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The Festive Season

As the holiday season approaches I would like to express the thanks of the editorial team to all those hardy souls who have supported us through the year, and the years before. The contributors receive a nagging email from me on the 10th of the month and, sure enough, by the nominal deadline of 15th in come the articles, notices and pictures of the activities and debates which are of interest to the village. Thank you and keep up the good work.

No community magazine can work without its readers and it is a testament to the spirit of community that at the moment we are arriving through the letterbox of around three quarters of the households in the parish. We would like to thank you for your support and hope that we are able to support the community in return. We would like to increase our coverage and are hoping to raise some funding to be able to put one through the door of every house and encourage those who may not know about us, have never seen the magazine or who live in the more remote corners of the parish, to subscribe.

We are fortunate that Martin Taylor is working on the online and social media presence of the Newton Wonder and increasing the amount of material about the village which is available online. We are in the process of making the magazine, and back copies to October 2012, available to download on our website, www.newtonwonder.net

The Neighbourhood Plan

In this issue is an article about the progress of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group. I hope that you find this process as interesting as I do. In particular it is hoped that the article will raise interest and awareness to encourage a full turnout at the Neighbourhood Planning Community Forum which will be held on 25th February 2023 in the Parish Hall from 10am - 12noon.

This Issue

This issue, the last in 2022, has two articles by Ann Quon Cordingley. One is about one of the Ukrainian families who have found a home in Newton St Cyres and the other examines what the village is doing to help with the cost of living problem.

I would like to end these notes by wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 2023.

Peter

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT ... November 2022

The meeting, held on 3rd November, was attended by nine Councillors, the Parish Clerk, the Mid Devon District Councillor Graeme Barnell, the Devon County Councillor Margaret Squires and two members of the public.

Highways Issues

- The broken sign on Sandown Lane has been mended.
- The Road Warden scheme continues to go from strength to strength. Thanks to our volunteers, more than 100 potholes have been filled. They also have some new volunteers, which is great news.
- Margaret Squires agreed to push for a grit bin for Kingfisher Close.

Speeding traffic

The issue of speeding on the A377 was once again raised by a member of the public and the possibility of speed cameras was raised. Speeding through the village remains a complicated issue and so it seems an opportune time to summarise some of the Parish Council's activities on your behalf. Please be aware this is not a complete list of all we are doing!

Community volunteers needed for the newly launched Road Warden Scheme

If you could spare a few hours to help, we would really appreciate any time you could offer. The Scheme is set up for local people to look after where we live.

We will be:

- ⇒ **Filling small potholes to smooth out the roads for safe use**
- ⇒ **Clearing vegetation to make it safe for footpath and road users**
- ⇒ **Clearing around drains, gulleys and ditches to prevent flooding**
- ⇒ **Directional post repairs and cleaning**

We have 3 fully trained co ordinators that will organise volunteer's time so we can match skills and ability to the jobs list. No previous experience needed as full training will be given and tools provided.

Please contact the **Parish Clerk** to register your interest

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- Station Road suffers from multiple problems. Traffic (including local users) continues to exceed 30mph down this road, despite the frequent presence of pedestrians sharing the road. Visibility is limited due to parking of cars, and road users seem unaware of the presence of the school. The Parish Council have requested a speed survey of the traffic on Station Road, outside of the school at start and finish times. This has been outstanding for over a year and is required before Devon County Council will take any action. We have also requested a 'school' sign and 'zig-zag' no-parking lines near the school but these have been turned down. We will continue to press for these. We were offered the opportunity to request 20mph speed limit zones for the village, and we nominated Station Road, but we have so far had no response.
- The A377 at Smallbrook Corner is a serious hazard, partly because of the sharp bend but also because there is a bus stop almost on the corner, requiring pedestrians to cross here, including children using the school bus. The speed limit at this point is the national limit (60mph) but the corner can only be safely navigated at a much slower speed. Although there are warning signs, traffic still passes through here too quickly. We are currently raising this issue with HATOC (Highways and Traffic Orders Committee). This committee is responsible for deciding the way in which Devon County Council acts as a Highway Authority. We would like the speed limit between Newton St Cyres and Crediton to be reduced to more appropriate levels.
- The A377 outside the old school. Traffic has been surveyed here and about 10% of the traffic exceeds the speed limit sufficiently to be a problem. Although it is difficult to cross the road, it is not considered dangerous enough by Devon Highways to warrant action. Although we continue to press for a crossing at this point (even just an island in the middle) we are far from achieving this objective.
- We had a very successful Community Speed Watch scheme, but this has not operated for a while as there have been changes within the Police Force to whom they report. We hope to reinstate it at some point soon.
- The Parish Council is a very active member of a group of local parishes from Cowley to Crediton who campaign on traffic issues on the A377.
- One way in which you can influence what happens on the A377 is to take part on a survey on the role of air quality in the planning process. Please go to <https://www.middevon.gov.uk/residents/planning-policy/supplementary-planning-documents/air-quality/> and express your views.

The Environment and the Allotments

- Would you like to become more involved helping the local wildlife to survive in these challenging times? The Mid Devon Wildlife Warden Scheme does just that. We already have some local people signed up, but more would be welcome. To find out more go to www.middevonwildlifewardenscheme.co.uk.

- Over these next few months, we hope to 'tame' the hedges around the allotments. One of the hedges is suitable for hedge-laying. The Newton Environmental Wellbeing group is organising a hedge-laying workshop on 14th January. If you would like to take part, you need to contact Andrew Broadhead on andrew.broadhead4u@gmail.com as soon as you can as places are limited.
- There is a small amount of money left over from the Jubilee Celebration after the purchase of the bench (which will be placed on the arboretum). The Parish Council decided that this money should be used to support the development of the Community Allotment.

Funding

Funding for all councils will be very tight over the next few years. Mid Devon has already contacted all the parish and town councils in their area asking them to see how they could help with carrying out minor tasks. We are pleased to say, we already do this with our road warden scheme and our team of volunteer litter pickers.

Margaret Squires, our Devon County Councillor, shared with us that Devon County Council will have a big and increasing shortfall over the next few years. Statutory obligations such as children's' services cannot be cut, so funding in other areas will be even tighter.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Parish Hall on **Thursday 1st December 2022** at 7pm. 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, Press Officer.

Save the Date
25th February 2023 at 10.00am
Neighbourhood Plan -
Community Forum
in the Parish Hall

RECREATION GROUND CLUB

We must congratulate the school on a very successful fireworks evening. Lots of people were there for a well organised and happy time. It is great to see so many families enjoying what is on offer at the Recreation ground, so thanks to the school for coming to us for their venue.

Our youth and seniors football teams have a three-week break over Christmas and the New Year. The skittles league and Ladies and Men's darts leagues are also on a break, but there will be a couple of cup games during the league break.

We have our committee meeting on Sunday 4th December, and a family party and the football clubs' Christmas party the same month. In January the tennis club are having a social evening. These social events will to some degree help cancel out the losses from the sports breaks.

The committee wish all our members and their families a great Christmas and that the New Year brings health, wealth and happiness to all.

Wendy Lewis

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Thoughts for Christmas and the New Year from Peter Cordingley

“Let’s make the December issue a cheery one that will make everyone feel better after a difficult year.” So said the editor as our usual monthly discussion came around. I agreed heartily, so in the spirit of goodwill, etc, etc, I’d like to wish everyone in Newton St Cyres and beyond a wonderful Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

That said and done, let’s now consider for a moment the prickly subject of why it is so difficult to get a doctor’s appointment these days, and for that matter, why is it we can’t see a doctor of our own choice?

When I think back to my younger years, I feel sad that the term ‘family doctor’ has virtually disappeared from the modern lexicon, taking with it the sometimes affectionate relationship that can build up between practitioner and patient. At our home, where there were six boys, Dr Mackenroy (in her lovely old Riley car) was a frequent visitor. She was on first-name terms with my mum and dad, and always had time for a natter and a cup of tea.

But we are now deep in the age of depersonalised medical care. The situation is, of course, due to the shortage of doctors. Figures from the British Medical Association say that the number of European doctors working in the UK reduced by more than half in the two years following Brexit. Factors other than the UK leaving the EU were obviously also at play, but there’s little doubt that Brexit made the UK appear less welcoming to foreigners. The NHS is now looking to India, Pakistan and the Philippines for trained medical professionals.

Funding is another big issue. There has been a steady 10-year decline in the proportion of NHS budget going to primary care, hitting an all-time low in 2016-17 of 7.2%. The increases announced in the budget a few weeks ago, as welcome as they are, will have no effect for years. Meanwhile, practices are having to plug holes in the system as best they can. And that explains why patients are rarely treated by the same doctor twice in a row. My next appointment is in a couple of weeks with a doctor I have never heard of.

Good doctors also regret what has happened. They will tell you that medicine as a humanity guided by science was once the bedrock of general practice. For decades, it was largely responsible for the high morale, esteem, and stability of the profession. But serial reforms have now all but eliminated family doctoring from general practice - and GPs are walking away, retiring early or going private.

These days we are registered with a practice rather than with a doctor. In these difficult times, the advantages to the practice are obvious, as it allows them to juggle doctors and appointments without pesky patients expressing preferences. But what about the patient? Data tell us that those people fortunate enough to normally see the same GP suffer a 25% reduction in deaths and a 30% drop in hospital visits. After all, a doctor's appraisal of your health is not found exclusively on his or her computer screen. There's your weight, your gait, your mannerisms, changes in your lifestyle, your mood, that kind of thing. A doctor who sees you regularly will notice these changes, but a graph on a computer won't spot them.

Anyhow, enough of all that. The year 2022, with all its headaches, is almost gone. As 2023 approaches, here's wishing that the next year brings us all good health and as little contact as possible with the problems of undermanned doctors' surgeries and the valiant but increasingly troubled NHS. Have a good holiday season!

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NEWTON RAMBLERS

Boxing Day Walk - 26th December

We will again take the now traditional Boxing Day walk. This is not a long or arduous walk and gives us an opportunity to get out for some fresh air and walk off some of that Christmas excess! We will leave from the Newton St Cyres car park and go to the top of Sand Down Lane and then along the ridges. We will stop for a break to look down on the Creedy Valley and then return to the village.

Meet at the Newton St Cyres Parish Hall Car Park at 10 a.m. For more information please ring Rosemary or Nigel Chambers on 01392 851400.

Please join us!

Sunday 15th January

A rather hilly circular walk of about 4 miles on minor roads and paths.

The walk will start at Uton and go west to Posbury Clump and then north past Gunstone Mill and Cross, before going east in the Crediton direction past Beare Farm and then south through Salmonhutch and back to Uton.

Meet at the Newton St Cyres Parish Hall car park at 9.30. Any queries to Jean or Roger Wilkins (01392 851337).

All are welcome on either or both of these walks.

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

For the October walk, a group of 10 + 3 dogs enjoyed a morning walk up through the local woods. The weather was kind and we avoided the rain. In fact, as the walk progressed many of us had to remove layers, as the photo shows. The walk started at the Parish Hall car park and we then travelled by car up towards Sherwood, parking in an area on the right before the entrance pillars. The ground was wet underfoot, and I was glad I had chosen to wear Wellingtons – especially as the first part of the walk took us across the stream near Ashford, where Liz, Anne and the Shelties joined us.

