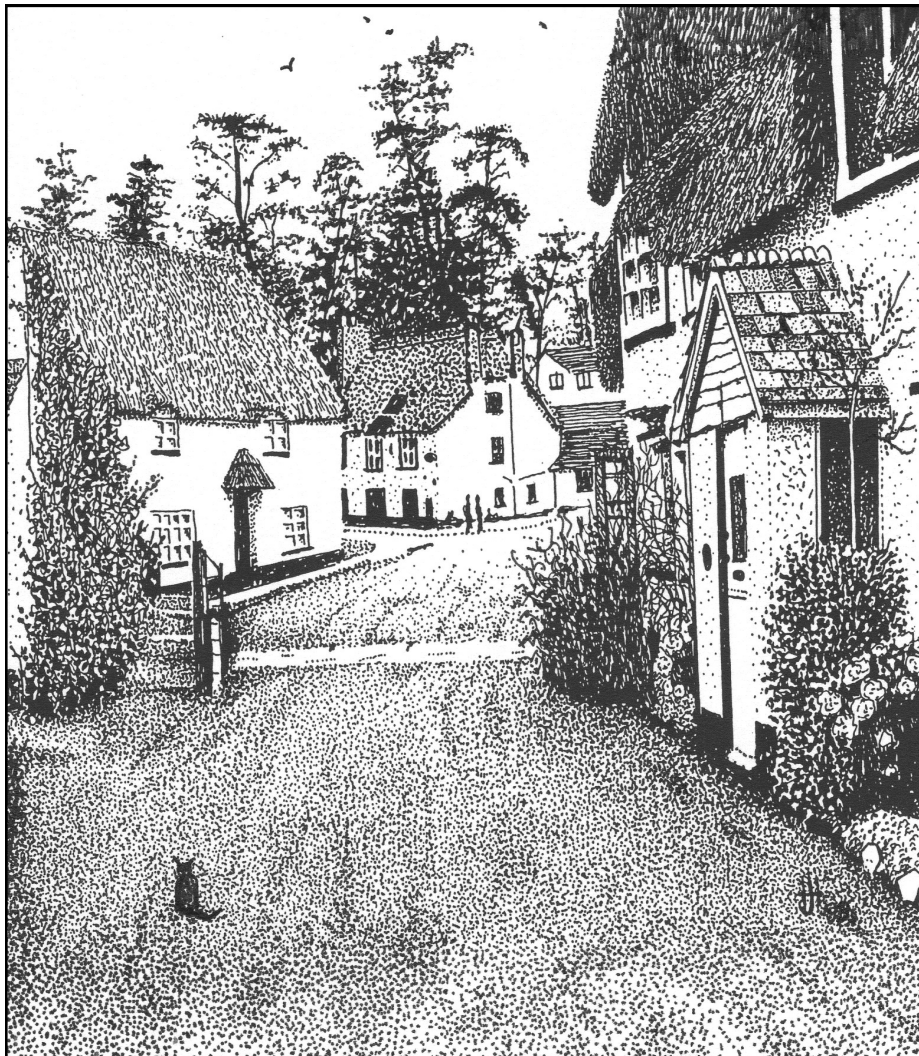


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April Fool

Being very pleased to learn that most of the village was now connected to superfast broadband your editor decided to try and find out if and when those postcodes in the village, including his own would benefit from an improved service. Uploading the Newton Wonder to the printer takes several hours and it is usual for it to be sent overnight. Perhaps it was because the question was asked on the 1st. April that the following reply was received:-

Dear Peter,

Your postcode is down to be evaluated by the programme, the results of this evaluation determining if it gets upgraded by the end of 2016. When such evaluation takes place will depend on the results of programme wide surveys and upgrades which may be logistically or technically important for the efficient delivery of fibre to the programme as a whole.

Kind regards,
Ed Cross

Enterprise Assistant for CDS

Defibrillator

For some time has the Community Support Group has set out to provide the village with a defibrillator, for use in case of local emergencies. In many villages these are located in convenient and conspicuous places, often outside the pub.. As is made clear in the reports of the Community Support Group there is a need for training in its use, people available to assist in emergencies and it needs to be in a safe and secure cabinet. The group's report in this edition highlights successful fundraising through the boardgames afternoons and the support of the British Heart Foundation and it should soon be possible to locate a device near to the Crown and Sceptre in the middle of the village. This will provide an important improvement in the capacity of the local community to help in cases of cardiac emergencies.

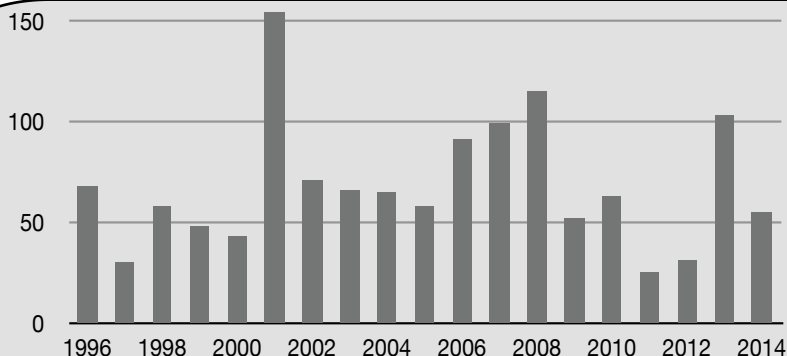
Accounts

On the net page is the summary of the accounts for 2013 prepared by our Treasurer, Daphne Clague. It shows a healthy surplus and it has been suggested that we contribute to the proposed village defibrillator project. This will probably take the form of either support for training of volunteers and/or the provision of a safe container/place.

Newton Wonder Accounts for the year 2013				
			Current a/c	Savings a/c
01/01/13	Balance B/fwd		£1,174.51	£1,939.74
	INCOME			
	Interest for year			£0.97
	Sales of magazines	£1,262.45		
	Advertisements	£2,315.00	£3,577.45	
			£4,751.96	
	EXPENDITURE			
	Printing	£2,805.00		
	Distribution	£213.11	£3,018.11	
31/12/13	Balance c/fwd		£1,733.85	£1,940.71

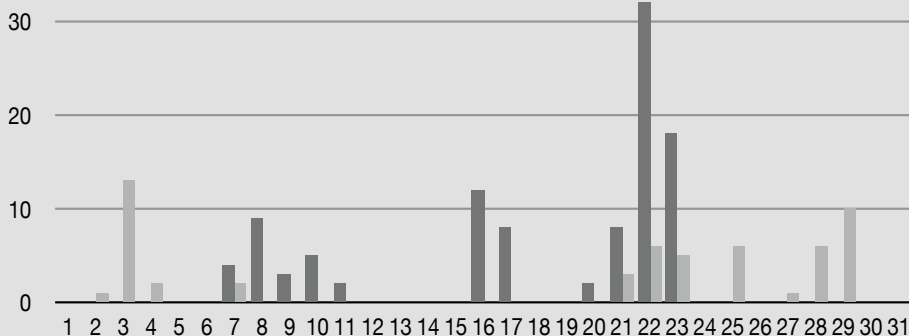
The Weather

After all the rain this winter it seems that matters are finally sorting themselves out. As can be seen from James Walters' data rainfall in March was, at 55mm. under the average for the month, which is 69mm.



■ Rainfall in mm. March

Daily Rainfall in March 2013 and March 2014



■ rainfall March 2013

■ rainfall March 2014

record courtesy of James Walters

Dates from the Parish Diary

May

- 3rd Church Coffee Morning, 10.30 @ the Parish Hall
Live Music from Exeter's 'Sweet Armageddon', at the Crown & Sceptre from 7pm
- 6th Crown & Sceptre Monthly Curry & Quiz Night at 7pm
- 10th Community Support Group Meeting at the Crown & Sceptre - Guest Speaker from the Ambulance Service
- 15th to 22nd - British Sandwich Week at the Crown & Sceptre
- 17th Speciality German/Bavarian Menu/Evening @ the Crown & Sceptre from 7pm
- 22nd Gardening Club Meeting from 7.30pm at the Parish Hall
- 24th Saturday Mini Market at the Parish Hall from 10.30
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- 24th Free Canine First Aid Course (normally £150.00) at the Crown & Sceptre.
9.30 to 4pm. A £3.00 Lunch and Refreshment Fee will be required.
- 25th NSC FC Vets Match. 3pm @ the Rec



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RECREATION GROUND CLUB

This time last year I was desperately trying to get the diary right. This year, although slightly better, has meant that the ten days around Easter will mean we have eleven football matches. Lets hope for a few wonderfully sunny days.

