish Council on finding a suitable way of reciprocating and publicly demonstrating our friendship with Rots have unfortunately failed. We are hopeful that in the near future we will be able to come to an agreement on a suitable method for Newton St Cyres to demonstrate the long friendship that exists with Rots. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let us know.

As mentioned previously, new members are always welcome – young or old. We will cater for all age groups by organising activities to suit. These tend to be organised monthly for the more mature members at the moment but we would love the opportunity of welcoming younger folk and families and giving them an enjoyable time.

The ability to speak French is unnecessary – there are numerous members who have just had a really wonderful weekend without holding a French-speaking conversation. Laughter is a great resolution to misunderstandings.

Eric Fee, Chairman



The new village library in the Espace Newton St Cyres, Rots



Sign to mark the Thirtieth Anniversary of the twinning of Rots and Newton St Cyres.



Thorverton Country Show



The popular Thorverton Country Show, which started as a Vintage Rally in 1995 and has evolved year on year into the Show we know and love today, will not be taking place in 2013. Instead the new Committee has taken the decision to hold a Family Fun Day on 8th June at Thorverton Memorial Hall, from 10am to 4pm.

There will be lots of activities for the whole family, including a climbing wall, children's entertainment, fun run, dance workshops, Family Dog Show, Homecraft competition and much more with **free entry**. As this coincides with the Thorverton Saturday market date we are incorporating an outdoor market and inviting local crafters and traders to have a stall at very competitive rates.

We would also like to invite local voluntary and community organisations to take part in the Fun Day and run an activity or stall to raise funds for their own organisation in return for a small donation to the Thorverton Country Show.

If you are interested in being involved in the organisation of the Fun Day or having a stall or activity, or for further information please contact Caroline Taverner on 01392 860069 or see our website at www.thorvertoncountryshow.co.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.

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PICTURED are **James and Margaret Walters**, 75 and 69 respectively, of Ford Farm Newton St. Cyres, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on April 15th. They were married in Newton St. Cyres Parish Church, and after their reception which was held in a Marquee at Norton Farm, Margarets home, the couple flew to Majorca for their Honeymoon.

The couple have always known each other, as they lived in adjoining farms, and were both members of the local Young Farmer Club, They have lived at Ford Farm Newton St. Cyres, in all their married life, James bringing in the cows from Court Barton, where his family had farmed since the early 1900s However, they gave up milking in the 70s and then kept Beef and Sheep, but retired 10 years ago.

But, the couple keep very busy, James has been a member of the Parish Council for 40 years and is always ready to help with various jobs around the village, especially helping Margaret with various fundraising events for the Church. Margaret has also been a choir member for most of her life! They both enjoy gardening, and their garden is truly a sight to behold. Margaret is also a past member of the PCC, She also enjoys riding her bicycle.

The couple have three daughters, one living either side of them and one at Morchard Bishop, plus seven grandchildren and, great excitement, their first great grandchild is due in July. At the monthly village market, they were also presented with a beautiful bouquet to mark the occasion, which, said Margaret, was a great surprise, and much appreciated.

To celebrate this Golden Anniversary, they arranged a weekend break at the Finlake Leisure Park for 19 members of the family, the youngest being granddaughter Holly aged 10. Then they went on a 7 day Cruise, around the British Isles, for themselves and 3 close family members, which they agreed was a wonderful way to conclude their 50 years of celebrations of a very happy life.



Margaret Tucker.

Mini Market - a note from Pat Butt

The next Mini Market will be on Saturday May 25th. 2013 from 10:30 am till 12 noon.

Don't forget to come and meet friends over coffee, tea, soft drinks and bacon butties.

All the usual stalls:- meat, vegetables, cakes, pasties, plants, hand crafted cards, bric a brac, jewellery and toys (in aid of Cancer Research). There will be a stall from the village school and the Parish Council "surgery".

If you would like a stall or have any other good ideas please contact Pat on 01392 861131. We really need a good bric a brac stall.

We had a very good variety of stalls at our March Market. A presentation was made to James and Margaret Walters to celebrate their golden wedding, which is in the middle of April.

PAT BUTT and the stall holders



Photo by Bill Holt

James and Margaret Walters at the Mini Market on March 27th.

