



For residents of The Fairways • Greenacres • Great Woodcote Park • Holland Park  
• Old Rydon Ley • The Rydons • Rydon Lawns • Rydon Place

## Newcourt Community Centre Open Day!

September 2014 Newcourt Community Association

Dear Newcourt Resident

There's plenty been going on recently in Newcourt: construction of the new steps, lighting and footpath up from Old Rydon Lane – and work on the station.

But the BIG DEAL is surely the opening of the Community Centre on 12<sup>th</sup> July and the appointment of Hayley Toy as Centre Manager. It's a great place to run a regular club or society, a class that meets a community need, a social event, or a one-off event like a birthday party or fundraising event. We, the residents, need to cover all the running costs; so we have great rates for businesses that want to use the Centre, and lower rates for community members who want to use the building for community-centred, non-profit activities. [For information on how to book a room at the Centre, see the back page.]

A special welcome and invitation, if you have arrived in Newcourt within the last few months. We're glad you're here. We hope you'll find Newcourt a great place to live. Please join other residents for a **NEWCOMERS' TEA** on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 4pm in the Community Centre. Meet fellow residents and get to know what's going on.

A new estate is like a blank canvas. There are plenty of opportunities to shape what happens here and build friendships. So get involved in some of the events and activities mentioned in this edition of Newcourt News! Check the Centre facebook page. Join the NCA Facebook group. Sign up for the residents' email circulation list - [newcourtca@gmail.com](mailto:newcourtca@gmail.com). Help Hayley look after the Community Centre. Volunteer as a Neighbourhood Watch Street Rep. Join the next community litter pick (and bulb planting) and come early for bacon butties. Come to the Newcomers Tea, and save the date for the NCA Public Meeting on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. And if **you** have some ideas of how residents in the community can help each other, or a club or class you could run, please email me with your ideas!

Newcourt Community will be what **we** make it together!

With every good wish

*John Arkell*

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fixing NCC sign! • The Lord Mayor of Exeter • fixing NCC sign! • The Lord Mayor of Exeter • a cuppa upstairs • cake stall & a cuppa upstairs • cake stall & barbecue • bouncy castle & zumba • ping pong • zumba • ping pong

## Come & sing with the Community Choir!

The choir were delighted and surprised to win first prize in the Ashford Charity Sing-Off last November.



Singing with the **D&NCC** is fun and guaranteed to get your feet tapping. It's a great way to meet people in our community. There's no audition, you just have to live **here!**

We practise on Wednesdays 8-9.30pm during term time at the MS Centre, Clyst Heath EX2 7EY

### Interested?

Contact John & Kate  
07930 348210 or kate@arkells.net

## Look out for Japanese Knotweed

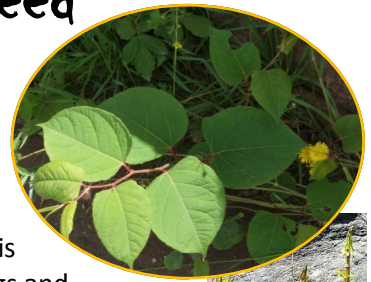
Britain's most invasive non-native plant has been seen growing in rough ground in Newcourt (see top photo). It was reported by residents and has been treated.

Japanese Knotweed was originally brought from the Far East as an ornamental plant by the Victorians. It is now widely naturalised. It causes damage to buildings and roads, is difficult to control and expensive if ignored. It smothers native plants, and spreads rapidly.

Japanese Knotweed spreads in several ways: the crown survives drying or composting and rapidly produces new canes when coming into contact with soil or water; tiny fragments of the underground stem (rhizome) can grow into a new plant; and even small broken pieces of stem will grow.

**All parts of the plant are legally controlled waste and must be disposed of correctly. It is an offence to cause it to spread into the wild.**

If you discover knotweed on the estate, contact [nature@devon.gov.uk](mailto:nature@devon.gov.uk) Find out more at [www.devon.gov.uk/knotweedbooklet.pdf](http://www.devon.gov.uk/knotweedbooklet.pdf)



You are invited to the world's biggest ...

