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Text for advertisements should be prepared as near as possible to how it is intended to appear.

Pictures must be supplied as required on the advertisement.

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Half page	18.2 cm x 12.2 cm	£4.00	£40.00
Quarter page	8.5 cm x 12.2 cm	£2.00	£20.00
One-eighth page	8.5 cm x 5.8 cm	£1.00	£10.00

LOCAL ORGANISATION and CHARITIES ADVERTISEMENTS

	COST per ENTRY
Half page	£3.00
Quarter or one-eighth page	free of charge

(It may be possible to reduce A4 size adverts to 1/4 or 1/8 page depending on the size of text.)

Front cover: Almost spring (by John Spivey)

The opinions and views expressed by contributors within the magazine are not necessarily those of *Focus* producers and the *Focus* Committee.

Editorial

The *Focus* AGM saw some lively discussion last week. I am sure that many of you will find that hard to imagine, but we did have a really good discussion about how to use some of the money that we have been accumulating and what to do to improve *Focus*.

First of all I should record that John Carter was reappointed as Chairman, Beryl Grace as Vice-Chairman, Barbara Uglow as Treasurer (although Barbara has said that she does not want to continue beyond the end of 2010, so if anyone is interested please don't be shy) and Jane Lane as Secretary. I retain my position as Editor. I am sorry to report that John has not been in very good health recently and was unable to attend the AGM, but his influence over the years has been a driving force behind *Focus* and we all wish him well.

Focus has a healthy bank balance at the moment. We should clearly keep some money back in case, for example, we need to replace our printer, but we still felt that we should utilise a portion of the funds. The general feeling of the meeting was that we should contribute towards locally based groups, perhaps also supporting young people in pursuing appropriate initiatives. We do, of course, not want to overlap with the Leonard Trust, but over the next few months the office holders will be considering how best to use some of the accumulated funds.

We agreed that the price of *Focus* should remain at 40p per copy. We also agreed to hold the charges for advertising at the current rates: £40 per year for a half page and other sizes in proportion. We believe that these rates are very reasonable and see no need to increase them at the moment. I would like to just mention here that advertising revenue represented the largest share of our income in 2009, and I am most grateful to my wife, Jane, for chasing up payments so efficiently.

One change that I have already made in response to a suggestion at the AGM is to have created a group on Facebook so that people can post comments or ask questions about *Focus*. I hope that this facility will be of interest to some of you and will allow instant feedback. It will also be a chance for me to post any messages in between editions of *Focus* (sometimes I get notices just too late to be printed in *Focus* but that will be of no value in the following edition). If you want to access the page go into Facebook and type in "Focus on Thorverton". I am a newcomer to this myself, so please don't expect perfection yet.

I was amazed to discover from their letter that Geoff and Lee White have been married for 65 years (I celebrated 25 years last year and thought that that was pretty good!). I am sure that we all congratulate them. I understand that Geoff had an accident last week and sincerely hope that he makes a good recovery from that.

Neville Lane, Editor

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Letters

From Gilly Haysom of 'Upstream'

The Dolphin group was started by Upstream with lots of support from Allison & Stephen at The Thorverton Arms.

Upstream now has to move on and help other groups to start and hope they are as much fun as this group. So if you have a passion or interest to share then we have an interested group to listen and ask questions. Also if anyone has an interest in history and would be willing to guide our discussions your help would be very welcome.

If you would like to know more or think you can help, please drop in on any Thursday at the Thorverton Arms 10:30am or email gillyhaysom@hotmail.co.uk

From Melissa and Garth formerly of the Thorverton Arms

Our new business ES&G +44 Below (The Exeter Sausage and Grill) – Exeter's newest restaurant and bar - is now up and running at 44 Queens Street, Exeter. We would be very pleased to see any of our old friends from Thorverton there.

From Geoff and Lee White of Pound Cottage

On 31st March we will be celebrating our 65th wedding anniversary.

The actual celebrations will be organised by our children in Worcestershire, where we first met when Geoff was posted back from Africa in 1944.

Since then we have lived in many parts of the country until 1983 when we decided to take up the opportunity to live in Thorverton. This is a decision we have never regretted. Thorverton is a lovely village in beautiful countryside and we are lucky to have such a good site.

None of this is what is really important. What is really wonderful is that we have made so many friends. If we were to list them all and the way they

have helped us when we have needed help, we would need several pages of *Focus* to do them justice.

We will just say to you all: "Thank you all very much. We hope to spend many more years enjoying your companionship".



From Allison and Stephen Toogood of the Thorverton Arms

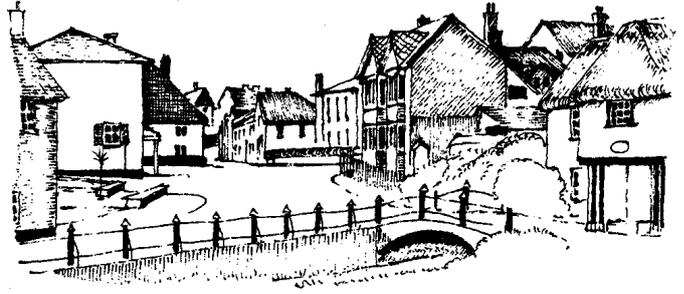
Please join us in the pub from 8 pm on Friday 16th April to celebrate our first six months of trading.

If you missed our Indonesian evening in March, you missed a treat! Ana, who works with Stephen in the kitchen, is from Indonesia and she planned the menu and cooked wonderful dishes.

Look out for the next 'evening' – we're thinking Spanish. On Easter Sunday, 4th April, Anji is organising children's activities with lots to do and make over lunchtime (12–2.30). Do come and enjoy a family lunch with the opportunity for a quiet drink beforehand and have the chance to spend a leisurely time over your meal. Please enquire at the pub for more details. Booking essential.

Thorverton Parish Council

Report of the March meeting of the Parish Council



Annual Parish Meeting

Parishioners are asked to note that this year's meeting will take place on

Tuesday, 27th April 2010 at 8pm in the Memorial Hall

(a change to the provisional date mentioned last month). The Chairman of the Council will present his Report on the activities of the Council during the past year. It is hoped that there will be a presentation on the subject of street lighting.

Planning Matters

- A. No planning decisions had been received.
- B. To consider Planning Applications received to date of meeting:-
 - (i) Ref. 10/00189/FULL to replace extant planning permission 06/02690/FULL (to extend time limit) Use of land for the siting of temporary buildings to provide post office and associated w.c.
 - (ii) Ref. 10/00264/FULL. Erection of two-storey extension (revised scheme), Higher Dunsaller, Raddon Road.

Other Parish Business

It was agreed that potholes that had appeared in the road between Lynch Farm and Chapel Farm and near Nomans Chapel should be referred to DCC. The Clerk would also chase up action regarding other holes along the Berrysbridge Road and on the hill near Poole Farm at Raddon which had been reported previously.

- RoSPA would be asked to carry out the annual inspection of the play area at the Recreation Ground.
- D/Cllr Deeds reported that speeding had been the main concern voiced at a recent meeting of the Police Liaison Group held in Crediton. He informed the Council that, even though Thorverton did not have a Speed Watch Team of its own, it was possible for teams from outside the area to be deployed within the parish.
- Some allotments will become available this month which the Council intends to let. Any resident interested in applying for a plot should contact the Clerk as soon as possible. Please see the parish notice board for details.

Please note change of venue– the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place in the **W.I.Hut** on Tuesday, 13th April 2010 at 7.30pm. (The Annual Parish Meeting will be at the Memorial Hall.)

An agenda is displayed on the Parish Notice Board prior to meetings and Minutes are displayed in the same place once they have been approved by Councillors.

Jane Lane, Parish Clerk

Telephone: 01392 861062, email:Thorvertonclerk@aol.com

www.Thorvertonparishcouncil.org

Notice Board

THORVERTON MEMORIAL HALL

SATURDAY MARKET



Saturday 10th April

9.30 - 11.00am

**Breakfast Bar, Fruit & Veg, Plants
Books, Cards, Aloe Products
Jams/preserves, Jewellery**

**Bric-a-brac, Draw
100 Club Draw**

Reg. Charity No. 203778

THE THORVERTON MILLENNIUM GREEN TRUST

The Tenth Annual General of TMGT will take place on

Wednesday April 28 at 7.30 p.m.

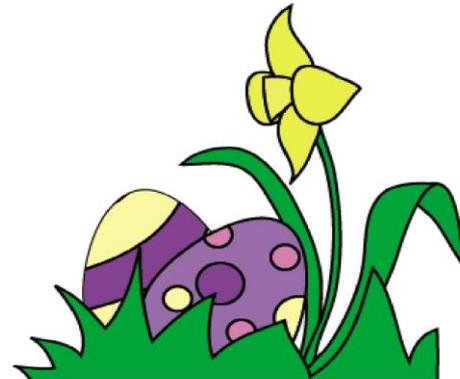
at the Exeter Inn

to which everyone is invited. This is an opportunity for any suggestions or comments on the Green you would like to bring to the attention of the Committee.

Thorverton Parish Church

FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE

Easter Sunday 4 April ~ 10.30



Stay for refreshments & Easter Egg Hunt afterwards

THORVERTON COUNTRY SHOW



May Day Ball

Saturday 1st May

Dancing to the Thorvertones
Black Tie

Tickets £10, to include a glass of bubbly
(8-8.30) & Canapés (8.30-9.15)

Contact Jean 860827
Reg Charity No 203778

Cleaves Close Reunion

Sunday May 30th

Anyone who has lived or lives in our very special close is invited to join us in a reunion. Afternoon Tea with films & photos @ The WI Hut Games in the Rec Evening BBQ on the ring with Music & Fireworks Please bring your own drinks for BBQ Please tell all your family.

Contact: Sallie Hayes 01392 860681 Lou Helley 01392860131 or Graham & Sue Sims 01392 860381

Thorverton Arts Exchange

At Arts Exchange meetings we share our enthusiasms for writing, music, painting, film, craft etc. with one another.

Usually there is a theme to our choices, but occasionally an individual member will take responsibility for a whole evening.

The meetings take place in members' homes at 8.00 p.m. on Thursdays. The next meetings are:

April 15 th	<i>Weddings</i> , 25 The Glebe
May 27 th	<i>Pastoral/Bucolic</i> , Newcourt Farmhouse
June 17 th	<i>Uplifting</i> , Campion Cottage
July 22 nd	<i>Water</i> , Garden Cottage

New members are always welcome. For further information contact Louise Page or Rob Purvis, Campion Cottage 860509.

Thorverton Church Consort practices in church, 7.45 to 9 pm

Thursdays:-

April 22nd, 29th
May 13th
June 3rd, 24th
July 1st, 15th, 18th (at 5 p.m.)
Party July 8th 6.30 p.m.

Junior Consort practices in school, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m.

Mondays:-

April 26th
May 10th, 24th
June 7th, 28th
July Party, Thurs 8th, 6.30 p.m

Exe Valley Film Society

Film Listing for 2010

All films are shown on Thursdays and start at 8.00pm (doors open at 7.30pm) at Brampford Speke Village Hall. Members pay £1 per film and guests £5. Membership is £25 for the year. Popcorn is provided; you are welcome to bring your own drinks.

