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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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Editorial

I write this having just completed a tour of Thorverton gardens for Hospiscare. It was good to see so many people, both villagers and those from further afield. The eight gardens were looking spectacular and the refreshments were pretty good too. Congratulations to all those who helped make this such a good afternoon. I will put some photos in September's *Focus* as I simply don't have room this month (and we are pushing the deadline anyway). That acts as a reminder that this edition covers both July and August, nominally to allow the production team some holiday, although I have to admit to having taken a fortnight off in June, when Jane and I had a very enjoyable break in Scotland.

The Open Gardens afternoon forms part of what I regard as the Thorverton summer social circuit, which includes the Summer Ball on 1st July, the Fun Day on 8th July and Teas at Thorverton House on 12th August. While it may not normally be regarded as part of the summer social circuit, I do hope that many of you will also meet up in the morning of Saturday 15th July to help tidy up the village. There are notices in *Focus*, so suffice it to say here that there are plenty of tasks to be done to make the village look even better. The Parish Council is organising this, but

there is no need for any registration, just turn up at Leigh Gardens (opposite the Jubilee Green) at 9.30 on the 15th.

Some of you will be aware that by the time that you read this editorial I shall have finished gainful employment. After 34 years in the Civil Service and 5 years before that teaching, I have decided to retire. But don't assume that this will mean that I will have more time for *Focus* because my dear wife has been receiving plenty of advice about drawing up lists of things to keep me occupied. Ah well.

Finally, I must say how pleased I was with the print quality of June's *Focus*, printed for us by Sarum Graphics. It has been great to receive so much positive feedback from villagers too. No longer will people be able to feel safe in the knowledge that we will never recognise them in any photos in the printed *Focus*. I must apologise, though, that we have had a bit of a hiccup with the online version of *Focus*, which we hope to get back to normal service as soon as possible. Please keep buying the printed edition though because without sales we would not be able to keep going. Have a good summer.

Neville Lane
Focus Editor

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Letters

From John Williams of Broadbands.

Went to my post-box today and found a colourful magazine, I thought "hello Argos has got here early this month". But no, to my surprise it was the new, bright and colourful *Focus*.

Well done Neville. My copy is well printed and I think it is so much brighter. Can we get some lovely pictures to go with Doreen Beer's wonderful poetry?

I came to Thorverton in June 1995 and on my first day here I was asked by the lovely man and his dog, who used to deliver the *Focus* then, to buy and indeed pay up front for a year's subscription which I did. It is with this in mind that I know he would be proud of the new format.

Keep going *Focus*, a lot of other villages would love a magazine like YOU.

From Robin Blythe-Lord

First of all huge congratulations on the quality upgrade to *Focus*. Excellent. It really does look so much better than the output from the old printer. Saddle-stitching improves it too. A great leap forward. Proper job!

Robin also gave the editorial team some suggestions about further improving photo quality, which we will explore further - Ed.

From Mike and Becky Stannard of The Glebe

May I congratulate you on the stunning appearance of the new *Focus*? It is most handsome.

A note from the Editor:

*These were just a few of the very large number of positive comments that we received about the improved appearance of *Focus*, for which we are most grateful. Indeed, the feedback that I received about June's *Focus* probably outweighed the feedback that I had received about *Focus* for the past ten years combined.*

*In thanking people for their kind comments, I would like to take the chance to acknowledge the hard work that our printing team did – unpaid – for a number of years. Barrie Phillips and Peter Mason (and John Uglow before them) gave up many days of their time to print *Focus*, doing a great job with the tools available to them.*

From the new Mr and Mrs Hale

A massive thank you to everybody who made the day possible.

Congratulations Ellie and Eric from the Focus team



From Claire and Christopher Cousins of The Bury

Our granddaughter, Lucy Jeffery, is undertaking the Three Peaks Challenge in August -- climbing Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon all in 24 hours. She is one of a team of twelve who are doing this to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support in memory of a great friend, Emma, who recently died from cancer. Lucy is also remembering another cancer victim, her Dad's best friend.

Lucy works as a full-time Carer and looks after her 6-year-old son, Harrison. We think it is very courageous of her to attempt this challenge.

If you would like to sponsor her, the website is www.justgiving/fundraising/lucy-jeffery1 (don't omit the hyphen!) To find out more about the challenge go to www.justgiving/companyteams/3peaksforemma

From Jenny Yendell



I should like to thank all those hardy souls who went house-to-house collecting for **Christian Aid Week, May 14th - 20th** this year, and all the generous people who were kind enough to give. The total raised was £1,341.56. Thank you all for helping us build a world where more people might have a safe place to call home.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you invited me in,
I needed clothes and you clothed me,
I was sick and you looked after me,
I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Jesus Christ. Matthew 25 vs.35-36.

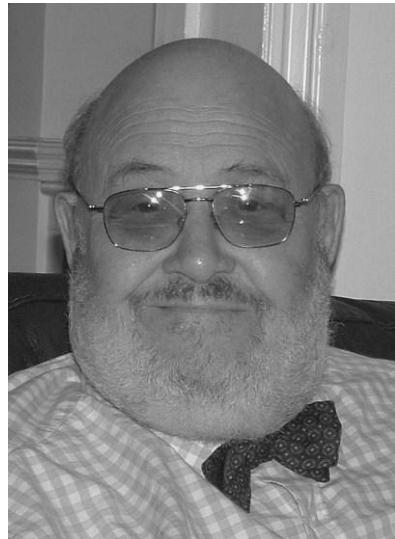
Jane Ristic sighted in Ilfracombe

I am grateful to John Spivey for the picture below. I am sure that many villagers will remember Jane and will be pleased to see that she is playing an active role in community activities in Ilfracombe:



John Rigbey

News reaches me that John Rigbey, one-time landlord of the Bell Inn in Thorverton and ex-detective (being a recognised authority on London's gangland of the 60s and 70s) died recently. John was clearly a man of many talents, having also written a book "The Strange Michael Folmer Affair".

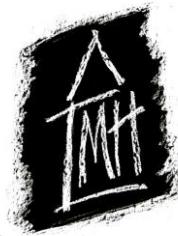


Could do better? – repaired cobbles in Milford Lane and Bullen Street:



**Thorverton
Memorial
Committee**
Reg. Charity No. 203778

Memorial Hall



THE SUMMER BALL Saturday 1st July, 7.30 to late

Those of you who danced (or in my case shuffled) around the dance floor at the Holly Ball (and those who missed the opportunity) now is the chance to enjoy another great evening in (hopefully) glorious summer weather, beginning with canapes and Prosecco followed by the music of

RUDE AWAKENING

If you haven't bought your ticket yet there's still time!

Price £12.50, Tickets from the Berry Dairy. Dress to please.

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The following Saturday, 8th July THORVERTON FUN DAY

The July Saturday Market, 9.30 – 11.00 will be immediately followed by the FUN DAY with lots of activities for all the family including the Craft Competition and Dog Show (see details elsewhere in Focus);

Wiz Bang entertainment for children (back by popular demand); children's treasure hunt; face painting; skittles, Splat the Rat, duck race; and much more.

Drinks, burgers, hot dogs, etc. available all day. Live music from Bernie Samuel. Come for breakfast, come for lunch, come for tea, come for the whole day!

Go for it: enter your crafts (you could win!) and your dogs (they could win!).

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 13 August: CAR BOOT SALE. Arrive from 8.00 a.m. 'Doors open' 9.00-11.30 . £3.00 per car or light van only. Tea and coffee available.

Saturday 4 November: CRAFT FAIR. If you are interested in having a stall for this event contact Sarah Addicott (860818) or Stephanie Shelton (861027). This was a highly successful event last year: lots of stalls, lots of buying, lots of laughter and chat. Put this date in your diary so you can get your Christmas gifts early! Refreshments will be served all day.

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REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Why not enrol yourself and/or your child(ren) in one of our regular activities?

Children's dance: Wednesday afternoon. Contact Sue Blackmuir 01392 276174, 07581086989, sueballet@hotmail.co.uk

Baby and toddler group: Thursday morning. Contact Fiona Benson 01392 861738/Amy Crebo 01392 860435 welshpix@yahoo.co.uk

Yoga: Thursday evening. Contact Heather Colley 01392 861476. 07981144911, heathercolley@f2s.com

Thorverton Art group: Friday morning. Contact Barrie Phillips 01392 860529 bandiphillips@btinternet.com

June Saturday Market Draw results

1st. prize: Pot plant – Jackie Mann. 2nd prize: Cheese board – Sue Potter. 3rd prize: Chocolates –Lue Ashworth. 4th prize: Bottle of wine – Beryl Grace

Bric-a-brac wanted

Donation for the Bric-a Brac stall at the Saturday Market will be very welcome. All takings go to the Hall's funds.

www.thorvertonmemorialhall.co.uk [f.thorvertonmemorial hall](http://f.thorvertonmemorialhall)

Thorverton Parish Council

Listed below are some points raised at the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 13th June 2017. 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 **Tuesday 11th July** at Thorverton Memorial Hall at 7.30pm and all are welcome to attend. Alison Marshall – Clerk.

thorvertonpc@gmail.com www.thorvertonparishcouncil.org.uk



COME AND JOIN IN – VILLAGE TIDY UP DAY – JULY 15th

Can you help tidy up the village? Want some exercise? Fancy a chat? Why not join our group of ‘village volunteers’ on Saturday 15th July to help with weeding, litter picking, painting and much more? Meet at Leigh Gardens at 9.30am and finish up at the Exeter Inn at 1pm for a well-earned drink! For more information contact me or see the posters elsewhere in Focus and around the village.

