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Lunchtime Fun

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Coffee Mornings

The same applies to the monthly coffee mornings in the Village Hall which for some, especially some older people, are one of the few times they are able to meet with others. It is unfortunate that this month there will be no coffee morning.

Road Closure

Chris Southcott pointed out that I made a mistake last month when referring to the proposed closure of Station Road in May. I wrote that the road would be closed on May Bank Holiday reopening on Wednesday 29th May. The notice itself is not very clear but states that Station Road will be closed from the 29th May until the 31st May. The map, however shows work being done beyond Station Cross up towards Wyke Cross.

Volunteer Wanted

Last month I asked if there was anyone who would like to contribute to the Newton Wonder by researching the "Do you remember" section. So far no-one has come forward. This is an item which our readers say they enjoy and it does require a little research each month in order to provide the summary for publication. If you feel you would like to be involved by contributing to the "Do You Remember", or any other aspect of the production of the Newton Wonder, please do contact me at editor@newtonwonder.net, or telephone 01392 851269 or 07841517391.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT ... 7th March 2024

The meeting, held on Thursday 7th March 2024, was attended by six Councillors, the Parish Clerk, Devon County Councillor Margaret Squires and Mid Devon District Cllr Martin Binks. Three members of the public were in attendance.

Issues raised by the public:

A suggestion was made to make the Parish Council actions more public and accessible to all. The council will review this in a future meeting.

Development and Planning – Cllr G Barnell

24/00237/HOUSE. Erection of single-storey rear extension and front porch following demolition of existing conservatory and porch at Winscombe Newton St Cyres. No comment.

424/00222/MARM. Reserved Matters for the erection of a 50-bedroom nursing home following outline approval 20/01584/MOUT at Langford Park Nursing Home, Langford Road, Langford. The council has suggested comments to address the lack of waste provision, to retain existing trees and plan for additional trees; and to improve the transportation statement to address risks to staff by the lack of pavement on a busy road.

24/00257/FULL. Alterations and improvements to existing parking and servicing arrangements, including additional hard surfacing, a cycle store and new fencing at Langford Park Nursing Home.

24/00020/CAT Notification of intention to remove one Hawthorn tree within a Conservation Area at Village Green. Permission granted. Cllr L Ouldrige will replace the Hawthorn tree with a Rowan tree, with the former being chipped and used at the allotment. Cllr Ouldrige will inform the residents of the green that the tree will be removed.

Cllr Barnell suggested that considerations for the Town and Parish Charter Review be reviewed as an agenda item at the next Crediton Cluster Meeting. Councillors can forward comments to the Clerk for inclusion in the debate.

Report from District Councillors on issues relevant to the parish

D/Cllr M Binks reported that MDDC's portion of the council tax would rise by 2.99% and that a balanced budget for 24/25 had been achieved, but not without service reductions.

MDDC had received a grant from the Urban Tree Challenge and will be planting 66 trees over three years in urban areas.

Rubbish bags left by the side of black bins will no longer be collected.

Report from County Councillor on issues relevant to the Parish

County Cllr M Squires reported that budget setting is ongoing due to the adult and children's services making significant demands on the budget, but did report that some of the HS2 spend has been reallocated to highways maintenance.

Overgrown vegetation on School Hill pavement was cleared by the Road Wardens before DCC could attend. Cllr Squires would discuss the rock face opposite Station Road with our Neighbourhood Highways Officer regarding concerns on its structural integrity.

Cllr Squires reported that DCC's portion of the Council Tax would increase by 4.99%. The grant from central government had increased with some of the extra money being devolved to MDDC for work to ease homelessness, and cancelled HS2 project funds had been allocated to road drainage work.

Churchyard:

Burial space in the churchyard is running low, with 5-6 more spaces (excluding ashes). The PC have resolved that they will not take on the management and maintenance of the churchyard after closure, but would consider gifting the additional area given by John Quicke in 2018 "for use of the Parish". This gift is subject to further discussions and is contingent on the church using it for burials and cremations and on the final agreement of terms involved in the transfer of land and appropriate legal fees. The PC will consult with John Quicke on his views on this proposed agreement, and the clerk will consult with a solicitor and DALC for advice before a final decision is made. The PC will also cease funding the grass cutting, with the contractor to be notified. A previous meeting was held by church representatives where the agreement was made to move to an annual grant for grass cutting instead.

Delegated spending limits have been approved for the following:

- The road warden scheme has spending power of up to £50 to purchase materials for work done by the scheme in agreement with the travel and road safety councillors.
- £50 for the clerk for training and minor repairs
- Payment/reimbursement to be made at next PC meeting or prior production to parish clerk.

-The Parish Clerk retains the provisions stated in Financial Regulations, item 4.5.

Quarterly Report – Development and Planning – Cllr Barnell

Cllr Barnell made suggestions that will be addressed at future PC meetings. These include:

-The possible formation of Housing Action Group to build on previous Community Land Trust Work.

-Broadband and internet access as an item for the future Agenda Planner

-MDDC. Following a call for sites, the HELAA process was taking place (Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment) with public consultation expected in January 2025.

Crediton Cluster Meeting – report of meeting on 19 January 2024

A meeting to progress the Boniface Trail was being set up with DCC.

The Neighbourhood Highway Manager for East Devon, Exeter, Mid Devon, North Devon had agreed to attend the next meeting of the Crediton Cluster Group to discuss possible devolution plans regarding road works.

Travel & Road Safety – Cllr J Dean and Cllr A Staite

The road surface at Newcombe's is poor and remedial work is low on DCCs list of priorities. The road warden costed some remedial work, which was put forward and supported by four residents' donations. A contractor will therefore be contracted to do the work, with potholes being repaired by the wardens and donation requests being actioned by the clerk. The Neighbourhood Highways Officer was aware of the work required and the proposal to fix the problem.

The need to set up a priority list for future road -warden work was agreed and would be discussed at a future meeting.

Environment and Climate – Cllr D Harris

It was noted that the recent grass cutting on the Village Green had cut the wildflower areas in error and this would be addressed with the contractor.

Empty Homes:

Cllr P Stephenson circulated a discussion paper that noted that the housing crisis

may lead to pressure in parishes such as Newton St Cyres to deliver additional housing which could threaten to fundamentally change the character of the parish, particularly if large-scale greenfield developments occur. Bringing empty homes back into use should take priority over new builds and this would also be more climate friendly.

The PC will:

- lobby MDDC to charge council tax premiums on empty homes to encourage them to be brought back into use.

- Recommend that the Neighbourhood Planning Group include bringing empty homes back into use as a key strategy for meeting local housing need, as opposed to sole reliance on greenfield developments.

- Discuss this with other PCs to have it as a common policy with shared lobbying of empty homes, including holiday homes.

Should you know of any empty homes, please report them to MDDC as well as to the PC so that we can understand the scale of the issue and where appropriate, lobby MDDC to take action.

Other items:

Several items had been added to the agenda planner during the meeting and other quarterly reports deferred from this meeting.

Crediton Town Council had a “Community Conversation” on 23 March 2024

NSC Table Tennis Club had an open morning on 17 March 2024.

