



Newton St Loe

Newsletter

September 2018

Top people take the Times: but the truly elite read the Newton St Loe Newsletter!

Church Services in September

Great news: our organ is now back and the church and vestry are better than ever

September 2 nd	11.15	Morning Worship
September 9 th	11.15	Harvest & Baptism
September 16 th	11.15	Morning Worship
September 23 rd	11.15	Holy Communion



Holy Trinity, Newton St Loe

The Harvest Festival on September 9th will be followed by a 'Bring & Share' lunch in the church. Donations of food (tins, packets etc.) will be sent to First Steps Nursery in Twerton

Future events in October:

In October (date to be announced) we will be holding a concert in the church to commemorate the Centenary of the end of the First World War.

Kindly organized by the Music and Drama departments of Bath Spa University.

May Day 2019

A crucial meeting to start the planning for next year's May Day Festival will take place in the church at 7 pm, 10th September.

Many of the long-standing organisers of prior events are stepping down or are sadly no longer with us, but the day remains a favourite amongst parishioners and the general public far and wide. It's also the major fundraiser for the church and other beneficiaries in the village.

Please come along, bring your ideas and enthusiasm, and help May Day 2019 to be the best ever.

Help please

Every Wednesday morning at 10 am
(weather permitting)

Boost your health and well-being, and make a practical contribution to your beautiful church and graveyard

A team of Grenville Gore-Langton, Adrian Elvin, aided by our regular grass-cutter, Adrian Minty, meets each week to deal with ivy, laurel, grave upkeep and general chores. A faculty is being requested to deal with the removal of a few diseased trees

More help is needed – both with equipment (wheelbarrows and chain saws particularly but also secateurs and rakes) and people

If you are an early retiree, a keen gardener, or a student volunteer at BSU missing your opportunity to help with the gardening at home, please come and join us

Once the catch-up work is completed we hope to be able to reduce the sessions to twice a month or less

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Village Hall Events

The Village Hall is a key feature in our community life, and available for private functions as well as parish meetings and events.

Its website – newtonstloevillagehall.org.uk – gives all the details. The Contacts page allows you to book on-line, or you can call them on their dedicated number 01225 872785 and leave a message

A Macmillan Coffee Morning will be held on Friday 28th September from 10 am to 1 pm.

1.

Raising money for a very worthy cause. Please come along and enjoy company, cakes and refreshments!!!

Contact Jamie Cook on 07376389515 to donate cakes or help planning

2.

Movement through Awareness: classes start on Thursday October 4th at 4 pm. All welcome, and benefits include easier movement, better problem-solving and a balanced response to life's stresses.

Contact Shelagh O'Neil on 07973 324035 or at www.nicefeldenkrais.co.uk

Upcoming dates:

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Nov 11 th	Armistice Day Lunch
Nov 24 th	Christmas Sale
Dec 1 st	Christmas lunch

Remember too that the Registered Members Club is open every Friday and Saturday between 8 and 11 pm.

News from Bath Spa University

It's that time of year again!

Term starts 24th September until the Christmas break on 17th December. Welcome to all those starting their university life as our neighbours in this glorious parkland setting. We wish you every success while you're with us, and hope you will take the time to come visit the village and share our rural tranquility.

For the villagers, just a note to say the U5 and U6 bus services start again on their 15 minute frequency. Catch them from your own stop at the end of the Spinney (past Send a Cow).

News from the Parish Council

The next parish council meeting will be held on 20th September at 7 pm in the village hall. Agenda items include:

- Use of Community Infrastructure Levy
- Review of standing orders
- Work on voter registration

All parishioners are welcome to attend. If you have items you would like to see on the agenda, please e-mail the clerk at clerk@newtonstloe-pc.gov.uk.

News from Team Quinn and Dorothy House

Team Quinn and Dorothy House would like to thank Celia and Hugh and all the visitors for a fantastic day at the Bank Holiday Farm Open Day.

Celia donated a hamper as a raffle prize, with those tickets alone raising £84. Andy would especially like to also thank all friends who helped with items to sell on the stall – heartfelt thanks to Nick (Seven Hills Chocolate), Lisa & Andy, Kirsty & John, Lynda, Alex & Lucy for helping and Chris for a super poster for Jacqui's tulip fund.

Overall some £250 was raised in support of those wonderful people at Dorothy House.

News from Rory's Reminders

Recycling:	every Friday
Refuse:	every other Friday (7 th and 21 st)
Garden:	alternate Fridays (14 th and 28 th)

Please put your bins out before 7 am! Thank you.