The natural world seems to have caught up after the horrible Winter and all the Spring flowers have been magnificent, and it looks like the roses will soon be in full bloom. Its great to be able to go out without having to wrap up even though there is still a nip in the air when the wind blows. I am really looking forward to what is booked in the diary staying as booked not getting postponed and having to be re-booked, hurry up and come May. I love April but wish it by as soon as possible as it is so confusing with all the alterations.

All the Cricket teams are returning and have confirmed their games which should mean most Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons there will be cricket being played: a lovely way to spend a few hours in the sunshine watching and listening to the sound of village cricket.

The Archery Group will be practising Tuesday and Thursday evening and Sunday afternoons. The Tennis club have a busy Summer programme so its it busy at the Rec for the next few months.

Having recruited a new Secretary we could still do with few more people to help. So please feel free to come down to our A.G.M. 7.30 for 8 p.m. on Wednesday 11th June to find out more about what we do. We would welcome ideas as to what we could try. New ideas are always welcomed.

We have two Weddings and two children parties coming up but still have of dates available should you need one. Just give me a ring and we can sort something out on 01392 432287. The skittles alley, pool table and dart boards are available to use. The pool table is in use most Sunday evenings as we have a pool team in the Crediton League.

Hoping to see some of you at the meeting on 11th June.

Wendy Lewis

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club



The clocks have gone forward , we have lovely light evenings and hopefully lots of warm, sunny days ahead, so a great time to be getting your tennis racket out after the winter. If you are not already a member now is the time to think about joining – come along to a taster session and try us out. Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons are general club sessions, and you can also play midweek during the day on Tuesday mornings and Friday afternoons (see our website www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.com)

for more information about club sessions and contact details for our membership secretary Laura Leigh) Coaching with our club coach Toby Harradence is also available.

For our members the summer match season has started, with league matches underway, and a programme of internal club matches programmed. Junior member Tom Baber is making great progress in our club singles league and now ranking at number 2 overall. Congratulations Tom!

So dust off your rackets and come and enjoy our courts with their beautiful views over the Mid Devon hills!

COMMUNITY MARKET

The next Mini Market will be on Saturday May 24th. 2014 from 10:30 am till 12 noon.

I expect some of you are aware that Pat Butt who helped organise the market has unfortunately had a stroke, I am going to keep the market running and anyone who would like to book a table please ring 01392 668603.

Pat had a lot of local knowledge which I don't, so please bear with me over the next few months.

Thanks, ANN

Newton St Cyres FC – May Update

The season is nearly at an end with just a few more games to be played in early May, not to mention the Cup Final (which at the time of writing no date has been released). But the action won't stop as we have plenty of events over the summer, not least the 'Legends' game on the 25th May. Hopefully the weather will favour us as we welcome back many previous players and managers in our first centenary event proper.



The 'Legends' game will be preceded by a kids versus parents game and will probably test the parents more than the kids as they try to keep up with them! The day will be rounded off with a BBQ and a 'cold one'. Come down and cheer on some familiar faces from 1.30pm at the Rec.

Next up will be a golf day at Fingle Glen on Friday 27th June and entries are open to teams of four at £100. This will include a bacon sandwich on arrival, buffet lunch and prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd as well as nearest the pins and longest drive. Contact Denis Neagle to enter on 01392 841898.

The final and grand event will be our Dinner & Dance in October which will include a 3 course dinner and our special guest speaker ex-Liverpool and Denmark international – Jan Molby. Tickets will be out soon so watch this space for more information on how to buy your tickets.

The five-a-side tournament is progressing well and plans are coming together. As always, we aim to better last years but it will take some doing. This year we have Under 7s through to Under 14s but no girls age groups due to a lack of interest across the county.

The Under 12s have played two games since our last report with the first being a home game against division leaders Teign Village. It started badly and the team were 7 nil down at half time. But a valiant fight back saw them come out and notch 6 early goals, unfortunately they couldn't maintain the pressure and Teign replied with a few more to end the game 11-6. The second was another home game with Feniton being the visitors. This unfortunately also ended in defeat for the team who should have done better.

The Firsts have completed four games during the period three at home and one away. The first game was against Colyton who put in a rugged performance to frustrate a rather toothless Newton with the score ending nil all. Dawlish came to the Rec next in the Bill Slee Cup semi-final. Both teams had chances but it was a strong finish from Newton which made sure we progressed on to the Final against Dolphin.

Monday Night Football returned to the Rec when Crediton made the short trip down the A377 to contest the mid Devon derby. It was first blood to Newton when

a controversial goal was allowed and we never looked back running out 3 nil winners. The hopes for a promotion push were well and truly dented however in the final game of the period when we lost 3-2 against Lymestone with a very subdued performance which sees us lying in fourth with teams hot on our heels.

The Reserves are edging closer to safety having completed four games picking up two wins and a draw. It didn't start well when follow relegation strugglers Exwick beat us one nil at home but the team responded by thumping rock bottom Amory 8 nil at home. This was followed by a thrilling 5 all draw against Topsham. The final game was the return visit to Amory in Tiverton. It was a hard, bobbly pitch but we came through it with a 5-3 win despite some nervy moments.

Under 7s

We are hoping to repeat our success of two years ago and form a new Under 7s team for the 2015/16 season. As such, we would like to hear from anyone with children/grandchildren who would like to join up and take part in football training sessions over the summer. Initially we will have six taster sessions and if these prove successful, hopefully we will be able to form a team for the longer term. If you are interested in signing up or finding out more, contact Mark Smaldon on 07733455177 or email mark.smaldon@sky.com

Upcoming fixtures (3pm KO unless stated)

Firsts – 2nd Honiton (H) 6.45pm, Cup Final – see our website for date
Reserves – 3rd East Budleigh (H)), 5th Starcross (A), 10th Otterton (A)

NEWTON RAMBLERS

Sunday 25th May

This month Nick Baker has kindly offered to lead a walk around Upton Pyne looking at its history.

We will meet at **10.30 am** in Upton Pyne village hall car park.



We will visit Black Pit (which is an old manganese mine), the Working Men's Club, look at several old houses in the village and visit the church. After this we will walk to Pynes, down the road and along footpaths, (some may prefer to drive around) to look at the outside of the building without scaffolding. We will then return to Upton Pyne village hall.

All are welcome to join us. Any queries and further details from Nigel or Rosemary Chambers on 01392 851400.

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Parish Council report ... April 2014

Eight Councillors attended the April meeting together with Cllr Peter Hare-Scott of MDDC. 25 members of the public also filled the Clubroom of the Parish Hall to raise concerns about the flooding problems in the parish, especially in the Smallbrook area, and parking and rubbish collection in New Estate.

Lynsay McLean, Rapid Response Catchment Project Manager, Environment Agency spoke to the meeting and explained that they could provide sand, sandbags and plastic (plus a shed to house these) in three locations in the parish. These locations were identified as Smallbrook, Parish Hall and Recreation Ground. We would need to appoint Flood Wardens for all the areas in the parish and Cllr Sedgwick agreed to call together the current Neighbourhood Watch/Snow Wardens to discuss this with them. The parish could also have a rain gauge warning system installed which would emit a signal to the Wardens if rain levels were deemed to be excessive. It was agreed that an urgent meeting should be held with landowners adjoining flood prone areas and DCC Highways and that a timescale for the work to be done should be identified.

Problems about the new instructions for collection of rubbish in New Estate were raised and Cllr Hare-Scott fully understood the problems being encountered and promised to do his best to put the residents' views and suggestions forward.

Parking was also an issue and again Cllr Hare-Scott agreed to check the legal position and attempt to resolve the problems.

Police Report. Calls to the police in February 2014 included one planned road

closure, one highway disruption, two concerns for safety, seven calls about trees down and landslips, two vehicles stuck in floods, two possible drink drivers, two calls about dangerous driving, one registered keeper check, one call about a blocked lane and one call about chaos caused by road closure.