Court Barton Close – affordable homes for local people

It has been confirmed that DCH (Devon and Cornwall Housing) are to honour the PC’s request to prioritise the allocation of affordable homes, at Court Barton Close, to people with local ties even though such a clause was, in error, missed out of the original S106 Agreement by MDDC. The PC and DCH are now taking the matter forward in order that a Deed of Variation can be added to the S106 Agreement to secure this priority in the future. If you are interested in an affordable home, or know someone who is, please ensure that the Devon Home Choice registration form is completed as a matter of urgency at devonhomechoice@middevon.gov.uk

A new Cemetery for Thorverton

Further to confirmation in last month’s Focus that the PC has resolved to move forward with plans for a new Cemetery I can confirm that the required archaeological dig had now been commissioned. This ‘dig’, on land off of Dark Lane, will determine the suitability of the site and whether the PC can take negotiations forward with the Church Commissioners regarding the purchase of the site. More to follow next month.

Village Handyman/Road Warden duties and the village grass cutting schedule

Colin will be completing the following duties during June – July: spraying of the Barliabins plantation, cementing the capping stones along the Leigh Gardens wall, cutting back the growth behind the Quarry Car Park garages, spraying the paths and roads around the village. A copy of the MDDC/DCC grass cutting schedule for the village can be found on the website. If you know of any required maintenance around the parish please let me know.

PC spending

For your information the resolved payments at the June meeting included: £179.00 on 20 Smartwater Security Kits for public purchase – see elsewhere in *Focus* or contact me - and £439.05 for the PC’s annual general insurance. A credit for £191.90 was received from Newton St Cyres Parish Council for Handyman Duties completed by Colin.

Planning Applications received to the date of the meeting:

- a) **17/00837/FULL** Change of use - vehicle storage to self-storage facility C&R Repairs, Thorverton. Supported.
- b) **17/00467/HOUSE & LBC** Revised drawings and additional information conversion of barn at Court Barton, Thorverton. No comment.

Planning Decisions notified to the date of the meeting:

- c) **17/00223/HOUSE** Installation - replacement package treatment plant, Dunsaller, Thorverton. Approved.
- d) **17/00667/HOUSE** Erection of side and rear extensions at 33 Silver Street, Thorverton. Approved.

Cobbles around the new village lamp posts

The PC has complained to DCC Highways, SSC and Open Reach, concerning the poor workmanship evident regarding the replacement of cobbles around the bases of the new lamp posts.

Notice Board

THORVERTON CHURCH CHOIR

The choir has had another good year and has much enjoyed singing for a variety of occasions including traditional communion, evensong and mattins services, family services which include worship songs as well as more traditional hymns and anthems, and we have also sung for weddings and funerals both here and at Brampford Speke Church.

We manage to sustain a choir of some 18 or so members singing soprano, alto, tenor and bass parts. Not all of our members would call themselves proper musicians or music readers but we manage as a group to achieve a high standard of singing and cover a very wide range of music not just from the UK!

If you'd like to join us then we'd be very pleased to welcome you and if you can't commit yourself regularly, maybe you'd like to join us at **Christmas** time and take part in our carol service on Sunday December 17th? We will be rehearsing for that on four occasions beginning on Thu Nov 23rd. All ages are welcome.

Do contact me for more information.

Thursday Practices at Thorverton Church

7.45 – 9.00pm
 July 13th, 20th (party 6.30 onwards)
 Aug 17th (for wedding)
 Sep 7th, 14th, 28th

Services with Choir

July 2nd Communion 9.30 choir anthem
July 16th Family Service 9.30 for 10.00 choir anthem
Aug 19th Wedding 3.00 choir anthems

CONTACT :

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

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

Welcome Café

The Welcome Café is open each Monday (apart from Bank Holidays) from 2.30 pm in the WI Hut.

Come and join us for tea, cake and a chat.
 Anyone welcome.

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(closed 1.00 - 2.00)

Sat 9.00 - 12.00

SILVERTON LINK UP

(Incorporated with The Friends of Wyndham House.
Charity No. 1048253)

**Voluntary Drivers Scheme for Wyndham House
Surgery Patients****VOLUNTEER DRIVERS**

Jean Hawkins 860849	John Kiely 861545
Doreen Beer 860731	Stephen Roach 861042
Mary Smith 861916	Dave Sleep 860678
Mary Hall 860532	John Pizey 861711
John Owen-Jones 841085 (This driver only does surgery appointments)	

LINK UP service takes patients with medical appointments from home to surgery, hospitals and clinics in the area.

**IF YOU REQUIRE TRANSPORT CONTACT ONE
OF THE DRIVERS MENTIONED ABOVE,
GIVING THEM AS MUCH NOTICE AS
POSSIBLE.**

If you use Link Up, a voluntary donation towards the Fund for the expenses of the drivers would be appreciated. Donations should be given direct to the driver, who issues a receipt.

All our drivers are volunteers, willingly giving up their time to help others in the community.

Although they will do their best, they cannot always be available, so it may not always be possible to arrange a lift.

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

Old Fashion Afternoon Tea

at

Fair Oak, Thorverton

£5 – in aid of

Thorverton Church

Sunday, 2nd July

From 3.30pm

Raffle

Silverton Link Up Require Volunteer Car Drivers

Have you a little time to spare? Can you help Wyndham House Surgery patients, with transport difficulties, get to their medical appointments? It could be a few hours a week or a month. You will not have to do any journey you do not want to. Volunteer drivers are paid expenses - this includes 45p per mile for all mileage.

please contact Roger Higman, SILVERTON
LINK UP Co-ordinator - 01392 860571.

Thorverton Baptist Church

will be holding their monthly

Coffee Morning

(or tea if you prefer!)

**Friday 7th July and Friday 4th August
from 10.30 to 12 noon**

A warm welcome to all

COMPANION DOG SHOW

Saturday 8th July 2017

TO BE HELD AT

THORVERTON MEMORIAL HALL

in aid of

The Memorial Hall

JUDGING STARTS AT 2.00pm

ENTRIES TAKEN FROM 1.00pm

JUDGE: Joan Kidley

CLASSES £1 per class

- Class 1 Best Puppy (up to 12 months)
- Class 2 Most Handsome Dog
- Class 3 Prettiest Bitch
- Class 4 Best Rescue
- Class 5 Best Veteran Over 7 years
- Class 6 Most Appealing Eyes
- Class 7 Best Crossbreed
- Class 8 Best Junior Handler (Up to 14 yrs)
- Class 9 Waggiest Tail
- Class 10 Best Condition
- Class 11 Best Trick
- Class 12 Fastest Bonio Eater
- Rosettes 1-6 and specials for children.
- BEST IN SHOW**
(Winners from classes 1 to 12)





Charity No. 299717



THE STEVE TUCKER ALL STAR JAZZ BAND



COPPLESTONE COMMUNITY CHOIR

In the hangar at Eggesford Airfield, EX18 7QY

Saturday, July 8th from 6.15 p.m.

RAFFLE

Picnic on the airfield from 4.30 p.m. Food by



Street Kitchen

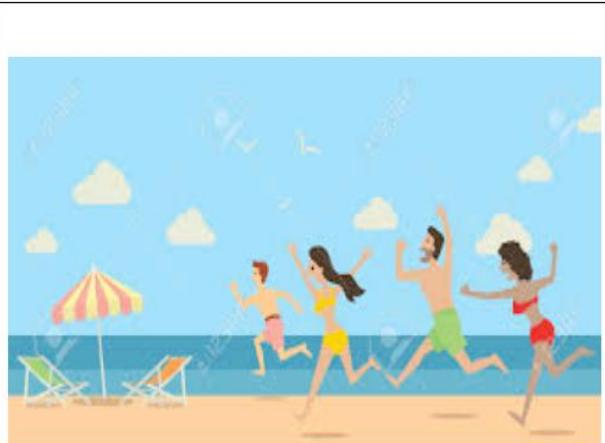
Advance Tickets: Adults £12.50 – Under 16s £6.25

from: Eggesford Garden Centre

or by telephone - 01363 83245

online www.eventbrite.co.uk (fee applies)

On the gate: Adults £15 - Under 16s. £7.50



Thorverton Ladies Group

For existing members, and for any ladies who are thinking of joining the Group we advise that we will now be taking a break until October. We will resume with our "Opening Party" further details of which will be in September's FOCUS.

We hope you all have an enjoyable Summer break.

New members always welcome

CAN YOU HELP? NEED SOME EXERCISE? FANCY A CHAT?

JOIN US AT THE
THORVERTON VILLAGE
TIDY UP DAY

SATURDAY 15TH JULY 2017

9.30am – MEET AT
LEIGH GARDENS

1pm - FINISH AT
THE PUB!

BRING TOOLS, GLOVES, AND A FRIEND!
TEA, COFFEE, WATER PROVIDED
THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL t 01392 861228



Silverton Street Market, 5th August

Time flies and **Silverton Annual Street Market** (5th August) will soon be upon us. There is a wonderful array of stalls already booked; arts, crafts, plants, home baking, as well as traditional and exotic cuisines and a Pimms and Prosecco bar. Exe Valley Brewery will be selling their specially crafted Top of the Hops golden hoppy brew and there will even be someone selling alcoholic ice-cream. There are still one or two spaces left and it is not too late to have a go yourself at showcasing your talents and wares.