29 th April	Rear Window (1954)
27 th May	An Education (2009)
24 th June	State of Play (2009)
29 th July	Sing-Along-A-Sound of Music (outdoor)
30 th September	Julie and Julia (2009)
28 th October	Creation (2009)
25 th November	Withnail and I (1987)
23 rd December	Cabaret (1972)

Sylv & Anne's

CHATTER CAFÉ

2-30pm - 4-30pm

Open every Monday (excluding Bank
Holidays)

All Welcome

Charity no. 229868

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club welcomes tennis players of all ages and abilities. We have 2 hard courts, recently resurfaced and with new floodlighting, situated on the Recreation Ground.

The new season begins on April 1st. Regular daytime sessions are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 10am and Friday at 2pm. Friendly club tennis sessions are also held on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings (Thursdays in the Winter). For the more competitive, singles and doubles tournaments are organised within the club and several teams are entered into the local Leagues. We have a strong tradition of Junior coaching, and coaching for adults can also be arranged (club coach Justin Kraushar, tel: 07802 751793).

For potential new members able to play daytime tennis during the week, two **open sessions** are being held on **Monday 19th April at 10 am** and **Friday 23rd April at 2pm**. Also, a free adult coaching session for beginners and 'rusty' players will be held on **Thursday 15th April at 10am**. Please feel free to come along!

For details of membership and activities in the coming year, please contact Tom Misselbrook (01363 777514; tom.misselbrook@bbsrc.ac.uk) or Laura Leigh (tel; 01647 24259; winstode.house@yahoo.co.uk), or come along to one of our club sessions. We look forward to seeing you soon! www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk

SWEMF Workshop Day

Saturday, April 24th 2010 – 10 a.m. to 4.45 p.m.

At Thorverton Parish Church.

“O CHE FELICE GIORNO”

A workshop directed by Margaret Westlake

On the weekend of the feast of St. Mark we celebrate with a day of 16th century music which may have been played or sung in the great basilica of St. Mark in Venice.

Margaret Westlake studied recorder and viol at Trinity College of Music. She has performed in major venues including the Royal Festival Hall, the Queen Elizabeth Hall and the Wigmore Hall as well as in Europe, Israel and the U.S.A. She also sings professionally and has a particular interest in renaissance polyphony. She is a well known tutor on summer schools, weekend and day workshops.

We look forward to welcoming Margaret back following our successful day with her last Spring. As the music is multi-choral, the day is suitable for a wide variety of instruments: sackbuts, curtals, recorders and viols as well as singers. Pitch : A = 440
Cost: SWEMF and other FORA members - £14, non members - £16. Lunch: At one of the village pubs or bring a packed lunch. Tea, coffee, squash will be provided. Please send the attached slip with payment (cheques made payable to SWEMF) to:

Mary Thomas, 1, The Glebe, Thorverton, Exeter, EX5 5LS . More details from her : 01392 860730 and mary@onetheglebe.eclipse.co.uk

Cancellations : money will be refunded up to one week before the day.

I would like to attend the workshop on Saturday, April 24th 2010

NAME:

ADDRESS:

TEL . NO.:

EMAIL:

Voice (tick applicable):

Sop. Alto Tenor Bass

Instrument :

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ made payable to SWEMF

SWEMF Registered Charity no. 291319

TADS

Thorverton Amateur Dramatic Society

**Present their 2010
production**

"Hell's Bells"

By James Muirden

A Comedy in 5 Scenes

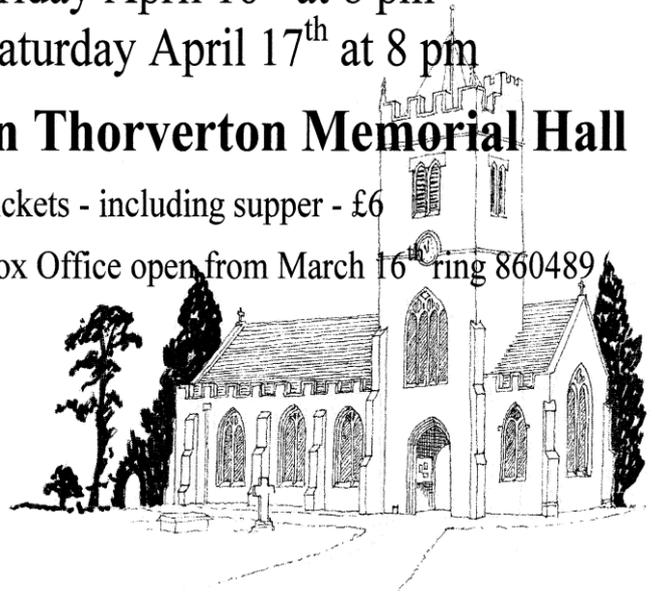
Friday April 16th at 8 pm

Saturday April 17th at 8 pm

In Thorverton Memorial Hall

Tickets - including supper - £6

Box Office open from March 16th ring 860489



Yew Tree Poster Company 860519

TADS news

GET YOUR "HELL'S BELLS " TICKETS NOW !

Don't forget to buy your tickets for T.A.D.S. spring production, "Hell's Bells" , a comedy by James Muirden. 8.00pm April 16th and 17th at the Memorial Hall. The tickets include supper and there will be a bar . Do come and support us and have a good evening out.

Tickets: Phone 860489

Events at Poltimore House

Poltimore House is back in the news again following a £500,000 grant from English Heritage to begin work on the roof. The Friends of Poltimore House, who formed after the house appeared in the BBC Restoration programme, have arranged another series of Open Afternoons where people can view the house and grounds, find out about plans for the future, see displays and enjoy refreshments in the old chapel. **Open Afternoons will be held from, April 18th, June 20th, July 18th and October 17th entrance will be by donation. A major fund-raising event will be held on**

May 9th when the grounds will host the Annual Plant Sale from 11-4 and entrance will be £3 for adults with children under 16 free.

For further information and news of additional events phone 07528 164677, email events@poltimore.org.uk or visit our website www.poltimore.org

40th



East Devon Arts Festival

**Thorverton
Parish Church**

Tues.11th to Sat.15th May 2010

Open Daily	10.00am - 8.30pm
Saturday	10.00am - 4.30pm




WI
JUMBLE SALE
(Clothes only please)

Thurs April 8th

10am to 11-15am

Refreshments available



DIARY DATE

SAT AUGUST 3rd

Trip run by WI
Open to all

Morn Montague House Somerset
Noon Clarkes village Somerset

Leave Berry 9am Return 5pm

House/gardens
Adults £20 (includes entrance)
Children £14-70 (includes entrance)
National Trust card holders £10

Gardens only
Adults £16
Children £13

Contact Sylv 860183

Charity No 229868

SYLV'S
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WI Hut

Friday April 16th

10am-11am

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Thorverton Parish Church

FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday 11 April ~ 10am



Pre-service activity at 9.45
Drinks & biscuits afterwards at 10.30

***The Brampford Speke Crafty Breakfast
is now held in***

The Exe Valley Tea Shop

***on the last Saturday of each month from
9.30 - 11.30am***

Enjoy a Full English Breakfast or Vegetarian
Breakfast and get together with neighbours and make
new friends **Saturday, 27th March 2010**
from 9.30 - 11.30am



Sat. April 24th. 4.15 p.m.

Early Italian Music ~

**Viols, Curtals, Sackbuts
Recorders & Voices.**

Free ~ Informal ~ All Welcome

Details. Mary Thomas 860730

Exe Valley Wildlife Watch Group
at Brampford Speke

**Making Maps of Red Rock Field
on Saturday, 17th April**

**Meet at The Exe Valley Tea Shop at 10.30am. We will
be working in Red Rock field making simple maps to
help visitors identify all the plants and trees that grow
there. Come in wellies and bring your waterproof
clothing. The meeting finishes at 12.30pm in the Tea
Shop.**

Although our meetings are aimed at 8 – 12 year olds,
parents and younger siblings are always welcome to
stay. Please ensure that children wear suitable
clothing and footwear for outdoor meetings. We
welcome feedback on the suitability of activities for
your children and will do whatever we can to make
as many meetings as possible accessible to all. **For
further details phone the Wildlife Watch Leader
Sue Satchell 01392 841785.**

Church week events

This year all Church Week events will be held the week after the Arts Festival. We are having a Pledge Auction to raise funds for our Church on Fri 21st May so please start thinking what you can pledge, it can be anything!! from a basket of fruit, to so many hours gardening, or a ticket to the Northcott, to a bottle of bubbly !!

There's plenty of time but when you are ready to pledge ring Michael or Tina Ayre 860434 or Ed or Gilly Greed on 84123.

Devon Adult and Community Learning

Summer Courses: Now available to view at www.devon.gov.uk/adultlearning or request a brochure for your area by calling 0845 1551014 Courses include Computing, Arts & Crafts, English and Maths, Work Related Training, Modern Foreign Languages and various general interest courses.

Telephone My Devon on 0845 1551014 to enrol using your credit or debit card

Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 21st May 2010

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 21st May 2010 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting the Spinal Injuries Association's information and support services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre. SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed

Exe Valley Film Society

Proudly presents our next screening:

Rear Window (PG)

Director: Alfred Hitchcock

Starring: James Stewart and Grace Kelly

This BAFTA winning film, made in 1954, is Hitchcock at his best – full of suspense and tension. A temporarily wheelchair-bound photographer watches his neighbours from his apartment window in New York and is convinced that one of them has committed murder. He involves his glamorous girlfriend and his nurse in a plot to uncover the truth which puts them all in danger.

Thursday 22 April

Brampford Speke Village Hall

Doors open 7.30 for 8pm start

Bring a bottle and glass and enjoy the popcorn. Members £1, guests £5. All welcome. Ring 840072 for details

people to lead independent lives. Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 678 6633 extension 229 or email fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit www.spinal.co.uk.

“STATE OF OUR NATION”

Awareness group meetings: are you concerned about the “state of our nation?”

It would seem that many of you are and for this reason awareness meetings are being held at our home frequently. Discussions are friendly and informal & refreshments will be available. Come on your own or with some friends. The more the merrier!

Please ring John or Elizabeth to arrange a time on 01392-860597 and appear with plenty of questions, which we expect to be able to answer!

OPERA SPEKE

World-class opera is nearer than you think! And you don't need a tuxedo or a cocktail-dress! Come to Opera Speke, right on your doorstep, in Brampford Speke. We show the world's best operas on a large high-definition television with a fabulous-quality Bose sound-system. Add to this, a group of friendly, witty people of all ages with a shared love of opera in an informal, relaxed setting, and what do you have? A wonderful night out with friends!

We won't charge you a penny. Just bring a bottle. We'll provide the glasses and some nibbles. Our next screening is a truly wonderful breath-taking production of Mozart's "The Magic Flute". It has everything: Myth and Magic, Good versus Evil, Romance and the Triumph of Reason. The sets have to be seen to be believed. The singing is superb, and of course there is the sublime music that only Mozart could write.

This all takes place at Heron Court on Tuesday 20th April at 7pm. So, if you'd like to come, please phone us beforehand. We are really looking forward to it. See you then.

