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## Starting to live again

It certainly feels as if our world is getting better. By the time you read this it will probably be clear whether the bulk of restrictions will be lifted on the 21st June. The Indian variant may or may not yet de-rail our progress down the "roadmap". Sadly, even if we are able to resume something like normal life most of the rest of the world is largely going to be struggling with the pandemic. Its hard to see how some of the less developed countries are to escape for several years.

Our front cover this month highlights the re-establishment of two of the villages hospitality businesses. Ann Quon Cordingley has been to both and her articles are in the centre of this issue. We are pleased to welcome contributions from Ann who has a long, successful and well established career as a journalist in different parts of the world. She was once editor of Hong Kong's leading English-language newspaper, the South China Morning Post, and was a CNN newscaster.

The Arboretum AGM, preceded by tours and talks about its progress will take place once again on 29th of June and Crediton Arts centre is producing an outdoor production of Shakespeare's Merry Wives of Windsor in the Arboretum on Sat 10th July at 3:00pm

Other activities are starting up too. The Parish Hall AGM is to be held in the Hall, having been abandoned last year. Nikki and Mark Chambers are again hosting an open day at Sherwood in aid of the Red Cross. You will need to book; mainly because of the limited parking. They must be thanked for making their garden available to villagers to enjoy on Wednesday mornings throughout the pandemic. What an incredibly generous gesture.

## A Pioneer

The whole village is saddened to learn of the sad death of Reg Mear. As headmaster of the village school from 1957 to 1983 he made an incredible mark on the community. He was way ahead of his time in educational terms; pioneering, with the BBC exciting new learning methods in mathematics among other innovative activities.. He established the swimming pool and Newton school was regarded among the best. He and his wife, Hilda and their children made a massive contribution to the wider life of the village. He will be very much missed.

## Very sad news

Many of you will have heard already of the death of Chris Barlow on 1 May, following a traffic accident. Chris was for nearly six years an extremely helpful and efficient caretaker of the Parish Hall. He was liked by everyone and will be sorely missed by all users of the Hall and in our village community. As well as helping in the village, Chris was well known for the prominent role that he played with the Crediton Operatic and Dramatic Society, both as a performer and on the management team. All involved with the Hall express their sympathy to Heather and the family on this so sad and untimely loss.

*Roger Wilkins, Chairman, Newton St Cyres Parish Hall*

# PARISH COUNCIL REPORT ..... May 2021

The meeting, held on Zoom on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May, was attended by nine Councillors, the Parish Clerk, the Mid Devon District Councillor (Graeme Barnell), the County Councillor (Margaret Squires) and three members of the public.

This was the annual meeting that required certain roles and paperwork to be reviewed. The Chairman (Jim Enright) and Vice Chairman (Roger Cashmore) were elected to serve in those positions for another year. The existing responsibilities taken by members of the council were renewed for another year. The list of responsibilities:

Cllr Jim Enright	Chairman, Community engagement officer, Development group, Raddon Hills Parish Councils group, Parish Hall Car park group member and member of the Staff and Personnel Committee, Quality council
Cllr Roger Cashmore	Vice Chairman, Churchyard Liaison, Flood/Emergency Plan Integration Officer, Raddon Hills Parish Councils group member, Coordinator for action regarding the A377 safety issues
Cllr Damien Hodge	Arboretum Management Group Liaison, Neighbourhood Watch Officer, Risk Assessment of Assets
Cllr Liz Ouldrige	Press Officer, Allotment Officer, Neighbourhood Litter Officer
Cllr Stephen Parker	Boniface Trail Representative, Parish Footpath Officer, Raddon Hills Parish Councils group member, Responsible for the village flowers, the village green, the village benches and the telephone box containing the defibrillator by Belluno.
Cllr Gina Quicke	Development Group member, Primary School Link, Parish Hall Representative, Staff and Personnel Committee member, Risk Assessment of Assets, Nextdoor Parish Representative
Cllr Graham Scopes	Community, Speed Watch Officer, Snow Warden and Co-ordinator

Cllr Chris Southcott      Highways and Railways Liaison Officer, Recreation Ground Representative, Friends of Newton ST Cyres Station liaison, Responsible for the book exchange telephone box near The Beer Engine and the defibrillator at the Rec.

Cllr Paul Taylor          Development Group Member, Staff and Personnel Committee Member, Training Officer, Boniface Trail Representative

Parish Clerk, Jane Hole   Website/Facebook Officer,

In addition, some of the councillors take responsibility for monitoring the bus stops and notice boards around the parish. A new role is required for a Climate Emergency Officer. This new role will be liaising with Devon County Council and Mid Devon Council as they work to reducing the carbon footprint of the county. The councillors feel unable to take on this role and a suitably qualified member of the public will be approached.

The Parish Council's policies can be found on the website. These have all been reviewed. The standing orders and the financial regulations have been updated and the new documents were approved. Mid Devon District Council is bringing out a new code of conduct policy for councillors and this will be adopted when it is available.

An internal audit has been conducted of the annual spending of the council and the audit was approved by the council. The Parish Clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of moving to internet banking.

## Road Safety Issues

- The Parish Council has been investigating the possibility of purchasing and installing speed monitoring and warning signs in the village. While this is not out of the question, new regulations means that we cannot instal them permanently in one location. We have also become aware that Devon County Council has such signs and rotates them around the villages. The Parish Council decided to see if we could be included in this rotation, and if not, to consider purchasing our own.
- The pavement alongside the A377 on School Hill is still very overgrown and urgently needs clearing. This means not just cutting back growth (which was done recently) but clearing the weeds and soil that have obscured large parts of the path. The Parish Clerk was asked to write to Devon County Council to make an urgent request for this to be done.

- The Parish Clerk was also asked to write to Devon County Council about some of our other urgent concerns. These include a new SCARF test for Station Road, school warning signs for Station Road and the subsiding manhole cover near Quicke's farm
- Three volunteers will soon have completed the first part of their training to be Community Road Wardens and are qualified to carry out minor repairs. In the next phase, we will be looking for materials and other support from Devon County Council so that the wardens can undertake repairs.
- Despite being notified, Devon county Council has yet to repair the broken streetlights in the village. The County Councillor was asked to follow this up for us.
- The Mid Devon District Councillor is setting up a community action group for safety issues on the A377. He hopes to include all the parishes along the road between Cowley Bridge and Crediton. This parish has agreed to be part of the group and Councillor Jim Enright volunteered to represent us.

## The Old School Site

The Parish Council has been in discussion with the developers over this project, and there was a recent Zoom meeting open to members of the public. The plans are for eight detached houses to be built on the site. There is no current plan for there to be any affordable housing and as the site is small, there is no legal requirement for there to be any. The Council expressed concerns about this to the developer.

The entrance to the development will be from the A377, a little further to the edge of the village than the Tytheing Close entrance. A member of the public suggested that the 30mph limit sign should be moved further back, to ensure traffic was not speeding as it passed the new entrance.

## Other Planning Issues

- The church has applied for one tree to be removed and two trees to be pruned in their grounds for safety reasons. The Council supported this application.
- An application has been received for a small box and some conduit to be installed at New Bridge, Langford Road. This will be for monitoring water levels and river flow. The installation will be well concealed from the road. The Council supported this application.

- A pre-planning consultation document has been circulated for the installation of a telecommunications system on the church tower. The system will consist of four small masts, one to each side of the tower. They will be similar in colour to the tower and not protrude above it. There will be control boxes installed behind the parapet of the tower which will not be visible from the ground. These masts will significantly improve the internet/phone reception for any house that can see the church tower. The Council decided to support this application when it is submitted.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at the Parish Hall on Thursday 3rd June 2020 at 7pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend, although only a total limit of 25 people (including councillors) are permitted at the meeting. Alternatively, if members of the public wish issues to be raised in council meetings, they can contact councillors in the usual way.

Liz Ouldrige , Press Officer

## Respect the rules when out walking

We have had issues recently with dog walkers walking through fields with cows in them, which frightens the cows (who are often pregnant). We had an incident recently when the cows were driven into the Creedy River by uncontrolled dogs. This necessitated virtually all the farm team having to come to their rescue.

We must insist that people keep only to footpaths (public or permissive) and do not trespass anywhere on the Quicke estate.

In particular dogs must be on leads at all times when anywhere near cows.

For the avoidance of doubt, please note that Mary and John Quicke have given no one permission to walk where they please on the Quicke estate.

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John Quicke



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# RECREATION GROUND CLUB

I have to start with some disappointing news. In the last issue I said the Revel will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> July. Alas, I now know that it will not be going ahead.

The committee has decided that time is too short to get all the entertainment and shows confirmed. They are now working hard to have everything in place for next year.

Better news is that the Football Tournament is definitely on for Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th July. Lots of teams have already booked.

June is well booked for cricket and archery practice, and the Newton St Cyres footballers have booked two dates for their end of season presentations.

It looks like July will be much like June, but more about that next month.

With things beginning to open up at last, I hope we all manage to get a break away from home, even if it means staying close to home. We will be having a few days in Ilfracombe, and are really looking forward to it!

Wendy Lewis

## NEWTON RAMBLERS

### Sunday June 20th

Our walk this month will take in Brampford Speke and Upton Pyne. It will start from Pynes House, and follow the Exe Valley Way up to Brampford Speke from where we will take a footpath to Upton Pyne. We will then return via the bridle path past Woodrow Barton with a view across the River Exe to Stoke Woods. The walk is a mix of footpaths and lanes with one steepish, but short, stretch. We will meet at 10.00 am at the front of Pynes House by kind permission of the owners.

