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Over the last couple of years our finances have been suffering. There have been two main reasons: massively increased costs being faced by our printer and loss of advertising revenue as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. Last year we had to increase the subscription to £8.00. However advertising revenue is now picking back up, so we have decided to keep the subscription for the Newton Wonder at £8.00 per year for a printed copy to be delivered to your door. This issue is the last for the current year and our next edition will not be available until February 2024. Your subscription for next year is now due and your distributor will be asking for payment

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Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year

Cover picture; November sunrise over Upton Pyne from our door step.

Peter Hawksley

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT 16th November 2023

The meeting, held on Thursday 16th November 2023, was attended by six Councillors, the Parish Clerk, and Mid Devon District Cllr Martin Binks. Two members of the public were in attendance.

Issues raised by the public:

- A proposal was made for signage to go onto the Quickes permissive footpaths to ensure correct behaviour of walkers.
- NEW indicated that they would like to lay a hedge along the allotment, and permission will be sought from the Quickes estate via the Parish Council.

Apologies from Cllr J Whittaker and Cllr L Ouldrige.

Parish Council Vacancy and Lead Responsibilities

Councillor Scopes recently resigned from the Council because of personal commitments. The Council extended a vote of thank to him for his period of public service and his work for the Parish.

Cllr Scopes' resignation leaves a vacancy that the Council is keen to fill as quickly as possible. An advert is being placed to anyone who is prepared to be considered for secondment to the Council. Applications are encouraged.

Cllr A Staite will take on the role of Council Environmental lead, previously held by D Rowell.

Planning applications:

23/01541/HOUSE - Erection of two storey extension to form ancillary accommodation and linking house to outbuilding at Brownlea, Langford Road, Langford - No comment

23/01519/FULL - Siting of a shipping container to replace existing shed at Newton St Cyres Recreation Ground Club - No comment

Litter Bins - A new multipurpose litter bin will be ordered from Mid Devon Council with the intention that this will be installed in the Car Park of the Recreation Ground. MDDC will be responsible for obtaining the necessary agreements.

The Council also agreed a proposal to install a new multipurpose litter bin at the Arboretum gate. This proposal will require the consent of the Arboretum

Committee. Cllr A Staite will discuss this with the Chair of the Arboretum Committee. If agreed this bin would be obtained by and be the property of the Parish Council and will be routinely emptied by Cllr Staite herself.

Lighting at the rear of Shuttern Close - The Council are awaiting a response from MDDC as to whether the issue will be resolved. The Council is actively pursuing a response. Cllr Binks agreed to follow up with the appropriate senior manager within MDDC.

Road Repairs

A petition has been placed on the MDDC website and addressed to Devon County Council asking them to repair the roads. Please note that all parishioners can sign the petition. Please contact Cllr J Dean for a link to the petition website. The link will also be submitted to the Newton Wonder for publication.

Council Tenants - rent arrears

Cllr Binks noted that many MDDC tenants are in arrears (MDDC arrears now total £135,000) . He explained that many council tenants require urgent support from MDDC in dealing with increasing debt and hardship. It was also noted that state rent allowances have not been increased sufficiently to cover increase in rents, thereby seriously aggravating the problems faced by many tenants.

New Estate - Road Safety

Following a local petition and recent site meeting '10'mph signs will be painted at agreed points on the MDDC roadway at the rear of the New Estate in Sweetham. This will assist in ensuring the safety of pedestrians and children playing. It is hoped that this work will be completed shortly

The Parish Council Budget for 24/25

The Parish council must set its budget for next year at its meeting in December. The Parish Council agreed:-

1. Not to increase its Precept (except for an allowance for inflation) given the current pressures on the cost of living. The precept is the amount the Parish Council imposes in Council Tax to pay for its services and activities.
2. To consider bids for additional financial help at its next meeting. Several bids have already been received from different organisations in the Parish. Councillors will be working with these organisations to finalise these bids so that they can be considered at the next Parish council meeting.
3. If bids for additional money are to be agreed, the Parish Council will probably have to find compensatory savings.

Churchyard .

The churchyard is nearly full with only limited space available for future burials. Once full, the Church Authorities may seek an order to close the Churchyard to further burials and thereby seek to pass responsibility for the maintenance of the church yard to the Parish Council. The Parish Council agreed to seek legal advice from both DALC and MDDC as to its position regarding the maintenance of the churchyard should it be formally closed to further burials.

Flood Network and Road Wardens

The Council give a vote of thanks to Road Wardens and volunteers in the Flood Network for their hard work during the recent storms in clearing drains and gullies, in placing flood warning signs and ensuring tree trunks have been removed from the river bridge at Station Rd .

The Flood Network will be meeting again in December and would welcome additional members, particularly who whose homes aren't in the vicinity of the main watercourses as we are conscious that homeowners in areas that may be vulnerable to flash flooding may need to defend their own homes in the event of a major flooding incident

Footpaths

1. The Parish Council will be pursuing repairs to surfacing and fencing along the Footpath from Sandown Lane to Pump St
2. The Parish Council will ensure signage is restored to the Bridleway at the head of Tin Pit Hill
3. The Parish Council noted the reply of the Parish Council Chair to the letter received from John Quicke that set out his decision to keep open two of the permissive footpaths and close two others. It decided that no further response was required. The Parish Council will request signs be placed by the Quicke Estate indicating the closure of the two permissive paths
4. The final County Council Consultants' report on the proposed route of the Boniface Trail dual use footpath/cycleway from Crediton to Exeter has been delayed until the New year.

Play Equipment - Recreation Ground

A total of £11,536 S106 may be available to pay for the renewal of play equipment at the Recreation Ground. The Parish Council are waiting for final confirmation from MDDC that the money can be spent for this purpose . Given

that play equipment is very expensive, the Parish Council will need to advise the Rec Committee on seeking additional funding from grant awarding bodies.

Duke of Edinburgh Volunteers

The Parish Council will be working with QE School to ascertain its requirements of implementing a volunteer program for the village. At present, we are establishing the requirements and feasibility of implementation of this program.