David & Jane Barnard-Smith (01392 841770)

Last month all our staff put in a lot of effort and time to train to use the new online software that is being introduced nationally by Post Office Ltd. All our business is processed through this. We were the first office south of Bristol to be up and running with the new system. Now that we are becoming more familiar with how it works, we are finding that transactions can be completed more quickly, which is good for us and for you as customers. But...! There have been several times when the whole system has been 'down' nationally for part of a day, and we can do very little for you when this happens. We are assured that these 'teething troubles' will be sorted out soon, and all we can do in the meantime is to apologise and ask for your patience. Please don't be tempted to stop using us (because our income and future trading depends on the number of transactions we complete); the system is working for much more of the time than not. Remember:

- We get a payment when you use Post Office Ltd website or phone any of the advertised numbers in our leaflets to buy any products IF you quote our branch number: 2165198.
- If you bank with one of our partner banks, you may be able to use your card at the post office to withdraw cash, pay in cheques and/or cash, obtain a balance....
- British Telecomm has renewed its contract with Post Office Ltd, so you can still pay your bill over the counter. There are many other bills that can also be paid like this. Just look for a bar code, and if there is one, the chances are that we can process it.

Allison Toogood, Subpostmaster

Thorverton Post Office

OPENING HOURS

Mon–Fri **9.00–1.00 pm and 2.00–5.30 pm**
Saturday **9.00–12.00 noon**
Good Friday and Easter Monday **Closed**

House and Garden Teas

Come and spend an afternoon visiting our historic home and gardens

Open between 2pm & 5pm
on Bank Holiday Mondays
and Wednesdays & Sundays
in June, July & August

House tours 2.30pm & 3.30pm

Groups welcome by arrangement

New for this year

Season tickets for local residents
Garden open under the National



Fursdon, Thorverton, Exeter,
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01392 860860

e-mail admin@fursdon.co.uk

or visit www.fursdon.co.uk

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Parish Church Services and News

1 April 2010 Maundy Thursday Joint Mission Community Service

07:30 pm Holy Communion [C] Stoke Canon DD & HD

2 April 2010 Good Friday

09:00 am Service of the Word Upton Pyne DD
 10:00 am Service of the Word Cadbury DD
 10:00 am Service with a Smile ☺ Stoke Canon HD
 11:15 am Service of the Word Rewe GSd
 12:00 noon Service of the Word Newton St Cyres HD
 02:00 pm Service of the Word Poltimore HD
 02:00 pm Service of the Word Thorverton DD
 03:30 pm Good Friday Service Brampford Speke Baptist Chapel Baptist Minister
 07:00 pm Service of the Word Stoke Canon DD

3 April 2010 Easter Eve

08:00 pm Evening Vigil Rewe HD

4 April 2010 Easter Day

06:30 am Holy Communion [C] Netherexe HD
 09:00 am Holy Communion [C] Brampford Speke DD
 09:00 am Holy Communion [C] Cadbury HD
 10:00 am Family Service of the Word ☺ Brampford Speke Lay-Led
 10:00 am Holy Communion [C] Cowley JB
 10:00 am Holy Communion [C] Poltimore CH
 10:00 am Family Service [C] Newton St Cyres DD
 10:00 am Family Service [C] Stoke Canon SS &
 HW
 10:30 am Family Service [C] Thorverton HD
 11:15 am Holy Communion [C] Rewe HW
 11:15 am Holy Communion [C] Upton Pyne DD
 03:00 pm Evening Prayer [BCP] Netherexe DD
 06:30 pm Evening Prayer [BCP] Huxham HD

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08:00 am Holy Communion [BCP] Newton St Cyres DD
 10:00 am Holy Communion [C] Stoke Canon HD
 10:00 am Family Service & Baptism Thorverton DD
 11:15 am Service of the Word Rewe DBx &
 DP
 06:30 pm Evening Prayer [BCP] Newton St Cyres HD

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09:00 am Holy Communion [C] Upton Pyne DD & HD
 10:00 am Holy Communion [C] Cowley JB
 10:00 am Holy Communion [C] Poltimore DD
 11:00 am Morning Prayer Thorverton Baptist Church Baptist
Joint with Parish Church Officiant
 Brampford Speke HD & ST
 06:30 pm Service of the Word *Joint with Baptist Chapel*
 [tbc] Cadbury DD
 06:30 pm Evening Prayer & APCM [BCP] Cadbury DD

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09:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Huxham	DD
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Cadbury	TGW &
GK				
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	HD
10:00 am	Service of the Word & APCM		Stoke Canon	DD
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	CH
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Upton Pyne	Lay-Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	AS
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer & APCM	[BCP]	Poltimore	DD

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10:00 am	Family Service of the Word	☺	Bramford Speke	HD & Lay-
Led				
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Poltimore	CC & JC
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	DD
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Cowley	JB
11:15 am	Service of the Word		Rewe	DBx &
BBx				
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	HD
05:00 pm	Family Service with a Smile	☺	Stoke Canon	Lay-Led
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Cadbury	HD
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Newton St Cyres	DD

5 May 2010 Mission Community Service

07:30 pm	Mission Community Service		Newton St Cyres	The Bishop of Crediton
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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'**Bramford Speke & Stoke Canon & Family Service Thorverton**

These **Family 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

Young People's Group	[YPG]	Young people's group meeting during the 10 am service at Thorverton on the first Sunday of the month in school term time
Holy Communion	[C]	Traditional service in contemporary language [one hour]
Holy Communion	[T]	Traditional service in traditional language [one hour]
Holy Communion	[BCP]	Traditional service in traditional language [one hour]
Service of the Word	[SW]	Morning or Evening Service [without communion] in contemporary language, often Lay-Led
Morning Prayer	[BCP]	Traditional Morning Service [Mattins] from the Book of Common Prayer [about an hour]
Evening Prayer or Choral Evensong	[BCP]	Traditional Evening Service from the Book of Common Prayer [about an hour]

DAILY SERVICES – Usual pattern

Monday	09:00 am	Morning Prayer at Stoke Canon Chapel
Tuesday	09:00 am	Morning Prayer at Stoke Canon Church

Tuesday	06:00 pm	Evening Prayer at Rewe
Wednesday	09:00 am	Morning Prayer at Thorverton
Thursday	09:00 am	Morning Prayer at Thorverton
Thursday	05:00 pm	Evening Prayer at Newton St Cyres
Friday	09:00 am	Morning Prayer at Thorverton
Saturday	09:00 am	Morning Prayer at Thorverton

Variations:	02 April	No morning prayer at Thorverton
	13 April	No morning prayer at Stoke Canon
	15 April	No morning prayer at Thorverton
	15 April	No evening prayer at Newton St Cyres

Who's Who? Abbreviations Key

DD	The Rev Douglas Dettmer	Priest-in-Charge	01392 860332
SS	The Rev Sue Sheppard	Associate Minister	01392 841284
HD	The Rev Hilary Dawson	Assistant Curate	01392 841928

JB	The Rev John Benton	GK	Mrs Gwynneth Keehner	JS	Mr John Sandford
BB	Mrs Bridget Boxall	JM	Preb John Mapson	GS	Mr Guy Sheppard
DB	Mr David Boxall	DP	Mr David Perrott	AS	The Rev Alan Simmonds
AB	Mrs Annabel Branney	GP	Mrs Gerda Perrott	ST	The Rev Simon Taylor
CC	Mr Chris Cook	SM	The Rev Sue Martin	PW	The Rev Peter Webb
JC	Mrs Jane Cook	GMS	Mr Geoffrey Saltmarsh	HW	The Rev Harold Whitty
JD	Mrs Julia Dallen	VC	Mrs Veronica Clarke		
CH	The Rev Chris Hughes	VM	Mrs Valerie Mills		
JH	Mrs Jenny Hansen	MOJ	Mrs Maureen Owen-Jones		

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

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

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.

To arrange a lift to the 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 Cowley parish please contact Major Clive Rendle on [01392] 257389

For transport from Upton Pyne parish please contact David Marshall on [01392] 851751

Letter From Revd Sue Sheppard

First a howling blizzard woke us,
Then the rain came down to soak us,
And now before the eye can focus -
Crocus.

This poem, by Lilja Rogers, pretty much sums up this year's weather for us in Devon doesn't it. We have had snowy blizzards and then lots of rain, but today, walking the dog, I was bowled over by the beauty of the hedgerows, the abundance of snowdrops and crocuses and the first of the daffodils beginning to bloom.

Winter is over, Spring is definitely upon us – all the signs are there. As we see the crocuses beginning to break through the hard earth and then the blossom on the trees, as we hear the song of returning birds and notice the daylight lasting longer our mood lifts and we begin to look forward to summer. With renewed energy and lighter hearts we pack away our winter woollies, spring clean our houses and make holiday plans.

This time of year is of course important in our Christian lives too. As Lent draws to a close our Bible readings, our prayer and our worship lead us to the grand climax of the story of Christ's redemptive love for us played out on the cross and in his glorious resurrection. The signs are all there – the triumphant yet humble ride into Jerusalem on the donkey, the Last Supper, the arrest and trial, the journey to Calvary, the torture and crucifixion, the despair of the disciples at Jesus's death and their bewilderment and then joy at his resurrection. We hear the story year after year – but what does it make us do?

Well I hope that, like the coming of Spring, hearing the story of God's great love for us should give us renewed energy and enthusiasm in our work for Him.

We should feel encouraged to pack away our resentments, our petty jealousies and all those things that create barriers between us and the God who loves us so much he sent his Son to die for us. Perhaps you have already begun to spring clean your spiritual life by attending a Lent course or taking more time to read your Bible or simply to be with God over Lent. If you haven't managed to do this spring clean and feel that your spiritual life could do with a bit of a wash and brush up then do attend one of the Easter Services that are being held throughout the Mission Community this Easter. Join with others in celebrating the joy of our risen Lord, turn to him as flowers turn toward the sun in Springtime and feel the warmth of his love.

Let the earth proclaim
the joy of your name.
Let each bulb rejoice,
its growth be a voice.
Let each seed and flower
tell of your power.
Let the glowing bright sun
show the deed that is done.
Let us hear from the rain,
He is risen again....

David Adam

May you have a joyous and blessed Easter

Sue Sheppard

From the Parish Registers <i>to mid-March</i>	
Baptisms	Joshua Genders Huxham 28 Feb 2010
	George Tucker at Thorverton 7 Mar 2010
Marriages	
Funerals	Mrs Margaret Shimmen [of Exeter, whose son lives in Poltimore] Exeter Crematorium 12 Feb 2010
	Mrs Nona Wootton [of Columbjohn] Exeter Crematorium 3 Mar 2010

Baptist Church

I could ask my Father for thousands of Angels--- and
He would send them.
Matthew 26 v 53.

The cross is a universal symbol of Christianity; it is almost impossible to go anywhere without seeing it on a steeple or headstone. How did an instrument of torture come to represent forgiveness and hope for so many? After all, we don't wear little gold guillotines round our necks, or display replicas of firing squads on our church walls. The answer can be found in the cross itself. It's horizontal beam symbolises the breadth of God's love; it's vertical beam symbolises the depth and height of His love. It's why God can be just and kind without lowering His standards, why He can dispense truth and mercy, and why he can redeem us without sanctioning our sin.

John said, 'God loved the world: he gave His only Son, that by believing in Him, anyone can have lasting life' (John 3 v16). Thankfully it does not say God loved only the wealthy or the famous or the beautiful or the sober or the successful. or we would all be in trouble! No, if you live in the world you are included by God.

Jesus did not have to die, He chose to! He told His captors, 'I could ask my Father for thousands of Angels and He would send them instantly but if I did, how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that describe what is happening now? As Max Lucado wrote once 'The force behind the hammer was not an angry mob—the hand squeezing the handle was not a Roman infantryman—the verdict —was not decided by jealous Jews. Jesus himself chose the nails—Had the soldier hesitated Jesus himself would have swung the hammer'. That's how much He loves us.