Planning Applications. The Cllrs discussed the application for illuminated signs and the licence application from Hanlons Brewery and agreed that a Change of Use application should have been submitted before either of these applications were submitted as the present Planning Permission was for the manufacture of the beer and wholesale sales only. It was agreed that any Licence should have more restricted hours and a maximum number of people visiting at any one time.

Best Kept Village. Newton St Cyres are to enter the Best Kept Village competition this year and it was agreed to submit a more detailed application this time, indicating population numbers, Parish Council responsibilities etc. and to include more detail on the map such as notice boards, seats and footpaths. It was also agreed to include copies of the Annual Report, the Welcome Pack, the Parish Council newsletter, the Newton Wonder and the Arboretum and Footpaths leaflets.

War Memorial. This was raised again and it was agreed that we should check whether there was any interest at all in providing a War Memorial or perhaps a Memorial Garden for the village.

MDDC. Cllr Peter Hare-Scott reported that MDDC had received in excess of 1,000 responses to the Draft Local Plan Review and it was their intention to take each of these submissions into account when

making the final decisions on land to be released for planning.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 12th May in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall starting at 7.30 pm. This will be the Parish Council Annual Meeting and will be where the Council elects its officers and representatives.

Everyone is very welcome to come along with questions or issues they wished raised and discussed.

The next Parish Surgery will be held on Saturday 24th May in conjunction with the Mini Market in the Parish Hall. (10.30 am to 12.00 noon). Again, please come along and meet your Cllrs and bring issues to

The Life of a Parish Councillor

I thought it may be helpful for Parishioners to know what is required of a Parish Councillor, in light of the letter from Mr Burt in last month's Newton Wonder. In this day and age it is not just attending the monthly meeting but it means being actively involved in many of the things that we take for granted. With the Government's proposal for the '**Big Society**' there may be more responsibility on Parish Councils and Councillors than there is at the moment.

The following are the many activities that your Parish Councillors are currently involved in on your behalf.

- A requirement by law to attend the monthly meetings
- A REQUIREMENT TO REPRESENT ALL PARISHIONERS WITHIN THE PARISH
- The requirement to make recommendations to the District Council on all planning matters which could involve separate meetings and site meetings
- To undertake training as a Councillor and any other training required to fulfil the role of Councillor
- To represent the Parish Council's interest on the Recreation Ground Committee, Friends of the Arboretum and the Parish Hall Committee
- To attend meetings of the Raddon Hills Group of Parish Councils
- To have an attendance at the Parish Council monthly surgery held in conjunction with the Mini Market
- Councillors have to undertake a Risk Assessment on all property and areas it has responsibility for
- Councillors are responsible for ensuring the bus shelters in the parish are kept clean and tidy
- A Councillor is responsible for ensuring the pump and flowers in Pump Street are in good condition
- Councillors are responsible for ensuring that the notice boards in the parish (and there are 7 in the parish) are kept tidy and up to date including refurbishing
- Councillors are responsible for ensuring the seats in the parish are in good condition and maintained, including re-staining (and there are 5 in the parish)
- A Councillor is responsible for ensuring the village green is kept

in good condition (the Council do pay to have the grass cut plus the Parish Hall and entrances to Woodlands)

- Councillors are responsible for ensuring the allotments are kept tidy
- Responsible for ensuring that the Parish Council website is kept up to date
- A Councillor takes on responsibility for ensuring that the School footpath is kept tidy
- A Councillor is responsible as Footpath Officer to ensure that all the footpaths and bridleways in the parish are kept tidy (a tremendous amount of time and effort)
- A Councillor is responsible for ensuring that the Parish Council is working to a quality standard
- A Councillor is responsible for liaising with the Highways Department of Devon County Council to ensure that highways matters are dealt with
- A Councillor acts as Press Officer to ensure that the press and parishioners are kept informed of Parish Council activities
- Councillors are involved in the Community Speed Watch Scheme to reduce speeds in the village
- A Councillor has overall responsibility for the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the parish
- A Councillor has overall responsibility for the Litter Picking volunteers
- A Councillor has responsibility for liaising and supporting Snow wardens, Community Support Group and the Flood Group
- A Councillor has responsibility to liaise with the School
- Councillors are responsible for delivering the Annual Report and Directory

You can see from the list above that your Parish Councillors are very active and in addition to all this they are the eyes and ears for parishioners to ensure problems and concerns are dealt with.

My many thanks for the support of my fellow Councillors to ensure that NSC is a pleasant place to live in and I can assure all parishioners that they are supported and listened to.

Cllr David Baker

(Chairman, NSC Parish Council)

Other People's Council Business!!

Dyer's Court in Beechwood Avenue, Woodley, is to be known as The Chestnuts - after town councillors decided it was not a very appropriate name for an old people's home.

Do You Remember.....May?

May 1974

The Church reported on the wedding of Stephen Mear to Susan Painter who will live in Exmouth.

The Church roof had been repaired and new guttering fitted.

The Parish Council were now receiving planning applications but there were only 14 days in which to comment. The planning applications would be posted at the rear of the Clerk's house in Tytheing Close where people can see them. Parishioners can then ask to have them discussed.

The cost of the Parish Clerk was detailed, a Clerk can be paid 22.5% of a 1d rate (£100 in NSC). If he or she is a member of the Parish Council they get bare expenses. The Clerk, Henry Gliddon is a member of the Council and does the work for nothing.

The 200 Club results were announced: £200 - Mr Hill (Woodlands), £50 - Les Ede (Crown & Sceptre), £20 - Mrs Ashmore (Tytheing Close), £10 - Mrs Leach (New Estate)

The Vicar reported on what appeared to be two male hedgehogs fighting over a female in his garden. The beaten hedgehog curled up and was pushed away by the victor who then displayed in front of the female - spring was obviously in the air!

May 1984

The 1984 Newton walkabout was to be held on May 26th and is a sponsored walk around the parish boundary (or as near as possible). The total distance is 15 miles and the start and finish would be at Shute Cross.

A report of the 1981 census was contained in the Parish Council report. Total residents were 857, 423 males and 434 females. Newton St Cyres is 1.796 hectares and has 309 households.

John Escott was co-opted to the Parish Council.

May 1994

At the Tennis Club AGM the fees and Club sessions were set for the coming year.

The Committee elected were: Mathew Wheadon - Chairman, Margaret Walters - Vice Chairman, Mark Sedgwick - Treasurer and Jean Brierly - Secretary

At the Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting 25 people attended. A balance of £592.68p was reported. It was reported that the Post Office expected to re-open before the end of the month and proper recycling facilities will be put in the Crown & Sceptre car park. Dog mess and car parking were still a problem and the Council were still looking for a Parish Clerk.

The Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator's details were published. Two letters of thanks appeared, one for Reg Bray who retired from his post as Sexton (he had also been a bell ringer for 70 years) and one for Dave Pritchard the retiring organist.

Community Support Group

The second games afternoon at the end of March was again a great success. Yet again we saw a lot of people playing various games such as snakes and ladders and ludo. In particular it was good to see so many returning and also new families and groups. We would like to thank all of the people who attended and contributed to the board games afternoon. We are also very grateful to all who made and prepared snacks and refreshments, as well as everyone who made a donation towards the support group.

Last month we learned we had been nominated for an award from the Prince of Wales Trust. This year it is to be awarded to the community group which contributes the most to Rural Life in the South West. Thanks to Jill who encouraged the nomination..

We have recently made a high impact banner to help advertise ourselves and hope to make another to explain what we do. This will include pictures of past events and information on us as a group.

The banner itself was also made via local residents, helping to make the banner more meaningful as the advertisement of what the community support group stands for.

Jacqui Ward was also able to deliver good news for the community. Jacqui has recently been in contact with the British Heart Foundation. After exchanging many emails Jacqui was able to help with the community defibrillator fund. Jacqui got a reply from the British heart foundation stating that we as a group, would only have to contribute £400 towards the defibrillator. This is a great success, especially when you consider that a defibrillator costs between £1,200 - £1,500.

Simon recently visited St. Loyes in Exeter, and found that they hold first aid courses for defibrillators, which we will look at for getting training in the near future.

At the end of the meeting Carol Towler talked to us about her work as a healer and about massage techniques. She showed to us a video, as well as giving demonstrations to a few of the group's members who volunteered.