James and Margaret would like to thank all those who sent cards and gave presents to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, we were very touched by everyone's kindness.



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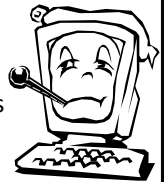
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Newton St Cyres History Group



Most people in the village have been into the church and seen the four large black lozenges hanging on the north wall, painted with heraldic symbols. Our talk on Thursday evening, 21st March, explained in fascinating detail the reason for and meaning of these 'hatchments'. They are called hatchments because the word is a corruption of 'achievements', which in heraldry means the armorial shield or escutcheon granted to someone by the king. There are over 86 of these surviving in Devon, the majority in churches, and we are lucky to have 4, all relating to members of the Quicke family. A hatchment was made when someone of social standing died, and it was carried at the front of their funeral procession and then hung above the door of their house for a period of mourning, after which it would be taken to the local church. Over time, many hatchments have disappeared or been destroyed, but a good many survive. They are made of canvas stretched over a frame, which was often covered in black crepe, with skull and crossbones painted on. They are really oil paintings and need a similar level of care in their restoration.

Our speaker, David Oates, has done a great deal of

work on the Devon hatchments, and the results are published in 'Hatchments in Britain Vol 7' (ed. Peter Summers and John Titterton). Using an example from the entrance in the stables at Killerton House, Mr Oates explained the elements which make up the design of a hatchment, and how much it can tell you about the people for whom they were made. A black background signifies death, but a white background means the arms bearer is still alive, so frequently a hatchment will be half black, half white, if a husband survives his wife or vice versa. The central shield will bear the family arms, and an eldest son has a 'label' or stripe with three tags. If the marriage produced no children, a skull will be at the base of the lozenge, but in the case of our hatchments this is not correct, as both of the Quicke marriages depicted on the hatchments did produce children, and Mr Oates could not explain this anomaly. He gave us a great deal of detail, though, on the many different degrees of nobility and the position within a family signified by the designs.

The heraldic designs on some hatchments can be very intricate, for instance on two in Poltimore Church. If a man married two or three times, then his wife's arms would be quartered on her side of the hatchment. This could go back for generations, recording many ancient families and their intermarriage, and providing a complex detective puzzle for the investigator. Mr Oates enjoys finding, if possible, portraits and other memorabilia of the people recorded and in the case of the Quicke family, portraits exist and could be paired up, and this brings to life the armorial designs.

The special language used to describe a heraldic design can be poetic. The crest on the Quicke arms is '*a demi antelope argent armed, attired, tufted and maned gules, collared sable lined or*'. 'Argent' means 'silver', 'gules' means 'red' and 'or' means 'gold'. You will appreciate that colour photography has made understanding these designs a great deal easier!

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Hatchments seem first to have developed in the Low Countries and to be related to the end of Catholicism and the beginning of the Reformation. They became particularly fashionable in the C19th and then went out of use in the twentieth century, quite rapidly. Two of the four in Poltimore church are among the oldest in Devon, dated 1691 and before.

We all learned a good deal from this enjoyable evening, and can now look at the hatchments in the church and understand what we are seeing.

Meetings are usually on Thursday evenings in the village hall club room and start at 7.30pm.

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

Next meetings

May 16th. **Colin Hart Metal Detecting** – History beneath our Feet 2. Colin will bring a different set of exhibits from last year.
We shall also be opening the list of names for the June outing.

June 15th **Outing to Pynes and Woodrow Barton** led by Nick Baker followed by Tea.

NB A Saturday afternoon. We shall meet in the Village Hall car park at 1.45pm so that we can share cars and we should expect to return by 5pm or soon after. The cost will be around £6. Both houses have an interesting connection with Jane Austen. If you are keen to join us add your name to the list at the May meeting or ring Jean 851337 or Isobel 851351.

