



## Holy Trinity Church

Services for February

3rd Feb 11.15 Morning Worship

10th Feb 11.15 Holy Communion

17th Feb 11.15 Morning Worship

24th Feb 11.15 Holy Communion

## Holy Trinity Church

Electoral Roll renewal: all existing and new members of the church: please complete your forms to be on the electoral roll and send them to [this email](#)

## Village Hall

Sat Feb 9th — Bangers and Mash — all welcome. [Book Here](#)

## Parish Council

No Council Meeting this month

## Connecting Generations

Wed Feb 20th 14.30 Monthly Meeting location TBD

## Bell Ringers

Regular practice every other Friday at (Feb 8th and Feb 22nd) at 8 pm

## The Chinese Year of the Pig



It is believed that people born in a given year will have the personality of that year's animal. In Chinese culture, pigs are a symbol of wealth and prosperity – their chubby faces and big ears signal great fortune!

Arising every 12 years, people born in the lunar year of the pig are seen to be compassionate and loyal, never refusing an opportunity to lend help. Pigs are diligent but lazy. They devote all of their energy to fulfilling their goals, combating the clumsy aspects of their personality. Pigs trust easily, and are pure of heart, but they can therefore be easily fooled.

The Spring Festival, as it is also known, is a time of new beginnings, so come along to the Village Hall this Saturday to celebrate – with sausages (pork of course) and mash!



Take care to keep warm during this cold spell, and please check on your neighbours

## Bath Business School

The Business School in partnership with Visit Bath invite you to a Creative Networking event focusing on the management, funding and structure of Bath's Destination Management and Branding. At The Commons, Mon 11th Feb from 6 - 8 pm. All welcome to this free event, book by [clicking here](#)

## Rory's Reminders

More or less back to normal (snow permitting!)

Recycling collections every Friday: please put your recycling in the appropriate bins and put them out by 8 pm the previous evening

Fortnightly refuse collections (in your black wheelie bins) on Friday 8th Feb and Friday 22nd Feb

Fortnightly garden waste collections (in your green wheelie bins) on Friday 15th Feb and Friday 1st March

The recycling centres in Bath and at Pixash lane are open weekdays from 8 through 4 pm, on Saturdays from 9 through 3.45pm, and on Sundays from 9 through 1 pm.

## Mobile Library

New times: 15.25 - 15.35, outside the Village Shop, on Feb 13th and 27th

## News about our Newsletter distribution

As suggested in our December newsletter, we are moving from this month to distribution by e-mail rather than physical copies being printed and distributed by hand. There are many reasons for this — in particular the opportunity it allows to be much more inclusive in the news we are circulating.

But of even more importance is that the newsletter distributors led by Joe Tinworth - who have done such a magnificent job of going round the village in all weathers to bring the news to you - is that it's time for them to take a well-earned rest. Our thanks to them for the incredible dedication to the job over many years.

This is not the end of physical distribution of news — the benefice (Saltford, Corston and Newton St Loe) is enhancing its bi-monthly newsletter SCAN and incorporating news from our neighbouring parishes. The next planned edition is for March/April, and — subject to volunteers — will be distributed to all households in the three parishes.

Meanwhile, if you have received this newsletter but know of neighbours who have not, please ask them to send me a message [here](#) asking to be added to the distribution list. If they don't have email, it would be much appreciated if you could print out a copy for them and drop it round. The good volunteers at Connecting Generations will also be very happy to show people how to download this on to a tablet or similar — just call in on their next session.

## News from Neighbourhood Watch

Over Christmas and the New Year we have seen a significant surge in attempts to defraud people — in particular the elderly and infirm. The Metropolitan Police have produced an excellent booklet entitled '[The Little Book of Big Scams](#)', covering the many types of fraudulent activity being seen today. The information on computer and banking scams is particularly relevant and new to many. Download your copy today and stay safe. Let us keep Newton St Loe crime free.

## News from the Village Hall

Next event will be the Bangers and Mash supper this coming Saturday at 7 for 7.30 pm. Sign up either in the Village Hall or by calling Jean Tadman on 01225 872785. Movie special: '[Sunshine on Leith](#)', a film adaptation of the stage musical.

For your diaries at the beginning of next month, we're going to be holding a Sunday Roast dinner on the 3rd March, 1 p.m. for a 1.30 start. Roast Pork with all the trimmings plus a dessert, all for £10/adult or £6 per child. All welcome, but please let Jean know.

## *West of England Falconry (WOEF) and The Owlery*

Great news from a relatively recent addition to the village. If you haven't yet had the opportunity, visit them in person at the Grain Store (to the rear of the Farm Shop).

Inspired by head falconer and director Jay Marshall, together with his team, have a lifelong interest in ornithology. WOE is a registered charity dedicated to the well-being of owls and birds of prey and to promoting an understanding of the historic art of falconry.