To find Pynes House, take the turn off the A377 opposite Bernaville Nurseries, and, after about 400 yards, where the road turns sharp left to Upton Pyne, go straight on through the gateway and bear left where the track forks.

**All are welcome to join us.** If you need a lift or would like more information please ring Nigel or Rosemary Chambers on 01392 851400.

*Please note that anyone joining these walks obviously does so at their own risk.*



# Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

Our Rusty Rackets sessions with coach Jon Wills continue to be well attended and enjoyed by all. These Saturday-morning sessions are for non-members who haven't played for some time and would like a bit of tuition and practice before committing to joining a club. Please contact Jon on 07555 505747 if you are interested.



Junior coaching on Wednesday afternoons is also doing well. There are still spaces available, so contact Laura Leigh on 01647 24259 if you would like to find out more about this.

Members have been enjoying the Spring Challenge club competition, and we will be running more club tournament throughout the summer. League matches continue, and with our various club sessions throughout the week there is something for all levels and abilities. Please see our website [www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk](http://www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk) for all information and news.

Sally Baldwin

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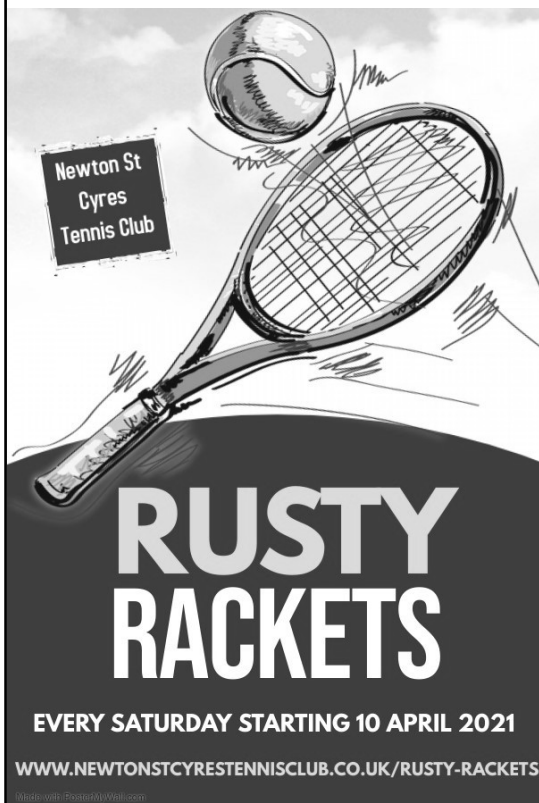
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## Fancy playing tennis again after a break?



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jrw 23@hotmail.com,  
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## Potato salad

New potatoes are good as a salad.

Boil the potatoes in salted water with mint. Drain, and when cold slice or dice.

Add a generous helping of chopped chives and finely chopped radishes. Season with freshly ground black pepper and mix with mayonnaise and a splash of cider vinegar.

Paul Cleave

## Thoughts for June from Peter Cordingley

How do you lower the window on your car? I imagine that, like me, you just press a button on the door sill, and voila! But it wasn't always like that, was it? It wasn't all that long ago that the window was controlled by a hand winder (with the exception of the car of my old physics teacher, Joby Johnson, which had cardboard windows held in place with sticky tape!).

Window winders? It got me thinking. What else did we have at one time that we don't have any more. Telephone directories, for example. Do they still print them? How about business directories in an age like now when every company has its details on the Internet? In the days before recycling, you couldn't get rid of old directories. So they piled up over the years to the point that they served as emergency seating around the family Christmas table.

I remember once regretting to a friend that I hadn't been smart enough to invest in fax machine technology. Every company and many people had one, including, in the early days, machines that used those rolls of greasy paper (was it called thermal paper?) that faded after a month or so. Very irritating! When was the last time you saw a fax machine, though I'm told that some of the offices in the RD&E still use them, or at least still publish their details.

My mum and dad used to have a full set of Encyclopedia Britannicas. Many other families did too and still may, I suspect. Wonderful publications, gorgeous pieces of work, but astonishing space eaters in a council house like ours. And then one day they were gone - donated to a village raffle. Incredible, isn't it, that the full content of those books is now available on a device that fits into your pocket.

Road trips to unknown places were virtually impossible at one time without a navigator equipped with a fold-up map. They offered only a fraction of the help that a modern in-car GPS provides, but, boy!, they were ingenious publications. What a pity they didn't come with instructions on how to fold them back up again!

Getting away for a holiday this summer? If so, you're likely to be taking plenty of photos. But one thing I doubt you'll be doing is removing the film from the back of the camera and taking it to Boots or somewhere similar to get it processed. But that's what we did, didn't we, and then wait two weeks to collect the prints. Two weeks! Two seconds now. But the downside of the digital camera in your phone is that the shots most often stay there and never make it to an album.

Last thought: If you have any of these objects and they are in good condition, think about having them assessed for sale value. Even some everyday, run-of-the-mill items from the past have begun to interest collectors. So don't throw away that old Underwood typewriter just yet. Nor that ridiculous "portable" TV with antennae on the top. There's cash in the past.

## PARISH HALL OPENING and AGM

I'm pleased to report that the Parish Hall has been open on a restricted basis since Monday 17th May. According to the present plan, fuller opening with few restrictions will take place from 21 June, at the beginning of Step 4. Please contact Mary Long (01392 851624; marylong@bitinternet.com) to make a booking.

The AGM will take place in the Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 30th June. This will be our first physical meeting for a long time and we welcome attendance from all villagers and, in particular, users of the Hall.

This will provide an opportunity to discuss how we best continue to develop the Hall, so that it can make the fullest contribution to our community. There may be opportunities to do things differently or launch new activities now we are hoping to get out of the Covid pandemic. *We want your ideas.*

Also, we need to rethink how cleaning and caretaking is best done, following the sad death of Chris Barlow (see elsewhere in this Newton Wonder). Offers to join the Committee or to help in other ways would be much appreciated. Please contact me or any other committee member.

Roger Wilkins,  
Chairman, Parish Hall Committee, 01392 851337

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We are instructing our Collectors to observe social distancing and observe Government restrictions. The Collectors will have bank details for the 200 Club for you to pay on-line or alternatively, please arrange to pay cash safely to your Collector.

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Any queries and new members, please contact Jane or Brian.

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Newton St Cyres History Group has an ever-growing library of publications. What better way to occupy your hours during this continued period of isolation and social distancing!

- **Newton St Cyres - A Village Story (£5)**

Compiled by residents of this village in 1999 (the green 'millennium book') containing a wealth of reproduced photographs.

- **Newton St Cyres Historical Village Walks (£1)**

Four brief walks around the Village, the Western Bluff, West Town and Station Road with maps and an explanation of the road cuttings, levelling and straightening.

- **Newton St Cyres Mining and Miners (£1)**

Our mining heritage, both manganese, claimed to be "the first commercially successful manganese mines in the world!", and lead & silver up on Tin Pit Hill that may go back to Roman times.

- **Newton St Cyres Church - Statement of Significance (£2)**

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- **Memories of Boyhood in a Devon Village (£3)**

Written by Alfred Abraham, born in Newton St Cyres in 1893. He shares his memories growing up in the village at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

- **Newton St Cyres in the 1940s & 1950s (£5)**

Originally written by Stella Cork, born in Newton St Cyres in 1934 and the daughter of the village postmaster. She gives a remarkable description of families in the village and an insight into village life.

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# **Bert Jewell writes Rhymes and Ways about Gardens and Gardening**

## **June**

In the garden at night, when it's quiet and dark,  
The slugs and the snails all leaving their mark  
As they glide to the banquet of fresh green shoots,  
While the vine weevils gorge on the underground roots.

And the mole on the lookout for a worm or two,  
Leaving hills here and there as it tunnels on through  
The soil that lies beneath your well-kept lawn,  
I'll get that blighter, I hear you warn.

As the runner beans race to the top of their canes,  
Helped on by the occasional shower of rain,  
The blackfly appear, they are holding on tight,  
Did they really turn up under cover of night.

Now the carrots, they're looking the best they have been,  
With the leaves all ferny, healthy and green,  
But is there carrot fly below? Will the crop be a waste  
Or will they leave just a few, at least for a taste.

So, are we off to the shops to see what they sell  
To control these pests that we know so well  
Or give nature a hand in helping us grow  
The plants that we love, the seeds that we sow.

## **Things to do in the June garden**

First, I must tell you that we have permission to extend the bungalow. The plans were passed in mid-May and maybe, just maybe, by the time you read this we will have started knocking down the old flat-roofed kitchen. We have to get the gas and electric meters moved as well. That could take time. Fingers crossed, all will go well.

My poem this month is based on pests in the garden, and for me slugs and snails have to come top of the list. This is the time of year when they do the most damage, on freshly planted bedding, new shoots on perennials like hostas, for example. I find the best way to



grow hostas in containers. A nice-sized pot stood on feet to keep the bottom off the ground, with a ring of Vaseline smeared around the bottom 2", should keep the plants slug free. There are also nematodes available that will control slugs in and on the soil, but they are not so effective against snails.

There is also a nematode for vine weevil. The adult is a small, dark-brown beetle with a y-shaped nose, responsible for nibbling notches out of leave edges. If you see one of these beetles, you can be sure that somewhere in the garden you will have the larvae. The larvae are white, maybe with a light brown head and are always in the shape of a C. They eat the roots of many plants, including polyanthus, heuchera and the corms of begonias and cyclamen.

