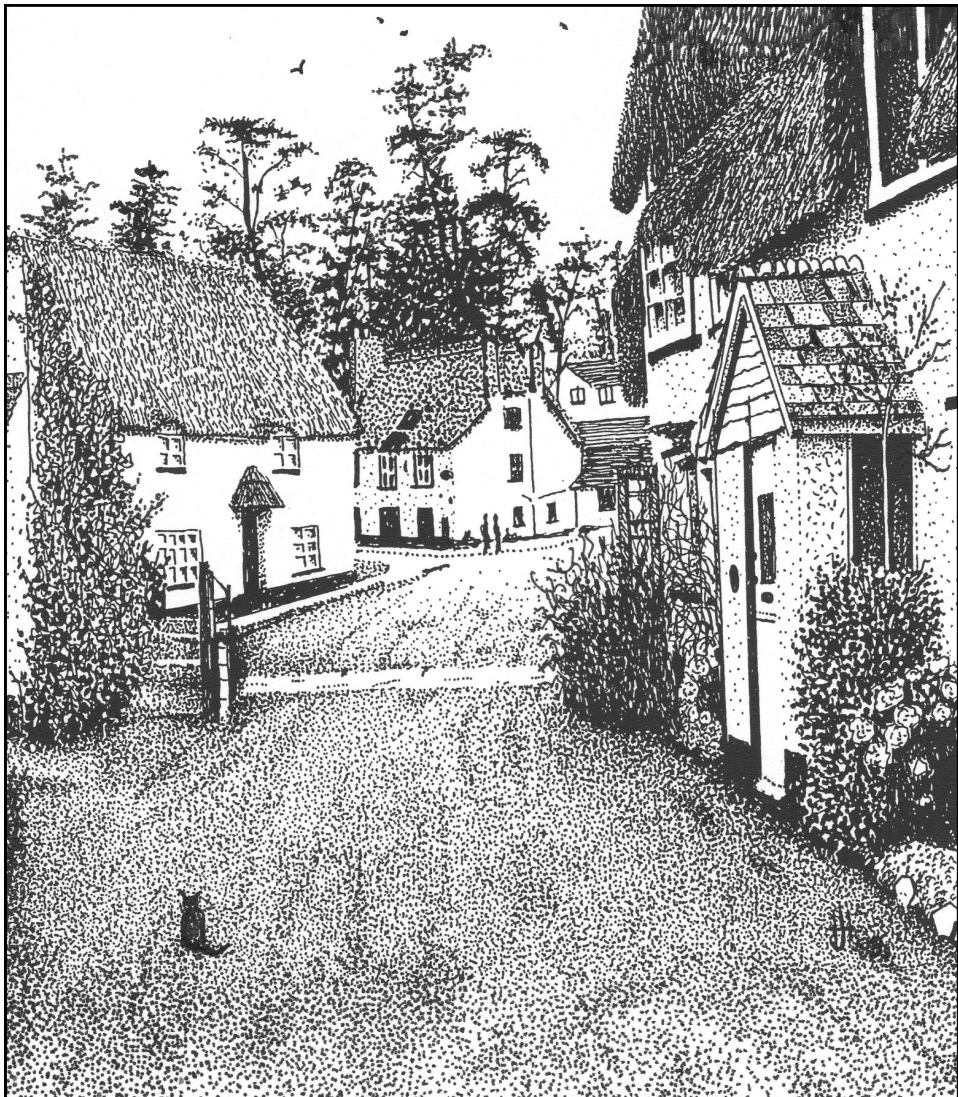


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A WEEK IN THE PARISH HALL

Mondays	DIET & FITNESS CLASS	9.30 -12.30 pm	Emma Healey Tel: 07969 900794
Mondays (except Bank Holidays)	BINGO	Eyes Down at 7.45 pm	Meat Bingo; Raffles; Snowball
First Thursday of Month(except this)	PARISH COUNCIL	7.30 - 9.30 p.m. Club Room	All are welcome
Tuesdays	GENTLE KEEP FIT	9.45 - 10.45 am	Call Jane on 366413 £3.50 per session
Tuesdays	LINE DANCING	7.15 - 10.00 pm	Paula Benford Tel 01392 210 830
Tuesdays	BALLET and ZUMBA Classes	4.00 - 6.45 p.m.	Iurie Richards Tel 0787 5645590
Tuesday (Fortnightly)	YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB	8.00 - 10.00 pm	Millie Murphy Sec. 07955 686719 Alex Turner Chair. 07891 682997
Last Wednesday of Month	ART GROUP	6.45 - 10.00 pm	In the Club Room
Wednesdays	PARENT & TODDLER GROUP	9.30 - 11.30 am	Alissa Haward Tel: 01392 851591
1st Wed of Month (quarterly)	GARDENING CLUB	7.30 - 9.30 PM	Jane Timlett tel: 01392 851361
3rd Wed. of month	HISTORY GROUP	7.30 - 9.30 pm	Jean Wilkins Tel: 851 337
Thursdays	DIET & FITNESS CLASS	9.30 - 11.00 am	Emma Healey Tel: 07969 900794
Usually 2nd Thurs. of month	EXE VALLEY BIRD CLUB	Viewing from 6.30 Sale at 8.00 pm	Membership available at door
Thursdays	YOGA	6.15-7.30 pm	Cassandra Collins 07804 464728
Fridays	PUMA MARTIAL ARTS	6.00 - 7.00 pm	Dave Powlesland 07802 855852
Fridays	TABLE TENNIS	7.15 - 9.45 pm	Just turn up - £2 per session (£1 children)
Usually 4th Saturday of each month	MINI MARKET	10.30—12.00 pm	Table bookings: Ann Pearce-Mariner Tel 01392 668603

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01392 851 504 or
e-mail paul.radford3@btinternet.com
If you move away it can be posted for an additional £5 pa.

Elections.

7th May is election day! In the Parliamentary election we have a choice of six candidates from five parties and an independent. This is probably the widest choice ever offered in this area. It certainly is in this constituency as this is only the second election since the creation of Central Devon. Your vote counts. It is always important to remember to vote. Apathy allows extreme parties to gain power.

We have three candidates to choose from in the District Council Election: one from each of the main parties, Conservative and Labour and an Independent.

There will not be an election for the Parish Council because there were only six candidates for the nine seats on the Council.

Community Led Plan

The Parish Council will soon be sending out its annual report to all households in the Parish. Accompanying it will be a questionnaire drawn up by the Newton St. Cyres Development Committee. This will be seeking to question villagers in terms of their views about the future of the village. This consultation exercise which is being carried out independently will provide information and evidence to inform the various groups involved in the development of the village.



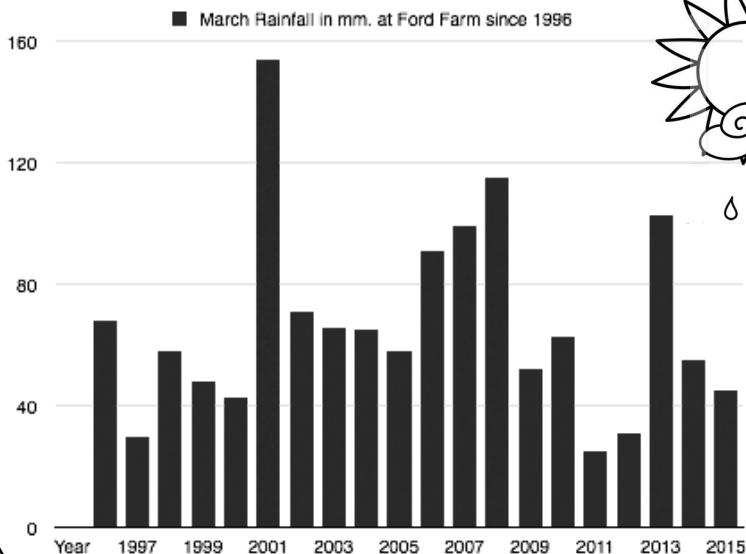
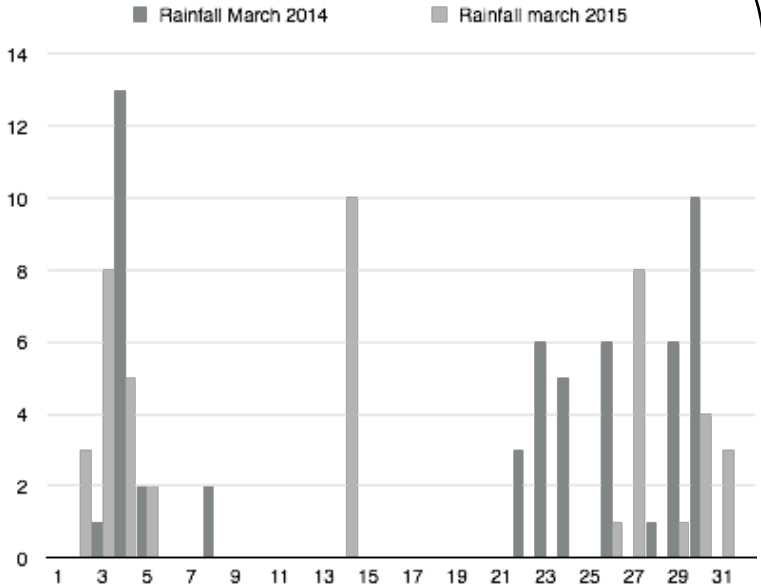
Pictured are just some of the willing helpers at the Newton St. Cyres Mammoth Jumble Sale, in aid of church funds.

Photo by Margaret Tucker

The Weather

James Walters' rain gauge never fails to produce interesting information about the weather.

Shown are the March figures for this year and last and below are monthly comparisons of March rainfall from 1996 to 2015.



Parish Council Report ...April

Eight Cllrs were joined by 5 members of the public for the Parish Council meeting on the 13th April. Cllr Peter Hare-Scott (MDDC) and Cllr Margaret Squires (DCC) joined the meeting for a short while.

