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- To produce a non-political monthly magazine serving the people of the parish of Thorverton, providing them with information on activities in the parish;
- For the magazine to be one that villagers are proud of;
- To provide a window for those outside Thorverton to see what the village has to offer;
- To promote local businesses through advertising; and
- To run at a small annual profit, but with surplus funds put to support village organisations for the benefit of Thorverton residents.

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	COST per ENTRY
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Editorial

Parish Council matters don't usually feature in my editorial, but there is something that I feel that I should bring to your attention this month. The Parish Council has been keen to get closer engagement with parishioners. It wants to understand what concerns people and what they believe that the priorities of the parish should be. The Council analysed the priorities that had been set out as actions in the Parish Plan in 2008. Some of these had been achieved, although several had not. It is worth mentioning here that the Parish Plan was not the work of the Council, nor was it owned by the Council, although obviously the Council was interested in it as signposting what people saw as important.

Now the Council is interested in whether people feel that some actions should still be pursued and also what new priorities should be given consideration. There will be a questionnaire going to every household in the parish, a copy of which is included within this *Focus* which you may prefer to complete if you don't get one through the door. There will also be the option of completing this online. Do give feedback through completing and returning the questionnaire. You will see that there are just three questions, the third of which asks what you might be able to do to help. Ideas are great, but ideas that someone or some group are willing to drive forward are greater still.

The last few days have taken a distinctly autumnal turn after what seemed to be a generally quite warm and dry October. Nevertheless, it is a time of the

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year that I enjoy because of the opportunities for making chutneys and pickles. That doesn't always make me popular in the kitchen of course. I did get a bit of a surprise this year to find that my son had started to develop the home-made habit, having shown no inclination at all previously. He too has been making elderflower wine, so this year between us we have four demijohns worth!

Some of you may have noticed that I haven't produced any Short Walks in and Around Thorverton for the past couple of months. This is because I felt that I had covered pretty much all walks within reasonable range of the village as I could. However, if you catch a good day, it can be a lovely time of year for walking around here, so do dip into one of the back editions of *Focus* if you need any ideas. I fully intend to start a new series in the New Year, but it will be by bike rather than by foot, so if anyone wants to suggest any suitable short local cycle rides I would be pleased to try them. Jane and I have enjoyed some great little cycles along the Exe Estuary this summer, which I can thoroughly recommend, although I have to admit that we did cheat a bit by putting the bikes in the back of the car until Topsham.

Have a good month and I hope that you enjoy leafing through *Focus*.

Neville Lane
Focus Editor

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Letters

From Rachel Mildon, PTFA Secretary

Auction of Promises

On behalf of Thorverton Primary School and Pre School I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported the auction of promises event at the end of September.

Thank you to so many people who generously gave lots, to those who placed a bid online or at the event, and to those who helped out on the evening. I would like to thank the Exeter Inn for hosting us, The Berry Dairy for selling advance food vouchers and to our wonderful auctioneers, Rhys Roberts and Mark Davis who brought the evening to life.

I am delighted to announce that the total amount raised was just over £4000!! It was a brilliant night and we hope that every-one had a lot of fun and returned home pleased with their purchases!

Vote for our project in Tesco!

Thorverton Primary School applied to Tesco's Bags of Help initiative and has been selected as one of the three winning projects for this region.

The scheme will see three community groups and projects awarded grants of £12,000, £10,000 and £8,000 – all raised from the 5p charge levied on single-use carrier bags.

Now we need your help! Between **31st October and 13th November** you will be able to vote in Tesco stores for who should receive the £12,000, £10,000 and £8,000 awards.

You will be given a voting token with every transaction. So please make your vote count, and use it to nominate **Thorverton Primary School!** The money will be used towards our new outdoor play equipment trail, sensory garden and trails, improving wheelchair access and more.

For more information you can visit www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp.

From Nichola Birch of Exeter Royal Academy For Deaf Education

I am the Marketing Assistant at Exeter Deaf Academy. We have kindly been donated a £22k Mercedes Benz A-Class to raffle off in Princesshay Exeter to help raise money for our essential work for deaf young people.

The raffle runs every Friday and Saturday until December 24th and hence we need a number of volunteers to man the raffle stall on these days and help sell tickets. We would like to promote this volunteering opportunity in your magazine so I was wondering if you could tell me if there would be any room in your next edition, charges for advertising, requirements for the advert, when the deadline for artwork is and when your magazine is published? Any questions don't hesitate to get in touch.

From Peter Furneaux

Thorverton Village Flag on the Green



A volunteer is required to raise the Union flag on the designated days. The position has become vacant on the retirement of John Mortimer, who has performed the duty for many years, and I take this opportunity of thanking him for his outstanding service to the community.

I am sure flag flying has given great pleasure and pride to Thorverton and hopefully it will continue. Please contact Peter Furneaux on 01392 860227 email: paf@furno.co.uk

From the Police

Caution re unexpected callers. Doorstep traders are reported as operating in the Mid Devon area, offering to carryout maintenance works like cleaning guttering, roof/tile work and gardening.

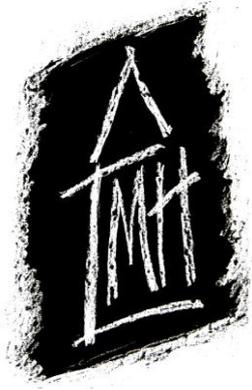
Work can often be of poor quality and cost far more than originally agreed. Do not allow Cold Callers into your home, or take you to a cashpoint. Always ask to see and check details of Identification.

Do not feel pressured into agreeing to having work carried out. If you do not want any work done ask them to leave and close your door, if they persist, call the police.

Try to note the registrations of any vehicles they may be using.

Thorverton Memorial Hall Committee

Reg. Charity No. 203778



AUTUMN FUN AT THE HALL

Saturday 19 November:
Craft Fair 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

A fantastic range of stalls will be offering an opportunity to browse and buy jewellery, wood designs, flower arrangements, cake and Christmas decorations and much, much more. Don't miss out! Morning snacks, lunches and afternoon tea will be available.

Saturday 26 November:
The fabulous 007 Ball from 7.30

Take this opportunity to dress up as Bond or one of his adversaries or female accomplices (or as yourself if you prefer), and dance to the music of Rude Awakening. Make up a party for a really scintillating evening. Tickets £12.50 now available from John and Donna Hodge (860088), Jeff Grace (860489), Roseanne Benn (860768) or from the Berry Dairy.

Sunday 4 December:
Christmas tree lighting ceremony

Mulled wine, mince pies and a chance for the young believers to meet Father Christmas.

Tuesday 6 December:
Seasonal Bingo

Thorverton's very own Christmas bingo. Further details TBA later.

2017 Preview

It is whispered there will be a repeat of this year's very popular Burns Night in the new year.

Saturday Market reform

As reported last month, the Hall Committee is reviewing the Saturday Market to see if it can be improved in any way. A small survey of people at the October market came up with several suggestions including

- changing the starting time from 9.30 to 10.00 as people like a lie in at the weekend;
- introducing a continental breakfast as a 'healthy option' alternative to the full English breakfast;
- introducing stalls offering some interesting food;
- providing massage facilities;
- inviting musician(s) to play;
- advertising more widely outside the village.

We would very much welcome any comments on these suggestions or other ideas for how we might revitalise the Saturday Market. Please pass your views to any of the committee members listed below.

October Saturday Market Draw results

- 1st prize: Cheese biscuits, Sue Maguire;
2nd prize: After Eights, Jenny Reygate;
3rd prize: bottle of wine, Bob & Sue Hyde;
4th prize: box of chocolates, Massie.

Next month's draw will offer a special seasonal first prize: an attractive British Legion poppy key ring.

Memorial Hall Committee members

Sarah Addicott (tel. 860818), Mike Baldwin (860853), Roseanne Benn (860768), Lisa Browning (860609), Roger Fieldhouse (860768), Jeff Grace (860489), John Hodge (860088), Claire Heaven-Roberts (861399), Bob Hyde (860354), Colin Marshall (861228), Shirley Moore (860481), David Reygate (860332), Mike Shelton (861027).

Memorial Hall website

The hall website can be found at www.thorvertonmemorialhall.co.uk

Thorverton Parish Council

Listed below are some points raised at the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on **11th October 2016**. The latest meeting minutes can be viewed on the notice board in School Lane or on the website. The next meeting will take Place on **15th November 2016** in the Thorverton Memorial Hall at 7.30pm – all are welcome to attend. Alison Marshall – Clerk. thorvertonpc@gmail.com www.thorvertonparishcouncil.org.uk



Planning matters – information received up to and including the date of the October meeting:

*You can view planning applications, decisions, and documentation at: <https://new.middevon.gov.uk/planning/>

- a) 16/01420/HOUSE Erection of a conservatory at 16 Broadlands, Thorverton. The PC resolved to give a response of ‘no comment’ on this application.
- b) 16/01449/FULL Formation of vehicular field access at Court Barton, Thorverton. The PC resolved to give a response of ‘no comment’ on this application.
- c) 16/01456/FULL Erection of an agricultural storage building at Lee Cross Farm, Thorverton. The PC resolved to give a response of ‘no comment’ on this application.
- d) Licensing Application for Berry Dairy, Thorverton. Noted.

Planning Decisions received to the date of the meeting:

- 16/01145/PNCOU Prior Notification - change of use - agricultural building to dwelling. Higher Trey Mill. Refused.
- 16/01254/HOUSE Erection of a conservatory. Brambles, Nomans Chapel, Thorverton. Granted.

New Cemetery update

A site meeting has taken place between the PC and MDDC at the proposed new Cemetery site off Dark Lane, backing onto the existing church yard, and the next steps are expected to be the requesting of reports and surveys to look into the suitability of the land for the required purpose. Further information will follow next month.

Parish Plan (2008) revisited – can you help?

The 2008 Parish Plan (find a copy on the PC website at thorvertonparishcouncil.org.uk) is currently being reviewed by the PC. All Parishioners will receive a short questionnaire through their doors over the next few weeks asking for feedback on what the main Plan priorities should be right now and why. Residents will also be asked to volunteer any spare time to help the PC update the Plan, for the benefit of the whole parish, and to provide the PC with focus in taking the Plan forward. When you get your copy of the questionnaire please complete it and if you can help by getting involved in this important project contact Cllr Neville Lane on 01392 861062. You can also complete the questionnaire on-line via the website.