If you grow any sort of bean, the chances are they will attract blackfly, one of the many aphids. These can be dealt with on runner beans by gently running your finger and thumb along the affected stem. It is usually the growing tip on broad beans that is affected, so these can be pinched out.

I have been asked if ants kill aphids. The answer is no. They actually farm them. Aphid droppings are sweet (honeydew)

A lot of people no longer grow carrots because of carrot fly, but there are things that can be done to help keep the roots clear. I grow either risistafly or flyaway and I start them off in toilet roll centres, three seeds per centre. This makes thinning easy. The crushing of the leaves is what attracts the fly. As soon as the seeds germinate, I remove the two weakest plants and plant the remaining one, centre and all in the garden. Because the flies only fly about 2' above the ground, a barrier of fleece could be fixed around the carrot bed.

Try to encourage wildlife into the garden, such as hedgehogs, blue tits, robins and ladybirds. These all help to control pests in and around plants.

## Plant of the month

### **"Crataegus Prunifolia",**

One of the hawthorn family, with showy white flowers in spring followed by large red berries. It also has very good autumn colour. It will grow in most soil and weather conditions. Grows to between 15ins and 25ins, depending on conditions. Enjoy your gardening!



## The woes of a District Councillor – trying to get things done!

I've reached the half way stage in my first four year stint as a District Councillor. It's been a steep learning curve, as the cliché goes. The fun bit has been helping neighbours to sort issues and difficulties on a whole range of topics, mostly to do with housing, planning and the like. It's been good to get to know more and more people and to be able to help them sort life's difficulties. It's kept me going during the COVID lockdown.

The harder and more frustrating part of the job involves trying to achieve improvements in public services like planning, highways and road safety, and also working to protect our countryside from overdevelopment and industrialisation. It's sometimes been rewarding but it has also often been a frustrating two years trying to get things done on these fronts, so I thought I'd share some reflections on the subject of achieving changes most of us want to see.

First of all, though, I want to thank all the different friends, neighbours and others who have helped and supported me over my first two years. Your encouragement has been and will remain so important in my overcoming discouragement and in preventing me from retreating into the more comfortable worlds of choral singing, gardening and local history.

Special mention goes to Jim Enright and the other members of Newton St Cyres Parish Council. Though, inevitably, we have not always seen eye to eye, the support and partnership of the Parish Council has been continuing and essential. They have shared, and continue to share, the frustrations and joys of seeking improvements in services for our community.

Excuses for inaction and how do deal with them

"There is no money".

"There isn't the need"

"You don't have the evidence"

"You are not a priority"

"You had your share".

"We sympathise but what they're doing is legal".

"We don't do that" (when they clearly do do that!)

I thought I'd list just a selection of the excuses I've routinely received from different local and central government agencies over the two years. Sometimes it's good to even get an excuse as a response. Like many people who are not councillors I'm also ignored often by officials who either don't give a damn or believe you can be safely discounted.

I've learned some tough lessons about being an active local councillor. Here are seven. You may have more! If they sound familiar, that's because they affect all of us at different times in our lives.

First lesson. Don't take what you're told at face value. It's amazed me how easy it is to be fobbed off by excuses, especially when the fobbing off is being done by an official or politician who looks and sounds important. Do some digging and finding out. Very often, when you're being emphatically told that such and such is definitely so, you find out later that it isn't so after all!

Second lesson. "No money" is always the first excuse you're given when you want to do something useful. Don't believe it! There is always money. It's just that the someone who controls the money doesn't (just yet) want to spend it on what you want. The trick is to find out where the money is held and how to win some of it. I'm still working on my skills with this one, especially on the last bit!

Third Lesson. Don't be discouraged by being turned down. Be polite but also persistent. Dogged determination may be required!. Don't get angry or rant but be prepared to make a nuisance of yourself. I'm still working on not getting angry and not ranting!

Fourth lesson. Be brave. If you're being ignored, escalate by using the rights and avenues open to everyone who is not getting a service. This is hard and you won't win any prizes for popularity, but sometimes it's better to win respect and get results.

Fifth lesson. Don't try to do things on your own. I've learned that "My Way" is for fans of Frank Sinatra. Find friends and allies. There are always others who are prepared to get involved and work with you. This way I've met some good people who often are not of the same political persuasion as myself.

Sixth lesson. Don't tilt at windmills. It's nearly as daft as banging your head against a wall. It looks silly and can hurt. Flogging a dead horse is even less productive and can get you arrested. Back off and rethink.

Seventh lesson. You may not be right after all! Other people may well know more that you do. Be prepared to accept that, be prepared to rethink and to change your mind. That's another thing I'm still working on.

If your feeling brave, do tell me how you think I'm doing and how I might get better at it!

Here's looking forward to the next two years.

Onwards and Upwards!

Cllr Graeme Barnell

## NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP



### A History of the Chapel and Hospital of St Lawrence at Crediton 1242-1921

The talk in April was our hundredth meeting, and it is 11 years since the group began early in 2010. This feels like a landmark, but in the current situation we are not able to hold any celebrations. Our talks remain online until further notice.

This time our speaker was Tony Gale, who has done a great deal of research into Crediton's past. He is involved in Crediton U3A, as well as CAHMS (Crediton Area History and Museum Society).

I wonder how many of you will know St Lawrence's Chapel, tucked away to the west of Crediton, between Western Road and Landscore/Threshers? It is hard to find and hard to see, but Tony has, over some years, been finding out all he can about this lovely little building. Much of his information came from the records of CAHMS, and he has gone from the ancient to the relatively modern, because, as he explained, the building is both these things.

St Lawrence's Green, at the end of the High Street, is more familiar to most of us, and is one of the three locations with this name, the others being the Chapel and Hospital. An annual fair on the Green was first recorded in 1231, when Henry III granted a license to Walter, Bishop of Exeter, to hold it on the Feast of St Lawrence, 10<sup>th</sup> August. Fairs were an important event in the local community, and although they were often associated with one particular commodity, there would be many stalls offering food and drink, and a holiday atmosphere would develop, as well as lucrative opportunities. The year 1231 was also when Crediton was granted status as a borough, allowed to hold fairs and markets.

Tony has an idea that there was already some association with St Lawrence in this part of Crediton, but the first record of the Chapel is in 1242, with permission for a 'hermitage' (in the original Latin 'recluserio') next to the Chapel of St Lawrence near Crediton. Clearly, the Chapel already existed. In 1249 there is a record of four land bequests to Brother Nicholas, Master of the Hospital at Crediton. Tony asked us to think about a hospital in the 13th century, when it included the functions we think of as Hospitality, Hostel/Hotel and also Hospital. Thus a medieval hospital would look after the sick and elderly, as well as providing food and drink and shelter for travellers.

By the 14th century, St Lawrence's Chapel and Hospital was run by the Trinitarians. They were an Order of Friars, founded in 1198 specifically to pay ransoms for Christians held captive by Muslims. This was the age of the Crusades and so many Europeans, pilgrims and warriors, travelled to the Holy Land. The Trinitarians were Hospitallers, one

of the Orders that helped pilgrims and also the sick, disabled and aged, and they took over 10 existing hospitals in England, including Crediton and Totnes. It seems that here the bishopric still held the right of appointment, the first recorded one being when Bishop Grandison of Exeter appointed the Trinitarian friar William Allerton as Warden of St Lawrence Chapel in 1332. Records show other appointments continuing through to 1455, referring to the position of Warden or Custodian. Tony reflected that the use of these secular job descriptions emphasises the importance of the Hospital above the religious aspect of the Chapel.

Suggestions in secondary sources suggest that St Lawrence Chapel may have been a leper hospital, but Tony has found no evidence at all of this. Certainly, many hospitals did treat lepers, and it was not an uncommon disease, but it seems unlikely that St Lawrence, situated so near to the borough and to a fair would have specifically been a leper hospital.

In the 16 century, the religious changes in England had their effect on St Lawrence's Chapel. In 1523 there is a record of lands formerly held by the Chapel being given to the local church, but other lands were still held and there was still a 'Custodian'. The year 1544 is the last reference to a 'Fraternity' there. The Dissolution of the Monasteries and Friaries ended the religious use of the Chapel and in 1547 it is referred to as the 'Manor of Crediton St Lawrence'.

Its buildings and lands formed a substantial estate and also included properties in and around the town. In the 1590s, Queen Elizabeth granted the Manor of Crediton to William Killigrew, one of her courtiers, and the Manor of St Lawrence was included in this gift. He had a survey drawn up, including a map, and so Tony was able to show us exactly which areas belonged to the Manor of St Lawrence in 1598, and thus probably when it was still a religious foundation before the Reformation.

For the next two centuries the Chapel fades into obscurity and the only mention Tony has found is in 1743, when close study of a map reveals that St Lawrence's Chapel was converted into dwelling houses. By the middle of the 19th century there was a revival of interest in old buildings amongst antiquarians, and the Rev Samuel Rowe, vicar of Crediton, described the building and the few remaining traces of its medieval religious origins in its east and west windows.

Tony now reached the 'Relatively Modern' part of his account of St Lawrence. In 1914 Mrs Ellen Camilla Drake, of Winswood in Crediton, bought St Lawrence with the aim of restoring it in memory of her husband, who had recently died. A photograph shows the building at this date, looking like a row of three small cottages. Tony also showed a photo of the Title Deeds, with the access and the gardens to the front more or less as they are today. Mrs Drake commissioned the architect Sir Charles Nicholson to carry out the work. He had a considerable reputation as a skilled and accurate restorer, who was very well respected and had done some high-profile restorations, using traditional designs and materials.