The next meeting will be held Saturday 10th May at the Crown and Septre 10.30, and as always everyone is more than welcome to join the meeting.



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Playground Project Update

As you will probably have noticed, included with this month's edition of the Newton Wonder is a questionnaire regarding the playground project. Before we progress any further down the road with the project, we want to be sure that there is a desire within the community for the upgrading of the current playground located at the Rec. To do this, we have developed a questionnaire in partnership with Mid Devon District Council focused on identifying need.

The questionnaire is relatively short and we would be grateful if you could complete it and return it to one of the locations detailed. The production of the questionnaire has been kindly sponsored by the Crown & Sceptre which ensures we don't have to spend any of the funds already raised which can be put towards replacing the play equipment (if we get to that stage).

It's important that we clearly identify the need as this will play a likely part in any future funding applications. Questionnaires can also be completed on line and a link has been posted on the village website www.middevon.gov.uk/newtonstcyres. Questionnaires should be completed and returned by 31st May and we hope to publish the results in June.



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Newton St Cyres 200 Club

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No	24	Mary Rendle	£10
No	118	Mrs Griffiths	£10
No	137	David Baker	£10

A big thank you to Bill for pulling my number out of the tin – the biggy too. It is all luck of the draw so lucky me this time. By the time you read this the collectors will have started the rounds of getting in the subscriptions for next year. Will we have a Full House again? We will see. As we had a full house this year we have been able to contribute £1100.00 to the fabric of our church and the cheque has been passed to the church treasurer. Thanks again for your continued support and welcome to at least one new member. As at the time of writing this I know we have four spare numbers if there are any takers?

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Garden club news

Have you ever wondered how it is that the small island we call home has such a diverse flora? Well as we heard from our speaker Caradoc Doy on 20th March it is, in part at least, down to the Veitch family who settled in Exeter some 200 years ago. "The Veitch Nursery" in Exeter was set up by John Veitch but taken over by son James in 1837. James had the foresight so see that money could be made from the plant mania sweeping wealthy Victorian society and the increasing market for ever more exotic plants to grace the gardens and homes of the rich and famous. James was one of the first men to sponsor plant hunters to go out to far flung corners of the world to bring back rare and exotic specimens which would be snapped up by the waiting public.

The occupation of plant hunting was not for the faint hearted. Brave men such as Cornish brothers William and Thomas Lobb were amongst the plant hunters dispatched by the Veitch family to the Americas, Australasia and the Far East. They faced long uncomfortable journeys, difficult terrain in unmapped territory, unfriendly natives and tropical diseases for which there was no cure. In fact by the end of world war one 6 out of the 23 plant hunters employed by the 5 generations of the Veitch family had died on the job. Many others returned to a life of disability including Thomas Lobb who suffered a gangrenous leg as a result of an injury whilst in the Philippines.

It is said that most of the monkey puzzle trees in the UK can be traced to the seeds that William Lobb shot out of a tree in South America and brought back to Veitch Nursery. These were sold to the Victorians for £100 per seed and were snapped up.

In total the plant hunters working for Veitch Nurseries introduced an astonishing 1281 different varieties of new plants into gardens and homes around the country. These included exotic ferns, orchids, conifers, shrubs, trees and bulbs. From these came other hybrid plants created by the Veitch hybridisers including that of the first official orchid and begonia hybrids.

Many of the specimens from the early plant hunters did not survive the long journey back to the UK. The introduction of the Wardian Case in the mid 1800's changed that situation. This mini travelling greenhouse made of wood and glass enabled our now common plants to arrive in the country in a viable state.

Introduced from South America were such plants as the Chilean fire bush, Lantern tree, Lapageria (National flower of Chile) as well as many nasturtiums, escallonias, berberis and myrtles – known to be a favourite of Queen Victoria. From the Far East came orchids, rhododendrons and lilies. In fact interest was so great that in the 1860's some 5000 people



queued to see an exhibition of scented lilies in Chiswick West London. From North America came the Western Red Cedar, Sequoia and Ceanothus to name but a few. In Victorian society no self-respecting house would have been seen without the obligatory pitcher plant (nepenthe) which was brought back from Australia

Plant collecting still goes on today around the world but the emphasis is much more on conservation. Modern day plant collectors use technology such as GPS to identify and map the existence of plants. Ironically In some situations by taking the plants from the wild and cultivating them in safety in this country the Victorian plant hunters have unwittingly saved them from total loss. Some are even being re-introduced to their native habitats.

After more than a century of trading and due to the ill health of the owner the Veitch family sold up to St Bridget's Nursery in 1969 and the seed stock was bought up by Arthur Sutton of Sutton's seeds. The Veitch family legacy is remembered in the Veitch heritage garden in the middle of Southernhay in Exeter where you can sit, relax and enjoy the plants. It is very likely that as you look out at your own garden you will see a plant or tree or even one of your house plants that owes its existence in this country to the Veitch nursery and those intrepid plant hunters.

Enjoy your garden

Anne Rice

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on 22nd May. Which will be a demonstration by John White on hanging basket construction. Cost £1.50 to include hot drink and biscuits.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CROWN AND SCEPTRE PUBLIC HOUSE IN NEWTON ST CYRES AT 7.30PM.

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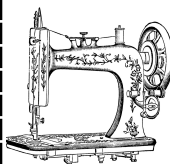
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Monthly Gardening notes for May from Bert Jewell

General garden tasks:

1. Prepare flower beds and borders, ready for bedding plants.
2. Plant out any frost tender plants towards the end of the month once they are hardened off.
3. Prune Forsythia and Flowering Currant (*Ribes Sanguineum*) after flowering.
4. Plant out Runner and French Bean plants towards the end of the month.
5. If the weather becomes dry and hot, make sure any soft Fruit and any new Fruit Trees or bushes are well watered.

Trees, Shrubs and Climbers:

How to grow Euonymus.

There is a vast range of Euonymus to choose from, both deciduous and evergreen, variegated, ground cover types to 20' small trees. The types you are most likely to see in the front of shrub beds or borders are Euonymus Fortunei cultivars, "Emerald Gaiety" or "Emerald 'n' Gold", growing to about 3' high, "Silver Queen" grows to 5' high. These are all evergreen.

To me the best deciduous cultivars are Euonymus Europaeus "Red Cascade", can grow to 10' high, with foliage turning red in the Autumn. Four sided red seed pods are also visible then. Euonymus Alatus has four sided stems with what appears to be cork wings, with dark green leaves turning to brilliant red in the autumn, grows to 6' high. Grow in well drained soil in sun or light shade, Variegated cultivars are best in full sun. Lightly prune to maintain shape, this can be done this month. Pests to look out for are Vine Weevil, Powdery Mildew and Scale Insects may be a problem on Variegated cultivars.

Vegetables:

How to grow Early Potatoes.

Gardens these days are not big enough to grow lots of Potatoes, but Early varieties can be grown in pots, containers or even sacks. The sacks can be purchased from the seed suppliers. I think a potato grown and harvested fresh from your own garden tastes far better than anything bought in a plastic bag.

Buy your seed potatoes in January and place them in trays from apple crates, growing eyes pointing up to encourage sprouting, (this is known as chitting). Once planted in the garden or container, roots begin to develop at the base of the shoots. Plant them 3" to 6" deep depending on whether the soil is sandy or clay.

Early varieties will be ready to harvest about 13 weeks after planting. Earth the plants up as they grow by pulling the soil up around the shoots. This helps protect new shoots from the frost and also keeps developing tubers well covered, tubers that are exposed to light turn green and should not be eaten.

Pests to look out for are, Slugs, Blight, Greenfly and Scab.

Flowers:

How to grow Echinops (Globe Thistle)

A tall growing perennial suitable for the back of the border or as a specimen plant in a bedding plant scheme. Echinops Ritro grows to about 3' and flowers between July and September bearing globular blue flowers on stout stems with large spiny leaves. Always wear gloves when handling

this plant.

Most perennial varieties are hardy but when cut down in the Autumn it helps to mulch with some garden compost to protect the crown. They grow best in poor well drained soil in full sun or light shade. They are a magnet for the bees and insects when in flower.

Pests to look out for are Aphids.

Fruit:

How to grow Figs

Figs have been grown for many years and the only one that will bear fruit in this country is the Common Fig because it is self fertile. Best grown against a warm wall and trained as a fan. The roots need to be restricted to help increase the fruiting, so against a wall is beneficial. Tie in the shoots as they grow and cut out the unwanted ones to prevent overcrowding.