Baptist Missionary News (B.M.S.) Haiti
Following a remarkable response from UK Baptists, BMS sent two grants to help bring immediate aid to those affected by the devastating earthquake in January. One grant of £18,400 was sent via Baptist World Aid and the other grant of £3,300 was sent via Cyan International to the Haiti Hospital Appeal, which is involved in aid work in the disaster zone. It has been active in transporting the injured, and feeding and caring for refugees being brought from Port-au-Prince.

Albania (£1,000)

A small relief grant has been sent to help Christians in Albania respond to severe flooding in the north of the country.

Torrential rain and rising river levels flooded several villages in Shkoder, causing an estimated 66 million euros of damage and leaving some 5,000 people homeless.

Sri Lanka (£11,000)

Relief money has been given via our partner Farms Lanka to help around 100 families affected by the 2004 tsunami who, having been made homeless as a result of the disaster, are still living in camps or partially built homes. Priority has been given to families who have not received complete support from other donor funding and who have been referred to Farms Lanka by the government, temples or churches. £9,600 has also been sent to Zimbabwe, and £1,250 to Peru for relief work there.

The Baptist Church sends money collected from our Church to B.M.S. several times through the year, if anyone would like to contribute to these collections for relief work throughout the disaster areas we would be happy to include it.

A warm welcome is extended to all who would like to join with us over the Easter period, please see Focus calendar, and we wish all our readers a very happy Easter.

Phyllis Langdon, Church Secretary

Women's World Day of Prayer Collection

March 2010

The collection taken at the Parish Church on Friday March 1st for the Women's World Day of Prayer amounted to £96-20. This amount has been sent to W.W.D.of Prayer Headquarters to be used for Christian Literature and Education purposes. Many thanks to Elizabeth, who led our service so beautifully, and to our speaker Pauline, also to all who took part in the readings and prayers, it all helps to make a very interesting service.

Thanks also to Mary for all her help, and of course Brian for his skill on the organ. A delicious soup Lunch was served after the service, many thanks to all who prepared and served, you were excellent.

Above all, thanks to you all for coming, and helping to keep W.W.D.of Prayer alive in Thorverton, this was the 40th year.

Phyllis Langdon.

Ladies Group

The next meeting of the Ladies Group, will be held on Thursday April 8th at 'Southbrook' on the kind invitation of Claire Heaven Inch, at the usual time of 7-45pm. Our Speaker for the evening will be Sylv Gregory, who will be showing us how to prepare flowers from Marzipan. Sylv has asked if members would please bring an apron and a board to work on.

Phyllis Langdon

Thorverton Co-Operative Trust Ltd

GREETINGS CARDS, STATIONERY, MEMBERSHIP & MISC.

Thank you to you all for continuing to support Thorverton Post Office and TCT Ltd's shop.

I am sure you will have noticed some excellent greetings cards on display in the portakabin and just lately, a good range of Easter cards and Spring-themed cards and notelets.

If there's anything in the stationery line that you'd like us to stock, that you know you will buy regularly, please talk to our staff or Mary Trump who organises that side of the business.

The laundry service continues to be well used and the photocopier is very useful for small amounts of copying.

It is so important that our business manages to make enough profit to support the post office. TCT Ltd has to pay for most of the overheads. So not only is your custom important, but having a subscription-paying membership is another way that we ensure that we stay 'in the black'. If you are not a member yet, then please consider it. £5 a year is not much to contribute towards helping us to continue having a post office here in Thorverton. Membership forms are available at the post office, just ask.

Plans for the future are not that clear. We are still awaiting progress regarding the possible move of Not the Village Shop to the Thorverton Arms which could involve the post office too, but nothing definite has been proposed or decided yet.

Please feel free to contact me or others on the TCT Council with your comments or ideas, or about TCT membership.

If you feel able to help us in practical ways with maintenance, staffing, cleaning or you'd like to be involved in the running of things, we are always grateful for new recruits and ideas.

Heather Kershaw 01392 860419
TCT Ltd Chair And Company Secretary

TCT COUNCIL : Jill Blewett, Bryony Coles,
Royston Kershaw, Steve Rendell, Allison Toogood

East Devon Arts Festival

MAY 11th - 15th 2010

It's our 40th birthday can you believe?

No doubt many of you have been inveigled into helping with the catering side of Church Week. But there are no doubt others of you who would like to be helping with the art and craft side of things.

There are also plenty of other tasks to be done e.g. preparing the church for the Festival, selling tickets

for the cake draw, stewarding. There's something for everyone.

What sorts of things could you offer to do? :

- Use your computer skills to help with the preparation of the database, catalogue and labels, record-keeping, accounting.
- Help with the receiving, sorting and hanging of the artwork and/or the display and labelling of craft items.
- Help at the sales desk.
- Be a steward patrolling the church, helping visitors and keeping an eye on the displays.
- Man/woman the cake draw tickets sales station; a good place from which to watch the world go by, enjoy the art and talk to visitors.
- Help with cleaning and tidying especially at the end of the day.

- Be part of the team which prepares the church for the festival and then dismantles the boards etc. afterwards.
- Help at the end of the festival counting unsold craft items, taking down paintings, stock-checking with artists and craftspeople.

There are lots of other things that go on behind the scenes and as you know the whole festival is a tremendous team effort. Even if you only have a little time to spare, this will be very valuable.

We also need carrier bags, packing materials, old sheets, sturdy cardboard boxes, lightweight shelving,

the loan of tables for displaying craft. Please don't throw away things you think we might be able to use!

From Easter onwards there will be a book in the church which you can sign if you'd like to help on the sales desk, with stewarding, with the labelling and setting out craft items and paintings, with stocktaking and checking at the end of the festival or selling cake draw tickets. Please sign up so that we know we will have enough people to do these jobs!

Please contact: Helen Pope 860159 or Heather Kershaw 860419 (or Peter Colebrook 861019 re. the setting-up team).

Buy With Confidence

Devon County Council's Buy With Confidence scheme is supporting economic recovery by helping local businesses that believe in excellent customer service.

The scheme lists reputable businesses in Devon who have the highest standards of trading. Businesses must prove they run their organisations in a legal, honest and fair way as well as offer a customer-friendly service and respond to complaints in a constructive manner. Businesses that make the grade and become members must abide by the scheme's code of practice. They are then able to use the Buy With Confidence logo. In return the business is listed on the Buy With Confidence website which identifies them as a reliable and trustworthy local business that cares for its customers.

Councillor Roger Croad, Cabinet Member responsible for Trading Standards said: "Buy With Confidence is the logo to look for if you want to find a reliable local business. I would urge anyone who is looking for a trader, whether it be a plumber or a car mechanic to check on the Buy with Confidence website for approved traders in their area."

A campaign promoting the benefits of using local businesses is being launched shortly with newspaper

and radio adverts as well as sponsorship of the Great West Run on May Bank Holiday.

Commenting on the campaign Paul Thomas, Head of Trading Standards said: "Buy With Confidence members have always strongly supported the scheme and have been keen for us to promote it as widely as possible. This campaign re-affirms our support for the scheme and our commitment to raise its profile among consumers in Devon."

The campaign has been designed to not only encourage consumers to look for traders who have signed up to the scheme but also to encourage businesses to think about joining.

"The scheme benefits businesses as well as consumers" continues Councillor Roger Croad. "Buy With Confidence is a really practical example of how Devon County Council is working to help support local businesses in these difficult times. My message is simple - if you believe you offer excellent customer service and are looking for a competitive advantage then Buy With Confidence is for you. Being a member of a scheme approved by Trading Standards is a great way of re-assuring potential customers that you will look after them."

For more information about the scheme, visit www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk or call Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06.

The photo below was taken by Jane Ristic from the bridge looking up Dinneford Meadow. As far as I am aware cats don't much like swimming. Does anyone know what was going on here?



Ginger George

He's cute, he's scratchy, he's fast and he's ginger,
He jumps over Daisy and bites at your finger.

He licks at the rain drops on the window pane,
He summersaults and flips just like he's insane!

He rolls pens off tables, licks left over dishes,
"He will calm down soon" sister Daisy just wishes.

Not still for a moment, he pounces and runs,
He "squeaks" for attention and boy he eats tonnes!

He watches the telly, likes tickles on his belly,
He's naughty but nice and he loves his toy mice!

One day he'll be big and Daisy will know,
She's done a great job teaching her "baby bro".

He'll be wise, strong, handsome and proud,
She can then sleep as he won't be so loud!

Way to go yet Daisy –
Ginger George is only 5 months old!

Alison Marshall

Bramford Speke and Upton Pyne Garden Club

On the 15th March we enjoyed a talk given by Lily Neal called "The Pleasures and Pitfalls of Visiting China" which featured in particular Beijing and Shanghai. One of the reactions which she was not prepared for, apart from the extreme heat, humidity, and dreadful pollution, was a strong feeling of homesickness.

However this is perhaps understandable when you consider how far from home you are while having to deal with a totally alien culture and are surrounded with such a dense population where so few people speak English! Luckily her daughter who lives there is fluent in Chinese so once she had met up with her later on in the holiday things improved. We saw many pictures of the hutongs – the alley ways off of the main roads – which were built many centuries ago and where many of the old original houses still stand although they are gradually being demolished. The most impressive pictures shown were those of the famous Terracotta Army and it's not until you see them close up that you realise that each figure is different and individually crafted from the face to the uniform and the stance – an amazing sight. The talk was very well presented but unfortunately we did not see anything of China's beautiful mountains and countryside – may be next time as we only saw a small amount of the pictures which Lily took.

Our next event will be our Spring Flower Show on the 24th April – we do hope that you will come along as it is a very enjoyable day.

Our annual outing this year is to Colleton Fishacre. This will be on Tuesday 1st June and is open to non-members. As it is a National Trust property members will have free entrance to the house and gardens otherwise the cost will be £6.40. plus the charge for the coach which will depend on how many people come. If anyone is interested then please do give me a ring.

Our next talk will be on the 17th May given by Dawn Rose who will be speaking about "Shrubs and Climbers". New members are always welcome so if interested do contact me on 861205.

Ros Rowleron

Legal Eagle

It sometimes happens that a testator, having drawn up his will, wishes to make amendments to it, either before the will is executed, or post execution. Depending upon the nature of the amendment, the testator can, if he so wishes, execute a new will, prepare a codicil to the existing will or make the alteration on the face of the existing will.

In the event that the latter course is adopted, section 21 of the Wills Act 1837 provides:

'No obliteration, interlineations or other alteration in any will after the execution thereof shall be valid or have any effect, except so far as the words or the effect of the will before such alteration shall not be apparent, unless such alteration shall be executed in like manner as hereinbefore is required for the execution of the will'

Regular readers will recall that the execution of a will requires the observance of certain formalities. The provisions of s21 require those formalities to be observed when making alterations to a will.

Despite the language of the section, '*.....after the execution thereof.....*', the formalities should be observed irrespective of when the alteration was made. The reason for this is that when a court is considering a will on which an alteration has been made but not attested it will apply a legal presumption that the alteration was made after execution. This presumption can, however, be rebutted if there is evidence, such as affidavits from the witnesses to the will, which show that the alteration was present at the time the will was executed.