The theme this year is ‘music’ and throughout the day there are buskers playing, an open piano in the Methodist Church, The Somerset Paddies playing in the Lamb and Junk instrument making on the Old Hall Site. Also on the old hall site are Crediton Town Band, Silverton Community Choir, Global Harmony and Lindy Hop Crew and not forgetting, Silverton Sings. In the evening there are 3 live bands playing in the Community Hall headlined by Basher Tate along with a hog roast and licensed bar. Tickets are on sale at the Spa shop for just £5 or £7 on the night.

An important part of the day is the children’s activities and entertainment and this year there is a whole host of activities to amuse and delight them, including a magician, a juggler, a ventriloquist as well as a bouncy castle, Rodeo challenge, face painting and glitter tattoos.

The excitement builds towards the end of the day as the men, and women, dig in their heels in the traditional Tug of War. Just take a moment to look around at the faces in the crowd if you want to see sheer delight and engagement.

Street Market is very much a community event and is an important part of village life which brings people together from Silverton and surrounding villages to eat, laugh and play. It is run entirely by volunteers with money being raised for local groups and organisations, including this year money being raised for the ‘Silverton Night Landing Project’. The streets are traffic free and the atmosphere amazing.

Entry is £2.50 for adults, 50p for children and parking is free.

Jane Hiley

Silverton Memory Café

This is held at St Mary Church Hall, Silverton, every Thursday afternoon between 2 and 4pm.

All welcome.

Contact Annette Emmerson on 01392 860983 or annettejean@hotmail.co.uk if you want further details



Upton Pyne Garden Club

Members and friends enjoyed a coach trip to The Lost Gardens of Heligan on Wednesday 31st May. Although the sun struggled to show itself for very long, it was warm, but not too warm, and the rain managed to stay away entirely. Heligan was buzzing and there was so much to do and see that despite nearly 5 hours there, not many of us did the whole thing. The newly opened barn with farmyard livestock was very popular, the vegetable garden looked immaculate and the floral areas were beautiful. I think most, if not all of us ventured down through ‘The Jungle’ along the boardwalk, but I’m not sure how many tried the rope walk!

Everyone was challenged to take a photograph of their favourite memory of Heligan and the photos will be judged at our meeting in the village hall which will be September 18th when our speaker will be James Greig Treewise Arboricultural Services.

We amused ourselves on the way down to Cornwall with leaflets and history of Heligan books to read, and chocolate biscuits to munch, and on the way back we had a draw with the first prize donated by Bernville’s and a few more supplied by the Garden Club.



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Upton Pyne Village Hall Film Show



A double bill celebrating bygone rural life

One is from *Britain on Film on Tour*, a national archive of farming and village life as it changed through the 20th century.

The second is a chance to see our own much loved *Upton Pyne film*, with everything from village fetes in the 50s and 60s to the rescue of a lorry from the Black Pit!

PLUS light refreshments: mini-pasties, pop corn, ice-cream. (Bring your own cider, beer, wine).

Saturday 2nd Sept, 7 for 7.30pm

Tickets £5 children £3

To book, please call Ian Findlay on 01392 841402

Christianity Explored

A look at Luke

Who do people say Jesus is?

Come and join the group in the Thorverton Arms

Fridays 14th & 28th July

2.15 - 3.15 pm

A joint Anglican & Baptist venture

E.H.S.C Terrier, Lurcher and Family Dog Show

Sunday 6th August

Crooke Meadow, North Tawton, EX20 2BJ

Gates open 12 noon, show commencing 12.30.

Stalls welcome by prior arrangement.

Donation to the Ellen Tinkham School.

email: biddypeck@gmail.com.

mob: 07888722714

Thorverton Parish Church

FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday 16 July



Faithfulness

**Open from 9.30am
Service starts at 10am**

THORVERTON Memorial Hall
Family Fun Day
JULY 8th 2017
EX5 5LT

Crafters/Traders Stall Application Form

Applicant details

Name

Address

Post Code

Tel No.

Email

Type of business/Stall

Stall Holders Insurance Details

Insurance

Company.....

Policy

Number.....

Renewal

Date.....

A 10ft x 10ft pitch can be reserved for £10.

Applicants are responsible for providing table(s) and shade/shelter for their stalls if required.

We regret that no stalls serving food/drink for immediate consumption will be accepted. Sites will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Please return the application form, together with a **cheque/P.O. for £10**, payable to

**Thorverton Memorial Hall to
 Donna Hodge, 10 Silver St, Thorverton, EX5 5LT.**

We regret we are unable to accept post dated cheques
 For any questions regarding having a stall at the
 Family Fun Day please email
 Thorvertonopenday@gmail.com with the subject
 Open Day or phone 01392 860088.

Signed

Date

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS –
 27th June 2017**

Fun Day Homecraft classes 2017

5 years and under

1. Peppermint creams x 5
2. Picture using potato printing

6-10 yrs

3. Sugar mice x 3
4. Grow cress in an unusual object

10-16 yrs

5. Shortbread fingers x 5
6. An animal made from vegetables

Flowers Classes

7. A single rose
8. Stems of flowers from garden x 5
9. An arrangement in a thimble
10. Arrangement using only 5 flowers and anything i.e. foliage, pebbles, driftwood, no more than 18 x18ins
11. An arrangement entitled JOY (your interpretation)
12. A flowering pot plant

Cooking Classes

13. Gingerbread x 5
14. Pasty x 3
15. Muffins x 4
16. Round chocolate sponge layer cake
17. Fancy dessert for 2

Preserves

18. A jar of beetroot
19. A jar of curd

Photo Class

20. An insect (a photo, NOT a magazine or newspaper cutting)

Entry fee -

Classes 1-9 Free
 Rest of classes 50p

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 Prizes can be collected from the bar after 3.00pm

Please contact on
 thorvertonopenday@gmail.com

Homecraft Classes Rules

1. Closing date 1 July 2017.
 2. Classes for ages 17 and over are 50p to enter.
 3. Classes for 16 and under and are free to enter
- ages to be shown on entry form and exhibit.
 4. Entry fees are per item entered.
 5. Entry fees are non-negotiable.
 6. The competition is open to anyone.
 7. All exhibits must arrive before 10am Sat. July 8th.
 8. Judging will commence at 10am prompt on Sat. July 8th.
 9. Prize money can be collected after 2pm on the day.
 10. The committee cannot be held responsible for unclaimed prizes.
 11. The committee cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage or problem with any such item.
 12. Entries are left entirely at the owner's risk.
 13. The judges' decision is final.

Cookery Classes Guidelines

 14. All items must be covered with "Cling Film" or similar.
 15. Cakes should be on a plate with a doily.
 16. Savouries should be on a plain plate.
 17. All preserves and chutneys should be clearly labelled with the variety and date made.

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Wimbledon On the Causeway
Watch the Men's Finals on the Upton Pyne Social Club Screen
Sunday 16 July from 2pm
and enjoy strawberries and Pimms or a cream tea served on the Causeway (indoors if wet)
Guided tours to the top of the church tower during the afternoon: £5
Friends of Upton Pyne - helping to care for our village church and grounds



Exeter & District Fuchsia Society Fuchsia Show
Sunday the 16th July
 1-30 until 4pm
 Thorverton Memorial Hall
 Plant stall, Cake stall, Tombola, Refreshments
 Entry £1

Thorverton Royal British Legion
Cream Tea and Draw
 At Thorverton House, Silver Street
Saturday 12th August
 2.30pm
 In aid of Branch funds and CLIC Sargent (helping young people with cancer)

ODDSOX
 WE'RE PLEASED TO WELCOME GEORGE & MARK BACK TO STATION GROUND THE HOME OF
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EVENING AT THE RACES
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY
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BUY A HORSE IN THE AUCTION
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 RAFFLE RACE - TICKETS £1
 FOR CHANCE TO OWN A HORSE!

SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST
 FIRST RACE 8PM @ THORVERTON CRICKET CLUB

Church Services and News

JULY 2017 SERVICES & INFORMATION

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

Sunday 2 July Trinity 3

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

Sunday 9 July Trinity 4

09:30 am	Sunday Service		Bramford Speke Baptist Chapel	BOF
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Huxham	KC
09:30 am	Open		Thorverton	
10:00 am	Informal Gathering		Stoke Canon	
10:00 am	Open Door		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
11:15 am	Service of the Word		Rewe	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	KC

Sunday 16 July Trinity 5

08:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Bramford Speke	KC
09:30 am	Open		Thorverton	
10:00 am	Family Service		Thorverton	Lay Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	<i>Joint with Baptist Church</i>	
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Cadbury	SS
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company		Poltimore	Lay Led
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	
			Stoke Canon	KC

Sunday 23 July Trinity 6

09:30 am	Sunday Service		Bramford Speke Baptist Chapel	BOF
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	MSS
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[BCP]	Thorverton	KC
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
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Cadbury	Lay Led
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Huxham	LF

Sunday 30 July Trinity 7

Mission Community Service

10:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	KC
<i>Followed by refreshments</i>				

Sunday 6 August Trinity 8

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	☺	Bramford Speke	LF
10:00 am	Service of the Word & Baptism		Cadbury	SS
10:00 am	Service of the Word & Baptism		Stoke Canon	M Hall
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company		Rewe	
05:30 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	D James

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

Morning Prayer is said 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 851460 for location.

