



NEWTON POPPLEFORD & HARPFORD PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2015



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ELECTION RESULTS: GOODBYE AND HELLO!

The elections in May have brought some changes to the parish. We say farewell to some councillors who served on the Parish Council until 7th May: **Chris Cole, Maureen Cook, Dave Jeffery, George Pearce, Bill Phillips and Ed Slattery** chose not to stand for re-election. We thank them for their time and hard work over previous years and wish them well for the future.

Welcome back to **Jean Clarke, Hazel Jeffery, Val Ranger** and **Makala Tillotson** - please continue your good work for the next 4 years.

A special welcome to the new faces: **Chris Burhop, Matt Coppell, Mark Downen, Anita Kemp, Richard Lipczynski, Alan Murchison** and **David Zirker**. There's much to be learned and work to be done. Contact details for councillors are shown on the back page.

Ken Potter decided not to stand for re-election to EDDC, and we thank him for the tremendous amount of hard work he has put in for the last 8 years at the District Council on behalf of the Parish and the District as a whole. He will be greatly missed. **Val Ranger** has been elected as our new District Councillor and will no doubt be getting to grips with the usual EDDC training, learning the details of her job and the intricacies of council business.

Our existing MP **Hugo Swire** was re-elected so will continue to represent the interests of the constituency at Westminster.

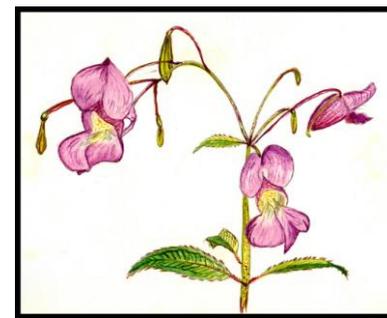
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BEAT THE BALSAM!

The Himalayan Balsam started shooting up early this year, and again work is needed to rid the area of this alien invader. It grows mostly along the banks of watercourses but also spreads out into the countryside through its exploding seed pods. Left undisturbed the balsam can suppress the growth of native plants, leading to river and stream banks becoming eroded and increasing the threat of flooding.

The plant can grow up to **6 feet** tall, although is more often seen around **3 feet** high. It should

be pulled up as soon as it is 'grabbable' and before the flowers have set seed.



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HARPFORD UPDATE

The hall's boundary issues are holding up the sale and the residents are waiting for a response from their solicitor on the best way forward.

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COUNCIL BOUNDARIES REVIEW

The Boundaries Commission is consulting on proposals to amend the boundaries for **County Council Electoral Divisions** (which define which parishes or parish wards fall within each county council division). This parish is currently in the Budleigh Division, which includes Budleigh Salterton, East Budleigh, Bicton, Otterton, Colaton Raleigh, North Woodbury, and Aylesbeare.

One of the proposals is to change Ottery St Mary Rural to include Newton Pop & Harpford, Colaton Raleigh, Otterton and East Budleigh as well as Tipton St John, West Hill, and Feniton.

You can see the proposals and comment on them via:

<https://www.devonnewscentre.info/devon-residents-have-your-say-on-new-county-division-boundaries/>

Consultation ends 6th July 2015

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YOUTH CLUB

There is some interest in restarting the Youth Club, which operated under the leadership of various local residents over the last 15 years or so (and successfully long term many years ago). Cllr Chris Burhop is seeking your support:

"I have been approached by several people who have expressed an interest in re-starting a youth club in the village. However for this to happen we would need to put together a number of willing volunteers to form a committee and take this idea forwards. So, if you're interested in helping, please give me a call on 01395 568766 or email me at ChrisBurhopNPH@outlook.com by Sunday 9th August. If we get sufficient interest then the next step would be to get potential volunteers together for a meeting to discuss the way forward."

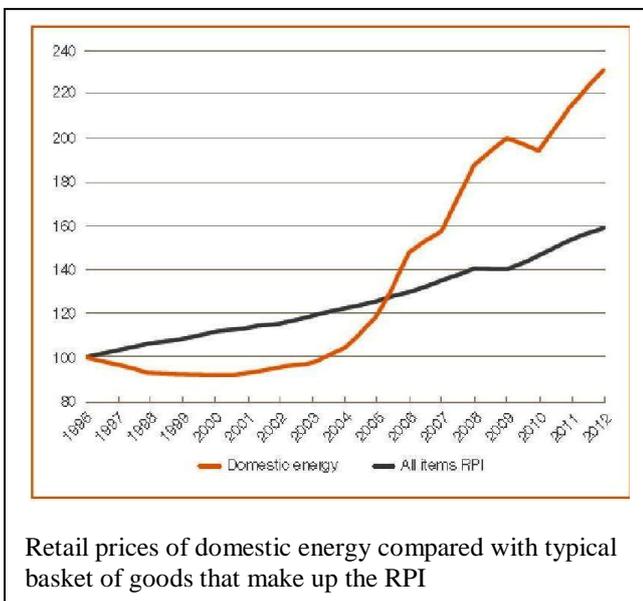
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THE COST OF ENERGY

Do you check your household energy bills? Are you concerned at the rising cost of heating your home? The cost of domestic energy has been increasing fairly steadily for years, and it looks likely to continue this way.