The interpretation of s21 has, however, allowed one minor departure from the requirements of s9. Although a will should be executed by the testator and witnesses writing their full signatures, alterations need only be executed by the initials of the testator and witnesses. These are usually to be found in the margin opposite the alteration.

It is not clear from the section whether the original witnesses to the will are required to attest the alteration. It is presumed that new witnesses will suffice provided that the requirements of s9 are complied with.

In the event of an alteration or interlineations being made but unattested, and the original text still being apparent, the will will be read as though the original text had not been altered i.e., the original gift in the will will take effect.

However, in similar circumstances but where the original text is not apparent, probate of the will will be granted with a blank space instead of the obliterated word(s) i.e., the intended beneficiary will not receive either the gift intended under the will as originally drawn or that intended as a result of the alteration.

Where the testator intended the original wording only to be obliterated if the new wording took effect, and this proves not to be the case because, for example, the obliteration was not attested in accordance with the provisions of s21, then the doctrine of conditional revocation will apply. This doctrine was applied in **Re Itter [1950]** in which the testatrix pasted strips of paper over the amounts of certain legacies in her will and wrote on them new amounts. The new amounts were signed by her but not attested. It was impossible to decipher the figures beneath the strips by natural means. The court applied the doctrine of conditional revocation and held that because the testatrix had not pasted strips over the names of the legatees, it was possible to infer that she had intended to revoke the original amounts only if the new amounts were substituted.

Where a will has been altered post execution and the alteration is unattested, a codicil to the will has the effect of republishing the will as at the date of the codicil. Provided that the codicil refers, in some way, to the alteration(s) in the will, the alteration(s) will be valid **Re Hay [1904]**.

Clive Hamblin

Golf Society Players Of Thorverton

Sunday 28th February 2010

The weather forecast might well have put a number of regulars off the idea of a round of golf but for once (!) the forecast was wrong. So it was that just six players who ventured forth to tame the course at Newton Golf.

Biggest impact was made by David Harlow with a score of 17 points to edge Robin Tooze into second with 16. The winner will take a cut of 1 shot off his handicap. Respectable scores were also achieved by Scott Hasler (15), John Mann (14) and Ken Galvin (14). Each receives a half shot addition to their handicaps.

The sixth player did not have quite as good a day as he would have hoped for although his performance was significant enough to warrant a name change for him, not a common event in any sphere of activity. For a while Marcus Davey has answered to the name "Badger". Your writer is not sure why but need worry no longer as it is a thing of the past.

Marcus will now be known as "Mole". The reason for this is that a large proportion of his shots resulted in the ball burying itself underground rather than taking to the air as planned. This aspect of his game also put Marcus, sorry Mole, into the frame for shortest drive and lowest (no pun intended) score. But, as moles do, he will keep digging away at his game and come back for more. At least it won Mole the Donna-y Trophy.

Regular readers might remember the long running saga of John Mann's putting problems. The good news is that he seems to have found the answer,

electing to remove the problems caused by one hand working against the other by putting one-handed. This he did with great success until at the 9th he forgot. Returning to his old method he promptly missed a three inch putt which had everyone rolling around in supportive merriment.

Sunday 14th March 2010

Only a small number of sons ventured out for the Mother's Day event. Joint winners were Harlow & Son with 14 points each. Nothing like keeping it in the family, even if mother didn't get a prize. Marcus "Mole" Davey recorded an improved score although not quite enough for a podium finish yet.

Remarkably, out of 45 tee shots, there was not one that could be said to be inglorious, something of a feat in such events. The Donna-Y Trophy was presented to Chris Harlow for a first drive that turned violently left and disappeared into the adjacent field off the first tee, followed by "three-from-the-tee" that sailed straight for 200 yards, followed by the self admonition "donna-y I didn't do that first time". Not the first golfer to utter those words, nor the last.

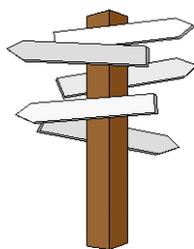
This event was remarkable in that John Mann did nothing notable, one way or another, except to make sure his fellow contestants were well fed at the end of the round. A replete and grateful bunch returned thirsty to the 10th hole at the top of a well-known well.

Please don't forget our Good Friday adventure. Time of meeting is on view in The Exeter.

G.S. Potter

TARTS News

Thorverton Amblers Ramblers and Trampers



Future walks and events:

Saturday 3rd April

Saturday 24th April

There will be a meeting towards the end of April at The Exeter Inn to plan the next season's walks and events. The time and date will be sent to those on the TARTS email list and posted on the village notice board.

All walks meet outside The Bell at 0930, and are suitable for dogs unless otherwise stated. Walk details (length, gradient, lunch information etc) will be displayed approximately a week before the walk in the Old Post Office Window and on the village notice board. If you would like to be included on the email list contact Jean (861176) or Caroline (861002).

Caroline Prince

Dolphin Group

The Dolphin group is going from strength to strength. March has seen a variety of activities including learning dances to TV theme tunes, so now we can exercise in the comfort of our own home and our armchairs.

By the time this goes to print some of our group will have been into the school to share with the top class on networks.

Finally a growing number of the group are staying on and enjoying lunch together.

April 1st - share you top tips or question on home management in the 2010s

April 8th - no meeting

April 15th - dance (seated) to TV theme tunes

April 22nd - recipe swap, salads

April 29th - book group, Road Home by Rose Tremaine

Do come along and join us, Thursdays 10:30
Thorverton Arms

Gilly Haysom

I Don't Believe It

The dog appears to have quickly changed from our best friend to public enemy no.1. But are dogs to blame or their servants? It is difficult to argue against registration, chipping or insurance, except they all cost money, and will have little impact on those owners at the root of our problems. Their activities will continue underground, flouting our laws with bravado. Just observe the numbers who regard car tax, insurance and two working headlamps as optional extras. The majority of responsible dog owners will welcome our Government's U-turn on insurance, but we really need fewer better laws which are routinely enforced and not just for short campaigns. With each new law we should know the penalties, the enforcing authority, manpower requirements and annual cost and, not least, how we will pay for it.

I have never known our roads in such an appalling and dangerous state of disrepair. But, every cloud has a silver lining and the threat of more cuts to road repair budgets must come as good news for 4 X 4 manufacturers. Furthermore, if the recent award of unitary status to Exeter goes ahead it could result in even less money for maintenance of Devon's rural network.

I also wonder how long County Councillors will countenance the authority being headquartered in another authorities area? Will we see the "For Sale" sign over County Hall and perhaps unitary authorities covering rural Devon?

Roger Fieldhouse's stalwart defence of academia's role in the climate change debate (March Focus Letters) is understandable, but I was somewhat bemused by his robust condemnation of both Alan

H's and my views - as if we shared a common platform. As recently as December's Focus I counted myself as "Being one of an increasing number of people who now accept that man's activities are contributing to global warming." Fairly clear I thought!

I am in favour of energy conservation and the prudent use of our finite fossil fuel reserves and can attest to the benefits of double-glazing and loft and cavity wall insulation, but I make no apology for criticising exaggerated energy efficiency propaganda promulgated by governments, manufacturers or academia. Indeed, many respected bodies are now reviewing and reducing their expectations regarding the efficiency and longevity of compact fluorescent lamps. (Engineering & Technology 21Nov-4Dec 2009) Meanwhile, we are being persuaded to buy electric cars with utopian claims of zero emissions or pollution free. With 78% of the UK's electricity produced from fossil fuels (DUKES 2009) such spin is, at best, disingenuous.

I have an advantage in this debate, having been an enthusiast of renewable energy since visiting France's River Rance tidal barrage project in 1966 - when green was simply a colour! In recent decades I have contributed professionally to many biogas, hydro and wind energy projects and have supported the formation of a number of renewable energy cooperatives.

The recent debacle at the University of East Anglia is, in the grand scheme of things, little more than a storm in an academic teacup. But, I'm annoyed that the fallout from it has halted, if not reversed, the more important process of public realisation that time for corrective action is running out.

Commentator

Women's Institute

We thank all those who attended our Saturday market, especially those brave folk who braved the early storm.

The draw winners were as follows: -

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| 1. Chicken dinner | Wendy Duff |
| 2. Cheese and biscuits | Paddy Milford |
| 3. Box of biscuits | Sylv Gregory |
| 4. WI calendar | Margaret Banks |

A lively discussion about next year's programme took place at our February meeting. Never let it be said that we are not forward thinking!!!

Helen Hodges won the competition for the homemade biscuits and Elizabeth Redler won 'Flower of the month'.

For those of you who associate a rusty roof to the WI hut, I have some good news: It is no longer rusty!!!

A lot of work has been carried out on the roof and it has now been painted.

A new WI sign is to go up on the hut.

The front guttering is to be renewed, while new guttering is to be put along the recreation side of the building.

The front window is to be renewed and the floor of the entrance porch will be tiled.

The only major job remaining is to have the hut painted but much fund raising must take place before that can happen.

Unless of course some one knows a millionaire who wants to part with some money!!!!

Don't think I'll sit by the phone ☺

Sylv Gregory

Charity No. 229868

Thorverton Youth Football

Saturday 20th February after all the wet weather a game at last only not on grass!!! Thorverton were due to play at home but due to the pitch not being fit it was agreed with both managers that the match would go ahead on the rubber crumb pitch at the university. The boys were all quite excited to be playing on a different surface which looks like grass but has rubber pieces (crumbs) mixed in with the artificial grass. The snow was falling quite heavily at the beginning of the match; however both teams played well with a 1-1 result scoring for Thorverton Sam Talbot. A fair match with both teams evenly matched.

Saturday 27th February and another different surface pitch, this time at Tiverton leisure centre on the astro-turf pitch. It was a miserable day with rain and it was a miserable day for Thorverton losing 1-0 to Crediton.

Saturday 6th March and another trip to Tiverton but at last on a real football pitch against Twyford! Both teams played well and scored 2 each leaving the result a draw 2-2. Scorers for Thorverton were Morgan Ballad and Bailey Carbines.

Saturday 13th March and a home fixture at last! Newton Abbot the travelling team. The home

advantage was not to be gained though with an unfortunate 1-2 loss. Thorverton were 1-0 up with thanks to a goal by Bailey Carbines but Newton Abbot struck twice in the final minutes to take the win, a very unfortunate defeat for the Thors.

Wednesday 17th March 6pm kick off, for the semi-final of the cup at Devon FA Headquarters, Newton Abbot against Sidmouth. Many players and their families left Thorverton early at the fear of Penn Inn roundabout. However fortunately everyone was there before 6pm actually quite considerably before 6pm, thus giving the boys ample time to warm up on a very impressive pitch with floodlights, grandstand, club house and even its very own PA system with an extremely Devonshire accent to boot!!! Both teams were lead onto the pitch with the referee and linesman all in the official attire. Both teams graciously shook hands all feeling the same amount of pressure on them with the rather large crowd that had gathered. Parents, sisters, brothers, grandparents, cousins, aunties and uncles (you get the picture, there were lots of people there).

