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Details of one of the trees

Simon Newcombe opening the community orchard with Dan Harding (Left)

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Spring

Spring is slowly coming upon us. I recommend a walk in the arboretum where the magnolias, camelias and rhododendrons are competing with the daffodils for pride of place. Not just the arboretum, the daffodils planted for the millenium along the A377 both ends of the village are looking magnificent. Gardens all around the village are waking up to the new season.

Community Orchard

This month's cover features the opening on 22nd March of the community orchard in Court Orchard. The project emerged from the forum on climate change held last year and is largely the work of Dan Harding and the volunteers from the Newton Environmental Wellbeing group (NEW). Twelve apple trees have been planted on the ground both sides of the path leading through to the A377. The land belongs to Mid Devon Housing who have sponsored the project. Several varieties have been planted including a Newton Wonder. Several different varieties have been planted including a Newton Wonder!

The Neighbourhood Plan

A very successful community forum held on 25th February attracted over sixty members of the Parish. Short explanations were followed by group discussions with the aim of discovering the likes, vision and plans people would like to see. People particularly liked the parish as it is, emphasising the arboretum, the open spaces and rural amenities including footpaths which they wanted expanded and improved along with the Boniface Trail. Adonai, the pubs and club, the parish hall the Post Office and the church were all mentioned. There were some interesting suggestions for the future and the Steering Group now have a good base from which to continue their consultations in the parish.

The Neighbourhood Planning process was initiated by the Parish Council and depends on the involvement of the village and of volunteers. The Steering Group is pleased to welcome the two new members who volunteered at the meeting. When finally developed it will be the Parish's plan so if you have ideas or would like to help do not hesitate to contact any of the Steering Group members.

Post Box Stolen



The letter box was stolen from by the Station on 8th or 9th March. Denise Watkiss, a local resident contacted Royal Mail who said it was "liaising with the Highway Authority and also contact the utility companies to ensure the proposed site doesn't interfere with existing pipes or cables, etc. This process can take a number of weeks to complete but we're hopeful we'll be able to install the post box within the next twenty five weeks." So soon!

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT March 2023

The meeting, held on Thursday 2nd March, was attended by seven Councillors, the Parish Clerk, the Mid Devon District Councillor, Graeme Barnell, and two members of the public.

Some Important Announcements

- The date of our **Annual Parish Meeting** is Thursday 6th April at 7pm in the Parish Hall. This is an important meeting that enables you to hear about the work of the council over the last year and to raise any queries you have. We will also be awarding the 'Volunteer of the Year Award.' **All Parishioners** are invited to attend. The meeting lasts only 30 minutes and will be followed by the regular Parish Council meeting, should you also wish to attend this.
- Our local Volunteer Road Warden scheme is up and running very successfully. If you have seen a problem on one of our minor back roads, including potholes, sign cleaning, weed clearing or small drainage problems, then you should **report them on the Parish Council website**, <https://www.middevonparish.co.uk/newtonstcyres/> This will receive rapid attention from the Road Wardens. Alas, they cannot tackle the potholes on the A377. The Parish Council continues to press Devon County Council for their repair, but you can also report them on the their website: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>
- We have had the driest February in 30 years. Our reservoirs and aquifers have not yet recovered from last summer. This could pose problems for next summer. Southwest Water have launched a campaign called 'Save Every Drop'. It's full of useful advice and has some great links. Find it at <https://www.southwestwater.co.uk/services/save-water/#/>
- We have local **council elections on 4th May**. Some of your Parish Councillors are standing down after many years of service, and we need to replace them. If you are interested in helping to improve your local area, contact the Parish Clerk (see the Council website) to find out how to become a councillor. It is important that parishioners stand for election as, should the council have insufficient councillors, the number will be made up by Mid Devon nominees. The deadline for applications is 4th April, so please hurry.

Planning

- The Parish Council noted applications for Bidwell Barton Farm and Elmshurst, Church Lane. At Bidwell Barton Farm, the application was for the building of a barn. At Elmshurst the application covered a small extension and solar roof panels. There were no objections from members of the public and the Council decided that 'no comment to make' was the most appropriate response.
- The Parish Council strongly supported an application for the installation of ground-mounted solar panels at Home Farm, Newton St Cyres.
- The Parish Council was asked to comment on the recent spate of tree protection orders. After some discussion, the council decided that, while in general agreement with tree protection orders, the lack of consultation with the landowners and the wider local community was unsatisfactory.

Other Council Issues

- DEFRA is withdrawing funding for the permissive footpaths in the parish. The Parish Council will be investigating how we might be able to support them in future.
- There was a very successful meeting for consultation about the Neighbourhood Plan. A report of the meeting appears elsewhere in this magazine.
- A petition was received about the condition of the New Estate road. Graeme Barnell, Mid Devon Councillor, is setting up a meeting with residents and Mid Devon Council.
- Graeme is also investigating the repair of one of the lights in the Parish Hall car park which provides important street lighting for the bungalows adjacent to the Parish Hall.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Parish Hall on **Thursday 6th April 2023** at 7:30pm, starting after the Annual Parish Meeting. Members of the public are welcome. Alternatively, if members of the public wish issues to be raised in council meetings, they can contact councillors in the usual way. There is also a Parish Surgery at the Coffee Mornings held on the **second Saturday of the month** in the Parish Hall.

Liz Ouldrige

PARISH HALL AGM

Monday 17 April at 7pm

At the parish Hall AGM we will be reporting on what has been happening over the last year. You will be able to find out what we have been doing and any plans we have. it is also an opportunity for you to have your say.

We want your ideas.

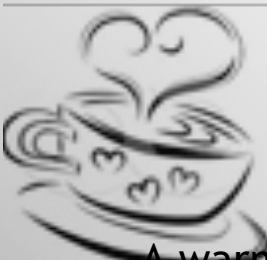
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Friends of Arboretum Visit to Isle Barton

On Thurs, 13th April a group of Friends of the Arboretum will visit Isle Barton, near Chard.

This visit will be hosted by Bob Chard, a Friend of the Arboretum, and will feature his plantation of more than 50 tree species and his Somerset Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve at Isle Barton.

We will meet at the Parish Hall Car Park at 8.45am to minimise the number of cars and the visit will finish about mid-day with light refreshments at Isle Barton. We need to let Bob know numbers, so please let Roger Wilkins (01392 851337; rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com) know a few days in advance if you are coming.

Note: no dogs allowed.

NEWTON RAMBLERS

Sunday 16th April

This month we plan a circular walk around Morchard Bishop.

We will meet at 9.30am in the Newton St Cyres Parish Hall car park, to share cars to Morchard Bishop. A limited number of spaces have been booked, after the walk, for Sunday Lunch (£14.50) at the London Inn which two centuries ago was a staging post on the Barnstaple to Exeter high road. These will be allocated on a first booked system.

All are welcome. For more information, to book lunch, or if you need a lift, please ring Nicola on 01392 851985

Please note that anyone joining us on these walks does so at their own risk



Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

After our well attended games party in January, our Sunday afternoon club sessions have become very popular, and made even more enjoyable by tea and home baked cakes being served. Other club sessions during the week are also very well attended and often followed by drinks and chips in one of the local hostelrys. So not only are you getting great exercise when you join the tennis club, you are also getting a very sociable experience with friendly people of all ages.



Membership fees are due in March so now is a great time to be joining, and remember you can have a couple of free sessions before you commit to anything. Just contact our membership secretary Laura Leigh on 01647 24259.

Junior coaching, run by our club coach Jon Wills, takes place on Wednesdays after school during term time, and there are currently a few places available in some of the groups for the 12-week summer term, which starts on Wednesday 19th April. Please email juniors@newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk for further information and to check availability. Jon also offers adult coaching both individually and for small groups, so if you feel you need to brush up your skills just get in touch via our website www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk.

Sally Baldwin

RECREATION GROUND CLUB

Compared to February and March, April is quieter, but still a steady month. We have football every Saturday, with a few cricket games booked in ready for cricket to take priority in May, when there is only one senior football game and a couple of youth matches, running into May.

The ladies' darts complete their season with their finals night on 21st April. The men's darts have their finals night on 26th May.

On the social front, we have a family party to celebrate a birthday. We would all be enjoying the spring flowers, wouldn't we, if it would just stop raining.