Who's Who? Abbreviations Key

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SS	Revd Preb Sue Sheppard	Associate Minister	01392 861022	sue.sheppard@netherexe.org
LF	Mrs Laura Ford	Reader	01392 841753	laura.ford@netherexe.org
TBC	To be confirmed			

Associate Ministers

MSS Revds. Michael & Sharon Simpson

BOF Baptist Officiant

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

Mrs Margaret Lowe [Administrator]

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

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

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

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

Parish Letter

The Fruit of the Spirit

We all have a favourite fruit but all fruit is different. It tastes different, it looks different and it feels different - sometimes fruit is crunchy, sometimes soft, sometimes juicy. The Bible talks about fruit but it's not fruit as we know it - it's The Fruit of the Spirit. The Fruits of the Spirit are a little like real fruit because they are each special and different too. When we ask Jesus to live in us, his Spirit stays with

us and He will give us some of this special fruit. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. All of these fruits are good to have and the Spirit wants to give them to us.

God wants us to try to be good and have the fruit of the spirit in us. It's hard to do this on our own, we need the Spirit to help us with each of these things. I think the easiest fruit of the spirit to explain is love.

Think of someone that loves you no matter what. You can make mistakes and it doesn't matter what you look like but they still love you. God loves us too, no matter what. He can help us love others the way we should.

My fruit to represent love is a Strawberry - red and heart shaped

The next fruit is joy. Joy is like being very, very happy, it's being happy inside even when things aren't going too well. Again, we can try to be joyful but only God can give us the kind of happiness that makes us joyful, we can't just be joyful on our own.

For joy - a pineapple - a nice smell, grown in a warm climate and when you cut a slice it resembles a round, happy face..

When we think of peace, we usually think of no more fighting or war. That is right, but the peace of the spirit is a bit different. This is the peace we get when we get to know God really well (by reading the Bible, praying, asking questions, etc.). If we have this peace we will feel a calmness inside and know that all our sins are confessed and that God forgives us.

I do not have a fruit for peace - except a piece (play on words) of Melon

Patience is the next one and I'm sure we know what this means. Have you ever been told to have patience? The patience God is talking about is for those little things like waiting to open presents or being patient for the special something we are waiting and hoping for. But it also means to be patient for answers to prayer that might take years to be answered.

Longsuffering/patient - a lemon - don't try to eat it all in one go!

Next is kindness and it should be easy although sometimes it's not. Is it easy for you to be kind to a beggar on the street or forgive someone who has upset you? When God gives us the gift of kindness, its more than just being kind to others. He might help us be kind to someone who really needs it and we're not even aware of it. For example, maybe you feel like you should write a letter or call a friend. God might be urging you to do that because they are having a bad day and that's exactly what they need to cheer them up. Sometimes your kind deed to someone else is all they need to remember that someone special loves them.

Kindness - grapes - good to share with others

Being good or goodness is the next fruit of the spirit. Having the gift of goodness means God can depend on us to be honest, repent of our sins, and turn away from bad things. We also need to try to act this way towards others through our actions so they can see the fruit in us. The only true goodness we have is the goodness of God living in us.

Goodness - a banana - full of many good things

Faithfulness is next. Being faithful is keeping your promises, being a loyal friend even when times get tough, being trustworthy and doing the things you said you would do. When I think of faithfulness I think of someone who prays every day for a friend or for someone in need.

Faithfulness - cherries - two or more on each stalk

When I think of gentleness I think of holding a brand new baby. For some reason we think they might break if we don't hold them carefully. The kind of gentleness God is talking about is similar to this. No matter what situation comes up we are supposed to be gentle. That doesn't mean we shouldn't stick up for ourselves, if someone is doing something you know is wrong you should still tell them to stop but just do it in a gentle way like Jesus would do.

Gentleness - a peach - soft so handle carefully

The last fruit is self-control and is a very important one, it means to be in control of what we say and do. Without self-control we can't do the things we should. To be able to live the way God wants we have to be in control of the things we do. When someone upsets or irritates you so much you just want to retaliate, we know that we have to control ourselves in what we say or do. We learn that we just can't do whatever we feel like.

Resisting temptation - the apple in the Garden of Eden

Just remember that with all these gifts we need help from God to be able to use the gifts properly. We need to remember that God made us and he is perfect. If you want the fruit of the spirit, first you need to ask God to live in you, and then the more you get to know him the more fruit or gifts he will help you have.

*Esme Gibbins
Poltimore*

Confirmation

A confirmation service has been arranged with Bishop Robert for 19th November 2017 in our Netherexe Mission Community.

Confirmation is a time when a person decides for themselves to take on board the Christian faith that was begun at baptism and hopefully has been growing ever since. For many baptism takes place as a young person, however, many adults realise that they missed the opportunity to 'confirm' their own faith and take this opportunity to affirm the faith they hold.

The Christian faith is one of journey, whether we are far down the road or just beginning. In order to help those who might be interested, explore what the Christian faith says and has to offer, a couple of groups will run prior to the confirmation service to allow people to hear and ask questions. One will be designed for young people and one for adults. Attendance at the group will not oblige someone to get confirmed but rather give an opportunity for discovery and to get to know a few folk.

Some people discover that they have not been baptised and the service we are planning will combine both baptism and confirmation for those who wish to do both.

If you are interested in coming for confirmation, baptism or both, please get in touch with me so we can set the days for the groups at convenient times. Whatever your reason for attendance, we would be delighted for you to join us at one of the groups and consider getting confirmed.

*Rev Katie Cross
Tel 01392 759612
Email katie.cross@netherexe.org*

Thorverton Baptist Church

Open Door

Problem? Need to share? Prayer request?
If you need a sympathetic listening ear, the back room at the Chapel is open every Thursday between 10.00 and 12 noon when I will be happy to meet you.

Revd Maurice Harrison 01392 966861

Baptist Church

Factual account or historical novel?

I wonder how many of you have followed the current Reith Lecture series in which Dame Hilary Mantel

has been speaking about the art of the historical novel? Such is her gift for combining careful historical research with imaginative dialogue and reasonable conjecture that she has even won the admiration of some professional historians.

Some critics believe that this is the genre to which we should assign the works of the gospel writers in the New Testament. I do not think that Saint Luke would have appreciated such a classification. In the introduction to his gospel he claims to have 'carefully investigated everything from the beginning' so as to produce an 'orderly account' of what actually happened. I consider that Luke's approach was that of the investigative journalist, as we would call him today. For him it was very important to have eyewitness testimony for the events he writes about and he would have had adequate opportunities to collect and collate such evidence from his close contacts with the principal actors in that unfolding drama of the life of Jesus and the story of the early Church.

Modern research, especially in the shape of archeological finds, has demonstrated what an accurate historian Luke was. Of course he wrote his account as a man of faith and that invariably influenced the way in which he chose and presented his facts out of the mass that were available. Every historian does that. There is no neutral history. Then on the one hand Luke wrote with a concision that is often disconcerting and leaves the reader longing for more detail. On the other hand, when he thinks that something is particularly important, such as the conversion of the Apostle Paul on the Damascus Road or the vision of the Apostle Peter that removed the yoke of the food laws and the prohibition of close contact with non-Jews, he does not scruple to give the same account three time over, in different contexts.

Luke has given us some of the most moving stories in the whole of Western literature, including the parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son. For the French writer Renan, Luke's gospel was simply 'the most beautiful story in the world.'

Don't take my word for any of the above. Read Luke's gospel for yourself and come to an independent judgement. If you would like to be part of a group that meets specifically to study Luke, just turn up at the Thorverton Arms at 2.15 on Friday 14th July or Friday 28th July and add your point of view to our exchanges.

Maurice Harrison

Women's Institute

The Exeter Wild City Project

Emily Stallworthy, Terrestrial Conservation Officer for the Devon Wildlife Trust is at present working on this project in central Exeter. With the help of eight other agencies the Trust is aiming to make the city a place where wildlife can flourish.

Local communities in the centre of Exeter are also involved in the scheme and are using every available open space to make habitats for every type of wildlife

Parks, gardens, hedges, graveyards ,allotments etc are all being filled with plants and flowers. Schools are an important element and children are being taught to plant class and individual gardens. So far 300 trees, 14 orchards and 60 meadows have been planted in the city.

Ponds, streams and the river and estuary are being managed so that even more wildlife is coming back to the centre of Exeter. By installing nest towers and putting nest bricks into new buildings it is hoped that in the future swifts will return to Exeter and build up their colonies again

This work is vital to ensure that wild life is given a chance for future generations.

On May 31st four members went to a group meeting at Bradninch Guildhall. The speaker was Anne Widdicombe. A very entertaining evening!

Paddy Milford

Silverton & Exe Valley Seniors

Events and activities for the plus



If you are this age or above, live in the Exe Valley, are interested in getting out, visiting places and meeting people then membership of the Club may be for you. The Club organises events such as monthly coffee mornings, whist afternoons, theatre trips and days out by coach. 2017 membership is £5.

AFTERNOON TEA & CAKE – Tuesdays 11th July & 13th AUG

In JUL & AUG we substitute Tea & Cake for our usual monthly Coffee Mornings. St Mary's Church Hall Silverton is the place between 1500 and 1630.

An opportunity to book for outings or just a natter with friends. Admission £1.50 plus optional raffle. Do come along and enjoy the scrummy home-made cakes!