For this circular walk we followed the forest track, skirting around the edge of the grounds of Sherwood. We returned through Whiptail Wood, where we followed narrower and sometimes steeper footpaths, and with Northridge on our left. There were plenty of autumnal colours to be enjoyed and, once in the woods, many species of fungi to be seen.

Some were in better condition than others, following the heavy rain that we had experienced. The most easily recognisable was the Fly agaric (*Amanita muscaria*)



The photo shows the group near the end of the walk and are, from left to right, Tim & Ali, Anne, Derek, Roger, Zoe, Elaine, Martin & Liz

which is the classic red and white 'fairytale' toadstool. Despite it being toxic to humans, there are some animals that will eat them, including slugs and fungus gnats. The common name of Fly agaric came from the traditional use of it as an insecticide.

It was lovely that the walk was attended by new members of

the village as well as regulars of the walking group. Our thanks to Roger for planning and leading the walk. All are very welcome to join these monthly walks, which are advertised in the Newton Wonder

.Nicola Baker

How well do you know your village?

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1. WHEN was the picture taken?
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3. WHO is in the Picture?

No 73



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Newton's future is in your hands

What kind of Newton St Cyres do we want for the future? What changes should we make? More housing maybe? If so, what kind - expensive, low cost, rented? Where should these homes be built?

How about improving the rail and bus connections to Exeter and Crediton? Or better cycling paths and safe pedestrian ways? Or a vastly improved Internet connection? Maybe we should make room in the village for small businesses to soak up any local unemployment.

These are the kinds of issues being teased out by village members involved in an embryonic Neighbourhood Planning process designed to shape the future of Newton St Cyres. Neighbourhood Planning's aim nationwide is to give communities the power and the opportunity to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area.

Communities will be able to help choose where they want new homes, shops and offices built, to have their say on what any new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided, including granting planning permission for any new buildings they want to see go ahead.

Neighbourhood Planning provides a powerful set of tools for local people to plan for the types of development they believe their community's needs, providing a strategic link to the needs and priorities of the wider local area.

Neighbourhood Planning is not a legal requirement but a right that communities in England can choose to use. They present a real opportunity for communities to secure the sort of development they want and to avoid unwanted changes to their communities.

Benefits

Unlike parish, village or town plans that communities may have prepared in the past, a neighbourhood plan sits alongside the local plan prepared by Mid Devon District Council. Decisions on planning applications will be made using both the local plan and the neighbourhood plan, and any other material considerations.

The Neighbourhood Planning process in Newton St Cyres

The NSC Parish Council has set up a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee made up of people from the parish. The committee has been meeting over the past six months, preparing the ground for the neighbourhood planning process. The next step is to learn from the wider community what sort of vision locals have for the parish over the next 10-20 years. This vision will help the Steering Committee develop policies and plans that will guide development over the coming years.

Some of the key areas to be covered include:

- **Housing** - e.g., The number of additional houses we need. What kind of houses - large, low cost, rented. Where they should be built.
- **Health and wellbeing** - e.g., The green areas in the community. Pollution in the air and rivers. Ways to enhance health and wellbeing
- **Transport and infrastructure** - e.g., Rail, bus, car transport connections. Cycling and pedestrian access. Parking for business, sports and transport.
- **Economy, business and employment** - e.g., The size, number and kind of businesses in the parish. Where we need growth and how that might be achieved. The kind of businesses we would like to encourage. The services that business might need, such as internet connectivity.
- **Open spaces and leisure** - e.g., How we function as a community. The sports facilities that we have. Cultural activities in the community. Clubs and societies.
- **Climate change** - e.g., How we might prepare for climate change. How we build a stronger more resilient community. What we can do as individuals and as a community.

To gain an understanding of what we all want as a vision for the future, a first step will be a Community Forum to be held in February 2023. At the Forum, the Steering Committee will briefly outline the Neighbourhood planning process, what can be achieved and how, and how we will develop a vision. This will then be open to the community for us all to express our ideas about:

- What we really like about Newton St Cyres now and what we want to protect??
- What is our vision for the future?
- What needs to change?

This will then be compiled and analysed by the Committee and presented back to the community before being incorporated into the plan.

This is a great opportunity for the whole of the parish to contribute to an exciting future for our community. Please be a part of the process and come to the Forum on 25th February.

Please see next page for a list of members of the steering group.

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Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

As the days shorten and we head to the winter solstice, I am grateful to now be in the position where I can mostly play tennis during the day rather than in the evening under artificial light. Our new LED lights are very efficient but it is a completely different experience. No Vitamin D and you don't get to see the leaves in the Rec turning to their beautiful autumnal colours.

Of course these amazing yellows, oranges and reds do then mean a lot of court sweeping before play, and autumn damp also seems to bring the worms up through the court surface. They then get marooned in a sea of tarmac and have to be carefully picked up and carried to the safety of the grassy edges. Not my favourite job!

This year our Autumn Challenge Club competition was won by the ace 'Rachel's Dream Team' who beat five other teams, including 'You've Net Your Match' and 'Kiss my Ace!'. Many thanks to member Sarah Stratton for organising this.

Two of our members, Jana and Juliet, did very well to reach the final of the women's doubles at the Devon County Closed tournament in Plymouth. Sadly they were outplayed on the day but they had a great game, and many congratulations to all the finalists.

East Devon League matches continue, and our club sessions are well attended on most days of the week. Junior coaching on Wednesday evening after school is also popular thanks to our excellent coach Jon Wills.

For any questions or enquiries, please see our website www.newtonstcyrestenniscub.co.uk or contact our Membership secretary Laura Leigh on 01647 24259

Sally Baldwin



Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The draw for November took place at the Coffee Morning on the 12 November . The winners were:

No. 84	W Maltby	£50.00
No. 212	Mr Perry	£10.00
No. 118	Mrs Griffiths	£10.00
No. 247	A Ambrosio	£10.00
No. 55	R Crane	£10.00

The Club is registered through the Mid Devon District Council Licensing Department as a Small Society Lottery under the Gambling Act 2005

Jane

Around the Village in pictures



FANS fireworks at the Rec

photo: Mark Phillips



Church Christmas fayre

photo: Martin Taylor



The volunteer road wardens do a great job on the bridge

photo: Chris Southcott



Quickes' Cheese tasting

photo: Martin Taylor



N.E.W. plant 500 dffodils on the green

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Do You Remember...December?

December 1972

Rising House Prices

An editorial comment appeared this month on the subject of rising house prices and the fact that young couples cannot afford to live in the village.

Primary School on TV

A trip to Paignton Zoo by the Primary School had been shown on TV.

A377 accident

On the A377 a lorry had crashed into a house at Half Moon.

Station Road Lighting

The new lights in Station Road had been found to be on all day!

Coffee Club

The Coffee Club held a Guy Fawkes

evening with fireworks, hot drinks and food.

No Street Lights in Sand Down Lane

A poem appeared in this edition from **Phyllis Skinner** asking why there were no street lights in Sand Down Lane.

AGM's

The Gardener's Association and the Flower Show AGMs were held this month.

Art Group

The Art Group had a visit by **Mrs Prudence Quicke**.

Old Year's Ball

The Cricket Club were advertising their Old Year's Ball.

December 1982

Vandalism

The bus shelter on the Village Green had been damaged by vandals.

St Cyres Players

The St Cyres Players had produced two One Act plays and also produced a Christmas Play.

First Twinning Visit

The first official Twinning visit was undertaken.

Women's Institute (WI)

The WI held their AGM this month.

Afternoon Club

The Afternoon Club held their regular Bingo and had gone on a visit to an Exeter Cathedral Concert.

Road Improvements opposed

The Parish Council had opposed the road improvements at Half Moon.

NSC Royal British Legion

The NSC Royal British Legion held a Jubilee Dinner at the Crown & Sceptre.

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Extra Shopping Train

There had been an extra shopping train from Exeter at 7.56pm to allow for Christmas shopping.

'Goodies' trolley Volunteers Needed

Volunteers were required to help with the 'Goodies' trolley at Langford Park.

Playgroup Production

The Playgroup performed 'Goldilocks and the NSC Bears' in the Parish Hall.

Recreation Ground

The Recreation Ground held a Senior Citizens Christmas Party and they also held a dance in the Parish Hall.

Twinning Circle AGM Report

The Twinning Circle reported on their AGM when **Doug West** was elected as Chairman.

December 2002

Handyman Scheme

The Parish Council were advertising the Handyman Scheme which fits locks and lights to the property of vulnerable people. This was a free service.

Twinning Circle

The Twinning Circle re-elected **Doug West** as Chairman.

Beer Engine Carols

Carols for Christmas were held at the Beer Engine.

Newton Wonder Donation

This magazine donated £500 to the Recreation Ground to help with their finances.

December 2012

Recreation Ground Club

Had a fine evening for the fireworks and thanked everyone who came to support them.

NSC Football Club

Under 7's were looking to increase their squad.

The First's enjoyed a 12-0 win against Winkleigh. **Mark Yendell** managed a double hat-trick.

Neighbourhood Health Watch

Another very successful Coffee Morning was held where some 20 people gathered to learn how the

new scheme was progressing.

Christmas Fayre

NSC Village Hall was packed for their annual Christmas Bazaar with lots of stalls.

NSC History Group

Reported on their October meeting when a packed Club Room heard **Mary Quicke**, helped by **John Quicke & Tom Langdon Davies**, speak on the history of the **Quicke** family and the farming and land use over the centuries.

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NSC History Group Christmas Meeting

Advertised for December on 'Cloacal Paphyrology' as a bit of fun with **Ian Maxted** who has an extensive collection of toilet papers.

Newton Ramblers

were advertising their, now traditional, Boxing Day Walk to walk off some of that Christmas excess! The January walk starts from Copplestone.

The Garden Club recorded that **John West** spoke about growing and cooking with autumn fruits. They also shared a monthly gardening notes checklist.

Geoff Jackson Model Enthusiast

Geoff Jackson wrote an article on his models and particularly his steam engines after exhibiting at the mini-revels.

Carols with the Choir

This was taking place at the Crown & Sceptre.

Nick and Viv Henderson

Do You Remember...January?

JANUARY 1973

Dr Cook of Manesty in Sand Down Lane was awarded a CBE in the New Year's Honours.

The Young Farmers Officers for 1973 were elected: Chairman - **P Coleman**; Secretary - **Caroline Crook**; Treasurer - **R Northcott**.

Church wall collapse

It was reported that the Church wall had collapsed.

Mr Dymond and his family at Broadgate had a lucky escape when a fire destroyed their living room.

Coffee Club

The Coffee Club held a meeting about Fire Protection.

Mrs Edith Mary Browne of Smallbrook, **William John Bond**, **Florence Beer** and **Muriel Cook** had all passed away.

JANUARY 1983

The editors wished all their readers a Happy New Year and thanked them for their support.

Subscriptions were increased to £1 per year. Adverts would be 50p per inch (full page width) and small ads would be 20p.

The Christmas Plays (£80) and the Carol Singers (£88) were thanked for their fundraising.

Prue Quicke wrote about the 2 days at **Greenham Common Peace Camp** where 30,000 came and took part in peaceful protest against the nuclear arms race.