Cllr L Ouldrige reported that the Resilience sheds at Smallbrook and the Parish Hall were leaking. Clerk to obtain estimate for re-felting.

Date of next Parish Council meeting: Thursday 4th April 2024 at 7pm in the Club Room.



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Paul Cleave

NEWTON RAMBLERS

Sunday 21st April

The walk this month will be led by Liz Fiddock and is a circular walk of about 4 miles starting from Knightshayes, near Tiverton.

When you turn into the entrance at Knightshayes you drive about 200yds then turn left and into the lower car park.

The walk is up through the fields towards the house, along past the walled garden and uphill along the lane for about 1/2 mile before turning left along a track leading to two farm yards - before heading back into the park at Knightshayes (it avoids going into Bolham and having a road walk back).

Meet at the Newton St Cyres car park to share cars at 9.45am or at Knightshayes car park at 10.30am.

There is a cafe for a drink afterwards.

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Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

As evenings start lengthening and hopefully the rain starts lessening, tennis will be uppermost on many minds.

The Club singles league is running again. This is a wonderful challenge for your tennis and fitness. In the East Devon Tennis League our two Mixed teams, one at second or third place in Division 1, and one at second place in Division 6. In the Exeter and District Tennis League our Men's team is at third place in Division 3.



The Rusty Racket sessions are running well, often on Saturdays (contact Frederiek Maddock frederiekmaddock@gmail.com if you would like to try a session) and the other Club sessions are well attended, with some sessions now being divided into two slots as they are so busy. We have quite a few new members and it is great to see them so

involved. Coach Jon Wills runs our Junior coaching sessions on Wednesday afternoons and is also available for individual or doubles coaching for adult members.

Membership renewals are due in March, so this is a good time to think about joining if you are new as you will get a full year for your subscription. We are still very reasonably priced compared to some of the larger clubs.

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Bert Jewell writes Rhymes and Ways about Gardens and Gardening April

With summer fast approaching and winter in retreat,
Waiting in the garden is our newly painted seat
Where we can sit and wonder at the views off to our right,
The everchanging landscape, the twinkling stars at night.

But the view is sometimes hidden in a damp and misty shroud,
The valley down below us seems lost beneath the cloud,
But the sun is getting stronger, it burns the mist away,
Could this be the beginning of a dry and sunny day!

To enjoy all the flowers in our garden and those nearby,
The blossom on the cherry is what really caught my eye,
Some trees are growing upright, tall and rather round,
Others that have branches that sweep down to the ground.

Where the snakes head fritillaries are nodding in the breeze,
The spotty leaved lungworts seem to flower with such ease,
And don't forget the tulips, some tall and rather grand,
And those all mixed together like a loud and joyous band.

And how about this shrub, could it be a bridal wreath,
Flowering top to bottom, and even underneath,
And with some gentle pruning , you can keep it looking neat,
Now, where's my cup of coffee and that newly painted seat.

Things to do in the garden

I can always find something of interest in the garden at any time of year. In January it's the Witch Hazel (Hamamelis) or the Mahonia, in February it's the Snowdrops (Galanthus) or Cyclamen Coum, and then in March we see the first of the main types of daffodils (all are varieties of Narcissus). My favourites are those from the Cyclamineus group, "Jet Fire", "February Gold" and of course "Tete-a-Tete", these are the shorter stemmed cultivars so they stand up to the wind and rain.

In April we see the trees and shrubs coming into their own, none more so than the flowering Cherries, these really put on a show. In our old garden we planted Prunus Amanagawa, an upright variety with soft pink flowers, we now have a smaller garden so we have planted Prunus Incisa. It can make a large shrub rather than a tree and is in flower as I write these notes. Mid-March onwards, the flowers are plentiful and small and white tinged pink in bud.

Remember never to prune any trees that have stoned fruit, when they are dormant, such as Cherries, Plums, Greengages, Peaches and Damsons. The spores of silver leaf disease could enter the pruning cut and you may well lose the tree.

Prune flowering Cherries when the display is over, and fruiting trees as soon as you have picked the fruit, this will give the cut time to heal before the onset of winter.

Flowering Cherries are fine, but if you want the display to last a little longer and also provide some food for the birds, why not grow a Crab Apple or two, “Malus, Golden Hornet” has large white flowers followed by yellow fruit, “Malus Profusion” has reddish flowers and purple young foliage.

Have you got a “Spiraea Arguta” in the shrub garden or border? It’s commonly known as “Bridal Wreath”, can grow to about 6’ x 6’ but can be trimmed down a bit. When in bloom, the whole bush can be lost in a canopy of tiny white flowers and is very reliable in any type of weather.

Now if you didn’t get those seeds sown in March, don’t worry there is still time without the need for cloches etc. Sow Broad, Runner and French Beans, Peas, Brussel Sprouts, Leeks, Carrots and Parsnips, sow small amounts of Lettuce, Spring Onions, Beetroot and Radish every two or three weeks for a regular supply of fresh food.

Plant of the month

“*Ribes Sanguineum*” (Flowering Currant)

My father grew a flowering currant hedge and I will always remember the constant hum of bumble bees at this time of year. The flowers appear to hang on strings and the foliage has a blackcurrant scent. Most have pink or reddish pink flowers but there is a white variety , “Tydeman’s White” and a yellow variety “Odoratum”, also known as Buffalo Currant. We have one in our allotment.

Enjoy your gardening



Steve Parker - Retirement tributes



Steve Parker has served as a Parish Councillors for 20 years. He has, very sadly, decided to retire. Here are some of the tributes that have been paid by fellow Councillors who have served with him over the years.

“Steve always had a ‘can do’ attitude. He always went a step beyond, e.g. carrying out mending jobs on the footpath that were above and beyond the call of duty.”

“As a Councillor and as an individual, Steve was always helpful, friendly, knowledgeable about the village. He liked to get on and do things and was always willing to help out with whatever he could to get things fixed in the village.”

“Steve was very practical, passionate about footpaths and promoting the Boniface Trail. He was a loyal member of the old Speedwatch team.”

“Steve’s experience, wisdom and kindness will be much missed by the Parish Council”.

Steve has offered to continue to be our footpath warden; an offer that has been gratefully accepted.

Graeme Barnell
Chairman, NSC Parish Council

Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The draw for March took place at the Coffee Morning on the 9 March. The winners were:

March 2024	No. 162	A Prichard	£10.00
	No. 201	M Drew	£10.00
	No. 224	R Nicholls	£10.00
	No. 70	S Taylor	£10.00
	No. 28	A Mitchell	£10.00

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Jane
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Newton St Cyres Parish Council

NOTICE OF VACANCY for PARISH COUNCILLOR

Due to Steve Parker's retirement there is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Eligible candidates must appear on the current register of the Voters List; or the applicant should during the whole of the twelve months preceding the relevant date have resided in or within three miles of the parish; or the applicant's only place of work during the whole of the twelve months preceding the relevant date is in the parish.