MONDAY WHIST – Mondays 03 & 17 JUL and 07 & 14 AUG

Come and join us for a friendly afternoon of Whist at St Mary's Church Hall Silverton. Playing starts 2:00 PM prompt. Entrance fee £2.50 includes refreshment and raffle ticket. It's fun and keeps the brain cells active!

FORTHCOMING OUTINGS (*from Silverton with the usual Exe Valley village pick-ups*)

25 th July	Andre Rieu 21017 Maastricht Concert (Wide screen)	£25
25 th July	Steam Railway (WSR) and Exmoor Tour	£22
17 th AUG	Truro and River Fal Cruise	£22
20 th SEP	Dorchester & Weymouth	£14

On Saturday 22nd July we travel to the Brewhouse Theatre Taunton by mini-bus to see a live 3 hour concert screened from Andre's Dutch home town with his 60 piece Johann Straus Orchestra and guest singers. The performance starts at 7:00 PM but we leave the Exe Valley at 4:30 arriving in time for a meal or refreshments.

On Tuesday 25th we drive to Bishops Lydeard to catch a WSR steam train to Minehead arriving in time for lunch/refreshments. Afterwards we re-join our coach for a tour of Exmoor ending with a tea stop at the Bridge Café Winsford.

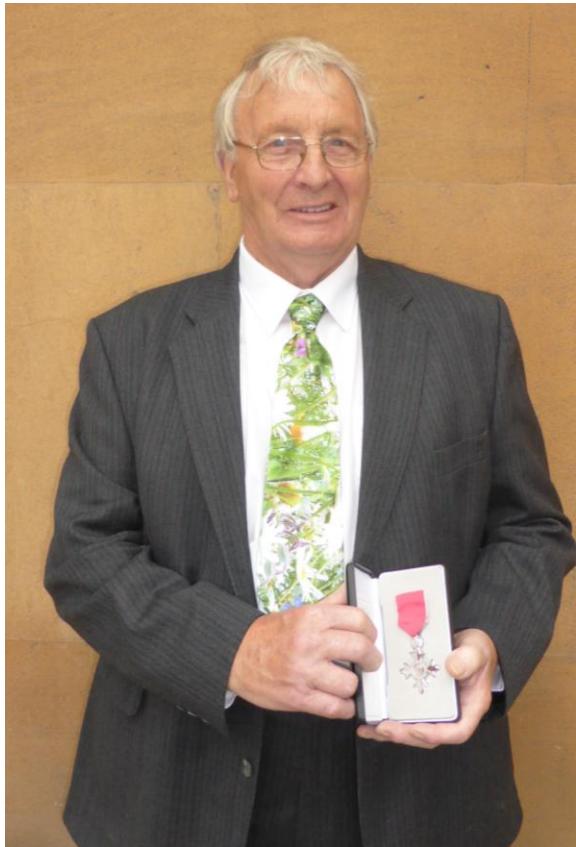
Our outing on Thursday 17th August is to Cornwall's only city with its Georgian streets and awe inspiring architecture, Cathedral, Museum, art galleries, bars, cafes and restaurants combined with a two-hour cruise on the River Fal.

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 e-mail: martin.mcassoc@btconnect.com or visit our website <http://www.sevs.info> for more details of our programme.

Martin Clough

John Greenslade MBE

John recently attended the investiture at Buckingham Palace on Friday 19th May 2017 to receive his MBE from The Prince of Wales for services to Agriculture Education and to Conservation in the West Country.



The Garden in July and August

Whilst writing this article at 8.30 at night beside an open window and feeling very warm, I realize that at last we seem to be having a bit of flaming June. Looking back at last year's *Focus*, I was bemoaning the problems of blight, saw fly, rust and grey mould, the delights of a wet and cold June. This year, however, the potatoes look magnificent, the garlic well-formed and rust free, no grey mould on the onions, and as yet no sign of saw fly!!

This will leave us with a different set of problems leading into July and August. Naturally, being gardeners we like to have something to worry about! Our biggest problem will be the drying out of the soil to such an extent that, planting young plants which have not gone in the ground yet, will be extremely difficult. I have leeks and purple sprouting broccoli to go in the allotment. I am unsure whether to put them in as soon as possible or to wait for some rain? I shall probably do both, planting the leeks now and hanging onto the purple sprouting.

Watering is the main problem in a prolonged dry spell for everyone with potted plants and newly planted, i.e. this season shrubs, trees, herbaceous and some annuals. The trick is to be vigilant and step in before signs of stress. Plants show stress by wilting, however this is often too late! If this happens, submerge the pot in water for a few minutes or water it several times until the water is soaked up by the soil and becomes damp to the touch.

For plastic pots, it's possible to check by lifting them; a dried out pot will feel much lighter than its neighbours. If you have a lot of pots together, always check the plants on the edges. Check all pots and keep them damp but not swamped. I usually water pots every other day. When watering pots, do not use a rose on the watering can as you want to water the roots well and be generous.

Any new planting this season will need some help in a drought and possibly annuals but beware, once you have started to water you need to continue until sufficient rainfall takes over. Any plants kept inside the green house will need daily watering, especially your tomato plants, and open the vents and doors to allow maximum through draft. Tie and support tomatoes and cucumber plants and in the case of tomatoes remove the extra unnecessary side shoots.

Well, Neville, don't forget to dead head those roses for a second flush of flowers *Done that – Ed.* Get out that deck chair, collect your Pimms and enjoy your garden. You deserve it! *Well, thank you Lorraine - Ed*

Have a lovely summer, whatever the weather!
Happy gardening, Lorraine

Lorraine Colebrook

Rogue Traders

We have received preliminary reports of a possible rogue trader, selling garden furniture from a van in the Exeter area.

If you are approached and offered goods, we recommend you decline the opportunity to purchase. If you wish to buy such items then use reputable businesses who provide paperwork including a legitimate address and come recommended, either by friends or via www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk.

*Sent on behalf of Devon, Somerset and Torbay
Trading Standards Service*

Berry Dairy Anniversary

It's been a whole year since Berry Dairy re-opened. And what a wonderful year it's been!



Every day has been full of cheerful, supportive people from Thorverton and around, and it's been a privilege get to know you. I have enjoyed all the witty banter, and benefited greatly from your



wisdom, and the help and support so generously given by all the local businesses and organisations.

Particular mention should be made of Thorverton's young people, who, without exception, have been polite, kind and delightful.

I am also deeply grateful to my colleagues Mandy, Hettie, Holly, Maddie, Megan and Ozz - without them, quite simply, nothing would be as good.

Berry Dairy General Stores has also been visited by people from further afield, here to deliver food and drink of the highest quality for us to sell, or passing through on their way to provide trades and crafts around the area. We've met one or two celebrities,



and the village became one itself when "Thriving Thorverton" was featured in Devon Life. People have called in while walking or cycling on the Land's End to John O'Groats route, or visiting the village to view houses for sale, or stay with relatives, or have a break in the high quality B & Bs here.

To help mark the anniversary I would be delighted if you would call in to the shop any time between 11 am and 5pm on Saturday 1 July. Come if you're an existing customer or you've never been before - everyone is welcome. There will be tastings, giveaways, new products, and, of course, cake!

I look forward to seeing you then.

Jan

Photos By Jan Wills

Thorverton Bridge

The Contractor (Concrete Repairs Ltd) has submitted their programme for repair works which started on 12th June, with the setting up of the site compound before installing the traffic management. The traffic management will be temporary traffic lights for the majority of the works with the required road closure an estimated 2 week period towards the end of the programme (October/November).

James Leigh, Engineering Design Group

School News

The Headteacher of Bramford Speke School is leaving at the end of the summer term and the proposal has been made to bring Bramford Speke Primary School into the Federation which currently comprises Newton St Cyres, Cheriton Fitzpaine and Thorverton schools. The Federation has been consulting on this (closing date 3 July – to exevalleyconsultation@gmail.com) and will then announce its decision.

Thorverton Co-operative Trust Ltd

supporting Thorverton Post Office, July2017

Thorverton Post Office and its many services is well-used by many from our community and beyond and sales of newspapers, stationery etc. continue quite well too. Supporting the TCT business is really vital since this gives the post office a home paying the overheads and helping to support staff. Many of our TCT workers are volunteers. We are very fortunate that these people are prepared to give their time in this way.

Supporting TCT by paying an annual subscription of £10 per person or by giving a donation is a vital part of the equation too so we need as many local people doing this as possible. It's now time to do this for our financial year June 2017 – May 2018. Please use the form below ASAP or if you would like to pay by bank transfer, please contact me by e-mail for details of how to do that.

If you buy a paper or magazine regularly, then please become a TCT member too since this helps us to reduce our corporation tax bill.

We are always looking for more helpers so if you would like to be a paper unpacker and seller or help us in other ways with stock management, cleaning, building maintenance and other needs from time to time, then please contact me or other members of our

TCT Council (committee): Royston Kershaw, Jan Hamilton, Steve Rendell, Allison Toogood or ask at the post office. Having another young person available to work on Sat or Sun mornings from time to time would be very useful.

Finally, a very special **thank-you** to Sarah Crawford who after some 17 years of working in our post office (on and off), has decided to retire. Thank you Sarah for making such an important contribution to sustaining our post office and newsagents shop and helping so many people over the years.

