



NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2012

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WOW - What a Jubilee!



Didn't we do well?! The celebrations in our parish went off really well - despite the best efforts of the weather to put a dampener on spirits.

Tremendous thanks are sent to the committee who worked so hard, first in raising funds for the festivities, then supporting those fund-raising events, and finally in co-ordinating the activities over the whole of the big 4-day weekend.

Special thanks to Bryan Woodley for Chairing the Jubilee Committee and ensuring that everything went so well, and to all the people and organisations who worked so hard to provide a Jubilee to remember.

The fund-raisers managed to achieve a small surplus and this has been passed to the Parish Council to be used to provide something to commemorate the Jubilee, and this will be discussed and decided shortly.

Jubilee Photos

If you have some nice photos of the celebrations and are willing to share these with the community, please email them to shanmerritt@btinternet.com. If you have printed versions Shân would like to borrow, scan and return them (they will be handled very carefully!). These photos can then be included in the parish photographic archive.

ELECTIONS & ELECTORAL ROLL

All households have been sent forms by EDDC and these must be completed and returned to ensure you have the **right to vote**. You don't have to wait until after 15th October, and if the details haven't changed you can confirm your registration on-line at www.eastdevon.gov.uk

The first **elections for Police and Crime Commissioners** take place on 15th November 2012. Voters will be asked to select their first and second preferences for PCC; if no candidate gains 50 per cent of the first preference votes, the two candidates with the highest number of first preference votes go forward to a second round of counting. In the

second round of counting, ballots with a first preference for a candidate that did not get into the top two will be reallocated according to the second preference indicated in the ballot paper. Whichever of the top two candidates has the most votes after these second-preferences have been allocated is declared the winner.

(I hope you understand this! Not immediately simple, but understandable if you go through slowly . . .)

There will be elections **2nd May 2013** for the **County Council**, and in order to vote you must be registered on the electoral roll.

NP&H PARISH PLAN UPDATE

Following the various consultations and feedback sessions held in the parish over the last 18 months, the final version of the parish plan is now at the printers!

We hope to be distributing copies to households in the parish in the next month or so.

SHORTAGE OF PARISH COUNCILLORS!

There are still **2 vacancies** on the Parish Council. If you can spare a few hours per month to discuss issues on behalf of the parish, please consider offering your services. You will probably find it a lot more interesting than you think! Contact the Parish Clerk for more info.

EDDC - LOCAL PLAN

The local planning process continues, and the main East Devon Local Plan will contain strategic and development management Policies relevant to the whole District. For more information see:

<http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/localplan.htm>

The Villages plan will be specifically concerned with the small towns and villages of East Devon and it will need to be consistent with strategic policy in the main Local Plan. We envisage the villages document will or could:

- * Show Built-up Area Boundaries (or development boundary);

- * Allocate land for new development;
- * Designate land for 'protection' or safeguarding or show where specific policies apply;
- * Contain settlement specific 'development management' policies that will be used to determine whether planning applications submitted to the Council should be granted planning permission.

The parish council has also been consulted about alternative or additional issues should be addressed in this plan and what factors should be taken into account in plan production.

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NEXT BLOOD DONOR SESSIONS

Ottery St Mary, Football Club: 24/10/12
 West Hill Village Hall: 27/12/12
 Woodbury Village Hall: 29/11/12
 Sidmouth, Stowford Community Ctre: 23/11/12
 Budleigh Salt'n Public Hall: 25/9/12

Ring **0300 123 23 23** for appointments.

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COLERIDGE MEDICAL CENTRE **SUMMER NEWSLETTER (Brief Extracts)**

NEWS FROM THE DOCTORS:

Dr Simon Kerr

*"Many apologies to those of you who are **currently unable to see me in Ottery St Mary and Newton Poppleford**. Subject to the passing of the Heath & Social care Bill through the House of Lords earlier this year I have been helping to ensure the highest of clinical standards are provided to our patients locally here in Devon. I am spending time with NHS Devon and have taken lead roles in the services for Carers, additional primary care support in A+E and the acute admissions unit in Exeter. I am engaging and coordinating regular joint working in the seven Eastern Devon GP practices and been integral to the construction of the NEW Devon clinical commissioning group. We have held public meetings in Honiton and Ottery St Mary to engage with local opinion. We are planning further events in Axminster and Seaton.*

The coalition's buzz-phrase "no decision about me without me" is about local clinicians steering healthcare in the direction to meet the identified needs of their local populations. Inevitably this process will lead to some of us having less face to face time with patients overall but these changes have already led to services closer to patients here of which there are now many examples.