Wendy Lewis



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Thoughts for April from Peter Cordingley

On the first morning of the junior doctors' strike a couple of weeks ago, our route home from IKEA took us past the RD&E. A blast on the horn produced cheerful waves and thumbs-ups from the picket line of about 30 or 40 strikers. The rain was coming down sideways, but they looked like a very confident bunch of people.

On the day we passed by, the doctors' action still had two more days to go, with health services turned upside down and inside out, and most non-emergency services cancelled. What a blow that must have been for people who had been waiting ages for surgery or for a promised consultation for cancer or a heart condition.

It was all too awful for words, but, if you ask me, it's the price that has to be paid if the NHS is ever going to get back to being the national treasure it once was.

After years of wage restraints, junior doctors are resigning in their hundreds, often taking their skills overseas with them. Some of the younger ones complain that they are earning less per hour than sandwich makers in fast-food joints. In interviews, the doctors have spoken of insufferable stress, heavy workloads, understaffing, and a lack of family time. Many are asked to take decisions way above their training and to work 14-hour shifts. The risk to patients is obvious.

And it's not just junior doctors who have had enough. Also on strike, or planning to be, are large chunks of the national workforce, including railway workers, nurses, firefighters, border guards, civil servants, driving-test examiners, teachers, university staff and ambulance workers. It's chaos and dissent beyond belief, so what's going on? It's my theory that there is a lot more afoot here than just unhappiness with the government, as genuine and passionate as that is.

People who have been in these parts a lot longer than me tell me that the winter just finishing was more depressing than many before. For some people, this is what triggers a clinical condition called Seasonally Affected Depression, or SAD. Heard of it? It's when everything seems so gloomy that nothing is worth the effort.

The weather has certainly been miserable over the past few months, with days of unbroken rain, interspersed by nasty cold periods. Just as bad, maybe even worse, was the short days. We lived in the Philippines, in the heart of the Tropics, for nearly 20 years, and you get all the daylight you could ever use. Too much, in fact. To discover darkness starting at 4pm was quite a shock when we settled here three years ago.

SAD is said to start in the middle of November and to end some time in February, depending on the weather. January is considered the worst, and 21st January the lowest of low moments. If that's the case, we should all be feeling a little less sad now as winter backs off. So maybe it's time to cheer up and take in what's happening around us. Spring

is on show everywhere, and summer, with its long days, flowers back in the garden and BBQs, is not far away.

So there's plenty to be cheerful about, isn't there. But not for hospital patients, I'm afraid. Years of neglect have left the NHS in critical care and its staff in no mood for any more compromises. It's the public that is going to take the brunt of that for months to come. And that's beyond sad.

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Do You Remember...April?

April 1973

The wedding of **Sylvia Mears** and **Donald Johns** was reported, both were bell ringers.

Work on the **bus shelter** lay by at Tytheing Close had started.

Fred Stevens of New Estate had suddenly passed away.

It was reported that **an old fireplace and bread oven** had been

found in Magnolia Cottage, Sweetnam and that the cottage had been a former Wheelwright's shop.

It was reported that in **1825 a by-pass was proposed for Newton St Cyres**.

The Coffee Club provided Easter Parties for the children of the village.

April 1983

Some 60 parishioners turned up for the **Annual Parish Meeting** where the subject was roads.

Residents were **warned about a particularly nasty 'chain letter'** that was doing the rounds and people were advised to burn it.

The Toddler Group had been going for 6 weeks with an average of 12 - 15 each week attending.

The Afternoon Club was still thriving after four years.

Permission had been given to do some **re-surfacing on the School footpath** so burnings from work at Castlands had been spread by parents.

Newton walkabout

Newton walkabout was advertised and sponsor forms were available. The walk would be 15 miles around the Parish boundary.

Women's Institute (WI)

The W I held a cookery demonstration on meals for one and were planning a Jumble Sale.

NSC Primary School

The School Deputy Head, **Stephen Miller** was moving to be Head of Kenton School and **Terry Mortimer** would be the new Deputy.

London Marathon

Bill Holt was to run the London Marathon for school funds and Cancer Research.

April 1993

A gardening article on lilies was written by **Liz Mitchell**.

The Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting was advertised and reports from parish organisations were invited.

The mobile library was calling every 2 weeks to the Station, Court Orchard, the Car Park, Tytheing Close and Half Moon.

The Twinning group were re-furbishing a red telephone box to take to France to mark the 10th anniversary of the Twinning.

An advert appeared for a **Safari Supper and Choral Music**. This would start at the Church with a concert and soup and then travel around the parish for supper. The

cost of the concert and full supper was £6.50.

The Afternoon Club were playing Bingo and looking forward to a Cheese talk by Quicke.

A Craft Fair was to be held in the Hall in June for Church funds, arranged by **Eileen Endacott**.

The organisers of the **Summer Show and Horse Show** at the Recreation Ground needed a caravan for the stewards use and anyone who could help was asked to contact **Glynis Harris**, the secretary.

A second edition of the **Newton St Cyres Cook Book** was planned and recipes should be sent to **Beryl Peck**.

April 2003

Newton Wonder Editor hits Milestone

Tim Pearkes celebrated his first 12 months as Editor of the Newton Wonder.

Gill Casey was trying to set up a **Book Group**.

The Mini Market in the Parish Hall celebrated its first full year.

The Tennis Club had a successful Open Day.

Twining Evening

The Twinning Circle held a Social Evening at the Recreation Ground.

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April 2013

In Memorium

Some of our readers will have known **Frank Goddard** who was a regular in the Beer Engine and on the NSC Golf Course. A fund-raising memorial quiz night in memory of Frank was held in Shobrooke Village Hall.

Glynis Harris, Head of Teaching and Learning at **NSC Primary School**, reported that Key Stage One children set fire to their cardboard houses as they re-enacted the great fire of London. ! Four talented mathematicians of Class 4 (**Abby Cann, Jack Eggen, Tobias Rimbon-Whittaker** and **Ben Howarth**) won the annual Jaguar Cars Maths in Motion competition.

Parish Clerk: Vacancy

The Council were informed that the Parish Clerk had resigned and advertisements had been placed for a replacement Clerk.

Volunteers Needed

The Police have engaged with community volunteers to set up **Community Speed Watch** groups throughout Devon & Cornwall. To achieve the aim of no speeding vehicles through our village, more volunteers are needed.

Community Support Group

Sophie Ward of the Community Support Group wrote about the recent Neighbourhood Health Watch. **Greg Davies** of the Community Council for Devon pointed out that 4.6 million households in the UK were estimated to be in "fuel poverty".
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He gave tips on how to economise power in various rooms around the house. Many of the members came up with extra ideas, such as: "wearing a hat in bed" or "sharing the bath". Several government sponsored schemes were also discussed.:

Anne Rice wrote a fascinating article on their recent meeting when the **Gardening Club** welcomed **Helen Kearney** to talk about the medicinal properties of plants and **Bert Jewell** added his helpful insights in his Monthly Gardening notes.

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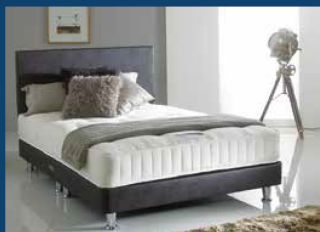
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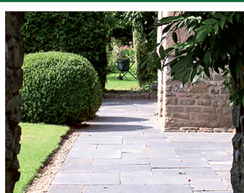
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We've been having great fun at Newton Nappies this term. We have been busy crafting for our underwater display, including turtles and jellyfish. We have also been lucky enough to have a visit from Verity, who runs jumping juniors gymnastics. Everybody had fun stretching, balancing and jumping around, and even got to have a go at doing their forward rolls.





Saturday, April 22nd @ 2.30pm

Organ Recital by Mark Brafield

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Crediton Parish Church Music Endowment Fund

We held our first baby session on 15th March. Alongside the normal toddler activities, we are starting some extra baby sensory activities, aimed at the youngest members of the community. We are hoping to make these a more regular thing, so babies and their care givers can get together and make some new friends and have fun!

Newton Nappies meets every term-time Wednesday, from 9.15am until 11.15am in the school hall. There is free play, craft activities and snacks for the children and hot drinks and biscuits for the adults. It's open to everyone, and run by local mums.

A £2 voluntary contribution per family is requested to help cover costs.

We love to see both familiar and new faces! You can find us on Facebook and Instagram for more regular updates.