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

To the Council of Thorverton Co-operative Trust Ltd

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wish to become (a) member(s) of Thorverton Co-operative Trust Ltd and hereby apply to be admitted subject to the provisions of its Memorandum and Articles of Association
 (see PO notice-board or contact the Secretary to view the full document)

OR

wish to renew membership of TCT Ltd

I/we enclose membership fees (**£10.00 per person**) for the year 6/2017– 5/2018(cheques payable to Thorverton Co-operative Trust Ltd)

(signature(s)).....

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Please return this form with your payment to Heather Kershaw TCT Membership Secretary
c/o Thorverton Post Office or post/deliver to
TCT Ltd 25 The Glebe, Thorverton, Exeter EX5 5LS



Photo by John Spivey

Legal Eagle

The recent tragic events at Grenfell Tower in West London have led, understandably, to calls for those believed to be responsible to be held to account. By the time this article is published and read, events will have moved on, and more in the way of information will have become available; what follows, therefore are some initial thoughts on the potential *criminal* liability and will, of necessity, need to be read in the light of any additional information.

In 2007, Corporate Manslaughter ceased to be a crime at Common Law and became a statutory offence governed by the provisions of **The Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007**. The Act was a response to the dissatisfaction felt with the Common Law rules and was intended to make it easier to secure a conviction.

At Common Law, a corporation could be convicted of manslaughter if, at a directing mind level, an identified individual's conduct, characterisable as gross negligence, resulted in a breach of duty, causing death. There were very few successful prosecutions under the old law, although some readers may recall the Lyme Bay disaster in which children from a school in Plymouth drowned while attempting to cross Lyme Bay in canoes. OLL Ltd, which organised the particular activity, was a small company that could easily be identified with the managing director who was the controlling mind of the company and who was aware that safety standards were low. The Company was convicted of corporate manslaughter and fined £60,000. The managing director was convicted of gross negligence manslaughter and sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

Following the capsizing of the Herald of Free Enterprise in 1987 there was an unsuccessful attempt to prosecute P&O European Ferries (Dover) Ltd and an equally unsuccessful attempt to prosecute the train company following the crash at Southall in Sept 97, which resulted in the death of seven people.

Under the 2007 Act, corporate manslaughter will be established if the management of an organisation's activities amounts to a gross breach of a relevant duty of care owed to the victim, which results in the victim's death. It is only an offence, therefore, if the way in which the activities are managed or organised by its *senior* management is a *substantial* element in the gross breach. A gross breach occurs where the conduct falls far below what can reasonably be expected of the organisation in the circumstances.

Presently attention is focused on the lack of response to concerns over safety raised by tenants and others from both the local authority and the management company. There is also the issue of the cladding used during the refurbishment and the manner in which it was attached to the external walls of the building; here the conduct of the main contractor and subcontractor will be the subject of investigation. The issue in every case will be whether the conduct of senior managers fell far below what might reasonably have been expected of them in the circumstances.

The smaller the organisation, the easier it will be to identify those holding *senior* management positions. So, in many respects the 'new' law differs little from the old.

One point of distinction is that the old law did not deal with the possibility of systemic failings at multiple levels of management. However, liability will only arise if the activities of an organisation's *senior* management amounts to a "substantial element" in a gross breach of the relevant duty of care, and this would appear to impose a very high threshold.

The term "Senior Managers" embraces those who play significant roles in the making of decisions about how the whole or a substantial part of an organisation's activities are to be managed or organised or the actual managing or organising of the whole or a substantial part of those activities. Therefore, both the decision making function and the actual management of activities come within the ambit of the legislation, thereby encompassing operational managers alongside strategic decision-makers.

The common law so far as it relates to individuals remains unchanged. The prosecution of an individual or individuals in respect of the death of the victim will be based on an allegation of common law gross negligence manslaughter, which requires proof that the defendant owed the victim a duty of care, that the defendant breached this duty (i.e. was negligent), that the negligence was gross and resulted in the death of the victim.

In researching this article I went back to reports of the fire on the 11th May 1985 at Valley Parade, the home of Bradford City Football Club in which 56 people died. The fire has a number of features in common with the fire at Grenfell Tower. Warnings of dangers five years before the disaster, advice from the Health and Safety Executive of West Yorkshire County Council, advice following an inspection under the 1975 Safety of Sports Grounds Act, a second warning a mere ten months before the fire. Letters to the club from the County Council warning

that the stand's construction and the build-up of combustible material underneath the seating was potentially hazardous. One letter warned that the problems 'should be rectified as soon as possible'. Another letter stated, 'A carelessly discarded cigarette could give rise to a risk of fire'. No action was taken to deal with a recognised hazardous situation.

Whilst it was recognised that there had been a number of failings it was decided that no personal blame could be attached to any individual or organisation.

As Simon Inglis wrote, "It was, rather, a disaster which anyone might have foreseen but no one took the initiative to prevent". Much the same might be said of events at Grenfell Tower.

Clive Hamblin

Rainfall Record

Thorverton had 73mm of rainfall in May 2017, a little more than the ten-year average for that month. Some 33mm of that total was recorded on 1 May. Because Gus Christianson takes his readings early each morning, most of that 33mm probably actually fell on 30 April. Overall though, this continues to be a relatively dry year so far, but there is plenty of time left this year to make up for that!

Poetry

Barefaced Beauty

Today I saw a "painted lady"
Sat upon a wall;
Yet she wore no lipstick or mascara,
Simply no rouge at all.
Around her flowers were blooming,
Valerian red and white;
She looked so contented perched there
And such a pretty sight.
As I edged much closer,
She swiftly moved away
To sip the blossom's nectar
And add to June's display
Of the beauty that surrounds us,
Which needs no artifice to show
The splendid gifts of nature
That sets poetry to grow.

Doreen Beer

I apologise to Andrew Hoellering for not setting out his poem correctly in last month's Focus. I must admit that it fell foul of an over-zealous editor's attempt to cram in to Focus as much as possible. I will reprint the poem in a future edition, but I am pleased that Andrew is undaunted and has provided another poem for this edition – Ed.

Sonnet 130

*My mistress eyes are nothing like the sun;
Coral is far more red than her lips red;
If snow be white, why then her breasts are dun;
If hairs be wires, black wires grow on her head.*

Shakespeare is clearly having fun;
The mistress he describes so down to earth,
She might to others be made for mirth.

But teenagers love her; she'll never pall,
Her message perennial: appearance is not all.

Cordelia

King Lear: Nothing comes of nothing.

Cordelia has much to fear;
Her father's irascible old Lear.

Which one will the king despise?
She speaks truth; her sisters lies.

The problem remains the same:
It's falsehood that stands to gain.

Andrew Hoellering

Recipe

Strawberry Trifle

Devonshire strawberries and cream are good in a summer trifle.

For the first layer spread sponge cakes or Swiss roll with strawberry jam, amaretto biscuits, and plenty of sliced strawberries - add a splash or two of sherry.

Cover with a layer of vanilla custard, and top with lightly whipped double cream. Decorate the trifle with plenty of strawberries.

Paul Cleave

History Society

Exeter's Hospitals in the First World War by Dr Julia Neville



Photo by Robin Blythe- Lord

Julia has researched the hospitals in Exeter during the period 1914 / 1919 as part of the Devon Remembers Heritage Project. She started her talk by reminding us of the Shrouds of the Somme project in Northernhay Gardens but despite the huge number of men killed, twice that number were wounded. One week after the first day of the Somme offensive 200 wounded men arrived in Exeter.

Exeter was on a direct train line route from Southampton docks so this made it a prime location to receive wounded troops. Those wounded on the Western Front were initially taken to First Aid Posts or Casualty Clearing Stations. From there they were moved back to hospitals in Northern France before being shipped back to Britain. The wounded had a 50 / 50 chance of survival. Once back in Britain ambulance trains would transfer them from Southampton to Queen Street (now Central) station and the entrance for the station then was at the side where there is now a car park. They would then be transferred by whatever transport was available ranging from lorries, vans or horse and cart.

The Royal Devon and Exeter hospital continued to treat the civilian population and the Red Cross were expected to provide back up services. Exeter was well ahead of other provincial Cities in setting up temporary war hospitals. Hospitals were set up at the following locations – 1 the West of England Eye Infirmary, 2 Bishop Blackall school, 3 the workhouse in Heavitree, 4 Topsham barracks, 5 Castle Street, 6 the Bishops Palace, 7 Streatham Hall (now Reed

Hall) and 8 Home Hospital in the Southernhay area (this was used for outpatient services). Often accommodation consisted of temporary huts and marquees.

Sadly the hospital records don't survive. Red Cross records were destroyed and personal records were transferred to individual files, many of which were lost in the Second World War. We were shown an autograph album which belonged to a nurse where patients had drawn their cap badges.

The injuries and illness suffered by the men were many and varied. They included amputation of limbs, lost eyes, shell and shrapnel wounds, bullet wounds, typhoid and dysentery, shell shock, frost bite, pneumonia and pleurisy. Treatment would consist of operations, rest, fresh air, splints, vaccines, enemas and electrical therapy.

The wards were kept clean and tidy and every effort was made to create a pleasant atmosphere. Treatment was carried out in the mornings and in the afternoons patients could play skittles or croquet, read the papers or books, smoke cigarettes or pipes, eat luxuries such as chocolate and listen to music, often provided at concerts.