The main pruning is done in March.

Figs develop at the base of each leaf, so the little figs towards the end of each shoot should ripen the following year around August if not killed off by frost over winter.

There are very few pests, but the sap is an irritant so wear gloves when pruning.

Plant of the month:

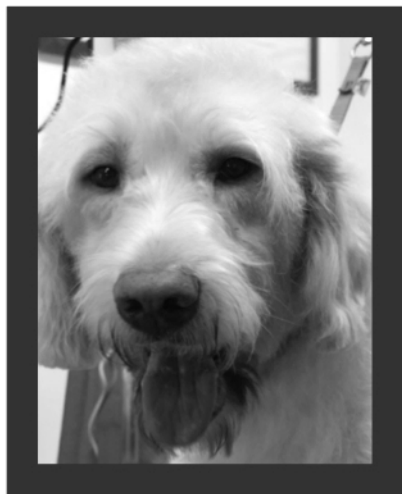
Corydalis.

These are tuberous or fibrous rooted perennials that were in fashion a few years ago. I like them because they are different. The flowers are tubular spurred with two lips. Colours are either blue, white or yellow with fern like foliage. They grow no higher than 18" in sun or partial shade in well drained soil.

Enjoy your gardening.

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Young Farmers

The last few weeks have been busy for members of Newton St Cyres Young Farmers Club. Georgina Davie represented Devon YFC for the netball competition in Newquay at the South West Areas Weekend, where they came first without conceding one goal! Well done to all the Devon YFC sports team for winning their competitions, and receiving the overall sports cup for the whole weekend.



Members welcomed Jeremy Atkins from Crediton NFU to their club meeting for a cheque presentation, after raising £1,040 at the recent Cider and Pasty Quiz. Thanks to everyone who supported the event, and watch this space for next years quiz!

Danes Castle Fire Station in Exeter was the venue of this month's club visit, where members watched videos, looked at equipment and chatted to the

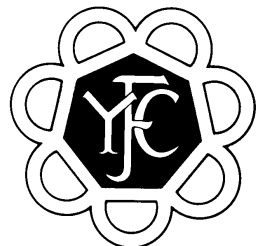


firemen about their day to day duties. The evening was very interesting and members have been invited back again later in the year.

The last couple of weekends has seen members work together to bag, sell and deliver dung to houses in Crediton and surrounding villages, to date around £1,200 has been raised for charity, with orders still coming in.



Well done to Matt Crooke, Georgina Davie, Tom Gillbard, Ben May and Tom Lee who took part in the 6 mile run for Sports Relief at Okehampton, and raised £145.50 for charity.



Newton St Cyres represented Haldon Group at the County skittles competition held at The Waie Inn on Thursday 3rd April, where they beat North Devon to victory by 2 pins!



Members from across Haldon Group of YFC took part in a sports social at Queen Elizabeth School, and enjoyed an afternoon of bench ball, dodge ball and kwik cricket.

The clubs Grand Draw was held on Friday 11th April at The Crown and Sceptre, Newton St Cyres. Members had a social with their advisory, and announced the winners of the forty prizes which were kindly donated by local companies.

Georgina and Emma Davie would like to thank all companies who donated a prize, and everyone who bought and sold tickets. The draw raised £1,231 for The Farming Community Network.

Two weeks in a row, members helped steward at the Exeter Livestock Centre car boot sale raising money for club funds. Members have lots planned, getting ready for the Devon County Show, and about to host their leg of an exchange. If you would like to join YF pleased contact Georgina on 07801 273424.

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SCHOOL REPORT FOR THE END OF THE SPRING TERM

Since the February half term break there has been a lot of exciting activities going on at Newton St Cyres Primary. The older children attended a Lifeskills course at Tiverton; this is an opportunity for the Year 6 children. The children participated in talks and got involved in practical activities on first aid (including CPR and the recovery position), road safety, internet safety, beach/coast safety and fire safety. All of the children were very well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Some of our more talented Mathematicians from Year 6 also participated in the 'Maths In Motion' competition; the children worked in pairs to design the fastest vehicles and I am very proud to report that Newton St Cyres won the competition. Spring is also the time that the older children take part in the Bikeability training, it is an important time in developing the children's independence and cycling safely is obviously one that we encourage everyone in.

It was the older children that put on their own version of Madagascar, interpreted through dance as part of the Crediton Learning Community's 'Dance The Movies' at The Great Hall. I don't think I am being biased when I say that I think it was our children that received one of the loudest applause! They did look amazing from their costumes to the brilliantly choreographed dance, many thanks to Amy Charles and Mrs Theedom for their efforts in preparing the children so well.

Also in March the whole school celebrated World Book Day; everyone came dressed as one of their favourite book characters. Once again all the parents and children had put a marvellous effort into the costumes; throughout the day the children shared books and book based activities.

The whole school also participated in raising hundreds of pounds for Sport Relief, many thanks to the Recreation Ground and to Quicke's Farm who kindly enabled us all to run across country to the Recreation ground where the children then enjoyed some sporting fun (parachute games, football and putting the play equipment to good use).

On Mothering Sunday some members of our school choir attended the service at the church. They also sang some of the songs that they had also performed at our recent Spring Concert in school. The children thoroughly enjoyed the service which ended with the children presenting bouquets and plant pots to their parents. Thanks again to everyone that attended the service.

The younger children of the school also enjoyed a visit to the Plymouth Aquarium as part of their topic 'Under the Sea'.

The teachers at Newton St Cyres organised a Phonics Workshop where parents were shown how the children are taught phonics in school on a daily basis; they also watched the children in action. It was superb to see so many parents in school on this occasion.

We are all looking forward to getting out on the field during the summer term; let us hope for some dry weather to enable us to do so.

Glynis Harris Head of Teaching and Learning



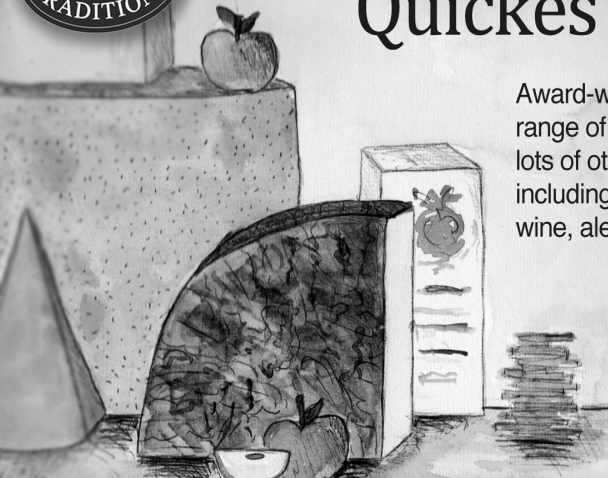
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Newton St Cyres History Group

March Meeting

The meeting of the History Group on 20th March was a first – a joint meeting with the Friends of the Arboretum and the Gardening Club, held in the big hall. The subject was one of common interest to all three groups, the story of the Veitch Nursery and the plant collectors who were sent out all over the world by the family. Our speaker was Caradoc Doy, who has studied, researched and written about the Veitch family, and who is very knowledgeable about the plants they introduced to Britain over the years. He has a Silver Gilt medal from Chelsea Flower Show for an educational exhibit made in tribute to Sir Harry Veitch, and republished Hortus Veitchii, the original encyclopaedic catalogue, in 2006, 100 years after its first publication.



The founder of the Veitch empire was John Veitch, a Scot who came south in 1761 to work for Sir Thomas Dyke Acland of Killerton House. The Aclands were huge landowners and eventually John Veitch became the land agent for all the estates. By 1800 he had established his own nursery on Acland land at Budlake, and he also designed the 'Bear Hut' in the gardens, which was in fact originally the Ladies Cot, a birthday present for the wife of the ninth baronet. The walks and avenues at Killerton were also his design.