Co-option will take place at the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 9 May, 7pm in the Club Room at the Parish Hall

Candidates will have the opportunity to explain briefly why they wish to be co-opted

For an informal discussion about the role of a Parish Councillor, please contact Graeme Barnell, Chair (07564 541572) or Liz Ouldrige, Vice Chair (01392 851621)

To apply, please email the Clerk for a co-option form, which must be returned before noon on Tuesday 30 April

parishclerk@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk

For more information about council activities please visit the council website at

<https://www.middevonparish.co.uk/newtonstcyres>

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

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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.

- **Newton St Cyres and The Civil War 1642-46 (£5)**

Written by Jean Wilkins. The story of grief, hardship and a little excitement for those living in the village almost 400 years ago during the English Civil War supported by coloured photos and maps. Would you have been a Roundhead or a Cavalier?

- **Newton St Cyres in the WW2 Years (£5)**

Written by Roger Wilkins, The contributions of the village to the war effort are described, as are impacts on village activities and businesses.

Also visit **newtonwonder.net** where you will find data and analyses on:

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

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Thoughts for April from Peter Cordingley

Britain is broken. There's no getting away from it. From the NHS to the railways, from the armed forces to education, from the royal family to local councils, from this to that and beyond, nothing works properly any more. This old country of ours is in a state of collapse – just like the ceilings of our schools. Even the Daily Telegraph, which is the Conservative Party in newspaper form, admits as much. It thinks the future lies not with the Tories, but with Reform UK. I pass that on for your entertainment.

Take the Post Office as another example. We have all read about the problems it's having, including, of course, the closure of premises across the country (not least ours) and the way it cynically bullied postmasters and postmistresses over fake accounting shortfalls and then lied about it. (By the way, compensation for that has been provisionally costed at £1bn. You'll be paying for that through your taxes.) But why is an institution founded by Charles II in 1660 now just a shell of what it once was?

True, the Post Office has lost income to the private companies making parcel deliveries, but the real problem, as with so many government departments, is short-sighted thinking by a government that has simply run out of vim. To see what I mean, take a look at the French postal service, La Poste, and how it thinks outside the box. Here's a brief outline of how they have thrived and moved beyond the business of simply selling stamps and handing out pensions.

For a start, I bet you didn't know that the French postal service has a system where its workers will drop in on elderly or vulnerable people up to six times a week to make sure they're okay – and will report back on what they find. La Poste can set up home-care services, such as meal deliveries, or arrange for cleaning, DIY and gardening work. Delivery personnel can also call at your home to pick up any post you want mailing.

La Poste acts as an intermediary to help homeowners arrange any work they might need to improve their property's energy efficiency, and thus cut their annual heating bills. It will even write letters for you. Its website offers model letters for a range of reasons, such as cancelling insurance contracts, contesting a fine, or quitting your job ... and it even offers love letters (*naturellement* – this is La France after all!).

Oh, there's lots more, but I won't go on. My point here is that, by contrast with what's going on in France, our Conservative government is tired, wobbly and utterly out of solutions. Fourteen years in power, five prime ministers, and heaven only knows how many finance ministers or home secretaries and assorted scoundrels – too many of them, too little continuity and too few ideas. Time for a change, surely.

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NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP



Who Fled The Fire? The Great Crediton Fire of 1743

Our first meeting of the year happened to be on Valentine's Day, 14th February, and Elly Babbedge came to talk to us about some of the individuals she has been researching who had to endure, escape from, or who perished in the Great Fire of Crediton on 14th August, 1743, two hundred and eighty years ago.

Elly gave an online talk in 2021, hosted by Crediton Library, during the Covid lockdown, and she is a genealogist, teacher, author and archivist who has done extensive research on local history and people. Some of you may remember that a year ago, in February 2023 Tony Gale talked to us about the book which he and others, including Elly, have produced about the Great Fire, and Crediton Museum held an exhibition about it last year. Unusually, a detailed annotated map of Crediton dating from just before the fire was made to deal with disputes about what would now be called planning and retail areas, but then were called 'encroachments' of shop keepers and stall holders on to the streets in order to sell goods. Three out of the five sheets were rediscovered not long ago and provide a wonderful resource and a wealth of information.

Elly's research was about individuals who were involved, but to set the scene she explained the circumstances of the fire. Briefly, it began in the house of Robert Francis (the site of Lloyd's Bank) on a hot August Sunday. The weather had been dry, the water table was low and a strong southerly wind was blowing. A joint of meat was spit roasting over an open fire in the hearth, the fat flared up and fire rapidly spread, becoming out of control. Luckily, most people were in church and so not in their vulnerable thatched houses. The fire raged down the High Street as far as Landscore and east as far as the Park Street junction; it was fast and fierce. Putting it out with water drawn from the drought depleted town wells was completely unfeasible, and it had to burn itself out that evening. It is true that fires were a not uncommon hazard, but this one was particularly widespread and devastating.

Living in Crediton was a 'peruke-maker'; a peruke was a man's wig, the type you see in C17th and C18th portraits, elaborately curled with long sides and back. His eyewitness account was published in 'The Gentleman's Magazine' in 1743 and provides vivid testimony of the predicament of the people caught in the fire. He names Samuel Kingwell and Lucy Tenant and describes how he hid in a barrel under some lumber with them to try to gain protection from 'the scorching

heat'. Neither Samuel nor Lucy survived. Elly's research found that Samuel Kingwell was about 40 years old, and married; his widow, Joan, married John Strong, whose house is shown on the map, five years later. John was himself a widower with five children. Lucy Tenant had been widowed in 1739, and she was buried the day after the fire, but in Thorverton. The assumption is that she was from that village originally.

William Bradford and Debora Anstis were also trapped with the peruke-maker, and he describes how 'we all ran to and fro as far as Mr Strong's (the Mr Strong mentioned above) and back again, crying out that we should perish in the street with the scorching heat and smoke'. Elly found that William Bradford was buried on 16th August, having broken through the barrier of fire, run down as far as 'the house of Elias Bishop and dropt down and died'. Elias Bishop is known, from Elly's research, to have married Margaret Saunders of Crediton in Exeter Cathedral in 1723, and they had seven children. His house is clearly marked on the map. Mr Christopher Saunders and the widowed Mrs Anne Rackett were mentioned by the peruke-maker, and Mr Saunders attempted to escape by running through the door of Mrs Rackett's house, and he did not return. Mrs Rackett was buried on September 14th, a month after the fire, and the assumption is that it was the effects of burns or smoke inhalation and shock which killed her. In an attempt to form a fire break and stop the fire's progress, a house was blown up with gunpowder, possibly from the premises of John Tickell, a gunsmith who lived three doors away from Mr Saunders. This desperate plan did not work, and worse, a bystander who stood too close to watch was killed in the explosion.

By the next day, when the fire had subsided, the devastation must have been shocking. Sixteen people had lost their lives, more were missing, and many more had lost everything, their homes, all their possessions, and worst of all, the tools of their trade and all their stock. The cloth industry was important in Crediton, and many people worked as weavers. They lost their serge cloth and their looms, and so had no means of subsistence. Early in the fire, people had carried what they could save from their houses and piled it on St Lawrence's Green at the west end of the town, but sadly the fire burned westwards, and everything there was destroyed. You could buy fire insurance and some people were insured, but most were not. Knowing this, Micaiah Towgood wrote and published a national appeal for help for the townspeople. He was a Dissenting Minister for Crediton and was preaching on that fateful Sunday morning, and so experienced the whole disaster at first hand. His appeal was effective and funds were donated by the public which were divided up between those in need.