Court Barton – new development street name

Further to the PC and the developers not being able to agree on a street name for this site the MDDC Street Naming Department has decided that the new road will be called ‘Court Barton Close’. This is a name which was considered by the PC but rejected due to it being too similar to the address of the neighbouring property and as the PC felt that it did not comply with the MDDC Street Naming Policy guidelines. The new road will not, therefore, be called ‘Rack Park’ or ‘Barton Meadows’.

Jubilee Green – volunteer gardener required

The Jubilee Green is the lovely triangle of grass, trees, and flower gardens at the bottom of Jericho Street, by the stream, where the flower beds are in need of some tender loving care. If you have some free time and like gardening, or just want to keep fit, then weeding and keeping the flower beds neat and tidy could be just the thing for you! This would be a great opportunity for someone wanting to channel their creative skills into helping keep the Green look good. If you are able to help please contact me on 01392 861228 or thorvertonpc@gmail.com

Alison Marshall – Clerk to Thorverton Parish Council

Notice Board

The Royal British Legion
Remembrance Sunday Service
Thorverton Church 13th November 10am.

Armistice Day Friday 11th November 11am
At the War Memorial.

On both occasions the national two-minute silence will be observed. Wreaths to be laid by the three classes of Thorverton Primary school on Armistice Day.



WW1 Post card. A.Fice RBL.

St Boniface Vets need your help!

Each year they take part in the Christmas tree festival in aid of Crediton Parish Church. This year, they would like you and your pets to be part of the festivities too.

Please could you provide them with a photo of you with your pet. You can either pop these into the practice, send via email info@stbonifacevets.co.uk or login to their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stbonifacevets>.

They will then select as many as possible to include within their Christmas tree decorations! They are starting to collect these now, as displays need to be ready for the end of November.

Please call Elaine on 01363 772860 if you have any questions. Good luck with those photos, St Boniface Vets can't wait to see them!



A TAIZÉ SERVICE

A candle-lit service of Taizé music with silence, reflection and prayer



A joint service with Cadbury Church at
THORVERTON PARISH CHURCH
Sunday, November 27th at 5 pm

Everyone is most warmly welcome

GARDENING VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Could you help keep the flower beds of
JUBILEE GREEN, in the centre of
 Thorverton village,
 neat and tidy for all to enjoy?

If you like gardening, have some spare
 time, or just want to keep fit why not
 volunteer?

For more information please contact
Alison Marshall, Thorverton Parish
 Council, 01392 861228 or
thorvertonpc@gmail.com

WANTED FOR ST DAVID'S SOUP KITCHEN IN EXETER

Sleeping Bags, Blankets, Rucksacks.

Also clothing for men and women:
 Jeans, Jackets, Sweaters, T-Shirts, Underwear, Socks,
 Gloves, Shoes and Trainers
 Contact: Jenny Yendell on 01392 860800 (she can
 collect)

Thorverton Baptist Church**Open Door**

Problem? Need to share? Prayer request? If you need a sympathetic listening ear, the Chapel is open every Thursday between 10.00 and 12 noon when Rev Maurice Harrison will be available to meet you. Please come in the side entrance.

01392 966861

Thorverton Baptist Church

We shall be holding our monthly

Coffee Morning

(or tea if you prefer!)

on Friday 4th November
from 10.30 to 12 noon

A warm welcome to all

Thorverton Church Choir

If you enjoy singing and would like to be a valued member of our community's church choir regularly supporting church services, then this could be for you. There are no scary auditions! We'd just welcome your time, enthusiasm and commitment for a few hours a month.

We sing a wide range of music at 'all-age' and more traditional services throughout the year. It's good fun. Why not come and give it a try?

Thursday Practices at Thorverton

7.45 – 9.00pm

Nov 3rd (at Cadbury Church), 10th, 24thDec 1st, 8th, 15th**Sunday Services with Choir**

Oct 30th MISSION COMMUNITY SERVICE
(at Cadbury Church) 10.00 start

Nov 6th COMMUNION SERVICE 9.30 start

Nov 13th REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 10.00
start

Dec 4th COMMUNION SERVICE 9.30 start

Dec 18th CAROL SERVICE 5.00pm start

CONTACT :

Choir Director and Accompanist Heather
Kershaw 01392 860419
heather@kershaw25.eclipse.co.uk

<http://www.netherexe.org/who-we-are/the-churches/thorverton>

COFFEE MORNING

**IN SUPPORT OF THE FRIENDS OF
NEW VALLEY PRACTICE, THORVERTON
SATURDAY 3rd December 2016**

At the W. I. HUT, THORVERTON

10.00AM – 12.00PM

CAKES, RAFFLE, TOMBOLA,
PLANTS, NEW AND NEARLY NEW ITEMS
BACON ROLLS, COFFEE.

**The Friends of Wyndham House Surgery**

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends will take place in the Community Hall Silverton

16th November 2016 at 2.30 pm.

Dr Anthony O'Brien will speak on the topic "NHS myths and mistakes unmasked"

All are welcome



Thorverton Church Christmas Carol Service

We always welcome anyone who would like to participate in this service singing with our regular choir members on Sun Dec 18th at 5.00pm at the village carol service, our traditional start to Christmas Week.

The choir usually sings four items and there are many other carols for all to join in with as well as Bible readings telling the Christmas story. There will be mince pies and seasonal drinks to enjoy together after the service.

There are four choir rehearsals on Thursday evenings Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15 in Thorverton Church from 7.45 – 9.00pm.

All ages are welcome from 7 years old upwards – no auditions!

If you would like to sing or be a reader then please **contact**

Choir Director and Accompanist
Heather Kershaw 01392 860419
heather@kershaw25.eclipse.co.uk



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THORVERTON POST OFFICE

& TCT Ltd's

NEWSAGENT/STATIONERS Shop

Quarry Car Park, Lynch Road

Thorverton EX5 5NG 01392 860455

Our community-run business offers a very wide range of post office and banking services, **CASH** withdrawals, foreign currency, newspapers, magazines, greetings cards, stationery, posting and packing materials, health lottery tickets, phone top-ups, laundry service, photocopying.....**and most of your Christmas postage & packing needs**

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we're here to serve you and our community

Mon - Fri 9.00 - 5.30 (closed 1.00 - 2.00)

Sat 9.00 - 12.00

Sun & BH 9.00 - 10.30 TCT paper shop only

SILVERTON LINK UP

Voluntary Drivers Scheme for Wyndham House and Exe Valley Surgeries Patients

The VOLUNTEER DRIVERS are

Jean Hawkins 860849 John Kiely 861545

Doreen Beer 860731 Stephen Roach 861042

Mary Smith 861916 Dave Sleep 860678

LINK UP service takes patients with medical appointments from home to surgery or hospitals in the area. If you require transport contact one of the drivers mentioned above, giving them as much notice as possible. If you use the service a realistic donation towards the drivers' expenses would be appreciated. Payment is paid direct to the driver who issues a receipt. It may not always be possible to arrange a lift, as all our drivers are volunteers and cannot be expected to turn out on every occasion, although they will do their best.

Roger Higman (Co-ordinator) 860571.
roger.higman@homecall.co.uk

Upton Pyne Fair

*Art, Craft, Local Produce,
Vintage ...*

and delicious refreshments

Upton Pyne Village Hall

**Saturday 19 November
12 – 4 pm**

For more information or to book a table (£5) tel: 01392 841402 or lindafindlay99@yahoo.co.uk

Christmas Tree Festival

St Peter's Church Brampford Speke

Saturday 26 November and Sunday 27 November from 2pm - 5pm

Come along and enjoy some village social cheer!

Have a cuppa whilst voting for your favourite tree and catching up with friends

Festive Attractions include

Memory Tree - write the name of a loved one on a special card to hang on this tree

Visit by Father Christmas

Refreshments - Hot drinks, Mince pies, Homemade Cake and more!

Donations to see the trees will be greatly appreciated

Money raised from this event will go to St Peter's Church



COACH TRIP TO BATH CHRISTMAS MARKET

The coach is now booked for Thursday 1st December for the day trip to Bath to enjoy the Festive Christmas Market, or anything else that you may wish to do as an alternative.

The coach will leave Upton Pyne at 9.30am and the cost will be £15.00 pp

For anyone interested we still have a few available seats – please contact Jilly at

jillyevents@dovecote.eclipse.co.uk or 01392 851634



Curry supper

Friday 11 November
7 for 7.30 pm,

with an entertaining quiz to follow.

Tickets £10, bring your own drinks
from Linda Findlay 01392

841402 or email

lindafindlay99@yahoo.co.uk.

*Friends of Upton Pyne helping to maintain
our village church and its grounds*

Come Line Dancing



Silverton Community Hall
on most Tuesdays

2 – 3pm

Tel 860519

Crediton Parish Church Christmas Tree Festival

Thursday 1 December - Sun 4 December
Opening Hours 11am - 6pm (Thur & Fri)
10.30am - 7pm (Sat) & 11am - 5pm
(Sun)

Over 70 community decorated and illuminated
trees will fill the church.
Refreshments available 10am - 5pm daily except
Sun 2 - 5pm
Daily tour to the historic Governors Room
12noon
Daily tour to the bell tower 2pm
Stalls in church and the Boniface Centre
Sat evening concert by the North Creedy Choral
Society 7.30pm. Admission charge
Sun evening concert by the Parish Church Choir
6pm. Admission charge

Festival admission free. Nearby parking
Suitable for all ages.

THORVERTON & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

DEVON'S ANCIENT

BENCH ENDS

BY

DR TODD GRAY

7:30 PM @ WI HUT

FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER

**PLEASE JOIN US AFTER FOR MINCE PIES
AND MULLED WINE**

NON-MEMBERS WELCOME £2 AT DOOR

Art, Craft and Vintage Fair



Upton Pyne Village Hall

Saturday 19 November 2 – 4 pm

Tables cost £5 and can be booked now on

01392 841402 or lindafindlay99@yahoo.co.uk

We welcome donations of jewellery, evening clothes, handbags, hand embroidery, lace and other clothes, fabrics and accessories from the past. Please call to arrange collection or drop in at Robins Cottage, Upton Pyne.

Friends of Upton Pyne - helping to maintain our village church and grounds

Friday, 2nd December, 10.30am to 7.00pm;
Saturday, 3rd December, 10.00am to 6.00pm; Sunday 4th December, 3pm to 4pm.
Admission is £1 per adult with children free.
There will be a Lucky Programme draw, Home-made refreshments, Christmas Stall and Raffle.