His youngest son, James Veitch, grew up at Killerton and learned from his father. He could see that there were opportunities and money to be made from the new plants which were entering the country and he started to ask people he knew were travelling abroad to bring back plants and seeds, and this is how Clianthus (the Lobster Claw plant) was introduced from New Zealand. Then the decision was made to send out plant collectors, financed by the family firm, specifically to collect plants and seeds for propagation, and in fact 23 collectors were sent out over a period of 72 years. The result was, in a way, to turn the whole country into a huge botanic garden, with a vast array of trees and shrubs and flowers now grown in the British Isles, far from their native habitat, which are a wonderful heritage. Furthermore, some of these plants are now rare in the wild, and the stock preserved here is being used to save them and reintroduce them to their original habitats.

The plant collectors have names which are now immortalised in the plants named after them; the Cornish brothers William and Thomas Lobb, Richard Pearce, John Gould Veitch, Charles Maries, Ernest Wilson are just some of the famous ones. They risked their lives in wild places of the world, often facing hostile inhabitants or uncooperative rulers, and suffering injuries and permanent health problems. Furthermore, a whole season's work could be lost if the returning ship was wrecked or the plants were maltreated as they travelled. However, the introduction of the Wardian Case after 1830 greatly improved the survival rates of living plants on their journeys back to England.

The new plants proved very lucrative to the Veitch family and they opened large nurseries in London, and were a formative presence in the Royal Horticultural Society and the Chelsea Flower Show. Sir Harry Veitch, who was instrumental in getting the Chelsea site organised for the annual show, was knighted for his work, the first horticulturist to gain this honour. Great care was given to

growing on, propagating and hybridising the precious new plants and then they were sold for significant amounts, all over the country. The names of the well known plants introduced by the Veitch collectors mentioned in Caradoc's talk are too numerous to list, and the story of the discovery of the Wellingtonia and the rivalry with America was fascinating. Again, it is too long to record here but it is worth looking it up on Google!

A branch of the Veitch family remained in Exeter and maintained a nursery here, and also a shop opposite the Guildhall in town for about 95 years, which later moved into Cathedral Yard, and which sold all sorts of gardening supplies, but especially seeds of all kinds. It only closed in the 1960s. Robert Veitch, who ran the Exeter branch of the firm, was the younger son of James Veitch, and his son, Peter, in turn took over the business in 1885 on his father's death. Caradoc Doy pointed out that there is an example of *Magnolia veitchii* 'Peter Veitch' in our arboretum, and it would be interesting to know what other trees there came from their local nursery. Another local connection is that over the years there were many artefacts from the collectors' various travels which were eventually donated by the Veitch family to the RAMM in Exeter. The last member of the family to run the nursery in Exeter was Mildred Veitch, the daughter of Peter Veitch, and she was in charge of the business from 1929 to 1969, when she sold to St Bridget Nurseries. Thus five generations of Veitch's had worked in Exeter from 1761 to 1969.

Caradoc shared some of his huge knowledge of the history of the Veitch family with humour and authority; it was clear that we had only scratched the surface of this subject and that it covered the areas of gardening, history and the arboretum here in Newton St Cyres.

Next meetings

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

For further information contact Jean 851337 Isobel 851351

May 15th Chris Southcott, Tim Sedgwick and Malcolm Brooks will be presenting an evening on 'Newton St Cyres and the Exeter Crediton Railway'.

June 14th Our outing to Iddesleigh. We shall visit the War Horse Valley Country Park at Parsonage Farm. This is the valley that inspired Michael Morpergo who lives nearby to write War Horse. This will include a visit to their small WW1 exhibit and one to see farming as it used to be through the year. Their cream teas are to be recommended. The cost will be £5.50 including tea although some contributions towards petrol for drivers may be acceptable. We are collecting names so we can organise groups. There is also the possibility of opting to have lunch at the Duke of York Iddesleigh. If you would like to have lunch in Iddesleigh we shall meet at the hall car park by 12noon. If you wish to visit Parsonage Farm only we shall meet at the hall car park by 1.30pm aiming to all be ready to see the exhibitions by 2.30pm.. Please let Jean or Isobel know (phone nos. above)
We shall of course need some willing to drive!

Sept 18 First World War - Roger and Jean Wilkins
Oct 16 Peter Keay on Eastholme
Nov 13 Roger Mortimer Monmouth Rebellion
Dec 11 Joint Christmas Social with Gardening Club



CREDITON FOOD FESTIVAL -

Crediton's sixth Food Festival is taking place on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th June 2014. The 2014 Festival is set to be the best yet with something for everyone whatever their age or taste. Everyone is welcome and admission is free!

We are delighted that local chefs and food producers will be running demonstrations throughout Saturday (for timings see programme on the website). Vanessa Nuthall of Nessie Bistro will explain how to use fresh pasta dough to make a range of dishes, Nicholas Hack of Il Casita will prepare a dish of local turbot and other delights whilst Andrew Cross of Cox's Butchers will show the cuts you can get from a lamb carcass. Finally Tim Harris (aka The Devon Chef) will prepare some dishes using the lamb cuts prepared by Andrew.

We are also ensuring that younger visitors are entertained. Not only will we be holding a bread plaiting competition on Saturday with the help of Crediton baker David Oliver of Oliver's Bakery, there will also be a quiz, face painting and of course younger visitors will have a chance to sample goodies from some of the stalls.

The Festival will also include a Saturday evening of music, food and drink from 8.00pm – 11.00pm with all welcome. This will be followed on Sunday by The Big Sunday Lunch. This year it is a great opportunity for families to celebrate Father's Day which falls on 15 June. Why not treat Dad to a picnic in the Town Square – bring your own and/or purchase from the food and drink stalls again accompanied by music from 12 noon – 3.00pm.

Further information will be available on the Food Festival website over the coming months

Beer Festival

Saturday 5th July

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REVELS SUNDAY 6th JULY 2014

Fun For All the Family

Planning is well underway for this year's REVELS at the Recreation Ground, Newton St Cyres, 12 noon to 5pm on Sunday 6th July.

ATTRACTIONS will include the Medieval Village, Steam Locomotive, Rodeo Bull, Giant Inflatable Challenge, Bouncy Castle and French Café.

FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW will feature over 60 categories of competition. Details and Entry Forms will be delivered to every local household in May.

FOOD will be provided by Simon Lovell and his team from the Crown & Sceptre as well as the French Café and Church Teas & Cakes.

BAR will be provided by the Rec in addition to the French Café wine bar.

STALLS & DISPLAYS will be too numerous to mention.

SPORTS will include Football, Cricket, Archery, Boules and Target Golf.

ENTERTAINMENT will be provided by the Crediton Town Band and NSC School.

IF you have not yet booked a stall please contact Peter Hawksley on 01392 851269 who will happily reserve for you a table and space.

AND if you are able to help organise on the day please contact Jim Enright on 01392 851859.

DO NOTE THE DATE IN YOUR FAMILY DIARY!!



NEWTON ST CYRES PARISH HALL

AGM FOR THE PARISH HALL

The AGM for the Parish Hall will be held on **Wed 21 May in the Hall Clubroom at 7.30 pm**. All residents of the village and users of the hall are invited to attend. This is your opportunity to comment on the way the hall is run, the activities that are organised and future plans for the Hall.

The hall is well used by many village organisations and individuals, with over 500 bookings in the last year. The Hall was re-roofed last Autumn and we have prepared plans for further improving the Hall. These plans will be discussed at the AGM.

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 21 May.

Roger Wilkins (851337)



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MAY ON THE FARM

Glorious May, everything growing and alive, making up for the dead time of winter. Greens of every shade, life popping out everywhere. We watch to see how many deer we have. We used to rent the deer shooting out, and it made sense for the stalker to ensure there were a lot of deer to pay the rent with. When we said we'd do it ourselves, as a present, the stalker shot as many deer as he could. We are very happy to see only 20 at a time, not 200, which decimated the crops. I'm expecting the roe deer to revive in numbers; they were crowded out by the bigger deer. They hide up in little bits of scrub, less than you think could hold a beast. I walked in the Arboretum, and one jumped out and ran to another bit of undergrowth, hidden from my view.

The wild boar also took a hammering. They are bright and very mobile, so left the farm while the stalkers were so active; we'll see how long they take to return. They and the large badger population have made life difficult for hedgehogs. With less boar, it will be interesting to see who gains, badgers or hedgehogs. For myself, I'd love to see more hedgehogs, quiet, snuffling creatures.