In the immediate aftermath of the fire, people would have turned for help to friends and relations, both for immediate succour and in the longer process of rebuilding their lives. The ruins had to be cleared and new dwellings and businesses built, which they did using whatever could be salvaged from the

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remains. By the early 1750s most of the West Town was rebuilt and the town was flourishing again. This time, many more people took out fire insurance, and it was as well they did. Elly finished her talk by informing us that on 1st May 1769, a terrible fire broke out in Crediton.

Our thanks go to Elly Babbage for sharing her research with us. She explained the series of events vividly and made it easy to imagine the reality of that fateful day, and those people who suffered through it. She showed us, with due warning, aerial footage of the Wennington wildfire, which happened on 19th July 2022 during the heatwave that summer. Even so recently, with all the resources we have and the Fire Brigade there rapidly, the fire could not be controlled. It was a clear comparison with the events in Crediton on 14th August 1743.

Isobel Hepworth

NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP COMING MEETINGS

Wednesday April 10th Amyas Crump Railway Historian The 'Withered Arm' The Railway West of Crediton.

Did you know there was once a station at Cowley Bridge? Come and find out more 7.30 pm April 10th Newton St Cyres Village Hall, £2 including tea, coffee and biscuits.

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Newton St Cyres Gardening Club

On 28th February we were delighted to welcome back Saul Walker. After his enjoyable talk on woodland gardens last year, his theme this time was Plant Propagation. Saul is always a friendly speaker, with a wealth of experience and is someone who welcomes questions from his audiences. This was a large topic to cover, and we will be asking Saul back next year to cover part 2!

He had some wonderful photographs and had also set up a camera to show the practical aspects of the talk, by projecting what he was doing with the plants onto the screen. I have briefly summarised the main aspects of his talk below.

WHY propagate?

- To multiply existing plants
- To move plants around within your garden – or when you move house
- To conserve and save plant species and hybrids
- To learn about their biology and how a plant functions
- As part of the cycle of how a garden functions
- For enjoyment

Propagation is a mix of art and science and the two major factors are:

- Skill and experience
- Equipment – including a sharp blade (Secateurs/Scalpel/Knife)
Heat Mats/Propagators/Irrigation Units/Mist Bench
Containers (Pots/Trays/Modules), Cutting/Seed Compost, Space –
windowsill, greenhouse

In addition, the two qualities needed by any propagator are:

Organisation – record keeping (Labels/Journal/Spreadsheet)

Patience!

HOW to propagate?

- Seeds are the sexual method of propagation – and are the most inexpensive and high yielding. It is the most common method for annuals, biennials, tender plants, vegetables and herbs. Seeds can be bought or collected from your existing plants around two months after flowering. They need to be stored correctly in dry packaging such as labelled envelopes. The mother plant should always be healthy and vigorous. Most species are true to form, although there can be high variability with hybrids.

- Asexual (vegetative) methods include cutting, layering, grafting, division, bulbs/tubers/orms and micropopagation.

TIMING

- Seed packets will give details on when to plant. Spring – most tender/half hardy plants. Summer – biennials (Foxgloves, wallflowers, honesty). Autumn – indoor salad.
- Seeds will be of many different sizes. if planting indoors in a propagator, remove the lid once germination has taken place. This allows hardening off and prevents disease. The seedlings should be kept well-lit and at a stable temperature. Pricking out can take place once the true leaves appear. They can then be potted up and kept in a cold frame.

Saul demonstrated the sowing of peas in a 6-set module. Firstly sieve the compost, tap down and level off. It is advisable to sow more than one per module (you can sow up to three) to allow for any failed seeds. Then, complete the label with the details of what has been sown and the date of sowing. When sowing fine seed, it is advisable to mix the seeds with sand, to allow even distribution.

Sowing outdoors is also known as Direct Sowing. This is the most environmental method and is used for ornamentals and edible plants such as Broad Beans, Runner Beans, Beetroot, etc, and can be carried out between spring and autumn. In the southwest, this can be from the start of March.

There are two methods, and in each case the soil needs to be prepared first by removing weeds and large stones/debris. Rake, walk over, then rake again! Only water again if the soil is very dry. Seeds are at their most vulnerable for the first 4-6 weeks so should be checked regularly.

- Drill sowing (vegetables). Straight lines need to be marked out. This can be done with the use of planks of wood (e.g., scaffolding). An alternative is string on two stakes. Saul advised that it is always best to irrigate the soil first, before sowing
- Broadcasting. Again, mixing with sand will make this process easier. Check the environmental conditions that are required – soil type, soil condition, sun vs shade. If there is a sudden cold snap, then the use of fleece is advisable to give protection.

Books that Saul recommended were RHS Propagating Plants and RHS Plants for Free by Simon Akeroyd. When Saul returns next year, he will give more practical demonstrations of plant propagation

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL?

- April sees the National Trust Festival of Blossom. This year, the Poet Laureate, Simon Armitage, is developing a new collection of creative works, including poems, haikus and songs on the theme of spring blossom. Details for events at local properties include:

Coleton Fishacre. "During Blossom Week 20-27 April. Pick up a free blossom spotter sheet and have a go at identifying the different blossom. As you wander, look for prompts around the garden. The beauty of blossom doesn't last very long, so why not get creative with a tanka poetry card or take a moment to bathe under the delicate petals. Connecting with nature, even for a few minutes, can give us an escape from the stresses of daily life and give us the space to gather our thoughts.

Killerton. Local community groups have been getting creative, writing poetry inspired by the blossom of the estate. Wander through the emerging magnolias and cheerful cherry blossom in the formal gardens, reading poetry displayed across the site from 20 April to 30 June".

- **RHS Rosemoor National Rhododendron Show** 21st-22nd April 2024. Opening times Saturday: 11.30am (after judging), 4pm. Sunday: 10am–4pm. Discover the remarkable diversity of colour, size and shape of these stunning stars of spring. Don't miss this opportunity to view over 60 classes of rhododendron as well as stunning displays of camellias and magnolias.

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.

- **Crediton Garden Club** Tuesday 23rd April 7.00pm Crediton Library. Talk: 'The Hellebores and friends' by Julian Sutton
- **Toby Buckland's Garden Festival** at Powderham Castle **Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th May**. Reduced priced tickets £10.00 per person, for use on either day, are available from Nicola 01392 851985 - On the Gate price is £15.00.

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It's lovely to be working on the farm with so many amazing women. When I started on the farm in 1984, other than my Mum, Prue Quicke, there was Kianoosh Riley, who made the butter and ran the shop, and Renee Wheadon, the farm secretary. Four out of 30 people. Now we are 10 out of 37, with half our team of six senior managers women and half our directors women.

The roles are: Managing Director, Chief Executive, Quality Manager, Shop Manager and Farm Secretary, Marketing Manager, By-Product Manager, and shop assistants.