In the last couple of months, they have been awarded the Bristol, Bath and Somerset Tourism Gold Award, have reached the finals of the South West Tourism Excellence Awards and have been nominated for the Countryside Alliance Award.



Just 12 months after redevelopment proposals imposed a challenging and costly relocation of the independent bird-of-prey rescue and rehabilitation charity West of England Falconry, trustees George Paice (left), Jay Marshall and Naomi Johns (right) stepped up to receive one of the hotly contested Bristol, Bath and Somerset Tourism 'Gold' awards.

'The last eighteen months have been a particularly challenging time for us', said WOE founder and centre director, Jay Marshall. 'When we were given notice that we'd have to leave our original location at Midford it was unclear whether the charity was going to survive. However, with the support of the Duchy Estate at Newton St Loe, who offered us new premises and provided invaluable support and encouragement ever since, we're now fully operational again and have been able to add an indoor Owlery.

'We'd particularly like to thank our volunteers, donors and, of course, all our Open Day visitors for the support they've given us over the past 12 months and we look forward to being able to offer even greater public access to our centre in the future', he continued. Next open day is planned for April 7th.

For full details of Hawk Walks, Owl Encounters and Rescue and Conservation services, [click here](#).

## ***Forthcoming events at the Farm Shop***

February is a relatively quiet month for local events at the Farm Shop, but the following events in March are worth booking now as we expect the interest to be high and the places available to be limited.

### ***Step into Spring      Date: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March      Time: 12 noon      Price £15 pp***

This wonderful seven mile circular guided walk will start at 12 noon outside the farm shop. From here we will head out towards Stanton Prior, on to Priston, take in Priston Mill and then back to the farm shop for a well-deserved cup of tea or two and slice of cake! This is a moderate walk and challenging in parts, but it will be worth it for the magnificent scenery and tranquillity. To book please 'phone Roz on 01225 873707 Ex 3, E: [roz@newtonfarmfoods.co.uk](mailto:roz@newtonfarmfoods.co.uk) or pop into the shop.

Pre-booking and prepayment required. Places limited. Not suitable for children.

### ***Spring Floral Workshop      Date: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March Time: 10am – 12 noon Price: £45***

Ever bought or received a bunch of flowers and not known how to display them or make them look stunning? If so, then this is the workshop for you. With Mother's Day on the horizon, why not try your hand at creating a beautiful hand-tied bouquet. Price: £45 includes refreshments, tuition, fresh flowers, materials, equipment and a wonderful container to display them in. Spaces are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. Pre-booking and pre-payment is required. To book a place or for further information please call Roz on 01225 873707, Email [roz@newtonfarmfoods.co.uk](mailto:roz@newtonfarmfoods.co.uk) or call into the shop.

### ***Pop-up flower shop      Date: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March      Time: from 10am***

Local market gardener, Sarah Wilson, Compton Garden Flowers will be setting up a beautiful floral pop-up shop. Customers will be invited to select their favourite flowers, for Sarah to transform them into a stunning hand-tied bouquet to suit personal style, taste and budget.

## ***News from Connecting Generations***

December 12th was marked by our Christmas party to give thanks to both the volunteers from Bath Spa University along with the many attendees from Newton St Loe and surroundings who have become regular attendees at our sessions in the village.

We had a great party and a very lively quiz. Tech prizes were awarded to all, varying from a new Kindle tablet to rubber-tipped styluses which circumvent the 'big-finger' problem. All attendees had a fabulous time, and it was an absolute pleasure to see the involvement of all at the end of our first term of operation.

We are immensely grateful to Nick Mould and his team at the Duchy for sponsoring this event. As a charity, we are keen to ensure that our services are without charge to the attendees, and we are reliant on goodwill of this kind from organisations like the Duchy of Cornwall and Santander Bank.

Thank you to them and to all who attended.

This year, the team continue to be in great demand at St John's Hospice in Bath, as well as at the Gracewell care home in Combe Down. We are expanding to a number of other care homes in Bath this month, and locally are looking at combining our rural village program with requests we have in Corston.

Of particular interest is the extension to assist the disadvantaged and unemployed to help them use technology to write a CV, make job applications, apply for benefits and so forth. So many of our governmental and social services are now becoming 'Digital by Default' — but often those most in need are unable to use the technology owing to lack of expertise and understanding. More next month.

## News from the Parish Council

Parish councils are the first tier of local government. They raise money from people in the parish by levying a parish precept which is collected as part of your property rates. They spend that money to provide services which they judge to be of importance to the parish community. As representatives of the first tier of local government and the closest to their communities, local councillors are best placed to engage with their residents and find out what the real local issues are and how to overcome them.