Mobile patients were encouraged to go out and walk around the city. They wore special blue uniforms. At one time the city was so crowded with troops, the wounded and the civilian population that the City Council introduced a one-way keep left pedestrian policy but this only lasted for a short time. The average time in hospital for a patient was one month and once they were sufficiently recovered they were moved on. Some went back to their base after leave for further service in the front line or other non combat roles. Some were discharged from the forces as unfit or might be moved elsewhere for further treatment at specialist units or for long term care. Those who died were given a hero's funeral and many were buried at Heavitree Higher Cemetery.

There was much local support for the hospitals from the community. There was fund raising and gifts such as tobacco, cigarettes or clothing were given to the hospitals. At Christmas the wards were decorated, concerts were given and a turkey dinner provided. The hospitals were decommissioned during 1919.

There is an exhibition of the war hospitals in St Stephen's Church, High Street, Exeter during the period Tuesday 19 September until Saturday 23 September 2017. You will have the opportunity to see some of the artwork done at the time by nurse Joyce Dennys. She produced many posters for recruitment and training purposes.

Robert Turner

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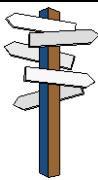
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TARTS News



Thorverton Amblers Ramblers and Trampers

Recent walks: -

Saturday 10th June 2017

Newton Poppleford, Venn Ottery, Tipton St John led by Heather

Braving overcast weather, nine of us left Newton Poppleford to join the East Devon Way where we saw the remains of Benchams Cottage, recently destroyed by fire. We hiked north across Venn Ottery Common, east to Fluxton and the River Otter, and back to Newton via Venn Ottery village. Dartford warblers remained elusive on Harpford Common, though we did see sand martins, goldfinch and blackcap on the banks of the Otter.

Our route took us along a wonderful series of intimate footpaths, green lanes and heathland tracks that was the fruit of Heather and Royston's repeated walks and detailed knowledge of the area. We admired country that we had not seen before, though so close to the very familiar A3052 through Newton, confirming the oft-repeated observation that however

well we thought we knew Devon, TARTS hikes always reveal unfamiliar delights.

Our pleasure was further enhanced at the walk's end by a very superior cream tea in Newton, enjoyed in a burst of afternoon sun.

Mike Stannard

Future walks:

Saturday 8th July led by Mike

Saturday 29th July led by Hazel

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).

Caroline Prince



Raddon Top



Photos by Mike Stannard

Nature Notes

Local News

Last year a plant appeared on our lawn that we had not sown or planted, I had a feeling it was an orchid. Unfortunately the flowering shoot was eaten by slugs or snails before it could flower. This year the plant grew up again and in May blossomed into a beautiful Early Marsh Orchid *Dactylorhiza incarnata*. I can think of four possible explanations how it came to be there, the first is dormant seed in the ground as it is known that seed can remain dormant in the soil for years. The second is that tiny orchid seed could be dispersed by the wind. I am inclined to doubt these two as I know of no other locally growing early marsh orchids. The third possibility is seed transported by a bird. The fourth is seed transported by a mammal and that could include me. Early marsh orchids grow in field margins in Newton St Cyres where I regularly walk so seed may have stuck to my wellies and come off while walking where my plant has now popped up, but we will never know the answer.

From January this year to 14th May I had sightings of Roe deer in our garden and I put a picture of the buck's head with antlers in the May edition of *Focus*. I received an e-mail with photos of a roe buck that popped up in Glyn Bellerby's garden behind the Exeter Inn on 26th May. I would not be surprised if it is the same deer and has moved on. It has the same antler configuration.



Roe Deer on Glyn's lawn.

A to Z Elephant Hawkmoth, Eyed Hawkmoth and Emperor Moth.

My A-Z this time is E for Elephant Hawkmoth and Eyed Hawkmoth which gives me the opportunity to also discuss other hawkmoths and the Emperor moth. This is a good time of year to come across some of our largest moth species and immigrant hawkmoths. The more common native hawkmoth species are found in Thorverton and are Privet Hawkmoth, Lime Hawkmoth, Eyed Hawkmoth, Poplar Hawkmoth and Elephant Hawkmoth. Less common is the Small Elephant Hawkmoth, more likely to be found on heaths and beside the sea. The Pine Hawkmoth is

found from Southern England and northwards to Northumberland and Cumbria. Our two smaller hawkmoth species are Narrow-bordered Bee Hawkmoth and Broad-bordered Bee Hawkmoth.

Both species are uncommon and active only by day.

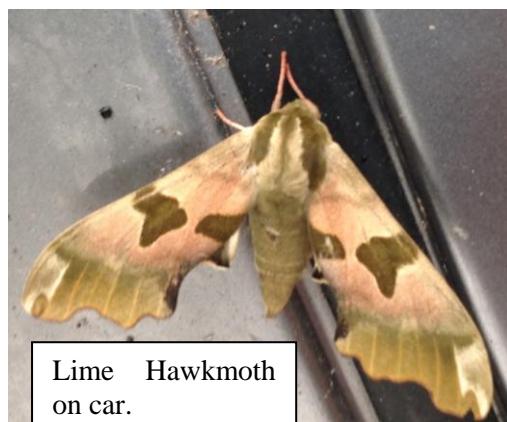
There are some sightings of Narrow-bordered Bee Hawkmoth in Devon but the Broad-bordered Bee Hawkmoth is found in Southern England.



Eyed Hawkmoth, Raddon, 12/06/2017

The Elephant Hawkmoth is unmistakable, bright pink and olive green and its larvae are the ones with big 'eyes' that look a bit like an elephant's trunk. The larvae will eat your fuchsias but in the wild is commonly found feeding on Rosebay Willowherb. The Eyed Hawkmoth is so named after the eye type markings on its hind wings. At rest the hindwing is tucked beneath the forewing. When disturbed it may flash out its hindwing to reveal its 'eyes' as a deterrent from attack.

On 23rd May I noticed something on the roof of our car which was parked under the car port. To my surprise it was a Lime Hawkmoth. I've mentioned before that I've not had one here for years and on



Lime Hawkmoth on car.

reflection it must be around 25 years. My husband had been watering container plants with a hosepipe and flipped the direction of water up and over the car squirting the ivy growing over the car port. We reckon the hawkmoth must have been roosting

among the ivy and was dislodged to drop onto the car and remained there until nightfall. The Lime Hawkmoth only flies on warm nights. You are more likely to come across this moth in the centre of the village like Jan Hambly did last year.

There are several immigrant hawkmoth species that arrive here from the Continent and Africa but I will mention only three species as other immigrant hawkmoths sightings are few and far between. It appears to be a good year for the Hummingbird hawkmoth and some of you have already reported your sightings to me. The Death's Head Hawkmoth has already been seen in parts of the Country this year. It is often found by beekeepers inside beehives. In 2015 Dick Vooght found a Death's Head larva in his Thorverton allotment. The very large larvae eat potato plants as well as other species of the potato family.

The Convolvulus Hawkmoth is attracted to *nicotiana* (tobacco plant) flowers from which it sips nectar using its very long proboscis.

Finally, the Emperor moth is not a hawkmoth but a member of the silk moths. You may encounter its bright green larvae this time of year on the moors, heaths and coast.



Thorverton Cycle Rides

I have not put a cycle ride in this month for lack of space – everyone wants to get articles and photos into the new-look *Focus*. I will continue my series in September.

Neville Lane

Moth Trapping at the Millennium Green

The event went ahead on Saturday 17th June. The trap lamp was lit at 9.15p.m but as it was still light we wandered around and found two moth species on the wing and several green lacewing insects. As darkness fell a myriad of caddis fly plagued the trap. Despite ideal conditions moths were slow to appear and by the time we switched off the lamp we had recorded just 17 species. My favourite moth of the night was the Ghost moth. Two males were caught by sweeping a net above the grass near the wild flower area. No Ghost moths were attracted to the trap light so my newly purchased moth/butterfly net earned its money. As usual we saw some bats that flew past very close to us, no doubt after the moths. I will put a list of the recorded moths in September Focus.

Have a very happy summer.

Jenny Garne
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Further evidence (below) that there are deer about. Unfortunately we had to move him on when he started to munch the raspberry canes!!