CROPS - after the wet winter, just like in the garden, the soil took ages to be able to handle without damage on the clay ground. We got spring barley drilled in March on the lighter red land, and then some we put in last month on the heavy clay. The later crop will never yield as much, so we changed our plans on some and put in a very early growing grass, Westerwolds, and we'll cut that and turn the cows out on it early in the spring next year. I've always wanted to grow it, and it's never fitted our rotation. The wet spring gave us the opportunity to try something new.

The maize is drilled, and just coming up, pale green lines threading across the red soil. In four or five months it will give about fourteen tonnes to the acre to feed to cows. Looking at the seed, and then the little plants, you can't imagine it could do that, trapping so much summer sun to produce winter milk.

YOUNGSTOCK - The heifers are growing on. We calve cows in February and then in August, and heifers take two years to become milking cows. That means we've always got at least four lots of heifers to think about. We have the baby calves exploring the world for the first time; self reliant nine month old heifers, the fifteen month old teenagers getting in calf themselves, and the heifers to calve in August, now getting a little slowed down by the calves inside them, due this August. Each group has its own needs, and James has taken on their responsibility. It works much better to have someone whose first job

is the heifers, and they are benefiting from the attention, growing better and shiny with health.

COWS - The cows are in a comic chaos of lust. We delay serving them till mid May, so almost all the spring cows have their minds on sex for three or four days out of each twenty-one. They ride each other, alluringly rest their chins on another's flank, and stand with what must be frustration while another cow jumps, making pelvic thrusts. 'Bulling well', we say, and it is funny to watch. We serve them to dairy bulls, straws of semen at this stage. They will meet our Belted Galloways later, for now we

want calves that will come into the dairy herd. We are trying out some Jersey bulls, for the creamy full flavoured and firm-proteined milk, as well as the efficiency of those little cows. We'll see how they look next February as calves, as cows in February 2017, and as cheese this time four years' away.

CHEESE - It's the busiest time in the cheese dairy, with all that rich milk from the fast-growing grass. Our little hybrid cows keep the richness of their milk even with just a grass diet, unlike the big Holstein cows, whose milk goes thin if you don't feed them lots of corn. So the cheese stays in good balance all the way through the year. Our gentle handling of the milk now means we keep more of the solids in the cheese, and the cheese has been grading beautifully for the last year since we put in very measured pumping. That all means even more curd to handle in the coolers. In the warmer weather, we use large fans to cool the curd while cheddaring, salting and moulding. We want to put the curd away in the moulds cool enough so that the cheeses do not generate carbon dioxide - we aren't making Swiss cheese.

More cheese made is more young cheese to turn by hand, so the work increases in the store as well.

We cut, pack and box cheese to send all over the globe. Now about a third of our cheese goes abroad, mainly to America and Australia, and also to all places in between. I'm very proud to hear of it on its travels, so please send me pictures of our little bits of Newton St Cyres if you see it anywhere.

RECIPE - Elderflower Cheeseburger. Olly Vallis of Cheese Cellar sent me this lovely recipe. I love our elderflower cheese, you can't tell where the elderflower stops and the butteriness of the cheese starts. Ollie made a burger with some really good

minced beef, grilled it over a barbecue, added a slice of Quicques Traditional Elderflower Cheddar. I had mine with salad from the garden and sat in bliss in the sun.

Come and enjoy our Cheese and Wine Evening on Thursday 29 May. We'll be pairing our cheeses with Yearlstone Wines, from Bickleigh, tickets £20/ head. Try out our new cafe, which we will be opening just in time for the evening.

MARY QUICKE
Twitter @maryquicke

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FRIENDS OF NEWTON ST CYRES E NEWSLETTER



We are pleased to announce that the first FNSC CORE GROUP meeting took place at The Crown and Sceptre pub on Saturday 22nd March 2014. Affectionately known as the 'Boar Group' the group currently comprises

Emma Raworth
Gill Amos
Simon and Madeline Lovell
Jacqui Ward

We would be delighted to welcome other members to the Boar Group. The purpose of the Boar Group (BG) is to help action ideas that have been put forward by the FNSC. In this respect delegation and encouragement of all members will remain the most critical component of the BG if we are to make FNSC a successful fund-raiser and profile for our village. During our meeting we discovered that many local residents are not only talented, but possess skills, personal connections and knowledge that could support various activities required to help sustain the fabric of Newton St Cyres church and church yard. These include

Gardening including mowing, clearing, pruning, general tidying
Repair of external fencing, walls, pathways
Decoration and restoration of interiors
Music systems
Fund-raising activities including promotion, advertising, administrative etc.

As well as crucial fund-raising for equipment, repair and sustainability it is hoped that FNSC can nurture ways of bringing the two sides of Newton St Cyres together in activities and celebration involving babies, children, teenagers, young people, families and the historical, older generation.

Thanks

Big thanks are due to Charlotte Dyer and Clive Lawrence for initiating the recent donation and gift aid forms. Thank you Charlotte for your contribution of masses of baby Easter eggs for our first fund-raising event. Thank you to Theresa Mitchell, our energetic post-lady, who generously distributed the forms. Big thank you to Simon and Madeline who have kindly agreed to host the BG meetings.

Principal Aims

We met with Linda Findlay, head of Friends of Upton Pyne. Linda has been most helpful in advising the development and action of our new group. The continuing success of FUP has undoubtedly been due to Linda's tireless efforts to bring her village together, and to delegate relevant activities that help to bring funds in for their church. With her support I have put together the attached AIMS of our group. This is not set in stone so please let me have your feedback.

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Mothering Sunday

The Church buzzed on Mothering Sunday. The school choir filled the chancel and sang beautifully with some very talented soloists as well. The reason for our service was captured in the loving prayers about Mum displayed on boards at the front of the church, while the prayers read out by the pupils during the prayer session were very moving.

The altar was a mass of posies – one for everyone in the congregation – and the school choir had all made special pots of flowers for their mums. Altogether a relaxed, happy morning, rounded off by chocolate cake, squash and coffee. It was a delight to see so many children and their siblings.

A Message from The Treasurer of the PCC

On behalf of Newton St Cyres Church I would like to thank all those in our community, and further afield, that have responded so generously to our Appeal for funds to carry out with much needed works at the Church (e.g. basic repair and decoration, a new and repositioned heating system, a sound system).

If you have not done so already and want to contribute please return the form that was circulated to every household in the parish – or alternatively contact me.

If you so wish, you can indicate appropriately on the form that you want your donations to be put **only** towards maintaining the Church building (including its insurance and heating) and Churchyard.

In due course we shall also be responding to those that have very kindly made offers to help in other ways.

From time to time, a progress report will be given in the Newton Wonder.

With Many Thanks, Clive Lawrence, Treasurer PCC,

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Enneagram Workshop led by Karen Webb

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Labyrinth Taster Day led by Rev Maureen Douglas

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Quiet Day led by Archdeacon John Rawlings

A day to soak up the silence. Four addresses and lunch. Tuesday 22nd July.

And for something completely different ...

Tickets on sale for concerts in The Sheldon Open Air Theatre during July. Early bird ticket prices until end of June. Visit the new website at www.sheldontheatre.co.uk. All proceeds in aid of the Sheldon Community GreenHouse – a project to grow Community at Sheldon.

Full details at www.sheldon.uk.com or phone 01647-252752

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Looking Up.....

When fishes leap in silver stream,
And forest bees are humming near,
And cowslips in boys' hats appear.....
We then may say the May is come.

John Clare, "*May*"

As John Clare tells us in his beautiful poem, May is a lovely month, full of the promise of summer. In the Church year we are celebrating the season of Easter, rejoicing in Jesus's resurrection, and we will be remembering Jesus's ascension into heaven. Ascension Thursday is 29th May this year and we will be celebrating it at Upton Pyne Church at 7pm. Do come along and join us.

It's strange in this modern world, where we are aware of what is up there in space, to think of Jesus physically ascending into the clouds as we are told in Luke chapter 24. And yet we live in a world in which up is thought of as so much better than down. Singers want to be at the top of the charts, athletes want to be on top of their game, and students want to be at the top of the class. Everyone would rather have an up day than a down day. When the stock market rises we celebrate but despair when it crashes down. We work to climb, not to descend the career ladder. We hear and read about mountain climbers but not much is said or written about valley descenders. Little children delight in showing us how high they can jump.