The game kicked off at 6pm and the banter from the grandstand echoed across the pitch to the very nervous managers on the opposite touch line. Both teams started off well having chances however it was Sidmouth who had the closer of the chances in the first half. Second half and Thorverton upped their

game and played some great football but it was deadlock after 50 minutes of football it was 0-0. Extra time was upon the boys who at this point all looked exhausted. Thorverton played well in the 20 minutes of extra time and Tommy Jermain bravely carried on for the Thors after being thrown across the pitch by a very tall and angry Sidmouth player, the shirt was even torn!! Showing the enormous pressure on these young boys. Still deadlock after extra time and penalties were to be the decider! Both teams played well and it could go either way at this point. Morgan Ballard first up to take the penalty for Thorverton no one would want to be in his boots at this point but he coolly placed it passed the keeper 1-0 Thorverton. Sidmouth replied slotting passed Charlie Sinclair 1-1 next up Calum Gillet who blasted it passed the keeper 2-1 Thorverton, then it happened yes Sidmouth hit the post still 2-1 Thorverton with only 3 penalties to be taken Benji Thomas stepped up to take the final penalty if he missed or the keeper saved it then Sidmouth would need to score to take it to sudden death, score it and Thorverton had won!!!! Calmly and collectively he scored a belter to send Thorverton into the final... Hooray.... Poor Benji was then bundled by the whole team.

What a relief the tension was over and for all on the sideline it was cheers all round and for those boys who did so very well to play for such a long time and to give it their all with such sportsmanship and belief that they could do it.....

Mike and Dom were very pleased with the boys and especially the three boys who stepped up to take those all important penalties as they were all asked who wanted to take one and in what order. Go Morgan for stepping up first.

So the final here they come May 16th at St James Park, Exeter City.

Natasha Carbines

Sports Relief 2010

Sports Relief raises money for comic relief which helps people living unimaginable tough lives both in the UK and further afield.

Mikey Barron, Bailey Carbines and Calum Gillet decided this year that they would like to join in and raise money for this good cause.

On Friday 19th March the boys raised money at the school by selling cakes (made by their Mums and Grandma's) after school. They also decided they would run around Raddon on Sunday 21st March dressed as girls (they all made beautiful girls), with huge support from family, friends and dogs.



Photo by Pat Garnett

Sunday was a lovely day with the sun shining ready for the boys to do their run. They were joined on the run by Sarah Kingdom, Katherine Harget, Lucy Harget and Natasha Carbines. Following on behind were many family and friends with their dogs. It was a lovely sight with so many people gathering for such a good cause. The run/walk was followed with drinks and biscuits on Cleaves Close. There was also the hoola hoop challenge, to guess who kept the hoola hoop up for the longest the answer was Jenson Button and winning £7.50 for his guess was Jack Kingdom.

The boys raised a massive £222.20.

Thank you to everyone who helped the boys raise such a great amount of money, and we all look forward to hearing their ideas for next year. Watch this space.

Natasha Carbines

Thorverton Brownies

In 1909, a group of girls came forward at the first Scouts rally in London and asked for 'something for the girls'. Robert Baden Powell took his lead from these girls and in 1910, the Girl Guides were formed. A hundred years since the girls first shouted out at Crystal palace, there are more than 10 million girls & women involved in guiding worldwide.

Thorverton Brownies (for ages 7-11) has been running for generations, and is still going strong. In fact Hannah James, our Brown Owl is herself a third generation guiding leader, and both Hannah & Lisa have fond memories of being a Thorverton Brownie! We are celebrating the Girl Guiding UK Centenary with a district camp to Wembworthy in June, and a teddy bears picnic in July.

Our meetings are fun and relaxed. We have a varied and balanced programme, including drama, crafts

and games. We encourage the girls to work together in small groups, to govern themselves and make their own decisions.

This term we have been taking part in music & drama sessions, playing bingo, making flowers for Mother's day, collages, word searches and physical games. We also took part in sport relief by skipping and hula hooping!

We meet at the WI Hut on Friday evenings (term time), from 5.30 – 7.00pm.

For more information please contact:
Hannah James 861075
Lisa Browning 860609



Photo provided by Lisa Browning

Healthy living advice

People in Exeter are being helped to get healthy through free, confidential, one-to-one clinics run by NHS Devon.

A new healthy lifestyle clinic has been launched at Exwick Community Centre and will be held every Friday between 10am and 12pm. The same service is also offered at Wonford Community Centre on Thursdays between 9am and 12pm.

All the clinics are run by NHS Devon's health trainers, and are open to everyone over 16 on an appointment basis.

Health trainers are employed across England by the NHS as part of the Government strategy to prevent ill health and promote healthy lifestyles.

Sarah Leggatt, NHS Devon's health trainer in Exeter, said: "If you are 16 years or over and are looking to become more active, want to eat a healthier diet, reduce your alcohol consumption or stop smoking, then our team of health trainers can help.

"We work alongside other health professionals to offer a flexible and accessible service to the community.

"We are here to help you make positive changes in your life and to support you in working towards a healthier lifestyle.

"We run one-to-one clinics where we help people to develop a personal health plan and offer a six to eight week period of support and advice to help you achieve your goals."

Two examples of feedback on the health trainer service are as follows:

"It is an excellent service and has given me confidence in myself, determination to continue and happiness which will change my family's life."

"It is useful to have someone confirm my thoughts and behaviour and talk about change rather than lecture me. Having a friendly health trainer has been great."

To find out about your local health trainer service, contact 01884 836 024.

For further information or interviews, please contact Paul Hopkins on 01392 356 953 / 267 647 / 0797 133 0491.

Thorverton and District History Society

DEVON FARMS AND FARM BUILDINGS

Few have such in-depth knowledge of Devon farms and farm buildings as archaeologist Isobel Richardson, and her enthusiasm for her subject was obvious from the start. The National Trust owns several farms on Exmoor and her talk drew, in particular, on her survey of Exmoor and farms within the Holnicote Estate. She explained how, over time, the south facing slopes of the Vale of Porlock have evolved into isolated single farmsteads, the obvious gaps showing where houses once existed. From 1066 onwards 20 acres was a normal size for local farms, with few more than 100 acres.

East Lynch Cottage is an early example of a thatched single storey structure with cruck "A" frame timbers from ground to ridge. The blackened timbers indicate an open hearth, while dendrochronology dates the oak to 1315. A long house at Luccombe, with jointed cruck construction, dates from 1340, Stones from churches: her experience cautioned against placing too much reliance on date stones.

Building methods evolved, with Killerton's Newhall cob barns rebuilt with stone in the 19th century, whilst bricks succeeded stone later in the century.

providing accommodation for humans in one part and animals in the other.

Structures with raised crucks are to be found in the Combe Martin area – the timbers sitting on wall pads at shoulder or attic height.

Wheat straw thatch is the most common roofing material of the period, with heavy slate only being used near the coast, where transport by sea was possible. Occasionally the original smoke blackened thatch survives. But it appears that Somerset people (unlike Devonians!) cleaned their thatch, thereby removing telltale traces of the crop and flower seeds then prevalent.

More structures, principally barns for wheat storage, survive from the 16th and 17th centuries. Often farm buildings incorporate stones reclaimed from other buildings, while some have even reused decorated

Barns built on a hillside were often split-level, allowing bedding and fodder to be easily unloaded onto the higher side, with gravity subsequently doing the work of spreading. Some were drive-through – ideal if your petulant beast of burden was inept

at reversing. Farms often developed around an enclosed yard, with lincays, two storied open structures, providing shelter for animals below and a hayloft above, supported on rounded pillars to avoid injury to animals.

Round houses came into being with 16th century mechanisation, housing the engine, i.e. horse, pony, donkey etc., and associated cog driven chaff cutters, mangle crushers, etc. before being supplanted by steam power in the 19th century.

Selecting crops appropriate to the local soil, climate and labour availability was as crucial to successful farming as it is today.

A fascinating talk with many of us realising how often we look, but do not see what is around us.

Barrie Phillips

Poetry

Three poems this month. Alison Marshall's poem about Ginger George appears earlier; I am again pleased to have a poem from Doreen, this time about Easter; and the other contribution was written by Sarah Kingdon for Mothers' Day and read at the parish church service that day.

Good Friday

Even the lilies wept,
Tears fell from the trees
And becalmed seas,
Their remembrance kept.

All lowly creatures there,
Tortoise and snail,
Rock dove and quail,
Were clothed about with care.

Even the dancing brook
Of joy was stilled,
The whole earth spilled
Its woe; but man forsook.

The corn hung low its head
And grasses bowed,
The wind allowed
A sigh - for love that bled.

For love so strong - that ran
In drops of blood,
A silent flood,
Forgiveness for all man.

Doreen Beer

Mums

What would we do without Mums?

Their pretty faces and hair, we never realise how loving they are, so this is why I wrote this poem.

They help you with your maths homework
when you are stuck dumb.

Or if you ever need a hand
they will always make it fun.

They are always our local taxi
to drop us here and there,

And if we ever want something
it's nearly always there.

We wonder why we have our mums
to help us through our lives.

I do truly like my mum.
I know, if we ever split apart,
It would always break my heart.

Sarah Kingdon

Thorverton at Work

James Greig NCH ARB

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James, did you always want to be a tree fella? "It's Jim rather than James, and 'Gregg' rather than 'Greeg', and I've always been an outside person, climbing and scrambling and the like. I became fascinated with trees at about fifteen so went to study arboriculture, three years, at Cannington College, Bridgewater. I learnt the science of trees, their history, how a tree reacts to a root fracture, how wind affects them and general tree health.

The UK is leaps and bounds ahead in the understanding of trees, as I found out later. I've also worked at Killerton Gardens, Arlington Court, both National Trust properties, and in Australia and New Zealand. Over there all my mates were getting jobs washing up but I rang around the arboriculturists, got work and my three month trip lasted three years. One of the most amazing trees I saw there was close to the Maori tribal burial ground and it was 136ft tall with rings 5" apart and about 56 years old." He is pictured here cutting down a tree in the churchyard.

Jim lives up at Fursdon with his wife, Amy, who works at Reuters in Tiverton. They like the area and plan to stay here. Not so far from Whimple where Jim grew up.



He teams up with previous resident Martin Ivall as and when either needs an extra hand. It's like a professional brotherhood, each helping out their colleagues wherever they are on the globe.

What of the future, Jim? "Well, I enjoy using chainsaws now but as I get older I would like to go down the teaching line and do canopy research which is really exciting stuff. That's why it's so important to look after trees. An oak can support 430 different species of insect in the leaf canopy alone. Of UK invertebrates there are 6% who need dead wood to survive and over 80% of rare fungi (the Red Data Book) are dependent on old trees. I'm in favour of leaving dead wood around as long as it doesn't pose a risk to anything as there live the stag beetles and different fungi to break the wood down. Another thing I would love to do is make a programme for the BBC revealing the importance of trees as a habitat for Nature." I can instantly picture it; he would be perfect with his looks, his knowledge and his enthusiasm.

And your skills? "Crown thinning, pollarding, felling of course, tree planting, tree advice and pruning, habitat creation, hedgerow management (trimming and layering),

woodland surveys and management plans All our work is carried out to British Standards (BS3998), in accordance with Health and Safety; we're fully insured. We can also deal with the planning consent if the tree is in a preservation area."

Thank you, Jim.

Jane Ristic

Nature Notes

Neville Lane (*that's me!* – Ed) was first to report the arrival of frogspawn deposited sometime between 20th and 22nd February. The next report was from Nick Endicott in whose pond at Cleaves Close appeared many blobs at around 26th February. My first blob did not arrive until 15th or 16th March. On the TARTS walk on 6th March in the Dulverton area we saw a few patches of frogspawn.