Kelly Berry

NEWTON ST CYRES MUSIC AND DANCE FESTIVAL

June 2023 sees the first Newton St Cyres Music & Dance Festival.

A wide range of Music & Dance events are planned across the many and varied venues that the village has to offer.

The 4 day Festival is for everyone from the very young to not so young, and will feature Dance, Music Making, Concerts & Workshops. Our 3 events 'In the Spotlight' this month are

Exeter Chamber Choir

Friday 23rd June at 7.30pm 'Sing Joyfully' In the beautiful setting of Newton St Cyres Church, Exeter Chamber Choir presents a summer festival programme of choral repertoire highlights, with something for everyone from Bach to Fauré, Rachmaninov to Rutter, and close harmony arrangements by the choir's musical director, Andrew Daldorph.

Tickets from <https://exeterchamberchoir.co.uk> and in person from Newton St Cyres Post Office. Prices £12 in advance, £15 on the door.



La La Choirs

Saturday 24th June 3 – 5.30pm Singing Workshop;
Concert 7.30 – 9.30pm. A musical celebration in Newton St Cyres Church. Members of the public have the unique opportunity to take part in this Concert by attending the afternoon Workshop run by La La's very own Choir Director, Sam Abrahams offering a fun vocal technique work and learning a song to perform at the evening concert. For tickets, to book a place on the workshop and for more details, go to www.lalachoirs.co.uk. Tickets also available from Newton St Cyres Post Office. Workshop & Concert Tickets £20 (12-16 years £10) Concert only £8 (12-16 years £4)

JAZZ DECO

Thursday 22nd June 2023 7.30pm (Doors 7pm) at the Parish Hall
Inspired by the music of the 1920s to 1940s, Jazz Deco features local musicians Andrew Daldorph (piano) Kate Walker (vocals) and Chris Gradwell (sax/clarinet). Their cabaret-style entertaining performances feature the music of the greats of the Deco era, including Noel Coward and George Gershwin. A stylish and memorable evening lies ahead..... Advance Tickets £10.00 available from Nicola 01392 851985 There will be a Cash Bar at this event

For more details go to www.newtonwonder.net
and go to the **Music Festival** link in the menu



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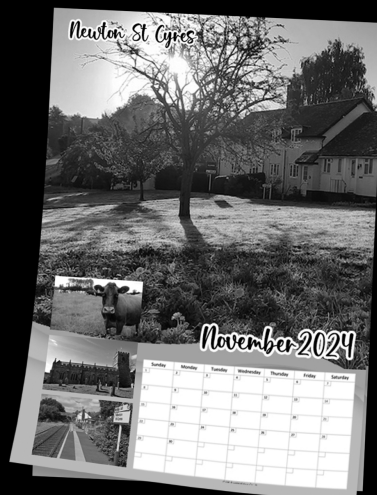
In addition to the 3 Festival events 'In the Spotlight' this month, there will be

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NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP



Newton St Cyres in the Second World War

Our speaker on a very wet Wednesday 9th March evening was Roger Wilkins. Roger is well known in the village because since his retirement in 2000 he has contributed so much to so many organisations and people here, but we should not forget that he was also a professor, and former Head of the Grassland Research Stations at North Wyke, near North Tawton, and Hurley in Berkshire.

We were in very safe hands when he presented the talk on the village during the last world war, which he has been researching since before the Covid pandemic. Roger's work will be published as one of our series of booklets on the history of Newton St Cyres, and so will then be available to a wider audience and will give much more interesting detail than there is room for here.

After thanking those who had shared with him their memories and family stories, Roger outlined the various written sources he had used, including press reports, the Newton school log book, church and parish records and personal memoirs. Then, having outlined the topics he was going to cover, he set the scene with a brief description of the village before the war. It had a slightly smaller population than now, the majority of whom were farming families or in related trades, with just a few running shops, the post office and the pubs.

Britain declared war with Germany on 3rd September 1939, but it became clear, as Roger went through his talk, that war was expected and that preparations were going on well before that date. Call up for military service had started with some 20-22-year-olds in May, but by late October 18-41-year-olds were called up. There were restricted jobs and exemptions, and agriculture was one of the areas where it was recognised that workers were needed to produce food.

In our village, 50 farm workers applied for exemptions and 47 were accepted, as long as they remained working on the land. There were 2 conscientious objectors. Their applications were accepted, but they also had to work in specified areas and the Tribunal made very critical comments about their attitudes. The accounts of the war time experiences of three men from here, Henry Gliddon, Nigel Knight Bruce and Bernhard Ashmore, nevertheless show how ordinary people were directly affected on active service and, in the first two cases, as prisoners of war,

Newton St Cyres was not a centre for military activity, such as airfields or barracks. In the village there were at least 40 people in the Home Guard. Air Raid Protection Wardens were organised, also Fire Wardens, as was the case throughout the country. There was not a high fatality rate amongst serving men either. A land mine was dropped south of Winscott and the assumption was that it was aimed at the railway. However, the Exeter

blitz of 1942 had a real effect on the village, not directly, but because the intensity of the raids were audible and visible. People with family and friends in Newton St Cyres came out for sanctuary and safety after their homes and businesses were destroyed, and all who spoke to Roger remembered the shock and fear of that May in 1942.

Ration books and food restrictions were brought in during 1942, but the impact of this was felt less in the village, because of the farming output. There were also market gardens, allotments and the countryside around, and so vegetables, eggs and fruit were available, and hips and blackberries in season. Chickens and pigs were kept, and rabbits were caught. No one who talked to Roger remembered food shortages or hunger, although oranges and bananas were virtually unknown.

He told us that Margaret Wheaton, who is now 100, was shocked when she was posted to Europe after the war and saw the starving population there compared to the well-nourished people at home. The war did affect farming because the government could and did direct what crops could be grown and livestock reared. Pig production fell dramatically as their food was in direct competition with human food, and potato production increased fourfold. Wheat cropping increased at first, but then dropped because its requirements were heavier on the soil than those for barley and oats.



Newton St Cyres School Christmas Party probably 1940

The arrival of evacuees from London had a big impact on the village. Interestingly, planning for this eventuality had started in May 1939, and the two coachloads of women and children from East London arrived on 1st September. Many of this first wave of evacuees were unhappy and went back home. As the war progressed, unaccompanied children came and tended to settle better. Teachers also came with their pupils and so at first a two-tier teaching system had to be organised as the numbers doubled. In July 1940 there were 83 evacuees in the school out of a total of 170 on the roll.

Integration was not easy, and Stella Cork remembered how rough and tough the town children were. On the other hand, Ruth Beer remembers friendships developing, also jealousies when the local boys preferred the London girls! (the school leaving age was 14 then).

A great deal of entertainment was locally sourced, and much of it involved fundraising for the war effort, in particular for causes like the Spitfire Fund, the Red Cross and Prisoners of War, as well as aid for overseas countries, including India, Russia and China. In the village, there were whist drives, knitting afternoons, house-to-house collections and stage performances.

VE Day on 8th May 1945 brought great celebrations: the church bells rang, there was an ox roast, and very many barrels of cider were drunk. Every returning serviceman was given a Welcome Home card of thanks and appreciation from the village.

Roger began and ended his talk with a photograph of the houses around the stream at the end of Pump Lane, their white walls daubed in mud and cow dung to camouflage them from the German bombers. This photo, together with a CD of Glen Miller music provided by Midge Kelly and Gail Meldrum, provided an atmospheric and poignant setting for an excellent and interesting talk. The questions and contributions from the audience sharing comments and memories concluded an enjoyable and thought-provoking evening. Thank you, Roger.

Isobel Hepworth

NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP COMING MEETINGS

Wednesday April 26th Newton St Cyres and the A377 Jean Wilkins

Using many of the old picture postcards belonging to Lynda Pearce we will start by following the path of an eighteenth century wagon as it passes through the village on its way to Crediton

The group are hoping to arrange a summer outing. The next indoor meeting will be in the autumn

Wednesday October 11th Down to Earth - Archaeological Aerial Survey and Excavation between the Culm and the Creedy, Bill Horner County Archaeologist

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Bert Jewell writes Rhymes and Ways about Gardens and Gardening

April

Did the March winds blow as it says in the rhyme,
Did we all remember to alter the time,
When the clocks sprang forward, the days getting long,
whilst the trees stand waiting, tall and strong.

To burst out in flower, the pinks and the white
The flowering cherries, have they got it just right,
To brighten up our days as we stand and admire
the flowers, they seem to go higher and higher.