In fact we all spend a lot of time, don't we, metaphorically jumping up and down like little children, thinking if we jump hard enough, high enough, and fast enough we can touch the moon. This can often involve us in comparison, competition, and judgment of some kind. We compare ourselves and our lives with other people and their lives. We compete with each other believing that for us to ascend the other has to descend or at least not jump as high as us. If we are not careful we can fall into the trap of increasingly judging ourselves and one another. We fill our lives with busyness hoping to climb to new heights. A life of self-ascension keeps us always searching for the next high.

In fact it is only through the ascended Jesus that we can live truly ascended lives.

The ascension of Jesus completes the resurrection. The resurrection is victory over death. The ascension, however, also lifts humanity up to heaven. Jesus' ascension seats human flesh, your flesh and my flesh, at the right hand of God the Father. We can now partake of God's glory and divinity. The ascension is in fact more about letting go than it is about reaching and grasping. The question for us is not, "How do we ascend?" That has already been accomplished. The question is: "What pulls us down?"

What do we need to let go of? Fear, anger, or resentment often weigh us down. The need to be right or be in control is a heavy burden. For some self-righteousness, jealousy, or

pride is their gravity. Many of us will be caught in the chains of perfectionism and the need to prove we are enough. For others it may be indifference or apathy. Far too many lives are tethered by addiction. Gravity takes many forms and I wonder, what is the gravity that denies you Jesus’ ascension?

The gravity that keeps us down is not creation or the circumstances of our lives. Gravity is not around us but within us. The very things that hold us down also point the way to ascension. Our participation in Jesus’ ascension begins not by looking up but by looking within. Perhaps we can all do a little bit more of that as we contemplate the beauty of nature in our gardens during this lovely month of May.

With my best wishes to you all

Sue Sheppard

Newton St Cyres Parish Church - Sidespersons

May	4th	6.30 pm O.Cheriton	A.Page
	11th	10 am Family Service and Communion C.Lee	M.Davy
	18th		
	25th	10am Holy Communion W.Hough	A. Hough
June	1st	9 am Holy Communion J.Hiscocks	
		6.30 pm Service of the word A.Page	O.Cheriton



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

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

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

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

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

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

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer in the Netherexe Parishes

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

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

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

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

Variations:	Mon 5 May	No Morning Prayer at Stoke Canon Church
	Tues 6 May	Stoke Canon school not Chapel
	Mon 26 May	No Morning Prayer at Stoke Canon Church

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For transport to weekday Holy Communion at Thorverton please ring Margaret Turner-Warwick on 01392 861173

For transport from locations in Newton St Cyres parish please contact Mrs Charlotte Dyer on 01392 851618

For transport from Rewe parish please contact Guy Sheppard on 01392 841284

NEWTON ST CYRES CHURCH ROTAS - 2014

Week Ending		Flowers	Cleaning	Brass
May	4	M Walters	P Bootheer	J Ward
	11	A Page	M Walters	J Pyle
	18	C Dyer	A Mitchell	C Dyer
	25	P Bootheer	R Dowle	A & W Hough
June	1	O Cheriton	S Browne	M Snow

MAY 2014 SERVICES & INFORMATION

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

Sunday 4 May 2014 Easter 2

10:00 am	Service With A Smile & Adjourned Meeting of Parishioners	☺	Brampford Speke	Lay-Led
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Cadbury	Lay Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	DC
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	DD
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	DC
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Newton St Cyres	JD

Sunday 11 May 2014 Easter 3

10:00 am	Family Service & Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	JD
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	DC

Sunday 18 May 2014 Easter 4

09:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Brampford Speke	DD
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Cadbury	DC
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Poltimore	Lay Led
10:00 am	Family Service of the Word <i>Festival Christian Aid Service</i>		Thorverton	Lay Led & Rev Maurice Harrison
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	DD
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	MSS

Wednesday 21 May 2014

09:30 pm	Holy Communion	[BCP]	Thorverton	DC
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Sunday 25 May 2014 Easter 5

09:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Huxham	DD
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	JD & DC
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]	Cadbury	DD

Tuesday 27 May 2014 Rogation Tuesday

Rogation Ramble

06:15 pm	Short Service		Thorverton	DC
	6:30 pm walk to Fortescue Farm along old the railway line. <i>Bring a picnic-drinks will be provided</i>			

Thursday 29 May 2014 Ascension Day

Mission Community Services

07:00 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	DC
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Sunday 1 June 2014 Sunday after Ascension Day

09:00 am	Holy Communion	[BCP]	Newton St Cyres	DC
10:00 am	Service with a Smile	☺	Brampford Speke	Lay-Led
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Cadbury	Lay-Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	JD
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	DC
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	MSS
06:30 pm	Service of the Word		Newton St Cyres	JD

WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGE

Priest-in-Charge	Rev Douglas Dettmer, The Rectory, Thorverton	01392 860 332
Church Wardens	Charlotte Dyer, Court Barton Bill Holt, 21 Woodlands	01392 851 618 01392 851 521
PCC Hon Secretary	Pita Burt pita@1bb.eclipse.co.uk.	
PCC Hon Treasurer	Clive Lawrence, Elm Cottage, Pump Street	01392 851 406
Electoral Roll Officer	Jen Holt, 21 Woodlands	01392 851 521
Tower Captain	Bob Coates, Little Beams, Pump Street	01392 851 468
<u>DOCTORS (Crediton)</u>	Newcombes Surgery, - Drs Hall, Saunders, Mays & Harris	01363 772 263
	Chiddenbrook Surgery - Drs Shorney; Twomey, Murphy & Braddick	01363 772 227
<u>NEWTON WONDER MAGAZINE</u>	Editor – Peter Hawksley Email: newtonwonder@btinternet.com	01392 851 269
<u>PARISH COUNCIL</u>	Chairman - David Baker Clerk - Jane Hole	01392 851752 01392 851148
<u>PARISH HALL</u>	Chairman - Stuart Dowle, 1 West Holme Cottages Booking Sect - Mary Long, Email: maryglong@btinternet.com Caretaker - Roy Beckett	01392 851536 01392 851 624 01392 851 730
<u>PRIMARY SCHOOL</u>	Head of Teaching – Glynis Harris Senior Administrator - Madeleine Tucker Administrator - Maxine Bone	01392 851 267 01392 851 267
Newton Nippers	Julie Murphy & Helen Grigg	01392 851 522
Newton Nappies	Alissa Haward	01392 851591
<u>RECREATION CLUB</u>	Chairman - Tony Lewis, 80 Wrefords Lane, Exeter Booking Secretary - Mrs Wendy Lewis, 80 Wrefords Lane, Exeter	01392 432 287 01392 432 287
Art Group	Debbie Allerton	01392 462655
Neighbourhood Watch	Tim Sedgwick	01392 851223

Cancer Research UK	Jean Wilkins, Coldharbour, Sand Down Lane	01392 851 337
Cricket Club	David Vallance, Manesty, Sand Down Lane	01392 851 266
Community Policeman	PCSO Lisa Crocker, Police Station, Crediton	Dial 101
District Councillor	Peter Hare-Scott	01363 776 409
County Councillor	Margaret Squires	01363 84337
Local MP	Mel Stride Em: mel.stride.mp@parliament.uk	01392 823 306
Football Club	Mark Smaldon	07733 455 177
Friends of NSC Station	Chris Southcott	01392 851 569
Luncheon Club	Sue Browne, 1 Glebelands, Sand Down Lane	01392 851 460
Newton Ramblers	Rosemary Chambers	01392 851 400
Tennis Club Secretary	Laura Leigh	01647 24259
Twinning	Lorraine Mitchell	01392 851596
Upton Pyne PC	Jacqui Ward clerkuppc@yahoo.co.uk	
Young Farmers	Georgina Davie	07801 273424
Archery	Alison Couling	01392 841 282
Gardening Club	Gail Meldrum	01392 851 377
Honky Tonks Line Dancing	Paula Benford	01392 210 830
History Group	Jean Wilkins	01392 851 337
Table Tennis	Roger Wilkins	01392 851 337
Youth Club	Pat Finch	01392 851478
Friends of the Arboretum	Roger Wilkins	01392 851 337
Saturday Market – 4th Saturday of the month	Pat Butt	01392 861 131
Neighbourhood Health Watch	Simon Lovell, Crown and Sceptre	01392 851278
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