On 24th February I noticed a hen blackbird collecting nesting material. On 3rd March I watched a pair of Long-tailed tits collect nesting material from next doors apple tree and fence and fly to near where a pair nested last year. The new nest is roughly five foot away from last years nest and being built as last year between green netting, brambles and metal fencing. Last autumn I extracted from the brambles etc the old nest and gave it to Mike Rich so he could show his grandchildren what a fabulous nest is built by Long-tailed tits.

There are a few reports of butterflies on the wing, on 5th March my sister saw a Red Admiral and on 11th March Heather Kershaw spotted a Small Tortoiseshell.

Last month I wrote about the most common moths recorded in the South West last autumn. The South West figures for last year as a whole are now available. The top five moths starting at number one is the Large Yellow Underwing, followed by Setaceous Hebrew Character, Flame Shoulder, Heart & Dart and Small Square-spot. I can heartily agree with the top moth because on more than one morning last summer there were so many Large Yellow Underwings in my moth trap I gave up counting.

Here is a table containing the characteristics of the common moths. All caterpillars of these moths eat a wide range of plants but the Large Yellow Underwing is the only one that is noted to feed at night. The number of Large Yellow Underwing is in part due to an influx of migrants. It is interesting to note two of the most common moths feed on ragwort, a plant species that has been on the increase in recent years.

Moth	Range	Caterpillar Food Plants	Breeding Strategy	Adult Behaviour
Large Yellow Underwing	Everywhere in the British Isles. There is an influx of migrants in the south.	Caterpillar feeds at night on wild & cultivated herbaceous plants, grasses & vegetables	One brood a year but moths can be found from June to October.	Fly at night & attracted to flowers.
Setaceous Hebrew Character	Widespread in the British Isles	Chickweed, Groundsel, Dock, Whortleberry & other low growing plants	Number of broods uncertain but on the wing May & June and in the autumn	Fly at night and attracted to flowers & honey dew
Flame Shoulder	Widespread in the British Isles	Almost any herbaceous plant & sometimes cultivated plants such as lettuce	Two generations a year that overlap. Moth is on the wing between May & September.	Fly at night and are attracted to flowers, particularly ragwort.
Heart and Dart	Widely distributed except in Scotland.	Eats foliage, roots & stems of a wide range of herbaceous plants and sometimes a pest of turnips & potatoes.	In this part of the country two broods. On the wing between May and August.	Fly at night and attracted to flowers & honey dew.
Small Square-spot	Common throughout Britain in any suitable habitat but prefers damp & marshy places.	Range of herbaceous species.	Double brooded except in Scotland, flying in May & June and August & September.	Fly at night and visit the flowers of ragwort and heather.

The larva of a lot of other moth species feed on a variety of plants but also many feed on a few plants species. There is little change to the rank of the top four moths but the Small Square-spot has shot from 13th in 2008 to 5th in 2009.

I've had no reports of the song of the Chiffchaff. In 2006 it was reported on 28th March and last year 14th March. In April we look forward to the emergence of reptiles.

Jenny Garne

April in The Garden

I am writing this after the first few days of slightly warmer day-time temperatures, although still very cold at night, but what a difference it is making already to the appearance of our gardens! The daffodils are suddenly shooting up, and one or two are already opening their flowers – and for the first time that I can remember, snowdrops and daffodils are flowering at the same time, as the snowdrops have lasted much longer than usual due to the cold winds and very cold nights. It is going to be a funny Spring, with early and late plants flowering at the same time, so there should be an explosion of colour all at once.

This, of course, will mean that there will be a tremendous amount of work to be done in a rush, as everything has got very behind-hand this year, after the cold, wet, and windy weather made it impossible to get on the ground at all, even if one could summon up the incentive! Hopefully, all that is behind us now, so let's get on with the good work.

I am going to try out a few new vegetables this season – anyone for strawberry spinach? I have no idea what it is, but it sounded interesting, and is related to the garden weed fat-hen, so I'll report back in due course. Watch this space! I'm also trying some different tomato varieties this year, so I hope we have a good tomato-ripening summer. I shall also grow purple-podded climbing French beans, with old-fashioned sweet peas amongst them, and some bee-attracting flowering plants (Phacelia, Poached-egg Plant, Borage, etc) between the rows, and round the edge of the bed.

Surprisingly, in spite of the cold weather, I have seen more honey bees about in the garden lately than I have seen for some time, but, whereas I had the odd bumble-bee around all the previous winter, in mild spells, this year I only saw the first one a few days ago.

I hope that those of you who have grown things for years will forgive a few hints for those who are new to growing their own plants. Firstly, if you are growing from seed, do sow *thinly*, so that the seeds are spaced out and have room to grow on to pricking out size. If you have to start them in the house, be sure that as soon as the seedlings have emerged, they are moved into full light, though *not* in full sun. It is a good idea to put the seedpots into a 'light box' – a redundant cardboard box with one side cut away, and

lined with aluminium foil, stood on a windowsill with the open side next to the glass. This will ensure that the tiny plants will get light from all round, so they will not lean towards the window, though it is still a good idea to turn the pots round each day. When the seedlings are pricked out, whether into boxes, or individual pots, loosen them very gently by sliding a dibber underneath and lifting gently, and then only handle them by their seed leaves – the two lowest leaves, never by their very delicate stems – and plant them so that the seed leaves are just at soil level – *don't* leave a long bare stem sticking up, the plantlets will never do well like this. Firm them in gently. After pricking out, water the plants in with a fine rose (sprinkler) on the can. If you haven't a rose, dribble water on very carefully, so that the compost is not disturbed, but make sure that the whole pot is soaked. Keep the young plants moist, but not wet, and grow them on until they are large enough to plant out in their permanent positions.

If they are half-hardy plants, i.e not frost hardy, do not plant outside until late May. Hardy plants can go out when they are large enough, providing the soil is in reasonable condition.

If you have not grown any vegetables before, do give it a try, either in the soil, or in large pots or boxes on a patio – it is surprisingly easy, and you can grow some very decorative plants such as Lollo Rosso or Red Oak-leaved lettuce, radish, dwarf French beans, and mixed salad leaves in a very small area, and the taste of 'home grown' is so much nicer than bought, that it is well worth the small effort. Have a go, and enjoy it!

Pat Brooks



Thorverton Parish Information

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Bus services	See inside back cover
Carers' Support Group	Anne Higman, Wyndham House Surgery, Silverton. 860034. Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of month, Wyndham House, 2.30-4.30 p.m.
Church (C of E)	The Revd. Douglas Dettmer, The Rectory, Thorverton. 860332 The Revd. Sue Sheppard, Associate Minister, Autumn Haze, Rewe, 01392 841284 The Revd Hilary Dawson, Assistant Curate, The Vicarage, Stoke Canon, 01392 841928 Mrs Linda Dalton, Administration Manager, 07594 714590, linda.netherexe@btinternet.com
Church Wardens	Peter Colebrook, Ockero, Thorverton. 861019. Edwin Greed, Fortescue, Netherexe. 841231.
Consort	Mary Thomas, 1 The Glebe, Thorverton. 860730.
P.C.C. Treasurer	Jean Brown, Rydal Cottage, Bullen Street. 861176.
Friends of Thorverton Parish Church Trust	Emmie Aird, Kirkfoard, The Berry, Thorverton.
Church (Baptist)	The Revd. Maurice Harrison, 01884 258599. Secretary Phyllis Langdon, 860932. Services , notice board or Focus.
County Councillor	Cllr. Mr. M. Lee. 01363 772671.
District Councillor	Cllr. Mr. R. M. Deed. 01392 861258.
Doctors	Dr Jon Wride & Lynne Anderson / Drs Stead, O'Brien & Ziegler
Electricity (Western Power)	Report a loss of power: 0800 365 900 Bill Enquiries: 0800 365 000 Street lights 0870 556 1851
Friends of Thorverton & Silverton Surgeries	Christine Walker, 881501
Gas Emergency	0800 111999
Leonard Trust	Chairman: R Hughes. Secretary: Mrs. E Hughes, 3 Dinham Mews, Exeter EX4 4EF
Library (Exeter Mobile)	EVERY WEDNESDAY, 2.55pm to 3.15pm in the Quarry Car Park
Newspaper Reporter (Express & Echo)	Jane Ristic, 53 Silver Street, Thorverton. 860054
Parish Council Chairman	Cllr. Michael Ayre,
Parish Clerk	Mrs Jane Lane, Stable House, 2 The Glebe, Thorverton. 861062.
Parish Council Meetings	2nd Tuesday of month, at The Memorial Hall, 7.30 pm.
Parish Allotments	Contact the Parish Clerk - 861062
Parish Council Notice Board	Situated in School Lane, opposite the Thorverton Arms.
	IMPORTANT!- PLANNING APPLICATION NOTICES ARE DISPLAYED HERE.
Pension Service	PO Box 93, Plymouth PL6 5WJ. 0845 60 60 265
Police	Central Switchboard 24 Hours: 0845 2777444.
Post Office Portacabin (TCT Ltd)	Quarry Car Park, Thorverton EX5 5NG 860455 Mon. to Fri : 9 am.-1.00 pm., 2 pm.– 5.30 pm. Sat: 9 am.-12 noon Sun: 9 am - 10.30 am for newspaper sales only Business Manager: Jill Blewett, Faircop, Jericho St, Thorverton Chair and Company Secretary: Heather Kershaw, 25 The Glebe, 860419
Public Telephone Kiosk	Opposite the Church, outside the Bell Inn, Dinneford St.
School (C of E Primary)	Head Teacher: Tania Markham 860374.
School Governors	Chair: Clive Hamblin Clerk: Jane Ristic, 53 Silver St. 860054
School P.T.F.A.	Chair: Lisa Browning, 860609 Secretary: Hannah James, 861075 Treasurer: Damon Gill, 860176
South West Water	24 Hour Emergency: 0800 169 1144. Helpline: 0800 169 1133.
Thorverton Millennium Green Trust	Chair: Dame Margaret Turner-Warwick, Pynes House, Silver Street 861173 Hon. Secretary: Shirley Hoole.
Tiverton Volunteer Centre	28, Gold Street, Tiverton EX16 6PY. Judy Seymour, 01884 255734.