We are raising funds for the Silverton Pre-school and Save the Children charity. We hope for good support to help these two worthwhile causes.

The theme this year is "A Recycled Christmas". This should include natural materials like dried flowers or pine cones as well as artificial ones such as yoghurt pots or egg boxes. Come and see around 30 trees decorated by village residents and organisations.

Please remember to drop your

USED POSTAGE STAMPS
into the box specially provided at the post office and help

HOSPISCARE raise funds.



It only takes a moment to tear the stamps off an envelope (no need to remove the backing paper).

So please **DON'T FORGET!**

Significant amounts can be raised this way.

THE 007 SUMMER BALL
You will be shaken and stirred!

At Thorverton Memorial Hall
Saturday 26th November
7.30

Dance to Rudee
Awakening
Dress optional
but glamour welcome

Tickets @ £12.50 from
John Hodge 860088, Jeff Grace 860489,
Roseanne Benn 860768

Silverton Christmas Tree Festival

It's that time of year again and Silverton is planning its Christmas Tree Festival. It will take place in St Mary's Parish Church on

The TCT Ltd AGM

will take place on

Mon Dec 5th 7.45pm

at Thorverton WI Hut

- hear about the past business year of our post office and the TCT Ltd community-run newsagent/stationers shop
- TCT Ltd's accounts will be presented
- the TCT Council for 2016/17 (committee) will be elected
- there will be question and discussion time

Do contact Heather Kershaw 01392 860419 in advance please if you wish to be proposed for membership of the TCT Council

All are welcome at the meeting but only paid-up TCT members can vote.

Please come along and show support for your local post office.



Thorverton Ladies Group

Our next meeting will be held on:

Thursday 10th November

at Beryl's house – Moss Bank

at 7.30pm

We will have a speaker from Hospiscare

New members always welcome

UPTON PYNE GARDEN CLUB NEWS

At the October meeting in the village hall Mr Peter Cantrell who runs a nursery at Spain Lane Farrington, gave a delightful and comprehensive talk on the grand selection of unusual herbaceous plants that he had brought to show, these were then available to buy--- he did not take many home with him!

COMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

It is our **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER** in the village hall on **Saturday 26th November, at 7.30pm** there are still a few tickets available for this buffet meal with a delicious selection of cold meats and salads,

and hot potatoes at 12.50 you will be welcomed with a glass of wine, but please bring your own drinks for the table, followed by entertainment.

There are a few tickets left please call junemnicks@talktalk.net 01392 841272

COACH OUTING TO BATH CHRISTMAS MARKET

On Thursday 1st December at 9.30am from Upton Pyne 15.00 pp

There are still a few seats still available please contact Jilly at jillyevents@dovecote.eclipse.co.uk or 01392 851634

FESTIVE WREATH and TABLE CENTRE DECORATIONS

at the monthly coffee morning in the hall on **Monday 5th December.**
come and join us and have some fun making your own decoration, bring you own materials if you chose, advice and supplies available including wreath rings.





NEW TERM STARTS

FRIDAY 9th SEPTEMBER

@

TMH

FROM 09:30

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

THORVERTON MEMORIAL HALL

CRAFT FAIR

Sat. 19th November, 10 am – 4 pm
at The Memorial Hall, Thorverton

Jewellery-

Bronze work -

Xmas Decorations -

Driftwood & Slate gifts -

..... and much, much more

Refreshments available throughout the day
- including hot lunches

- DRAW -

ADMISSION - £1.00 on the door

SFH Supporters Club

Xmas Bingo

Monday 12th December

Thorverton Village Hall

Doors Open 7.15pm

Eyes down 8pm

Church Services and News

NOVEMBER 2016 SERVICES & INFORMATION

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

Sunday 6 November 3rd Sunday before Advent

09:30 am	Family Service		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	MSS
10:00 am	Service with a Smile	☺	Brampford Speke	F Boyle
10:00 am	All Soul's Day Service		Cadbury	Lay Led
10:00 am	Informal Gathering		Stoke Canon	
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company		Rewe	
05:30 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	KC

Friday 11 November Armistice Day

10:50 am	School Service of Remembrance		Brampford Speke Church	H Freeland
10:50 am	School Service of Remembrance		Newton St Cyres Church	
11:00 am	Act of Remembrance		Rewe War Memorial	SS
11:00 am	Act of Remembrance		Thorverton War Memorial led by British Legion	KC

Sunday 13 November Remembrance Sunday

09:30 am	Service of Remembrance & Holy Communion	[C]	Huxham	KC
10:00 am	Service of Remembrance		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
10:00 am	Service of Remembrance		Thorverton	M Harrison & KC
			<i>Joint with Cadbury & Thorverton Baptist Church</i>	
10:50 am	Service of Remembrance		Newton St Cyres	LF
10:50 am	Service of Remembrance		Brampford Speke	S Taylor
10:50 am	Service of Remembrance & Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	SS
11:15 am	Service of Remembrance		Rewe	Lay Led

Sunday 20 November 2016 Sunday before Advent

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

Sunday 27 November 2016 Advent 1

09:30 am	Sunday Service		Brampford Speke Baptist Chapel	BOF
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	KC
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[BCP]	Thorverton	D Francis
10:00 am	Messy Church		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Upton Pyne	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	KC
05:00 pm	Taizé Service		Thorverton	Lay Led
			<i>Joint with Cadbury Church</i>	
05:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Huxham	LF

Sunday 4 December Advent 2

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

Services in the Netherexe Parishes

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

Service With A Smile	☺	These services are designed for all ages and with the needs of young children especially in mind. They are informal and contemporary in style often including a children's activity at the beginning; without communion and are led by lay teams. Services usually last about 35 minutes and are followed by refreshments
Family Service		Family services are suitable for all ages, may be with or without Holy Communion, are contemporary in style and are often followed by refreshments
Holy Communion	[C]	Traditional service in contemporary language [one hour]
Holy Communion	[BCP]	Traditional service in traditional language [one hour]
Morning Prayer	[BCP]	Traditional Morning Service [Mattins] from the Book of Common Prayer [about an hour]
Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Traditional Evening Service from the Book of Common Prayer [about an hour]
Common Worship	[CW]	Common Worship Service

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer in the Netherexe Parishes

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

Morning Prayer is said on Mondays at 9.10pm in Stoke Canon church (during the school term, this takes the form of Collective Worship for Stoke Canon C. of E. School); on Tuesdays at 9.15am in Stoke Canon Chapel

Evening Prayer is said on Thursdays at 5.00pm in Newton St Cyres; contact Sue Browne on 01392 851 for location.

Variations: None.

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TBC	To be confirmed			

Associate Ministers

MSS	Revds. Michael & Sharon Simpson
HW	Revd Harold Whitty
BOF	Baptist Officiant

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

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

For transport from Rewe parish please contact Guy Sheppard on 01392 861022

Parish Letter

Remembering.....

I remember I remember the house where I was born..... This is the first line of a poem by Thomas Hood which I learnt by heart when at primary school. Sadly, my memory is not what it was and I have to admit that I can't recite it all from memory now.

November is a month of Remembrance for us as individuals and also for the nation. We remember people who have died during the last year on the 1st November, at the Feast of All Saints, and on the 2nd November ("All Souls") we remember those we love who have died. There will be an "All Souls" service in Cadbury on Sunday 6th November at 10.00am.

On 5th November we remember the attempt to overthrow the King and Government in 1605, and of course November is the month when we remember particularly those who made the supreme sacrifice in defence of their country in war and conflict.

Brampford Speke School will be holding a Remembrance Service on Armistice Day (11th November) in Brampford Speke Church, and Newton St Cyres School will be holding one in Newton St Cyres Church. On the same day there will also be Services of Remembrance including the two minute silence at the war memorials in Rewe and Thorverton.

Please see the list of services for the many Services of Remembrance taking place in the mission community on Remembrance Sunday (13th).

These are all very poignant moments for all of us and are times when we can feel at a loss in our emotions. The remembrance of loved ones can also be painful for many people who will bring emotions to the fore that can be hidden the rest of the time. It can be a time of sadness and also a time to give thanks for all that has passed and all the happy memories of lives shared and lived together in love. We are also thanking God for all that has gone and for the way that the history of our nation has been shaped by those who died, or were injured, in making our present day.

The Church of God is first and foremost a church of people and at its best it is a church of people who have a love of God in Christ and thereby a love of each other. As Christians it is our duty to take a positive message out to the world in which we are set that there is a great hope in Christ as the one who was the outward sign of the Love of God for the whole of humanity. Jesus, we believe, came into the world as a fully human person and lived a life as we do. He gave

us a way of remembering him in the way we share bread and wine in the Holy Communion with him. "Do this in remembrance of me" he said to his disciples at the last Supper on the day before he died on the Cross for all of us. We remember this in the Holy Communion of bread and wine shared. This is a way of thinking of the hope we have in Jesus that death is not the end but a continuation of life begun in him.

So as we remember this month let us all keep that Hope in our hearts, in Christ, and share it with those around us.

With my very best wishes to you all

Sue Sheppard

Baptist Church

The Bible was right after all

The tragic Vesuvius eruption took place in 79 AD, engulfing the towns of Pompeii and Herculaneum. Some of you have no doubt visited the site and witnessed for yourselves the amazing finds that excavations have unearthed there. These include the petrified body of a woman loaded down with jewels. Obviously fleeing from lava and volcanic ash, she had been carrying rings, bracelets, necklaces, chains and other items of value when engulfed in the disaster - a tragic illustration of the truth that you can't take it with you.

In correspondence with his young protégé Timothy, the Apostle Paul writes: "Command those who are rich in this world's goods not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment."

"Money is the root of all evil" is not a biblical precept but the title of an Andrews Sisters hit. What St Paul actually wrote to Timothy was: "The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil," which is significantly different. There is nothing wrong with money in itself. It is the use we make of it that is important. Paul impresses on the young pastor that the well-to-do members of his flock must use their wealth wisely and responsibly. As Francis Bacon expressed it in a striking image: "Money is like manure. It's not good unless it is spread around."

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, said: "When I have money, I get rid of it quickly, lest it find a way

into my heart." On another occasion, in a sermon, he famously declared: "Gain all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can." He practised what he preached and lived very modestly. When during the course of his life his income increased considerably, he continued to maintain more or less the same budget and gave the rest away.