The A377 was causing problems and a letter had been written by residents of Godolphin Close to DCC Highways asking for a reduction in the speed limit to 30mph as far as

Home Farm and continuous double white lines through the village, and adequate finance for the school footpath to be maintained and cleared.

Jean Proctor gave an interview to the Western Times.

Church Tower

The Church Tower was lit for the anniversary for **Charles and Irene Bailey**.

For Sale

A Honda motorcycle was advertised for sale at £150.

The British Red Cross were running two courses at £6 for a 5-week course.

Neighbourhood Watch reported a spate of daytime burglaries in the Shobrooke area and the names of the Newton St Cyres co-ordinators were listed.

Anne Mitchell submitted a recipe for **Salmon Mousse**.

The **January in the Garden** article by **Liz Mitchell** was encouraging colour to be brought into the conservatory.

Volunteers Wanted for Meals on Wheels and for Mencap.

Autumn Fayre Success

Thanks were recorded to **Esther**

Hiscocks and her committee for the successful Autumn Fayre which raised £660 for Church funds.

The Afternoon Club were playing Bingo.

Newton Wonder Editorial Committee Members

The Editorial Committee for the Newton Wonder was: **Angela Duff-White** (advertising); **Beryl Peck** (Treasurer); **Doreen White** (Editor) and **Sue Kendall** (Distribution).

The Twinning group were planning a visit to France on May Bank Holiday.

At the Parish Council, **Henry Gliddon** retired as Parish Clerk but agreed to remain as a Councillor.

JANUARY 2003

The Newton Wonder gave the Recreation Ground £500 to help it through financial difficulties.

Handyman Scheme

The Parish Council were promoting the 'Handyman Scheme' where vulnerable people could have lights and locks fitted free.

Twining AGM

The Twining AGM was reported with **Doug West** as Chairman.

Centenary Birthday

The report from Langford reported on **Reg Bray's** 100th birthday.

Hawksley's raise funds for Multiple Sclerosis

Peter and Jill Hawksley of the Beer Engine had raised £126.79 for Crediton and District Multiple Sclerosis.

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JANUARY 2013

Community Website

A Community website project was proposed to include the affairs of the community to which we could all contribute and share ideas, information and opinions.

Margaret Walters thanked all who helped at the Christmas Fayre which made just over £1,000.

Recreation Ground Club Fireworks

It was a fine evening for the fireworks and sponsors were thanked for their support. They hoped to use the profits to fund temporary fencing to separate the football pitch from the cricket wicket.

The Best Kept Village competition has been running for some 40+ years and this year our village won their category for the very first time.



The picture shows the Chairman of the Parish Council receiving the village sign from **Diana Moyse** from CPRE. It was agreed that the sign should be placed on the Village Green mounted suitably and with a garden to enhance it.

Development Group – School funding?

It was unanimously agreed at the Parish Council meeting in November

to call together the members of the Development Group to put forward a plan for the future of the school as government money may be forthcoming to rebuild the present school. This plan would be very important if the school did receive this funding and could solve many of the housing and access problems experienced in the village at present.

One of the best yet!

Newton St Cyres Primary School referenced their December production of "Treasure Island" and thanked staff and some parents for their help. The younger members of the school stole the show with the dances they had prepared. Many parents commented that this production was one of the best yet!

NSC Primary School changes

Fond goodbyes were said to **Ms Deborah Wright**, who has a new teaching role at Cheriton Fitzpaine, who has taught the younger members of the school and had recently managed Newton Nippers. Also, to **Miss Penelhum** who leaves to have her baby and to **Mrs Theedom** who is back to teach Class 4. **Miss Ronchetti** joins to teach Class 3 and **Miss Anika Higgins** will be joining to cover the teachers planning time in Classes 1, 2 and 3. **Glynis Harris**, will be teaching the eldest members of the school and carrying out her Head of Teaching and Learning duties.

Viv and Nick Henderson

The Reg Mear School Collection

Crediton Folklore Library and Archive is run by volunteers and among its resources is a collection of teaching and other historical materials which were left by Reg Mear. Reg was the headmaster at Newton School for more than 25 years and many of his old pupils may want to look at some of the documents he left. The letter below explains where they are, how they have been stored and how to access them.

Dear all,

I'm delighted to be able to say that we have now completed our work on the Reg Mear School Collection - a donation of old school materials prepared by the late Reg Mear, headmaster of Newton St Cyres school and passed to us by NSC History Society. The collection is a fascinating snapshot of the village.

In working with this donation, we have now re-catalogued all of the items and they have been moved from their battered old storage boxes into a new dedicated archival box within the Local History collection in the library. All of the materials have been digitised and can be fully explored from anywhere in the world through our online delivery system, set-up and facilitated on our behalf by the Folklore Library and Archive.

We deliver our digitised materials using Preservica - the same system utilised by the National Archives. This is an archive-grade future proofed digital preservation system which ensures that the digital materials will always be able to be viewed irrespective of the format.

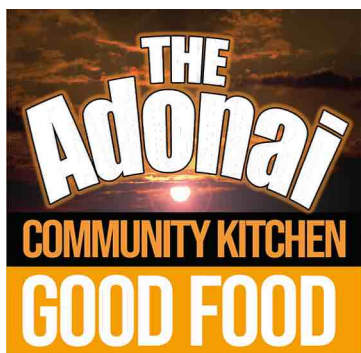
Alongside the materials, there is now an archival Finding Aid which summarises the collection and its scope, and allows people to look for individual items. The digital archive is also fully searchable.

I've attached the Finding Aid to this email for your reference, and you can access the collection via our Local History portal at

<https://www.folklorelibrary.com/crediton-library.html>

I'd welcome any feedback, as this has been a fairly major project. We will be happy to chat with anyone who might want to look to donate similar collections to be looked after in this way.

Mark



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We are looking for volunteers/young people doing their D of E or looking for community experience for their CV, before attending university. We also would appreciate anyone that is free on a Tuesday or Wednesday from 11 to 3pm to help with our Community Kitchen in Newton St Cyres Parish Hall.



28th October Demo by John Haysom Oil on Paper

It was a pleasure to welcome John Haysom again. His training as an illustrator is apparent in his paintings. The detailed drawing that underpinned his painting of Falstaff had been completed before he came, after he had transferred an A4 version to a much larger sheet of paper, but he began his demonstration by overlaying the pencil lines with charcoal pencil, which he then fixed with hairspray.

The drawing was loose and lively, but careful attention had been paid to every detail. He said that years of observation and sketching practice have enabled him to draw a lot from memory.

He then used a limited palette of oils, well-thinned with white spirit and Laquon, and a big brush, to lay in layers of paint that were almost as transparent as watercolour. The smooth paper he used was unidentifiable as it had been salvaged from a printing company, but he recommended Bristol Board. John disregarded edges at this stage, showing us how to lift paint out with a rag to create lighter areas or a hard edge later, and how to paint the background right up to the drawn lines to crisp up edges.

He used a thin brush to add accents with dark paint, pointing out that it isn't necessary to put in every minute detail, just important to be selective about what is included.

A very enjoyable session.

Jenny Hallam

Don't Forget 25th February 2023

WAR AND PEACE

From a Ukrainian city living daily under the terror of Russian missiles to a new life in Newton St Cyres, Iryna Yacenko and her daughter Masha have seen their lives turned upside down in the past six months. Iryna told her story to Ann Quon Cordingley.

Iryna Yacenko remembers vividly the day it happened. A happily married mother of two with a successful online clothing business in the Ukrainian city of Kharkiv, she had stayed up late working on a video presentation before going to bed at 3am. "It was about 4am when I woke up to a very unusual sound of thunder. I went to the window and looked out, only to see missiles hitting my city."

It was 24th February and Russian troops had begun their missile and artillery attacks on major Ukrainian cities, including Kharkiv, a city close to the Russian border, where Iryna and her family lived. With war now on their doorstep, Iryna and her family scooped up their 14-year-old Pekinese Simba and sought shelter in the basement of a nearby school, along with other families.

The invasion of Kharkiv took place just before International Women's Day and on the day itself, while missiles fell around them, Iryna and other mothers in the shelter listened to poems recited by infants at a special Women's Day concert.

They ventured out only when they felt it was safe to do so. "I ran out of medicine for my thyroid problem and my husband, Yuri, had to go up onto the streets to find a chemist. It was frightening," Iryna says.

When it became clear that the bombing was not going to end soon, the family decided it was time for Iryna and their 12-year-old daughter to go. Ukrainian law did not allow for men between 18 and 60 to leave, so Yuri and Ivan, their 23-year-old son, stayed behind. "I left with a heavy heart," she says.

Here in Newton St Cyres, a world away from the war that continues to rage in her home country, she and her daughter are learning to start a new life.

They are one of two Ukrainian families who have been taken in by host families in the village, with a third family expected soon. Like the other families across the UK, Iryna and her daughter are forging a life very different to the one they left behind, not knowing when or if they will ever see their homeland again.

Sitting with Iryna over a cup of coffee, she is keen to tell her story, partly to make sense of what is happening to her country but also so others will understand what she and fellow Ukrainians are going through, learning another country's culture, ways and language.

She tells me she did not speak any English when she arrived in the UK six months ago and spends much of her time attending English classes in Exeter and Crediton, as well as learning online. She shows me a host of English-language apps on her mobile. With her business background, she is clearly tech savvy and taps her Google translator app whenever a word or phrase in English evades her during our chat.



Iryna and Masha

Like many Ukrainians, Iryna has relatives in both the Ukraine, and Russia and in the lead-up to the Russian invasion, she texted Russian relatives about her worries, but they assured her Russia was only interested in the strategically important Donbas region.

However, as the assault dragged on, Iryna realised she had to leave Kharkiv. With the help of friends

who provided them with petrol, she and her daughter, armed with only their documents and a laptop, managed to travel to Krakow, in Poland.

There, they were welcomed by volunteers who helped them find food and shelter. “It was the first time I could sleep without the sound of bombing, and I was able to shower in safety because the worst thing in the Ukraine is to be naked and wet during shelling and bombing,” Iryna says with a laugh.

A friend suggested she try Ireland as a host country, but her son, with whom she was in daily contact through the Internet, felt it was too far and suggested Germany instead. However, because her daughter Masha had been learning English from an early age, Iryna thought it made more sense to find an English-speaking country. Luckily, the UK had just opened its Homes for Ukraine scheme, where residents could sponsor individuals or families by agreeing to host them for at least six months.

With the help of volunteers, Iryna posted an appeal to host families on the Opora website, a support site for Ukrainian refugees, and received 25 responses. One from Alissa and Rob (last names withheld) who live in Newton St Cyres stood out, and she began a correspondence with them before accepting their offer of housing. “Their letters were so warm and welcoming. They are heroes because they are so generous and kind hearted,” says Iryna.

“We signed up to become hosts as soon as the scheme was announced. It just felt like the right thing to do,” says Alissa. “We spoke to our children and without hesitation the children said ‘yes, we had to do it’. Of course, there are challenges but nothing is ever perfect. We muddle through with love, empathy, understanding and laughter. We have a special bond for life.”

Among those who helped Iryna and Masha settle here was Anna Mace-Leska, whose parents were refugees from Poland after World War II. “I got involved after writing an article in the *Newton Wonder* asking if anyone was thinking of housing some refugees under the Homes for Ukraine scheme. I wanted to help but for complex reasons could not myself have guests here,” Anna says.