Thorverton Organisations

- Amateur Dramatic Society** Chair: Simon Ette, 861349
Secretary: Tori Elston, 881969
Meetings - Last Wednesday of each month at the W.I. Hut.
- Art Group** Barrie Phillips, Crossmead, School Lane, Thorverton. 860529
Meet Fridays during term-time at the Memorial Hall, 9.30 am-12.00.
- Arts Exchange** Louise Page, Champion Cottage, Jerico St, 860509.
Monthly meetings in members' homes at 8.0 pm. (see Diary)
- Association Football Club** Chairman: Andy Harris, 01392 851664
Secretary: David Gregory, 2 The Orchard, Brampford Speke, 841803.
- Bridge Circle** Graeme Culshaw, 3 The Glebe, Thorverton 860203.
Meets 1st/3rd/5th Fridays at the W.I. Hut from 7.00 p.m..
- Brownies' Leader** Hannah James, 0789 403 7133.
Meet Fridays during term-time at the W.I. Hut, 5.30-7.00 pm.
- Church Flower Club** Meetings as advertised.
- Cricket Club** Chair: Charles Kislingbury, Arley House, 19 Church St, Silverton. 860270
Secretary: M C Denford, 14 Moorlands, Tiverton EX16 6UF 01884 255076
Fixture Sec: J Meredith, 190 Mincinglake Rd, Exeter EX4 7DS 01392 272504
- Focus Magazine** Chair: John Carter, Rewe. 841237
Editor: Neville Lane, 2 The Glebe, Thorverton. 861062.
Secretary: Jane Lane, 2 The Glebe, Thorverton. 861062.
Treasurer: Barbara Uglow, 14 Cleaves Close, Thorverton. 860614.
Focus deliveries – John Carter, Rewe. 841237
- Friends of Silverton & Thorverton Surgeries**
Coffee Mornings in The Royal British Legion Club, Silverton
held on the LAST THURSDAY of every month except December.
- Golf Society Players of Thorverton** Care of Exeter Inn, 01392 860206
- History Society** Chair: Bill Stamper, Dunelm, Raddon, Thorverton. 860214
Secretary: Phyllis Langdon, Ferndale, Bullen Street, Thorverton. 860932.
- Ladies Group** Meet 2nd Thursday of month, (Venue and time - see Focus Notices).
- Memorial Hall Committee** Chair/Key holder/Bookings: Mr Mike Shelton. Fir Tree House, Bullen Street. 861027.
Treasurer: John White, Waters Ford, Milford Lane. 860827.
Secretary: Jean White, Waters Ford, Milford Lane. 860827.
- Memorial Hall Market** 2nd Saturday of the month, at the Memorial Hall, 9.30 - 11.00 am.
- Thorverton Pre-School** Contact: Sarah Mitchell (chair): 860450.
Mon 9.30am-12pm, Tues/Weds 9.30am-12pm & Lunch Club 12pm-1pm,
Thurs 9.15-11.45am; 12.45pm- 3.15pm & Lunch Club 11.45am-12.45pm. during term-time, at Memorial Hall.
- Thorverton Ambling, Rambling and Tramping Society (TARTS)**
Contacts : Caroline Prince 07749 775304 or Jean Brown 861176
See notices of walks in Old Post Office Window Bullen Street.
- Toddler Group** Contact : Nic Fice 860318.
Wednesdays, during term-time, at the W.I. Hut, 9.45 a.m.-11.45.
- Rainbows** Contact Jean Pearn 860105, Penny Fice 861136,
Term-time, Tuesdays 4-5 pm at the W.I. Hut.
- Royal British Legion** Chairman / Hon. sec: Bill Stamper, Dunelm, Raddon, Thorverton. 860214
Hon. Treasurer: Emmie Aird.
- Women's Institute** Secretary: Susan Maguire 01392 860631
Bookings: Susan Maguire 01392 860631.
W.I. Meeting. 1st Tuesday of the month at the W.I. Hut, 7.30 pm.
Whist, 3rd Tuesday of the month, at the W.I. Hut, 7.30 pm.
- W.I. Market & Coffee** 4th Saturday of the month at the W.I. Hut. 10.00 am. to 11.00 am.

Doctors' Surgeries

THE EXE VALLEY PRACTICE

Dr JON WRIDE and Dr LYNNE ANDERSON

The Surgery, The Berry,
THORVERTON EX5 5NT
 Tel: 01392 860273 (24 hours)
 Fax: 01392 860654

The Surgery, 3 Coach Road,
SILVERTON EX5 4JL
 Tel: 01392 860176 (in surgery hours)
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Surgery Hours

Mon. 2.30 - 4.30
 Tue. 3.30 - 5.30
 Wed. 10.30 - 11.30
 Thu. 3.00 - 5.00
 Fri. 9.00 - 12.00

Mon. 9.00 - 11.00
 Tue. 9.00 - 11.00
 Wed. 3:30 - 5:30
 Thu. 9.00 - 11.00
 Fri. 3.00 - 5.00

The Surgeries are OPEN at the following times

Mon. 8.30 - 12.45 & 2.00 - 6.00
 Tue. 8.30 - 12.45 & 2.00 - 6.00
 Wed. 8.30 - 12.45 & 2.00 - 5.00
 Thu. 8.30 - 12.45 & 2.00 - 6.00
 Fri. 8.30 - 12.45 & 2.00 - 4.00

Mon. 8.45 - 12.30
 Tue. 8.45 - 12.00
 Wed. 3.00 - 6.00
 Thu. 8.45 - 12.30
 Fri. 2.00 - 6.00

REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS (Monday – Friday) Please note that 48 hours notice is required for **ALL** repeat prescriptions. Repeat Prescription line: 01392 861622

WYNDHAM HOUSE SURGERY, Fore Street, SILVERTON, EX5 4HZ

Telephone 01392 860034

www.wyndhamhousesurgery.co.uk

Dispensary Hours: Monday to Thursday: 09.00 – 13.00 & 14.00 – 18.00

Friday: 09.00 – 13.00 & 14.00 – 17.00

Please note The doctors are happy to speak to you on the phone instead of an appointment. Please request this from reception when you telephone.

Dr Jonathan STEAD

Dr Anthony O'BRIEN

Dr Emma ZIEGLER

Monday 09.00 - 11.00
 15.30 - 17.30

08.30 - 10.30
 15.00 - 17.30

Tuesday 09.00 - 11.00
 15.30 - 17.30

09.00 - 12.00
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Wednesday 09.00 - 11.00
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09.00 - 11.00
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Thursday

09.00 - 12.00

09.00 - 11.00

Friday 09.00 - 11.00
 Alt. weeks

09.00 - 12.00
 *15.00 - 16.00

09.00 - 11.00
 Alt. weeks

(Urgent cases only)*

Waste Collection Dates for 2010

a) Recycling and brown bins

b) General refuse

Generally on Mondays unless stated

April 13 (Tues) and 26

May 10 and 24

June 7 and 21

July 5 and 19

August 2, 16 and 31 (Tues)

September 13 and 27

October 11 and 25

November 8 and 22

December 6 and 20

April 7 (Wed) and 19

May 4 (Tues) and 17

June 1 (Tues), 14 and 28

July 12 and 26

August 9 and 23

September 6 and 20

October 4 and 18

November 1, 15 and 29

December 13 and 29 (Wed)

Bus services

Turner's Tours / Carmel Coaches (bus 678) Mon-Fri. 10.09 from The Berry and the Baptist Chapel.
Return 13.35 from Exeter bus station, Stand 5.

Stagecoach (*service 55B*) Mon-Sat (except Bank Holidays)

To Tiverton 07.54 (*07.57 on Saturday*), 08.55, 10.40, 12.40 14.40, 17.40, 18.20 from The Berry and Broadlands.

Return from Tiverton bus station. 07.25, 09.30, 11.25, 13.25, 15.15, 18.30.

To Exeter 07.53, 09.57 (*10.02 on Saturday*), 11.52, 13.52, 15.42 (*15.52 on Saturday*), 18.55 from The Berry and Broadlands.

Return from Exeter bus station. 07.30, 08.30, 10.15, 12.15, 14.15, 17.15, 17.55

Stagecoach 55 service runs every half-hour in each direction along the Exeter-Tiverton road, stopping at the Thorverton turn (the Ruffwell). Please consult Stagecoach 55 Group timetable for details of this service.

Stagecoach free service to Somerfield's, Broadclyst, from Broadlands on Tuesdays 14.00.

Stagecoach offers a variety of concessions for regular commuters, shoppers, children, students and jobseekers as well as one-day unlimited-use Explorer tickets. Further details from Stagecoach: 01392 427711 or 01803 664500 or www.stagecoachbus.com or www.devon.gov.uk/devonbus.

Devonbus Timetable Information: call Traveline 0871 200 2233 Timetables available at the Post Office

Diary 2010

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APRIL

- Thurs 1st Maundy Thursday Communion Service at the Baptist Church, 6.30pm
 Sat 3rd TARTS walk, meet outside The Bell, 9.30am
 Sun 4th Celebrate Easter Day at the Baptist Church, 11.00am
 Family Service in the Parish Church, 10.30 am
 Thurs 8th WI Jumble Sale, WI Hut, 10.00 - 11.30 a.m.
 Ladies Group at Southbrook by the Green ,7.45pm
 Sat 10th Saturday Market, Memorial Hall, 9.30-11.00 a.m.
 Mon 12th Allotment holders' meeting, at Exeter Inn, 7.30 p.m.
 Tues 13th Parish Council Meeting at The W.I. Hut , 7.30pm
 Thurs 15th Arts Exchange, *Weddings*, at 25 The Glebe, 8.00 p.m.
 Fri 16th Charity Coffee Morning at the W.I. Hut 10-11am
Hell's Bells, Thorverton Memorial Hall, 8.00 p.m.
 Sat 17th *Hell's Bells*, Thorverton Memorial Hall, 8.00 p.m.
 Fri 23rd Thorverton and District History Society, "*Freemasonry*" at the WI Hut, 7.30 p.m.
 Sat 24th WI Market and Coffee Morning at the WI Hut, 10.00 to 11.00am
 Early music workshop, Parish Church, 10.00 am - 4.45 pm
 Informal free concert of the workshop's music, 4.15 p.m.
 Tues 27 Annual Parish Meeting at The Memorial Hall, 8.00pm
 Wed 28th Millenum Green Trust AGM at Exeter Inn, 7.30pm

MAY

- Sat 1st Saturday Market, Memorial Hall, 9.30-11.00 a.m.
 May Ball, with the Thorvertones (Country Show fundraiser) at the Memorial Hall, from 8.00 pm
 Tues 11th-Fri 14th May East Devon Arts Festival in the Parish Church, 10.00 a.m. - 8.30 p.m. daily
 Sat 15th Church Fair, in Dinneford Street, 2.00 p.m.
 Tue 18th Quiz in aid of Church Week Funds, Thorverton Arms, 7.30 p.m.
 Thurs 20th Entertainment at Thorverton School in aid of Church Week Funds, 7.00 p.m.
 Fri 21st Pledge Auction in aid of Church Week Funds, Exeter Inn 7.00 p.m.
 Thurs 27th Arts Exchange, *Pastoral/Bucolic*, at Newcourt Farmhouse, 8.00 p.m.
 Friday 28th Thorverton and District History Society, "*Windmills in the Devon Landscape*", WI Hut, 7.30 p.m.
 Sun 30th Cleaves Close Reunion (see Notices)

JUNE

- Sat 12th and Sun 13th Country Show at Ratcliffe Farm
 Thurs 17th Arts Exchange, *Uplifting*, at Campion Cottage, 8.00 p.m.
 Fri 25th Thorverton and District History Society, Outside visit
 Sat 26th WI Market and Coffee Morning at the WI Hut, 10.00 - 11.00 a.m.

JULY

- Sat 10th Saturday Market, Memorial Hall, 9.30-11.00 a.m.
 Mon 12th Allotment holders' meeting, at Exeter Inn, 7.30 p.m.
 Thurs 22nd Arts Exchange, *Water*, Garden Cottage, 8.00 p.m.
 Sat 24th WI Market and Coffee Morning at the WI Hut, 10.00 - 11.00 a.m.

AUGUST

- Sat 3rd W.I. Trip to Montague House/Clarks Village leaves the Berry 9.00am
 Sat 14th Saturday Market, Memorial Hall, 9.30-11.00 a.m.
 Sat 28th WI Market and Coffee Morning at the WI Hut, 10.00 - 11.00 a.m.