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Victorian church architects enthusiastically destroyed ancient heritage in their restoration work, but Nicholson's approach was very different. He undertook the work in 1920-1921. Surprisingly and fortunately, some of his drawings for the project turned up in some unsorted papers held by CAHMS. They specify that the roof was to be removed, along with the front wall, and the south façade was to be redesigned with a door and lancet windows in keeping with a medieval chapel. Tony showed us a photo of Nicholson's sketch of the flooring which was faithfully carried out and is there today. The external works were also stipulated, and include the cobbled path which approaches the building, turfed areas, and the attractive Arts and Crafts gate.

Now Crediton parish church pays for the running costs of St Lawrence, and the church governors are responsible for repairs and maintenance. There is an active Friends group.

This completes the story of St Lawrence's Chapel, built around 800 years ago and extensively restored 100 years ago. Tony has written a booklet about St Lawrence and it is available from CAHMS. At the moment the museum is still closed. However, his talk is available to watch on Youtube on the Crediton library site <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtI1lhVmsNw> (or type Crediton Library Tony Gale St Lawrence into your search engine) and he gives details of a postal address to buy his booklet at the end.

Our thanks go to Tony for his clear, well-illustrated and detailed talk.

Isobel Hepworth

## NEXT HISTORY GROUP MEETING

### Family, Church and Country - Stories from the Memorials

Covid permitting, the Newton St Cyres History Group will be holding its first 'in person' meeting for a very long time. The place: the church. The date and time: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. We are so looking forward to having proper meetings again that all can join in.

We intend this to be a friendly home-produced meeting, without screens and projectors. It has a rather a grand title, but, actually, the memorials provide a rich source of stories of the lives and influence of those to be remembered. The stories will be relayed by Isobel Hepworth and Jean Wilkins and are from the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries. Brian Please will connect them together, drawing on events in the church, the village and the country.

As usual, all are welcome, and it would be good to see new members of our village community. A donation of £2 would be appreciated.

We intend that this should be run on a Covid-cautious basis, so please have a mask available and expect us to take information for track and trace purposes.

## 100<sup>th</sup> WRITE UP for the NEWTON WONDER

When Isobel Hepworth volunteered to write up each History Group meeting for the Newton Wonder more than ten years ago, I doubt if she still expected to be doing it now. She is fantastically good at it and we all appreciate her reports. They may be found on the Newton Wonder web site and are a very useful collection of information.

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## Summer Drama in the Arboretum

### The Merry Wives of Windsor: Sat 10 July at 3 pm

The rogue knight Falstaff is in love...with two women! Or is he? Perhaps he is just, once again, looking out for the main chance, on the make, tricking and conning his way to someone else's wealth and property? Shakespeare's only comedy set in England, this clever and funny play is one of his cleverest, with elements of farce, intrigue, revenge, fairy magic and a hint of tragic sentimentalism mixed in. The characters are amongst the best-drawn in the canon - Falstaff's lazy rapsallion followers Bardolph, Nym and Pistol; the two husbands, jealous and suspicious Frank Ford contrasting with faithful and trusting George Page; the faded gentry of Shallow and Slender; the mischievous Host of the Garter Inn; the thwarted young lovers Anne and Fenton; gentle Mistress Quickly, who wants to help everyone; the cartoonish Welsh priest Evans and outlandish Frenchman Dr Caius, each mangling the English language in their own unique way; the Merry Wives, Alice and Meg, sister tricksters in mind and soul; and Sir John Falstaff, the con-man conned, the hunter turned prey, his come-uppance all the sweeter for his knavish arrogance.

On Saturday 10 July at 3.00pm in Newton St Cyres Arboretum, Crediton Arts Centre present their adaptation of The Merry Wives of Windsor, set in the 1920s with an Art Deco set and period costume and music, with a cast of fifteen plus two musicians. Tickets are available online from the [www.ticketsource.co.uk/creditonartscentre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/creditonartscentre) and from the Arboretum Committee on 01392 851337. Tickets are £5 per head, with children under 12 free. Audience are encouraged to bring picnic blankets (and picnics), folding chairs etc. Social distancing should be observed where appropriate. Park in the Parish Hall Car Park for short walk to the Arboretum.

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# They're Back – So Cheers and More!

By Ann Quon Cordingley

With the recent lifting of all restrictions on pubs and restaurants, the Beer Engine and Belluno are back in business again – just in time for the summer peak season.



Louis and head chef Engli at Belluno

“We are happy to see most of our customers coming back and thanks to their support, we are still here,” said Belluno general manager, Louis Toska.

“It’s been very positive,” enthused Will Maltby of the Beer Engine. “We have had a good turnout from regulars and new customers we have never seen before.”

The easing of lockdown has seen a welcome steady stream of customers for both places. These cornerstone village establishments were among the first victims of the pandemic when lockdowns began over a year ago and all pubs and restaurants were forced to close. “It was very tough,” said Louis. “Some of us had no income since we shut, so it has been very tough and stressful. But like everyone else in the restaurant business, we had to keep going.”

The government furlough scheme provided much needed relief, allowing both premises to keep core full-time staff. The Beer Engine’s Will and Vicki agree they couldn’t have survived without government support. “The government gave us fantastic support through the bounce-back loan and the furlough scheme. We also got grants through the Mid-Devon Council all the way through,” said Vicki.

As tough as lockdown was, it did have an upside. Before Covid, the long hours with Will at front of house and Vicki in the kitchen, meant little time for their young family. “The lockdowns enabled us to spend a lot of time together and to put the kids to bed every evening. It was fantastic – a bit of normality for a while,” said Will. “We have a little garden we were able to spend time in and we also went on holiday to Italy last year when travel restrictions allowed.”



Belluno - showing the new canopies

Lockdown was also a chance to make changes, with both establishments investing heavily in refurbishments in anticipation of outdoor dining resuming in April.

Belluno, which first opened in 2018, already had an outdoor garden area that it further beautified/enhanced. “We invested a lot of money to transform the garden with new umbrellas, tables and canopies,” said Louis. Regulars will also notice other changes. Head chef Engli has refreshed the menu with new and seasonal dishes on the menu.

At the Beer Engine, the changes were more radical. An under-utilised lower courtyard is now dominated by a sprawling, heated all-weather high-tension canopy –big enough to seat over 100, and a new downstairs sports bar that is set to open in June. The familiar upstairs dining area will remain closed, at least for now.

The scheme is part of the pair’s plan to re-establish perceptions of the Beer Engine to that of a pub first and foremost and not an eatery that sells beer. “We want to get across to people that we are a pub that sells beer and drink and we want people to come here to drink. If they want to come and eat, they can. We have got to make sure we strike the right balance and that’s what the tent and new sports bar downstairs will enable us to do,” said Will.

It shouldn’t be hard to put the emphasis on beer. The Beer Engine already has a wide reputation for brewing its own beer on premises – 14 at last count, with 10 ales on



Inside the new Stretch Canopy



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tap at any one time. It wants customers to feel free to pop in just for a drink any day of the week and not feel they have to have a meal. To reinforce this, food will be served on weekends from Friday to Sunday and scaled up on weekdays, depending on demand.

Over at Belluno, owner Salvatore Toti must be confident the decision he made three years ago to convert the former Crown and Sceptre into a good quality, well priced Italian restaurant was the right one. Judging by the crowds at both Belluno and the Beer Engine during recent visits, the village is fortunate to have both.

With the peak summer period around the corner, the owners of the Beer Engine and Belluno are staying positive despite the emergence of a new Covid variant and the risk of another lockdown.

"We want everyone to come back and forget about this Covid business," said Bellunos' Louis.

Said Will: "We've got a huge range of things such as beer festivals and summer festivals we'd like to do, but we can't run until we can walk. We have to use the time between now and the end of September to get ourselves back and re-establish ourselves as the Beer Engine"

The Beer Engine and Belluno are back , so bring on summer! --

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## **The Beer Engine's doors are open again – but what's behind those doors is not what most people have known. Mine hosts Will and Vicki Maltby have a new vision, as they told Ann Quon Cordingley**

### **How would you describe the way forward?**

I think there was a misconception among some people that they didn't feel comfortable just to come here for a drink. They felt it was more of an eatery, so this is definitely our opportunity to reverse that.

We want to be a pub that serves great food. Not a gastropub because that is predominantly food led. We want to get across to people that we are a pub, a brewery pub that sells beer and drink and we want people to come here to drink and have fun. But if they want to come and eat, they can. We have got to make sure we strike the right balance, and that's what our tent and the new sports bar downstairs will enable us to do.

It's going to take a while for people to recognise that we are not open for food seven lunchtimes a week, or that they can't eat in the inside dining area until maybe July or even September.

By the hoped-for lifting of all the restrictions on 21<sup>st</sup> June, we should be able to offer something seven days a week, whether it's drink on two of the days and food on four of the days. But it isn't going to go back to what it was. There won't be any more Monday lunchtimes because to do food seven days a week is not financially viable.

### **Has the menu changed?**

It's the same Beer Engine classics and favourites, but a slightly reduced version. With reduced staff in the kitchen, obviously we produce as much as we can, but there's a limit. Pre-Covid, there were five chefs but now there's three, including Vicki.

We want to push the emphasis this summer on smaller plates of food and sharing to make it more communal because we believe people will want to be together. What better way than having food that you can all share?

### **Indoor dining has been allowed since 17th May. What are your plans?**

The problem is that it is still table service so we still have to sit everyone at a table. So if we were to open inside, it will be hard to keep it full all the time and maintain the same atmosphere. And we will need extra staff. So our plan is to keep the indoor dining area closed for a bit and wait for our staff to come back as a lot of them are university students who come back for the summer holidays.