But what of the trees with a name from the sea
and the name of an insect, no, not a bee
or the flowering currants with flowers on a thread,
There's pink and there's yellow, or maybe a red.

The Poinsettia lookalike, in a sheltered spot
with dappled shade, they don't like it too hot,
Or the shrub with a scent that will fill you with joy,
Like when I was a child with my very first toy.

And the pretty wild flower with snake in its name,
Hardly see them these days, which I think is a shame,
So back to the rhyme, will we have April showers,
Will they as promised bring forth the May flowers.

Things to do in the April garden

Lets start with a little more about Daffodils. They look great when planted in large drifts by the roadside, in clumps to naturalise in lawns, in containers and window boxes or in flower beds and borders. It is when the flowering period is over that they start to look untidy, by the roadside this is not a problem, the clumps in the lawn can be left uncut until the foliage has died down, It's in the beds, borders and containers that they annoy people the most.

I have seen the foliage tied in knots or cut off altogether. Leave the foliage to die down for as long as possible, four to six weeks, then cut it off at ground level with a Dutch hoe, this will fill up the hole in the ground where the leaves came through, preventing the larvae of the Narcissus fly access to the bulbs, more next time.

Now flowering Cherries can be seen in many gardens throughout April and May. They are all part of the *Prunus* family, which includes almond, plum, peach, apricots, the evergreen laurels and the blackthorn or sloe that you find in hedgerows. There is a vast amount to choose from. We had a *Prunus Amanogawa* in our old garden, growing to about 20' high with a column-like shape. *Prunus Autumnalis* will flower sporadically through winter (don't prune any of these while dormant because of the risk of silver leaf disease).

A tree where the flowers could last longer than those of the Cherry is *Malus*, or Crab Apple, as we know them. The flowers are followed by fruit that can be used for jelly and wine. One of the best is "Golden Hornet", which has large clusters of bright yellow fruit. *Ribes* or Flowering Currant, as we know them, are also in flower this month. My father had a hedge of *Ribes Sanguineum* to hide a large water tank. I remember standing, watching and listening to the bees as they went about their work. A lot of new varieties have appeared since then with more vibrant colours. We have *Ribes Odoratum* on our allotment, a yellow flowered variety.

Now a shrub that can fill you with joy is *Viburnum Carlesii*, growing to about 4' high. It has tight domes of white fragrant flowers throughout April and May. A similar variety is *V. Burkwoodii*, growing to about 6' high.

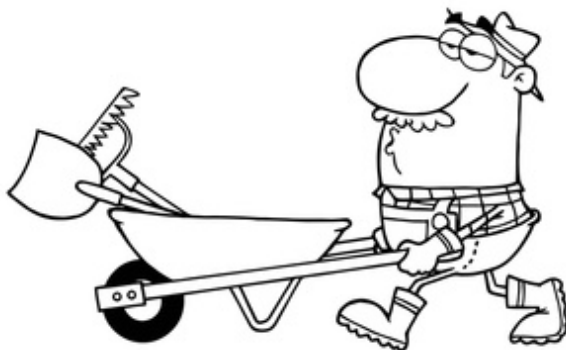
The pretty wild flower is snake's head Fritillary, a native wild flower that has been domesticated for garden use. It gets its name from the checkerboard pattern on the bell-shaped flower heads. Another Fritillary is Crown Imperial, a much taller larger plant 2' or 3' high. All Fritillary bulbs should be planted on their side, surrounded by grit or coarse sand.

Plant of the month.

"Pieris, Forest Flame"

This shrub always reminds me of the *Pointsettias* that we buy at Christmas. The new growth in spring can be bright red, fading to green with age. It needs an acid soil, so mulch with ericaceous compost each spring.

Enjoy your gardening



Newton St Cyres Gardening Club

It was wonderful to see so many at our evening talk by Saul Walker on Woodland Gardening, the Art of Growing in the Shade. Saul gave a very informative talk with excellent photographs, and happily answered questions from the audience. I have attempted, below, to provide a summary of his talk. I also have extended notes which I can email on request n.e.budden@exeter.ac.uk

Saul started the evening by giving us the background to his career, which included being Show Manager at RHS Chelsea to his current role as Head Gardener at Stonelands, near Dawlish.

Woodland gardens that he recommended to visit were: **Beth Chatto's Gardens** in Essex with 12 acres and 3 ponds; **Bodnant (National Trust)** in North Wales with steep cliffs, large trees and shrubs; **Anthony House (National Trust)** on the Rame Peninsula in Cornwall, with a large collection of Cornish Camellias, Rhododendrons, Magnolias and Bluebells; the woodland garden at **Kew**; Jo Hynes' garden at **Higher Cherubeer** and Keith Wiley's **Wildside Garden** at Yelverton, with the clever use of trees and shrubs.

What is a Woodland Garden? It needs to have a semi-shaded aspect, a layered approach to planting (trees, shrubs, perennials, bulbs), a moist acidic soil, an even temperature, a sheltered ambience and an informality.

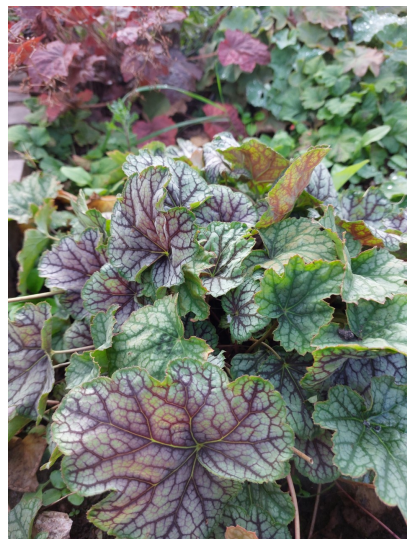
How to create your Woodland Garden. It helps if you already have one or more 'ancient' trees. However smaller trees can still fulfil that role, e.g. Acer, Betula, Cortinus. These can then be used to create a canopy to allow more light into the area. If you do not have trees, you may have a shaded area due to your house position. On the north side you can still achieve a woodland area from this shade, and by using pots for the plants. Saul reminded us that trees can bring joy across the seasons with spring blossom, autumn colour and winter stems. The many varieties of **Magnolia** can provide so many colours and, after flowering, the seedpods are also of interest, with 'cones' containing red seeds.

Acers are available in many colours, and another popular addition for the winter season is **Hamamelis** (Witch hazel), with its fragrant spidery flowers in shades of yellow, orange and red. Others that Saul mentioned included **Styrax japonicus** (Japanese snowbell), which can grow to 6m and flowers in May and June, **Davidia involucrata** (Dove Tree, Handkerchief tree, Ghost Tree) of which Saul said there was a wonderful example at Lukesland Gardens, Ivybridge. Rhododendrons, Azaleas, Camellias and Hydrangeas all do well in woodland gardens, and Hellebores with their wide range of colours, are one of the earliest, but also longest lasting flowering perennials.

Podophyllum versipelle (Spotty Dotty) has small flowers under the easily recognised (and perfectly named) leaves. **Trilliums** (Wake Robin) are spring flowering perennials and, as their name suggests, have three sepals, three petals and three leaves. Although slow to establish, they are long-lived. **Epimediums** (sometimes known as barrenwort or fairy wings) are useful for ground cover in dappled or deep shade, with their heart-shaped leaves and dainty star-like flowers. Saul said that if they are cut down before flowering, the new leaves will develop after flowering.

Corydalis omeiana is a great gap filler. It is an upright perennial with green leaves, and from late spring to late summer has tubular blue-purple flowers. **Hardy geraniums** are also really good in the shade, and Saul suggested 'Rozanne' with violet blue flowers, **phaeum** (Dusky Cranesbill) and **sylvaticum** (Wood Cranesbill). Solomon Seal cultivar 'Betberg' can have a problem with sawfly later in the year but this normally happens after flowering and it does not kill the plant. A more unusual variety is the yellow 'uvularia'. **Hostas** are good for interesting foliage, as are **Rodgersia**, **Tiarella**, **Heuchara**, **Heucharella** and **Saxifraga stolonifera**. These plants also have delicate flower spikes.

For additional colour, Saul spoke about **Mecanopsis** (Blue Poppy), **Tricyrtis** (Toad Lily),



Heucheras

Cypripedium

(Lady's Slipper Orchid) and the **Arum** family.