There are currently 120,000 councillors serving on some 10,000 local councils in England. 2019 is an important year in that ordinary elections of councillors to serve on parish councils will take place on May 2nd 2019.

## MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A LOCAL COUNCILLOR



**IF YOU CARE ABOUT  
WHERE YOU LIVE AND ARE  
PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUR  
COMMUNITY, WE NEED YOU**

**JOIN US AND MAKE A  
LOCAL CHANGE**

## MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A LOCAL COUNCILLOR

### WHAT DO LOCAL COUNCILS DO?

Your local council has an overall responsibility for the well-being of your local community. Their work falls into three main categories:

- Delivery of services
- Improve quality of life for residents
- Give communities a democratic voice

### BECOMING A LOCAL COUNCILLOR

As a local councillor you can become a voice for your community and make a real change. Councillors are community leaders and represent the interests of the communities they serve.

Local councillors have three main responsibilities:

- Decision-making
- Monitoring
- Getting involved locally

### GETTING ELECTED

To stand for election to a local council you must:

- Be a UK or Commonwealth citizen; or be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland; or be a citizen of another Member State of the European Union
- Be at least 18 years old
- Be an elector of the local council; or in the past 12 months occupied land or other premises in the area the local council serves (as owner or tenant); or work in the area local council serves (as your principal or only place of work); or live within three miles of the local council boundary.

Becoming a parish councillor is both an important and a responsible position within the community.

Please consider offering your time and capabilities to serve the residents of Newton St Loe by joining our parish council. To find out what's involved, talk to one or more of the current councillors and learn more about what the council does — [click here](#) for details.

## News from your Community Police team

News is just in of drug users causing significant problems in the Clays End part of the parish. As well as addicts seen injecting themselves, it appears that addicts and dealers are breaking into vehicles and secreting Ecstasy tablets — then reporting the owners to the police.

Ecstasy is a class A drug under the Misuse of Drugs Act. It is illegal to be in possession of the drug, and it cannot be prescribed by doctors. It is manufactured in several forms and colours, many with 'happy face' emoji designs. It does remain however as the second most popular drug after cannabis.

Equally worrying is that the vehicles broken into appear to have the latest form of keyless entry. Such vehicles are considered to be at enhanced risk of theft resulting from the opportunity they provide for the system to be defrauded using a simple relay mechanism. Car theft in the UK has risen dramatically by over 50% in the past few years — see [article here](#).

Pouches are available for your car keys which block the transmission of signals — [click here](#) to review some of the options available.

Report any information about suspected crime to your community police team. If urgent, call 999. If non-urgent, please use the form available [here](#).

## ***News from Bath Spa University***

### ***Bath Spa University Students' Union wins national diversity award***



Bath Spa Students' Union has been awarded "UK Student Union of the Year 2019" for the third consecutive year by the National Centre for Diversity (NCFD) at their annual Grand Awards.

The National Centre for Diversity aims to advance fairness for all by helping organisations to embed principles of Fairness, Respect, Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Engagement (FREDIE) across their organisation.

Students' Union President, Ryan Lucas, said: "We were incredibly proud to achieve this award for the third year. It is testament to the hard work of all our staff, volunteers and students, and demonstrates our continuing commitment to advancing fairness and equality."

### ***Japanese Ambassador to the UK visits Bath Spa University***



Bath Spa University recently welcomed His Excellency, Ambassador Koji Tsuruoka, Japanese Ambassador to the UK, to Newton Park campus as part of his visit to the area which was organised by the Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution (BRLSI).

Ambassador Tsuruoka met with Bath Spa University staff including Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost, Neil Sammells, as well as students from Japan. Following his tour, the Ambassador took to Twitter to say that he "visited the wonderful city of Bath" and "stopped by the fantastic universities of Bath and Bath Spa and learned a lot about the research and work they are carrying out."

### ***Creative Writing lecturer wins BAFTA Children's Award***

Dr Joanna Nadin, a Creative Writing Lecturer at Bath Spa University, is celebrating after a BBC adaptation of her book, *Joe All Alone*, scooped a BAFTA Children's Award for Best Drama.



Joe All Alone follows the life of Joe Holt, a 13-year-old boy who is left at home alone in Peckham after his mum suddenly decides to up and leave and fly to Spain with her boyfriend, Dean. Explaining what sparked her idea for the book, Joanna said: "It started with a small boy I'd glimpsed on a street, his sleeping bag on his back like a nylon snail."

Earlier this year, Bath Spa University Creative Writing lecturers and authors, Professor David Almond and Professor Julia Green, and MA Writing for Young People alumni Emma Carroll, Maria Farrer, Gill Lewis and Rowena House were all nominated for the prestigious Carnegie Medal 2019, a British literary award that annually recognises one outstanding new book for children or young adults.