Sept 19th **Helen Turnbull - The Story of a Manor** – Chudleigh 1050-2012

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Garden Club news



I recently had the chance to visit the Westonbirt National Arboretum in Gloucestershire. What an awe inspiring place! Established in 1829 by Robert Stayner Holford and remaining in the Holford family until 1956 when the forestry commission took over. The arboretum consists of 600 acres planted out with some 16,000 trees and shrubs containing 2500 species from Britain the Americas and the Far East. I must confess that we only managed to walk a fraction of the 17 miles of paths

available to explore. Basically the arboretum is divided into 2 main areas. The Old arboretum consists of beautiful tree lined avenues providing the perfect vista at every turn. Everywhere you looked there were rare and exotic trees with clear labelling and information boards – a true education. Then there was the Silk Wood which at its heart, has a traditional working woodland dating back to the 13th century, as well as many exotic trees. Generally spring is the time to admire the flowers of the large collection of rhododendrons, azaleas and magnolias but unfortunately not this year. We walked around the arboretum in a snow storm wondering if winter was going to mutate into summer and give spring a miss!

The arboretum boasts 5 national collections including walnut, lime, bladdernut, Japanese maple and maple. There are 125 species of maple – genus *Acer*. The *Acer saccharum* also known as the sugar maple gave me that eureka moment – “So that is where maple syrup comes from the sap of this tree”. An ingredient that I always have in my store cupboard but I have to confess I have never thought about its origin. It just goes to show how many things in life we take for granted and don’t give a second thought too. So let me share my new found knowledge. The *Acer Saccharum* was introduced to Britain in 1735, the leaves have 5 lobes and like most maples they turn through yellow to orange to red in the autumn. The tree was originally grown in North America but because the climate has become warmer it is now more suited to Canada. The wood from this tree is extremely tough and can be seen on the floors of bowling alleys and basketball courts.

Sap is the life blood of all trees, rising in the spring to provide nourishment to allow new growth. Did you know that you can listen to the sap rising. Go out with your stethoscope in early spring and put it against the bark of a tree and listen. Ideally the tree wants to have smooth thin bark such as birch, beech or cherry. Alternatively listen where the bark has been stripped. The tree wants to be a reasonable size, more than 15centimetres in diameter. When this was mentioned to me by a friend who lectures at Kingston Maurward I was very sceptical and thought that he was pulling my leg, but it is true!

Of course you do not have to travel to Gloucestershire to visit an arboretum as we

are lucky enough to have one here in Newton St Cyres and it is free. If you have not yet walked around it I urge you to make time to do so. Why not bring your stethoscope and marvel at the wonders of nature we know as trees.

Enjoy your garden

Anne Rice



**All the Gardening Club meetings
are held in the Clubroom of the
Parish Hall, starting at 7.30 pm.**

Why not join us at the next meeting:
Thursday 23rd. May with John White
(Growing fruit and vegetables)

There is no joining fee, just £1.50 on the night to
include a hot drink and biscuit and a warm
welcome. See you there.

**Does your garden produce surplus that you would like to
share or sell?**

Or would you like to eat fresh locally grown produce?

If the answer to either of these is **YES** then there is a network which puts local gardeners and their neighbours in contact. It totally **FREE** to join and use. I joined it last year with good results, but most people are around Crediton and ideally it would be good not to have to get in the car and to be less dependant on the supermarkets and keep our money local too.

It's called: **GardenFoodClub.com**

All the details are on the site, but basically here is how it works; Gardeners register and list their produce as it matures. People wishing to buy contact the gardener directly by phone and arrange a time to pick up their order. This could be at agreed place, honesty box or at your garden what ever suits.

The site is easy to use and now that we have the community computer at The Crown and Sceptre it could be a good way to do some shopping.

Happy gardening and happy eating

Gill Amos

Monthly Gardening notes for May from Bert Jewell

General Garden Tasks.

1. Prune Spring flowering Trees and Shrubs.
2. Prepare for Summer bedding and plant Dahlias.
3. Put straw or mats around Strawberries.
4. Feed Lawn if not done already.
5. Plant out Runner Beans and French Beans.

Trees, Shrubs and Climbers.

Now that the Forsythia and Ribes (Flowering Currant) have finished flowering they will benefit from a tidy up or reshaping. Prune shoots back to a bud or side shoot until you have the desired shape. Ornamental Flowering Cherries can be pruned after flowering, just take off enough to keep it in shape. Remove all green leaved stems on Variegated shrubs and tie in stems of Climbers.

Flowers.