The Christian faith maintains that it is not money that brings happiness or contentment. A fascinating study I read about only this week brings concrete support to this assertion. I refer to the Harvard Study of Adult Development which for over 75 years has followed some 2000 men in an exhaustive investigation of their health and habits. Its conclusions are unequivocal: those who have the most satisfying relationships with family and friends come out of it the best. They are happier and in better health than the others. They also live longer. The researchers also found that it is not necessarily the number of the relationships but their quality that counts. They also emphasise that such positive relationships protect both body and mind.

Your reaction may well be: Did it really need 75 years of continuous, painstaking research to come up with what the Judeo-Christian revelation has been telling us for millennia? That happiness and fulfilment are not to be found in money, property, consumerism or social standing but in right relationships - with God and with our fellow human beings? Well, it's nice to know that modern scientific investigation backs up the wisdom of the ages. And that the Bible was right after all.

Maurice Harrison

Women's Institute

On a late September morning, when the mist was rolling away from the hills and the sun was inspired to show its face, several WI ladies headed for Oakhampton to partake in a 3 mile walk.

In all there were over 50 ladies present, all from various W I's. With the party so large, the group was split into two groups. While one group discovered the town and its surroundings, including sites where the tin mines once stood, the other group headed for the more difficult walk through the woods and park. This walk followed the route of the river and a leet, where the salmon travel before reaching the sea. The guide explained that only three rivers on Dartmoor connect to the mighty ocean.

A bungalow called Molcott was discovered and several ladies were sure it had something to do with

moles. Wrong!!! The lady for whom it was built was elderly and had never owned her home before. It was she who named it and Molcott stood for 'My own little cottage on this earth'.

As a lot of calories had been lost during the walk, lunch in the town was a must-have. This was followed by retail therapy..... which just had to be done! On the return journey, with the sun still shining, our group called into a café for a cup of tea and a sticky bun to round off the day.

Sylv Gregory

Book Group

The Book Group met yesterday evening in the Thorverton Arms, where Stephen had put a fire in the hearth for us to gather round. It was decided that the group would meet every last Thursday in the month, except for December and that we would keep to the 8 pm meeting time through till 9 ish. Thorverton Arms was agreed to be a good central meeting place but we would ask Stephen if we could meet on the right hand side at the far end, to enable use of the long tables. This has now been agreed with Stephen.

The Book chosen for this month is 'The Ballroom' by Anna Hope, taken from the Richard and Judy Book website. Brief introduction by Richard: The Ballroom is an extraordinary book. Anna Hope has used the story of her own great-great-grandfather and his terrible time in Menston – re-named here as Sharston Asylum – to tell us about a disgraceful, even disgusting, interval in early 20th Century British social history.

In the early 1900s, eugenics was the new social engineering tool on the block. Surely the dregs of society – the drunks, the addicts, the so-called 'feeble minded' – could be somehow 'bred out'? By 1908 Winston Churchill certainly thought so. He championed 'compulsory sterilisation' for the newly-defined underclass. He distributed pamphlets to his cabinet colleagues arguing for it. His arguments failed, but in 1913 the Mental Deficiency Act empowered the state to incarcerate the 'feeble minded' in purpose-built asylums. There, men and women would be forcibly kept apart so that they could not reproduce. Sterilisation by segregation. Eugenics by other means.

Hope's Sharston Asylum is the crucible of this dreadful experiment in social engineering. She writes with passion and power and perception about the effects on the huge range of unfortunates tossed into

its pit of despair. But *The Ballroom* is a wonderful and uplifting book – because it is testament to the power of the human spirit to overcome the most desperate of circumstances and arise shining, re-born, and triumphant.

The book's own description: Inside an asylum at the edge of the Yorkshire moors, where men and women are kept apart by high walls and barred windows, there is a ballroom vast and beautiful. For one bright evening every week they come together and dance. When John and Ella meet it is a dance that will change two lives forever. Set over the heatwave summer of 1911, the end of the Edwardian era, *The Ballroom* is a historical love story.

All are welcome to join the group, the more the

merrier.

There has been a suggestion for the January book, again from the same website: *Missing, Presumed ...* by Susie Steiner. Briefly: Edith Hind is gone, leaving just her coat, a smear of blood and a half-open door. Each of her friends and relatives has a version of the truth. But none quite adds up. The press grows hungrier by the day. Can DS Manon Bradshaw fend them off, before a missing persons case becomes a murder investigation?

We look forward to seeing you, the last Thursday of November, for a great discussion and suggestions for further reading. Until then, enjoy *The Ballroom*, a love story.

Sue James-Smith

Keeping your feet on the ground

Life is full of risks most of which we cannot control - however, we can do a lot to decrease our chances of falling. 1 in 3 adults over 65 will fall at least once every year which can lead to significant injuries such as hip fractures.

Balance depends on multiple inputs to our brain balance centre (the vestibular system) from our eyes, feet and ears. Within the ear there are a complex series of fluid-filled chambers that have multiple nerve endings; the fluid sloshes around and the nerves use this information to tell the vestibular system where our head is in relation to our body. Nerves in our ankles tell the body how our feet are positioned and these messages from ears and legs are combined within the vestibular system with information from our eyes. When messages are confused or contradictory we feel nauseous (e.g. seasickness). Debris in the ear canal fluid can mess the system up as can viral infections, both common causes of dizziness at any age. Unfortunately, as we get older the quality of all three inputs to the vestibular system worsen resulting in a slowing of our muscle responses. As a result, from age 55 onwards our balance is not as good as previously.

Like everything in life, practice and repetition leads to quicker and unconscious body responses. Playing musical instruments, hitting a tennis ball are all very complicated muscular control exercises that with practice we do without thinking and the more you

practice the better you are. This holds true no matter what age you are and as a result the regular practice of simple balance exercises will increase our core muscle strength, improve posture and coordination and help the vestibular system keep functioning well for longer. Lots of research has shown that this is very effective in helping reduce falls.

The idea behind balance exercises is that by lessening the amount of contact you have with the floor or by looking away from where you normally would you are making the brain work harder to keep you balanced. The more you do the better your brain becomes at keeping you upright.

Margaret Clough runs a Balance class on Thursday mornings in the Community Hall sponsored by the Friends of Wyndham House. This is a fantastic resource and not just for those who have already had a fall. Margaret's Keep Fit Classes (Monday mornings) could also be considered balance exercises for the younger currently more mobile. These classes are for both men and women and targeted at the 50+ age group. Put your name down at the surgery or contact Margaret directly on 01392 860971 (or e-mail: margaret.mcassoc@btconnect.com) if you would like to attend the classes.

Dr Anthony O'Brien
Wyndham House Surgery

Thorverton and District History Society

The history of Brewing in Devon

At the September meeting members of the History Society were treated to a fascinating and comprehensive presentation on the history of brewing in Devon. Mary Miles, Chair of the Somerset Industrial Archaeology Society, and an expert in the history of the brewing industry, reviewed the history of the production of ale and beer from its origins thousands of years ago. She told us that fermented drinks were being consumed perhaps 9000 years ago in China and that there is evidence of brewing from about 6000BC. A possible Neolithic malthouse of around 4000BC has been found and the earliest written description of the process dates back to about 1800BC. When the Romans arrived in Britain they found ale-making well-established and possible malt kilns have been found at Roman villas sites here.



Mary Miles

Photo by Robin Blythe-Lord

Mrs Miles described the beer-making process and the various ingredients used in the past including rice, honey, grapes, hawthorn fruit as well as things like nutmeg and coriander. Yeast is a key ingredient. During the fermentation process more is produced than was there at the start making it seem almost miraculous! In the Middle Ages it was thought of as being a gift from God and was known as "Godisgood". Obtaining a clean, uncontaminated,

reliable supply of drinking water was not always easy so ale and beer, which are sterilised by boiling during the production process, were an important, safe, nutritious and relatively cheap source of refreshment.

It was not economic to transport beer more than a few miles so most communities produced their own. Ales were often used to supplement the income of the church and were made in the church house. This functioned rather like a village hall or community centre. As an example, Mrs Miles showed a photograph of the C15th Church House at South Tawton. This had a kitchen for baking, brewing and cooking on the ground floor and a feasting hall on the upper floor. Feasting events with entertainments were regularly held there to raise money for church upkeep, local charities and running costs. Monasteries also brewed for their own use and for pilgrims and travellers. Most large country houses also had their own brewhouses to supply the household and estate staff.

However, in medieval times brewing was often done at home and, like baking, was traditionally a task performed by women— who became known as "ale wives". Beer was brewed primarily for home consumption but surplus was sold and often provided an important source of income to families and, in particular, to widows.

Gradually beer production became more specialised and was carried out in purpose-built breweries, outside the home. Women, usually having no money of their own, were unable to provide the capital necessary to develop larger-scale breweries and so men began replacing female brewers. The term 'ale-wife' took on negative connotations and women brewers were often depicted as ugly hags, making deals with the devil. This is exemplified by John Skelton's long and raucous C16th poem *The Tunnyng of Elynour Rummyng*.

Gradually rules were introduced to standardise the quality and price of beer. From about 1700 brewing at home became increasingly expensive and commercial breweries came to the fore. Whites Directory of 1878 listed 105 breweries in the County but this did not include breweries at public houses exclusively supplying their own customers.

Mary Miles concluded her talk with a description of some of the principal Devon breweries, illustrated with some remarkable historic photographs. These included several of breweries in Exeter, most of which have now gone or have been converted to residential use, like St Anne's Brewery, Lower North Street (alongside the Iron Bridge) and Well Park Brewery (now flats) at Willey's Avenue. Among the places to visit in Devon which were mentioned were

the Valiant Soldier in Buckfastleigh - "the pub where time was never called." This was an active public house until 1960 and is now a museum enabling people a glimpse of what a pub was like fifty years ago. Another place worth a visit is Tuckers Maltings at Newton Abbot, which is one of only four malt houses in the country which still produces malt in the traditional manner and supplies over 30 breweries in the south west.



Photo by Robin Blyhte-Lord

One of our own local breweries, Hanlon's Brewery at Half Moon Village, very generously provided a polypin of their best-selling, award-winning and delicious Yellowhammer beer for members of the Society to sample after Mrs Miles' talk. This "golden, zesty beer...aromatic with pineapple and banana fruitiness and ...a delicate hoppy finish" was thoroughly enjoyed and much appreciated. We were even able to pass some on to help Thorverton AFC celebrate their away 4-nil win over Sampford Peverell the following Saturday! The Society is very grateful to Hanlons.