Community Speed Watch

The council are considering resurrecting the community speed-watch program. The project hinges on a minimum of 4 volunteers who are prepared to commit on a regular basis. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please email Cllr J Dean (johndean@newtonscyres-pc.gov.uk) or phone 07778 640025.

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

We will be running another Rusty Rackets Session on 18th November at 10am. It's advertised on the website. A big thank you for all those who joined previous sessions and have now joined the Club.



There will be an exciting New Year's party on January 12th. A Murder Mystery. All members are welcome.

You can join now for half price for a winter membership.

If you are ready for some tennis, try the club for a couple of sessions and then you can decide whether to join or not. Just contact our membership secretary, Laura Leigh, on 01647 24259.

Junior coaching, run by our club coach Jon Wills, is well attended and takes place on Wednesdays after school during term time. If you would like to enrol for the winter term, please email juniors@newtonscyrestennisclub.co.uk for further information and put your name down.

Jon also offers adult coaching both individually and for small groups, so if you feel you need to brush up your skills or learn more about the doubles game, just get in touch with Jon via our website.

The Tennis Club now has a super-duper ball machine which means you can practise all by yourself. A number of members are now trained in using the machine, so if you would like to have a go, please contact the Club at www.newtonscyrestennisclub.co.uk.

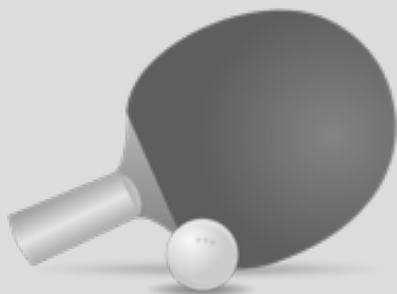


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Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The draw for November took place at the Coffee Morning on the 11 November.
The winners were:

No. 234	D Ashmore	£50.00
No. 26	Dr Harding	£10.00
No. 195	S Browne	£10.00
No. 183	T Playle	£10.00
No. 19	A Reeves	£10.00

There are a few numbers spare - let me know if you would like one.

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

Jane
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NEWS FROM THE PARISH HALL & DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Thank you to everyone that came to the **Crockern** gig on 14th October, for their “**Reimagining Dartmoor Folk Music**”. Crockern are made up of Tim (vocals & guitar), Fin (keys & synthesiser) Jayne (fiddle) & Emma (vocals). We had a great audience and the evening was a mix of their new songs and tunes in the first half, followed by a second half of livelier songs and tunes that they play in the Dartmoor pubs - when in other bands. As a newly formed band, they gave us an excellent evening of music and song - look out for their future gigs in and around Devon.

Also, on 28th October, Jenna Browne organised a **Silent Disco** in the Hall. Jenna says “The silent disco was a success in that it showed how easily the hall can be set up and used for such events. We had 31 people in total, who had delicious Hanlons pulled pork burgers served by the ever so generous John and Chris Salter. The Salter family also represented the hall by manning the bar whilst the locals donned their headsets and spent the night dancing away to a variety of playlists. We were also able to screen the Rugby (with thanks to Russell Ashmore and Alice). Great to see whole families attend and many commented that they would be happy to book the hall for similar event in the future. Sadly many of the Parish were away but we will hopefully repeat it next year! Thanks to all who attended, to Hanlons for the Beer donation and to the Hall committee members for all their support.”

We have lots more events coming up over the next few months, so diaries at the ready please!

- **Saturday 9th December 1030 - 12noon**

Parish Hall Coffee Morning Take a break from the hustle & bustle of Christmas preparations, and enjoy an opportunity to chat to friends and neighbours over a hot drink & biscuits. Also there will be Stalls, Raffle, Tombola and a chance to wear your Christmas jumper!

- **Sunday 31st December 2023 7.30pm - midnight**

The Village New Year's Eve Ceilidh returns - only £15 per person to include supper and lots of dancing & merriment. Tickets available from Nicola 01392 851985

- **Saturday 27th January 2024 1030am - 1230**

Table Top sale in the Hall - warmer than an outdoor Car Boot Sale! So if you have new or pre-loved items that need a second home, book your table and recoup some of the money you spent at Christmas. To book a table - only £5.00, please call Nicola 01392 851985

- **Thursday 18th January 2024 11am**

NEW Pilates Class run by Rebecca Cunningham (Becky) who currently provides classes in neighbouring villages, including Upton Pyne, Stockleigh Pomeroy, Morchard Bishop & Cheriton Fitzpaine and is a qualified Pilates instructor. We have missed having a fitness class in the Hall, so do come along and fulfil your New Year Resolutions! A trial set of 4 classes is £28.00 and further details or to secure your place email Becky ivegotyourbackuk@gmail.com or phone 07392 480974.

- **Sunday 10th March 2024 7pm for 7.30pm**

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Flooding in the village



At the end of October and the beginning of November the rain seemed to be going on for ever. Tom Browne took the picture on the left of the lane to Camps Bridge, which was completely impassable. The path by the river Creedy was taken by Melanie Grabowski



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Newton St Cyres Parish Council

NOTICE OF VACANCY for PARISH COUNCILLOR

Due to a resignation there is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor

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Co-option will take place at the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 7 December, 7pm in the Club Room at the Parish Hall. Candidates will have the opportunity to explain briefly why they wish to be co-opted

If you are interested, please request a co-option form from before the Clerk before noon on Monday 4 December 2023

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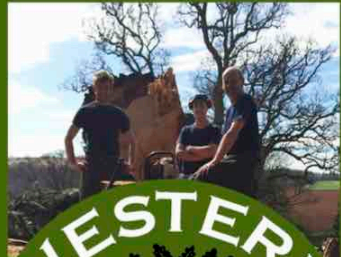


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Married in the Church of St Cyr and St Julitta



picture Peter Hawksley

It was a right joyous affair! The Rev. Tim Collins officiated at the wedding of Charles Harry Cordingley(Harry)and Michaela Fernandez Moynihan (Lexi) on Sat. 18th November.

Pictured are the happy couple with Harry's parents, Peter Cordingley and Ann Quon Cordingley.