### **You plan to open a new sports bar downstairs?**

Yes. In the '80s and '90s it used to be a bar with live music. That closed in the late-90s and we are re-opening it as a sports bar.

## **How has business been since the easing of the lockdown to allow diners to eat outside from 11 April?**



Will and Vicki Maltby at the Beer Engine

Very positive. We have had a good turnout from people we would expect and new customers who we have never seen before. Social media does a wonderful thing through word of mouth and the few posts that we do has allowed people to share social media posts. We have a big social media following across Instagram and Facebook of about 3,500 people.

Social media allows us to get the message out to people. We are still getting phone calls from people asking if we are open yet or when are we open. When you live in the middle of nowhere or you are not on the internet, you don't know, so it is very hard to reach people.

We are also updating our website. We were hacked for a little while. The people who were hacking us were selling German Viagra; you know, book your brewery tour, buy some Viagra and have a good time, haha. That is all sorted now.

### **Tell us about the changes you have made?**

The tent downstairs obviously is the biggest one. It's a heated high-tension stretch canopy that has been custom made, and we have tailor made the lower terrace into a workable all-year-round space. We have increased the covers by three times what they were. When social distancing ends, it will be over 100 covers.

### **How did you cope during the lockdown?**

We did takeaway beer and food and it was very well received with a great turnout of support.

The government gave us fantastic support through the bounce-back loan and the furlough scheme. We also got grants through the Mid Devon Council all the way through and they were very good at reminding us about when they were coming out.

All the full-time staff were furloughed. When we closed down we had 20 full- and part-time staff but could only furlough the full-time staff.

On a personal level we had an amazing time. We were able to be a family. In this industry, because of the hours, Will didn't see our son Alfred. And when I was working in the kitchen, our other son Max used to eat his dinner at the kitchen counter.



The lockdowns enabled us to spend a lot of time together and to put the kids to bed every evening. It was fantastic. It was a bit of normality for a while. We have a little garden which we were able to spend time in. We also went on holiday to Italy last year when travel restrictions allowed us to.

### **How much did you spend on the refurbishment?**

We have made a sizeable investment, but it was pragmatic and one we envisage coming back to us quickly. You know, this last lockdown enabled us to take a step back and look at our business and how we ran it. It wasn't until this last lockdown that we felt that enough is enough. The weather's bad, we can't enjoy the sunshine, so let's knock down some walls – and we knocked them all down.

In the next month, we've got to get the downstairs sports bar open and that will tie in nicely with the end of restrictions. Then we can have a nice summer of live sport, with people drinking.

We've got a huge range of things such as beer festivals and summer festivals that we'd like to do, but we can't run until we can walk. We have to use the time between now and the end of September as a time to re-establish ourselves as the Beer Engine. There's no limit to what we can do now. We can do BBQs, we can do live music – we can do anything!

### **A MOO-VING EXPERIENCE AT NEWTON HOUSE!**

It was round-'em-up time for a while at Newton House when more than 200 cows escaped from a field off Station Road and went for a stroll in the grounds of the house. The beasts wandered around at will for a while, in one case taking a cheeky look through the window of one startled resident as she worked. With farm workers doing their best to control the situation and Newton House residents quickly learning the science of cattle herding, the cows were finally guided off the premises. Miraculously, relatively little damage was caused, although the cattle left copious reminders of their presence on the lawns.



Picture by Phei Dyer)

# Newton St Cyres Gardening Club

After such a prolonged dry spell, mid-May provided us with more rain that we knew what to do with! All the water butts filled up to overflowing, all watering cans and bendy buckets served as additional water holding containers, and the pond was fully topped up. In addition there was an incredible hailstorm on 11<sup>th</sup> May.

A lot has been discussed about a shortage of bedding and basket plants this year, due to the increased interest in gardening. How about doing something different and using a hanging basket for your salad crops? Not only will you be able to position them close to your kitchen, but slugs and snails will be tempted by ground plants rather than the climb up to those in your basket.

Comfrey is growing well now. The plant has very deep roots, which means it extracts large quantities of nutrients from deep below the surface of the soil that are inaccessible to many other plants. As these nutrients are stored in the leaves, they are really useful as a basis for a homemade liquid feed, to help other plants flourish throughout the summer. The leaves can also be used as a compost activator or mulch. To make the liquid feed (or Comfrey Tea) first ensure you wear gloves to protect your skin as the leaves do contain an irritant!

Remove flowers and any thick stems, cut the leaves, bruising them well, and place them in a large bucket with a brick on the top before covering with water. Also cover the bin as there will be an awful smell produced during the rotting process! After four weeks the liquid will be ready to strain. The amount of water using in the rotting process will determine the dilution rate for use, but aim for the colour of weak tea. Any remaining leaves can be added to the compost bin. Comfrey plants produce masses of flowers which provide nectar and pollen for bees and the many other types of pollinating insects. Varieties to look out for include:-



Symphytum-moorland-heather

- Symphytum 'Goldsmith'. With green, gold and cream-marked leaves and pale blue and cream flowers.
- Symphytum ibericum. With large dark green leaves and creamy yellow flowers.
- Symphytum x uplandicum 'Variegatum'. Slender, pointed grey-green leaves with creamy white edges and pale lilac-pink flowers.
- Symphytum x uplandicum 'Moorland Heather'. Green leaves with dark violet flowers.
- Symphytum 'Rubrum'. A less vigorous variety with deep green leaves and small pinkish flowers.

Reversion on variegated plants such as Euonymus is when a shoot grows without variegation. The stems can revert back to an original non-variegated form of the plant, which is locked in its genes. June is a good time to check for such shoots and to prune them out, back to a healthy variegated stem. As they contain more chlorophyll, they grow more vigorously than the others, and if left they could take over by out-competing the weaker variegated growth.



Euonymus with reverted shoot



Foxgloves

June is also a good time to sow biennials, so that they will be decent-sized plants ready to flower next summer. Biennial plants live for two years, producing foliage one year, followed by flowers the next year. You can

sow seeds from June to mid-July in module trays filled with seed compost or multi-purpose compost mixed with Perlite. Water them with a fine rose and place the trays somewhere warm and sunny, but out of the midday sun. The seedlings can then be transferred to 3 ½" pots and continue to water, checking regularly for slugs and snails. In early September they can be planted out in your chosen growing position. Plants include Forget-me-nots, Sweet Williams and Foxgloves, and they will also often self-seed in beds and borders.



Following on from last month's advice on taking Hebe cuttings, in June you could increase your stock of other plants by taking soft shoot cuttings. Always make sure you use a sharp clean knife. Fuchsia cuttings can be taken from new non-flowering shoots by cutting back to the stem or just above a leaf. Trim the base of the cutting to just below a leaf and remove the lower leaves so that you have just two sets of opposite leaves left, at the top of the cutting. You can then insert the cuttings around the edge of a pot of cutting compost, firm them in and water. Rooting normally takes place within 3-4 weeks in a propagator and you should get flowers by late summer.

Similarly you can take cuttings from your Penstemons in June. Again take your cutting from a healthy shoot without flower buds - if all of the shoots have flower buds it is best to remove the buds so that the energy goes to producing roots. Strip off the lower leaves and make a cut under a leaf joint. As with the fuchsias, insert the cuttings around the edge of a pot - this time with an equal mix of multi-purpose compost and sharp sand. Firm in, and then water. A plastic bag over the pot of cuttings, held in place with an elastic band, will act as an individual propagator keeping the moisture in. Keep in a light position but avoid direct sunlight.

### WHAT'S ON IN JUNE?

With restrictions easing, why not have a break from your own garden and enjoy the opportunity to look at the work of others? OK, so you probably will be tempted and come home with more new plants but you're worth it, aren't you!