Graham Wills

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Christmas is coming so we are now selling Advent calendars, 2017 calendars, 2017 diaries, charity Christmas cards – Hospiscare, Marie Curie, British Heart Foundation - wrapping paper, labels etc. plus of course posting and packing materials.

Remember to post early for Christmas if you are sending things abroad. Also be prepared to have to state what is in your parcels/packages even if they are only for the UK. There are good lower price deals for certain sizes of parcel.

Buy your Christmas stamps **early**. We do sometimes run out nearer the time!

There'll be a TCT/PO stall again at the **Saturday market** on November 12th so do come to browse, buy, have a chat.

The **TCT Ltd AGM** will take place on **Mon Dec 5th at 7.45pm** in Thorverton WI Hut. This is an opportunity to hear about the past business year of our post office and the TCT Ltd community-run newsagent/stationers shop. The TCT Ltd and PO accounts will be presented, the TCT Council 2016/17 elected and there will be time for questions and discussion.

Do contact me in advance please if you wish us to include something special on the agenda or you would like to be proposed for membership of the TCT Council (committee).

All are welcome at the meeting but only paid-up TCT members can vote.

If you haven't joined TCT yet or you haven't yet renewed your **membership** this financial year (May –Apr for us) £10 pp per annum, please contact me ASAP or ask for a form in the post office.

Once again, thank you for all the patience, support and consideration shown when we had a PO robbery and were unable to trade properly for several days recently. We also had a computer breakdown during that time which compounded problems and delays! PO and TCT staff and volunteers have soldiered on keeping things going and we now seem to be back to normal. We have been working on improvements in security and outside lighting.

We wish Rowena Garne well as she leaves us to start a new full-time job. Zac Cross is soon to join us – welcome aboard.

Please **keep shopping locally**.

Heather Kershaw 01392 860419 TCT Ltd
Chair and Company Secretary
Jan Hamilton 07764 461575 TCT Ltd
Business Manager

The Exeter Inn

The Exeter has been run by members of the Mann family for 70 years, Jack and Phyllis moved in on November 14th 1946, and retired on February 5th 1982.

John took over the Exeter and has been there for another 35 years, Stella and Dickie have now taken over the running of the pub.

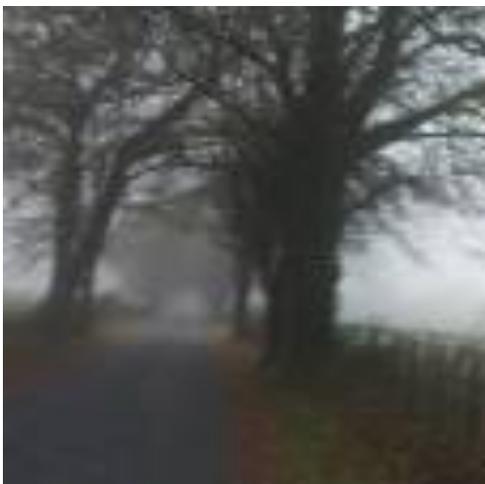
We are having a celebration to mark this occasion on November the 12th 2016, from 7 o/c finger food will be provided. I hope that friends, family, and customers will call and see us.

Stella, Dickie, John, Jacques and Vivienne and families

Poetry

Shades of November

November is grey
In the mist of the morning
And its darkness deepens,
At eventide's joining
Of day into night.
Earth's breath grows colder,
As fog wraps a shivering shawl
'Round each shoulder.



November is red
As the clocks strike eleven,
Poppy wreaths are re-laid
And our hearts soar to Heaven
With the young and the brave,
Who died for us all;
Their life blood was shed
Like as petals in fall.



As church bells ring out,
Bombing is rife,
In lands far away,
Where evil births strife
And minds fail to wonder
At bright stars overhead,
Though eternal their promise – November is red.



Doreen Beer

Thorverton Sub Post Office

A big thank you to all our customers for using our post office as often as you can. Since we are paid for every transaction you make, that's the only way to ensure there is a post office in the village. Here's a reminder of the services we offer:

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ECONOMY (surface mail)

Thur 3 Nov Eastern Europe, Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, Malta, Iceland
 Thur 17 Nov Western Europe

AIRMAIL

Wed 7 Dec	Cyprus, Asia, Far East (including Japan), Eastern Europe (except Poland, Czech Republic and Slovakia)
Thur 8 Dec	Caribbean, Central and South America
Sat 10 Dec	Greece, Australia, New Zealand
Wed 14 Dec	Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Poland
Thur 15 Dec	Canada, Finland, Sweden, USA
Fri 16 Dec	Austria, Denmark, Iceland, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland
Sat 17 Dec	Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxembourg
Latest recommended posting dates HM Forces mail	
Mon 28 Nov	International Standard to operational HM Forces Mail
Mon 12 Dec	International Standard to static HM Forces Mail

Thank you, Allison Toogood, Sub-postmaster

Legal Eagle

On Saturday the 17th September we were tending our allotment when we became aware of a drone flying overhead. Initially the drone flew a circular route around the allotments and then hovered above allotments where people were working. It then flew along the backs of the houses in Broadlands which back onto the allotments. This flight was at first floor level. I was unable to determine whether the drone was fitted with a camera but the episode set me thinking about the legal issues involved in the flying of drones.

You can imagine my surprise, therefore, when I picked up my newspaper on Monday 19th September to read the headline, ‘Police called in after drone holds up play in Bradford’. The report detailed how West Yorkshire Police were trying to trace the “pilots” of drones that flew low over Bradford City’s ground and forced a five minute hold-up in the second half of their match against Bristol Rovers.

This is believed to be the first time a league game has been interrupted by a drone, but the Football League has warned clubs that they could become a problem. The game ended 1-all.

Thinking purely in terms of the civil law, my thoughts turned to possible actions in trespass and nuisance. In relation to trespass, 1815, a year rather more famous for other reasons, gave us our first insight into what might, or might not, constitute trespass of airspace. In **Pickering –v- Rudd** the court was of the opinion that it would not be trespass to pass over a man’s land in a balloon or to fire a bullet across a field. The court did however add the caution that if the bullet fell to the ground then it would be trespass.

Fast forward a hundred plus years and we arrive at the case of **Bernstein –v- Skyviews and General Ltd [1977]**. The defendants flew above Lord Bernstein’s country house and took a photograph of it which they offered to sell to him. Lord Bernstein claimed damages for trespass by invasion of his air space. The Court held that the defendants were not liable. During the course of his judgment Griffiths J pointed out that Lord Bernstein was seeking to rely “upon the old Latin maxim, *cujus est solum ejus usque ad coelum et ad inferos*, a colourful phrase often upon the lips of lawyers since it was first coined by Accursius in Bologna in the 13th century”. The maxim means, ‘For whoever owns the soil. It is theirs up to heaven and down to hell’; or, according to Bruce Ziff, “.....whoever owns the soil holds title

all the way up to the heavens and down to the depths of the earth.....”.

Later in his judgment Griffiths J said, “The problem is to balance the rights of an owner to enjoy the use of his land against the rights of the general public to take advantage of all that science now offers in the use of air space. The balance is best struck in our present society by restricting the rights of an owner in the air space above his land to such height as is necessary for the ordinary use and enjoyment of his land and the structures upon it, and declaring that above that height he has no greater rights in the air space than any other member of the public”.

The court also held that the actions of the defendants did not constitute a nuisance as only a single photo was taken; however, the court warned that if a claimant was subjected to the harassment of constant surveillance from the air, accompanied by the photographing of his every activity then this would amount to a “monstrous invasion of privacy and an actionable nuisance for which relief would be given”.

In **Anchor Brewhouse Developments Ltd –v- Berkley House (Docklands Developments) Ltd [1987]** the court held that the booms of cranes swung over the claimant’s property did constitute a trespass. The judge, Scott J did not wish to dissent from *Skyviews* but instead differentiated the cases stating that, whilst an action in trespass might be maintained for invasion of airspace by tower cranes and other structures, this is not the case for overflying objects.

Parliament has intervened in the form of the Civil Aviation Act 1982, s76(1) provides, “*no action shall lie in respect of trespass or in respect of nuisance by reason only of the flight of an aircraft over any property at a height above the ground which, having regard to wind, weather, and all the circumstances of the case is reasonable, or the ordinary incidents of such flight, so long as the provisions of the Air Navigation Order have been complied with and.....there has been no breach of s81*”.

Putting the common law and the legislation together, it would appear that drone flying will not lead, per se, to the “pilot” being successfully sued in trespass or nuisance. Caution should, however, be exercised when flying over private or public land on numerous occasions or even hovering in one place for the purpose of taking pictures.

Flying a circular flight path around the allotments at a height which is reasonable is probably OK, flying along the backs of the houses in Broadlands, at first floor level, unless permission has been granted, probably amounts to an act of trespass.

As far as I am aware, there is presently no case law on the flying of drones and possible claims in trespass and/or nuisance.

In addition to the above, it is worth being aware that if your piloting skills let you down and your drone crashes causing damage to person or property you may well be liable in negligence for the injury/damage caused. Best to check your public liability insurance before 'flying'.

Clive Hamblin

The Garden in November 2016

November in Devon is generally a good time to finish the tidy up on the veg. patch and in the garden. The lawn can be given a final cut, but not too low. Brushing off leaves and collecting them in dustbin liners if you have the space to keep them for a couple of years will give you a free source of compost. Spread the lovely, earthy compost around your garden. If you have not done this before, you will be amazed how the leaves turn into this rich compost by just being left alone for two years, good old worms!! Leave a few holes in your bags so that they can get in.

If you have decided to have your cut back before winter, get cutting as soon as possible. Clear back herbaceous plants and trim back leggy Buddleia but do not cut back to a frame work until spring. If we get a severe winter, there is always a risk of losing them, so hedge your bets. Pick up all debris around the base of plants to prevent disease build up.

Deciduous shrubs can be planted at the beginning of the month as the soil is still warm and they will establish well before next spring, when they can grow away vigorously. It is too late to plant evergreen shrubs and you must wait until the spring.

Roses can be pruned now, such as hybrid tea, floribunda, standard, miniature, and modern roses. Do not prune if the weather becomes frosty. If you chose to wait until early March, this is fine, but tip the roses if there is a danger of wind rock. It is good policy to check the base of roses in case of root disturbance which would increase their chance of winter damage. Carefully firm around the base of the rose if there is such evidence. If buying new bare rooted roses, heel them into the ground immediately

until planting out. If the weather becomes frosty and the ground hardens, leave them in this position until the spring but, if mild, plant now.