Cyclamen Coum in the spring and **Cyclamen Ederifolium** in the autumn can provide swathes of colour. Of the **Fritillaries**, the best known is probably the Snakeshead, but the orange **imperialis** (Crown Imperial) is stunning. **Snowdrops**, **Daffodils** (many heights, shapes and shades) **Scilla** and **Erythronium** 'Pagoda' (Dog's tooth violet), of which there are over 20 species in creams, yellows, pinks and mauves, are all happy in part shade forming wonderful drifts in borders. Finally, Saul included **Ferns**, which are now available in more varied shapes and colours. He mentioned **Blechnum spicant** (Hard Fern), with its narrow dark green erect fronds, **Athyrium niponicum** var. **pictum** Ursula's Red (Painted Lady fern), with its arching purple bronze fronds that have a red-purple zone along the centre, becoming green as they mature and look as if they have been sprinkled with silver dust. **Books** that Saul recommended were Keith Wiley's 'SHADE – Planting Solutions for Shady Gardens and Woodland Gardening' by Kenneth Cox.



Fritillaria

I am sure that we will be inviting Saul back to give another talk in the future, but in the meantime you can see him at Crediton Garden Club. For details see What's On in April?

continued

Jobs for April

Here are some of the jobs that the RHS list for April <https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/in-month/APRIL>. I'm sure you already have a long list of your own!

- Sow hardy annuals, herbs and wild flower seed outdoors
- Protect fruit blossom from late frosts
- Tie in Climbing & Rambling Roses
- Keep Weeds under control
- Increase the water given to Houseplants

What's On in April?

- **Saturday 1st (10am-5pm) & Sunday 2nd April (10am-4pm). Spring Flower Show at The Royal Cornwall Showground** near Wadebridge PL27 7JE Ticket prices Adult Advance (available until 5pm on Wednesday 29th March 2023) £10, Adult on the Gate: £12 (Card Payment Only), Under-16s: Free Admission Online <https://cornwallgardensociety.org.uk/spring-flower-show/show-tickets/>
- **Saturday 22nd 2pm. Upton Pyne Spring Flower Show.** Held at Upton Pyne Village Hall, to include, photos, cookery & children's paintings. Organiser Chris Grundy 01392 851970. There will also be a plant sale, refreshments and a raffle.
- **Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd. RHS National Rhododendron Show, Rosemoor.** This show has more than 60 classes covering all types of rhododendrons, with trade and advice stands, plus magnificent displays of magnolias and camellias. Exhibitors come from all over the south and west, including the Royal Parks Department, Exbury Gardens, and several National Trust properties in the southwest, as well as Caerhays Castle Gardens, Cornwall, famous for its stunning magnolias. Competitions are free to enter and show schedules and entry forms can be requested by emailing the RHS Shows Competition Manager, Georgina Barter, at georginabarter@rhs.org.uk
- **Tuesday April 25th 7pm. Crediton Garden Club** held at Crediton Library, talk by Saul Walker on the Gardens & Plants of Madeira
- **Friday 28th & Saturday 29th. Toby's Garden Festival at Powderham Castle.** Back for the 9th show and becoming carbon-neutral this year, there will be many local nurseries crafts and food stalls, along with Joe Swift as the celeb guest speaker on the Friday. Full details <https://tobygardenfest.co.uk/>

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April on the Farm

Circular food and farming at Quicke's

We did a project with the University of Exeter about the circular economy - the idea that we need to move from a linear economy, where we bring in inputs, make things, and send them out, heedless of what happens next, <http://business-school.exeter.ac.uk/research/centres/circular/>.

To our surprise, given we hadn't thought about it that way before, we were the most circular business they studied. And it's also what makes mixed animal and crop farming the bedrock of a sustainable food future for humanity.

We grow crops and grass to feed cows that make milk that makes cheese that produces whey. And the whey and all the washings from cheese dairy and cow dairy go to feed the crops and the grass to feed the cows, and on and on. We used to keep pigs, who drank the whey. Whey-fed pigs are delicious (think Parma ham from the whey from Parmesan cheese). As a little business, making lovely cheese, it was a step too far for us to make a dry cured meat, as complicated as making cheese, for us to gain the value from that extra flavour in the pigs.



This is the gorgeous heart of our farm that inspired me to devote my life to our beautiful mechanism. Take it further: there is a little cream left in the whey that we separate out to make cream, and make into

butter, to encourage them to drink more. We also use it to clean the parlour. Then that water goes to irrigate the land.

Cheese off-cuts go to make cooking cheese in our shop and grated cheese for customers to make lovely scones. If any cheese doesn't make right it goes to make processed cheese. The hot milk when we pasteurise preheats the next lot of milk being pasteurised. The water we use to heat and cool the cheese starters, milk and cream goes to give the cows' hot drinks. Cheese cloths, cardboard and plastic waste go to power the incinerator in Exeter.

Cows' manure goes to the slurry lagoon. Then we spread it on the land. We use straw from the crops to bed the heifers in winter. In the spring, the composted manure (the piles of manure in the fields) feeds the soil for the next crop.

~~The Cheese Packaging Free Recycling Programme~~
We make woodchip from the less saleable timber from the woods, which heats houses. We'd love to make our cheese with this heat but we haven't yet found something that can store heat from day-long burning, which we'd need to do to get the power.

We bed calves on woodchip. The woodchip starts to compost under the animals with their manure. Wood takes a long time to break down. It can be hungry for nitrogen, taking feed from plants. We compost it in piles, so the fungal breakdown starts. At that point, the fungi can access the huge reservoir of phosphate in the soil that normal plant breakdown in the soil can't get hold of.

We grow grass and clover in rotation to stop the soil becoming exhausted by crops. That gives year-round leaf cover to protect and feed the soil. And the big thing we now understand is the way leaf cover harvests the sunlight and turns it into sugars that feed the soil microorganisms through mycorrhizal networks in the soil wide web. We use the right amount of nutrients for the soil and the crops by what's already in the soil, the manure we've added, and what feed the crops and the grass need. We want to add how well the soil is working. Particularly, we need to learn more about working with the soil to have its processes work optimally. Organic farmers know a lot, and to feed the world population, we need our soils to provide more food for us than a pure organic system does. We need to know better how to work with our beautiful, gorgeous, life-giving soil.

Cows rumens' take food we can't eat: grass and clover and forage plants we grow on the farm, and turn that into milk and meat we eat and manure that feeds the soil. We feed some cake to optimise how much milk the cows give for the amount of methane they produce (that's a story for another day). There's more to understand on that right balance.

Their cake feed is largely food industry by-products - the bits people don't eat. Sugar beet pulp is left over from making sugar; wheat feed, left over from refining white flour; maize gluten, left over from making corn starch and maize oil; and oilseed rape meal left over from crushing for vegetable oil, helping those industries to be circular. The cows do eat a little feed wheat and feed barley as a little treat. That is grown down here in the south west of England where our warm wet climate grows wheat that doesn't have enough protein to make human food - bread, flour or pasta. Our barley grows too lush in the winter to make brewers' malt. We buy in the cattle cake about as much wheat and barley as we grow. We don't mix and pellet the feed on the farm. We used to, and large mills do it much more efficiently and safely than us laboriously doing it. Our circle goes a bit wider than us, via our grain co-op and feed mills.

We are working on breeding cows that naturally produce less methane, so our feed goes further. Some people talk about feeding additives so cows don't fully digest their food, and so need more richer food, which seems the wrong direction. We are looking at cows drinking the whey, and we will take that carefully.

We have solar panels on the cheese store that produce most electricity when the stores need most cooling in the summer. We are investing in more solar panels to enable us to milk the cows, cool the milk, mill the curd and power the farm and cheese.

We plan to cover our slurry storage lagoon. It throws off methane, which when the technology is available, we could be using to power tractors, feed into the mains or power our cheese dairy. After all, natural gas is mostly methane.

If you live close by, you'll have seen the mist wreathing up from the woodland that forms about half the farm's land area. People have even phoned me up, concerned that it's smoke and the woods are on fire (thank you for your concern!). I've just read some really exciting research <https://leaf.leeds.ac.uk/news/trees-are-much-better-at-creating-clouds-and-cooling-the-climate-than-we-thought/> that suggests that trees, especially conifers, produce terpenes that can seed clouds. So cool! Our woodland is recycling our rain to give to drier areas to the east (given that most of our wind comes from the west when it rains).