## Coffee/Tea & Cakes

Friday 26 September

1pm-3pm

Newcourt Community Centre

- o meet neighbours
- o enjoy coffee & cake

offers of help & cakes to Jemma  
[jayjem2003@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jayjem2003@yahoo.co.uk)

**in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support**

## Newcourt Station & J Bus

Work started in July on the Station behind the play park at the junction of Omaha Drive & River Plate Road. Necessary disruption of parking for residents living on Omaha Drive, Liberty Way and River Plate Road will be kept to a minimum during this work. The earliest that trains will stop at Newcourt is December. There will be a half-hourly service to Exeter (just over 10 minutes) and Exmouth. The platform will accommodate 6 coaches. Newcourt residents will be responsible for looking after the station. **If you would like to be part of the Station Team, please contact Tony Raven** E: [t\\_raven@btopenworld.com](mailto:t_raven@btopenworld.com) or T: 875150



**THE J BUS** leaves Tesco store 8 & 38 minutes past the hour; stops in River Plate Road, Omaha Drive and Admiral Way, then via Topsham Road into Exeter and onto Pinhoe.



Come & join the

**Residents' Litter Picks!**  
**Meet at Community Centre at 10am for BACON BUTTIES**

followed by

**LITTER PICK 11am till 1pm**

**SATURDAYS**

**20 September**

...with bulb planting

**18 October**

**10 January 2015**

**14 March 2015**

- \* **Picks & Binbags provided**
- \* **Bring Gloves!**

organised by the Environment Subgroup  
[clareparkinson5@gmail.com](mailto:clareparkinson5@gmail.com)

**Two choirs Sing!**

**FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER**  
**7.30pm**

**Choir of Michelmores**  
and the

**Digby & Newcourt Community Choir**

perform a varied programme in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

**St Margaret's Church Topsham**

*Interval refreshments & retiring collection*

**NEWCOMERS' TEA!**

**Sunday 12 October**

**4pm-5.30pm**

**Newcourt Community Centre**

For all residents who have moved into the estate in the past year (children welcome with parents).

Longer-term residents - please come to welcome newcomers!

# News from PCSO Anthony Keller

Since the start of the year, we have had a couple of successful drug warrants executed, stolen property recovered, burglars caught on the run from Topsham and a whole host of other police related work. However, Newcourt continues to be a very safe area to live and bring up children, with very little crime and a vibrant community.

## M-U-G-A

I am working with a group of our youngsters to campaign for a multi-use games arena similar to those in Digby and Countess Wear. You may have signed our petition or heard about it on facebook? When we have enough signatures we

will write to Barratt, Persimmon and the Council seeking their approval for a MUGA to be built as soon as possible on the estate. We know



they have the money, they just need to spend it! If you would like to sign our petition then a copy is currently held at the community centre, or send me an email and I'll drop round.

## Community Garden

I would like to help start up a community garden on one of the pockets of unused land on the estate, possibly next to the community centre on Blakeslee Drive.



This will be a fantastic opportunity to meet new people, work together to make a safe and worthwhile place, grow flowers, vegetables, shrubs and fruit trees, have fun and make our community look good. If this is something you may be interested in, from just sharing your ideas to digging the ground for an hour or two, then please contact me. The more people involved the better and the quicker we can get things moving. Let me know what you think!

[anthony.keller@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:anthony.keller@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)



*Could we do something like this in Newcourt!?*



## Do you need a lift out of debt?

christians against poverty



CAP works to lift people out of debt and poverty and provides free debt counselling for anyone (regardless of faith or religion) through a series of home visits. This national debt counselling charity has a network of 260 debt centres based in local churches. The Exeter branch can be contacted by phoning 0800 328 0006. [www.capuk.org](http://www.capuk.org)



Do you have a community event to advertise in Newcourt News or via the Residents' email? Contact [comms@newcourtca.org.uk](mailto:comms@newcourtca.org.uk)

**PHONE 101** if you see or are on the receiving end of *any* anti-social behaviour.

**All Newcourt residents are invited to the NCA PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Monday 2 February 2015**  
**7.30 for 7.45pm**  
**Finish by 9.45pm**  
**in Community Centre**

**Trinity**  
**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY at 4**  
 All ages are warmly welcome to this lively informal service with Trinity Church followed by tea.  
 Newcourt Community Centre  
**5 October • 2 November**  
**• 7 December**  
 Begins at **4pm** & finishes at **5.30pm**.  
*Trinity is the Church of England parish church for Newcourt and Clyst Heath.*

## 'keeping an eye open for new neighbours'

When neighbours know each other, communities are safer places to live.