Iryana was asked if she is happy

Her reply:

At Christmas and New Year last year, we celebrated with the whole family. We decorated our houses. We were happy! Then war, turmoil, flight from war.

Now we are learning to feel safe in a new way. There are many new "scars" in my heart, but everyone is alive! We are safe! And we have many new friends and very good people around us. It's priceless! So, yes, it will be a happy Christmas!

I now know that I need to appreciate every moment, every day! But there is a war going on in my country, people are dying every day. Part of my family lives in a city that is bombed almost every day, so I closely follow what is happening in Ukraine and live every tragedy as a personal experience.

So it's very difficult to unambiguously answer the question about happiness.

Two mothers who had invited guests waiting for their visa clearance came forward, and together with Anna, decided to form a support group. “I offered to help out as both were working full time and were busy mums,” she says. Anna organised trips for Iryna to open a bank account, doctors and physio appointments, and driving both mother and daughter to Covid vaccinations.

Iryna is very close to her daughter, of whom she is fiercely proud. She made it a point when Masha was five years old to study English because she thought it might come in handy one day. Little did she know that day would come seven years later as Masha is now very fluent in English. She is currently in Year 8 at QE school in Crediton.

Although she says it was tough in the beginning, she is now happily making friends. “I like it here as everyone is kind and friendly,” Masha says.

Like many Ukrainians here, a priority for Iryna is to find a job. Her experience running an online clothing store means she is skilled in administration, logistics,

analytics and management. One thing is clear - Iryna is independent, accomplished and resilient. She is no ordinary refugee. However, she knows that for the professional jobs she wants, a higher level of spoken and written English is needed.

“While there are plenty of jobs in certain sectors, such as hospitality, cleaning and stacking food in supermarkets, there are limited opportunities for other jobs unless one has a profession, and spoken and written English would need to be at a high level,” says Anna Leska.

For many Ukrainians, work is not just a means of earning an income. It is also a way of taking one’s mind off the trauma of war and assimilating into local society.

Iryna has met many Ukrainians at the Conversation Café, a hub run by volunteers to support Ukrainians and their hosts. The Café, which operates in both Exeter and Crediton, provides a much-needed space where Ukrainians can share their experiences and seek camaraderie, solace and support. It is estimated there are around 200 Ukrainian refugees living with host families in Exeter.

Iryna has also been active in supporting the Ukrainian cause. In August, a photo exhibition held at the Boniface Centre in Crediton showed the horror and sadness that Ukrainians have endured since the Russian invasion began. As part of the exhibition, Iryna produced a short video about the first days of the incursion into Kharkiv to help others understand what it was like to live with the constant shelling, and their anguish and their worries about family and friends back home.



Iryna's son Ivan

Iryna follows the news from Ukraine closely and keeps in daily contact with her husband and son, anxious for any information from home. For now, the pair are safe and live in one of the two properties they own in Saltivka in the eastern part of Kharkiv, which was relentlessly bombarded by the Russians. Once a thriving residential community of 500,000, it now has only a few residents living in the few apartment buildings still standing. “Our other home was bombed,” sighs Iryna as she shows me pictures of her ruined apartment building and those of friends.

Iryna is grateful that she and Masha have a roof over their heads, good friends and support and a loving host family. However, the Homes for Ukraine scheme is guaranteed to run only until March 2023. What happens after that is uncertain.

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Does anyone remember Albert Janes? This call for help has come to the history group:

I wonder if your group could be of assistance to me ?

I am writing a book about Albert Shirley Janes Stage name Paul England . born 1892 died 1968.

He was a Translator,Author,Opera singer,Popular Singer, Recording Artist,Movie Actor,West End and Broadway musical actor, Hollywood movie Director screenwriter and served in the First World War and in the Second World War was appointed by Winston Churchill to organise the Lend Lease programme.

He lived in Newton St Cyrus from about 1955 to 1968 .It appears that he attended Queen Elizabeth's School in Crediton and moved back to his childhood location.

I wish to know whether anyone in the village remembers him ?

This is not an urgent request as my book will not be published till late 2023. I am visiting Devon in May of next year to undertake further research but it would be helpful

if you could assist me in these matters.

Many thanks

Thomas Pearson Allan

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Jean Wilkins has added:

We have found a useful article in the Cadbury Deanery magazine for December 1968. Each of the parishes in the Deanery gave a monthly report.

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The Vicar was the Rev. J Scott

Asking around I have not found anybody yet who remembers him.

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Bert Jewell writes Rhymes and Ways about Gardens and Gardening

December

How things have changed since I was a boy,
Wondering if it was my turn to get a new toy,
Together with an orange and an apple so red,
There was never a stocking at the foot of our bed.

No tree by the window, no presents beneath,
Nothing by the door, like a seasonal wreath,
No fairy lights twinkling, no crackers to pull,
But "hey", what the heck, our tummies were full.

Of food from the garden which we tended with care,
The garden was full, there was no room to spare.
There were cabbages, cauliflower and of course Brussel sprouts,
"I hate them", "I hate them" my brother would shout.

And potatoes now stored away from the light,
Away from the searching frost at night,
Looked over often for signs of decay,
A nice easy task on a wet winters day.

And now to today, where the gardens are small,
Hardly any room to grow vegetables at all,
But all is not lost, containers will do,
Fresh veg when you need them, if only a few.

Things to do in the December garden

Yes, my parents had a large garden, and all of it was used to grow vegetables, enough potatoes to last us through the winter, plus all greens and a lot of root veg. The only flowers in the garden were those on a flowering currant hedge.

Things are different these days, more houses, less garden, but usually enough space to have a few containers around. This is a good time to think about using those containers to grow veg as well as flowers. This will give your garden or patio colour, as well as some fresh veg for the table. Think about it over the next couple of months.

The weather so far this winter has been mild , so continue to cut the lawn if the ground is not too wet and with the deck raised. Continue rough turning the veg patch as soon as areas become vacant. The mild weather could change at any time and who knows, frost could be just around the corner. To prevent your pond from freezing over, float a ball on the surface, it will move around in a breeze and help stop ice forming. If it does freeze over and you have fish, don't hit it with something hard to break it, the shock could injure the fish. Fill a small saucepan with boiling water and place it on the surface until the ice melts.

If you like to grow large exhibition onions from seed for next year's summer show, now is the time to sow the seed – well usually just after the shortest day.

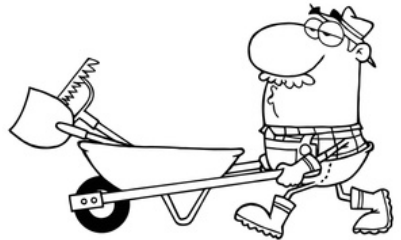
A good excuse to avoid yet another game of scrabble!

Plant of the month

"Sarcococca Hookeriana" or Christmas Box.

This has got to be my all-time favourite for this time of year. Grow one in a pot for the first year and place it by the front door. It will greet you with the most beautiful scent. Then plant it out in a shady part of the garden to enjoy year after year.

Enjoy your gardening, but, most of all, have a great Christmas and a happy new year.



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Guinness fruit loaf

Ingredients:

½ pint (300ml) Guinness (or stout)

12 oz (300g) mixed dried fruit

1 egg

4oz (100g) brown sugar

8oz (200g) Self raising flour

Soak the dried fruit in the Guinness overnight. Place the flour and sugar in a mixing bowl, add the egg and soaked fruit. Stir well, and place in a lined 2lb (1kg) loaf tin. Bake in a moderately hot oven, 175c, for 45 - 50 minutes. This can be sliced and buttered, but is rich enough to eat on its own.

Paul Cleave

“Nobody knows how long the war will continue or what will be left of the infrastructure to go back to once it’s over,” says Anna.

There is also the longer-term effect on young people like Masha, whose education might be disrupted if she returns to Ukraine. “Bearing in mind that children are the next generation, apart from keeping them safe, it’s paramount that they continue with their education,” says Anna.

For now, Iryna’s focus is on improving her English and getting a job that would allow her to rent a small apartment. For the time being, she is making good progress adjusting to English ways. She and Masha eat together with her host family. “We cook in turn and when I cook, it is homemade food. From English cuisine, I like everything,” she says. Rice pudding is a favourite.

Iryna knows she is one of the lucky ones and is grateful that she had made many new friends and has good people around her. She is learning to feel safe in a new way, away from the war and danger. She says she will keep going and be strong for her family both here and in the Ukraine, hoping for the day they will all be reunited, but not knowing when or if that day will ever come.



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NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP



Listed buildings and their significance

In October the History Group were pleased to welcome Nils White to their first meeting of the autumn. Nils visits many listed buildings in the course of his work as an independent heritage consultant and I was pleased to meet with him at Bakers (very end of West Town), one hot sunny day in July 2019. That was when he promised to give us this talk.

Nils began by outlining the history of listing and giving us some idea of how the planning system works in that respect. The concept of heritage protection goes back to the 19th century and before, but, unfortunately, many Victorian architects destroyed in the name of restoration. Listed Building Protection, as we know it, dates to the Town and Country Planning Act 1947. There are around half a million listed buildings in England, perhaps 20,000 in Devon. Buildings are listed by Historic England and are selected on the basis of their historic or architectural interest. Age, rarity, and aesthetic merits are also taken into account.

1. Grade I buildings are of exceptional interest (2.5% of the total)
2. Grade II* buildings are particularly important buildings of more than special interest (8% of the total)

3. Grade II are of special interest, warranting every effort to preserve them. Many undesignated buildings are also considered to be heritage assets and enjoy some protection.

The Listed Buildings and Conservation Act of 1990 requires listed building consent for any acts of demolition, alteration or extension that would affect the character of a building of special architectural or historic significance. Local heritage policies appear in the local plan and are made by the local district council. Historic England is a statutory consultee for applications involving Grade I and Grade II* buildings.

Nils then showed us pictures of Grade I listed buildings, some of which were familiar to us. These included Newton St Cyres church and Starcross Pumping Station. They were followed by some Grade II* and Grade II listed buildings which included the headmaster's house at Dartington, St Laurence's chapel in Ashburton, a cottage at Sticklepath with original smoke blackened roof timbers, a barn with opposing doors for threshing and the garden at Dartington. Also included was a picture of the Methodist church in Dartmouth with demolition proceeding. Demolition of a listed building is a criminal offence.

The audience were then asked to consider why these buildings were so listed and we were introduced to the

National Planning Policy Framework. This was first introduced in 2012 by the Department of Communities and Local Government to rationalise the many planning policy statements and guidance notes then in existence. It is frequently revised and provides a framework for local plans and planners. It emphasises the importance of 'Significance' with regard to heritage assets.

Significance

What makes a heritage asset special and why it matters; heritage values include:

Evidential
Value (archaeological)

Historical Value (illustrative,
associative)

Aesthetic Value
(design, fortuitous, architectural)

Communal Value (commemorative,
symbolic, social, spiritual)

The setting of a heritage asset is also important. It may be deliberate or fortuitous, but it needs to be understood, as does the effect any development may have on it.