At the ceremony were several parishioners and guests from around the world; Canada and the U.S.A., Australia, the Phillipines and other parts of Asia.

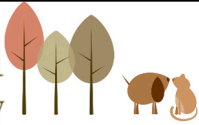
Peter Hawksley

The Post Box at Station Cross

The post box stolen from beside the telephone box at Sweetham has still not been replaced. Several people, individuals and the parish council have been unable to make real contact with a human being at Royal Mail. There is no direct email and the telephone number puts you through to a list of options, but actually speaking to someone is not one of those. I have sent an email to the CEO of Royal Mail but I am not too optimistic that we will receive a satisfactory reply. If none is forthcoming it may become necessary for the residents of Sweetham to take some further action.



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NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP



Ancient Houses of Exeter

The History Group was delighted, on Wednesday 8th November, to welcome back John Allan, Consultant Archaeologist to Exeter Cathedral and President of the Devonshire Association 2019-20. He has given us two talks already, one in 2012 when he spoke about Norton and its connection with the Bishop's Throne in Exeter

Cathedral, and the other in February last year, a CAHZOOM presentation on his research into Breton Woodworkers in Devon and Cornwall. John is a knowledgeable, experienced and entertaining speaker and so it was a pleasure to learn from him about the ancient buildings of Exeter, which was his topic this time.

John began by pointing out, with two photos of the fire at the Royal Clarence in 2016, that we have lost a great deal in the city over the years, but even a disaster can be informative, and the fire revealed traces of the medieval building which had been the residence of one of the canons of the cathedral, as well as an even older building. In the 20th century, building losses were due to the clearance of decayed and ancient constructions to put through roads or redevelop an area. Many old houses were not really fit for habitation, and between the wars people were rehoused on the outskirts of the city in new buildings, rather than old buildings being repaired.

The Exeter Blitz destroyed large areas, and the post-war vision was to rebuild a modern city rather than recreate the old one, and so as late as the 1970s, ancient buildings were being recorded, as John remembers from his early days working in the city archaeology team, and then pulled down.

At the end of the 18th century, Exeter was a city whose infrastructure was almost frozen in time. Through the Middle Ages it had grown affluent from the wool industry but the advances in manufacturing cloth using steam power, gave northern towns a huge advantage, and the old woollen towns of the South West were left far behind economically. By 1800, Exeter was considered old-fashioned, and there was not enough money to rebuild or greatly alter the city. In spite of the losses since then, a surprising amount of the rich historic fabric survives, even though it is hidden away and not all open to public view. John's aim for the rest of his talk was to take us through an architectural history using examples from the city.

The Bishop's Palace is probably one of the oldest surviving buildings in Devon, being late Norman. The carving detail on the entrance arch is beautiful, and it would have once led into a great open hall. Although it has been altered, some years ago it was discovered that there was a surviving piece of the original wooden structure hidden between the two walls of the present building ranges.

It is possible to visit the Bishop's Palace with the Redcoat Tours or at occasional events during the year, but the Cathedral Close hides other remarkable features that are not generally open to the public. One of these is the timber roof structure at Number 9, with a stone ground floor and a timber upper floor, dating from around 1420. It bears very close similarities to the famous Westminster Hall in London, and John considers that the builder must have known of it and there must have been connections. The Exeter roof was built some 20 years later. An interesting feature of this roof also occurs in the Guildhall, The Deanery, in Bowhill House, St Thomas, and at Cadhay, Ottery St Mary – it is a barrel arch made right at the apex of the roof timbers and seems to be a decorative feature only found in this area.



The House That Moved

These were all high-status hall houses, but outside the Close were the smaller residences and shops. These would be long, narrow plots, because they needed work and living space, but also a street frontage. The ground floor would have a shop front with a shutter to lower as a counter or raise as a cover, and above that would be a hall living space, and then sleeping quarters above that. The House That Moved is a good example. As time went on, extra floors were often built on to cater for the need for more space in a limited area. John showed us several examples of these types of building, including what is now The Ship Inn, just off the High Street in St Martin's Lane.

By Tudor times, window glass had become much more affordable, and it was fashionable to have large windows on the first floor of town houses, which were the entertaining rooms. The upstairs servants' rooms would have less elaborate windows. The old Laura Ashley shop on the High Street is a good example of this as is the shoe shop on the way into Cathedral Green.

Moving on in time, Belair, at County Hall, dates from about 1700 and is a great example of the use of brick work with stone quoins at the corners, and a beautiful interior with a high standard of woodwork and plasterwork. However, John was quite clear that the standard of work, especially woodwork, on medieval buildings was much higher than that of the Georgian period. Georgian buildings were light and spacious, with elaborate staircases, and many had beautiful plasterwork on their ceilings, which became more decorative as time went on. He showed us examples of these interiors from surviving houses dotted about in the outskirts of the city.

A wonderful record of the city at the end of the 18th century is the model built by Caleb Hedgeland between 1817-1824, as it preserves the form and buildings before the changes of the 19th century and afterwards. It is in the Royal Albert Memorial Museum.



Caleb Hedgeland's model of Exeter

John showed us an excellent range of photographs of surviving features in Exeter, many hidden, many quite recently discovered, some in disrepair, and even some bought back from America, where they had been exported. It was a fascinating talk. The questions led to more interesting observations about how townscapes are preserved, or not, and how important it is to value what we have here in Exeter. Our thanks go to him for sharing his time and knowledge.

Isobel Hepworth.

NEWTON St CYRES HISTORY GROUP

Next Meeting;

This will be our Christmas meeting and the last for 2023. We hope to provide a little festive cheer.

Wednesday December 13th 'Newton St Cyres Through the Years' with Lynda Pearce.

As many know Lynda has a collection of old village photos and Chris Southcott will be ready to add his comments. Comments and information from others will be very welcome. Lynda did not grow up in the village but passed through on the bus during her time at QE so she says she is always learning.