I'm inspired by appreciating how our farming and food is circular and can contribute to looking after our beautiful planet. Thanks, University of Exeter!

Mary Quicke

Parish Council Elections – Changing Times Ahead?

The local Parish Council needs new blood. But it may get a lot more than that in the coming elections, as Ann Quon Cordingley found out when she talked to some of the people involved.

The Newton St Cyres Parish Council is facing a possible sea change, maybe even a minor tsunami, with up to two thirds of the nine councillors possibly stepping down, including the Chair, Jim Enright, and Vice Chair Roger Cashmore.

If that's what happens, some see the 4th May elections as an opportunity for new people and a new direction for village affairs – but others worry that a large influx of new members and ideas could introduce policies that are a departure from traditional Parish Council activities.



The current Parish Council:-

Left to right: Cllr Chris Southcott, Jane Hole (Parish Clerk), Cllr Graham Scopes, Cllr Steve Parker, Cllr Gina Quicke, Cllr Roger Cashmore, Cllr Liz Ouldrige, Cllr Paul Taylor, Cllr Jim Enright and Cllr Damien Hodge.

If that is the worry, says one councillor who asked not to be named, then it would be a big mistake for current members to step down en masse.

At the time of writing, only two councillors have confirmed they will stand again – Liz Ouldrige and Graham Scopes. So why are others stepping down?

Jim Enright says that after 10 years on the council, the last five as chair, the time is right for change. "While I believe that my stewardship has been successful, the world is constantly changing, and new ways of looking at problems and opportunities are required," he says.

Vice Chair Roger Cashmore has voluntarily stepped down early, citing personal reasons. He believes that he has worked as long and as hard as any member of the council while actually living in neighbouring Thorverton, having moved there from NSC nine years ago. "I've done as much as anyone in getting things done for the community, and I take great satisfaction in that," he says.

Paul Taylor, who has been a councillor since 2015 and instrumental in advocating the development of the Boniface cycle trail, cites work demands for stepping aside. "I would like to stay on but, unfortunately, I don't have the time," he says.

Jim Enright feels it is a pity that so many councillors have apparently decided to call it a day, stressing that the council's work is important. He appealed to those who care about the community to stand. "Being a parish councillor is an honour and enables residents to give something back to our community," he says. "With the new neighbourhood plan now underway, being a parish councillor can make a difference to the future of our village. The council will be more effective if councillors have different experiences, skills, interests and backgrounds to bring to the table."

Liz Ouldrige says the work of a councillor can be satisfying, which is why she is standing again. "There are lots of positives, such as improving the allotments and enabling the community allotment to start, responding to complaints from parishioners and something actually happening as a result, as well as getting to know the village people better."

Councillor Chris Southcott is its longest serving member, and, having served for 16 years, feels the council has done the community well. "I think we've kept what I call the basic things ticking over," says Chris. "The village greens are cut, the bus shelters are clean, public benches are up to scratch, the arboretum is kept sponsored and the run-of-the-mill things are ticking over."

But he acknowledges that the council's powers are limited. "To try and do anything above that is not easy because you are up against the Mid Devon District and Devon County councils."

That said, there is no denying that the council has accomplished a lot. In recent months, it successfully pushed for pedestrian traffic lights in the village centre, helped organise the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, provided funds for

the Newton Resilience Group, and raised funds for a commemorative bench in the Arboretum.

Jim Enright is most proud that the Parish Council's share of the local rates bill has remained very low. He is also pleased with the road warden scheme under the guidance of resident volunteer Nick Gillon. "A lot of thanks must go to Roger Cashmore for getting it off the ground," Jim says.

However, despite its many achievements, the outgoing council leaves behind unfinished business. "My biggest regret," says Jim, "is that our efforts to secure the old school and some other sites for affordable housing were not successful. And progress on getting Devon County Council to control speed limits on the A377 has not yet been successful," says Jim.

Roger Cashmore also regrets the lack of social housing in the planning pipeline. "My second biggest regret is we didn't get a new shop and a new full-time post office in the village. "And the biggest unfinished business is the Boniface Trail. Some people were prepared to work hard for that," he says. He is, however, proud of his achievements, including the road warden scheme, setting up the social media site 'Next Door' and securing a new 4G system for the church tower, which will go live once BT connects the fibre backbone.

Graeme Barnell has resigned after four years as a Mid Devon District Councillor to stand for the Newton Parish Council. Why? "I enjoyed my time on the District Council and shall miss it," he says. "However, they weren't interested in the things I was interested in, particularly local issues and things like road safety and the environment."

He feels he could play a more effective role at the parish level. "There are things we need to achieve in the village that are really important, such as the new neighbourhood plan, local housing, and biodiversity and environmental issues, which we need to pay much more attention to."

While many would agree that biodiversity and the environment are important issues, some people worry that they may overshadow other important work for the new council. "I'm in favour of looking after the environment," says one insider. "But some people tend to go overboard and can't do a happy medium. They can't plant one tree; they have to plant 100."

The comment seems to be reference to the Newton Environmental Wellbeing group or NEW, which has successfully initiated a number of green initiatives in the village including the community allotment, wilding of the village green and tree planting.

The worry for some people is that the "greenies", as some call them, might try to take over the council to promote their own agenda.

Some say they already have as green issues increasingly dominate the council agenda. “The Parish Council should not be driven by personal, political or national agendas or become politicised,” says one insider. “It is there for one thing – to tackle parish issues. That’s the start, middle and end of it.”

Dave Harris, a prominent member of NEW, says his group works in close consultation with the village in response to local needs and concerns over the environment. As an example, he cites the community forum held last year. “Lots of ideas came out of that. One idea was to grow more food locally, and that is what’s happened. And we now have a community allotment. There is no takeover here.”

While he has yet to decide whether to stand, Dave Harris says that environmental issues are of vital concern, not just for the Parish Council but at all council levels. “The overarching factor affecting all councils at all levels up to the national levels should be the climate and ecological emergencies we are all in. The way we mitigate that will be by communities working together. We are quite lucky in Newton St Cyres because that is already happening. That has to be the overarching principle in which we work. It can be quite transformative.”

Whether the risk of a “greenie” takeover of the council is real or not, the main challenge seems to be to encourage a broader cross-section of council members. It’s important that there is a balance of interests, experience, and age on the Parish Council, says Graeme. That includes local farmers and landowners as much as people who are interested in green and environmental issues, social housing, and road safety. “The last thing we want is for there to be an imbalance on the council, because that’s going to undermine its work.”

Clearly, the elections provide an opportunity to bring in fresh ideas, attract a new generation and move with the times. But Dave Harris doubts it’s going to happen this time around. “We need to recognise the future is for all of us, and particularly for young people, so their views, thoughts and opinions need to be represented. But I appreciate that probably none of them will stand, and that’s something the council needs to look at once it’s been elected. How do we get young people involved?”

An important issue the new council will face will be the loss of experience and institutional memory, with so many councillors probably stepping down. “It’s incumbent on the new council to make sure that doesn’t happen,” says Graeme Barnell, who feels it will be important to continue to engage the outgoing councillors in one capacity or another. “For example, Councillor Steve Parker has a wealth of knowledge about the countryside and footpaths, and the last thing you want to do is do away with all that.”

Some of the current councillors, such as Paul Taylor, feel they can be just as effective outside the council – in his case, working on the Boniface Trail.

April 2023

With the deadline for nominations closing on 4th April, residents from all backgrounds and experiences who are passionate about the community are urged to put themselves forward. On her reasons for standing for another term, Liz Ouldrige says: "I wanted to put something back into the village of which I am a part. Societies don't work if you don't contribute."

However, there will only be an election if more than nine candidates stand. If there are fewer candidates than seats, the candidates will get in uncontested. That's what happened last time. Could it happen again? Or do interesting times lie ahead?

For information on Parish Council elections: <https://www.middevonparish.co.uk/newtonscyres/interested-in-becoming-a-parish-councillor-elections-may-2023/>

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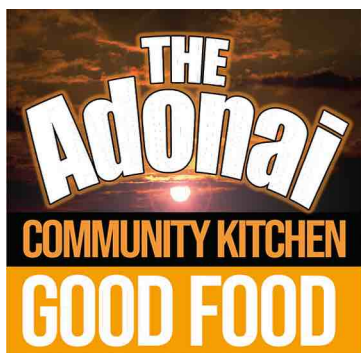
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• Newton St Cyres Church – Statement of Significance (£2)

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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 20th century.