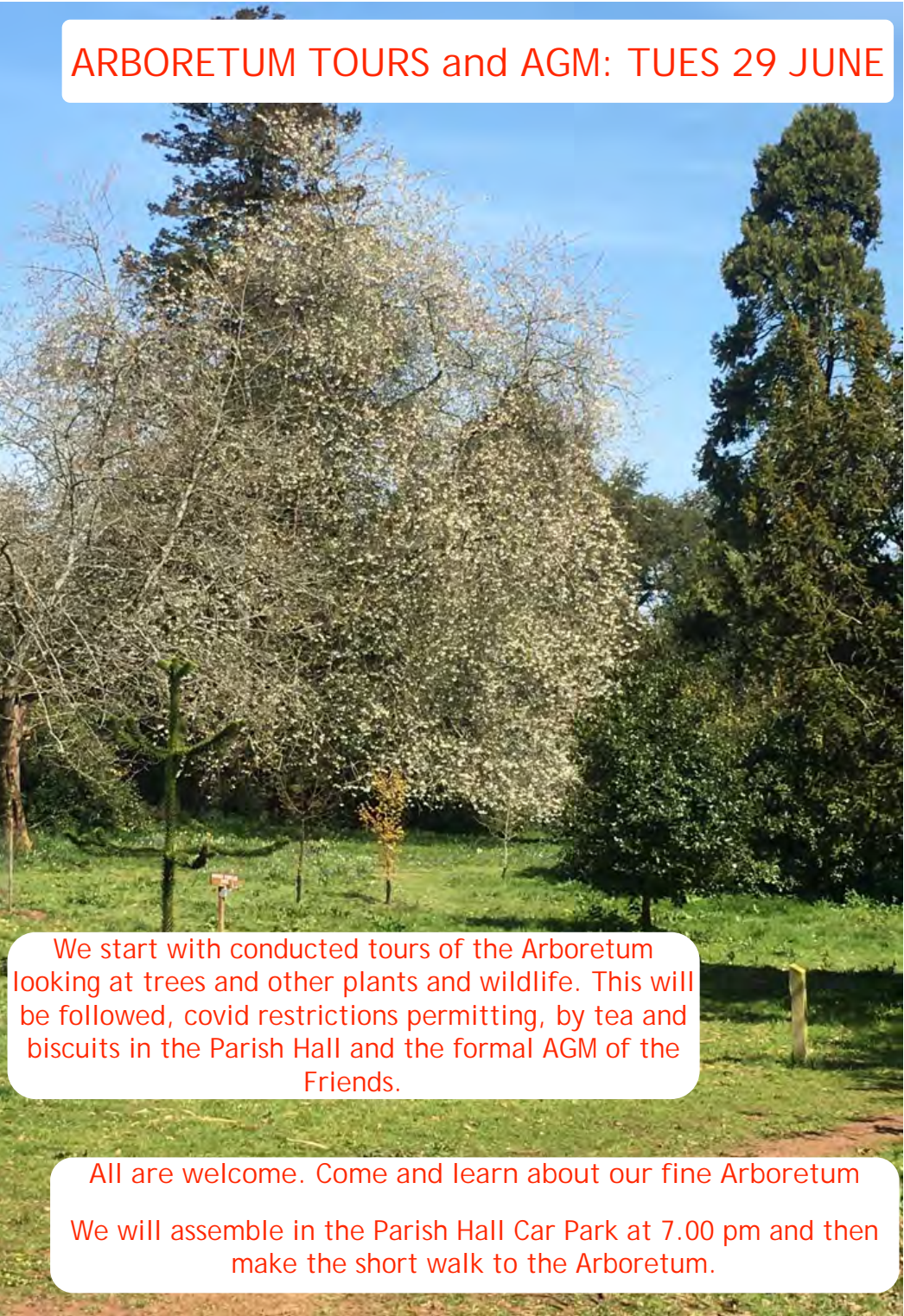
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June sees the welcome return, of Toby's Garden Festival in the wonderful setting of Powderham Castle. The festival is open from 10am-5pm each day and will include displays and sales from award winning nurseries, heritage wood crafts, and informative talks on roses, succulents, herbaceous perennials, rewilding, vegetable growing and gardening organically. There will also be local food and drink producers supplying a wide range of items and live music to enjoy while you are sampling your selected 'treats' whatever the time of day!

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Nicola Baker

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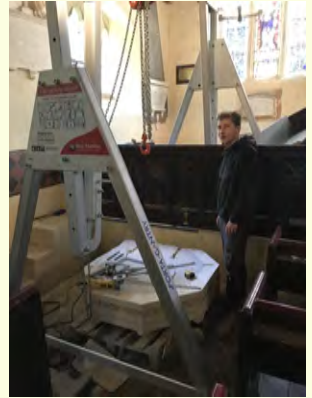
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# St Michael & All Angels Cadbury

In the church of St Michael and All Angels in Cadbury, the beautiful stone pulpit is saved thanks to Historic England's Emergency Covid fund grant.

Pictured is Aidan French a local stonemason who is learning stone-masonry from his father Andy French, a stonemason with 40 years experience who has worked on four Cathedrals and scores of churches. Aidan has already passed a qualification in stone-working and has worked on projects for other churches in the area including the Cathedral. He goes into the studio at home most mornings to practise his skills and has produced some stunning artefacts for friends.



This pulpit presented some challenges, not least in moving the huge carved blocks. Our faculty allowed a change of position so that performance steps could be created for use by the local choir. These replace uneven and unsightly flagstones.

The pulpit was in such a dangerous condition that it had to be taken down but thanks to the Emergency Covid fund we have been able to move and re-erect the pulpit to reflect the changing needs of worship, and community use, in our church whilst preserving this outstanding example of Victorian carved stonework.

We are indebted to the fund for a very generous grant which has enabled us to complete the work ready for the full opening of the church and in time for our first wedding of the year!



# June on the Farm



## Nature

Tom was digging a pond. As it was filling with water, he was speculating about whether it would be useful for wildlife. Just then, he saw a little grass snake slide into the water and swim across the pond. A vote of confidence.

Everywhere you look luxuriates in the rich growth driven by the sun. Hawks scream overhead as you get close to their nests. The hedgerows are dripping with growth and flowers. The cold dry east winds, followed by cool damp has lengthened the spring. Sometimes early June already feels like high summer. This year spring was on standstill: not racing but ambling through its dance. The rain came and rescued us from drought. Growth exploded, with the largest dock leaves I've ever seen. The trees are heavy with leaves, all converging on the mid-green of midsummer.

## Arable

The spring-sown crops stopped looking patchy and are leaping out of the ground. The wheat is at its most gorgeous and flourishing, all promise with its heavy green ears that are still flowers. The breeze becomes visible in the hypnotic swirl of leaves swept by each gust.

The grass changed from an alarming shortage to green plenty with the rain that came just as we were getting really worried. We've missed out on the peak of growth in April and May. I don't know whether the cold spring will have held back the grass's urge to sex and seed, to give us some good leafy growth. I'm still concerned whether we will catch up on the extra grass growth we need to harvest for the winter, and there is plenty of the year to go.

## Cows

The spring calving cows are now at peak mating, knots of frisking cows urging others to jump them. They will get six weeks, two cycles, of dairy bulls by AI, then our little team of Angus bulls will see to any stragglers. The heifers get one chance of a dairy bull, using all female-producing semen. Then they go out to graze with one of the little black Angus, who eagerly checks for anyone not in calf. When receptive, they dote on the bull, hanging around him, attracting his attention, resting their chins alluringly on his rump. The autumn-calving cows are at the other end of the cycle. Their calves grow big in their bellies, and they slow, and become very good company. No sorrow is so great, no trouble looms so large, that sitting down with the cows doesn't ease.

Cows are docile herd animals. But to them, dogs are wolves, predators to flee from. Please avoid walking, particularly with dogs off the leash, where the cows are grazing. We had a friendly dog chase our cows, one of whom got stuck in the river. Your dog remembers his wolfish ancestry when cows panic in front of him. And please remember even well-wormed dogs carry parasites that kill cows and calves.

## Dairy

June milk is Malcolm's favourite to make, even though it is hot in the cheese dairy. The milk is settled, a good balance of fat and protein, with a lovely grazed grass aroma.

We are excited by the Affineur competition we launched last month with the Academy of Cheese. We've sent out eight cheeses from one vat we made in February to other cheesemakers and some of the best cheese mongers in the

June 2021

country. They'll look after them and we will taste them all on 24<sup>th</sup> February in London next year. We'll see the impact of the different maturations and assess who has created the most interesting flavour. Affinage is an art we nearly lost in this country during the 40 years when the Milk Marketing Board stored cheese in central warehouses. How and where cheese is matured makes nearly as much difference as the milk a cheese comes from and how it's made. This competition is a step to celebrating that art. Follow it on our social media @quickescheese.

## Recipe

I've been completely addicted to grating our cheese onto interesting salad leaves. I love growing funky flavoured salads. All those glorious green leaf volatiles (thanks Harold McGee, for that wonderful book *Nosedive*, opening out the science of aromas), pair beautifully with a raw cider vinegar with the mother, a good green flavoured olive oil, some sea salt and freshly ground black pepper. The grassy, buttery, umami notes of our Mature Cheddar tie the flavours together. And true bliss it to be had with a slice of Emma's sourdough bread and our Quicke's Whey Butter. Add some Sandford Orchards single varietal Tremlett's Bitter cider, and I'm gone.

Mary Quicke

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# Do You Remember... June

## June 1971

Yet again the Parish Council has raised the matter with Highways of improving the junction of West Town Road with the A377. Apparently money had been allocated in January with work to start in the same month. To date nothing has happened. A suggestion was made that there are enough cars and tractors in the village to block the road.

The 200 Club will now restrict the membership to 250, there are still 4 shares to be taken up.

A plea has gone out for the 'Newton St Cyres Perpetual Challenge Cup'. It was last awarded three years ago.

## June 1981

The Newton Wonder special award for gobbledegook goes to a Mid Devon DC document that states a planning application was refused because 'it would be an intensification sporadic development'.

The extension of the 30 mph limit to Home Farm has been refused. The fences near the farm have taken battering lately as 5 vehicles have gone through this year.

All those villagers interested in re-forming the Twinning Group are invited to a meeting at the church room behind the vicarage.

Forty four walkers set out from Shute Cross, despite spells of drizzly rain, a high proportion completed the walk around the village boundary.

## June 1991

The parish church is organising a craft fair in the parish hall. Crafts will include wood turning, jewellery, stained glass and many more.

Following last months election Jean Palk was elected as district councillor.

A meeting called in early May for the proposed neighbourhood watch was attended by some 150 people.

The Parish Council is endeavouring to get full recycling facilities in the village.

## June 2001

The Football Club reports a somewhat traumatic year as the 1st. team was relegated from the Devon league to the Exeter and District league. Also, fixtures have been interrupted by flooding on several occasions.

The Best Kept Village competition was cancelled this year due to foot and mouth disease.

The whole school went on a trip to Pecorama in Beer, taking part in a "Science of a Circus Workshop" for the day. The children were kept busy learning how to ride unicycles, spin plates and do trickery with a diabolo. All this was followed by a circus show featuring Gary the clown.