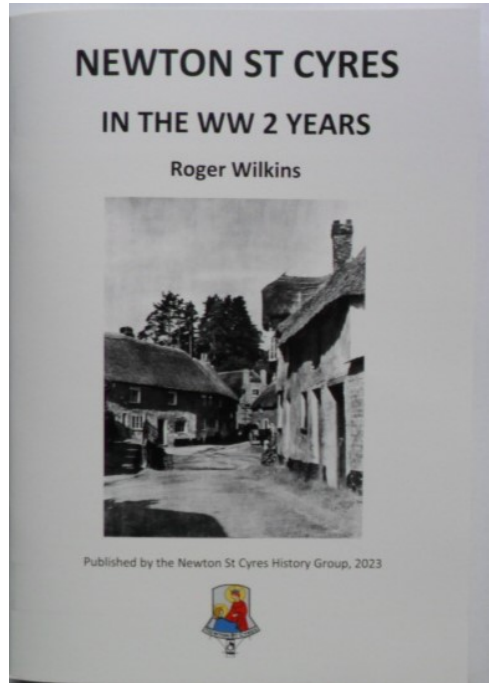
We have no special membership and everyone is welcome to every meeting. 7.30pm in the village hall. £2.

We do not have meetings in January but will start again on the second Wednesday evening of February when our speaker will be Elly Babbedge with much more information about the Great Fire of Crediton 1743. Elly is a genealogist and another excellent speaker.

Wednesday February 14th 'Who Fled the Fire? Stories of those affected by the Crediton Fire of 1743'

Wednesday 13th March 'Devon's Tucking Mills' Martin Watts

If you would like a copy of our new booklet '**Newton St Cyres in the WW2 Years**' by Roger Wilkins remember to bring some cash. Our booklets make good Christmas presents!



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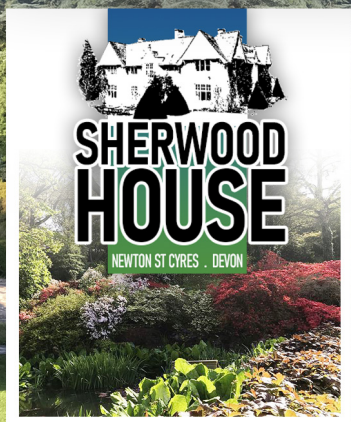
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NEWTON RAMBLERS December and January

The walk for December will take place on Boxing Day

Boxing Day Walk - 26th December

For those of you looking for a short walk to shake off any excesses of the previous day please join us for a Boxing Day perambulation. This year the walk will be from the top of Pennsylvania, along the top of Stoke Woods, past the Iron Age fort, then down through the woods. We will cross the A396, then the river and the railway to the Exe Valley Way. We will finish at Pynes House for some suitable refreshment - so flat or downhill all the way.

We will meet at the Newton St Cyres parish hall car park at 9.30 am to share cars, or you can meet us at 10 am parking at this end of Stoke Valley Road. We will arrange a lift for the drivers from Pynes House back to where we have left the cars.

Sunday 21st January

For our January walk we plan to go along the river/Ship Canal from the Quay in Exeter. We will certainly go as far as the Double Locks and maybe a little farther, and then back on the other side of the river. Obviously the walk will be flat and along good paths - suitable for January conditions.

We will meet at the Newton St Cyres parish hall car park at 9.30 am to share cars, or you can meet us at 10am at Haven Banks just outside the Rockfish restaurant/Topsham Brewery.

All are welcome on either of these walks.
Please join us! For more information
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walks obviously does so at their own
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Thoughts for November from Peter Cordingley

Want to know how to finish off Crediton as one of the finest shopping experiences in these parts? Answer: Introduce on-street parking meters. Astonishingly, that's the suggestion of Devon County Council, which is proposing a meter system for the High Street, the Town Square and on some side streets. The idea is to allow a short period of free parking, maybe 20 or 30 minutes or so, on condition that motorists take and display a ticket from a meter. Anybody who overstays the free period will be subject to a parking fine.

The idea has been knocking around for a while, but now Crediton Town Council has opened up the proposal for public consultation. What's your view? Mine, if you're interested, is that the idea would be a bullet in Crediton's head.

One of the town's great charms is the number and variety of independent shops, but some of these little gems are living hand to mouth and would face perhaps unsurmountable financial problems if the introduction of parking meters alienates motorists and sends them to the Tesco Superstore, where, of course, there is ample free parking. Do we really want a High Street of little but either boarded-up shopfronts or charity shops?

The County Council argues that meters will increase parking turnover, ensure that on-street parking enforcement is strictly applied, presumably aimed at motorists who abuse the free parking system and park in non-designated areas such as unloading bays. As someone who is sometimes guilty of precisely that, I have to admit the council has a point. As for the money raised, the council says that any surplus income will be used to help fund the management of transport and traffic-related services, including bus subsidies.

In this space, I should now be telling you how to register your view online. But I can't. I have searched the internet from top to bottom, and I can't find the online questionnaire. Sorry!

Out of nowhere, I have suddenly started receiving email notices from the Redlands doctors' practice. Perhaps you have too. One message gave me advice on preventing shingles, while also urging me to have my Covid and winter flu jabs. That's done, thanks. It was there, by the way, that a nurse explained to me why they always warn you of a "slight scratch", which it's not. "We're not allowed to say "small prick", she told me. We both smiled.

Sadly, none of the emails has told me how I can get to see a doctor within two weeks, apart from taking part in the morning phone war. I also wouldn't mind seeing the doctor who, I'm told, is supposed to be looking after me. In more than a year of attending Redlands, I have never met him. Just sayin'. Anyhow, have a Merry Christmas!

How much would you like to know about the past in Newton St Cyres?



Newton St Cyres History Group has a growing library of publications.



- **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)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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This indefinite hiatus marks the end of an era, but it also heralds exciting new beginnings for two of the folk world's best-loved musicians. Show of Hands' dedication to their roots, their music, and the communities that have supported them is a testament to their enduring legacy.

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December

Thinking of December when I was just a boy,
would it now be my turn to get a nice toy,
A present to unwrap, maybe a book to read,
or would I be helping father, sorting out the seed.

Potatoes to get ready, the ones that we would grow,
working out how many to plant in every row,
placing them in boxes to start them on their way,
Then aim to get them planted, early April through till May.