A member of the public reported that someone had been seen sleeping overnight in Half Moon lay-by. David Swallow was thanked for planting new flowers in the boxes on the bus shelter.

Parish Council Elections. The date for nominations for Parish Council had passed and Newton St Cyres have only 6 names on the list out of a possible 9. Co-options will take place at the first meeting of the new Council on Thursday 14th May and some expressions of interest have already been received.

Flood Group report. Graeme Barnell had produced a very comprehensive report on the present state of the flood warning and defence schemes and was thanked most sincerely for all his hard work. There are a number of issues that the new Parish Council will have to debate and decide upon so these will be included on the next agenda.

Devon County Council Highways. A number of outstanding issues with DCC Highways were raised again and a meeting has been arranged later in April with representatives from DCC Highways and the Council to try and move these forward. Included in these discussions will be the siting of the newly purchased depth markers for Langford Bridge and Station Road bridge; potholes between the Beer Engine Pub and Wyke Cross; the amount of used road signs and bollards still littering the verges; the white arrow that has appeared in totally the wrong position at the entrance to Langford Road.

Dog Fouling. The Dog Warden had visited the parish and had seen photographic evidence of dog mess left near to the dog waste bins. The Warden had not been able to get a confession from anyone so had put up more posters and will check out the feasibility of DNA testing. Owners are to be warned that the parishioners are being very vigilant and the Dog Warden is visiting the parish on a regular basis.

Notice Boards. It was agreed that the notice boards in the parish need rubbing down and repainting this spring and tenders are invited from interested parties. Anyone interested should contact the Clerk, Jane Hole on 851148 for more details.

Seats. All the seats in the parish had been repainted but the one near to the bus shelter on the Village Green was deemed to be unsafe as several of the slats were rotten and breaking. Cllr Parker agreed to remove the seat and check whether it could be repaired or whether a new seat needed to be purchased.

The retiring Cllrs were all thanked for their contributions over the past years. Cllr Jim Enright had been Vice Chairman and had looked after all the Cllr training issues; Cllr Roger Cashmore had been instrumental in getting the Vodaphone coverage into the village, had designed and sourced the new village sign and had been a founder member of the Resilience group; Cllr Tim Sedgwick had been the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator and had pulled together the Snow Warden volunteers; Cllr James Walters had

served on the Council for over 42 years and had made a great contribution to the workings of the Council through his local knowledge.

The next meeting will be the first meeting of the new Council and will be held on **Thursday (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY OF THE WEEK) 14th May at 7.00 pm in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall.** The meeting will start earlier because all the new Cllrs and co-options will be obliged to sign various forms before the meeting commences.

The next Parish Surgery will be held in conjunction with the Mini Market on Saturday 23rd May (10.30 am to 12.00 noon).

Please do come along to these events and meet your Councillors and bring your questions and queries.

Cllr Jill Baker, Press Officer

NEWTON St CYRES PARISH HALL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM for the Parish Hall will be held on **Wed 13 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 an, the activities that are organised.

The Hall is well used by many village organisations and individuals, with a record of over 650 bookings in the last year. We have progressed plans for Hall re-development and will wish to discuss the way forward. **We will discuss how we can keep the Hall going, as we have for some while been without a Caretaker.** We would particularly welcome representatives of user groups to attend this important meeting.

The Committee are all volunteers and we really need some new members. Please let us know if you can help in any way, and come to the meeting on 13 May.

Roger Wilkins (851337)

COMMUNITY MARKET

The next Community Market will take place on Saturday 23rd. May at 10 am.

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".

Community Support Group

The next meeting of the Community Support Group will be held on Saturday 9th May in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall at 10.30 am.

We will be meeting representatives from the Patient Participation Groups of Chiddenbrook Surgery, Cridton, Newcombes Surgery, Cridton and the Exe Valley Practice. This should be an interesting meeting where we will be able to identify how the Support Group can help and support these Participation Groups and how best we can work together for the benefit of our parishioners.

Advance Notice and a date for your Diary

On Saturday 11th July the Community Support Group are arranging a trip to EGGSFORD NURSERIES. This will include a Cream Tea!!

More details will appear in next month's Newton Wonder but please just note the date now to make sure you do not miss out!

Helping
in the
Community



Newton St Cyres
Community Support
Group

**Newton St Cyres
Community Support Group
COFFEE MORNING
Saturday 6th June
In the Parish Hall
10.30 am to 12.00 noon**




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131 High Street, Cridton

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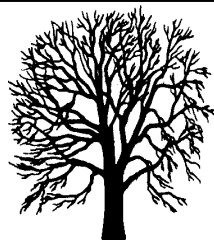
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01392 851254**

MIDSUMMER EVENT IN ARBORETUM

All villagers are invited to the Arboretum MidSummer Fest to be held in the Arboretum on **Saturday 20 June from 5.30 to 8.00 pm.**



The Friends of Newton Arboretum, the Church and the Parish Hall have combined to organise this new fun event for villagers of all ages. The event will start with a range of activities for children (and adults), including lawn games, a treasure hunt and quiz (using the marked posts throughout the Arboretum) and face painting. This will be followed by 'bring you own' food and drink (and blanket, although we should have some hay bales for sitting on), with background music and then further musical entertainment including singing by Bella a Capella, who gave such a good performance recently in the Parish Hall.

If the weather is wet, we will relocate as much as possible to the Parish Hall.

There will be a charge of £5 per adult, with accompanied children free.

Please put the date in your diary. More details will be given in the next Newton Wonder, or contact Roger Wilkins (851337) or Isobel Hepworth (851351).

Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The March draw took place at the Mini Market on 28th March 2015 in the village hall and the winners are:

No	56	S Heard	£100
No	15	M Snow	£10
No	186	A Page	£10
No	176	P Boothe	£10
No	126	P Browne	£10

Because we have so many people to visit the collectors will already have been round during April for the annual subscription so thank you to those who have already paid.

To date we now have 6 spare numbers so if anyone would like a number, or another one, please give me a phone call, or speak to your collector.

Please, if anyone can spare a bit of time I would really like to hand over to a new coordinator. Please phone me for more information – it isn't a hard job but I am now doing other things.

Thank you to the present subscribers for your continued support.

Daphne 01392 851639

Do You Remember?.. May

May 1975

The new mini roundabout had been installed at Cowley Bridge and was taking some time to get used to.

Cowley Church organ was being overhauled and a new linen cloth was made by Mrs Ellis and Mrs Paley.

An advert appeared for a Jumble Sale in aid of the Tennis Club.

The Parish Council discussed roads in the area and asked for the road outside the Bungalow in West Town to be raised to stop puddles forming, to ask for visibility improvements at Shute Cross and raised the problems of parking in Pump Street.

NSC Players production of 'Love's a Luxury' played to packed houses on three nights and received an excellent write up.

Half Moon residents were appealing for improvements to the bus stop (from Exeter) as there were only paving slabs to stand on or the sloping grass bank.

The Coffee Club heard a talk on the Renal Unit at the R D & E by Sister Tratt.

May 1985

A plea was made for more people to use NSC Station especially travelling to Barnstaple. Newton Walkabout was held and marked the parish boundary. The start was at the Green, then to the Station, Wyke, Creedy Barton, Dunscombe, Eastacott Cottages, Sherwood, Rowthorne, Bailey, Bodley, Langford, Bidwell, Shute Cross, Lake and the Green.

Car drivers were being requested to take people to hospitals and to friends.

The Football Club were looking for a qualified First Aider for their home matches.

May 1995

There was an election for the Parish Council with 10 candidates for 9 places. There were also 2 candidates for one District Council seat.

Newton St Cyres joined with Upton Pyne to celebrate V E Day.

The grand opening of the new School library took place and donations of children's reading books were requested.

The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme now covered the whole village including Half Moon and Langford.

The Twinning Group hosted a Quiz with 11 teams from other Twinning Groups. It was followed by a buffet supper.

May 2005

At the Hall, the lobby, kitchen clubroom and toilets had all been re-decorated and a new heating system had been installed. Maureen Whiteley was to be the new Booking Secretary. A list of the Home fixtures for the Cricket Club appeared for the teams Newton St Cyres, Heads and Tails and Beer Engine.

The Recreation Ground were looking for volunteers for working parties and were buying a new mowing machine. They also intended to put up netting by the railway line, behind the goals and play equipment.

The Football Club appealed for sponsors for the 2nd Senior Team and the Youth Team, i.e. new strips or basic equipment.

The Church were advertising the Exeter Young Musicians Concert in June and a Summer Songs and Strawberries organ recital by Andrew Daldorph.

THE VILLAGE DIARY



The Village Diary has been re-located to the Post Office now. Please use it to note your upcoming events as this saves clashing dates. Also, if you want to know what is going on in the village it will show you what is happening and where. It is open for all organisations in the village to use and for all events whether taking place in the Hall, the Church, the Recreation Ground etc. Please ask Richard or Liz in the Post Office if you wish to use the Village Diary.

NEWTON RAMBLERS

A walk with a difference on Sun 17 May

The walk on 17 May will include a tour of the Kelly Mine, near Lustleigh, and a walk around Trenchford Reservoir.

We will assemble in the Parish Hall Car Park at 9.30 am and take cars to the Pay and Display Car Park by Trenchford Reservoir. We will then walk about a mile down a delightful steep wooded valley (possibly still with some bluebells in flower) to the Kelly Mine for a conducted tour of the mine workings and equipment, before either walking back to the Reservoir Car Park (or, for those not fancying the very steep hill, going by car). There we will eat our own picnic lunches and then have a (fairly flat) walk of about 2 miles around the reservoir before returning to get back to Newton St Cyres about 3 pm.

The Kelly Mine is described on www.kellymine.co.uk. It was worked for micaceous iron oxide (used for making corrosion-resistant paint, particularly for warships) until 1951. Remarkably all the equipment remained on site and has been restored by the Kelly Mine Preservation Society. You do not go underground, but waterwheels, settling beds, tramways etc are in working order and on show. A small donation should be made to the Preservation Society.