It's not that women do things better (but often do). It's just that, for me, any team that has too heavy a concentration of any gender is less flexible, creative, and capable than ones that have a good mix. It's the diversity of a team chosen for ability not gender that makes a difference.

It makes a difference in farming and cheesemaking, whole industries, too. When I first came back to farming in 1982, both were almost entirely male. Women handmade butter and also provided the essential consultancy support. It's a great loss that we no longer have that wonderful network of inspired women: Kay Maddever, Helen Chapman, and Val Bines, to name some of the influential women who contributed to our business.

That network of cheese technologists is no longer there, and that is something the Academy of Cheese (run by women and with 50% women directors) is planning to do something about with other partners. We still have the support of Quality Consultant Jayne Hickinbotham. You only have to attend one of her microbiology training sessions to see in action the quirky difference women make. The training room is full of cuddly toy pathogens, mesmerising trainees as they grapple with a fluffy tubercle, salmonella or listeria.

At the first Oxford Farming Conference (one of the foremost farming conferences in the calendar) I attended, there were four women out of 400 participants. I spoke there in 2023 and it was nearly half women. If I go to other farming meetings, it's the same. We've just said goodbye at the end of an amazing six-year term to the wonderful Minette Batters, the National Farmers' Union President, who regularly brought farming to the national stage with her well-reasoned and passionate stand for farming in a world where food is being used as a weapon in developed countries.

Our business has been run by women for four generations. My daughter Jane is now playing a key role. I have run it for 34 years. My mum, Prue Quicke, built our cheese dairy and ran the cheese business from 1972 to 1984. My grandmother Constance Quicke, ran the farm from 1943 when my grandfather died, to 1947,

when my father came back from the war in the Far East. Each one comes with a breadth of experience that contributed something distinctive. My daughter comes with a background in corporate big data and teaching. I came from journalism and academic research. My mother was primarily an artist. My grandmother founded our local hospital and was a magistrate. Like our women team members, who also bring in a wide experience, all of that gives a noticeable depth to our activities and decision making.



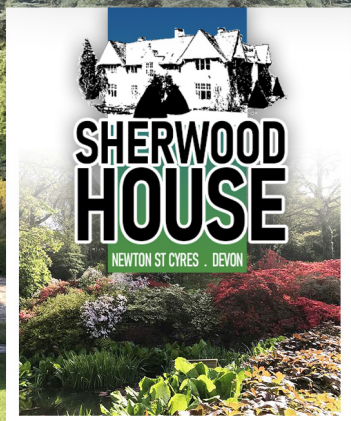
Further back than that, Jane Coster married John Quicke in 1759. She was a Bristol merchant's daughter (trading glass and pottery, not in the slave trade but undoubtedly his customers would have been deeply implicated). She married first a member of the Godolphin family, notable politicians and landowners in Cornwall. She brought money and the knowledge of mining. The sale of her library when she first married took two weeks in London and raised enough money to repair the cottages across the estate. The Cornish tin miners she brought to the village briefly had us produce more manganese than anywhere else in the world in the late 18th century.

Further back again, my ancestor Andrew Quicke married Elizabeth Bidwell in 1537. She was an heiress of the Reformation, where Henry VIII bought the approval of the farmers of England for his marriage to Anne Boleyn by changing our religion to Protestant and dispersing the enormous landholdings of the monasteries to the farmers. They made a choice to go with the King, get the land and bet their immortal souls that the change was justified. At the time this was even higher stakes than climate change is now.

Women have always been an integral and important part of the story of our lives. It's only now, with celebrations like last month's International Women's Day, that we come to understand what that heritage and future looks like.

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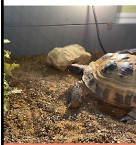
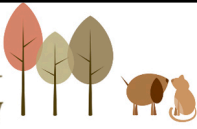
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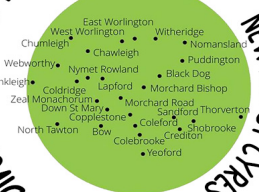


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Our 'regular' monthly Advice Column focuses on Council Tax and what to do if you cannot afford to pay the increased amount in the forthcoming financial year. (Essentially, it boils down to contacting your local council to see if you are eligible for any discounts – there are a number of options available). However, for our Mid Devon connections, we have some really exciting news that could be of much wider benefit to Mid Devon residents, so we are taking this opportunity to share it with you.

CA TNMWD operates as a charity and whilst we benefit from some local authority funding, we need to supplement this and consequently, we invest a great deal of time and effort applying for grants from a wide range of funding bodies. We were absolutely thrilled, therefore, when we learned that we had been awarded a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund specifically to provide dedicated services in Mid Devon. This project is called Improving Financial Wellbeing and focuses on advising on debt and energy issues as well as income maximisation. We have a team specifically designated to work in Mid Devon so any inquiries that are received via our AdviceLine (free and local on 0808 27 87 999) are directed to that team. We have an outreach office in Crediton that people can book their own appointments for (every Wednesday) and the link for that will soon be up on our website and face to face appointments can be arranged elsewhere in Mid Devon on a case by case basis. The following link takes you to a place where you can self-refer –

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You can also email middevonifw@citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk

As ever, we continue to recruit volunteers to help us to meet demand not only in Mid Devon but across Torridge, North and West Devon too so if you would be interested in joining us for maybe one day per week, please do get in touch. Email recruitment@ruraldevoncab.org.uk – we'd love to hear from you! Full training and ongoing support is provided, you will make new friends and will be putting something back into our community.



NEWTON ST CYRES CHURCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

AGM

At a well-attended evening meeting at the Parish Hall, the Chair, Tom Langdon-Davies, welcomed everyone to what was the first AGM of the Newton St Cyres Church Community Association. He set out progress made towards the reordering of the church, making it more 'user-friendly' for wider community activities.

Many churches across Devon have closed or are at risk of closure: it was therefore vital to establish additional activities and revenue for the village church.

The Objectives of the Association:

To support and promote the community of Newton St Cyres and environs, of all faiths and none, in their use of the church building as a community space.

To support the church in developing the structure and enhancing the facilities of the building.

For planning permission for any changes, it was necessary to show wide community use of the church. A 'timeline' showing progress towards this was circulated and showed that over the past two years activities included:

- * Two years of Heritage Open Days in partnership with the History Group
- * A four-day Music Festival in 2023
- * The first in a series of talks and lectures

The excellent feedback from national organisers and participants was a strong endorsement of the approach developed with support from the community consultation in May 2022.

Rev Tim Collins, Committee Member and Chair of the Parochial Church Council (PCC), explained changes to how six of the seven Netherexe Mission parishes (Cadbury excluded) would be managed from May 2024. Individual PCCs for each church would stand down and a new Joint Council would be established for the management of the six parishes.

Gordon Hepworth, Committee Member, then set out the detail of the three main areas of church reordering at the west end of the North Aisle, and was later able to illustrate these using the architect's drawings and church model by Tony Lane. Changes include:

- * An indoor toilet with facilities for disabled people
- * A modern servery
- * A multi-use space with demountable display panels for exhibitions and events
- * Relocation of the font from the north aisle to its original place near the south door.