Then back indoors for dinner, a chicken of our own,
Sprouts and cauliflower, potatoes we had grown,
Apples from the farmer, were used to make our sweet,
Homemade custard on a dumpling, it really was a treat.

Those years are now behind me, but will never be forgot,
The days, they seemed so difficult, but I think I learnt a lot,
From the village school I went to and the things my parents said,
The bits of information on the packets that I read.

I still prefer to grow our own, to get that earthy taste,
No fruit or veg in plastic that's adding to our waste,
A wigwam full of runner beans, an onion for our roast,
Parsnips for a tasty soup or a wine to raise a toast.

Things to do in the garden

For me, December and January are the lazy months, in the garden that is, a time to reflect, to remember those things that I will never forget, if you know what I mean.

Christmas day was more or less the same as any other day, growing up with three brothers and a sister, in an old two-up, two-down cottage. The difference was in the build-up, on the evening of the 23rd, two flasks were warmed up with water from the kettle, then filled, corks pushed in and left on the table. The fire in the range was then allowed to burn out. Early on Christmas Eve, father would cover the fire place with hessian sacking, have a cup of tea using the hot water from the flask and then set about sweeping the chimney. One of us boys would have to stand outside and wait for the brush to pop out the top, then run indoors to tell father it was through.

While all this was going on, one of us would be making sure the churn we kept for water was full, collected from a spring some way down the hill, or collecting milk from the farm three fields away. Then, chimney swept, the fire was relit, heat restored in one room anyway.

Christmas morning after breakfast, we were given an orange, an apple and a tin of Sharps toffees and one of us would sometimes get a comic.

Mother would then want room in the kitchen (which was also our dining room and our living room) to cook the chicken she had plucked and prepared earlier. There were logs to take in from the shed and potatoes to pick over, each bag in turn was emptied onto the shed floor, any shoots removed, bad ones thrown out. The freshly sorted potatoes would then be bagged and put back into store. This was done every month.

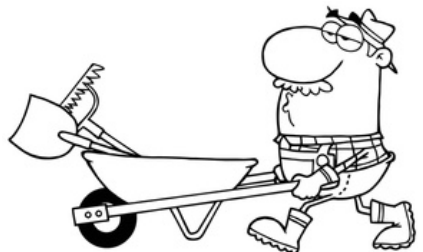
Sorting potatoes in December was a little different, that was when father would select the size and shape that he could use for seed, standing them in boxes, eyes upwards, this is known as chitting, getting the tiny buds to develop. If you don't have potatoes to sort out and you want to sneak out for an hour on Christmas morning, it's a good time to plant the onion seeds, sow the little black seeds singly in cells and place in the greenhouse, conservatory or even a window sill indoors. Cover them with fleece if there could be a frost.

Plant of the month

"*Arum Italicum*"

A tuberous plant having leaves that are shaped like an arrowhead, dark green with cream markings or dots. It flowers in the spring, followed by spikes of red seedheads. These will persist, but the leaves die down for the summer. Grows best in light shade on any soil type, about 12" tall.

Margaret and I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy new year, but, most of all, **enjoy your gardening!**



December on the Farm

Hedges

Hedges are one of the glories of the Devon landscape. They snake across hills and valleys, a dense thicket providing a home and for all the plants, small mammals and insects that harbour there. I followed a sparrow hawk as she flew in front of my car. She knows some of the wildlife riches of the hedge will startle and become visible to her as my car drives by, and become her lunch. Animals using us as tools of their life. Adapting to the challenges we impose on our planet is one of the things species sadly need to do to thrive under our stewardship.



*Mary and Jane Quicke outside
the farm shop*

Around the country, hedges look quite different. Our Devon hedgebanks, hedge on top of bank, are ancient, often the oldest human-created things you can see. Some were made in the first clearing of land for farming many centuries ago. You can date Devon hedges by the number of hardwood species in a 30-metre run, each species established being around a century of age. A dry bank, covered with plants is a harsh environment for a hardwood species to develop unless they're planted. On some of our banks on old roads or ancient boundaries, I've counted seven or eight hardwood species. That takes them back to before the Black Death. I can't imagine what those hedges have mutely witnessed.

Across the seasons hedges change. Now, coming into winter, we trim on a rotation to maintain that very particular habitat: dry scrubby banks in full sun with enormous diversity. If we don't cut them, they become very thin woods where all the little nooks and crannies for wildlife get shaded out by the growing trees. I always have an autumnal pang as a tree shoots, the sprawling brambles and all the rich or rotting growth of summer disappear.

Then in late winter, on the trimmed and untrimmed hedges, you see the first signs of growth, with primroses coming in sunny corners and hazels trailing their polleny catkins. As spring develops, the flowers come in a beautiful succession particular to each stretch, cow parsley here, hops there, blackthorn the first tree to flower, followed by the hawthorn. Some hedges sport dog roses, some meadowsweet, others honeysuckle, giving different areas their distinctive aroma.

Walk along a hedge, and you may catch that evanescent smell of the different large animals, fox, badger or roe deer, all of whom can live in more substantial hedges. If you don't, your dog will let you know there's something interesting going on. In the autumn, the hedge becomes full of fruit, from blackberries, rose hips, hawthorns, sloes, or the poisonous bryony or nightshade. Some hedges grow apples from cores people have thrown there.

In the old days, when the value of food and the cost of labour were different, farm workers would toil all winter when other work was short to lay the hedges. There are lots of local styles of hedge, derived from the typical species in that place and local styles. You cut most of the saplings that have grown up and take them out for burning. You leave maybe a tenth of the stems, and on our quickset hedges, you partially cut them and lay them down the hedge line, using some of the cut stems as guide. You can bend over thinner saplings to hold the arrangement in place. The saplings continue to grow laid down, forming a dense stockproof barrier.

I'm no expert and when I lay a hedge it looks messy. The real craftspeople in hedgelaying create a thing of beauty. You can lay around 20 metres a day, and it's demanding physical work. That's where the challenge lies. Hedges need to be laid every 10-15 years. With the fewer people on farms these days, we just can't get round to do our around 60 kilometres of hedges in time. We are really grateful to members of the community who volunteer to lay hedges, and we would lose too much habitat if we waited for the volunteers to make their way around the whole estate.