If **you** can be a friendly face and point of contact for people living near you if they need help; help people know they are an important part of our community; and do that for a few homes in *your* street and encourage involvement in our Neighbourhood Watch scheme - then you are well qualified to be a street rep for Neighbourhood Watch! **Interested?** Let our NW Co-ordinator Neil Bennett know - [nwatch@newcourtca.org.uk](mailto:nwatch@newcourtca.org.uk) - and come to the Street Rep meetings mentioned here→→→



## NW Street Rep meetings

*Open to any resident - especially if you think you can help. Our PCSO Anthony Keller will be with us.*

**Thursday 25 September**  
**& Thursday 20 November**  
**8pm - 9pm**  
**Newcourt Community Centre**

Contact Neil at [nwatch@newcourtca.org.uk](mailto:nwatch@newcourtca.org.uk)



## School in September 2016

The school (a Church of England Voluntary Aided primary school) will provide two forms of entry with 420 pupils across seven year groups (30 per class). It will also include a Nursery for 26 three/ four year olds and 8 two year olds. It will be sited

in the area east of Greenacres at Seabrook Orchards. A Project Steering Group has started meeting and an Interim Governing Body formed with representatives of the local community, local Church of England parish, ex-head teachers, experienced governors and Diocesan Board of Education officers. More information can be found at [www.exeter.anglican.org](http://www.exeter.anglican.org)

**WANTED!!**

### Admin Support Volunteer

Could **YOU** get involved with the Community Centre as a flexible volunteer part-time administrator? For a job description & more information, contact Hayley T: 873560 or E: [info@newcourtcommunitycentre.com](mailto:info@newcourtcommunitycentre.com)

If you want to respond to any-thing in this newsletter, email [newcourtca@gmail.com](mailto:newcourtca@gmail.com) or leave a message on 248615.

## Booking the Centre

Email [info@newcourtcommunitycentre.com](mailto:info@newcourtcommunitycentre.com) or phone 873560 (07971 084463), then fill in a booking form and pay **£25** refundable cash deposit. For more information, contact Hayley, and check the website.

Booking the Green room means you can use the main kitchen - equipped with water boiler, hob & double oven, fridge & freezer. The kitchenette upstairs serves the Orange, Blue and Red rooms. It has water boiler and small fridge. The Centre is equipped with tables and chairs, but at the moment, you will probably need to bring your own crockery & cutlery. Hirers must allow for set up and clear up times in their booking.

Hourly rates at 1 September 2014	BUSINESS	BUSINESS WEEKLY BOOKING	NON-PROFIT event/activity	SPECIAL RATE non-profit event run mainly by or for Newcourt residents
GREEN Room Ground floor	<b>£20.00</b>	<b>£18.00</b>	<b>£18.00</b>	<b>£13.50</b>
ORANGE Room First floor	<b>£17.00</b>	<b>£15.00</b>	<b>£15.00</b>	<b>£11.25</b>
BLUE Room First floor	<b>£10.00</b>	<b>£8.00</b>	<b>£8.00</b>	<b>£6.00</b>
RED Room First floor	<b>£10.00</b>	<b>£8.00</b>	<b>£8.00</b>	<b>£6.00</b>
<b>PLUS BOOKING DEPOSIT</b>	<b>£25 CASH</b>	<b>£25 CASH</b>	<b>£25 CASH</b>	<b>£25 CASH</b>

*Booking Deposit is refundable if facilities are left clean*

**A:** Newcourt Community Centre • Blakeslee Drive • Exeter • Devon • EX2 7FN **W:** [www.newcourtcommunitycentre.com](http://www.newcourtcommunitycentre.com)

### Christians in Newcourt

Christians from different churches meet together once a month (on 3rd Sunday) 4-5.30pm - for tea & cake - to pray for our community. If you live here in Newcourt and would like to come, contact Alex. All ages welcome. Children need to come with their parent/carer. [paulandalexandra@live.co.uk](mailto:paulandalexandra@live.co.uk) or 875933



## NEWCOURT babies & toddlers



...a safe & friendly place to meet and play at the heart of our community

**Newcourt Community Centre**  
**Wednesdays 10-11.30am**  
during term time

For more information, or to book a place, contact Judy, care of [newcourtca@gmail.com](mailto:newcourtca@gmail.com)

Newcourt babies & toddlers • organised and run by Christians from different churches who live in Newcourt & Digby • sponsored by Trinity - the parish church

## Brownies & Guides

A Brownie (7-10yrs) and Guide (10-14yrs) unit is running on Thursday evenings at Newcourt Community Centre. If your daughter is interested, please contact Dawn Courtney at [DDNSMM@aol.com](mailto:DDNSMM@aol.com)



Hayley Toy  
Centre Manager



### Newcourt not to scale



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