



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



Dear Resident

As a member of our growing Newcourt Community I want to welcome you to this edition of NEWCOURT NEWS. You may have been living here for a few months or a few years. Either way, as each new house becomes a home, Newcourt is growing - and we're in it together!

**What makes a bunch of houses into a community?** Is it shops, a pub, school, church building, play park? Well, we have a play park and a Community Centre; but that's about it for the moment – until September 2016, when we'll hopefully also get a school (if Councils and Developers can co-operate enough for the builders to be able to get building). Primarily though, 'community' is what happens when people are good neighbours, pull together, build friendships, and volunteer time and energy to help get things sorted, rather than wait for someone else to sort things for them. With further Central and Local Government budget cuts, the need for this will increase.

Which is why we hope you will do your best to be with us for the **Newcourt Community Association AGM on Tuesday 21st April** (see side panel) when Richard Short, Assistant Director of Exeter City Council will be speaking on the Exeter City Development plans and how they affect Newcourt. There will be time for questions and comments.

As well as the legal business, we will hear what's happening with Newcourt Neighbourhood Watch; running the Community Centre; a possible Community Garden; adopting the new Station; initiatives for younger and older members of the community; helping to ensure sensible future development and how you can play your part.

A whole bunch of residents have done much to get this far. But there are lots more ways that this community can get buzzing, with your help.

Finally, be sure to email [newcourta@gmail.com](mailto:newcourta@gmail.com) to get onto the residents' email list, so you can receive news of the latest developments in Newcourt, local activities, police and Neighbourhood Watch concerns. Check out the Newcourt Community Association [www.newcourta.org.uk](http://www.newcourta.org.uk) and join the Newcourt Community facebook page.

Remember, we're in it together!

Warmly *John Arkell*

## NCA (CIO) Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday 21 April 2015**  
7.30pm finish by 9.45pm

### Community Centre includes:

- Progress, challenges & opportunities
- Everyone can be involved
- Election of Trustees
- **Richard Short** Assistant Director, ECC City Development
- Time for Questions

### REFRESHMENTS GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES!

Annual Statement of  
Accounts & Trustees' Annual  
Report available on  
[www.newcourta.org.uk](http://www.newcourta.org.uk)

## Newcourt Station Meeting

**Tuesday 14 April**  
**7.30pm**

### Community Centre

- latest build progress
- effect on parking
- station adoption
- working with Sandy Park
- impact on residents
- benefits for all residents
- community garden

**ALL WELCOME!**

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**Chairman:** John Arkell • **Vice-Chairman:** Paul Johnson • **Treasurer:** Clive Martin • **Secretary:** Kate Arkell

**Committee:** John Arkell, Kate Arkell, Paul Brady, Anita Clover, Ken Cretney, Paul Johnson, Clive Martin, Kathryn Newbery, Trevor Parker, Clare Parkinson, Jonathan Smith, Janine Waring Partner members: Cllr Margaret Baldwin, Lesley Browne, PCSO Anthony Keller, Cllr Andrew Leadbetter, Cllr Rob Newby, Dawn Rivers

The area of Newcourt includes the late 18th Century Newcourt House, the Exeter Golf & Country Club (opened in 1929) and the former Royal Naval Supplies Depot. The RNSD was constructed in 1943 and operated by the American Navy in preparation for D-Day. It was the largest supply depot in southern England. Half of the Golf Club was acquired by the British Government for the depot. The stores depot was finally closed in 1997. Our street names reflect these links.

Thanks to resident Hannah Johnson who did some of the groundwork on this topic in a school project.

**BLAKESLEE DRIVE** takes its name from Donald Blakeslee, one of the most decorated fighter-pilots of World War II and the commander of one of the first American fighter squadrons to reach Berlin.



**OMAHA (DRIVE)** was the name chosen for one of the main landing beaches taken on by American forces on D-Day. A tough assignment, with the beach surrounded by high cliffs, booby-trapped with mines and 'dragons teeth' designed to rip out the base of landing craft. Around 3000 American troops died on Omaha beach that day.



**JACK SADLER WAY** is named after a young Exeter man, Trooper Jack Sadler (19) was killed in an explosion in December 2007, whilst serving with 4/73 Special Observation Battery, Brigade Reconnaissance Force in southern Afghanistan.

**RIVER PLATE ROAD** is named after the Battle of River Plate, the first major naval engagement in World War II in 1939.



**SEABEE WALK** The C-B's job (US Naval Construction Battalions) was to land soon after the Marines to build major airstrips, bridges, roads, warehouses, hospitals, petrol storage tanks and housing for troops.

**JUTLAND WAY** The battle of Jutland in 1916 was decisive for the Royal Navy when the British Grand Fleet collided with the German High Seas Fleet off Denmark.

**CAROLINE AVENUE** HMS Caroline was the last survivor of the battle of Jutland (WWI). She is now a memorial to those who died fighting in both World Wars.

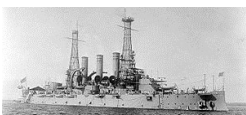


**LIBERTY WAY** A troop ship during World War II, The Liberty's construction was simple and low cost.



**CARNEGIE WALK** - named after an American escort aircraft carrier, USS Carnegie, built in 1942-43 and transferred to the UK when she was renamed HMS Empress.