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

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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- Births, Deaths and Marriages in Newton St Cyres (16th–18th century)
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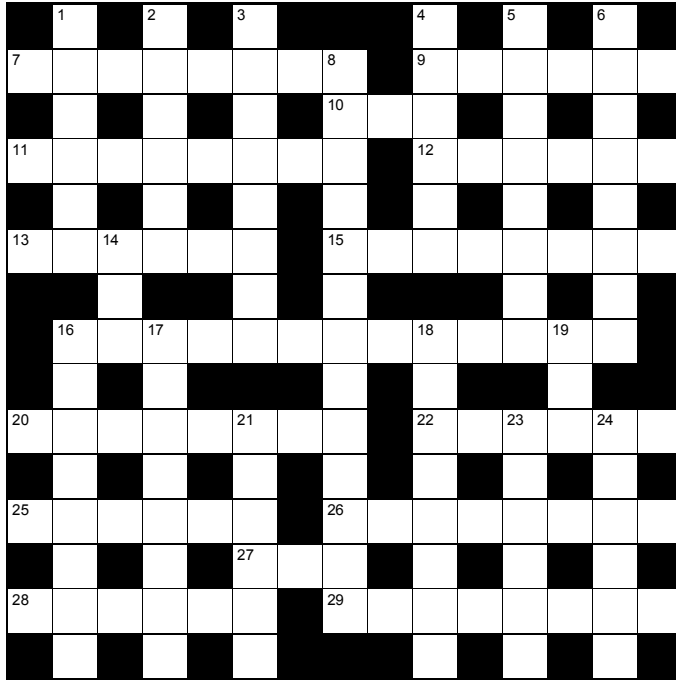


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Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 7 French writer shows real bias unfortunately (8)
- 9 Insulted a British and American journalist (6)
- 10 He's found among entomologists (3)
- 11 See about unusually bitter book (8)
- 12 Thus employed drunk (6)
- 13 So old article offers comfort (6)
- 15 Some memory of what cobra has, you say? (8)
- 16 In court, one questions angry inspector (5-8)
- 20 Fellow always is hot, running high temperature (8)
- 22 Chap, see, is punctual (6)
- 25 Pants and comes back to life? (6)
- 26 Isn't love misrepresented by this writer? (8)
- 27 Some work is therefore cut short (3)
- 28 Lyricist is a beginner, it's said (6)
- 29 Former partner rang and praised highly (8)

DOWN

- 1 Caught a straying coil of cloth (6)
- 2 Type of polecat is a diligent searcher (6)
- 3 Time to perform more infrequently? That's unsubtle! (8)
- 4 Young girl soundly curses English student (6)
- 5 Vehicle picked up Pope in the outskirts of town (8)
- 6 Could be protected first off with smoke sensor? (8)
- 8 Trite conversation where brokers work (5,8)
- 14 Old, old city belonging to us (3)
- 16 Daily gets hold of second detergent perhaps (8)
- 17 Compliant with order to somehow end it (8)
- 18 Give incentive to team playing around four (8)
- 19 Ultimately people follow like sheep (3)
- 21 Put in stern, I work (6)
- 23 Slightly miffed at first by ruined idyll (6)
- 24 Taking part, journalist endeavours to pay attention (6)

Set by Alberich

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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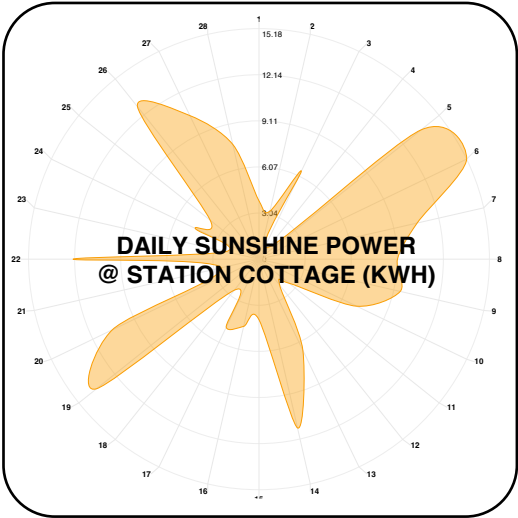
Solution to March 2023 Cryptic Crossword

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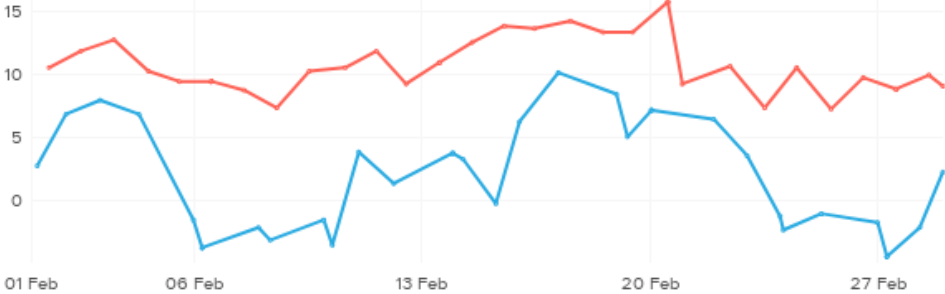
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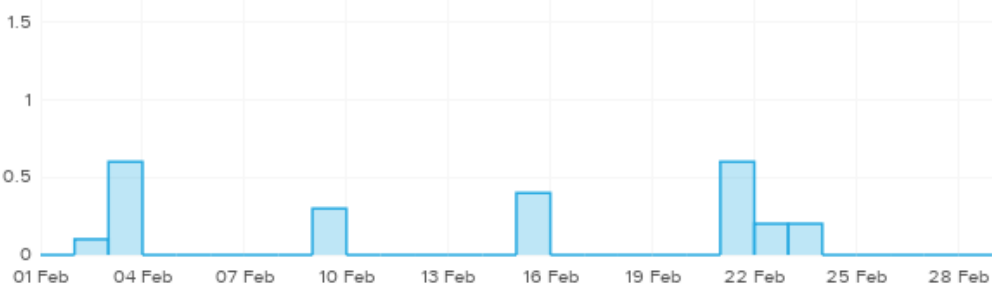
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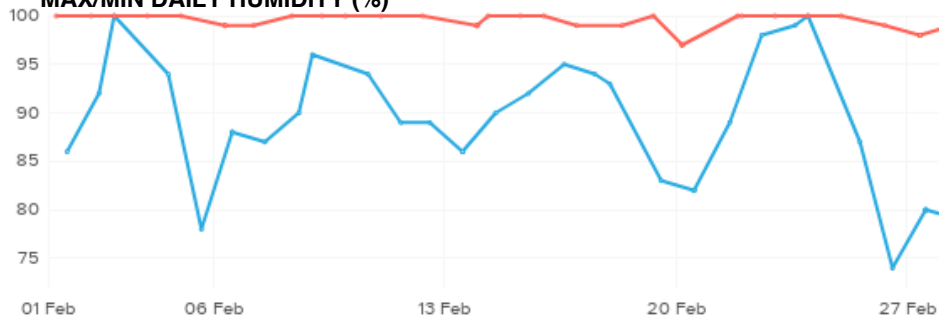
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DAILY PRESSURE (mb)



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Annual Meetings for your Parish

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The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) immediately following the Meeting of Parishioners is open to all members of the Church Electoral Roll for the parish. It chooses representatives for the parish in church councils and synods, receives the annual accounts of the Parochial Church Council, and reviews the life and work of the local church over the preceding year. Please plan to attend these important and informative annual meetings for your parish.

Newton St Cyres:	Sunday 23 April, 11:00 am	Newton St Cyres Church
Rewe with Netherexe:	Wed 19 April, 6:00 pm	Rewe Church
Stoke Canon with Huxham:	Tues 18 April, 6:00 pm	Stoke Canon Church

If you have any queries or require more information regarding the APCM, please contact Revd Tim Collins.

Revd Tim Collins
Priest-in-Charge, Netherexe Mission Community
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A month in the church

The LET'sGO Lego Club is back in full swing. After the success of the bridge-building challenge, from the longest to the highest, the group embarked on Hidden Treasures. Tiny items were hidden inside complex arrangements – e.g., a pyramid with a secret entrance, boats, an elegant abode.