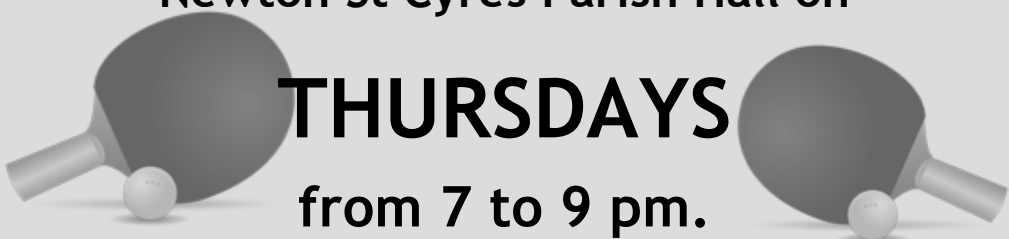
Paul Collier, Treasurer, reported the Certified Annual Accounts showing reserves of £5,878 to 31 December 2023.

After questions, the Chair invited everyone to stay and share refreshments when Committee Members were on hand to chat about any matters not discussed earlier.

Tom Langdon-Davies

Table Tennis at

Newton St Cyres Parish Hall on

Two table tennis paddles and a ball are positioned on either side of the word 'THURSDAYS'. The paddles are dark grey with white handles, and the ball is white.

THURSDAYS

from 7 to 9 pm.

As well as seeing present members of our Group, we are keen to welcome new players – with or without experience - adults and children from the age of 12.

There are four tables so we can fit in people from beginners and rusty former players to League players. Equipment is available.

OH, WHAT A NIGHT!

The Parish Hall was packed to capacity when Steve Knightley and Phil Beer (Show of Hands) played here as part of their Full Circle Tour Part II. The show



went back to their roots and the audience loved every minute of the gig. One of Devon's greatest success stories started with the pair growing up on opposite sides of the Exe. Each played with different bands, and their paths eventually crossed when they played the Exeter pub and club circuit.

Show of Hands on stage at the Parish Hall

Their first album was "Live 92" recorded at Dorset's Bull Hotel in Bridport. Following great reviews, they toured with Ralph McTell and we first saw them on that tour at St George's Hall, in Exeter. Since then they have travelled across the world including to the US and Australia and had four sell-out shows at the Royal Albert Hall in London.

After 30 years of non-stop touring and with so many songs, I don't know how they managed to narrow it down to the two sets. Their 10th March gig started with numbers from their early days such as 'Beat about the Bush' from their first studio album. Their songs have always been based on real events (and frequently set in the West Country). They were interspersed with personal memories, such as playing in pubs and on one occasion stopping off at a fish and chip shop in Yeovil – which led to a confrontation with a large member of the public!



Steve and Phil with Nicola Baker

They also recounted the tale of how they came to be voted Greatest Devonians against the likes of Sir Francis Drake, Charles Babbage and Agatha Christie, when Devon County Council held a poll as part the council's celebration of Devon's cultural heritage. As Steve said, they had the advantage of touring (and playing to large audiences) at the time of the ballot in 2006! They also received Honorary Doctorates from the University of Plymouth in 2015, for services to music.

Little encouragement was needed to get the audiences singing along to anthemic tracks such as Country Life, Cousin Jack, You'll Get By and Best One Yet – released on 19th July 2021, post-Covid lockdown. I'm sure we all related to these lyrics, "I gotta feeling this year, is gonna be the best one yet, so let's go get out in the green fields, to let the music flow".

This final Full Circle Tour, and the gig here in Newton St Cyres, was a chance for Show of Hands to say goodbye and to celebrate the music they love so much. It showed their dedication to their roots, music and the communities that have supported them over the decades, by sharing this with fans old and new – back where it all began in Village Halls!

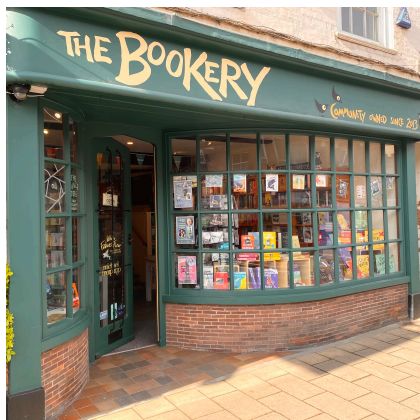
This also gives me the opportunity to say thank you to all those who supported this gig, and all those who helped to make it such a success on the night. Roger and Julie even got a mention from the stage for their wedding anniversary! This was our first joint event with Exeter Folk Club www.exeterfolkclub.org and we look forward to more events.

Nicola Baker

Future live events within Newton St Cyres include:

- * Mischief & Mystery in Moomin Valley. Parish Hall on Friday 5th April
- * Ghosts, Werewolves and Countryfolk. Parish Church on Saturday 11th May.

Full details will be advertised in the Newton Wonder



The Bookery

A secret workplace in the Heart of Crediton

The Bookery, Crediton's independent, non-profit bookshop, started as a community-owned enterprise in 2013, and a focus on community has remained at its heart ever since. Situated in the centre of Crediton's

High Street, our books area is the first thing people see – but behind the shop are hidden resources.

Tucked at the back is The Hub – a welcoming, open-plan workspace (open 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday) with ultrafast fibre broadband, a kitchen and seating area with tea and coffee provided, and (thanks to grants from the Mid Devon District Council and the Department for Levelling Up) a private meeting room with videoconferencing equipment and a large screen for presentations.

Hub-user Mo loves the location: “As an aspiring writer, I love the fact that The Hub is based in a bookshop with staff who are passionate about books. It's a beautiful, modern, airy space that is enjoyable to work in.”

There are good public transport links, including the number 5 bus stop just up the street and a good range of food and drink options available in Crediton town centre.

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Thanks to a generous donation from the League of Friends of Crediton Hospital there is now a Community Events Room linking the bookshop to The Hub. School outreach activities and author events happen here, as well as community wellbeing projects pairing volunteers with elderly or isolated members of the community, and regular meetings of a book club and poetry group.

The Bookery also has everything you'd expect from a good bookshop: a brilliant selection of books, reading recommendations, a fast, free ordering service, signed copies, gift vouchers, and a selection of greetings cards, bookish gifts, notebooks and art materials – with all sales helping us to fund our outreach projects in schools and the community.

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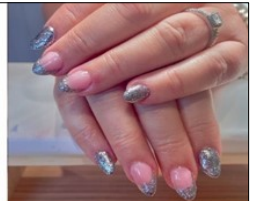
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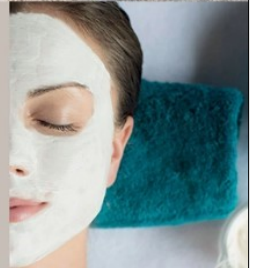


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Mischief & Mystery in Moomin Valley

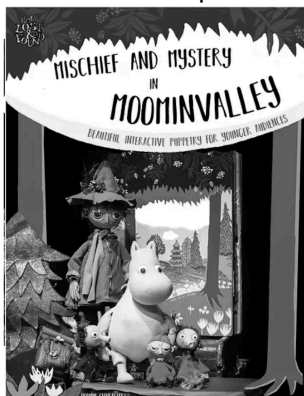
to the Parish Hall on FRIDAY 5TH APRIL 2024

Admission 2.00pm Performance 2.30pm

Tickets available from Nicola 01392 851985

Child £8 Adult £12

Group of 2 adults + 2 Children £33.00



Mischief & Mystery in Moominvalley, a new theatrical experience for children aged 4- 7 years of age, was commissioned by the Tove Jansson literary estate and Moomin Characters. The show has enjoyed sell out residencies at London's prestigious Southbank Centre, and has toured all over the Uk.