It would be possible, if you can't do steep walking, for you to join us to visit the mine and for lunch (arriving at Kelly Mine at about 10.45).

Further details from Jean or Roger Wilkins (851337). Please let one of us know in advance if you are wishing to visit the mine, but not do the walk and we will discuss the best arrangements and know to expect you.

All welcome.



RECREATION GROUND CLUB

April was a month of endings and beginnings, The Skittle and Darts completed their league games leaving just a few cup games and the darts finals night.

April also saw the end of the league football just leaving one Youth and one Senior game to be played in May.

With the lighter evenings we welcome the Cricket, Tennis and Archery, this heralds the time when the grounds are used to the fullest, often seeing multiple use with Cricket, Archery and Tennis all happening on the same evening.

The football season ending means the clubhouse is much quieter over the weekends but there will be Cricket alternate Saturday afternoons and Archery every Sunday from ten till four so outside is still busy.

The Darts finals night is **Friday 22nd May**.

Please note our next meeting will be our Annual General meeting on Wednesday 10th June every-one is welcome, the meeting will start at 7.30. p.m.

May looks like it will pass quietly with lots of outside activities but little happening inside the club house, no parties booked in yet but that can soon change. So if you need a venue for a work or family event just ring me on Exeter 432287 and we can sort out a suitable date.

We are committed to upgrading and replacing the existing play equipment, and the work toward this is progressing well, this is a very expensive venture and will call for some degree of fund raising. Any suggestions or offers to help will be very welcome and well received.

Wendy Lewis

Newton St Cyres Cricket Club

An exciting season for Newton St Cyres Cricket Club is just kicking off. Friendly matches are already underway and the league starts on Saturday 2nd May. With a league restructure the team are now in the Devon League D (West) along with teams like Countess Wear, Topsham, Exwick and Woodbury.



Pitch work started this month to get the wicket and the astro turf ready and indoor nets have been running since January at the University. The team are looking forward to some exciting matches and have a number of family friendly socials planned for the year and would love for new players to join the club.

Kicking this off the Cricket Club invited everyone to its first Social of the year. A general knowledge quiz at the Rec club was held on Friday 24th April. The players put on a free buffet and pub games to keep everyone entertained.

Newton St Cyres FC – May Update

The Under 13s have just two games remaining now and reside in second place. Unable to catch division leaders Bradninch, attention has now turned to ensuring the Sidmouth don't overtake us who have one game left to play. Three games have been played this period and it started well with a convincing 5-1 win against joint bottom West Exe. This was followed by a visit from the league leaders Bradninch. We were suffering from absentees due to the Easter holiday and only had 10 players. Bradninch were gracious and also started with 10 but with the scores tied at half time – rather unsportingly – brought on their 11th man and eventually dispatched us 10-3. We played well however and it showed how far we have come given the circumstances. The final game was an evening kick off against CS Lions and finished in a 1 all draw. With a game and a point in hand over Sidmouth, we now need to win at least one of our final fixtures to secure the runners up spot – Good luck boys!



The Reserves have now completed their season following a mid-week clash at Alphington. Alphington were still in with a shout of the top spot if results went their way but following a sterling performance, we put an end to their hopes by beating them 2-1. This sees us sat in fourth spot, two points above fifth placed Beer Albion. The Reserves are looking good for a promotion place, particularly if Beer lose to division leaders Kentisbeare in their final game of the season. Other games in the period included a nil all draw with Exwick Village and a 3 nil loss to Kentisbeare.

The Firsts hit a rocky spell during March and struggled to find any rhythm. It started with a frustrating 3 all drawn away at Bickleigh. Having got in front three times and then leading 3-2 with minutes to go, a penalty was conceded which enabled Bickleigh to snatch a draw. We then travelled to Wellington and again, struggled to find any fluidity to our play and despite having the lion's share of possession, were reliant on a spot kick to provide an opening but this was pulled wide and meant we had to share the points with a nil all draw. It then got worse when we went to the league leaders and suffered a 4 nil loss which has caused us to be dragged into a dog fight to clinch the second and third placed positions and will fight it out with the Uni and Exwick Villa. Fortunately we took a giant step towards this objective when we entertained Exwick at home in the last game and dispatched them back to the City with a 3-1 defeat. We faced them again in 6 days' time and should we beat them again, would open up an 8 point gap although Villa has four games in hand over us but have a difficult run-in.

Summer Tournament

The summer tournament is well into its planning stages and we are receiving entries on a daily basis. This year the tournament will be held on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th July and we anticipate approximately 135 teams competing over the two days. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us as this always helps ensure it's a great weekend for our attendees!

Mark Smaldon

Newton youngsters table tennis success

This Spring the Exeter and District Table Tennis League organised a competition for young players for the first time for several years. Six teams were entered including our Newton Wonders and Newton Marvels. The competition ran over five weeks with each team playing each other. The final winners were the undefeated West Exe Pilots with Newton Wonders a close second (losing only to the Pilots) and Newton Marvels third.

Each match involved two players, but our teams had three in each squad. The Wonders players were Alice Dowle, Will Furniss and Curtis Garnsworthy, whilst the Marvels were Alex Carder, Tobias Whittaker and Harry Willatts. All performed extremely well in their first experiences of competitive table tennis. The closest match was between the two Newton teams with Will just edging out Alex in the final match giving him a 3-2 win, with the Wonders winning overall by the same score of 3 matches to 2.

The Marvels were presented with trophies at the League Finals Night on 9 April.

The Newton St Cyres Table Tennis Group play each Friday in the Parish Hall with the period from 7.15 to 8.15 devoted mainly to juniors (from age of 8 upwards) and adults playing on to about 9.30 pm. There is a charge of £1 for juniors and £2 for adults. The Group is open to all including learners through to experienced League players. Just come on a Friday to join in and have a game. ALL WELCOME.



Five of the team:-

Curtis
Garnsworthy,
Alice Dowle,
Alex Carder,
Tobias
Whittaker
and Will
Furniss.



Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

The clocks have gone forward and warmer weather and light evenings make for enjoyable tennis conditions. The courts have just been repainted, and we have a full calendar of summer league fixtures and club matches, including a new singles ladder.

For juniors we are commencing a thirteen week coaching programme from April 15th. At present there are still some places available and we would welcome new applicants. If anyone would like to attend a taster session please contact Laura Leigh on 01647 24259 or Viv Baber on 01392 681180.

The club received 11 pairs of tickets in the Wimbledon Ballot and these have all been allocated through the club draw.

For all further information about the club please visit our website:-

www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk





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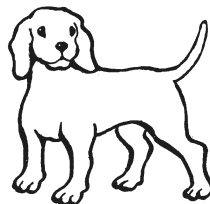
Home Farm, Newton St. Cyres, EX5 5AY, 01392 851000

www.quickes.co.uk

Dirty Dogs

Mid Devon District Council Dog Wardens have recently received complaints involving several areas within Newton St Cyres where dog faeces have not been cleaned up. Mid Devon District Council would like to remind members of the public that not only is it a criminal offence to fail to clean up after your dog (this applies to any land which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled to have access) but it is also a health risk to children and livestock.

If you fail to clean up after your dog you run the risk of being issued with a fixed penalty notice of £80. This amount is reduced to £50 if you pay the fine within 10 days. Failing to pay the fine will result in a court summons being issued to appear before a Magistrates Court. You could then be faced with a fine of up to £1,000.



If you witness somebody not clearing up after their dog or clearing up but then littering with the bag of dog faeces, please contact Mid Devon District Council on 01884 255255.

On a much more positive note, dog wardens are having to deal with fewer stray dogs. This is largely due to the fact Mid Devon District Council are now able to offer dog owners a **FREE** micro-chipping service. The micro-chipping of all dogs will become a legal requirement as of 6th April 2016. However, it is still the law to have identification on your dog's collar whilst out in a public place. A simple identification tag on your dog's collar with your telephone number on is sufficient.

If you would like your dog micro-chipped for **FREE** please contact Mid Devon District Council on 01884 255255.

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Monday May 18th 7.30pm in Village Hall



Speaker – Nick Baker

Kingdom of Bhutan



Land of the Thunder Dragon

(and Rhododendrons!)

Everyone is invited to join us for any of our events in the village hall.

A small fee is chargeable for non-members

East & West Devon Community Safety Partnership
Annual Conference 8th April 2015

and he sends the report below:-

Devon & Cornwall Police update for March
2014 – March 2015:

Average crimes per day = 19
Total crimes decreased by 3.3%
Violent crime increased by 4.2%
Burglary averages 0.8 per day
Vehicle offences decreased by 22.3%
Criminal damage increased by 0.7%
Domestic abuse increased by 8.1%

Learn2Live

Warning youngsters of the dangers of driving –
15,000 incidents per year
Myredthumb.com – scheme to stop mobile
phone usage whilst driving.
A Panic App can be downloaded to phones
about what to do on finding an accident & First
Aid

On-Line Safety :

About the dangers of sending photos and
personal data over the phone and internet

Substance Mis-use :

In 13 -19 year olds, 85% have taken high
energy drinks e.g., Red Bull
39% have used illegal drugs e.g., Cannabis
9% have smoked Legal Highs e.g., Black
Mamba
Overall drug use has been falling amongst 11 –
15 year olds in England & Wales since 2003

Crime Prevention & Rural Crime:

The ASBO – Anti Social Behaviour Order, is
now the CBO – Criminal Behaviour Order
50 Quad bikes are stolen every year

Devon Rape Crisis Service:

Between 2012 – 2013 there were 956 sex
offences

Approx. 6,000 cases go unreported, i.e., only 1
in 8 are reported, and are on the increase
In Devon rape cases cost £25million per year
sexual assault cases cost £7million per year

Scams:

100,000 names appear on a list being used by
fraudsters
In East & West Devon between Dec '13 and
Dec '14, there were 683 offences – 442 in East
Devon

and 241 in West Devon

The amount taken by fraudsters was
£6,017,862, that is an average of £8,811 per
offence

On-line shopping fraud: the average age of
the victim was 39,

The average loss per crime was £945

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“Devon’s rural council praised as a mature and forward thinking organisation in ACRE review”

Once again the rural community council of Devon, Devon Communities Together (DCT), has been praised by their governing body Action for Communities in Rural England (ACRE) and their stakeholders in the latest annual review.

