

Nymet St George Church

George Nympton & Queensnympton

March 2016 Newsletter



Diary dates for March

- 17th **Parish Council Meeting** in the Village Hall at 7.30pm
- 18th **Social Club Lunch** at The Castle 12.30 pm. Ring Muriel
Price on 572497
- 22nd **Village Hall Quiz Night.** 8.00 pm
- 23rd **Mobile Library** outside Village Hall 10.50 – 11.10 am

Advance Notices for April

- 14th **Annual Parish Meeting** in the Village Hall 7.00 pm at which
Greener for Life will be presenting their plans for the pipeline.
- 26th **Nymet St George AGM** in the Village Hall 7.30 pm

Errata. In the February edition of the news letter, not being terribly computer-literate or understanding the concept of “cut and paste”, I mistakenly typed in the incorrect amount for the first prize in the Village Hall 50 Club draw. In case anybody gets too excited, the first prize should have read as £50, not £350! I also missed the final “l” of Tina Paull’s name. Many apologies to Jane Smith.

Village Hall News

Our next Quiz Night will be held on Tuesday 22nd March in aid of Village Hall funds. The doors will be open from 7.30 pm for an 8 pm start. Entry is £3 per person and soft drinks will be provided, but please bring your own snacks and liquid fortification! If you are unable to come on the night, a donation of a raffle prize would be very much appreciated. We hope to see you there.

Jane Smith

*Anyone wanting their newsletter emailed to them, please contact Pat Bateman at pmbateman@tiscali.co.uk. Phone 572116. **Contributions of news or items of interest welcome, no later than 20th March, please***

New Baby. Fantastic news!!! On Thursday 26th of February, Linda and Ivan Gay became the proud parents of a little girl weighing 7lbs 9.5 ozs. Congratulations to you both.

On Sunday 21st Feb the **baptism of Fred and Mary-Jane Carter's great-granddaughter**, Isabelle Seatheron, took place at St. George's. It was a very happy occasion and it was lovely to see the church so full. We wish Isabelle and her parents, Steven and Charlotte, every happiness in the future.

**The Castle Inn
George Nympton
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EX36 4JE
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There are a number of special dates this March and Ian and Debbie will be, as usual, working hard to serve lovely meals on occasions such as :
Mothering Sunday on March 6th
Easter Weekend from Good Friday on 23rd March up to and including Easter Monday
George Nympton Social Club on 18th March
The newly refurbished rooms for B and B will be available from April.
Call Ian on 01769 574945 or email:
ian.trott57@btinternet.com

On February 6th the church in South Molton was full for the **funeral of John Edwards** who passed away on January 28th. The service was followed by internment in George Nympton church yard. John and his wife Mary lived at Mill Farm for many years and were very involved in village life. John was a very enthusiastic member of the Horticultural Society, regularly winning the trophies for Best in Show and Most Points in Show. He served as President of the Society and last year, when unable to compete, as a judge. John was very much a family man, taking great pleasure in his grandchildren. Mary regular arranged flowers in the church while they lived in the village and has continued to produce beautiful floral arrangements for events such as the Flower Festival. John will be sorely missed and our love and sympathy go to Mary and all John's family and friends.

We remember in our prayers **Marge Parry** and **Liz Allen** and her husband, **Trevor**.

The **Church Wardens** report that the 5 yearly "Quinquennial" inspection has taken place, which will highlight the need for some repair work, and that, sadly, somebody has broken into the church collection box.

Lizzie Kelly is on a winning streak! On 12th February, Lizzie won the 2 mile Betfair Hurdle race at Newbury by 10 lengths beating 21 rivals, riding Agrapart, a 16-1 outsider. The race is the most valuable handicap in Europe. I'm sure Jane and Nick and the family are very proud of her, as is everyone in the village. Well done Lizzie!

Parish Council As mentioned in the calendar, the next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on the 17th March in the Village Hall. Nan Maxwell is the new Parish Clerk with the handover between Mary and Nan almost complete. Many thanks on behalf of everybody to Mary for all her hard work.

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Carole and Ray Hurst are still in Miami, though the novelty of living in a condo is wearing a bit thin. However, they are in the process of planning the route for their pioneering exploration of unknown lands. Well, unknown to them anyway. I'm sure that Carole will soon have it all organised. Go safely!!

Putting the "Great" in Frenchstone!!

The Year of 2015 has been a successful one for our lovely Pedigree Herefords.

A 12 month old heifer 'Ella' did extremely well winning Reserve Female Champion for 2015, following shows at Bath & West, Three Counties, Shropshire County and the Highland shows. Also Frenchstone Eric won Junior Reserve Male champion, a lovely young bull of ours, who was sold to one of the biggest breeders in Europe, Romany Herefords. We also got a new stock bull from Denmark - 'Moeskar Magnum' a long defined bull who is doing very well on the farm and we have now had some beautiful heifer calves running around the shed, waiting for the spring to come ...!

Dawn Gray

Memories... **Lloyd Ayre and Bob Radford** have been part of George Nympton and Queen's Nympton for many years. Lloyd was born at Great Frenchstone and Bob moved to Woodhouse Farm when he was just 15 months old.

Lloyd eventually took over the farm and married Angela, who worked alongside him, in her gentle, quiet way. They were a great team, carrying on despite their herd being destroyed by foot and mouth. Angela apparently knew a great deal about cattle and her family considered much of their success with Herefords was attributed to her keen eye.

Lloyd and Bob are still involved with village life. Both come to Social Club lunches and Lloyd remains on the Village Hall committee. They spoke of a great community spirit, particularly when the old village hall needed replacing, when everyone worked together to raise funds, with Marge, Bob's wife, at the fore front. There were events such as Banger Racing, donkey racing and Auto Stunts, sponsored walks and knitting. If the last two were combined, it paints an interesting picture! Even the Red Devils were persuaded to parachute in once – but they weren't involved in the knitting!

They remember the Post Office being in Churchgate House and run by Mrs Ridd – reputedly related to the Exmoor family immortalised by R. D. Blackmore in Lorna Doone. Later Mrs Leach ran it in Wisteria Cottage. How things change!

Services in March www.missioncommunity.weebly.com

Nymet St George

6th Mar	9.30	Mothering Sunday service
13th Mar	9.30	Holy Communion
20th Mar	9.30	Morning Worship
27th Mar	9.30	Easter Holy Communion

St Mary Magdalene - Parish Church South Molton

Each Sunday	08.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
6th Mar	11.00	Service of the Word
13th Mar	11.00	Holy Communion
20th Mar	11.00	Holy Communion
21st-23rd	6.30pm	Meditation and Compline
24th Mar	7.00 pm	Holy Communion (BCP) at Slatterley
25th Mar	10.00	Walk of Witness, starting at St Joseph's
27th Mar	11.00	Easter Holy Communion

Kingsnympton

6th Mar	9.30	Mothering Sunday service
13th Mar	9.30	Holy Communion (BCP)
20th Mar	9.30	Morning Worship
25th Mar	2.30 pm	Combined Good Friday Devotion
27th Mar	9.30	Easter Holy Communion

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