### ***New Oldfield Park Theatre Workshops open to students***

Bath Spa University's Acting and Theatre, and Digital Production students are benefitting from a new, purpose-built facility, replacing one of the temporary structures at the Newton Park. Oldfield Park Theatre Workshops, located near the city centre, has been designed and built to industry standards, replicating the real world production process of staging theatre performances to allow students to work and study in a relevant environment.



In addition to a fully-equipped carpentry workshop and separate carpentry teaching space, a fully-equipped costume making workshop, and a prop making workshop, Oldfield Park Theatre Workshops boasts three rehearsal studios.

### ***Response to Help please in the November edition!***

November's newsletter contained a memorial to those from Newton St Loe who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the Great War, as recorded on the War Memorial at Holy Trinity church. It noted that the names chiselled in stone on the memorial do not align with village records of people known to have lived in the parish at that time, though parish boundaries have changed in the intervening years.

Your newsletter editor was delighted to receive a great initial response from Tim Hill (no 35 NSL) who said:

'WW1 history is a particular interest of mine and I have done a fair bit of research into the men whose names are listed on the memorial, with more success with some than with others (around 70% of all Army Service Records for WW1 were destroyed during the blitz in 1940 - if the record that you need survived you can tell pretty much everything about a man, but if it didn't you will usually end up with very little).

'I can't see any discrepancy between the names listed inside and outside - all of those on the memorial appear on the tablet - but are you referring to the fact that some men were apparently not residents of the village at the time? If so that one can be probably explained - if a man was lost and there were no close relatives in the town from which he originated, the man would often be commemorated on the memorial in the town or village where his nearest family were resident.

'An example of this practice is, I believe, Maj. Edward Hartley Kirkpatrick - he served in the Ox and Bucks and was killed at Richebourg near Festubert in May 1915. He came from Swinton, Lancashire and I have been unable to find any direct connection in terms of residency with Newton - he had been a soldier since 1900 and was not even resident in the UK for much of the time. However his sister was the wife of Captain Lionel Scott who lived in the Hayes, and while I have not been able to find any actual correspondence relating directly to his inscription I believe that he was put on the memorial here based on his sisters residency. As with all things from this period I would stand to be corrected if some direct connection IS established, but I strongly suspect that he is there because of his sister.

'The newspaper cutting from November 1919 is an interesting one in that it gives yet another variation on Herbert Jose's name - the newspaper calls him Herbert Tucleton Jose, the memorial has him as Herbert Ingleton Jose, but his CWG record, the parish record of his marriage banns and his Army Service Records all call him Herbert Incleton Jose! Nobody really seemed to know what the poor chap was actually called, although the fact that his wife used Incleton in an 'in memoriam' notice in 1919 and that his son's grave in the churchyard (on which Herbert is mentioned) shows his son's middle name as Incleton perhaps indicates that this was the name that they used!'

This has stirred more interchange with Tim and Nick Mould at the Duchy, and more information regarding the memorial in the churchyard has come to light thanks to Tim's research and enthusiasm, including a couple of cuttings from the Bath Chronicle and the order of service for the memorial dedication.

'It would appear from the first article that the pediment is 13th Century but the remainder is newer, which may explain the apparent discrepancy between old and new parts that you're seeing and why it may be thought of as being 'built' in 1919. Presumably the contractor's name ties up with what you have? It may be that it was the shipping of the new part that was delayed by the rail strike...

'Which men are you unable to relate to the village? Maj. Kirkpatrick I assume - how about Lt. Stuart Annesley Wallace? I have not been able to find anything connecting him to the village OTHER than his Probate record which clearly shows him as living in Newton. He was a Malvern College boy from 1907 ~ 1912 so I'm guessing that either he moved to the village after college (and post the 1911 census of course) OR that he gave the village as his address on the basis that he had family here. He had served as an artillery instructor in the earlier part of the war but when he finally went to the front he only lasted two weeks before being killed at his gun in May 1917...the lives of officers were often short....

'I don't know how much research you have already done but I assume you know that Henry Fear was gardener to Capt Gore-Langton at the Mount? He was rather unusual in still being a machine gunner in the MG Section of the 12th Gloucesters when he died in August 1916 - by that time most machine gunners had been consolidated into a dedicated Machine Gun Corps Company so he must have been one of the last of the old 'MG Section' men. My Grandfather was an MGC man so I tend to notice these things...'

Your editor has not been able to give much time to doing more research while waiting a hip operation next week, but this is on the list of things to do during convalescence! Please get in touch via the newsletter address below if you'd like to be part of this research into us learning more about the history of those villagers who served in the Great War.

***Get in touch: let me know what you'd like to see in the newsletter and send info to:***  
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