Interviews were conducted this month with DCT stakeholders, such as local authorities, partners and other service users.

Regarding their profile and understanding of DCT’s purpose, stakeholders had a good understanding of the longstanding charity’s role as adviser and supporter of rural communities. The Devon County Commissioning Group representative appreciated work done by DCT to organise discussion groups on the concept of village agents and the Rural Housing Association and the Village Halls Association were mentioned as valuable forums to discuss wider rural needs.

In all areas, DCT’s performance was described as being very good, efficient and effective. The Village Halls Association interviewee advocated the Hallmark Scheme which is a worthwhile product providing good training, while the Guinness Hermitage representative described his contacts as dynamic and forward thinking, stating that they provide the contextual information for the registered housing provider.

DCT were praised for meeting output targets satisfactorily in respect of housing needs surveys and consultations, while the county council commissioner praised the team for managing the transition to Healthwatch Devon independence smoothly, stating DCT was a mature organisation with a good understanding of commissioning.

It was evident from the feedback received that stakeholders value the staff at DCT: “I cannot stress enough how he (DCT staff member) contributed to the success of our funding bid. He helped with questionnaires and presented everything in easily understandable way. He provided a very

professional service free of charge and I don’t know where we’d be without them.”
Community Plan Group

“Any points are dealt with as they arise”
East Devon District Council

“We have a very good working relationship – they are more like colleagues”. Mid Devon District Council

“You can always talk things through with them and they are a mature and pragmatic organisation”. Devon County Council

President, John Lee OBE commented that: DCT, is committed to ‘helping communities, help themselves’, we strive to support individuals and communities organisations who work so tirelessly to improve their rural lives. We are involved a in wide range of projects in partnership with other organisations that support, affordable housing, health care, broadband, community facilities and buildings, social and community enterprise and more. We are delighted to see the results of this report and are heartened by the praise we have received from our stakeholders.

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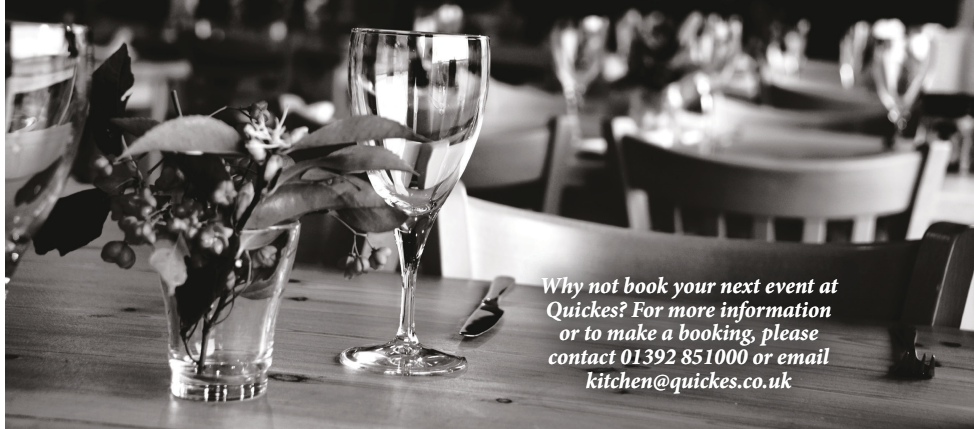
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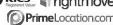
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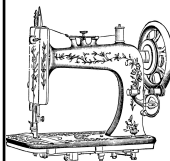
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Monthly Gardening notes for May from Bert Jewell

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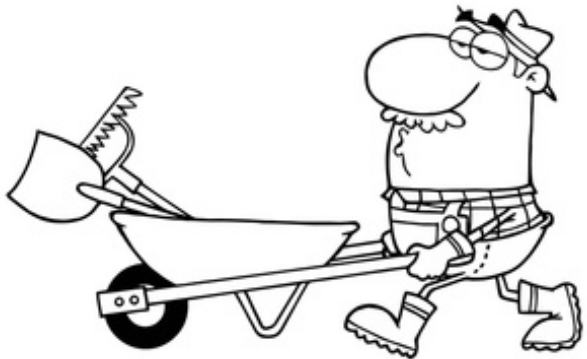
I told you last month how we had to collect our water from a spring which never ran dry, and was only slightly cloudy after lots of heavy rain. The house was sold in the late fifties, (my parents only rented it). The new owners built a large extension and applied for permission to install a "ram" an Hydraulic machine for raising water, where the water that we had used came out of the clay pipe. Tests had to be carried out to check the water quality and it was found to be unsuitable for human consumption. I am unsure how they progressed but filters and reed beds were recommended.

In order for father to keep up to date with what was going on in the world and to listen to the occasional boxing match, we used a radio which resembled a small piece of wooden furniture. Inside was a selection of valves, a large battery and an accumulator (a rechargeable electric cell). I would carry this three miles to town to be recharged every two or three weeks.

Talking to the shopkeeper I found out that he played golf. The road to town went thro' the golf course, so every time I walked to town I would look for lost balls in the grass verges, take them to the shop with the accumulator and receive a few pennies for each ball. I would then buy some penny sweets to eat on the walk back home. Lets take a walk out into the garden and see what needs doing in the

Vegetable Garden

The Potatoes planted in April should be growing away nicely and will need earthing up or round hoeing, as we used to call it. Pull the earth up on each side of the row, either with a draw hoe or a digging hoe. We use a one sided digging hoe working backwards with one foot either side of the row. This earthing up helps protect plants from late frost, keeps the tubers covered so they do not turn green and gets the rain water to the plant roots. They may need doing several times so also helps keep weeds under control.



Its time to plant Runner Beans and French Beans, either direct into the ground or in pots or cells. Take out a trench where you intend to grow them and line with old newspapers and give them a good soaking of water and cover with garden compost or well rotted manure. Backfill the trench with soil and put up the canes for Runner Beans. When planting the Beans it's a good idea to plant them on their ends rather than lay them flat, they are less likely to rot if the weather is wet.

Flower Garden

Polyanthus and Primroses can be divided once they have finished flowering. Lift the plant and carefully pull it into plantlets, each with its own root system. Plant these in a cool part of the garden out of the way to replant in their flowering position in the Autumn.

Plant out Summer bedding towards the end of the month.

Lawns

Mowing the lawn should now be one of those weekly jobs, with care not to cut it too short. Some people think that if they cut it short it will reduce the amount of times it will need cutting, but it will increase the problems. The lawn will dry out very quickly and become brown in hot dry weather, and also allow Moss and weeds to become established very easily.

Trees, Shrubs and Climbers

Firstly I must correct an error made in last months Trees, Shrubs and Climbers. The Article about Camellias etc, should have said "Lime hating plants" not acid hating plants. It should also have said "some Berberis" not stone Berberis. It was either a senior moment or I dozed off while writing.

Anyway lets prune the Forsythia and Flowering Currant when the flowers are finished. Keep an eye on any Variegated Shrubs or Trees and pinch out any shoots that have reverted to green.

Tie in new shoots on Climbers

Privet and Lonicera Nitida hedges would benefit from a trim this month and every couple of months thro' the Summer.

Fruit

Keep the fruit garden weed free and water soft fruit bushes if the weather is dry. This will help swell the fruit.

Keep an eye out for any sign of Grey Mould on developing Strawberries, lift the fruit trusses and put straw or mats under them to keep them away from the damp soil.

Plant of the Month

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We are all justly proud of what has been achieved in Newton St Cyres over the last few years, but now the majority of the public services we have taken for granted for so many years may just not be available in the same form for very much longer. These austerity measures are beginning to affect rural communities like Newton St Cyres particularly hard.

Did you know that “Residents in rural areas like Devon receive some £153 less in Government support on average than urban residents and pay £79 more in council tax? - that our school children receive £300 less in financial support and we receive £29 per head to run our health services rather than the national average of £51”?

Therefore it is vitally important that Newton St Cyres does not just sit on its hands and wait for unpleasant things to happen, but endeavours to be proactive and to manage these inevitable changes so we maximise benefit for the community as a whole.

How do we do that? Well, the first step is to understand what everyone in the village feels about important local issues. This is achieved by sending out a simple questionnaire and asking you all to take few minutes to think about what the village means to you and what you feel will be important to you in the future.

Once the questionnaires have been completed, returned and analysed, it will give Newton St Cyres a strong mandate with which to engage robustly with external service providers and other organisations.

Some of you may remember the Parish Plan completed 7 years ago, - since then, the village has really benefited by the Plan’s guidance when implementing the many recommendations made at that time.

Today, the world is changing rapidly and this new questionnaire will hopefully highlight new initiatives that will assist you to shape the future of your community. In 2008 we had one of highest returns of any village in the county (>83%!). This time however, the questionnaire is being financed, prepared, distributed, analysed and completed **entirely in the village by volunteers!** This is not a simple task and we would welcome any willing voluntary support. We would especially like to thank now the kind offer of support from the staff and pupils of Newton St Cyres Primary School to assist us “crunch the numbers!”

We will be sending out and collecting the new questionnaire in the near future and hope to publish the results mid-year after which there will be further public discussion and consultation. All we need to complete this process is for village families to sit down together for a short while, discuss and complete the questionnaire.

We know we can count on your support!