In the vegetable plot, there is still time, if the weather remains mild, to sow onion sets and garlic but do this as soon as possible. Clear away other finished crops and add manure to next season's potato plot. This can be left on the top of the soil and dug in next March. Now is a good time to work out your rotation for all next season's crops and adjusting anything that did not work, or perhaps fitting in a new crop for next year. Draw a plan of each area and check it will all fit in.

Sweet peas can still be potted up, if you are quick. I use 9 cms pots and put in 4 seeds spread out in the pot. Put enough compost in the pot and gently firm before sowing the seeds, as the soil will sink over the winter if too fluffy. These pots can stay in an unheated greenhouse but must be protected from mice as they will empty your pots if left unprotected. I place my pots on tall upside down plastic plant pots in trays. The mice are unable to climb up the slippery surface of the pots. Keep an eye on watering, but they are unlikely to dry out quickly and once a week is all they need. If the weather becomes very cold, cover with fleece.

Dahlias can be lifted this month but let them have a touch of cold weather first. Clean the tubers and remove damaged or weak or diseased material. Cut off most of the stem but not too close to the tuber. Leave 12 to 15 cms length. This is a precaution as, if any fungal disease starts growing, it allows them to be cut back. Keep your Dahlias dry and frost-free. They do not seem to suffer from mouse damage and do not have to be kept in darkness. A spare bedroom is ideal. Check regularly throughout the winter that they have dried well and have no sign of disease. Start to grow them on again in compost in late February and March in a greenhouse, as long as it's not freezing cold. Protect with fleece if the weather turns cold after you have started them.

Well, Neville, that's enough to be going on with and should keep you out of mischief!!

Happy Gardening
Lorraine

Lorraine.Colebrook

Nature Notes

Last month I discussed local sightings of mustelids and I am pleased to have received news of more mink sighting reports from September. One was seen down by the river bridge and one was seen killing a rabbit in the Millennium Green.

Other Local News

Within the last two weeks of September, Claire Heaven-Roberts found a convolvulus hawkmoth resting on the back door knocker of her house in Silver Street. This very large continental moth species turns up in varying numbers from year to year and it seems there is a reasonable influx this year.

It has been raining seed case debris in our garden again this autumn. Last year it was a sighting of bullfinches eating ash tree seeds. This time I was surprised to see a grey squirrel at the top of a field maple tree extracting seeds from its winged seed cases.

Not So Local

On 18th September my daughter Rowena (Ro) and I did a reccy for the Tarts walk at Combe Martin and it was very rewarding for interesting nature sightings. The first notable species encountered was a devil's coach horse (for those of you who don't know it's yet another beetle!). We came across two more but these were squashed, sadly a consequence of straying onto a much used footpath. Next Ro spotted a bright green caterpillar on a shrivelled bracken frond. We later identified it as the larva of the moth called bright-line brown-eye. A bit further along the path I took a couple of steps off the path for a closer look at a spider's web and quite by accident spotted a beautifully marked common lizard. A few yards along the path and the best sighting of all was an adder curled up beneath a gorse bush followed a short distance away by a second one. The three reptiles were making use of what sun and warmth there was that day.



A to Z – Beetles continued.

The most common dor beetle you are likely to come across when out for a walk is *Geotrupes stercorarius*. Flip this beetle over to see its violet/purple underside and probably a load of mites which gives it the alternative name of lousy watchman. Dor beetles are dung feeders. Another dung beetle is *Aphodius rufipes* and is very well known to me because I get lots of these smallish beetles that are attracted to light and end up in the bottom of my moth trap. My egg boxes seem to take on



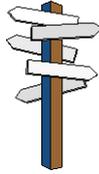
a life of their own when the crawling beetles beneath the boxes shift the boxes around. One morning this October I counted between 80 and 90 beetles. Some manage to crawl out of the trap but once I've cleared out the moths I tip the trap upside down to release the rest of the beetles.

My final two beetles to mention this time are in the genus *Nicrophorus*, the Sexton beetle and Black burying beetle. These were discussed in Nature Notes in October 2013. The black and orange Sexton beetle often comes to light and I noted in my moth recording book that I had two in my trap on 11th September this year. I recall having only had one Black burying beetle in my trap, it is a fast crawler and slightly larger than the Sexton beetle. Most species of burying beetle are fairly large between 10-25mm.

Last Words

A last walk around the garden and I notice shaggy ink-cap fungi have produced their fruiting bodies, also known as Lawyer's or Judge's wig. A magpie is eating grapes from our outside vine and it's the first time I have ever seen a magpie eating grapes. The vine cutting originated from the plant growing against the wall of Berry House. During September and October, over our carport flowering ivy has produced a banquet of nectar and pollen for flies, bees, wasps, hornets and butterflies. The insects have done their work and now ivy fruits are forming, food for birds this winter. Next month will include the last beetle in my A-Z, one of my favourites, the Bloody-nosed beetle and a discussion around the weather.

TARTS news



Thorverton Amblers Ramblers and Trampers

On 24th September a trio of Tarts (Hazel, Mike and Jenny) set off for the circular walk at Combe Martin. From Kiln car part we skirted a short section of beach side where we saw pipits on the sea wall and a very vocal grey wagtail. We crossed the busy main road and followed a quiet grassy lane before our first ascent to come to fields where we stopped for a coffee break. Here we could see the sea and Little Hangman Hill in the distance which would be almost at the end of our walk. Refreshed, we headed along tracks to come to the church of St Peter and Vincula and headed inside.

We were greeted with beautiful keyboard playing which Hazel identified as Perfect Day by Leonard Cohen. The vicar told us there had just been a christening and later in the day there would be a marriage blessing. Leaving the church, we crossed the main road again to start the enormous, seemingly never ending steep climb aiming for Great Hangman Hill. As we emerged puffing and blowing from the sunken lane we were greeted by two locals taking a rest from moving sheep. They told us the lane is called Pentice Lane and was used in the olden days by miners and pack ponies.

Still doing a girt big ascent we took the footpath to Girt Down and the landscape now changed to heather and gorse. The force of the wind hit us and we could barely stand up straight. We saw a Kestrel out hunting above the down. We reached Great Hangman and sheltered behind the cairn to have lunch. The wind made it so cold we had to put on our jackets for a while. We made the gradual descent towards the town but climbed up Little Hangman to be rewarded with a beautiful view and a Kestrel (probably same one from earlier) flying now below us and doing as its other name suggests, Wind Hover. By now Mike just wanted some Victoria sponge so we retired at long last to a café. Sadly no Victoria sponge but instead a girt big slice of orange and chocolate cake, a dollop of clotted cream and a cup of tea.

Saturday 15th October

The walk on Saturday was led by Nick and Judy to the Somerset Levels. It was a 5 mile circular walk from Hook Bridge, Stoke St Gregory along the river Tone to North Curry and back along the ridge, from where there were magnificent views across the levels.

Stoke St Gregory was the home of Nick and Judy for 33 years so they were able to explain about the geography of the levels and the basket making industry which thrives there.

The levels made the news in 2014 / 2015 when, after persistent rain they flooded, with dramatic effect, and ruined a good many people's lives. Nick and Judy showed the group, where at Hook Bridge the bank is lower, forming a spillway. This enables the water to flow onto the levels when the river is in flood. It acts as a reservoir holding the water until it can safely be pumped back into the river. This is the normal process which happens most years but in 2014 because of the lack of dredging and other factors it did not happen as normal.

The levels are also home to the basket making industry so there is an abundance of willows (Known as Withies locally) growing in the fields. These are harvested in January and February, so it is a cold and wet job but the withy cutters used to be kept going with their flagons of cider.

A kingfisher, grey wagtail, herons and a Bevy of swans which are all familiar sights in this area appeared along the river bank and in the fields.

Lunch was consumed in the sunshine in Jubilee Gardens at North Curry and the group had chance to look around the Church which overlooks the levels, and is known as the 'Cathedral of the Moors'.

The return journey was along the ridge where Nick and Judy pointed out Glastonbury tor and Burrow Mump (a small Glastonbury Tor). One gets a sense of scale of the levels from this high ground.

After the walk it was time for a drink and cakes at the willow and Wetlands Centre and then a look around the information centre and shop for willow products.

Future walks:

Saturday 29th October led by Caroline

Saturday 12th November led by Graeme

Saturday 26th November led by Hazel

The TARTS Christmas meal is booked for Saturday 10th December at 7pm in the Thorverton Arms.. Please let Caroline or Graeme know if you would like to come.

All walks meet opposite the church at 0930, and are suitable for dogs unless otherwise stated. Shorter walks are usually 4 – 6 miles in length and longer walks 6 – 9 miles, however precise details of each walk (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 Caroline (07749775304) or Graeme (860203).

Photos of Stoke St Gregory to North Curry Walk by Mike Stannard





Silverton & Exe Valley Seniors November 2016 activities Newsletter

Events & activities for the



MONDAY WHIST – Mondays 07 & 21 NOV

St Mary's Church Hall Silverton starts at 2:00 PM prompt. Entrance fee £2.50 includes refreshment and raffle ticket (prizes!) It's fun and easy to learn!

COFFEE MORNING – Tuesday 8th November

St Mary's Church Hall Silverton is the location between 1000 & 1130. An opportunity to chat, take part in our optional quiz and raffle or book an outing. Entrance charge £1:00 includes refreshments. Everyone most welcome

THIS MONTH'S OUTING

BATH CHRISTMAS MARKET – 30th November

Soak up the sights, smells and sights of this magical city Christmas Market with over 170 chalets and other shops in the streets surrounding the Roman Baths and Bath Abbey. Coach leaves Silverton 0900 (usual Exe Valley pick-ups).

FUTURE EVENTS!

- **Royal Marines Christmas Concert –**
Sunday 4th DEC Inclusive cost £27.50

- **Christmas Lunch –** Waie Inn Dartmoor –
Friday 16 DEC inclusive cost £22

If you are interested in any of the above events or would like to join the Club please contact Martin Clough Club Secretary 38 Hederman Close Silverton Devon EX5 4HW Telephone 01392 860971 or e-mail: martin.mcassoc@btconnect.com or for further details of events please visit our website <http://www.sevs.info>

Recipe

Devonshire Apple and Cinnamon Buns

6oz (150g) Self-raising flour
4oz (100g) local butter
3oz (75g) soft brown sugar
4oz (100g) grated, peeled, local cooking apples
Zest of half a lemon
2 local free range eggs
¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon

Sift the flour and cinnamon into a bowl, add the sugar, and rub in the butter so the mixture looks like fine breadcrumbs. Add the grated apples and eggs, and mix thoroughly. Spoon into greased bun or muffin tins and bake in a hot oven until well risen and golden brown. Dust with icing sugar and serve whilst warm.