Now that summer is coming, this is a good time to undertake some work to cut the costs of heating your home. Energy efficiency measures can have relatively high cost, others can be done fairly inexpensively or with the help of grants; each household will have to work out their own likely costs and benefits.



Energy suppliers are under an obligation to provide energy efficiency measures for their customers. In order to do so they subsidize the

measures installed. The '**Energy Company Obligation**' (ECO) means that all or some of the cost of loft or cavity wall insulation, or boiler repair or replacement, will be covered if you are in receipt of certain benefits.

The '**Green Deal**' offers a government loan to enable householders to install energy efficiency measures such as insulation, heating, draught-proofing, double-glazing, renewable energy generation (e.g. solar panels, heat pumps etc.). So far Green Deal loans have not been taken up by many households and might well be withdrawn. New/alternative measures are under consideration.

Free and impartial advice from the Energy Saving Advice Service:

Tel: 0300 123 1234 or
Email: energy-advice@est.org.uk

Even if you cannot get a grant, the cost of a new boilers has reduced dramatically in recent years, so maybe consider replacing an old boiler with an efficient new model.

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NEXT BLOOD DONOR SESSIONS

Next sessions will be held as follows:

Ottery Football Club 8/7/15, 17/7/15, 6/8/15
Sidmouth, Stowford Centre. 12/6/15 & 24/7/15
Bud Salt'n Public Hall 3/6/15

Book your appointment on-line at blood.co.uk or by telephone: 0300 123 23 23

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE

* No news as yet on the possible replacement of the **school**; any update will be reported when known.

* The Blackhill/Venn Ottery **Quarry Liaison** meeting was well attended by local Parish, District and County Councillors. Road repairs have now been carried out on the road from the B3180 down to the quarry and when the quarrying is finished next Spring further repairs will be undertaken and the road resurfaced. Flooding has now been prevented. The main discussion of the meeting were two planning applications:

- To quarry at Straitgate Farm, West Hill
- To transport this material to Blackhill Quarry to process. Strong representations were made regarding both these applications on the grounds of the undesirability of quarrying on a green field site and on the possibility of continuing to transport material in large lorries along the B3180 which is narrow, winding and

involves crossing the A3052 at Half Way House. DCC is also concerned that the reclamation programme for Blackhill will be delayed another 5 years which will be detrimental to the Common Heathland programme. The Revised Minerals Plan will be

discussed at DCC in July and the two applications from Allied Industries in September.

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COUNCILLORS AS AT JUNE 2015

Name	Tel.	Address	Ward
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Chris Burhop	01395 568766	Half Acre, High Street, Newton Pop, EX10 0ED	N Pop
Jean Clarke	01395 568815	Thornlea, Exeter Rd, Newton Pop EX10 0BJ	N Pop
Matt Coppel	01395 567457	24 Littledown Orchard, Newton Pop EX10 0BQ	N Pop
Anita Kemp	07970 797617	The Stables, Newton Pop, EX10 0DA	N Pop
Makala Tillotson	01395 567961	Badger Close Newton Pop EX10 0EA	N Pop
David Zirker	01395 567430	Brookfields, Venn Ottery Road, NPop EX10 0BU	N Pop
Mark Downen	01395 568564	Thorpe Gil, Higher Way, Harpford, EX10 0NJ	Harpford
Richard Lipczynski	01395	Pine Ridge, Harpford, EX10 0NH	Harpford
Alan Murchison	01395 567183	1 Lower Way, Harpford, EX10 0NQ	Harpford
Val Ranger	01395 568460	Coombe Down, Lower Way, Harpford EX10 0NQ	Harpford
Hazel Jeffery	01395 567821	The Stables, Hoppins, Southerton, EX11 1SD	Venn Ottery
County Cllr Christine Channon	01395 442927	12 Cricket Field Court, Cricket Field Lane, Budleigh Salterton	N/A
District Cllr Val Ranger	01395 567147	Coombe Down, Lower Way, Harpford EX10 0NQ	N/A
Clerk to Council David Atkins	01395 264003	Potters, Lympstone Hill, Exmouth EX8 5AF parishclerk@newtonpopplefordpc.co.uk	N/A
Local Police Officers PCSOs Phil Thomas & Steve Blanchford-Cox	101	Our beat Officers can be contacted by email on sidmouth@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk	N/A
Website & Newsletter Shân Merritt	01404 812733	Venn Ottery Barton, Venn Ottery, EX11 1RZ webmaint@newtonpopplefordpc.co.uk	N/A
Village Hall booking	01395 568571	Janey Drake	N/A
Pavilion - David Zirker	01395 567430	Brookfields, Venn Ottery Rd.	N/A

The Parish Council meets monthly, with additional or interim meetings as necessary. The monthly meetings are held on the last Monday of each month - check noticeboards/website for details and agendas. Correspondence should normally be addressed to the Clerk to the Council.