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to join the team running this project, we would be delighted to hear from you! Please get in touch with Peter Hawksley tel: 01392 851269 email newtonwonder@btinternet.com





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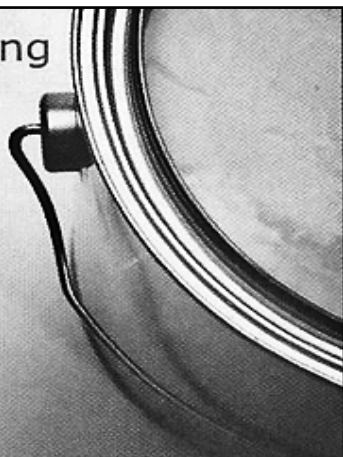
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Newton St Cyres History Group



Our speaker on Wednesday 18th March was Amyas Crump, a fund of railway information and long time collector of slides that may include anything to do with railways. Not only is he an expert on railways and their historical technology and timetabling but he has a store of anecdotes to go with this. He started by showing us the engine that had him 'hooked' since a small child. It was named Amyas!

During this evening he covered the railway lines from Exeter to North Devon and the inland route via Okehampton and Tavistock to Plymouth, known to railway enthusiasts now as the Withered Arm and of current interest due to the recent problems at Dawlish. Last year Malcolm Brooks introduced us to the difficulties our local Exeter Crediton line encountered immediately after it was built in the 1840's as broad gauge, to link with the Great Western Bristol Exeter line. Opening was delayed for four years while the London and South Western Company fought to have it changed to narrow gauge as it was essential for their projected line from Waterloo to Plymouth and Wadebridge and to North Devon, where they had already built the Fremington to Barnstaple line. Eventually a compromise was reached and the line opened as dual gauge.

Amyas showed us slides of the two Exeter stations as they were in the past, St Davids being unusual in that two trains with the same destination, Plymouth, may set off in different directions, the GWR to the South and the LSWR to the North West via Cowley and Newton St Cyres. The LSWR came into Central station and needed to connect with St Davids and the steep line from Central was built. Four steam engines were required to take a heavy goods train up the hill. Central station was a busy hub with much joining and splitting of trains. A view from this line in the 1960's showed Exwick with hardly a house.

An 1865 slide of Cowley bridge junction was especially interesting showing the dual gauge line crossing the river and the broad gauge track running North South. A railway policeman stood at the complicated points waiting to change them and we were shown where Cowley Station had been. Initially passengers from the Crediton line were to leave the train there and go by horse bus to St Davids to make their connections. However differences were resolved with the dual gauge track and Cowley station with its gents loo over the river became redundant. The wooden building was moved to Newton St Cyres and became our first station. The Inn looked very different in 1865, more like a farmhouse, and it was possible to see the old line of the road as it came down Wreford's hill and straight past the front of the Inn. Amyas had another slide with which he was able to show where this road joined the now A377 just before the bridge. There is still a piece of kerbstone in the hedge. The small bungalow there was never a toll house but was built on the old road. This was the access road for Cowley Halt station.

We passed quickly through Newton St Cyres with just a picture of the road and railway bridge showing it was a good width as the track had been broad gauge. The old pictures of Crediton Station showed a wide canopy around the building used for the collection of rainwater, which was stored in a lead - lined tank and then used for flushing the loos. There still remains an old wide area near the former cattle pens showing the broad gauge track origin.

Although initially the railway must have seemed a scar on the landscape it soon settled to become integral with the scenery as a picture of an old steam train passing near Coleford showed. Yeoford was a very busy station and junction, with refreshment rooms on the middle platform. This was where the lines divided either for Okehampton, Tavistock and Plymouth or for the North Devon coast. It was a busy freight depot, particularly with milk tankers for the London market. On the North Devon line Eggesford station was busy with timber loading. That station used to have level crossing gates but one day the driver was warming himself in front of the engine fire and singing hymns and the gates went before him like matchwood. We were not told that anyone was hurt so suppose not.

Barnstaple had three stations with a link by a viaduct/ bridge across the river to the GWR station and the lines to Taunton and Ilfracombe. Remains of the bridge may still be seen. At Barnstaple there was a steam shed for servicing, many sidings, an abattoir with major traffic in meat for London, the pottery and at Barnstaple Junction the link for Bideford. Railway revenue was greater for freight. Passenger traffic was a bonus. The LSWR had initially built the Fremington line for freight from the docks. The coal price halved within a week of the opening the railways due to the reduced cost of transport.

Ilfracombe station was at the top of the hill and the town which restricted its usefulness. Excursion trains were linked with the coastal paddle steamer.

We then returned to Yeoford and considered the inland route to Plymouth with branch lines to Bude and Padstow. This was busy with military traffic and with the stone trains from Meldon quarry running to the concrete works in Exeter and providing ballast for the tracks. An American engine supplied during WW2 was the last working steam engine in Devon. The Southern kept their track lines straight and crossed contours, the Western followed contours with more curves. The Okehampton Exeter line was all down hill.

Meldon viaduct with its five piers was built as a single track and later doubled. We were shown a picture of the Plymouth Brighton Express crossing it, but it is now a cycle track and is doubtful whether it would still carry trains. Halwill Junction where trains divided for Bude was busy with warehousing for the storage of feed and fertilisers, an abattoir, and many sidings. Trains continued South West to Launceston, Wadebridge and to Padstow where a Railway Hotel had been built. There have been plans to reinstate the Tavistock Plymouth line.

The Southern and Western worked crews over both routes so that crews knew both lines. This was especially important during wartime, when traffic over the inland route was heavy. Meldon viaduct was strengthened during WW2.

The meeting ended with questions and a discussion about the possibility of reopening the inland route to Plymouth. Amyas thought this unlikely for various reasons including the population distribution in Devon and just the time taken. One hour to Plymouth via Dawlish and two and a quarter via Okehampton. He favoured a reopening of the Heathfield and Teign valley line but thought it quite likely that the coast at Dawlish would ultimately be protected by granite blocks as at Sidmouth. This was also an expensive option but had it been done in the past as proposed, many millions may have been saved in 2014. The demise of freight traffic on the railways was discussed as was the present increase in passenger traffic.

The slides closed with a picture of the 1875 large breach of the sea wall at Dawlish (within a few feet the same length as 2014) which was apparently mended in two weeks!

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday May 20th in the Church at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to this meeting.

Architect John Scott, son of the Rev. John Scott, will speak about the HISTORY OF THE CHURCH BUILDING and this will be followed by small contributions from some of the History Group about the HATCHMENTS, JAMES 2 COAT OF ARMS and THE WW1 MEMORIALS.

There will be the usual charge of £2 for History Group meetings but refreshments will be provided by the Church Ladies and donations will be gratefully received. All monies received during this evening will be donated to Church funds.

We are especially lucky to have John Scott speaking so please do come and support this event.

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CHARLES HENRY COOMBES FARR (1882 - 1915)

Researched by Jean Wilkins

Able seaman Charles Henry Coombes Farr was born in East Budleigh the son of Mary Ann and Henry Farr (an agricultural labourer), on the 23rd July 1882. He appears to have been their only child. After Charles's death in 1915 the Vicar of Newton St Cyres wrote in the Cadbury Deanery Magazine, 'He spent most of his young life in our midst, though it was not his home. Our sympathy goes out to Mrs Gilpin, who brought him up and cared for him as if he were her own son.'

William and Mary Ann Gilpin lived in Exminster at the time of the 1871 and 1881 censuses, where William was an agricultural labourer, and in 1881 Mary Ann is described as a Honiton lace maker.

They seem to have had no children of their own and were already looking after a two year old boy. The relationship is described as nurse/child. By 1891 they had moved to an address in Newton St Cyres described as Norton Cottages, Churchill, where they were looking after two little girls. Mary Ann was widowed by 1901 and had moved to a cottage in West Town. She described herself as a nurse and had taken in an elderly gentleman boarder and another little girl.

Presumably Charles Farr spent time in the 1890's with the Gilpins. He is listed in 1891 with his parents in East Budleigh and his mother's death is registered in 1895. By 1901 he was in the Navy on board HMS Renown as an Ordinary Seaman. Possibly there was a personal link between the Farr Family and Mary Ann Gilpin, as all three were born in East Budleigh. Mary Ann Gilpin had moved to a cottage with an address as The Village by 1911 and here she lived with an adopted daughter Dorothy aged ten and her elderly gentleman boarder.

Charles Henry Coombes Farr joined the Navy as a Boy 2nd Class on 15th May 1899 at the age of seventeen. He is described as being 5ft 6ins tall with light brown hair, blue eyes and a fair complexion. His previous occupation was as a labourer. He joined the shore based training hulk HMS Northampton, where he spent the summer of 1899 and quickly rose to

Boy 2nd Class. This was followed by experience on HMS Calliope built as a fully rigged sailing corvette, supplemented by powerful engines, designed to protect trade with far flung outposts of the British Empire. Calliope was reclassified as a cruiser in 1887. After four months on the cruiser HMS Arrogant, Charles rose to the rank of Ordinary Seaman and on his eighteenth birthday signed on for twelve years. Service on a series of armoured cruisers and the pre-dreadnought battleship Renown, (where he became an Able Seaman), was interspersed with time training at the smart new barracks in Devonport HMS Vivid, and the signals training base HMS Vivid 1. Gunnery training was done on HMS Cambridge and further time was spent at the Chatham shore base HMS Pembroke. He is listed amongst the crew of the armoured cruiser HMS King Alfred in the 1911 census. His character throughout his service was consistently described as 'very good'.

His term of duty complete by the summer of 1912 he immediately joined the Royal Naval Reserve Devonport B4490.

On 2nd of August 1914 Charles Farr returned to HMS Vivid at Devonport and after 10 days was assigned to the pre-dreadnought battleship HMS Majestic. Majestic along with the rest of the 7th Battle Squadron was attached to the Channel Fleet during the early stages of the war and covered the passage of the British Expeditionary Force to France. She was then detached from the Channel Fleet and escorted the first Canadian troop convoy. This was followed by some time as a guard ship at the Nore and the Humber. Early in 1915 she sailed for the Mediterranean where she supported the Allied landings at Gallipoli. She was one of the first Allied heavy ships to enter the Turkish Straits and was heavily engaged firing at the Turkish inner forts although damaged herself.