Parking by outsiders in the village

'We like to think of Newton St Loe as a welcoming village, but being used as an all-day and sometimes all-week parking lot for students and staff at the University stretches our hospitality and welcome too far.

The parish council has had this on their agenda for nearly five years now, but despite meetings and exchange of letters (see newtonstloe-pc.gov.uk) the problem remains. It has been a blissful summer while the college is not in session, but that will change by the end of the month.

Your editor is interested to see whether there is interest among the residents for an alternate approach – replacing the bollards and cones (which simply get moved) by some heavy, rustic planters giving a 'Britain in Bloom' feel to our pavements and roads – as in the picture below.

I believe that, if sufficient residents are interested and would like to become involved, that we could find the monies to build the planters and provide the compost and first plants, but it would become each resident's part of the deal to look after, water and feed them.

If you like the idea and want to express your interest in one or more planters, please call on 01225 874372 or send a message at newtonstloenewsletter@gmail.com.



A new charity in the village

A new charity – Connecting Generations – has been established in the village, based on initiatives from students at the Bath Business School (part of our neighbours at Bath Spa University).

The charity's basic vision is to create bonds between the volunteer student population and the elderly in order for both to gain from the interaction, the face to face social contact, and the assistance that the volunteers can give in using modern technology to overcome constraints of time, distance and technical competence. While we are starting locally in and around Bath, our vision is for this to become a nationwide organization with many more universities involved.

Loneliness and lack of social contact is a key problem for the elderly, with almost 2 million people across the UK saying they feel ignored or invisible, and without speaking to anyone in the last week. Using iPads, phones and Alexa devices can assist day and night – but many of the older generation are not comfortable with their use.

What Connecting Generations does is organise weekly events – in care homes, community centres and village halls – where people can meet in small groups for companionship, tea and biscuits, and get comfortable with what technology can do, Funding for two students to organise the events has kindly been provided by Santander.

We plan our first sessions in Newton St Loe Village Hall in early October – see next month's newsletter for details. In the meantime why not check out our website at www.connecting-generations.org.uk.

A round up of other Newton St Loe news and events

From the Farm Shop:

It was heart-warming to see so many of the village residents at our Open Farm Day on Monday, and for taking the opportunity to go on the farm tour to learn more about what we do.

Just a quick reminder, that when you're passing, don't forget to pop into the shop and pick up your Loyalty Card which will entitle you to 10% discount on all goods purchased in the shop. At the same time, you can sign up to our monthly e-newsletter and keep up-to-date with our news, offers and events. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Hugh, Celia and family

From the Bellringers:

The bells of Holy Trinity have been silent all year – but this is about to change as the bell-ringing team will be back to celebrate the village wedding on Saturday September 1st. We've really missed ringing for the Sunday services – and our practices on Friday evenings – so it will be wonderful to hear the chimes again!

The reason for the silence has simply been that the builders renovating the vestry have been using the tower for entry, creating quite a mess particularly in the wet weather earlier this year. Also, unrelated to the building work, a small piece of stone fell off the tower wall – which turned out to have nothing to do with the bells – but caused concerns re safety – being attacked from above while ringing tends to upset the concentration!

Hopefully things will soon be back to normal. As always we're always looking for new people if you'd like us to show you the ropes

Nicki Lang

From The Muses (number 9)

Amanda Jane will shortly be leaving number 9 in the village to move to the Norfolk Broads.

She will be selling her stone garden pots, fruit trees in planters, solid wood furniture in Georgian mahogany / antique pine finish and all sorts of everything else besides.

Please contact her on 873199 or email jane.amanda756@btinternet.com

Amada Jane

From the past:

Memories of the parish church and village from Mrs. Esther Cooper (nee Yeo)

Bill Tovey, who lived at number 33 with his wife Mary, used to climb the steps of the tower every evening to wind the clock.

As children, we tied up the church gates while a wedding took place, and the newly married couple would have to throw coins over to be let out!

I went to the school next door to the church for a couple of years from 1958 to 1960 before moving to Corston. The headmistress and only teacher, Mrs. Lewin, was very 'laissez-faire'. I remember lying on the floor doing sums on the backs of old Christmas cards!

One school activity I remember well was going through the churchyard out across the field to the wood on the right to do bark rubbings on the trees.

As I was brought up a Methodist, we went to the chapel at Stanton Prior where my grandparents were farmers.

I was born in the dining room at The Mullions and spent 18 years growing up and playing around. I have many happy and formative memories and keep in touch with a few old friends, especially Jane Jones in Corston, who was my junior school friend