We all then considered Newton St Cyres church and found it scored very highly in every respect. We were not so sure about the pumping station at Starcross, but it is certainly of great historical value and technical significance with the added association with Brunel. It is of architectural significance, being of Italianate design. The Chantry at Ashburton has a great history,

founded to pray for the souls of the departed, it became a grammar school for 600 years.

The Grade II buildings selected were very variable in character and excellent examples of their type. The humble cottage at Sticklepath is an amazing survivor, as is the barn with its thatch replaced by corrugated iron. We were all surprised by the excellence of the smoke blackened roof beams. Our speaker confirmed that medieval roof beams tend to be finer cut than those that followed later. The modernist building of High Cross House, the headmaster's house on the Dartington Estate, is very different. It was designed as a whole by the architect Lescaze and built in 1932. Its setting is important, with open lawns, shrubs and trees, although some of these are now overgrown. The Grade I Dartington Hall is surrounded by 25 acres of Grade II* listed gardens.

Bakers

Nils then explained to us how he assesses the significance of a listed building using the local cottage of Bakers as his example. The owner of Bakers, a Grade II listed cottage, wished to make alterations, and had to provide the planners with a Statement of Heritage Significance. Much information may be obtained on line from the Google Earth view, the geological map of the area and the maps available from the Devon Historic Environment Record. Nils showed us one map that was shaded according to the time of estimated enclosure. Photographs of the property and its setting are also

taken at this stage. The historical maps of the area around Bakers tell their own story.

The Tithe Map of 1843, and the OS maps of 1888 and 1906 are available online from Devon County Council and the National Library of Scotland respectively. They show the demise of a hamlet formerly served by the now disappeared Clay Hill Lane. This lane formerly connected the end of West Town with Sand Down Lane, joining just a little further south from Widden Cottage. These maps also show how the footprint of Bakers has changed. A barn to the rear appears in 1888 only to disappear by 1906. There is also an extension to the living area.

Nils then showed us a selection of the photographs he had taken from within the cottage and from which he has been able to deduce which bits of the property have been extensions. Vertical lines in the cob and differences in roof carpentry give these away. He was able, eventually, to draw a footprint plan of the cottage showing in different colours the probable different ages of different parts of the structure.

Bakers is a long cottage with a living area at the NW end and then two rather puzzling areas towards the SE. The domestic area was extended in the early 19th century, when it became two cottages for a time. The roof timbers show this and also help date the original structure to be late 17th or early 18th century. This early dating is borne out by a particular hinge (with a pintle) on a bedroom door.

The SE part of the building contains two large unfloored spaces open to the roof. The central one is plastered but shows no trace of ever having a floor. The barred shuttered overlights in the front and back walls suggest this was the original set up. Two large doors connect this space with the end one, which does appear to have had a floor. Both rooms had fireplaces, that in the central room being a large one.



The doors that would have connected the two rooms bear the name of W.CANN. From records, we know that William Cann was a butcher living at Bakers in the mid 19th century. Just how he was using the building is unknown. Nils pointed out the rougher carpentry of the 19th century roof timbers and also the horizontal lifts visible in the cob walls.

The audience clearly found it a very interesting evening and there were many questions and contributions. We are grateful to Nils for giving a talk so especially designed for us in Newton St Cyres. My greatest surprise, and I suspect others shared this, was to find that medieval carpentry was so very finely finished.

Jean Wilkins

How Devon Took to Cider

Our speaker for the History Group talk on Wednesday 10th November was Michael Gee, who has written a book on Devon's orchards, and in 1990 started North Devon's 'Save our Orchards' campaign, now Orchards Live. He originally took his degree in Geography and then Town and Country Planning, coming to North Devon as the Director of the Dartington North Devon Trust in 1987.

Michael's particular interest is in the mazzard, a sweet small black cherry, derived from the wild native cherry '*prunus avium*'. He explained that this fruit is probably the only one native to Devon, where it has been cultivated for many centuries, but by the time of his arrival it was almost extinct, with only a few score aged trees left in the Landkey area near Barnstaple. Efforts were made to obtain healthy grafts to put on to new rootstock and new orchards have since been planted, including one of his own. The problem is keeping the fruit from the birds and squirrels!

Apples and plums came to this country from the east, and apples were probably introduced by the Romans. Pears seem to have originated in southeast Europe. This explains why growing these fruits in Devon is challenging. It is often very windy, especially on the coasts, and this hinders pollination. The climate is mild and damp, which encourages pests, canker and other diseases.

Fruit growing did not develop very early in the county; the Romans certainly conquered but there are none of the large

farming villas here that were established in the southeast of England. The Anglo-Saxons preferred beer and mead to fruit or cider, even though the word 'orchard' derives from the Latin '*hortus*' for garden and the Anglo-Saxon '*geard*' meaning 'yard' in the sense of a farmyard. It was not until after the Norman Conquest that fruit growing became more established.

The name Berry Pomeroy is derived from the French '*pomme*' for apple, and probably commemorates a Norman family of that name. Monastic foundations established fruit trees and referred to them as 'apple gardens'. An early reference to cider comes from 1297 at 'Combe in Tynhyde' when the rector complained that not enough of his dues were paid in cider, and by the 14th and 15th centuries there are more mentions. However, Michael explained that orchards were still not common, but probably more like Devon vineyards now. There are quite a few, but they are not everywhere.

As is the case in many other areas, the reign of Henry VIII, the Reformation and the Dissolution of the Monasteries, together with the growth of exploration and trade throughout the century, changed things. Henry's wife, Catherine of Aragon, was used to having fresh fruit in her home in Spain, and Henry was happy to plant orchards in his role as a Renaissance prince. The aristocracy copied this and fruit growing became fashionable. Cider was a useful drink to take on long voyages, because it did not go off like beer and water, and the expertise from the lay brothers who had worked in the monasteries was a way of spreading the knowledge of orchard care and cider making.

During the 17th century, books on how to grow fruit trees and plant orchards were published and, as printing was now well-established, copies were affordable. In Devon, at Shute near Axminster, Sir Courtenay Pole planted orchards on a large scale, with attendant nurseries and with walled enclosures, although walled orchards were expensive and mostly trees were planted in ones and twos in farm gardens or even in hedges to protect them from damage.

In 1757 the Dean of Exeter, Jeremiah Mills, sent out 120 questions to assess each of the 461 parishes in the diocese. These included a section on orchards and cider, inquiring about acreage, types of apples, annual cider production, the quality of the cider and its value. Only half the parishes made a return, and unfortunately Newton St Cyres was in the half that failed, but the existing returns show that there were large cider orchards everywhere. A surviving diary of 1786 lists apple types, and it is clear that many were introduced from Herefordshire or elsewhere, so it is not easy to say which old varieties are 'traditional' Devon ones.

Michael made the interesting point that cider making requires large and heavy equipment, the press itself, and then storage capacity. It is made once a year when the fruit ripens. This contrasts with beer making, which tended to be brewed in batches by women, several times a year. He also mentioned the well-known 'Devon Colic', a serious, even fatal condition which used to be blamed on over-indulgence in rough sour cider. In fact, Dr George Baker worked out that it was lead poisoning caused by the lead lining of the cider presses, and after his report of 1767, the use of lead gradually

ceased. However, the popularity of the drink is shown by the riots and opposition to the proposed Cider Tax Bill of 1763. It was eventually passed but was repealed in 1766.

The 19th century saw a slow decline in the number of orchards. Methodism, the Napoleonic Wars, legislation to stop farmers partly paying their labourers in food and drink all contributed. Herefordshire took the lead in developing large-scale industrial cider production, and Devon was slower to adapt to urban markets. However, Whiteways Cider Company at Whimble survived until the 1970s, and from their early beginnings buying apples from local farms, to planting their own orchards, then taking over other small firms, were very successful. Their advertising extolled the health virtues of cider drinking, and they even had a non-alcoholic version named Cydrax, which was a sparkling apple juice.

During the 1990s the number of orchards in the county stabilised and started to rise. Bulmers of Herefordshire started contract planting and there are now twenty or so farmers in Devon with large orchards. A lot of the annual crop goes to Herefordshire but there are 30 or 40 craft cider makers now in Devon, working on a smaller scale and taking a great deal of pride in the provenance of their apples. The Common Ground organisation has been very successful in saving old orchards and creating new ones, involving school and communities and safeguarding local varieties. Training Days and Apple Days are now popular, and the campaign has had the side-effect of encouraging wildlife of all kinds, from horseshoe bat roosts to lichens on the old trees.

Common Ground commissioned James Ravilious to photograph orchards, and this resulted in the 1989 touring exhibition, Orchards of the South West.

We are very grateful to Michael for driving all the way from North Devon on

a winter's evening. Everyone very much enjoyed his talk.

As for the future, Michael Gee's message was clear. Drink more cider!

Isobel Hepworth

NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP CHRISTMAS 2022 AND SPRING 2023

Christmas Meeting Wednesday December 7th

Christmas Traditions and Folklore in Devon **Mark Norman** Mark is one of the Crediton Librarians, he has a special interest in folklore and local history. He has recently digitised Reg Mear's teaching aids on our village history and these are now on line. Do come and meet Mark.

Meetings after Christmas: we do not have a meeting in January, we found so many preferred to stay warm and cosy.

Wednesday February 8th

Crediton and the Great Fire of 1743 (CAHMS Summer Exhibition 2023)

Tony Gale Tony has gathered a group of experienced researchers and together they have been trying to piece together families and businesses that were affected by a very disastrous fire. So many houses were lost, what happened to the occupants and how was the town rebuilt?

Amazingly an excellent map had previously been drawn and survived the fire. The purpose of the map was to show the forward trading extensions that had been built on the High Street properties as they avoided paying for a market stall.

The Group aim to produce a book which I understand is coming on nicely.

Wednesday March 8th

Newton St Cyres in WW2 **Roger Wilkins**

Meetings are held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. There is no special membership everyone is welcome. A drink and biscuits are available. £2

Newton St Cyres Gardening Club

I am writing this while the weather is still unseasonably mild, with late raspberries still cropping and even a late self-sown sunflower bringing colour to the garden. However, by the time you read this, things may have changed and we may have had the first of the frosts.



To continue the Christmas theme from last year, when I wrote about hollies, I thought I would take a look at **mistletoe** this Christmas season.

Now that many of the leaves have fallen from the trees the 'balls' of mistletoe can be clearly seen. But why is mistletoe thought of as romantic and why do we kiss under it? There are over 900 species of mistletoe around the world, but the one that grows readily in this country is *Viscum album*, the European Mistletoe, and this is the one that we use in decorations for our homes.

NEWTON ST CYRES - PARISH HALL

In conjunction with Villages in Action, we are pleased to announce the following music event, which will be held in the Parish Hall.

SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER at 2.30pm (doors 2pm)

If you are feeling a little dismayed with the over-commercialisation of "Christmas present", then join Jim for a journey through Christmas past that will be guaranteed to get you in the festive spirit!



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It grows in the branches of trees such as hawthorn, poplar, lime and cultivated apple trees, and is hemi-parasitic. It is able to produce food for itself by photosynthesis, but in addition it takes minerals and water from the host tree. The berries, which appear from October to mid-May, have seeds that are extremely sticky and are spread by birds in their droppings. This then clings to the tree branches onto which it lands.