Its time to get ready for the planting out of Summer Bedding, either in containers or borders. Remove the Polyanthus and Primroses after flowering and gently pull each plant apart. Then plant each division in a cool shady spot somewhere in the garden to rejuvenate ready to plant in their flowering position next Autumn.

Try not to cut off or tie up the leaves of any Spring Flowering Bulbs. They provide food for the development of next years flowers. Clear out all other spent Spring bedding and put in the compost bin. Work a Slow Release Fertilizer into the top couple of inches of soil and plant out bedding, Chrysanthus and Dahlias at the end of the month.

Fruit.

If you grow Strawberries in the open ground, now is a good time to put straw or mats under the truss, it helps to keep them out of the mud and may help prevent slug damage. Container grown Strawberries will need watering, try not to get too much water on the fruit.

Vegetables.

All Potatoes should be planted and possibly poking their shoots above ground. Keep an eye on the weather and cover the shoots with soil if a frost is forecast. When sowing Lettuce seed it is a good idea to sow a short drill, then when they are ready to be thinned out sow a few more, this will keep you in Lettuce over a longer period.

Plant out Runner and French Beans at the end of the month.

Plant of the Month

Viburnum Plicatum Mariesii

A large Shrub which can have a height and spread of 8 foot. Flat white flower heads appear along the tiered branches just after the leaves have unfurled in Spring. It likes well drained soil and grows in sun or light shade.

Friend of Foe.

Leatherjacket.

The larvae of the Crane fly or Daddy-long-legs. Often found in the soil under lawns where they eat the grass roots.

Rainfall in our garden during March was 93mm and the lowest temperature was -2.2

Enjoy your gardening.

May on the Farm

The miracle of spring is here in May. The farm had a bleak and wintry look through to the end of April, every bit of our 52 degrees north of latitude – we are as far north as Newfoundland. Buds burst into a blasting cold gale, the grass shrivelled into purple bonsai, all the right shape but dwarfed. The wildlife had a hunted, hungry look. I saw a treecreeper, the shyest of birds, come towards our bird feeders, where normally only the bolder birds come. Now, with sun and balmy warmth, birds are singing loud all day, bumble bees are starting their busy summer. I had no idea how much those simple sounds lift my heart. Oddly enough, the house martins arrived 11 days earlier this year than last year – perhaps they know something we don't.

The spring now comes in all its rich glory, racing to fit all the growth stages into a shortened spring. Leaves emerge in a dizzying array, the quiet shyness forgotten, as if the treecreeper had turned into a peacock. Warm days are here, all the sweeter for the wait and the drama. It has been like being tossed in a wild sea, then the sea calms, and the sun comes out. What remains is that our normal illusion of our mastery of nature has been shattered by her effortless and unfeeling power over our lives as farmers. Very

good for our humility, not so good for our bank balance. It's been trying for us. We look around the country at those other farms that have been waterlogged, or with that devastating late snow, who are facing ruin. When we meet other farmers, we all have our story to share, 'How is it with you? How is everything growing now?'

CROPS – We re-drilled about half the arable acres where the waterlogging and the deer had damaged crops beyond repair. They are growing now in the warmer weather, changing before our eyes, chasing to catch up the growth stages. I fear that the emerging ears, coming already up the stems of the wheat and barley will reflect the harshness of the wet then the cold, will be pinched like people underfed in childhood; only the harvest will tell.

MAIZE – We are growing maize again this year, despite our half size crop of last year. We hope to fill our emptied silage pits again, to save the drama of this late spring, with little to feed the cows on, buying in silage where we can find it. We watch the soil, so recently drilled, to see the little plants emerge. Last year, they were chilled and damp from the time they went in, and took for ever to emerge, never really looking happy. This year we

look to see them growing fast and thriving, no check to their growth.

COWS – The grass takes on the bright green of happy, fast growing grass, so striking to people from other countries. The hard grazed grass of last month, khaki coloured and white, and the purple tinged leaves of new growth now becomes soft and verdant. I can begin to see what delights a hungry cow so about a lush pasture, why they swish their tails as they chomp forward.

COWS – Our cows have looked askance at the grass we have been able to provide them, the autumn calvers particularly telling us they are at the end of their lactations, and don't fancy yielding off what we have got for them. Hold on, girls, the grass is coming in May, just give us a little lift in milk before it's time for your 2 month holiday from milking starting in June.