We only trim or lay hedges in the winter, unless it's making roads unsafe. This is to protect the nesting birds along with all the wildlife to complete their life cycle. On our wet fields, that gives limited time to trim after we have finished all our crop work and before the fields get too wet to drive a tractor on them. In some places, we haven't got to the hedges for several years. For those hedges we won't get to in time to lay, we are using a machine that operates like a big pair of scissors on a loader, that snips the hedges to restore them to their distinctive habitat.

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World Cheese Awards

I judged cheese in Trondheim, Norway, for the World Cheese Awards. It's an ancient city at the base of a fiord, with a magnificent medieval cathedral. It was the most glorious crisp, cold bright weather, and some people saw some flickers of the Northern Lights.

Nearly 250 judges, from cheese families all over the world, came to judge the 4,502 cheeses, laid out on 100 tables in an enormous hall. You get to judge a selection of cheeses and award them gold, silver or bronze or no award, depending on their flavour, aroma, texture and appearance. You do not judge your own cheeses, and the identity of the cheese is hidden to avoid bias. I judged with two others, a Norwegian cheesemaker and British cheesemonger. They hadn't judged before, and it was a pleasure to show them how to do it. We had some amazing ewe's and goat's milk cheeses, and some spectacular washed rind cheeses, along with some little fresh cheeses.

We finally select the very best cheese on our table which goes to the next round. These hundred cheeses are judged again by the 16 members of the super jury, who select their favourite. These last sixteen are then judged again in the dramatic final round in public. Hundreds of people watch as the judges each speak about the cheese they have selected, they taste, and award marks.

Not for the first time, a Norwegian cheese won. It was a luscious blue cheese, unfolding, complex, creamy, with some lovely cow notes, and a worthy winner. It wasn't selected by the Norwegian judge on the jury, but by the British food journalist Patrick McGuigan. It was a delicate cheese, that perhaps would have suffered had it travelled too far: often cheese is best in the region it comes from. The family who made it were in the audience, and the room started murmuring with excitement as people stared guessing what it was. By the time the World Champion's name was announced, people were fizzing with delight, and exploded with applause.

The runner-up was a Norwegian style of cheese, a cheese made from whey that is boiled away, a 'brunost'. Extraordinarily, this was made in India, although not selected by the Indian judge, Mansi Jasani. It was moving to watch her as she became aware where it came from. She is spearheading the development of Indian artisan cheesemaking from the enormous Indian dairy industry, now the largest in the world. These competitions do what they are meant to do: highlight the very best, and in doing so, support and affirm all wonderful cheese.

We are delighted to report that our Quicke's Mature Cheddar won a gold medal!

How well do you know your village?

Can you answer the following questions:-

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the quiz photos so far and an easy form to submit your
answers.**

Do You Remember...December?

December 1973

The Church flagpole was being repainted after the damage caused by the storm.

George Vickery had passed away. George had been very active in the village and had served as Sexton.

Another bus shelter for outside the School had been ordered.

The Coffee Club new committee was **Mrs Ayre, Mrs Bailey, Mrs**

Browne, Mrs Lyke, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Westaway, Mrs Scott, Mrs Western and Mrs Whiddon.

A scarlet flowering hawthorn was planted in the Village Green by the W I President **Mrs Blatchford** and the Chairman of the Parish Council **Mrs Down.**

Brian Oram had resigned as School Manager and **Mrs Margaret Walters** was elected.

December 1983

The Newton Wonder had a new editorial committee: **Jean Cook, Anne Ayre and Nicholas Bull.** **Stuart Martin** is sorting copy, re-writing etc. and **Pat Wills** is collecting advertising. Production help is being done by **Charles and Elsie Newton.**

The W I held its AGM and elected the following: **Mrs Stevens** (President), **Mrs Mears** (Treasurer), **Mrs Cheriton** (Secretary).

The Parish Council were asked by a Tytheing Close resident to ask Mid Devon District Council for a play area and car park space.

Rev. J Scott attended his last Parish Council meeting.

The Afternoon Club heard a talk on Old Exeter and plans to go to the Pantomime at Talaton.

The extension at the Recreation Ground is almost complete and the official opening is scheduled for the 14th.

The Youth Club have received a donation of £10 from a Newton St Cyres pensioner.

At the Tennis Club, the Men's Singles Tournament was won by **Stuart Nichols** and the runner up was **Mark Sedgwick.**

December 1993

The Garden news article was about the Christmas Rose.

The Afternoon Club watched a film on the work of the RNLI and reminded members that they needed new officers at the AGM in March.

A Coffee Morning was held at the Dower House for Cowley Church funds.

The Church sundial is being repaired and refurbished by **Harry Rist (Jen Holt's father)**.

The recipes this month were for Christmas Bakewell and Chocolate Rum Truffles.

Christmas at the Recreation Ground included Club Christmas Party and Disco and New Year's Eve Karaoke.

The Playgroup is holding a Carol Concert and Christmas Party.

The 200 Club had helped to contribute towards repairs to the Church windows.

December 2003

A Curry lunch was held in the Parish Hall and **Doug West** described the Bayeux Tapestry and this was followed by a hilarious monologue by **Hilda Mears** entitled 'Old Girls Reunion'.

Tom Langdon-Davies reported on the Crediton Town Initiative's Strategic Plan for the area.

Doug West had retired as Chairman of the Twinning and **Stuart Martin** was elected.

Newton St Cyres Young Farmers had received over £600 from a Dung Sale.

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DECEMBER 2013/JANUARY 2014

The last year had been an interesting one for the village, the community support group had gone from strength to strength and was now held up as a model.

2013 saw the establishment of the Newton St Cyres Flood Watch group. Flash flooding can happen anywhere and it was deemed appropriate to have some preparedness for such an event, even if it never happens. .