The actual word mistletoe is taken from two Anglo Saxon words, 'mistel' & 'tan', which are translated to give the meaning 'dung on a stick'! The other way that the seeds are transferred is when they stick to a bird's beak and the bird then wipes it off onto a branch of a tree. Mistletoe is dioecious, with male and female flowers growing on separate plants, so both are required to produce berries. The Druids believed that it brought good luck and helped protect against evil spirits and the ancient Greeks used it as a medicine for pain relief. In Norse mythology, it symbolised love and this is where the custom of kissing under the mistletoe originated from probably back in the 1700s. This tradition was continued by the Victorians, as it was thought that it symbolised fertility and romance.

Although not a killer in humans, mistletoe can cause sleepiness, blurred vision, vomiting and seizures if eaten, so it is best avoided and just kept for kissing under! It is however poisonous to cats and dogs. Mistletoe is a good food source for wildlife. The berries are eaten by birds, with bees, butterflies and other insects collecting the nectar.

If you want to grow mistletoe on one of your own trees, you should select an older larger tree, as there will be an impact of the future branch growth of the tree. A smaller younger tree may not be able to cope with the loss of nutrients and could experience water stress. Using freshly picked berries in spring, find a crevice in your host tree and, after loosening the bark, push the seeds underneath. It is best to use plenty of berries to give a greater chance of success and to ensure you get male and female plants. Although mistletoe is a slow starter, you should have a small 'ball' after three or four years. If, at a later date, you find that the mistletoe is taking over, it can be pruned back to ensure the host tree remains healthy.

A few jobs that can be done during December:

Although by December our **lawns** should need little attention, they will still need to be mown on a higher setting if the weather stays mild. Fallen leaves should be raked off lawns to allow maximum light to reach the grass, but in wilder areas of the garden they can be left to create a mulch. You may have recently seen various fungi growing in the grass, including the very attractive waxcaps. If the lawn becomes waterlogged (or frozen) it is best to keep off it to reduce any damage. If you need to wheel heavy loads across a lawn, the use of wooden boards can prevent rutting.

You can grow **microgreens**, such as mustard, cress and coriander. Mark Lane recently showed on television how these can be easily grown making use of small plastic trays from the supermarket. I love pea shoots, and these can also be grown by firstly soaking

marrowfat peas in water for up to 24 hours. Fill the tray, which will often already have holes, with compost to about ½” from the top. Plant the soaked peas quite close to each other, as they are only growing for the shoots. Cover with more compost and then water. The tray can then be covered with a plastic bag, or the cover, which may be attached to the tray. Keep the compost moist and once the pea shoots are 3”to 4” (around 3 weeks), you can start to harvest them by pinching them off just above the bottom leaves.

Now is also a great time to plant **fragrant shrubs** in pots by your front door. This will give a welcoming scent when you return home, or when visitors arrive. Plants such as *Daphne odora*, *Chimonanthus* (Wintersweet) or *Sarcococca hookeriana* Winter Gem (Sweet Box). This variety is a dense upright shrub growing to under 30”, with glossy dark green leaves and highly scented white flowers which open from red buds.

Enjoy the results of all of your hard work during the year, and harvest lots of vegetables, including winter cabbages, leeks and parsnips. If frosts look likely, cover the soil with straw to make harvesting easier. Brussel sprouts (essential for Christmas Day, even if some members of the family dislike them!) are best picked when about 1” in diameter. December is also a good time to plant ready for next year. Winter-sown broad beans should be ready to harvest in May and sowing annual flowers in December will mean they will flower earlier than if left until spring sowing.

Regularly clean your **bird feeders** and keep them topped up with high energy foods such as peanuts, seeds and fat balls. Access to fresh water is also needed too. You may wish to buy outer ‘cages’ for some of your feeders, which only allow access to the food to the smaller birds.

What’s On in December?

- **RHS Glow at Rosemoor** (details in last month’s Newton Wonder) and at <https://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/rosemoor/whats-on/rosemoor-glow>
- **RHS Rosemoor Winter Sculpture Trail** runs from 12th November until 31st January. More than 120 sculptures are set across the gardens and woodland. This year the exhibition features the work of 32 sculptors from across the UK, including local artists from the West Country. General admission prices apply, and all sculptures displayed are for sale.

I hope that you will all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, and look forward to welcoming you to our meetings in 2023, which will be advertised in the Newton Wonder.

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Monday 16th January 2023

A.G.M. Afternoon meeting 3pm

Followed by STEPHEN POWLES with a talk on HEDGEHOGS.

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- Gilbert White-a "Parson-naturalist".
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TIPS FOR SURVIVING THE TIMES AHEAD

With the cost of living rising on everything from food to fuel and mortgages, and inflation at a 40-year high, a tough winter lies ahead. "It's going to be really hard and we will just have to cut down on everything, especially electric and heating" said one long-time Newton St Cyres resident as we chatted at the parish hall.

It's a sentiment shared by many people who are having to tighten their belts to survive the cost-of-living crisis. While the government has announced a number of measures to provide some relief, what is being done at the local level to help residents get through the hardship months ahead?

The good news is that there are a number of initiatives available or planned to help locals. These include free meals and produce, warm spaces to shelter from the cold, with various volunteer groups on standby to help households out during an emergency.

Some are initiatives of kind-hearted, public-spirited locals such as Jocelyne Whittaker, who opened Adonai Kitchen last spring, inviting locals to enjoy homecooked lunches twice a week, free of charge, at the parish hall. She cooks whatever is available and is happy to provide a space for a good meal and to meet new people. "Some guests have told me that it's been hard, and they look forward to having a meal here," she says. She expects demand will continue to grow as belts tighten, but she is limited to how much she can expand as she relies on donations and the support of local businesses to operate.

The parish church has launched a "warm spaces" initiative every Wednesday afternoon, where locals can gather for tea, biscuits and a chat. It is also considering setting up a food bank with donations of food made available to those in need.

An initiative backed by the Parish Council is the community allotment managed by the Newton Environmental Wellbeing Group, which grows vegetables and produce and makes it freely available to locals.

The darker side of the crisis is that as prices go up, people will not be able to afford to pay their bills or taxes. This is a major concern for Mid Devon District Councillor Graeme Barnell, who sees more people getting into debt and unable to pay their council taxes or council rents.

He says the council is already noticing an increase in ratepayers not being able to pay their council tax. "The council is looking at how it deals with debt because the level of indebtedness in the council is increasing, with people unable or willing to pay their bills," he says.

Fortunately, the District Council has an exceptional hardship fund to help those in dire straits. "It's specifically geared to people who can't pay their council tax or the rent on their council houses, but who also find themselves in other sorts of hardship," says Graeme. It is meant to be a measure of last resort for those who have exhausted other

means of finding ways to pay their tax or rent. Those living in Band A to C houses are eligible. Those living on their own in council housing are also eligible for council tax reduction.

Graeme urges people who are getting into debt to recognise their dilemma and seek help, rather than borrow from “Peter to pay Paul” and sink further into debt. “It’s really important to seek help early and to get on top of your debt,” he says. Places such as the Citizens’ Advice Bureau provides debt counselling to help people organise their debt, rather than let it completely out of control.

“We need to acknowledge that it’s a growing problem and going to get worse over the next few years,” he says. “We need to make sure locally that people who in a position to help, do what they can,” he says.

Here are some of the initiatives available to locals:

Warm Spaces Initiative

Wednesdays, 3 to 5pm

The parish church has launched a “warm spaces” initiative every Wednesday afternoon in the parish hall club room, right after the community kitchen. There will be tea, biscuits and cake, plenty of chat and perhaps newspapers and card/board games available. It is free, but donations are welcome.

Adonai Community Lunch Kitchen Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 12 to 2pm

Free meals are provided twice a week in the parish hall by Jocelyne and her team of dedicated volunteers. The hot lunches are prepared on the day using whatever is available. There is usually a meat and non-meat option. Food can be delivered to your home. Meals are free and donations are welcome.



Left to right: Jocelyne with Elaine Taylor and Zoe Evans

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Produce freely available to villagers via the Community Allotment

The Parish Council-backed community allotment is run by the Newton Environmental Wellbeing Group, where vegetables and produce grown locally are free to households. Produce is usually available at the monthly coffee mornings in the parish hall.

Resilience groups

Various resilience groups offer help in the case of floods, snow, potholes and other incidents. Contact details: See back of the *Newton Wonder*.

Neighbourhood Watch

A Neighbourhood Watch team, under Parish Councillor Damian Hodge, is available to help households resolve difficulties. For more information contact damien.hodge@centraxgt.com

Proposed Food Bank

The parish church is considering starting a food bank and hopes that residents will drop off items from their regular shopping. These will be made available at the church for anyone who drops in. This is planned for December or January.

Exceptional Hardship Funds

For those having difficulty paying their council tax or council rent, the Mid Devon District Council has an exceptional hardship fund to help those in dire straits. "It's specifically geared to people who can't pay their council tax or the rent on their council houses, but also find themselves in other sorts of hardship," says District Councillor Graeme Barnell. It is meant to be a measure of last resort for those who have exhausted others means of finding ways to pay their tax or rent. Those living in Band A to C houses are eligible. Those living on their own in council houses are also eligible for council tax reduction.

More information at <https://www.middevon.gov.uk/business/business-rates/rate-reliefs/hardship-relief/>

Citizens Advice

Citizens' Advice provides debt counselling. It also can advise on grants and benefits to help pay energy bills, check on any means of paying less council tax and determine what benefits you are eligible for. More information at <https://ruraldevoncab.org.uk/>

Council Tax Rebate

£150 council tax rebate for the 80% of UK households that are in council tax bands A-D.

Energy:

The government's £400 bill support scheme means those who pay by direct debit will receive a £44 credit to their account every month for six months until March 2023. Those with prepayment meters will receive vouchers each month in the post, by text or email, and can redeem them at the post office, PayPoint locations and newsagents.

Pensioners:

Beneficiaries of the Winter Fuel Payment for 2022-2023 will receive a lump sum of £300. It will be paid alongside the regular payment from November and is in addition to any cost-of-living payment.

Households on means-tested benefits will receive an additional £900 cost-of-living payment during 2023 and 2024, while pensioner households and individuals on disability benefits will receive an additional £150.

Disability:

Those on disability will receive £150 and should have received it by October. This is in addition to the £650 cost-of-living payment for disabled people, who also receive means-tested benefits.

The above are just some of the initiatives and benefits available both locally and nationally for which locals are eligible. For a more comprehensive list of the government support you could be eligible for and how to apply, please go to:

<https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>

Ann Quon Cordingley

THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMUNITY FORUM

Help shape the future of the village
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Parish Hall

This is Our Future

Winter on the Farm

The sun seems to barely scrape the horizon these days, giving us dusk for much of the short day. Let's hope for winter sun, so special to feel the light and warmth on your skin at this time of year. Grass is watery and wan. Field corners are the ruin of the summer's glory. Trees are stark silhouettes. And for some plants, this is their time: cardoons in my garden vigorously giving me fleshy midribs, shepherds purse and chickweed actively growing, good wild foraging material that pops up vigorously in between my cultivated salad leaves that I nurse through this time.



Mary judging at the World Cheese Awards.