On 27th May 1915 Majestic was torpedoed by a German U - boat at Cape Helles. There was a loud explosion and in nine minutes she capsized and sank with the loss of 49 men. Charles Henry Coombes Farr of East Budleigh and Newton St Cyres was one of those men. He is commemorated on the Plymouth Naval Memorial and on the Tablet and the Memorial Window in Newton St Cyres Church.

Tony Hawks called for support of Village Halls as we celebrated Open Halls in April

Tony Hawk's new book *'Once Upon a Time in the West... Country'* is a witty account of his move from London to deepest rural Devon and is an insight into rural life from his new perspective.

Devon Communities Together, who support Community facilities such as village halls, met with Tony in his capacity as chair of his local Village Hall. He was interested in our Open Halls month campaign and shared our passion for championing the significant role that village halls make to rural communities.

'After moving down to Devon two years ago I dived straight into my new rural existence and became chair of the Village hall. I am keen to encourage everyone to use and benefit from the hall in new and innovative ways. The hall really can be the centre of the community life we all value so much. So, do support and use your hall.'

Newton St Cyres Young Farmers

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YFC and NFU Annual Quiz Raises £1,745 for Charity



Club members who organised the YFC and NFU Annual Quiz.

On Friday 27 February, Sandford Parish Hall hosted a sell-out quiz which was organised by members of Newton St Cyres Young Farmers Club and the Crediton/Witheridge branch of the National Farmers Union.

The successful event raised £1,745 for the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI) and the Farming Community Network (FCN).

Andrew Goodridge from RABI said *'Devon Young Farmers are a real credit to the organisation. As a former member of Exeter Young Farmers, the evening brought back many happy memories and it was good to see the tradition of charity work still high on the agenda of the Young Farmer.'*

The event saw 50 teams participate in the quiz written by past member Tom Davie, whilst everyone enjoyed drinks and pasties served by the members of the young farmers club.

The top three teams won prize money donated by the NFU, and their scores were as follows; The Happy Campers 92, Complete Harmony 98 and Johns Deeres 103.

Georgina Davie who organised the quiz said *'It was great to see lots of people support our quiz, especially those who made such an effort to travel from across the County to attend. The members and advisory worked really hard to put on a successful and*

enjoyable evening. It is great to have such a strong partnership with the local NFU and we look forward to organising the quiz again next year.'

Georgina and her sister Emma, and Bow YFC member Alice Giles will be organising another quiz in May to raise money towards the Three Peaks Challenge which they are currently training for. Alongside the sponsorship, the three ladies will be organising additional events to help raise money for the Farming Community Network and the new Devon YFC building in Cheriton Bishop. The quiz will take place at The Waie Inn on Friday 1st May 7pm for 7.30pm start; teams of 4 are £10. To book a team email georginadavie@hotmail.co.uk.

Crediton Festival of Food and Drink

Crediton's Seventh Food & Drink Festival is taking place on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th June 2015. This year we are delighted that the Food & Drink Festival will form the first weekend of the month long Crediton Festival which will be opened in a ceremony on Saturday morning featuring the Mayor of Crediton, Frank Letch together with the Mayor of Crediton's twin town Avranches in France.

On the Saturday we are delighted that local chefs and food producers have again agreed to run cookery demonstrations and there will be a wide range of stalls showcasing food and drink from local producers. For our younger visitors we are running a bread shaping competition as well as a quiz and other activities.

Later in the evening we will have live music in the marquee with a chance to sample some locally brewed beers, ciders and other drinks as well as over a dozen tasty food stalls to give you the energy for dancing the night away.

On Sunday 14th the Festival continues with the focus being the Big Sunday Lunch – a great chance to buy and/or bring food to share and to catch up with friends whilst listening to some more local music.

Crediton Food & Drink Festival is generously supported by Ashgrove Kitchens, Crediton Dairy and Claremont Marquees. Entry to the Festival is free.

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Newton St Cyres Primary School

As usual it has been a very busy start to the school summer term. Our Year 4 children across the federation attended a residential stay at Simonsbath. They worked in mixed school groups on a variety of outdoor activities such as; bouldering, traversing, orienteering, woodland ramble, shelter building, fire making and team building. It was the first time away for the majority of the children so they had to get used to organising themselves for activities and sharing dormitories. I was amazed at how organised and supportive they were to each other, a credit to themselves, their families and respective schools.

The younger children at the school are learning about space whilst the older children are looking at Ancient Greece – two very different topics but very exciting ones.

The younger children will also be attending their sports sessions at Lords Meadow on a Friday morning (which I know they are very excited about). Nevertheless the older children are taking advantage of the tennis club's generosity and will be making use of the tennis courts on a Thursday afternoon.

The beginning of May sees the very eldest Year 6 children take their National SATs tests whilst the Year 5 children spend a long weekend on residential at Barton Hall in Torquay.

Lots of learning and fun; let's hope the sunshine lasts for us to make it even more enjoyable.

Glynis Harris

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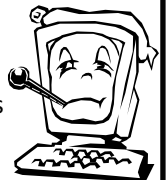
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MAY ON THE FARM

This spring seems more beautiful than any spring I remember. The slow build with the cooler weather tantalisingly stretched early spring out. Then we had the bright dry middle, when buds burst, grass grew, the hedges flowered. Now we have the grand finale of spring. The may, the hawthorn flower, covers the hedges with blossom. The trees drip with new leaves of every green that you can imagine, and few you hadn't believed possible, and young of every kind ventures out into the big world. That has the buzzards and other birds of prey very happy: daft young rabbits sniffing the growing grass make the job of rearing a clutch of hungry meat-eating chicks considerably easier. A young buzzard waits for me to pass down the lane, knowing rabbits, field mice and voles will startle into his waiting talons. I've seen sparrowhawks use cars in that way to assist their hunting, this year is the first time I've seen buzzards do it.

CROPS - In the fields, the crops grow. Warmth and moisture drive the dance of their growth stages. The stately progression of growth through winter and early spring now gains pace to become the wild bacchanal as ears emerge in barley and wheat, and the rape flowers its vivid yellow. The crops use the soil's precious moisture to grow and flower, harvesting the sun's energy to set seed, to ensure their species' future. As farmers, we take that innate drive in plants and animals and harness it to feed our species.

PLAYGROUND - In the farm playground, it's lovely to see children connecting with this process as they play with the tractors and our pretend cows, and see the grass grow and the lambs and calves eating it. Children know how to play, and we gently inform them of the facts of farming. The children seem to relish the connections they start to see.

GRASS - The cows are day and night at pasture, now there is plenty of grass to feed them. Last month's anxious wait to have enough grass available for them almost overnight changes to measuring how much we need to cut to avoid the grass going long, stalky and unpalatable in front of the cows. We close up the paddocks they will never eat in time, and cut it for winter feed.

SILAGE - Silage making is now a huge enterprise undertaken by contractors who go from farm to farm with maybe a million pounds worth of tackle. Mowers whizz from farm to farm, cutting to catch the good weather. Tedders, with alien looking steel fingers, turn the grass to dry it. The spread grass gets ordered into swaths when the tedder fingers turn the other way. Along comes the king of the operation, the forage harvester, a hungry mouth that claws the grass into its whirling knives, which chop the grass into bite sized lengths, then throws it into the following caravanserai of trailers hauled by skilful drivers. Back to the silage pit, and the heaviest tractor carries and rolls the tipped grass into the enclosed heap, where it will ferment just so under plastic to give a good feed for cows to eat when the grass stops growing next winter. It's a joyful job, especially when the contractor makes it to your farm in the fine weather window. It is satisfying knowing that some of next winter's feed is safely put away.

COWS - The plants drive to reproduce. The cows do too. They've just recovered from calving, and yearn eagerly to do it all again. At the beginning of May we watch all the spring calving cows to see if they are keen to breed, which



they show by avidly riding each other. In the middle of the month we start to satisfy that desire. To start with they get the AI technician's arm up the back passage, guiding by feel the precious semen into the one fertile horn of the uterus - they need to work out which side is pumping, or the semen will be wasted. In the first 3 weeks, almost all the cows will enjoy a service, and about two thirds will become pregnant if we've got everything right with our fertile little cows. They will get another chance at a dairy bull, semen drawn from the best bulls in the world for grazing and producing the right milk for our cheese. We select the best Friesians, Swedish Reds, Montbeliards and a little dab of Jersey. After that, any cows still not pregnant get one go with an eager bull, our little Belted Galloways Rooster and McCoy, then we consider they have chosen a career in the beef industry.

CHEESE - the cows are milking very well, which means words are sparse in the cheese dairy. We have to take care to make great cheese every day, even when muscles ache with the sheer weight of curd to handle. Our cheese is handmade, and we do not have double the hands when the milk is double.



GRADING - We've just graded last year's cheese made at this time, and I'm proud to say we've had the best result ever - 98% in the very top category, and all of them I'm happy to own as Quicke's.

FARM SHOP - In the Farm Shop, come and taste the cheese - I'm really enjoying our mature cheddar, 15 months old. It's beautifully balanced, rich, buttery, with layers of flavour that tell the story of our farm, the seasons and our traditional craft. In the Farm Kitchen, I'm really enjoying sharing my love for edible flowers and salads from unusual plants, accompanying freshly prepared dishes that express the essence of our beautiful valley.

RECIPE - we are fortunate to be hosting some resourceful and hardworking interns from South Africa, Niel Neethling and Elzahn Nel. They were homesick for a proper South African braai - barbecue. They spent the morning preparing a delicious lunch, mushrooms stuffed with caramelised onions, lamb chops and sausages, and pumpkin, all prepared on the barbecue, as well as a delicious malfa pudding (like sticky toffee pudding) and proper custard. They made delicious Braai broodtjies - toasted sandwiches - on the barbecue.