The station garden, was under the supervision of **Cllr. Chris Southcott**, and won the award as best on the Tarka Line. Thanks went to the sponsors; the Beer Engine and the Newton St Cyres Golf Course and Chris and his "Flowerpot People" were congratulated; **Tom and Daphne Clague, Margaret Snow, Cathy Yates, Ian and Susan Pearman, Debbie and Mike Van Koutrik and Tim Sedgwick.**

Newton St Cyres Art group held a Christmas Art and Craft Exhibition in the Village Hall.

Newton St Cyres 1st Football team were sitting second in Division 2.

The Newton Ramblers advertised their, now traditional, short Boxing Day Walk to get out for some fresh air and walk off some of that Christmas excess!

This year's Newton St Cyres Tennis Club Dudley Errington Memorial cup for player of the year was been awarded to **Harry Willatts.**

The parish Council were pleased that **Jonathan Guscott**, Head of Planning for MDDC came to answer questions and queries.

The Barnstormers were performing at the Ceilidh on New Year's Eve at the Village Hall.

January 1974

The magazine was appealing for help in typing the stencils every month.

Due to the power cuts the Church decided to move Evensong to the Lady Chapel to save on heating.

Rebecca Scott had flown to Calcutta where the temperature was 90F (32C) in the shade when she arrived.

The Young Vic was opening again under **Jackie Browne** of Smallbrook with the age range of 8 - 12 years. The W I heard a talk on millinery by **Mrs Durrant.**

The Newton Wonder subscriptions were due and were 25p per year

Two accidents on the A377 were reported, one at Smallbrook and one at Three Horseshoes.

January 1984

John Scott produced his last Newton Wonder before handing over to a new editor and moving to pastures new.

The 14th January saw the licensing of **Rev David Williams** as Team Vicar of the Raddon Group and he will be living in Newton St Cyres.

It was reported that a body of a baby had been found on the banks of the River Creedy.

British Rail was to increase the number of trains stopping at NSC and Devon General were introducing a 99p return fare to Exeter.

January 1994

The Recreation Ground held a Skittles Tournament for the Sid Skinner trophy and the winner was **Emlyn Harris** with the runner up being **Martin Tancock**.

The Senior Citizens' party was a success thanks to **John Bailey** and his 'Home Brew' band providing the music.

The Afternoon Club had held its Annual Christmas bingo and were planning a Coffee Morning at the home of **Doug** and **Sylvia West**.

The Local Government Review was explained to the Parish Council (PC) by Mr **Mike Bull**, CEO of Mid Devon District Council

The NW editorial committee comprised four ladies: **Angela Duff-White** (Advertising), **Beryl Peck** (Treasurer), **Doreen White** (Editor) and **Susan Kendall** (Distribution).

Cook's Corner had recipes for Chicken with Cranberries and red wine and for Eve's Pudding.

Three new families were welcomed to Woodlands and one family to Smallbrook Farm.

At the Twinning Circle AGM **Doug West** was elected Chairman, **K Evans** (Vice Chairman), **P Robin** (Treasurer) and **P Fanning** (Secretary).

January 2004

The Parish Hall were seeking grants to replace the heaters in the main Hall.

Regular Table Tennis was now taking place on a Friday evening.

Residents were being encouraged to register for Broadband.

Doug West had retired as an officer of the Twinning Association after 22 years.

Richard and **Cathy** became the new tenants of the Crown & Sceptre.

A Taekwondo Academy was opened at the Parish Hall.

Newton St Cyres Gardening Club

In October we welcomed **Paul Rendell** to speak at our evening meeting on '**Nature in the Garden**'. Paul was born in Plymouth and from an early age became enthusiastic about Dartmoor (he is also known as Dartmoor Paul). His career included many roles, and at one stage, he became the Head Gardener at Devonport Dockyard, where he stayed for several years.

During the evening, and using slides that he had taken himself, Paul explored the wild animals, birds and creatures that can be found in our gardens. These include a wide range of birds and their feeding habits, foxes, hedgehogs, bats and slow worms. Paul has also written several books, had many of his photographs published, and leads guided walks on Dartmoor. The talk was followed by several questions from the audience which he was happy to answer.



Christmas wreath

So, here I am writing another Christmas article – where did the last 12 months go? This year I thought I would look at another plant associated with Christmas – **ivy**. Have you started singing or humming *The Holly and The Ivy* yet? Most of us will have ivy growing somewhere in our gardens and it is very beneficial to wildlife. The nectar, pollen and berries are an essential food source for insects and birds, especially during autumn and winter. The high fat content of the berries is a nutritious food resource for birds and they are eaten by a range of species, including thrushes, blackcaps, woodpigeons and blackbirds.

Ivy also provides shelter for insects, birds, bats and other small mammals, and is particularly important to many insects before they go into hibernation. Some of the main insect species that forage on the nectar and pollen of ivy include bees, hoverflies and common wasps. Earlier this week, when the sun was shining, the ivy in our garden was alive with late-flying Red Admirals. Ivy is also an important food plant for some butterfly and moth larvae such as holly blue.

Personally, I find ivy an attractive plant all year around, but especially at this time of year. It is a common and widespread plant that grows in many habitats, including, woodland, scrub and on isolated trees. It is not parasitic, so does not harm the tree as it has a separate root system allowing it to absorb nutrients and water, and it is not an indicator of an unhealthy tree either.

It can also be grown on fences, trellises, buildings and pergolas as it does not harm buildings. It can actually keep buildings warmer in winter and cooler in summer, but it does need to be removed from guttering, as it can lead to blockages.

An evergreen, woody climber that can grow to a height of 100ft, ivy has two different forms – juvenile and mature (around 10 years). As a juvenile plant, it has climbing stems with specialised hairs that help it stick to surfaces as it climbs, but mature forms can be self-supporting. The leaves are dark green and glossy with pale veins. Juvenile leaves have 3-5 lobes and a pale underside, while the mature leaves are oval or heart-shaped without lobes. If you do need to prune it, this is best done in the spring.

There are two native species of ivy in the UK, *Hedera helix* and *Hedera hibernica*.

