

NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP

At our meeting on Thursday 18th February we had a talk given by Mr Ian Stoye of the Thorverton History Group. Mr Stoye has done a great deal of work on Thorverton and published both a history of the parish and also booklets on various aspects of the village and the villagers. He was an entertaining speaker and told us all about his research and some of the many interesting things he has discovered about his own village, and also of Newton St Cyres. He used examples from the history of both villages to tell us about the many sources that exist to find out about local events, and which he has used himself. I listed 12, from the old censuses and parish registers, to personal memories and school log books, with the local record offices holding much information.

The Tithe Map of the village (brought by Tim Sedgwick) was displayed and also other maps brought by Jean Wilkins, so that people could examine them and take any photos they wished for their own researches.

Our next two meetings will both be to do with our local record offices. On Thursday March 18th we will be having a speaker from the Devon Record Office to tell us about the resources they hold. All are welcome - £1.50, tea and biscuits included. On Monday 19th April or Monday 26th April, 5.30 – 7.00 pm there is an opportunity to join a conducted tour of the West Country Studies Library in Exeter, and be shown around. These two Mondays are alternatives, to keep numbers reasonable. Please let one of us know if you would like to be included on a visit to the West Country Studies Library. Jean Wilkins 851337 Isobel Hepworth 851351

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