We will start serving the spring cows in mid May. We plan to serve on a 'rising plane of nutrition', starting with less food, and rising to more. This 'flushes' the cows with nutrients so they produce good quality eggs, and are happy to 'hold to service' – conceive, implant their embryos and continue to nourish them. We time service to hit the peak grass with their peak demand for food for milking and conception. Slow grass growth at this point risks the orderly progression of our dance with the natural processes, as if we started the tango before the music and we and our partners never quite get it right. The right lush grass, and all will be well.

HEIFERS – The heifers have worked harder for their food than we would like.

We have taken straw and cake out to them, when we would expect them to have plenty of grass. I think we will have to carry on feeding them cake to catch them up – our routine weighing tell us the girls are smaller than they should be. We will hold around half back and serve them in the autumn instead, a visible reminder of the poorer nutrition in the grass and the small maize crop last year.

We've got the heifers we are serving still inside just while we serve them once, then out they go with Mr Bull for company. It's lovely to see their adoration of his masculine charms, how the ones in need of his attention clamour for it like so many groupies. Of course, we hope to catch most of them with artificial insemination. Then the girls graze quietly, as if he doesn't exist, while he watches and waits. They all sit companionably at the top of the field. You can be walking round them and find yourself standing next to him in the melee. You beat a hasty retreat, careful not in any way to suggest you are attempting to remove any of his ladies from him as he looks at you with a suspicious and territorial eye.

CHEESE – the peak of milk is considerably less with the lower yields from the lower grass growth. The quality of the milk is perfect, though, beautifully balanced. It will be magnificent cheese, beautiful golden curd from the rich carotene of the grass. We now weigh each cheese as we make it, and have got some new moulds. Those cheese look perfect in the store, all the same size, all symmetrical, none of the slight dents from the old moulds. They are developing their garden of mould on the cloths. This helps to form the rind, and all

the different species give different flavours. It's becoming an area for academic study, and we marvel at the richness of the ecology of a cheese rind. What a pleasure – more things to understand to create wonderful flavour!

RECIPE – Sally's lasagne – It been a tough spring, so we'll go for some comfort food, and what more comforting than lasagne. We've all got our favourite recipes, Sally gave me hers – lots of Quickes Traditional Extra Mature Cheddar in the white sauce, and grated on top. She makes her bolognaise sauce with onions, beef mince (from the farm so she knows what it's got in it) chopped tomatoes, flavoured with black pepper, Italian herbs, red wine vinegar and Worcester Sauce, plus a little sugar. She makes around equal quantities of white sauce, made with

flour, butter, then gradually add milk, black pepper. Once it's thickened, add enough grated Quickes Traditional Extra Mature Cheddar to make it good and cheesy. Layer bolognaise sauce, green lasagne sheets, then cheese sauce for as many layers as your dish holds, top off with a good layer of cheese sauce, with a good quantity of grated Quickes Traditional Extra Mature Cheddar on top. Bake in an oven at 180°C for 40 minutes or until the top is golden brown. Eat with salad from the garden (mine have been helped along by the leaves I've grown in the polytunnel) or some roasted vegetables if it's still cold.

Mary Quicke

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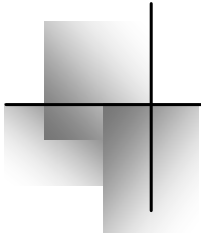
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The hall is well used with around 500 bookings annually. Over the last year, in addition to managing the Hall, the Committee organised a successful entertainment in the Villages in Action programme and a Curry Lunch. We more than covered our costs and have about £10,000 in reserves.

This AGM is particularly important as the Committee have begun to discuss ways in which we could improve the Hall to better satisfy the requirements for the next 20-30 years. We will need to re-roof the hall within the next two years, but are also considering a major re-vamp. We need your views on features we should include in any re-development and your ideas on opportunities for funding improvements.

The Committee are all volunteers and we need some new members. Please let us know if you can help in any way, and come to the meeting on 22 May.

Roger Wilkins (851337)



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"I particularly wanted to include the Blue Bird of Paradise, once known as Prince Rudolph's. A captive specimen had been filmed going through his astounding dance but, as far as I knew, no-one had filmed it in the wild. We discovered that a young Englishman working as a teacher in a small village in the New Guinea Highlands, knew of a site where a male performed every day.