June 2011

The police report at the Parish Council meeting had only one reported crime in April which was the theft of a tractor.

The Council has raised a concern with Stagecoach about problems following closure of the A377 after traffic accidents, when villagers could be stranded in Crediton. The response was "not helpful", however Crediton Community transport has agreed to make efforts to get people home if vehicles are available.

The parish hall annual report records a near record number of bookings for the year.

## How well do you know your village?

Can you answer the following questions?:-

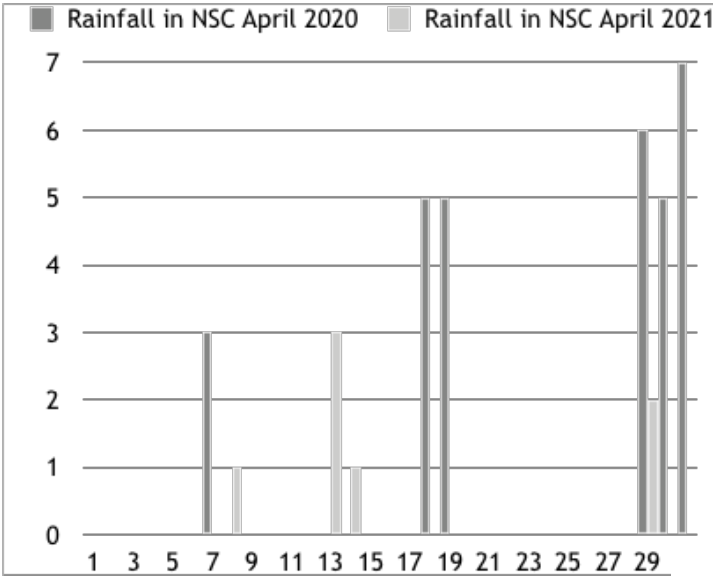
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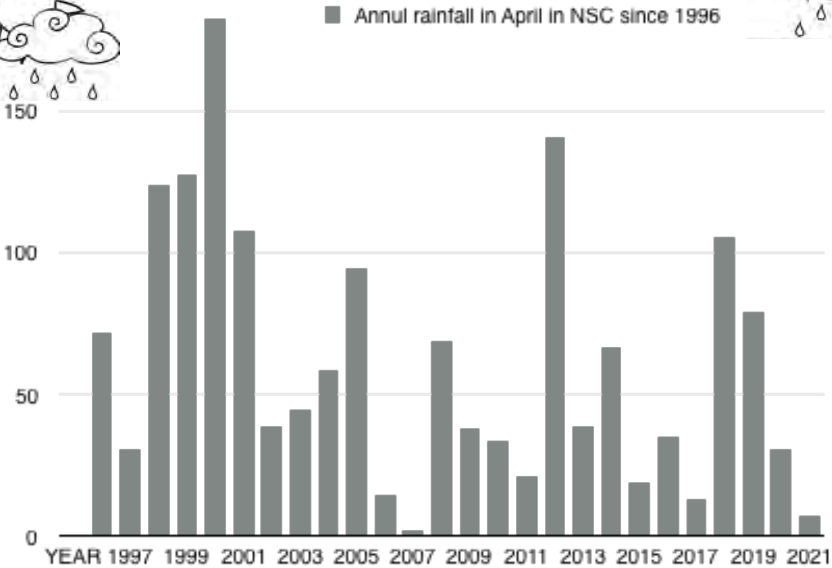
For a closer look see our website:-[www.newtonwonder.net](http://www.newtonwonder.net)  
On the Home Page you will find this picture and a link to all the quiz photos so far and an easy form to submit your answers.

# The Weather

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# Crediton, Dad's Army and the backstory

Every month Crediton u3a holds a monthly talk that is open to members of the public. At the moment, these are on Zoom. May saw the return of Charles Garland to talk to us about the TV comedy Dad's Army. Charles is a writer, composer, TV producer and director who has a long association with the programme.

Dad's Army is perhaps the most iconic of sitcoms made in the 1960s and 1970s. Unlike many of the others, it has stood the test of time well. Who can forget the phrases, 'Don't panic' and 'Stupid boy'? Charles put the success of the programme down to the team who made it.

Jimmy Perry had the original idea for the programme, based partly on his own experience as a young man in the local defence volunteers (LDV), which later became the Home Guard. At the time, he was an actor, and dissatisfied with the roles he was offered, wrote a sitcom with a part for himself. Needless to say, he never acted in the programme, and, what's more, became a very successful writer rather than an actor.

Jimmy showed the concept for the programme to David Croft, an established writer, director and producer and together they polished the script before submitting it to the BBC. The success of Dad's Army is due in part to the wittiness of their scripts, and Charles had many amusing anecdotes to share about David and Jimmy.

However, a witty script is nothing if the casting is wrong. Charles has often been asked why Captain Mainwaring is played by Arthur Lowe as middle class, while the lower-ranking Sergeant Wilson is played by the 'posher' John Le Mesurier. But this social reversal of roles is one of the central comedic devices, and Dad's Army would be considerably less funny without it.

The richness of the script is brought out through the acting. Among others, Charles mentioned Clive Dunn, who notoriously played a character much older than his actual age, and John Laurie, a Shakespearean actor who bemoaned that fact that Private Frazer was his best-known role.

When the series was first commissioned, some at the BBC were concerned that it was too soon to be mocking events in WW II. Indeed, there was a negative response from the audience in a pre-season trial of the first episode. However, the actual first season was extremely successful, and Dad's Army lasted longer than WW II! Thanks, Charles, for yet another amusing talk.

Our next talk will be on 16<sup>th</sup> June, when Professor Peter Edwards will be talking on Vivaldi: A Man for Four Seasons. If you would like to join us (free!) then contact Lyn Padley on [lynpadley@gmail.com](mailto:lynpadley@gmail.com) and she will send you the link.

## News from Moon Ridge Farm

Looking on the bright side, the ponds are full! It seems implausible now, but we were on the brink of having to start watering all the newly planted trees back in April when the dry cold weather was holding growth back and the pond levels had started to drop.

The direction of agriculture seems set for its biggest change in decades, everything you read these days in the farming press seems to be emphasising a 'greener' future, long overdue in my opinion.

I lost my father at the end of April, and these things do tend to lead you to analyse a period of time, and, aged 87, with a lifetime in farming, he lived through huge changes. In his early years he could remember working with horses. There were large land-based workforces on every farm and although work was physically hard, there was not the pressure we have today.

All the changes along the way that my parents' generation was 'sold' on the promise of making life easier have left us with ever larger farms, with less diversity than at any point in our history. My father was encouraged and grant aided to drain moorland, cut down and grub out woodland and rip up miles of hedgerows.

I remember on the family farm in west Devon as a child seeing hares and grey partridges and finding the nest every year of curlew and lapwings. Large winter flocks of golden plover used to visit, along with a huge variety of the smaller birds, bull finches, green finches, yellow hammers and skylarks. The list was huge, but, sadly, is now much depleted. The phrase 'build it and they will come' springs to mind, as unfortunately that also works in reverse. It seems unimaginably short sighted to remove habitat and then be surprised when the wildlife disappears.

Still the tide seems to be turning, and it's hoped reinstallation of the habitats will lead to that abundance and diversity of wildlife that I, for one, so miss. The carbon sequestration and the consequent levelling of climate change seem to me to make it a win-win situation.

As long as we plant productive and or beneficial species, especially in the more marginal land, then I do not see that productivity needs to fall, though certainly inputs, especially harmful chemicals and fertilisers, will. With careful design and planning, the benefits will be substantial and far reaching.

Caitlin left us this month for a new life with her boyfriend near Woodbury. We wish her all the best for her new start. She had been with us for over seven years since starting as a volunteer and then working part time whilst attending Bicton College. She is missed already.

The farm is busy at this time of year. The lambs are now growing really well, and our incubators are in full swing, hatching a wide range of species. Now that the various lockdowns are easing, sales have certainly picked up. The remaining avian flu restrictions have just been lifted so we can shortly resume our nationwide poultry deliveries.

As with most people, our garden has struggled this spring. The annual veg has taken a beating, with the continual cold of April and now the wet. To us, it seems to underline the fact that a more perennial planting system is much better. Things like our Taunton dene kale and nine-star broccoli, sea beet, oca, mashua, crosne, artichoke, asparagus and rhubarb go on producing regardless.

With the wet weather, we have seen a distinct lack of walkers. Even the regulars have been somewhat absent. The path is very wet and slippery and not at all easy to negotiate.

We are often told, well at least it is good weather for ducks! Yes, there is that, but our ducklings would normally be out enjoying the sunshine and feathering up well in the early and late spring. As it is they are still mostly under cover. We just hope it warms and dries up shortly – although at least they are protected from the ravens and seagulls that seem to make a beeline for any ‘weak’ birds that may be out. We do all we can to protect them but at some point, we have to let nature take its course, although it is sad to see.

With all this rain our wood chip pile has been in demand by our selves and the public. We sell the woodchip on a ‘help yourself’ service either large bags, dumpy bags, boots of cars or trailer loads, although we do not deliver. From the shop we do sell a range of bedding from wood shavings to bags of sustainable hard wood chips which is a popular chicken run surface.

We had thought with the ending of restrictions and the reopening of shops, etc, our egg-shed sales would reduce and we would relocate to outside the main shop, mainly to deter ‘opportunists.’ However, we have seen a surge in sales and our lockdown shed often needs topping up several times a day. Although we do sometimes sell out, we have plenty of birds on the ground to keep supply buoyant. Shortly we will have rhubarb for sale as well, and Will is making plans to sell some of his plants. Some of his tubers are already on sale through the website and eBay.