It's been mild, and the crops are over-lush, a target for aphids and mildews. This is where a flock of sheep would be good to run over and trim the winter-proud leaves. That wouldn't really work, as in January, when the growth really slows down, we would end up feeding them the precious early bite that we are keeping overwinter for the cows in February. Still, the wheat barley and oat plants will be getting their roots down, holding the soil and feeding the life in the soil. We either feed their rich harvest to cows or sell them to buy back mixed cow feed.

Grass and red clover have worked so well this year. We've decided our crop rotation should be two or three years of grass and red clover, then wheat, then barley, then back to grass and red clover. It grows through the dry times, feeds the next crop, cattle can graze it or we can make it into winter feed. It nourishes the soil while it's growing and feeds the next crop when it runs out of

steam. It's part of our aim to grow as much from our own resources as possible.

We are putting bales of silage out in the paddocks to hold the in-calf spring heifers over winter. Then we'll put in spring wheat before reseeding with grass into the stubble.

We experimented with broadcasting grass seed into lightly cultivated stubble this summer and it has worked so well that that's what we will do across the board this coming year. We are moving away from ploughing for sowing grass establishment after cereals. It's expensive and literally turns the infinitely complex universe of the soil with its delicate interlinked communities upside down, which have to rebuild for the soil to work best.

The spring cows go on their eight-week holiday from December, resting and restoring themselves while their calf grows big. This year, rather than stay out on fodder beet that was hard for soils and our team, they will go to some buildings we are renting a couple of miles away. The autumn cows are in full milk, and frolicking around looking for the bull. The most fertile and keenest will get a straw of sexed semen from a dairy bull, and everyone else gets a beef bull, either a straw of semen or if that doesn't do the trick, they will get seen to by one of our elegant little Angus bulls.

It's been an extraordinary year, in so many ways. The terrible events in Ukraine have sent milk and feed prices doubling, electricity prices times six and everything costing more. We've had a scary harbinger of a heating planet with the hottest year I remember. We fed scarce winter feed for a couple of months in the summer. Then we had a lovely golden autumn, where the grass grew and grew and near enough filled our stores up again. The challenges are making us rethink what we do to focus on what we can produce from our own resources in crops and cows and cheese. We are planning to put in solar panels to produce electricity to power the farm. Sadly, our roofs aren't suitable: they are old and face the wrong way, so we will put the panels in the field next to the cheese store. My daughter Jane is coming back to the farm, bringing new ideas about how we respond to these times, reminding me of when I came back to the farm nearly 40 years ago, and my father came back thirty years before that.

We were happy to win some medals at the World Cheese Awards. I was judging at the competition (not ours!) and I tasted some outstanding cheese amongst the 4,400 entered. It's good to know we rate in this company.

I know we are all challenged with costs and uncertainty. Thank you for your support this year. Next year will be tough for the little shops and delis. Speaking to cheesemakers and retailers, at the World Cheese Awards, everyone is bracing for a tough time. You can always give yourself a little treat of cheesy joy and pleasure when the world has gone crazy around us. That at least is reliable and affordable. Please support your small independent farm shops and delis and enjoy the fruits of our land.

I'm planning a Christmas cheeseboard of Vintage Cheddar, Smoked Cheddar, Devonshire Red, plus some luscious Baron Bigod and Colston Bassett Stilton. I'll snaffle some of that magnificent Sandford Orchards Ice Cider and enjoy the dark evenings as a good opportunity for feasting.

Recipe: I've been having fun with leftovers, and Christmas is a good opportunity to be creative with them as we all cook more than we can eat on the day. I've been enjoying rehashing vegetables (leaf and root) and some leftover meat for flavour. I braise them in a frying pan with a knob of Quicques butter until they are piping hot. Grate some mature cheddar over the top, and add two beaten eggs, plus seasoning, per person to the pan. I leave on a low heat to set. It makes a flavoursome, nourishing, healthy and really quick one pan supper.

Shop Christmas Opening times including Saturdays.

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Newton St Cyres History Group has an ever-growing library of publications.
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• **Newton St Cyres – A Village Story (£5)**

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



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

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

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

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

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

Describes the history and most important features of the church, dedicated to St Cyr and St Julitta.



• **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)**

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?

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

- Births, Deaths and Marriages in Newton St Cyres (16th–18th century)
- UK Censuses on Newton St Cyres (1841-1911)
- Newton St Cyres Tithe Map of 1843

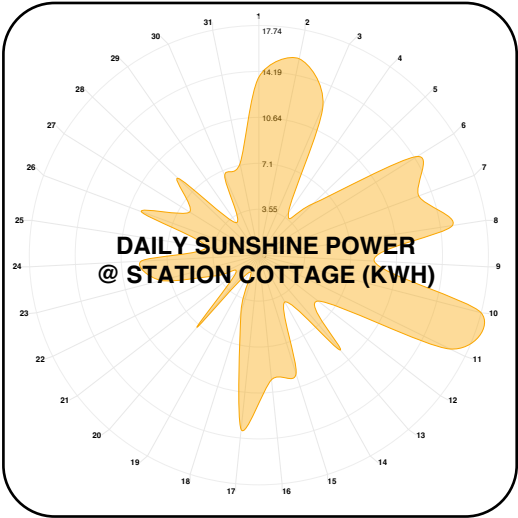
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Newton Weather

in October 2022

Q. Why does Santa have a huge umbrella?

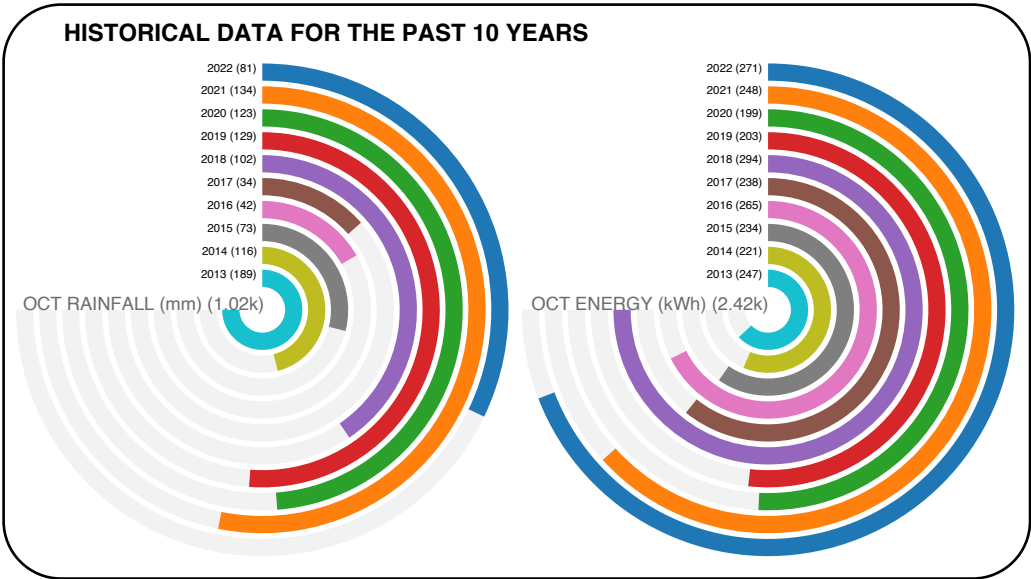
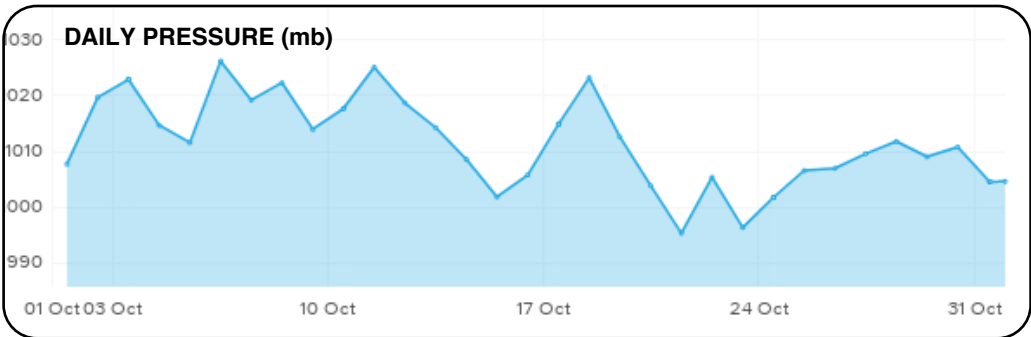
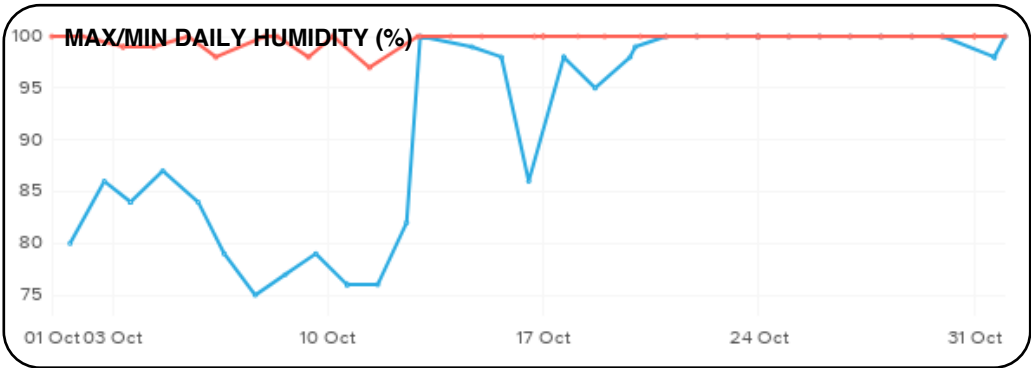


MAX/MIN DAILY TEMPERATURE (Celsius)



DAILY RAINFALL (mm)





A: Beacuse of all the rain, dear!



Seasonal Scam Alert!

Scammers' tactics are increasingly sophisticated and sometimes hard to recognise. However, there are things to look out for.

- ❑ If it seems too good to be true, it probably is. E.g. tickets to an event that are much cheaper than being sold elsewhere or a holiday that's a lot less than you would expect to pay.
- ❑ Be wary of people contacting you out of the blue on social media, telephone or via text and email offering items for sale or a deal on something.
- ❑ If you're buying from a website you haven't used before do a bit of research. Look at the terms and conditions and check that the address is a proper address not just a PO box number. This information can usually be found in the 'contact us' section. Registered UK companies lodge their details on the Companies House website.
- ❑ Check what people have said about the company – don't just rely on the reviews on the website itself, have a look at other review sites.
- ❑ Scammers often ask you to pay in an unusual way or pay very quickly. E.g. send money via a money transfer service such as MoneyGram or Western Union or pay via vouchers.
- ❑ Never give away personal information such as a password or PIN and never click on or download anything you don't trust.

To find out about scams across the country, you can sign up to the Trading Standards email alert on their website. [National Trading Standards Scams Team \(list-manage.com\)](https://www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/list-manage.com)

If you have transferred money speak to your bank and to the police. If you feel the scammer is in your area and you feel unsafe you should also inform the police. You can also report the scam to Citizens Advice [Report a scam - Citizens Advice](#) and Action Fraud [Action Fraud](#)

Don't feel embarrassed reporting a scam – it can happen to any one of us and scammers are getting increasingly sophisticated. If you want to talk to someone locally you can contact CA TNMWD on our free, local AdviceLine 0808 27 87 999 or visit www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk and click on 'Get Advice'.