Each section of the story has an interactive element; audience members have a snowball fight, toast marshmallows around a fire and go sea-swimming. The characters of Moomintroll, Snufkin, Little My and Thingummy & Bob are brought to life with 2D rod puppets and life size 3D puppets. The show uses beautiful original music and songs, and pre-recorded narration. The iconic Tove Jansson illustrations are recreated in a magical pop up book.

The show was created in consultation with Sophia Jansson, Tove's niece, and echoes the books' themes: the love of nature, the value of friendship, the pain of separation and the acceptance of difference.



Do You Remember...April?

April 1974

Henry Gliddon made a plea for Parish records. The Parish Council had been in existence for almost 80 years but few records remained.

A Sexton was required for Cowley Church (or someone who can cut the grass 4/5 times a year)

The Parish Council informed parishioners that the new Tiverton District Council will collect anything too big for regular collections, free of charge.

At the Annual Parish Meeting 16 members of the public attended. The P C was still pressing for road improvements and a car park at the School.

Devon County Council reported that the Half Moon to Ford Farm scheme would go before the new County Council in April and the Home Farm – Five Elms improvements would be done in the current year.

The St Cyres Players presented 'Beside the Seaside' in the Parish Hall. Entrance was 20p for over 60's and under 16's with everyone else paying 30p

The 200 Club big draw would be held in April with a Wine and Cheese event. For the first time a report appeared from the Crown & Sceptre darts team who play in the Crediton Darts League.

April 1984

A very interesting article appeared about the Church clock as it was the parish's oldest working resident. It was built in 1711 by Louis Pridham of Sandford for £16.

Robert Ayre continued to write his monthly article on the Farming Year

and this month quoted the old saying "A peck of dust in March is worth a King's Ransom" and this year was a good example.

Quickes were advertising their Farm Open Day in April

A number of interesting reports were included from village organisations, such as St Cyres Players, Playgroup, Afternoon Club, Cancer Research, Mothers' Union, W.I. Hospital Car Scheme etc. Where are some of these now?

April 1994

The Garden article was all about bedding plants, types and how to look after them.

The Parish Council were reminding readers about the Annual Parish Meeting when the speaker would be Mr Martin on the future of footpaths in the area.

There was an appeal for volunteers to help with Meals on Wheels.

The Twinning Circle has put the stone bench which was a gift from Rots, in place with a view of the village.

The Parish Council had entered the Best Kept Village competition. A copper beech tree from Mid Devon District Council had been planted in the Churchyard to replace the one that had died.

The Parish Council needed a Parish Clerk and interested persons should contact Mr Durrant or Mrs Down. The School launched balloons as the children were studying 'air' and they now were waiting for the labels to be returned to see how far the balloons had travelled.

The Parish Hall advertised their AGM and were looking for a Chairperson, a Secretary, a Booking Secretary and a Caretaker.

April 2004

Nick Lee reported on his work as a District Councillor and the pending application for a mobile phone mast for Vodaphone

The Annual Parish Meeting speaker was Catherine Simmons speaking on Affordable Housing.

The Football Club reported that they only had one football team.

An article appeared on a leaked document on a proposed by-Pass to Newton St Cyres which included compulsory purchase of some properties in Court Barton and part of Home Farm. (Remember which month this is and that the magazine was probably delivered on the 1st!)

April 2014

After years of difficulty getting on and off the train at Newton Station a Harrington Hump had been installed to raise the platform height for a short section.

Planning issues were discussed at a packed Parish Council meeting. The PC was conducting a local plan review and a number of issues had been raised. In particular DCC had said that rebuilding the school on the site opposite Tytheing Close would not solve the parking problem, nor the safety issues raised by the school being on the A377. There had been the suggestion that around 100 new houses could be approved on sites around the parish. The consensus was

that to retain its viability, without losing its rural character the village needed some limited development. Chairman David Baker said that the PC would resist more than around 20 as recommended in the 2008 plan.

The initial three schools in the Exe Valley Federation celebrated its second anniversary. They had found working together effective and rewarding.

The Community Support Group had speakers from Crediton Age Concern. It had raised some funds through a boardgame afternoon and was looking to raise funds for the installation of a defibrillator at the Crown and Sceptre.

A new stone cross had been erected on the church roof. Supplied by Simon Stevens of F.J. Stevens and accessed by Roger Beer (RB roofing) who was born in the parish.



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At Holy Cross

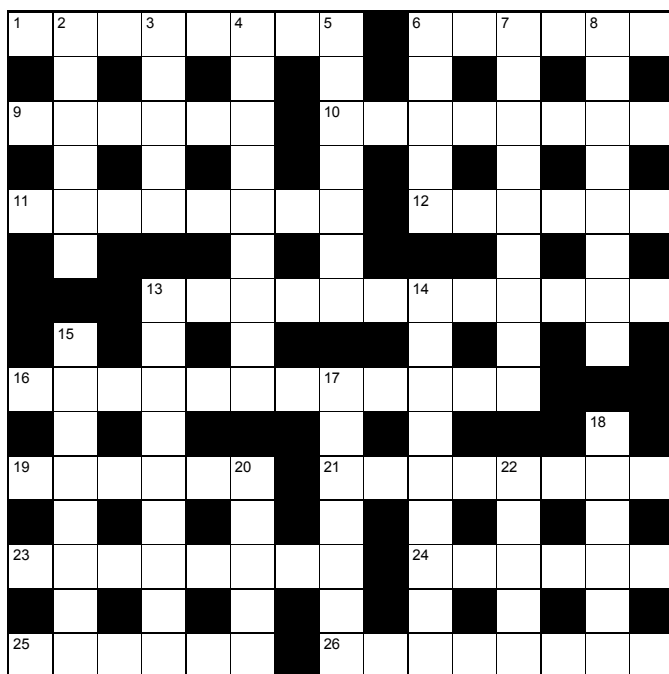
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Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 He helps those lost for words (8)
- 6 Letter from Europe takes time to reach Mark (6)
- 9 Society leader frequently shows temper (6)
- 10 Request certain to provide delight (8)
- 11 Nice policeman? (8)
- 12 Fatigued when restricting Ecstasy in ranks (6)
- 13 Mother, awfully sad at heart, is absolutely crazy (3,2,1,6)
- 16 Singer is against note being heard (7-5)
- 19 Credit given to goddess in difficult time (6)
- 21 Bloomer left social worker in agony (8)
- 23 Control price of fashion? (8)
- 24 Left in centre of spooky Portuguese city (6)
- 25 Yankee almost upset North African (6)
- 26 They pay for colonisers (8)