Maggie Dunlop

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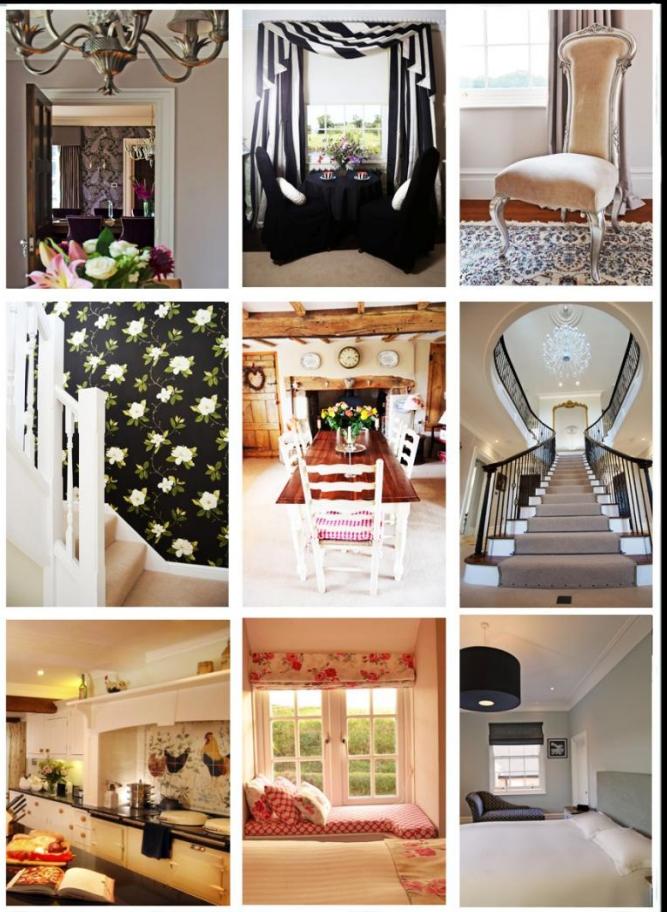
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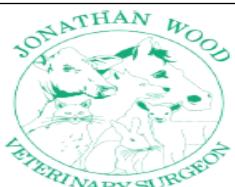
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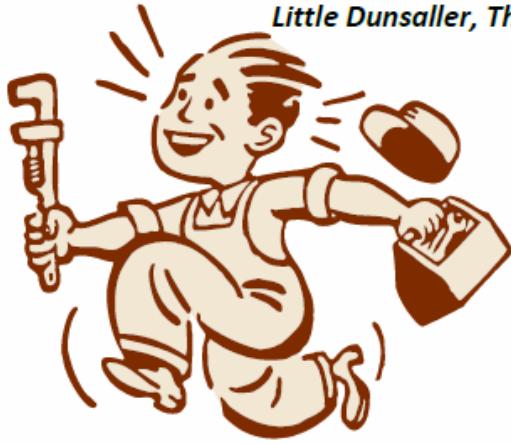
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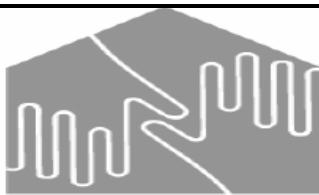
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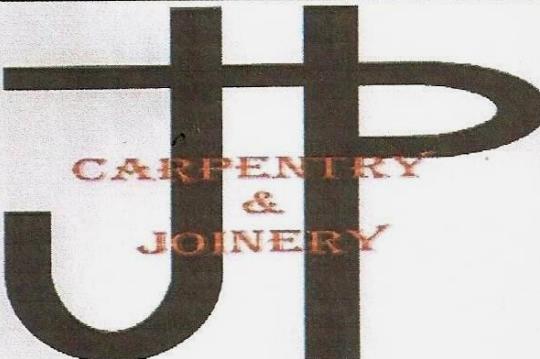


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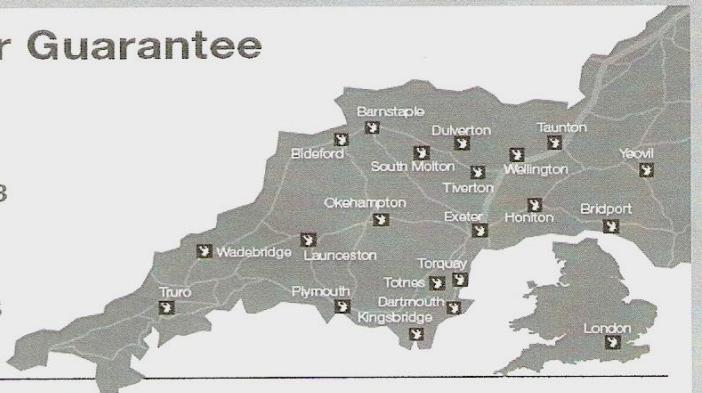
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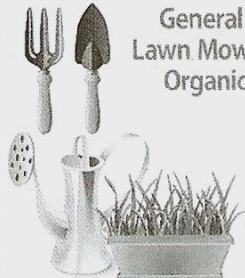
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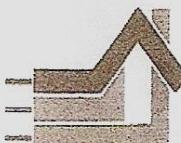
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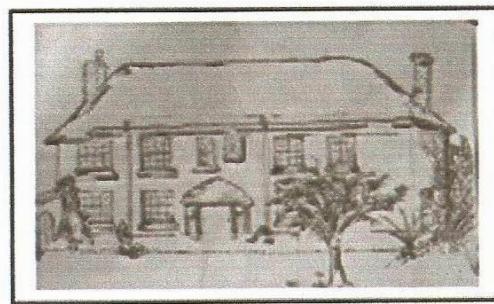
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Thorverton C of E Primary School (Part of the Exe Valley Federation)	Executive Headteacher (Exe Valley Federation): Mr John Jolliffe. Head of School (Thorverton): Mrs Sarah Parkes 01392 860374. School Office (Thorverton): 01392 860374. Chair of Governors (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. 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 Wednesday of the month at the Exeter Inn, 8pm unless a production is in rehearsal. Members and non-members welcome.
- Art Group** Barrie Phillips, Crossmead, School Lane, Thorverton. 860529.
Meet Fridays during term-time at the Memorial Hall, 10.00 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, Bramford Speke, 841803.
- Bridge Club** Graeme Culshaw, tel: 860203. *Meets 1st/3rd/5th Thursdays of month from 7.00pm
 New members always welcome, no partner needed. Contact Graeme for venue.*
- 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. 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** C/o 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: Mike Shelton, tel. 861027. michaelshelton232@btinternet.com
 Secretary: Mike Baldwin, tel. 860853. sjml@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
*Mondays to Fridays during term-time at Thorverton Primary School site.
 9.00 - 11.45 am, & 12.45 - 3.15 pm, & Lunch Club 11.45 am - 12.45 pm.
 Please contact Wendy for up-to-date changes to these times.*
- 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 - 11.30 am.
- Royal British Legion** Chairman/Hon.Sec. : Alex Fice, Lynch Cottage, Thorverton 861136,
srbf@hotmail.co.uk
 Hon. Treasurer: Mrs Felicity Cashmore.
- Women's Institute** 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 Creditor EX17 2AR	The Surgery, The Bury Thorverton EX5 5NT
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Main telephone: 03333 442 988
www.newvalleypractice.co.uk



	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, Silverton, 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

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

Day/Dr	Dr Anthony O'Brien	Dr Catherine Burkhill	Dr Nick Keysell
Monday	09:00 – 11:30 15:00 – 17:30		09:00 – 11:30 15:00 – 17:30
Tuesday		09:00 – 11:30 14:00 – 17:30	09:00 – 11:30 15:00 – 17:30
Wednesday	09:00 – 11:30 15:00 – 17:30	09:00 – 11:30 15:00 – 17:30	
Thursday	09:00 – 11:30 14:00 – 16:00		09:00 – 11:30
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

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 2017

	Collections on <u>Mondays</u> , unless stated otherwise
<u>General refuse, recycling boxes and food caddy</u>	b) <u>Chargeable garden waste and food caddy</u>
July 10 th and 24 th	July 3rd, 17 th and 31st
Aug 7 th and 21 st	Aug 14 th and 29 th (ie Tuesday)
Sept 4 th and 18 th	Sept 11 th and 25th

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 2017: 27th July / 24th August / 21st September / 19th October / 16th November / 14th December.

Union Flag Flying days in July/August

21 June Birthday of the Duke of Cambridge
17 July Birthday of the Duchess of Cornwall
15 August Birthday of the Princess Royal

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) 10.05 from the Berry, 10.10 from Latchmore Green.

Wednesday and Friday 10.05 from The Berry and 10.09 from 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, 17.10 (*Saturdays only*), 17.29 (*this is the 155 service*), 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, 16.45 (*Sats only*), 17.05 (*this is the 155 service*), 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 offers a variety of concessions for regular commuters, shoppers, children, students and jobseekers as well as one-day unlimited-use Explorer tickets. Further details from Stagecoach: 01392 427711 or 01803 664500 or www.stagecoachbus.com or www.devon.gov.uk/devonbus.

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

Diary 2017

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JULY

- Sat 1st Summer Ball, Memorial Hall. 7.30pm till late. Tickets from the Berry Dairy.
Tues 4th WI. Anne Dalton : *Bone China*. WI Hut, 7.30pm
Fri 7th Baptist Church Coffee Morning 10.30-12 noon
Sat 8th TARTS walk, meet opposite Parish Church, 9.30am
Sat 8th Fun Day, including Dog Show, Memorial Hall, 11.00am – 4.00pm
Sat 15th Village Tidy-up Day, from 9.30am
Sun 16th Exeter & District Fuchsia Society Show 1.30 - 4pm, Thorverton Memorial Hall
Sat 29th TARTS walk, meet opposite Parish Church, 9.30am

AUGUST

- Tues 1st WI. *Free Wheelers* (Urgent hospital deliveries), 7.30pm
Sat 12th Cream Tea and Draw, Thorverton House, 2.30pm
Sun 13th Car Boot Sale, Memorial Hall. 8.00 a.m. - 11.30

SEPTEMBER

- Tues 12th Parish Council Meeting, Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
Fri 22nd History Society, *Robert Hesketh - Smuggling in Devon*, WI Hut, 7.30pm

OCTOBER

- Fri 27th History Society, *Alex Fice – Thorverton's War Dead*, WI Hut, 7.30pm

NOVEMBER

- Sat 4th Craft Fair, Memorial Hall

Exeter Chiefs Champions of English Rugby

Thorverton-born Jack Yeandle lifted the English Rugby Premiership trophy for 2017 following the Exeter Chiefs' nail-biting win over Wasps at Twickenham in May. Congratulations to Jack and the rest of the team. Next time, Jack, perhaps you could arrange it so that the final is played just before our final submission date for publication rather than just after it so that we aren't last with the news!



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