*I am confident **Dr Peter Milner**, who is currently providing locum cover for me for three sessions per week, will provide an excellent alternative in **Newton Poppleford** over the forthcoming months. Many thanks for your understanding"*

THE ACUTE SAME DAY SERVICE

Background

The Coleridge Medical Centre looks after the health and well being of almost 16,500 patients over a very wide and rural geographical area, known to have a high count of residents with long term and often complex health conditions.

Offering a consistent and high quality NHS service to that many people can be quite a challenge. Until recently patients with an urgent problem were seen at the end of GP's routine surgery. When you consider that up to ninety patients a day ask to be seen urgently there was often difficulty fitting these patients in to be seen. We also became concerned that waiting until the end of the day could delay treatment.

As a result of the ever increasing demand for same day appointments and a scramble at 0830 am to get an evening slot, we decided to adopt a new approach. The main benefit is that regardless of when you ring, you will *always* be able to talk to one of the on call team; either a GP or a nurse practitioner. (If needed) they will *always* see you that day or at an agreed date in the future. *This means faster access to care when it is needed most.* We call this new service the *Acute Same Day Service*.

EPS - A NEW WAY TO GET YOUR PRESCRIPTION

The Electronic Prescription Service (EPS) is an NHS service that has been available in this practice since 18th July 2012. If you need a prescription from your GP your GP will be able to send it electronically to the place you choose. In this area EPS will be available at Boots and Co Op pharmacies. Your prescription can be collected from a pharmacy near to where you live, work or shop if they are enabled for EPS.

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RSPB Aylesbeare Common Reserve **August 2012 newsletter**



Rain, rain, rain, will it ever stop? So much rain fell one Saturday night that the bridge across the stream between Harpford East and Harpford West was dislodged and washed down stream. Luckily the regular monthly Sunday volunteer workparty was scheduled for next day, so our willing labourers were able to rebuild the bridge with practically no interruption of service.

It has been tough for the flying insects this year with so much rain to cope with, and many garden buddleias look sadly bare. But the 'Sundays' took time out to walk round the reserve and record all the species they saw on 12th August, and they got 15 species of butterfly and 8 species of damsel and dragonflies, so not

a bad list, with all the usual late summer species represented, including the gorgeous silver-washed fritillary. So if you can find a sunny few minutes to visit the heaths you will still see the flying insects.

The rain hasn't been entirely bad news as the plant life is flourishing (especially the bog plants!) with plenty of flowers to be seen, including a good show of orchids. The warm humid days are also encouraging a massive growth of grass, so we have had to increase the numbers of cows and ponies out grazing the heaths to keep on top of it. One of the less welcome (but still very pretty) plants which is having a good year is ragwort, the favoured foodplant of the cinnabar moth. Individual plants can be reduced to bare stalks by the voracious orange and black striped caterpillars. Although ragwort can prove poisonous for stock they are only likely to eat it if they don't have enough grass, as they don't find it tastes very good.

Heathweek was very successful this year, the weather didn't seem to put people off and we had lots of visitors for the festival day as well as the walks, rides and pond dipping events. At the opening Sunday festival the stars of the show were our four Exmoor ponies, making their public debut. Furry critters with big brown eyes can hardly fail to be a hit. The closing day started with a dawn chorus walk especially focussed on the Dartford warblers, and the visitors both heard and saw the birds. Their faith was well rewarded, equally by the following barbecue breakfast.

**OTTERY HELP SCHEME
FUND-RAISING EVENTS**

A Danceathon!

Saturday **29th September** from 2.00 -
4.00pm

at The Old Boys' School, Ottery St Mary

Led by a professional Dancer using dance step to exercise, all are welcome to turn up for a health-giving boogie in aid of the Help Scheme. 20 minute routines will run continuously - arrive when you want and dance just once or for the whole afternoon.