DOWN

- 2 Tradesman ho spends a day on the tiles? (6)
- 3 Subdued slander about Lawrence (5)
- 4 Not up to game in Kentish Town (9)
- 5 Restrain salesman on ship (7)
- 6 Caught a whiff of fish (5)
- 7 Edited one script for Morse? (9)
- 8 Concerning racehorse, raised Cain perhaps (8)
- 13 Brothers are kept in order here (9)
- 14 Stay to suspend a fight (4,5)
- 15 Two pairs make 'em we're told (8)
- 17 Put the French in elevated spot offering view of Bristol (7)
- 18 Very cold beer (6)
- 20 Blemish isn't a problem (5)
- 22 Ring about right nuisance on the internet (5)

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 2024 Cryptic Crossword

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The Parish Church of St Cyr and St Julitta



Afternoon Tea
and Annual Parochial Council Meeting
In Church
On Wednesday April 24th
At 4.00pm
Election of Churchwardens
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Discussion of ways forward as
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**Sunday 19th May:
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Newton St. Cyres Church

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For more information, please contact:
Revd Tim Collins 01392 860767 tim.collins@netherexe.org

Believing the impossible!

After the busyness of Easter, and as we enter a relatively quieter period within the church's year, perhaps this is a time to spend a moment in reflection – thinking about the enormity that was and is Easter. Because, as Christians, we are defined by Easter, by the Resurrection. And nothing can be the same again after such an event.

In Lewis Carroll's book, "Through the Looking Glass", the White Queen says to Alice:

"I'm just one hundred and one, five months and a day."

"I can't believe that!" said Alice.

"Can't you?" the Queen said in a pitying tone. "Try again: draw a long breath, and shut your eyes."

Alice laughed. "There's no use trying," she said. "One can't believe impossible things."

"I daresay you haven't had much practice," said the Queen. "When I was your age, I always did it for half-an-hour a day. Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast."

That moment of realisation of the Resurrection of Jesus was just one of those 'impossible things'. And the account in John's Gospel is perhaps the most vivid telling of that moment. Amid some incredible detail, John offers insight from the perspective of three disciples – the first witnesses to the events of Easter morning. Three disciples, and three very different ways they try to believe the impossible:

□ One sees the grave clothes neatly folded and instantly believes.

□ One sees the same thing but there is no sense of understanding; no sense of accepting.

□ One sees the rolled away stone, sees the empty tomb, sees the angel but only believes when she hears her name spoken with love by the Risen Christ.

They see; they believe; they hear; but initially they just don't understand; they can't understand, because the reality of what this might mean is just impossible to think about. Three very different reactions to the same impossible thing. But, how might we react to this impossible thing?

It is likely, I guess, that we will do so each in our own individual, unique way.

Because each of us has to see and believe in our own way. There is no right way to reach understanding of what happened that first Easter morning; no right way to believe; no right way to come to faith.

John's account of the Resurrection leaves room for each of us – for the one who

sees and believes, for the one who sees and leaves uncertain, and for the one who needs to hear their own name.

But most of all he leaves room for the risen Christ to be in our hearts and minds.

Welcome to this impossible moment – welcome to the impossible Resurrection ... because for God, nothing is impossible!

The Ring of Seven Festival

Exciting times ahead!

Over the next nine months, the Netherexe Parishes will be putting on a number of events and activities across the area, all badged under “The Ring of Seven Festival” banner! With all the parishes working closely together, we are all busily planning a wonderful variety of events and occasions, but already we know that there will be:

- Singing in the Church with Friends, Thorverton Church. 21st April
- Ghosts, Werewolves & Countryfolk – a celebration of Sabine Baring-Gould. Newton St Cyres Church. 11th May
- Scarecrow Festival around Thorverton at the end of May
- Bell-ringing festival across all our churches. 22nd and 23rd June
- Midsummer Service and BBQ at Netherexe Church in the evening of Sunday 23rd June
- Exeter Camber Choir, Thorverton Church. 25th June
- Afternoon tea in the gardens of Pyne House, including a Tudor performance by Rosemary Griggs. 26th June
- Rustic Flower Festival at Cadbury. 6th and 7th July
- Classic Car Show at Brampford Speke in September

And that is just the start. There will be many more events to come, with each parish putting on something in its church or village. We hope that there will be something to tickle the tastebuds, as it were – something for everyone! Please do look out for more information on the above events in the parish magazine.

All blessings

Tim

Revd Tim Collins

Priest-in-Charge, Netherexe Mission Community

Annual Meetings for your Parish

The Meeting of Parishioners elects the churchwardens of the parish. It is open to:

- (i) all residents of the parish who are listed as such on a register of local government electors, and
- (ii) non-residents whose names are on the Church Electoral Roll for the parish.

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.

Brampford Speke:	Tuesday 23 April, 6:30 pm	Brampford Speke Church
Cadbury:	Sunday 17 March, 12:30 pm (after 11:15am service)	Cadbury Church
Newton St Cyres:	Wednesday 24 April, 4:00 pm (to include afternoon tea)	Newton St Cyres Church
Rewe with Netherexe:	Tuesday 16 April, 6:30 pm (after 6pm evening prayer)	Rewe Church
Stoke Canon with Huxham:	Wednesday 15 May, 7:00 pm	Stoke Canon Church
Thorverton:	Thursday 21 March, 11:00 am	Thorverton Church
Upton Pyne:	Saturday 20 April, 10:30 am	Upton Pyne Village Hall

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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SERVICES & INFORMATION APRIL 2024

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

Please see our website at www.netherexe.org under "Services" section.
We also have a calendar for services & latest events are under "news".

Tuesday 2 April

09:00 am	Chattertots	Thorverton	Lay Led
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Sunday 7 April Easter 2

10:30 am	Coffee & Chat	Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
11:15 am	Service	Cadbury	Lay Led
05:00 pm	Communion	Stoke Canon	SS

Sunday 14 April Easter 3

09:30 am	Communion	Thorverton	KR
10:30 am	Communion	Upton Pyne	GC

Sunday 21 April Easter 4

09:30 am	Communion	Brampford Speke	TC
09:30 am	Bubble Church	Thorverton	Lay Led
10:00 am	Service	Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Communion by Extension	Cadbury	LF

Sunday 28 April Easter 5

09:30 am	Communion	Newton St Cyres	TC
09:30 am	Choral Morning Prayer	Thorverton	Lay Led
10:00 am	Messy Church	Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Communion	Rewe	TC
04:00 pm	Prayer Service	Upton Pyne	TC

Evening Prayer: Every Tuesday 6:00 pm in Rewe Church

Who's Who? Abbreviations Key

TC	Revd Tim Collins	JD	Revd Julia Dallen
LF	Laura Ford [Licensed Lay Minister]	GC	Revd Preb Graham Cotter
TL	Revd Tony Lane	KR	Revd Preb Kathy Roberts
SS	Revd Sharon Simpson		
SN	Sheila Newton [Emeritus Lay Minister]	TBC	To be confirmed.

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A WEEK IN THE PARISH HALL

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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
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