Braai broodtjies - cut white bread generously. Butter well, right to the crusts. Fill well with your favourite. I loved their apricot jam & grated Quicke's Mature Cheddar braai broodtjie. Then they made sliced tomato, caramelised onion and grated Quicke's Mature Cheddar, and that was glorious. Toast well on each side on the barbecue. Eat hot. Make enough to eat cold. Niel and Elzahn said people fight over who eats them for breakfast. They didn't make it that far, half a sandwich each came in as a perfect supper after a blow-out lunch. Thanks for a lovely South African Sunday lunch!

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Behind the Iron Curtain

The village is fortunate to have a great deal of expertise and experience amongst its residents and this was apparent on Saturday 28 March at the event held in the hall. Roger Wilkins had undertaken to give a talk on a section of his professional life which involved trips to some of the countries in the old Eastern Bloc – 'Behind the Iron Curtain'.

Roger explained how in 1973 he was a young scientist at the Grassland Research Institute (in Hurley, Berkshire) and was asked to take over from his boss (who had a new job) to prepare and deliver a paper at the International Grassland Congress in Moscow the following year. This meant that he was a fully paid and honoured guest of the Soviet Union, and it led to many visits and also contacts and associations over the years with people from other countries. However, in 1974 the Cold War was still firmly in place and so visitors to the Soviet Union had to be briefed by the Foreign Office to beware of bugging, illegal money changing and also sexual compromise. Indeed Roger was almost immediately asked by Tanya, his guide, if he would change money, but refused. He and his four colleagues stayed at the enormous Hotel Rossiya, the biggest then in the world, with 2,200 rooms and even its own jail in the basement. Meals were taken in exchange for tokens and in his privileged position, Roger was not only whisked through the airport queues, but given a triple amount of meal tokens, which made him popular with his colleagues!

He gave his paper to the Congress of 1200 delegates in front of 12 microphones, and admits that he had never spoken to such a large audience before. Luckily his paper was early on and so he could then relax and enjoy the rest of the congress and the various VIP functions, such as a visit to the Bolshoi Ballet, as well as parties which seemed to involve large amounts of vodka toasts. He was even given roubles as 'pocket money' to spend in a large store to which he was escorted. He showed us the large dolls in Russian costume that he brought back for his four daughters, including a baby one for his youngest. Fortunately he was put on an early morning Aeroflot plane to go home, and so his luggage was not a problem. But his friend did have a problem. The hotel rooms had been reallocated to give Roger a single room, and the colleague with whom he had been going to share was interrogated because the room tokens did not match, only being released after three hours of interrogation and the real threat of going to jail. Roger was back in London, before his colleague was released just in time for his BA flight. This story illustrated just how inflexible the Soviet system was.

The next conference was in East Germany in 1977. Again the level of control was high. Roger bought tickets to go with a colleague to Wagner's 'Siegfried', only to find his interpreter seated two rows behind him, clearly keeping an eye on these Westerners who had acted independently by going to the opera. Roger had a translator which helped communication to be made with the other delegates, but although the sessions had simultaneous translations in German, Russian, French and English, it could be a problem to speak easily to the different nationalities. Over time, English became more and more the lingua franca but that was not the case at first.

In 1978 Roger visited Bulgaria and observed how much fellow feeling there was between the Bulgarians and the Russians. This extended to the vodka which was produced at 10 am at meetings, in the form of hospitality, which made it hard to refuse! English then was the fifth language, though now it is the second. He found the state of some of the agriculture to be fairly primitive, for instance shepherding methods, and there was a plan to import Welsh sheepdogs to improve efficiency. Furthermore, he visited a farm where there were 2,700 workers for 16,000 hectares, an enormous farm and a huge level of employment. It was this visit that was set up by Mr Kendimenov of the Bulgarian Embassy, who accompanied Roger to the airport in London. Three months later Georgi Markov, a Bulgarian dissident

writer, was assassinated in London by a ricin bullet shot by an umbrella - and shortly after Mr Kendimenov returned to Bulgaria. He obviously had a wide range of duties in his Embassy position!

By the time of Roger's visit to Lithuania and Russia in 1991 the Cold War had ended and the Berlin Wall had come down. Roger had made many visits to the Eastern Bloc by now and so could explain to us how the rapid changes that then took place meant that the good things about the Communist regimes went out as well as the bad things, with this being most notable in East Germany, with the rapid reunification of Germany. People gained personal freedom but lost guaranteed employment, cheap housing and power and the more equal society they had known. This complicated the reactions of the individuals that Roger had come to know well over the years.

By the time of his last visit to Russia in 1999, Moscow was transformed from a quiet city with few cars, and empty shops into a city of traffic jams and a construction boom with street stalls and buskers. However, the scientific research work being done there was falling rapidly in standard and was very poorly paid. Roger was made Academician of the Russian Academy of Agricultural Science, which is a job for life, and so in theory he has a future in Putin's Russia!

Roger's talk and the stories he told conjured up the past atmosphere and reality of life in the eastern bloc, which has now almost been forgotten. The slides he showed also took us back to the 1970s and the way the world looked then and how different it was to the present. The world of grassland research, the scientific work being done and the contacts he made through this shed a most fascinating light behind the Iron Curtain.

The end of the talk did not end the expertise. Maureen Whiteley, supported by the Parish Hall committee, produced an excellent supper which enabled people to sit and discuss the ideas and topics raised in the talk and it was enjoyed by all. Thanks go to them all and to Roger for giving so much time and effort to the future of the Parish Hall.

Report by Isobel Hepworth

Gardening club

An Advance Notice

The next meeting of the Gardening Club will be held on Wednesday 3rd June at 7.30 pm in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall.

Our speaker will be an old friend, John West and his talk is entitled 'Fun in the long grass - a short talk about ornamental grasses with a mention of bread making'.

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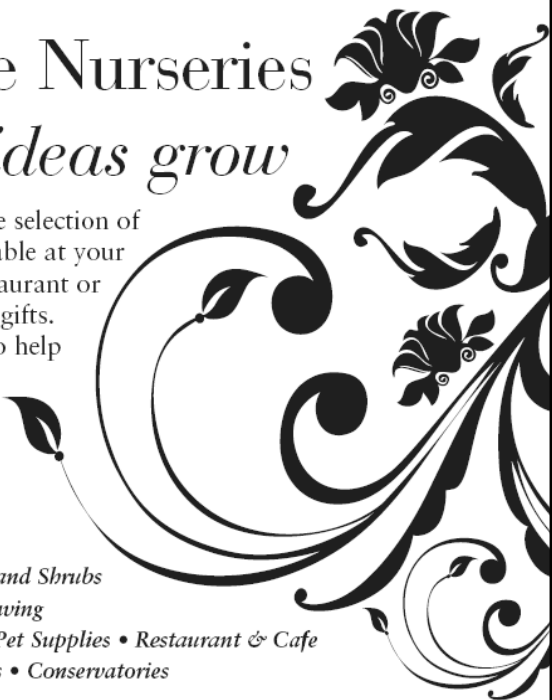
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	Thorverton	Silverton
Monday	15:00 - 17:15	09:00 - 11:45
Tuesday	08:30 - 11:30 15:00 - 17:00	Closed
Wednesday	07:30 - 10:00	15:00 - 17:45
Thursday	09:00 - 11:15 16:00 - 19:00	Closed
Friday	15:00 - 17:30	09:00 - 11:30

There are no surgeries on Saturday or Sunday, but a doctor will be on call for emergencies only on 0845 6710 270.

Early surgery on Wednesday, late surgery on Thursday

REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS (Monday to Friday) – You can request your repeat prescriptions by calling our in-house dispensary on 01392 861622, or by using our online repeat prescription request www.exevalleypractice.co.uk.

Please note that 48 hours' notice is required for all repeat prescriptions.

We accept credit/debit card payments for NHS and private prescriptions

DOWLAND COUNTRY FAIR & DOG SHOW

SUNDAY 21st JUNE 2015 11AM - 5PM

FURZE PARK CROSS NR WINKLEIGH EX19 8PQ

entry: Adult £5 Children under 16 Free

Preparations are well ahead for the annual Dowland Country Fair , every year people from all over the South West join us , last year attracting over 3,000 visitors, which is absolutely incredible, so to show our appreciation we try to put on the very best schedule of exhibits for all the family.

George Mudge will be returning with his Sheep Sheering demonstrations the old fashioned way using hand shears.

North Devon Falconers with over 60 years experience will be flying Peregrines, Harris Hawks, High Bred Falcons and Owls, all these beautiful birds have the power to capture our attention.

Horse Logging displays using 2 Shire Horses.

Long Netting

Horse and Cart rides with the Suffolk Punch

Have a go Archery

Frozen Themed Tent - meet Queen Elsa and Oaten and sing a long with them to all the Frozen movie hits. LET IT GO!!!!

Running Deer will be providing workshops and demonstrations in Green Wood Working, Bush craft and Camp Crafts, along with their Shire Horse Trelawney.

Star the Duck

Chase the Bunny

Our entertainment stage this year will include, The Hatherleigh Silver Band, Cameron Mills, School Choirs and other performers.

As usual we start the day with Lurcher simulated coursing book in from 9am for 9-30am start

Lurcher, Terrier, Family Dog and Ferret Shows plus Buckham Fair Best Rescue Qualifier

Vintage vehicles, trade stands, barbecue, bar, cream teas and much much more

Keep checking our website for more information www.dowlandcountryfair.org.uk tel: 01805 804347

A great place to spend the day

Donations from this event will be given to Farms for City Children Iddesleigh and other local organisations

Where are all the people??

We sadly leave these parishes at the end of May. Three years ago, when we moved to Stoke Canon, we gained a beautiful view from the back of our house across fields and the River Culm. Only I found the view unsettling - there were no houses. A city-dweller for most of my life, I had never before had a view which didn't include houses or rooftops. This was new, strange, lonely even. Where were all the people?? The towering electricity pylon 200 yards behind our garden was the sole visible connection to urban life, and it privately became a friend!