£5 per entry with free drink

Doors open from 1.00pm onwards - Come for lunch: Tea, Coffee and Soft Drinks - Hot Sausage Rolls - Cakes - Taste of Sidmouth Ice Cream for the hot and thirsty.

QUIZ NIGHT

Raising Funds for the **Ottery St Mary Help Scheme**

Friday 16th November

7.00 for 7.30pm

There will be another **Watts the Question** quiz at

The Institute, Ottery St Mary on Friday 16th November.

More brain-teasing questions from the **Watts family**.

Teams max. 6.

Tickets **£5** each person to include **ploughman's supper**

at half-time. Ring and book a table with your **Team name** with **Jim**

Watts on

Tel 811625 or 07817 202983

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN

You will have read in the press that East Devon District Council is planning to move from its main offices in Sidmouth to a new purpose built headquarters in Honiton. The move will only take place if it can be achieved at no cost to the council tax payer.

The advantages of the move will include:

- Making it easier to reach from all parts of the District.
- Lower running and maintenance costs.
- Better facilities for customers and council members and for public use.
- Better working conditions for staff, improving efficiency and effectiveness.

Council Tax Support

Council Tax Support will replace Council Tax Benefit from April 2013. East Devon District Council has developed a draft Council Tax Support scheme. All existing working age Council Tax Benefit customers should have received a leaflet about the new draft scheme, a survey form and a reply paid envelope. Please get in touch with EDDC if you require more information.

The New Local Plan for EDDC

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The New Plan is approaching its final stages. Currently under discussion is the 'Village Boundaries Document'. Small towns and larger villages have been given a number of homes each through the Local Plan and sites to accommodate these are now being sought. Newton Poppleford has been allocated 50 new homes and the Parish Council is consulting on this.

In my role as Member Champion for Rural Communities (including Post Offices) I am involved in discussions with the Local Government Association about the future of the Network of Post Offices. Whilst Government policy is not to close any Post Offices unless new profitable business is introduced, many offices will close by default. In order to make it sustainable, Post Office Limited should have a core business of its own and I am lobbying MPs and the Local Government Association to make this possible.

Ken Potter - District Councillor

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COUNCILLORS AS AT SEPTEMBER 2012

| Name | Tel. | Address | Ward |
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| PARISH COUNCILLORS | | | |
| Jean Clarke | 01395 568815 | Thornlea, Exeter Rd, Newton Pop EX10 0BJ | N Pop |
| Maureen Cook | 01395 568348 | 24 Littledown Orchard, Newton Pop EX10 0BQ | N Pop |
| Dave Jeffery | 01395 568897 | Old Orchard, Burrow EX10 0BP | N Pop |
| George Pearce | 01395 568571 | 25 Turner Close, Newton Pop EX10 0EN | N Pop |
| Bill Phillips | 01395 567786 | 7 Chestnut Way, Newton Poppleford EX10 | Harpford |
| Mark Sanders | 01395 568052 | Luscombe, Back Lane, Newton Pop EX10 0EZ | Harpford |
| Ed Slattery | 01395 567111 | 7 Down Close, Newton Pop, EX10 0JD | N Pop |
| Derek Simmonds | 01395 567751 | Westfield, Lower Way, Harpford EX10 0NQ | Harpford |
| Chris Cole - Vice Chair / Chairman pro-tem | 01395 567621 | Court Barn, Southerton EX11 1SE | Venn Ottery |
| (2 Vacancies) | | | |
| County Cllr Christine Channon | 01395 442927 | 12 Cricket Field Court, Cricket Field Lane, Budleigh Salterton | N/A |
| District Cllr Ken Potter | 01395 567147 | Bayford Lodge, Exmouth Road, Newton Pop | N/A |
| Clerk to Council David Atkins | 01395 264003 | Potters, Lympstone Hill, Exmouth EX8 5AF | N/A |
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The Parish Council meets monthly, usually on the first Tuesday of the month, in Newton Poppleford Village Hall at 8.00pm. Correspondence should be addressed to the Clerk to the Council.