February's soup and cheese lunch was a lively affair and declared to be delicious. There were homemade cakes for sale and of course a raffle. The Warm Wednesdays, which began in November, stopped at the end of February, as winter turned to spring. But a small Food Bank can still be found in the church porch. Thank you to the kind people who regularly top it up.

Spring in the churchyard is always beautiful. The ground gradually wakes up with drifts of snowdrops, so pure and understated

A compromised Holme Oak had, sadly, to be cut down, before it fell. The wood will be used and some has already been placed to start construction of a bug hotel – a work in progress. The oak was replaced elsewhere (along the western fence) by a crab apple, bought from the Woodland Trust and registered as part of the late Queen's Jubilee canopy.

You may have spotted the carefully camouflaged antenna at the top of the tower. These are part of the Telecoms installation for 4G mobile reception in the village. We are waiting on BT to connect it up.

We are now in Lent, a time of quiet reflection, which the Church echoes. Come on in. It's open as always and ready to welcome you.

Pita Burt

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New Life

We associate spring with newness, freshness and colour. I started writing this under a grey, cloudy sky and it didn't seem very spring-like at all, but as I looked out of my window, despite the drabness of the day, I could see the bright yellow daffodils in my garden – one of the first signs that spring is on its way – and they did not fail to bring a smile to my face, as they do every year.

Easter cards are in the shops now, with the usual array of eggs, rabbits and lambs on brightly coloured backgrounds: the card makers are just as keen as the natural world to encourage us with the colours of spring.

As I continue to write, the rain is now falling quite heavily. I appreciate that we have just experienced the driest February on record and this rain is needed but I hope that it doesn't batter down the newly opened flowers.

Our lives, at times are, very fragile, like those daffodils trying to weather the rainstorms. Grief, illness, worries about money and many other concerns can make us feel that there is little for us to spring up and take on with any amount of enthusiasm. Like the bulbs over the winter, there can be times when we feel little growth; nothing seems to go right, and we are not making headway.

The period of Lent in the Christian calendar coincides, in this country, with what is often this bleakest time of the year. Jesus used his time in the wilderness to focus on his relationship with God and to pass over the things that might have brought him short term pleasure or prosperity. Emboldened by the time he spent considering what was important in his life, he began his ministry.

Lent is traditionally, and often still, a period of abstinence from our favourite foods and it might seem a strange thing to encourage us to action, yet it is a time when we can remember what we do have, what we might look forward to, even when there seems little comfort in such things. A time when the weather and the shorter, dark days when we are less busy allow for a period of reflection.

The clocks will have sprung (or will spring forward shortly) when you read this and it will be difficult not to feel enlivened by the light early in the day, the growth in our gardens and hedgerows around us and the birdsong. The churches in the parishes will be celebrating Easter just at the time when the beauty of creation is really coming to the fore, and this reminds us of the promises of God and that, each day, He is with us, through the good times and the bad.

Laura Ford



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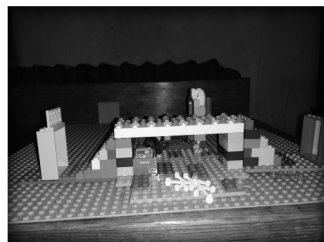
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The photos are from February's bridge
building challenge



SERVICES & INFORMATION APRIL 2023

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

Sunday 2 April Palm Sunday

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Thorverton	TC
10:00 am	Palm Sunday Service & Walk of Witness with The Chapel	Stoke Canon	Lay Led
10:00 am	Coffee & Chat	Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
11:15 am	Informal Service	Cadbury	Lay Led

Monday 3 April

07:00 pm	Night Prayer	Stoke Canon	TC
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Tuesday 4 April

07:00 pm	Night Prayer	Stoke Canon	TC
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Wednesday 5 April

07:00 pm	Night Prayer	Stoke Canon	TC
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Thursday 6 April Maundy Thursday

06:30 pm	Service & Supper	Stoke Canon	TC/Lay Led
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Friday 7 April Good Friday

10:30 am	Mission Community Good Friday Drama	Stoke Canon	JH/Lay Led
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Sunday 9 April Easter Day

06:00 am	Sunrise Service	Netherexe	TC
09:30 am	Family Communion	Thorverton	TC
09:30 am	Communion by extension	Rewe	LF
10:00 am	Holy Communion	Newton St Cyres	TL
10:00 am	Holy Communion	Cadbury	JH
11:00 am	Holy Communion	Huxham	TC
11:15 am	Holy Communion	Upton Pyne	GC
		<i>Joint with Brampford Speke</i>	
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	Stoke Canon	MSS

Sunday 16 April Easter 2

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Brampford Speke	TC
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Sunday 23 April Easter 3

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Newton St Cyres	TC
10:00 am	Messy Church	Stoke Canon	Lay Led
04:00 pm	Evening Prayer	Upton Pyne	LF
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer	Thorverton	Lay Led

Tuesday 25 April

09:00 am	Chattertots	Thorverton	Lay Led
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Sunday 30 April Easter 4

10:00 am	Mission Community Service	Stoke Canon	JH/LF
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Evening Prayer: Every Tuesday 6:00 pm in Rewe ChurchThis information will also be available via our website at www.netherexe.org see "Please Note" section of the homepage.**Who's Who? Abbreviations Key**

TC	Revd Tim Collins		
JH	Revd Julia Hocking	LF	Laura Ford [Licensed Lay Minister]
TL	Revd Tony Lane	KR	Revd Preb Kathy Roberts
GC	Revd Preb Graham Cotter	MSS	Revd's Michael & Sharon Simpson
SN	Sheila Newton [Licensed Lay Minister]	TBC	To be confirmed.

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*For help, further information or to submit a report please go to the website or contact the
NSC Parish Council Co-ordinator Damien Hodge tel: 01392 851111
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Newton St Cyres Parish Hall

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NON VILLAGERS

Main hall	£36	£54	£71	£88
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Both rooms	£55	£82	£109	£136

Bookings Secretary, Mary Long maryglong@btinternet.com ; 01392 851624

A WEEK IN THE PARISH HALL

The Parish Hall is now fully open. **The special covid restrictions and number limits have been lifted**, but we urge users to think of others and continue to be careful.

If you wish to book the Hall or learn more about the facilities, please contact our Bookings Secretary, Mary Long (marylong@btinternet.com ; 01392 851624).

Roger Furniss Chairman, Hall Management Committee

Tuesday (weekly)	Line dancing	7.30 pm	Paula Benford	01392 210830	pbenford45@gmail.com
Tuesday (weekly)	Adonai Community Kitchen	12.00 - 2.00pm	Jocelyne Whittaker	07508 871172	TheAdonai-CKitchen@outlook.com
Tuesday (fortnightly)	Young Farmers Club	8.00 pm	Katie Davie	07706 760500	kmdavie@gmail.com
Wednesday (weekly)	Adonai Community Kitchen	12.00 - 2.00pm	Jocelyne Whittaker	07508 871172	TheAdonai-CKitchen@outlook.com
Wednesday (weekly)	Warm afternoon. Tea, Games, etc.	3.00 pm	Sue Browne	851460	suebrowne@gmail.com
Wednesday (monthly)	History Group	7.30 pm	Jean Wilkins	01392 851337	jeanwilkins1@btinternet.com
Thursday (Twice per month)	Mah Jong	2.00 pm	Geoff Jackson	01392 851551	megalops@btinternet.com
Thursday (2 nd in month)	Exe Valley Bird Club	7.00 pm	Kevin Smaldon	07710 427817	kevin.smaldon@btinternet.com
Thursday (monthly)	Parish Council	7.00 pm	Jane Hole	01392 851148	parishclerk@newtonstcycres-pc.gov.uk
Friday (some weeks)	Art class	10.30 am	Sue Rose	01363 772284	suerose9@hotmail.com
Friday (weekly)	Table tennis	7.00 pm	Roger Wilkins	01392 851337	rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com
Saturday (second in month)	Village Coffee morning sponsored by various oorganisations	10.30 am	Church Sue Browne	01392 851460	suecbrowne@gmail.com
			Others Roger Wilkins	01392 851337	rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com
Saturday (some months)	Model train group	2.00 pm	Ann Feetham	01392 215837	annfeetham@virginmedia.com

WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGE

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Newton Revels	Chairman - Eric Fee - ericwfee@hotmail.com	01392 851595
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History Group	Jean Wilkins	01392 851337
Table Tennis	Roger Wilkins	01392 851337
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