Demand for our services is increasing all the time not just at this time of year. If you would like to join us as a volunteer contact

recruitment@ruraldevoncab.org.uk to find out more. We are a friendly bunch and you will receive ongoing training and support to enable you to help people in our community resolve their problems.



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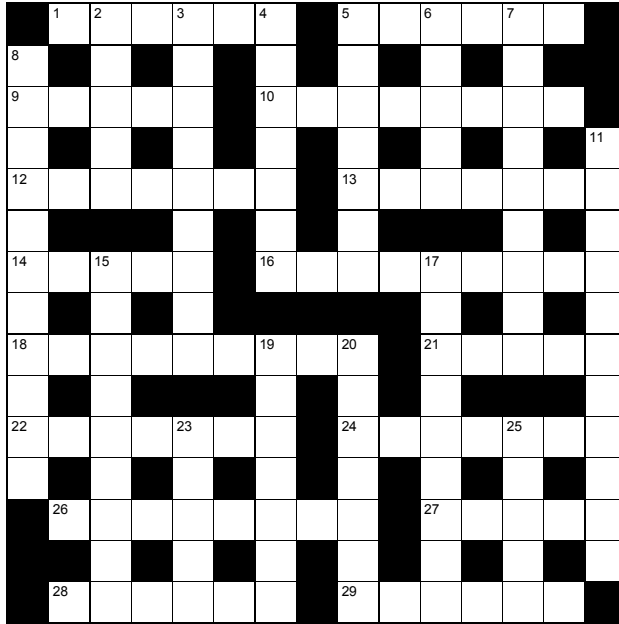
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FEBRUARY 18th 2023

at

12.00

Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Darling, principally I'm a comedian but I'm not very bright (6)
- 5 Editor in charge absorbed by manuscript for doctors (6)
- 9 Old mule spilled sulphuric acid (5)
- 10 See 25 Down
- 12 Scary story from German poet needing no introduction (7)
- 13 See 8 Down
- 14 Backward boy Edward pried (5)
- 16 Thus a popular time is needed for TV series (4-5)
- 18 Her voting changed in a short space of time (9)
- 21 Some frown at allegation of birth (5)
- 22 Crazy for fruit (7)
- 24 Reaches a turbulent river second (7)
- 26 Henry's first pal made off with car part (8)
- 27 Bird starts to collect eggs from here (5)
- 28 Son wastes talents (6)
- 29 Former model's show (6)

DOWN

- 2 Old tribe bringing diamonds to Northern Ireland (5)
- 3 Where racketeering goes on in the courts? (9)
- 4 Wot's up? A road's approaching (7)
- 5 Girl's aimless wandering (7)
- 6 Tea towel perhaps is not so damp (5)
- 7 Con men opt out in part (9)
- 8,13 Across "Surely you jest?" famously addressed to judge in court (3,6,2,7)
- 11 Settled Sheila's debt somehow (11)
- 15 One US writer or another by stream (9)
- 17 Now his rep gets busted for possession (9)
- 19 They talk incessantly of balloons (7)
- 20 MP later resolved to tread roughly (7)
- 23 Boy, a new rising 3 Down champion (5)
- 25,10 Across Evening Star is going to set out aims for 3 Down champion (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 November 2022 Cryptic Crossword

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The Parish Church of St Cyr and St Julitta

Let's go – Lego!



The creative juices were flowing at the first gathering of the Newton St Cyres Lego Club, held at the parish church. Amidst a plethora of Lego to choose from, the task set was to produce a nativity! No further guidance or plans were given. But individuals and groups rose to the challenge.

Young people of all ages, from 4 to 14+ and parents and grandparents worked cooperatively and collaboratively to produce some brilliant scenes, with imagination and skill.

The afternoon was a great success, and all are very much looking to the next session on 4th December at 4pm. The next time the challenge will be to build three one-foot high Wise Men (and maybe a camel or two)!

Who fancies that challenge?

For further details please contact:

Revd Tim Collins

Priest-in-Charge,

Netherexe Mission Community

01392 860767

07449 111663

“Advent Reflection with Memory Tree”

13th December 6pm Rewe

On Tuesday 13th December, Rewe Church will replace our normal 6:00 p.m. evening prayer with a special advent reflection, open to all the churches. Alongside some quiet moments to reflect on the advent season, we will be particularly mindful of those who are no longer with us, and whose absence is often felt most keenly over the Christmas period. To this end we will have a memory tree where names can be added, and this will stay up throughout the Christmas period in the church. If you are unable to attend but wish a name to be added to the tree, email simon.harrison2@nhs.net

ST CYR COFFEE MORNING

**JANUARY 14th, 2023
10.30 - 12.00**

**PARISH HALL
Newton St Cyres**

A warm welcome
for coffee and chat,
stalls and raffle.

All funds in aid of Church.



Food Bank

A small Food Bank is starting up
in the Church Porch
Something you need? – leave a message
Or like to give? – please do!

Christmas ... what's it all about?

It was on 20th December 2020 that Boris Johnson announced that the proposed five-day break from the Covid lockdown could not go ahead. In some areas people were not permitted to share Christmas with anyone outside their household and the remaining areas permitted sharing with no more than two other households. This applied to Christmas Day only.

Last year we were back to 'normal', but the celebration of Christmas will be different this year too. Not because we will be unable to gather together but because we will be tightening our belts. The tradition of feasting and giving of gifts is something that none of us wants to do without and something that parents want their children to enjoy, but how much can we afford to spend when our household bills have risen and everything in the shops is also more expensive? For those already on a tight budget, this will be particularly hard.

What we learned from that Christmas in 2020 was how much we valued meeting with our family and friends over the Christmas period. Released from those restrictions in 2021, once again it is important to remember where our priorities lie as we consider how we might celebrate.

Perhaps like the Christmas of 2020, this year's limitations will help us to remember how easy it is to get caught up in the commercialisation of Christmas, where the decorations, the food and the purchase of gifts has overtaken the meaning of Christmas. If the size of our gifts is smaller this Christmas, the warmth and love with which they are given has not diminished. We might also consider that although we may be cutting back, for some people Christmas is always a financial worry: indeed, every day is an effort to make ends meet.

As we recall again the nativity story and the birth of Jesus, we can focus on the simplicity of his beginning. God wanted us to understand that our ordinariness is made extraordinary in the love of Christ. We remember that ours is not a distant, uncaring God who has no interest in our humanity, but one who has come among us to understand and experience our frailty and fears.

Will you come to church this Christmas? I hope you might. I hope you will enjoy some stimulating services across our churches, involving candlelight, carols, Christmas trees, Lego and cribs. I hope you will enjoy what church is about – growing relationships. Our relationships with each other and our relationship with God.

Laura Ford

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in

NEWTON ST CYRES CHURCH

on

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14TH at 6.30 P.M.

WITH MINCE PIES AFTERWARDS

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LEGO CLUB

come and join our building session
at Newton St Cyres Church
on December 4th at 4.00pm

Everyone Welcome to the

LEGO CRIB SERVICE

on December 18th at 10.30

where you can admire the efforts!

SERVICES & INFORMATION DECEMBER 2022

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

Sunday 4 December Advent 2

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Thorverton	JH
10:00 am	Toy Service	Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	Rewe	TC
04:00 pm	Lego Church	Newton St Cyres	TC

Sunday 11 December Advent 3

09:30 am	Morning Prayers [followed by breakfast]	Thorverton	Lay Fed
11:15 am	Holy Communion	Upton Pyne	GC
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	Stoke Canon	MSS
05:30 pm	Carol Service	Huxham	LF
06:00 pm	Carol Service	Cadbury	TC

Tuesday 13 December

06:00 pm	Advent Reflection with Memory Tree	Rewe	Lay Led
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Wednesday 14 December

06:30 pm	Carol Service	Newton St Cyres	TC
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Sunday 18 December Advent 4

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Brampford Speke	JH
09:30 am	Morning Prayers [followed by breakfast]	Thorverton	Lay Fed
10:30 am	Lego Crib Service	Newton St Cyres	TC
11:00 am	Nativity Pageant	Upton Pyne	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	Joint with Brampford Speke Church	
05:00 pm	Carol Service	Cadbury	KR
		Stoke Canon	Lay Led

Tuesday 20 December

09:00 am	Chattertots	Thorverton	Lay Led
07:00 pm	Candlelight Carol Service	Netherexe	TC
07:00 pm	Carol Service	Brampford Speke	Lay Led/GC

Wednesday 21 December

02:00 pm	Christmas Messy Church	Rewe	Lay Led
07:00 pm	Carol Service	Thorverton	Lay Led/TC

Saturday 24 December Christmas Eve

04:00 pm	Crib Service	Stoke Canon	Lay Led
05:00 pm	Carol Service	Rewe	Lay Led
11:00 pm	Holy Communion	Stoke Canon	TC

Sunday 25 December Christmas Day

09:30 pm	Family Communion	Thorverton	TC
10:00 am	Christmas Day Service	Cadbury	Lay Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion	Newton St Cyres	JH
10:00 am	Christmas Service	Brampford Speke	Lay Led/GC
11:15 am	Christmas Day Service	Joint with Upton Pyne Church	
		Huxham	TC

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

This information will also be available via our website at www.netherexe.org see "Please Note" section of the homepage.

SERVICES & INFORMATION JANUARY 2023

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

Sunday 1 January Christmas 2

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Thorverton	TC
11:15 am	Informal Service	Cadbury	Lay Led

Sunday 8 January Epiphany 1

10:00 am	Informal Gathering	Stoke Canon	LF
11:15 am	Holy Communion	Upton Pyne	JH
11:15 am	Café Church	Rewe	Lay Led

Sunday 15 January Epiphany 2

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Brampford Speke	GC
09:30 am	Choral Morning Prayer	Thorverton	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	Cadbury	JH
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	Stoke Canon	TC

Sunday 22 January Epiphany 3

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Newton St Cyres	TC
10:00 am	Messy Church	Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	Rewe	KR

Tuesday 24 January

09:00 am	Chattertots	Thorverton	Lay Led
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Sunday 29 January Epiphany 4

10:00 am	Mission Community Service	Newton St Cyres	TC
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Evening Prayer: Every Tuesday 6:00 pm in Rewe Church

This 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.

Revd Tim Collins Rector Tel: 01392 860767 tim.collins@netherexe.org

For more information about the Netherexe Parishes please see www.netherexe.org or contact:

Mrs Juliette Lea [Administrator]
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Mr Peter Shepherd [Administrator]
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NSC Parish Council Co-ordinator Damien Hodge tel: 01392 851111
email: damienhodge@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk*

Newton St Cyres Parish Hall

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Club room	£19	£28	£38	£48
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 (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@newtonstcyrus-pc.gov.uk
Friday (some weeks)	Art class	10.30 am	Sue Rose	01363 772284	suerose9@hotmail.com
Friday (weekly)	Table Tennis	7.15	Roger Wilkins	01392 851337	rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com
Saturday (second in month)	Coffee morning (for Church and other organisations)	10.30 am	Church Sue Browne	01392 851460	suecbrowne@gmail.com
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Saturday (some months)	Model train group	2.00 pm	Ann Feetham	01392 215837	annfeetham@virginmedia.com

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