The young teacher, Richard Whiteside, whose mother lives in Rewe, had also developed a fascination with the gorgeous birds of paradise and their spectacular courtship displays and he made a number of his own films during the three years he lived and worked in the country. He will be showing some of this rare footage during a talk at the next HOT Supper Club evening in Upton Pyne Village Hall, entitled 'Whiteside in Paradise'. It will be followed by a delicious curry.

Tickets for this event, on Wednesday 29 May, cost £8.50 and are available from Linda on 841402, or by emailing friendsofuptonpyne@yahoo.co.uk. Booking is highly advisable as places are limited. All profits will go towards the care and maintenance of the village church and its grounds.

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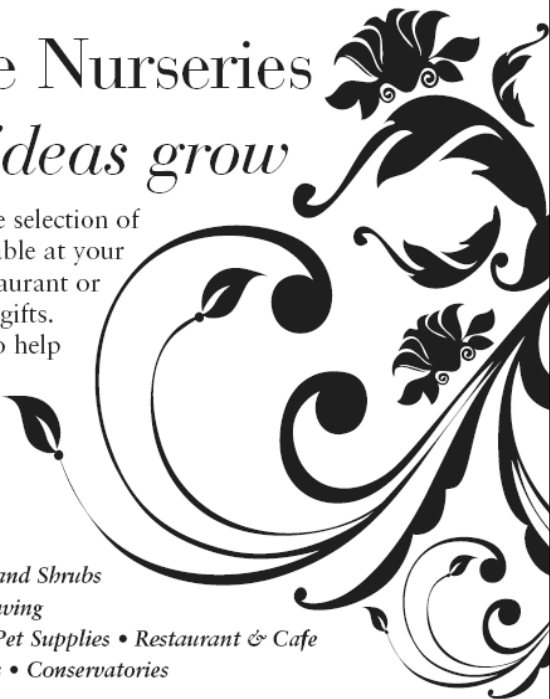
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Dates for your Diary are:

Church

Gardening Club

4 May

6 July

7 September

9 November

1 June

3 August

5 October

These will all be held in the Parish Hall during the morning.
Please watch Notice Boards and the Newton Wonder for further details.

SUPPORTING THE CHURCH...

In a phrase I admire, Winston Churchill reputedly described himself as ‘not a pillar of the Church, but more of a flying buttress—I support it from the outside.’

All of us in one way or another are on a journey of faith, as we all trust in something. For many millions of people in this world, the mystery of God, understood in one way or another, is the foundation of our trust, our values and our hopes.

Others—not least in materially privileged north-western societies—as they seek to live good and faithful lives, find themselves in a complex variety of relationships with the idea of God, even taking leave of the idea altogether, temporarily or indefinitely. (Needless to say, I hope it will always be a minority who feel compelled to take leave of that idea *finally*—though I also trust that the reality of whom our various concepts of God try haltingly to speak will never take leave of *them*!)

Yet in all this complexity and diversity of contemporary faith, what is striking in the communities of this land among others is our collective reluctance to let go of symbols of the historic Christianity which has shaped our culture, language and ethical tradition—and above all, the buildings which are resonant with the memory and living practice of that faith. When a church building is lost to regular worship, sacraments and public prayer, even if its fabric can be preserved as a relic of history, most of us sense that something profoundly important has been lost. We are not ready to let go of what these buildings stand for, of what fills the silent space the stones create—which seems perplexingly more than a much-loved memory, more than the premise of a unit of cultural heritage. And that reluctance is very significant.

Society is changing as it always has, and that means the life of the Christian church as a faith community—including the Church of England, with which so many who live in these Netherex parishes identify themselves in one way or another—is changing too. Patterns of worship and participation alter as people’s weekly lives and activities become more complex; patterns of organisation alter as their economic basis shifts. Though the Church of England overall remains one of the most amazingly robust voluntary bodies in this country, thousands of small rural parishes like ours are struggling to maintain ecclesiastical organisations and Grade I historic buildings while seeking to proclaim the Christian faith, in word and deed, afresh in a new generation. Too many small groups of committed worshippers are nearing the limit of their practical ability to do all this.