Paul Cleave

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

We have been lucky to enjoy lots of Autumn sun for tennis over the last few weeks but are now feeling a nip in the air and our Tuesday club session has made its annual move from morning to afternoon in order to avoid icy morning courts.

Members enjoyed a well-attended American Tournament at the end of September - congratulations to the winners. The Club also donated four free junior coaching sessions to an Auction of Promises held by Thorverton School and Preschool at the end of September and our coach Toby is looking forward to meeting the lucky winners. The Auction raised over £4000 so many congratulations to the organisers.

There are still vacancies in our Junior coaching sessions on Wednesday afternoons and evenings so if you are interested in joining after half term please contact Laura Leigh on 01647 24259 or Viv Baber on 01392 681180.

We also offer a half price winter membership of the club if you would like to try some winter tennis. Details about the club including club sessions, coaching and committee contacts can be found on our website: www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk

Sally Baldwin



After Tads murder mystery play Barbara Uglow was presented with flowers for being one of the original cast members when TADS first started in the WI hut. *Photo John Spivey*

Your Future Care consultation

From Friday 7 October 2016 to Friday 6 January 2017

NHS Northern, Eastern and Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group is working to improve your future care by:

- Providing more care in people's homes; and
- Avoiding hospital admissions where possible.

As part of this work, we are running a 13-week consultation on the best places for community hospital beds in Eastern Devon.

We want to hear your views

Find out about the proposals and have your say

Copies of the consultation document and questionnaire are available from:

- Local GP practices
- Libraries
- Acute hospitals
- Community hospitals
- Online (www.newdevonccg.nhs.uk/about-us/your-future-care/102019)
- Phone for a copy (details below)



Contact us

Telephone: 01392 267 642
E-Mail: d-ccg.YourFutureCare@nhs.net
Write: Freepost YOUR FUTURE CARE (no stamp required)

Thank you for your help and we look forward to hearing from you

Parish Priorities for Thorverton

Many parishioners were involved in drawing up Thorverton’s Parish Plan in 2008, which set out priorities at that time. Things have obviously moved on quite a bit since then and the Parish Council would be interested in hearing your views as to what the priorities should be for the next few years.

The Parish Council has carried out some analysis of progress against each of the actions identified in the 2008 Parish Plan. A summary is set out on page 31. It should be noted that the Parish Council does not envisage producing a new Parish Plan, unless of course there are enough villagers prepared to lead in such an exercise. However, your views here will help the Council understand the priorities than villagers have and may give impetus to some ideas being pursued.

The Parish Council would welcome your views as to:

A. Whether any of the actions shown as not having been achieved should still be pursued:

B. Whether any new actions should be given priority:

C. Whether you would be prepared to take responsibility for leading on any actions:

D. Your name and contact please (address, phone or email as you prefer):

Councillors will be delivering questionnaires to every property in the parish – if they can find them! – but do use this form if you prefer.

Please send your completed questionnaire by the end of November 2016 to:

Thorverton Parish Clerk, Alison Marshall, Dinneford House, Dinneford Street, Thorverton, Exeter, EX5 5NU

or deliver it to a Parish Councillor

or leave it in the box in the Post Office/TCT Portakabin

or leave it in the box in the Berry Dairy Stores



Assessment of actions set out in the 2008 Parish Plana) Actions which were achieved (or largely achieved)

Plan ref.	Action	Lead responsibility
5.1a	Need to release further land for affordable housing	Parish Council
5.2a	Complete MDDC Thorverton Conservation Area Appraisal	MDDC Planners
6.2	Seek provision of permanent premises for playgroup	Playgroup
8.1b	Identify who will run Shop and Post Office service	Existing community organisations
9.1a	Seek site for expanded premises of Exe Valley Surgery	Surgery
10.1c	Maintain present leisure activities	Memorial Hall
10.2a	Carry out a survey of footpaths	Volunteers
10.3a	Maintain current community activities	Memorial Hall
10.3b	Consider new activities	Voluntary organisations
10.4b	Consider establishing a cafe within the shop, Memorial Hall or church	Memorial Hall, WI, Shop, Church
11.1	Lobby to extend recycling especially plastics	Parish Council

b) Actions which were partly achieved

5.1b	If land becomes available MDDC to commission a further Housing Needs Survey	MDDC
8.1a	Establish permanent sites for Shop and Post Office	Existing community organisations
10.2b	Establish circular walks by extending network of footpaths	Parish Council
10.4a	Develop plans to rebuild the Memorial Hall with a community centre envisaged	Memorial Hall

c) Actions which were not implemented

5.2b	Consider Village Design Appraisal	Parish Council
6.1	School and Memorial Hall to develop a co-ordinated plan and seek funding for a Sports Hall	School Governing Body
6.3a	Ensure current adult learning classes are effectively advertised	Volunteer coordinator
6.3b	Investigate new educational classes	Volunteer coordinator
6.3c	Signpost educational opportunities within the district	Volunteer coordinator
7.1a	Define facilities needed for Youth Group	Volunteer leader
7.1b	Investigate possibility of youth coordinator	Parish Council
7.2	Investigate cost of bus fares for after-school activities	Volunteer
7.3a	Coordinate local job opportunities for youth	Volunteer
8.2	Promote local businesses	Parish Council to set up initiative
8.3	Investigate viability of extended bus timetable and possibly a service to Crediton	Parish Council
8.4a	Consider introducing 20 mph limit in village	Parish Council
8.4b	Identify further car parking space	Parish Council
8.5a	Extend Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	Volunteers
8.5b	Promote greater coordination between police and Neighbourhood Watch	Police
9.1b	Explore provision of additional services to meet unmet needs	Parish Council and Surgery
10.1a	Build a tennis court	Volunteers
10.1b	Open a Sports Hall	Volunteers
10.2c	Extend Countryside Stewardship Schemes	Farmers
11.2	Initiate village clean-up days	Volunteers
11.3	Consider ways of encouraging cycling safely, even on our country lanes	Volunteers
11.4	Investigate community energy sustainability initiatives	Volunteers
11.5	Extend the pavement past the cricket field to the A396	Parish Council
12.1	Consider using the church for wider community uses	Parochial Church Council

Thorverton Parish Information

AIR AMBULANCE EMERGENCY - QUOTE NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE

RECREATION GROUND - Sheet 192 SS 923019 MEMORIAL HALL FIELD - Sheet 192 SS 926019

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)

Mrs Margaret Lowe, Administration Manager, 07594 714590. margaret.admin@netherexe.org

Rector Rev. Katie Cross, 01392 7596212, email katie.cross@netherexe.org

Church Wardens Edwin Greed, Fortescue, Netherexe. 841231.

Royston Kershaw 25 The Glebe 860419

Church Choir Heather Kershaw 25 The Glebe, Thorverton 860419

P.C.C. Treasurer Jean Brown, Rydal Cottage, Bullen Street. 861176.

Friends of Thorverton Parish Church Trust Royston Kershaw 25 The Glebe 860419

Church (Baptist) Minister: Revd Maurice Harrison, 966861.

Secretary: Fiona Harrison, 966861.

County Councillor Margaret Squires, 01363 84337, Margaret.squires@devon.gov.uk

District Councillor Cllr. Bob Deed. 01392 861258, bdeed@middevon.gov.uk

Doctors: Thorverton/Silverton : Dr Jon Wride & Lynne Anderson / Drs O'Brien, Ziegler & Keysell

Electricity (Western Power) Report a loss of power: 0800 6783 105 (replaces 0800 365 900).

edf Bill Enquiries: 0800 365 000. Street lights: 0870 556 1851.

Friends of Thorverton & Silverton Surgeries : Christine Walker, 881501

Gas Emergency 0800 111999

Leonard Trust Secretary: Mrs. E Hughes, 3 Dinham Mews, Exeter EX4 4EH

Library (Exeter Mobile) Every 4 weeks 3.35 – 4.20 Thursdays Quarry Car Park

Member of Parliament Mel Stride. By writing: Mel Stride MP House of Commons London SW1A 0AA
By phone: 02072197037. By email: mel.stride.mp@parliament.uk

Parish Council Chairman Cllr. Stuart Crang,

Parish Clerk Mrs Alison Mashall, Dinneford House, Dinneford Street, Thorverton, EX5 5NU. 861228.

Parish Council Meetings 2nd Tuesday of month, at The Memorial Hall, 7.30 pm.

Parish Allotments Contact the Parish Clerk - 861228

Parish Council Notice Board Situated in School Lane, opposite the Thorverton Arms.

Planning notification applications at <http://data.gov.uk/apps/planningalerts> alert via email when a planning application is published in one's street, neighbourhood or wider area.

Pension Service PO Box 93, Plymouth PL6 5WJ. 0845 60 60 265

Police Non-emergency number: 101.

Post Office Portacabin (TCT Ltd) Quarry Car Park, Thorverton EX5 5NG Tel: 860455

Mon. to Fri: 9 am-1.00 pm, 2 - 5.30 pm. Sat: 9 am -12 noon, Sun: 9 - 10.30 am for newspapers only

Business Manager: Jan Hamilton 07764461575

Chair and Company Secretary: Heather Kershaw, 25 The Glebe, 860419

Public Telephone Kiosk Opposite the Church, outside the former Bell Inn, Dinneford St.

Thorverton C of E Primary School (Part of the Exe Valley Federation)

Executive Headteacher (Exe Valley Federation): Mr John Jolliffe

Head of School. (Thorverton): Mrs Sarah Parkes 01392 860374

School Office (Thorverton): 01392 860374

Chair of Governors (Exe Valley Federation): Jackie Enright 01392 851859.

Clerk to the Governors: Ms Jessica Benger: 07795 515048

School P.T.F.A. Chair: Julie Davie 1363 772309, Vice-Chair: Pippa Eyles 861767,

Secretary: Rachel Mildon, Treasurer - Rachel Parker.

South West Water 24 Hour Emergency: 0800 169 1144. Helpline: 0800 169 1133.