**ROBERT DAVY ROAD** A Topsham shipbuilder in the 1790s, Robert Davy built 19 warships, including the Batavia. His shipyard closed in 1820. **BATAVIA DRIVE**



**RHODE ISLAND DRIVE** The battleship USS Rhode Island was launched in 1904.

**RESOLUTION ROAD** HMS Resolution was launched on 14 January 1915, the 16<sup>th</sup> ship to have that name. It also served in WW II.

**RESIDENTS' SATURDAY LITTER PICKS 2015**

**25 April    4 July    12 September**  
**7 November    12 December**

**11am till 1pm**

**Meet at Newcourt Community Centre**

- \* picks & binbags provided
- \* bring gloves
- \* all done by volunteers

No pay, but followed by coffee & cake!

clare.parkinson5@gmail.com

CALL FREE ON **0800 328 0006**  
or 01274 760839 may be cheaper from a mobile

**Weighed down by debt?**

Free debt counselling in your community from an award winning charity.

capdebthelp.org

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christians against poverty  
**CAP**  
debt help

### Primary School September 2016

The Interim Governing Body of the new Trinity Church of England Primary and Nursery School is pleased to report that the new school design is progressing well. The building contractor, Midas, has secured the contract to complete the detailed design and to build the school.



The works on site are programmed to commence mid-summer 2015 and the school is planned to open September 2016. It will be sited east of Greenacres.



### Pregnant and worried?

Confidential, caring support for those facing a crisis because of pregnancy. Contact our dedicated team of advisors for further information & appointments.  
Local helpline: **07826 715377**

## Newcourt Station

Newcourt Station is a single platform on the west side of the Avocet rail line between *Digby & Sowton* and *Topsham* on the Exeter-Exmouth route. The new station forms part of Devon County Council's 'Devon Metro' project and its main aim is reduce the amount of road traffic, to serve local residents (3,500 new homes), visitors to Sandy Park and other venues/local retailers (eg Ikea).

After many delays - slow worms; bad weather; specification changes; night maintenance trains; public holidays; lack of telephone service - **the light can definitely be seen at the end of the tunnel!**



The station has everything: Public Address system to assist visually impaired users; Passenger Information Display Screen; Shelter; Help Point; CCTV; lighting (electricity and telephone connection). Platform works were completed at the end of March; adjacent soakaway, disabled car park, footpath work, landscaping and fencing along footpath to steps is expected to be completed by the end of April. Devon County Council is very grateful for local residents' patience and tolerance during the construction.

Following completion by Dyer & Butler, there will be a further short period of snagging and final hand-over to Devon County Council (Project owners), to Network Rail (track and station owner) and then First Great Western (Train Operating Company/current franchise holder). The new FGW operating **timetable is available in May** and will include Newcourt as a scheduled stop. Local residents are forming a **station adoption team** (Friends of Newcourt Station) to help keep the station a safe, welcoming and clean environment and there are plans to establish the **Community Garden** between here and the play area.

The Avocet Line Rail Users Group (ALRUG) represents the interests of Avocet line users and works for improvements to services and facilities. It does this by dialogue and partnership with a number of bodies, including First Great Western, Network Rail, DCC and local, regional and national passenger and rail industry groups such as the Devon & Cornwall Rail Partnership (DCRP) and the Association of Community Rail Partnerships (ACoRP). Please consider joining ALRUG and have your say.

**If you would like to be part of the Station Team**, contact Tony Raven - E: [t\\_raven@btopenworld.com](mailto:t_raven@btopenworld.com) or T: 875150 Friends of Newcourt Station (Facebook): <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfNewcourtStation> Friends of Newcourt Station (Web): <https://friendsofnewcourtstation.wordpress.com/> Please email: [FONS@talktalk.net](mailto:FONS@talktalk.net) with comments/photos

## Being a good neighbour is as easy as 1-2-3

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

If you can...

1. be a friendly face and point of contact for people living near you
2. help people in a few homes in your street know they are an important part of our community
3. encourage involvement in our Neighbourhood Watch scheme

...you are well qualified to be a street rep for Neighbourhood Watch! **Interested?** Email [nwatch@newcourtca.org.uk](mailto:nwatch@newcourtca.org.uk)



## XCITE holiday Club

...is open to all children in Reception to Year 6, who will have a whale of a time looking at Jesus and Jonah.

**Monday 27 July - Thursday 30 July, 10am to 12.30pm, & Sunday 2 August at 10.30am.**

Registration forms available from Trinity Church and at Clyst Heath School by May half term holiday.

[www.trinityexeter.com](http://www.trinityexeter.com)



## Men's Circuit Training

For over 40s & under-fit!

Thursdays 6-7pm

£4.00/session

Newcourt Community Centre



## Newcourt Craft Club

Thursdays 7pm-9pm

Newcourt Community Centre

All abilities welcome. Come & meet

new people, and maybe learn a new skill.