That is why it is so wonderfully encouraging to see in our local communities many signs of growing commitment to the presence of church buildings there—‘living’ and not simply preserved. In the majority of these parishes, groups have come together (several very recently) to offer practical support to Parochial Church Councils in maintaining the church buildings on behalf of the wider community and, as part of the process, finding that their activities strengthen community life in its own right. Here we see creative initiatives quickly contributing to wider social good in ways well beyond their immediate aims.

Some of those involved in this work may be load-bearing pillars, supporting the church from inside; others may see themselves as flying buttresses, helping equally to bear the load from outside because they want the church to keep soaring up into the landscape, strong and true; still others may have one foot on either side of the threshold, opening the church door

themselves or holding it open for others! From wherever such support is offered and whatever form it takes, it helps to ensure living spaces in our communities, significant in ways so far beyond what words can express. For that, Alleluia!

Douglas Dettmer, Rector



COFFEE MORNING

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Service of The Word	[SW]	Morning or Evening Service [without communion] in contemporary language, often Lay-Led
Morning Prayer	[BCP]	Traditional Morning Service [Mattins] from the Book of Common Prayer [about an hour]
Evening Prayer or Choral Evensong	[BCP]	Traditional Evening Service from the Book of Common Prayer [about an hour]

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer in the Netherexe Parishes

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

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

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

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

Variations: Wednesday 20 March 09:30 am Holy Communion [BCP] Thorverton

Who's Who? Abbreviations Key

DD	The Revd Preb Douglas Dettmer	Rector	01392 860332
SS	The Revd Preb Sue Sheppard	Associate Minister	01392 841284
JD	The Revd Julia Dallen	Assistant Curate	01392 861145
DC	The Revd Dave Carrington	Assistant Curate	01392 841275

Family Services of the Word marked ☺ are led by Lay Teams

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NEWTON ST CYRES CHURCH ROTAS - 2013

Week Ending	Flower	Cleaning	Brass
May 4	M Walters	C Dyer	M Snow
11	A Ward	A Mitchell	P Heal
18	A Page	R Dowle	P Burt
25	P Boother/E Temby	S Browne	J Ward
June 1	C Dyer	P Burt	J Pyle

MAY 2013 SERVICES & INFORMATION

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

Sunday 5 May 2013 Easter 5

08:00 am	Holy Communion	[BCP]	Newton St Cyres	DD
10:00 am	Service With A Smile	☺	Brampford Speke	L Ford
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	Michael & Sharon Simpson
10:00 am	Service of The Word & Baptism		Stoke Canon	DC
10:00 am	Holy Communion & Baptism	[C]	Thorverton	DD
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	DC
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Cadbury	DC
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Newton St Cyres	DD

Thursday 9 May 2013 Ascension Day Mission Community Service

06:30 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	DD
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Followed by meal if desired at Thorverton Arms, Thorverton

Sunday 12 May 2013 Sunday after Ascension Day

10:00 am	Family Service of The Word	☺	Newton St Cyres	Lay-Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	DD
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	DC
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Huxham	DD

Sunday 19 May 2013 Whitsunday

09:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Brampford Speke	DD
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Cadbury	H Whitty
10:00 am	Service of The Word		Poltimore	Lay-Led
10:00 am	Family Service of The Word <i>Festival</i>	☺	Thorverton	DC
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Joint with Baptist Church	
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Netherexe	DD
			Stoke Canon	DC

Wednesday 22 May 2013

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[BCP]	Thorverton	DC
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Sunday 26 May 2013 Trinity Sunday

09:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Huxham	A Simmonds
10:00 am	Service of The Word		Cadbury	Lay-Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	DD
10:00 am	Service of The Word		Upton Pyne	Lay-Led
11:15 am	Service of The Word		Rewe	Lay-Led
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Thorverton	DD

Sunday 2 June 2013 Trinity 1

09:00am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	DC
10:00 am	Service With A Smile	☺	Brampford Speke	L Ford
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	JD
10:00 am	Service of The Word		Stoke Canon	Lay-Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	Michael & Sharon Simpson
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	SS
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Cadbury	DC
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Newton St Cyres	SS

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