Since then I have loved the outlook, of course, and made many more friends: the heron rising gracefully from the river; the woodpecker feeding from the old fence-posts (until the Environment Agency, as part of the flood-defence scheme, installed a new fence which is lovely but sadly less insect-rich); the cows migrating between the fields; the fog shrouding the valley on a winter morning; the river itself, enthusiastically (and occasionally threateningly) spreading our way in flood; and the ever-friendly guinea fowl from next door, inquisitively peering into our living-room through the patio door.

However, it is the people of these parishes who have been the greatest joy. Whether in the pub, in the schools, at village social events, in Christian worship, when marking the seasons of people's lives, or just in the daily round, the relationships and personal encounters have all been rewarding and enriching. I've seen the resilience that rural communities have, able to adapt and regenerate, evident in so many areas of community and religious life. Since rural life moves with the cycle of the seasons, this is perhaps not surprising; if something dies back there is the belief that something new can spring up - given some hard work!

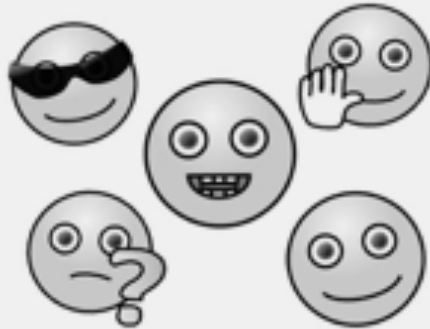
Jesus's ministry was mainly with rural people. His stories were therefore of sheep, farmers, wheat and weeds, birds and flowers, finding treasure in a field. By contrast the first churches were urban, and St Paul's writings reflect an appropriate vocabulary and imagery. The rural and the urban have always been distinct - and society's powerbrokers are usually urban. But rural life, being more attuned to nature and having a deeply rooted sense of community, reflects a natural spirituality. 'You are the salt of the earth,' Jesus said.

We shortly move to North Devon (almost another country, you might say), and will live in Appledore. We will be blessed there too with a beautiful view. The vicarage looks across the Torridge estuary - and also houses! But we will miss the beauty of the Netherexe Parishes, and we will particularly miss the people. Thank you for making our time here such a rich and memorable one.

David Carrington (Curate, Netherexe parishes, until the end of May)

Do you live in

Brampford Speke or Cadbury or Cowley or Huxham or
Netherexe or Newton St Cyres or Poltimore or Rewe or
Stoke Canon or Thorverton or Upton Pyne
or anywhere in between...?



Why? Youth Group

Who? Year 6s, 7s, 8s, 9s, 10s ...

When? Mondays 7.30 - 9 pm every fortnight

Monday 11 May 2015 Why?

Monday 18 May 2015 It's not fair

WI Hut, Thorverton

What else? there's always food!

Contact: Lynda Crossley
Tel: 01392 860690

Email: andrew@cherryandcherry.co.uk

Newton St Cyres Parish Church

Sidespersons May 2015

3rd	9.30 a.m. Family Service	Sue Browne	Mel Slade
10th	6.30 p.m. Evening prayer	Olive Cheriton	Rachel Dowle
17th	-	-	-
24th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Wendy Hough	Tony Hough

NEWTON ST CYRES CHURCH ROTAS 2015

Week Ending		Flowers	Cleaning	Brass
May	3	O Cheriton	A Mitchell	J Furnies
	10	S Munday	R Dowle	L Shrimpton
	17	M Walters	S Browne	J Pyle
	24	A Ward	P Burt	A&W Hough
June	7	A Page	A Marsden	M Snow

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 2nd May

10:30 -12:00

Newton St Cyres Parish Hall

Draw / Stalls

*In aid of Historic Church Trust and
Newton St Cyres Church funds*



Services in the Netherexe Parishes

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

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

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

Common Worship [CW] Common Worship Service

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer in the Netherexe Parishes

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

Morning Prayer is said on Mondays at 9.10pm 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 9.15am in Stoke Canon Chapel

Evening Prayer is said on Thursdays at 5.00pm in Newton St Cyres church.

Variations: **Mon 4 May** **No Collective Worship Stoke Canon Church**
 Mon 25 May **No Collective Worship Stoke Canon Church**

Who's Who? Abbreviations Key

	Vacancy	Rector	
SS	Revd Preb Sue Sheppard sue.sheppard@netherexe.org	Associate Minister	01392 841284
DC	Revd Dave Carrington dave.carrington@netherexe.org	Assistant Curate	01392 841672
LF	Mrs Laura Ford laura.ford@netherexe.org	Reader	01392 841753

Associate Ministers

MSS	Revd's Michael & Sharon Simpson
HW	Revd Harold Whitty
BOF	Baptist Officiant

For more information about the Netherexe Parishes please see www.netherexe.org or contact:

Mrs Margaret Lowe [Administrator]

Tel: 07594 714590 - Tuesday & Thursday [08:30 – 16:30]

Email: margaret.admin@netherexe.org

Correspondence: The Netherexe Parishes, PO Box 734, Stoke Canon, Exeter, EX5 4WP.

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

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

For transport 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 861022

Society of Mary and Martha at Sheldon, Dunsford, Exeter, EX6 7LE

Labyrinth Taster Day. Monday 4th May. The Sheldon labyrinth is a replica of the one in Chartres cathedral and this is a day to explore an ancient and accessible tool for prayer. The single path (it's not a maze) has the capacity to help focus and still the mind. There will be individual and group exercises and reflections during the day. £30 including lunch. (the labyrinth is outdoors and so this event is weather dependent).

Quiet Day. Thursday 25th June. Led by Ven Christopher Fitcher, Archdeacon of Exeter. A day in silence with 4 addresses. £18 including lunch.

Visit our **websites** for full details of events and activities at Sheldon and in the Open Air Theatre.

www.sheldon.uk.com

www.sheldontheatre.co.uk

or give us a ring on 01647-252752

MAY 2015 SERVICES & INFORMATION

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

Sunday 3 May 2015 Easter 5

10:00 am	Service with a Smile	☺	Brampford Speke	LF
09:30 am	Family Service		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	DC
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company		Rewe	
11:15 pm	Baptism		Poltimore	DC
05:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Poltimore	Canon K Parry
	<i>Choral Evensong - sung by the Heritage Singers</i>			

Sunday 10 May 2015 Easter 6

09:30 am	Sunday Service		Brampford Speke Baptist Chapel	BOF
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Huxham	DC
10:00 am	Service of the Word & Baptism		Cadbury	SS
10:00 am	Informal Gathering		Stoke Canon	
11:15 am	Service of the Word		Rewe	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	DC
06:30 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	MSS

Sunday 17 May 2015 Ascension Sunday

08:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Brampford Speke	DC
09:30 am	Family Service		Thorverton	Lay Led
			Joint with Baptist Church	
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Cadbury	DC
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Poltimore	Lay Led
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company		Rewe	
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	DC

Sunday 24 May 2015 Pentecost

09:30 am	Sunday Service		Brampford Speke Baptist Chapel	BOF
09:30 am	Holy Communion & Baptism	[C]	Newton St Cyres	DC
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[BCP]	Thorverton	MSS
10:00 am	Informal Gathering		Stoke Canon	
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Upton Pyne	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	DC
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Cadbury	DC
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Huxham	LF

Sunday 31 May 2015 Trinity Sunday

Mission Community Service & Farewell to Dave & Dawn Carrington

11:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	DC, SS, LF
	Followed by Bring & Share Lunch in the Bridge Centre			

Sunday 7 June 2015 Trinity 1

10:00 am	Service with a Smile	☺	Brampford Speke	LF
09:30 am	Family Service		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	SS
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Cadbury	Lay Led
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company		Rewe	
05:30 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	SS

WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGE

Priest-in-Charge	Rev Douglas Dettmer, The Rectory, Thorverton	01392 860 332
Church Wardens	Charlotte Dyer, Court Barton	01392 851 618
PCC Hon Secretary	Pita Burt pita@1bb.eclipse.co.uk.	01392 851410
PCC Hon Treasurer	Clive Lawrence, Elm Cottage, Pump Street	01392 851 406
Electoral Roll Officer	Jen Holt, 21 Woodlands	01392 851 521
Tower Captain	Mary Quicke -mary@quickes.co.uk	07729 844 945
<u>DOCTORS (Crediton)</u>	Newcombes Surgery, - Drs Hall, Saunders, & Harris	01363 772 263
	Chiddenbrook Surgery - Drs Twomey, Murphy, Braddock	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 - Roger Wilkins, Coldharbour, Sand Down Lane Booking Sect - Mary Long, Email: maryglong@btinternet.com Caretaker - Vacancy	01392 851337 01392 851 624
<u>PRIMARY SCHOOL</u>	Head of Teaching – Glynis Harris Senior Administrator - Madeleine Tucker Administrator - Maxine Bone	01392 851 267 01392 851 267
Newton Nippers	Helen Grigg (or contact the school)	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

Newton Revels	Jim Enright, Chairman	01392 851859
Cancer Research UK	Jean Wilkins, Coldharbour, Sand Down Lane	01392 851 337
Cricket Club	David Vallance, Manesty, Sand Down La	01392 851 266
Community Policeman	PCSO Lisa Crocker, 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	Millie Murphy	07955 686719
Archery	Alison Couling	01392 841 282
Gardening Club	Jane Timlett	01392 851361
Honky Tonks Line Danc-ing	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 851337
Saturday Market – 4th Saturday of the month	Ann Pearce-Mariner	01392 668603
Community Support Group	Please ring one of the numbers and your requests will be dealt with.	07749 813244 07749 813233
Crediton Citizen's Advice Bureau	Adviceline (10.30am - 3.30pm) Crediton Office (Please leave message requesting ring back)	03444 111 444 01363 776210