Small fee: **£1.50**

More information email [niclisney@live.co.uk](mailto:niclisney@live.co.uk)



## POP UP CAFÉ

Wednesdays 2-4.30pm

Community Centre

Blakeslee Drive

- Come for a chat and a drink
- use the read-and-return library
- have a game of table tennis

**Tea or coffee only 50p a cup**

**Delicious biscuits, crisps, children's drinks and cakes - all at low prices!**

[info@newcourtcommunitycentre.com](mailto:info@newcourtcommunitycentre.com)

01392 873560 [If you would like to help the small team of residents in running the café, get in touch]

Trinity

**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY at 4**  
at  
**Newcourt Community Centre**

You are warmly invited to this lively and informal 45-minute service for all ages, followed by sandwiches & cakes.

**on the 1st Sunday in the month**

Begins at 4pm

Tea/coffee/squash available from 3.30pm

Trinity is the Church of England parish church for Newcourt and Clyst Heath.

## NEW RESIDENTS' TEA!

If you have moved into Newcourt in the past year consider this YOUR invitation (bring your children)

**Sunday 28 June**

**4pm-5.30pm**

**Newcourt Community Centre**

Other residents: please come and welcome newcomers!  
newcourtca@gmail.com



## PCSO Anthony Keller

With crime falling across Exeter and the force as a whole I am happy to say I have very little to report. As a team we remain quite busy day to day covering such a large area; this will only increase with summer approaching.

We attended a very positive drop-in session at the community centre in March with local residents, City Council and local housing providers. A wide range of issues were raised and some exciting new ideas discussed for the area. Another evening drop-in is planned soon.

With the railway station nearing completion, you may be concerned about increased activity in the area, especially with the rugby world cup approaching. We - alongside the NCA and railway companies - are discussing potential associated problems in order to ease them before they occur. Rest assured once things are up and running, any anti-social behaviour around the railway or station will be dealt with robustly.

There has been a recent spate of thefts from cars on the estate. All vehicles were left unlocked and items taken from inside. Please remember to lock your car and keep valuables out of sight. Let's not invite thieves to Newcourt!

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

**DIGBY and NEWCOURT COMMUNITY CHOIR**  
**Wednesdays 8-9.30pm**  
*during term time*  
**MS Centre**  
**Clyst Heath EX2 7EY**  
**Interested?**  
 Contact John & Kate  
 07930 348210 or  
 kate@arkells.net  
 There's no audition, you just have to live **here!**

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

**Wednesdays 10-11.30am**  
*during term time*

**Newcourt Community Centre**

For more information, or to book a place, contact Judy,  
 c/o  
 newcourtca@gmail.com

sponsored by Trinity church organised & run by local parents

**Christians in Newcourt**  
 Christians from different churches meet once a month on 3rd Sunday, 4-5.30pm to pray for our community. Contact Alex if you would like to come along. All ages welcome. Children need to come with their parent/carer.  
 paulandalexandra@live.co.uk or 875933



All events advertised on pages 1-4 are run by volunteers. If you have a community non-profit event to advertise in Newcourt News or via residents' email, contact comms@newcourtca.org.uk

**Community Centre**  
 Without residents volunteering the Centre would not function. If you would like to help in any way, or start something up for residents, contact office manager Hayley Toy.  
 Excellent facilities - whether for party, celebration, business meeting or training - and rates competitive.  
**Booking:** email [info@newcourtcommunitycentre.com](mailto:info@newcourtcommunitycentre.com) or phone **873560** (07971 084463), fill in a booking form and pay **£25** refundable cash deposit.  
 If you book the **Green room** you have use of the main kitchen - equipped with water boiler, fridge/freezer, hob & double oven. The upstairs kitchenette serves the **Orange, Blue** and **Red** rooms. The Centre is equipped with tables and chairs, but only limited crockery at present. Hirers must allow for set up and clear up times in their booking & take rubbish away.  
*Booking deposit refundable if facilities left clean, tidy and undamaged.*

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	£20.00	£18.00	£18.00	£13.50
ORANGE Room First floor	£17.00	£15.00	£15.00	£11.25
BLUE Room First floor	£10.00	£8.00	£8.00	£6.00
RED Room First floor	£10.00	£8.00	£8.00	£6.00
<b>PLUS BOOKING DEPOSIT</b>	<b>£25 CASH</b>	<b>£25 CASH</b>	<b>£25 CASH</b>	<b>£25 CASH</b>

**A:** Newcourt Community Centre • Blakeslee Drive • Exeter • Devon • EX2 7FN **W:** [www.newcourtcommunitycentre.com](http://www.newcourtcommunitycentre.com)  
[www.facebook.com/pages/Newcourt-Community-Centre/741134969277757?fref=ts](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Newcourt-Community-Centre/741134969277757?fref=ts)

**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 & to Pinhoe.

**Guiding in Newcourt Community Centre**  
 Thursday evenings  
**Rainbows** 5pm-6pm **Brownies & Guides** 6pm-7.30pm  
 If your daughter is interested please go to [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) 'parents' section. It will bring up all the units near to your home address. Choose 39th Exeter Rainbows/ Brownies or Guides and register your daughter. Dawn Courtney

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