On a closing note, we have lots of quail hatching eggs for sale as well as some pekin bantam eggs for sale for collection. Quail are amazing birds; their eggs take only 17 days to hatch, with the infant birds then starting to lay at six weeks of age. So, they constitute a great project for children! We also have incubators and brooding equipment for sale in the shop.

Currently, we are only open on a Weds and Saturday, but once we are fully staffed, we will be expanding on these hours.

Kate Anstey

# **Do you need any help in these times?**

**You are not alone**

**For any type of help contact Damien Hodge  
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deputy. They are here for you.**

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**June 16th TBA**

**July 21st Lynne Carroll Characters and Creatures at  
Lanyon: a look behind the scenes at a historic  
Australian settlers' Homestead**

Meetings are usually on the third Wednesday of the month, at the Boniface Centre in Crediton, but we have been forced to go "virtual" during these challenging times. Monthly presentations are via zoom and a link is sent out shortly beforehand. There are also remote quiz challenges.

# **Newton St Cyres Church**

**A service to celebrate our patron saints**

**St Cyr and St Julitta  
at our Patronal Festival**

**on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 9.30**

**coffee and cake to follow if allowed**

**Please book with Sue Browne  
on 01392 851460**





# The Parish Church of St Cyr and St Julitta



## Private Prayer at Newton St Cyres Church.

The Church is open for

**Private Prayer**

**on Wednesdays from 10 am - 4 pm**

## A Confident Hope

The message in 1 Peter chapter 2 is difficult for us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Peter talks about submission, the difficulties of living the Christian life and standing out from the crowd. What does this mean for us today?

The Christians that Peter was writing to in Turkey were having difficulties because of their faith, being regarded with suspicion by family, friends and in the workplace. Does this sound familiar? We live in a very “civilised” part of the world, so such things are not often overt, but most of us will have encountered something. My work colleagues used to refer to God as my imaginary friend, but would sometimes, in all seriousness, ask what my “invisible friend” might think of something in the news, usually a disaster. It was mostly without malice. I felt fortunate that it never went much further.

Peter’s message is one of being able to live with confidence, because we are now in a relationship with God through Christ’s suffering and death. Peter sets this out at the start of the letter (1 Peter 1,3), reminding us that God, in His great mercy has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

How are we to live this new life following the new birth, “declaring the praises of Him who called you” (1 Peter 2:9)? This is not straightforward. We know that we should live lives that exhibit values that are distinct from the secular society that surrounds us. But how can we do this when the pressure to conform is all around us? Paul, in Romans 12,2 gives us more than a clue: “Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould, but let God re-mould your mind from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good”, (J B Phillips version).

Peter lays this down heavily in verses 11-12: “Live such good lives among the pagans that ... they may see your good deeds and glorify God”. The joy of life is not found in striving for prestige and position, but in building relationships with those around us, despite the differences in desire and priority. Peter tells his readers that we show God to those around us by actively pursuing difference and eschewing society’s goals of “promoting self”, “my wants” and “my desires”, where self comes first.

Peter then brings in the word “submission”. This is a difficulty for many people, but this is not cowardice or lack of conviction, but the courage to graciously let something go someone else’s way, rather than seeking “self” and “my way”.

Through this, we can build relationships. Peter is not telling us to cast judgement and spiritual discernment out of our minds, but to use our freedoms for the greater good. Peter continues in verse 17, "Show proper respect to everyone, love your fellow believers and fear God".

We have a responsibility to be agents of change as Christian voices in our environment and society. We are exhorted to use our freedom wisely and not to squander it. For me, this is a lesson that I took far too long to learn, striving for the future when I should have been striving for the present, building relationships with those around me and showing God's love to them.

Dr. Martin Luther King summed these ideas up when addressing a group of high school students:

"If it falls to your lot to be a street sweeper, sweep streets like Michaelangelo painted pictures, sweep streets like Beethoven composed music, ... sweep streets like Shakespeare wrote poetry. Sweep streets so well that the hosts of heaven and earth will have to pause and say: 'Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well'."

Douglas Ford  
Brampford Speke

## Newton St Cyres Arboretum

Crediton Arts Centre present their adaptation of

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by William Shakespeare

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Tickets are £5 per head, with children under 12 free. Audience are encouraged to bring picnic blankets (and picnics), folding chairs etc. Social distancing should be observed where appropriate. Park in the Parish Hall Car Park for short walk to the Arboretum.

## SERVICES & INFORMATION JUNE 2021

The Netherexe Parishes - A Mission Community in the Diocese of Exeter

**Please note these services are proposed for June 2021 and may change due to Government Restrictions and COVID-19 tiering.**

**Please check for current information by visiting our website at [www.netherexe.org](http://www.netherexe.org)**

### Sunday 6 June Trinity 1

09:30 am	Holy Communion [Sung]	[BCP]	Thorverton	Rev'd D Francis
11:15 am	Informal Service		Cadbury Lay Led	

### Sunday 13 June Trinity 2

10:00 am	Informal Gathering		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Family Service		Rewe	Lay Led & LF
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Upton Pyne	JH

### Sunday 20 June Trinity 3

09:30 am	Open Door		Zoom/Telephone Service#	LF
09:30 am	Family Service [Patronal Festival]		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Cadbury	KR
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Stoke Canon	MSS

### Sunday 27 June Trinity 4

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Newton St Cyres	TL
10:00 am	Family Service		Upton Pyne	Lay Led

### NB: Afternoon Zoom Services ceased in May [final service was 23 May 2021]

Abbreviations: CW = Common Worship      BCP = Book of Common Prayer

### If you wish to attend a church service, you must book in advance by contacting:

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**Places at services are strictly limited. If you turn up at a church without booking, you may be turned away.**

# Open Door will continue by Zoom. To join by Zoom, click the link on your computer:

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To join by telephone: **Ring 0203 901 7895**

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## Who's Who in the Church.....? Abbreviations Key

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LF	Mrs Laura Ford	Reader
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KR	Revd Preb Kathy Roberts	
GC	Revd Preb Graham Cotter	
MSS	Revd's Michael & Sharon Simpson	
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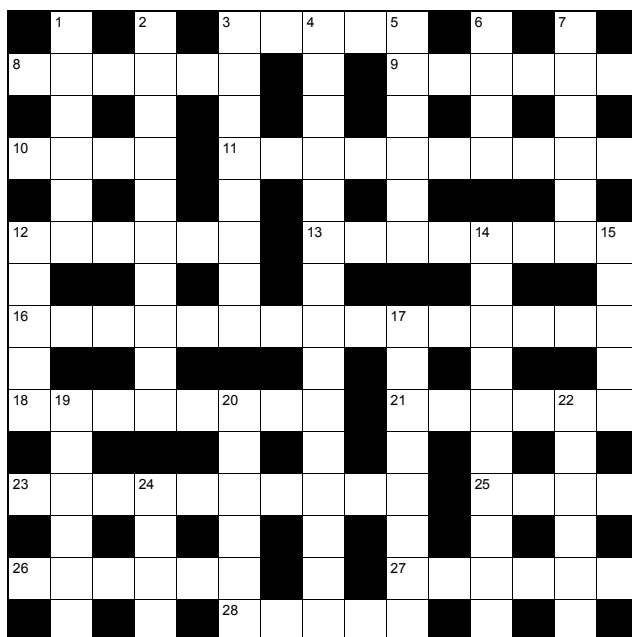


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# Cryptic Crossword



## ACROSS

- 3 Throw from playing field (5)
- 8 One who tries to impress with tricky question about university (6)
- 9 Start rioting perhaps when taking time out (6)
- 10 Affectionate term for attractive woman (4)
- 11 Athlete wounded golfer with gun (4-6)
- 12 Recall amazing wine collection (6)
- 13 Milan team in France is to provoke curiosity (8)
- 16 Everywhere is in a disorganised muddle (3,4,3,5)
- 18 So pleb is reformed? That can be done (8)
- 21 Take no notice of foreign fellow missing at sea (6)
- 23 Fault-finding editor promises to pay (10)
- 25 Remaining in port (4)
- 26 Llama from mountain starts to annoy certain associates (6)
- 27 Shellfish is unknown in new store (6)
- 28 Tower discovered by some happy Londoners (5)

Set by Alberich

## DOWN

- 1 After the pub head of economics makes a scene (6)
- 2 Revolting roué libels Dicky (10)
- 3 Keep quiet over book (8)
- 4 Give up with whole rotten mess (5,2,3,5)
- 5 Dish stolen by dope (6)
- 6 Some upstanding prominent figures show talent (4)
- 7 Miscellaneous birds (6)
- 12 Guy entertains Mark and Victor (5)
- 14 Stern engineer advanced a smaller sum (10)
- 15 Article by me provides topic (5)
- 17 English girl backing Number One release (8)
- 19 Finished and emptied lorry too (6)
- 20 Friend has to polish up material (6)
- 22 Instinctive reaction from referee gets the French cross (6)
- 24 Introduction of speed camera's not half a con (4)

# Sudoku

All you have to do is fill in the squares so that each row, each column and each square contain all the numbers from 1- 9.

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## Solution to the May 2021 Cryptic Crossword

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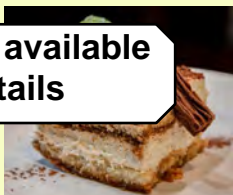
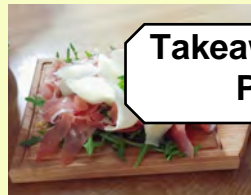
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