Thorverton Millennium Green Trust

Chair: John Spivey, 01392 861324

Secretary: Maggie Dunlop, 01392 861185 - web address: www.thorverton.org.uk

Thorverton Organisations

- Amateur Dramatic Society (TADS)** Chair: Sheena Hunter-Hedges 01392 860843, Vice Chair: Bob Hyde, Treasurer: Simon Hedges, Minutes Secretary: Mary Ette. Meetings: last Tuesday of the month at the Exeter Inn, 8pm. Members and non-members welcome.
- 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** Becky Stannard, 7 The Glebe, 860737.
Monthly meetings in members' homes at 8.00 pm.
- 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 Thursdays at the W.I. Hut from 7.00 p.m..
- Clarinet/Saxophone Group** Contact Peter Mason 860727. *Meets every Thursday morning.*
- Cricket Club** Chair: Charles Kislingbury,
Secretary: M C Denford, 14 Moorlands, Tiverton EX16 6UF 01884 255076
Fixture Sec: J Meredith, Grayley, Dinneford Street.
- Focus Magazine** Chair: Michael Ayre, Ratcliffe Farm, Thorverton.
Editor: Neville Lane, 2 The Glebe, Thorverton. 861062.
Secretary: Geoff Bulley, Broadlands, Thorverton.
Treasurer: Bob Swaffield, Schiehallion, School Lane, Thorverton 01392 860309
- Friends of Silverton & Thorverton Surgeries** *Coffee Mornings in the Lamb Inn, Silverton.
Held at 10-12 noon on the last Thursday of every month except December*
- Golf Society Players of Thorverton** Care of Exeter Inn, 01392 860206
- History Society** Chair: Barrie Phillips, Crossmead, School Lane, Thorverton. 860529
Programme Secretaries: Graham Wills 860895 & Barrie Phillips 860529.
- Ladies Group** *Meet 2nd Thursday of month, (Venue and time - see Focus Notices).*
- Memorial Hall Committee** Chair: Roger Fieldhouse, tel. 860768. r.fieldhouse@exeter.ac.uk
Secretary: Mike Baldwin, tel. 860853. sjimi@hotmail.com
Bookings: thorvertonmemorialhallbookings@gmail.com
Website: www.thorvertonmemorialhall.co.uk
- Memorial Hall Market** *2nd Saturday of the month, at the Memorial Hall, 9.30 - 11.00 am.*
- Thorverton Pre-School** Wendy Coles 861283/ thorvertonpreschool@gmail.com
*Mon 9.00-11.45am, & 12.45-3.15pm & Lunch Club 11.45am-12.45pm,
Tues/Weds 9am-11.45am & 12.45-3.15pm & Lunch Club 11.45am-12.45pm.
Thurs 9.00-11.45am; 12.45- 3.15pm & Lunch Club 11.45am-12.45pm during term-time,
at Thorverton Primary School site*
- Thorverton Ambling, Rambling and Tramping Society (TARTS)**
Caroline Prince 07749 775304 or Graeme Culshaw 860203
See notices of walks in Old Post Office Window, Bullen Street.
- Toddler Group** Fiona Meredith milestogo@btinternet.com or Amy Crebo welshpixie@yahoo.co.uk
Thursdays at the Memorial Hall, 9.30 - 11.30am
- Royal British Legion** Chairman/Hon.Sec. :Alex Fice, Lynch Cottage, Thorverton 861136,
srbf@hotmail.co.uk
- Women's Institute** Hon. Treasurer: Mrs Felicity Cashmore
Secretary: Sylv Gregory, 20 Bullen Close. 860173.
Bookings: Sue Maguire, 860631
*W.I. Meeting: 1st Tuesday of the month at the W.I. Hut, 7.30 pm.
Whist: 4th Tuesday of the month, at the W.I. Hut, 7.30 pm.
W.I. Market & Coffee: 4th Saturday of the month, W.I. Hut. 10.00 to 11.00 am.*

Doctors' Surgeries

New Valley Practice

Drs. J. Wride, L. Anderson, A. Hall, J. Harris, E. Saunders,
G. Cameron, E. Ziegler, L. Worsley

Newcombes Crediton EX17 2AR	The Surgery, The Bury Thorverton EX5 5NT
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Main telephone: 03333 442 988
www.newvalleypractice.co.uk



After many months of building work and renovation in Thorverton, the practice is now open for business - please feel free to pop in and see us!

	Crediton	GPs on Duty	Thorverton	GPs on Duty
Monday	08.30 – 18.00	Drs. Harris, Saunders, Cameron, Ziegler	08.30 – 18.00	Dr. Anderson
Tuesday	08.30 – 18.00	Drs. Saunders, Harris, Hall	08.30 – 18.00	Dr. Anderson
Wednesday	08.30 – 18.00	Drs. Wride, Hall, Cameron, Ziegler	08.30 – 17.00	Dr. Anderson (morning only)
Thursday	08.30 – 18.00	Drs. Anderson, Harris, Saunders, Worsley	08.30 – 18.00	Dr. Ziegler
Friday	08.30 – 18.00	Drs. Hall, Saunders, Worsley	08.30 – 18.00	Dr. Wride

There are no surgeries on Saturday or Sunday, but a doctor will be on call for emergencies only on 111.

Extended surgeries will be offered in Thorverton, late evening surgery in Crediton. Please ask at reception for details.



Repeat prescriptions (Monday-Friday) – You can request your repeat prescriptions by calling our in-house dispensary on 01392 861622 or by using our online repeat prescription request at www.newvalleypractice.co.uk

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

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

We now operate a home delivery service for housebound registered patients. Please contact us on 01392 860273 for more information.

We are now accepting new patients

Wyndham House Surgery

Fore Street, Silvertown, EX5 5HZ

Telephone: 01392 860034

www.wyndhamhousesurgery.co.uk

**We are currently accepting new patients and are happy to consider patients
from out of area**

Dr Solman leaves us in August and our new GP trainee is Dr Ewart

Currently rated as an **OUTSTANDING** Practice by the CQC

Day/Dr	Dr Anthony O'Brien	Dr Catherine Burkill	Dr Nick Keysell	Dr Jemima Ewart (GP Trainee)
Monday	09:00 – 11:30 15:00 – 17:30		09:00 – 11:30 15:00 – 17:30	09:00 – 11:30 14:00 – 17:30
Tuesday		09:00 – 11:30 14:00 – 17:30	09:00 – 11:30 15:00 – 17:30	
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Thursday	09:00 – 11:30 14:00 – 16:00		09:00 – 11:30	09:00 – 11:30 14:00 – 17:30
Friday	14:30 – 16:00* *emergencies only	09:00 – 11:30	09:00 – 11:30	

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

Surgery hours: Monday - Thurs. 08:30 - 18:00
Friday 08:30 - 17:00

Dispensary hours: Monday - Thurs. 08.30 - 18:00 There is now no closure for lunch and prescriptions may be
Friday 08.30 - 17:00 collected all through the day.

Repeat prescriptions can be ordered online via our website.
We also operate a home delivery service for housebound registered patients.
Please contact our reception or dispensary for more information.

On-line appointment booking
Flexible appointments at beginning and end of day if required - just ask

Waste Collection Dates for 2016

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| <p>a) General refuse, recycling boxes and food caddy
 Nov 14th and 28th
 Dec 12th and 28th (2 days late)</p> | <p>b) Chargeable garden waste and food caddy.
 Nov 7th and 21st
 Dec 5th and 19th</p> |
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Mobile Library

The service provided in Thorverton is every four weeks, in the Quarry Car Park on Thursdays between 3.35 and 4.20pm.

Dates, 17 November, 15 December.

Union Flag Flying days in November

- 13 November Remembrance Day (second Sunday in November)
- 14 November Birthday of the Prince of Wales
- 20 November Her Majesty's Wedding Day

Road works

If you want to see up to date information on road works, visit: <http://roadworks.org/>.

Bus Services

Turner's Tours / Carmel Coaches No 678

Cheriton Fitzpaine – Thorverton section served on Tuesday (renumbered Service 675), Wednesday and Friday only: 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: 07.55, 10.10, 12.10, 14.10, 16.10, 17.29 (this is the 155 service; on Saturdays it is the 55B and runs at 17.10), 18.10 from The Berry and Broadlands.

Return from Tiverton Bus Station: 07.40, 08.35, 10.45, 12.45, 14.45, 15.55 (Mondays to Fridays term-time only), 16.45, 17.45.

To Exeter: 08.05, 09.00, 11.10, 13.10, 15.10, 16.20 (Mondays to Fridays term-time only), 17.10, 18.10 from The Berry and Broadlands.

Return from Exeter Bus Station: 07.30, 09.45, 11.45, 13.45, 15.45, 17.05 (this is the 155 service ; on Saturdays it is the 55B and runs at 16.45), 17.45.

Stagecoach 55 service runs pretty much 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 the Co-Op, Broadclyst, from Broadlands on Tuesdays 9.20am.

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

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NOVEMBER

- Tues 1st WI Meeting Graham Tilsbury- *Wills etc* 2.30pm WI Hut
 Fri 4th Coffee Morning Baptist Church 10.30-12noon
 Thurs 10th Ladies Group, 7.30pm, Moss Bank, School Lane
 Fri 11th Royal British Legion Armistice Day, 11am at the War Memorial
 Sat 12th Saturday Market, Memorial Hall 9.30-11am
 TARTS Walk, meet opposite parish church, 9.30am
 Celebrating 70 years of the Manns at the Exeter Inn, from 7.00pm
 Sun 13th Royal British Legion Remembrance Service, Thorverton Parish Church, 10am
 Tues 15th Thorverton Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
 Sat 17th Coffee Morning, WI Hut, 10.00-11.00am
 Sat 19th Craft Fair at the Memorial Hall, 10 am - 4 pm.
 Fri 25th History Society Professor Todd Gray, *Devon's Ancient Bench Ends* WI Hut 7.30pm
 Sat 26th WI Market WI Hut 10-11am
 007 Ball, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
 Sun 27th A Taizé Service at Thorverton Parish Church, 5pm

DECEMBER

- Fri 2nd Coffee Morning at the Baptist Church, 10.30-12 noon.
 Sat 3rd New Valley Practice Coffee Morning, 10-12 noon. WI Hut.
 Sun 4th Christmas Tree lighting ceremony, Memorial Hall
 Mon 5th TCT AGM, 7.45pm, WI Hut
 Tues 6th Christmas Bingo, 7pm for 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
 Mon 12th SFH Xmas Bingo, Memorial Hall, 8pm,
 Tues 13th Thorverton Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
 Sun 18th Carol Service at Thorverton Church 5.00pm followed by refreshments. All welcome

JANUARY 2017

FEBRUARY

- Sat 25th Pudding Night