H. helix is the common ivy, which can be found throughout the UK.

H. hibernica is the Atlantic ivy, which is more common in the west of Britain and in Ireland. Both species can climb, but there is a cultivar of *H. hibernica* called 'Hibernica' which grows along the ground and does not usually climb. This cultivar is often planted as ground cover but can become invasive!

Only mature plants produce flowers, which are yellowish green and appear in small, dome-shaped clusters known as umbels. Flowers of common ivy are typically larger, more rounded and with a more pronounced green tinge than those of Atlantic ivy. Both species typically bloom between September and November, but common ivy may bloom slightly earlier.

The fruits of both common and Atlantic ivy are black, berry-like, and almost globular in clusters, and appear from November, making them perfect for use in Christmas flower arrangements and displays. The fruits of common ivy are typically larger, and glossier than those of Atlantic ivy.

There are many variegated varieties of *Hedera helix* available to purchase and these include:

***Hedera helix* 'Glacier'** – small, three- to five-lobed, grey-green leaves with silver-grey and cream markings. Grow around the garden or in pots. **Height x Spread:** 2m x 2m.

***Hedera helix* 'Green Ripple'** – dark green leaves with prominent, paler veins. May take on a purple tinge in winter. **H x S:** 6m x 6m.

***Hedera helix* 'Goldheart'** – deep green leaves, splashed with yellow. This has the RHS Award of Garden Merit (AGM). **H x S:** 6m x 6m.

***Hedera helix* 'Goldchild'** – small, grey/green leaves with yellow margins. **H x S:** 3m x 3m

Myths and symbolisms relating to ivy include the ancient Greeks and Romans, who believed that wearing a wreath of ivy leaves around the head would prevent one from getting drunk. The Roman god Bacchus, the god of intoxication, was often depicted wearing a wreath of ivy and grapevines. Ivy was also a symbol of fidelity and so, in the past, priests would present a wreath of ivy to newly married couples. To this day, bouquets still contain a sprig of ivy.

Some Jobs for December and January

- Cut back the foliage of **hellebores**. This will help control hellebore leaf spot disease, which causes large brown patches on the leaves, by removing the fungal spores. It also prevents the emerging flowers being hidden, and new leaves will soon appear below these flowers. If you have shrubbier hellebores simply tidy but do not cut back until after they have flowered, and then remove the old flowering shoots.
- Leave **ornamental grasses** uncut, as the bases of the stems provide hibernating places for insects.
- **Plant garlic**. Split the outer skin of the bulb and then separate each of the individual cloves from the base of the bulb. When planting, space each clove around 6" apart, keeping the tip of the clove about 1" below the soil. Each row should be approximately 12" apart.
- **Prune blackcurrants**. As these fruit best on younger wood, between 1/4 and 1/3 of the existing branches can be removed from the base.
- **Plan ahead and order seeds** for next year. While looking through the catalogues why not enjoy a glass of sloe gin that maybe you made last year!
- **Take time to relax** with friends and family.

What's On?

- **RHS Rosemoor Glow 2023** **Thurs – Sat, 16 November – 16 December** 4.40pm – 8.30pm
Wed – Sat, 20 – 30 December 4.40pm – 8.30pm Members Adult £8.95, child £4.45 Non-members Adult £14.95 child £7.95. Tickets must be booked in advance.
- **Sustainable Local Food: Crediton Cooks Local, 2nd December 10am – 1.00pm** Town Council Offices, 8 North Street. "Explore and Share ideas using food from your garden and the countryside. Want to know what to do with apples, medlars and quinces? Want to know how to cook delicious dishes from surplus food? Come along and find out!"

- **Victorian Christmas Carol Concert – RHS Rosemoor – Saturday 16th December 7.00 – 9.00pm. Pre-booking essential.** Members Adult £14, Child £7 under 3 no charge, Non-members Adult £20 Child £10 under 3 no charge. This includes entry to The Glow from 5.54pm
- **National Trust Knightshayes Christmas Events** include the Christmas Shopping area in the Stables and the House, decorated for Christmas. Open daily between 2nd December and 1st January (closed 24, 25, 26 December). Further details <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/devon/knightshayes/christmas-at-knightshayes#christmas-opening>
- Garden Club meetings in Newton St Cyres will re-commence on **28th February** at 7.30pm, when **Saul Walker will speak on Propagation**. Saul is an extremely well-known and popular speaker, and the Club room was packed on his last visit. We have now booked the Main Hall for this meeting and hope to see you there.

Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year

Nicola Baker

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The tutorial will last for an hour & half at a cost of £10 pp. We would ask for you to reserve and pay for your place by Saturday 25th November

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Be wary of people contacting you out of the blue on social media or via text and email and scammers will often ask you to pay in unusual ways like sending money through a transfer service such as MoneyGram or Western Union or even pay via vouchers. They may well put you under pressure to buy quickly; take your own time.

Scammers are clever and sneaky and regularly adapt making them harder to spot. Anyone can get scammed so if you do get caught don’t feel embarrassed or ashamed. Rather, get practical; report it either to Citizens Advice <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/reporting-a-scam> or to Action Fraud www.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/fa/fraud/action-fraud/

If you have transferred money within the last 24 hours contact the police on 101 but, if you feel unsafe, use 999 and don’t forget to contact your bank even if more than 24 hours have elapsed.

If you have a problem and need our help it’s worth remembering that our local AdviceLine is free; just ring 0808 27 87 999.

Here at CA TNMWD we get asked all kinds of questions and get to hear about all kinds of scams amongst other things. Would you like to help us help people with their problems? Our website is a good source of information about us as well as providing links for specific advice. www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk or contact recruitment@ruraldevoncab.org.uk for more information.

Fireworks at the Rec a Sky-high Success!



Despite being postponed because of the weather the annual firework display staged by FANS at the Rec was a fantastic success. The costs were covered by the generosity of the sponsors and the crowds turned up in support

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THE WEATHER IN NEWTON ST CYRES

This month’s report covers the period from 1st August to 31st October 2023.

During this period the **highest MONTHLY temperatures** were 31.4 on 11th August, 29.1 on 6th September & 22.7 on 1st October.

The **lowest MONTHLY temperatures** were 9.0 on 15th August, 5.5 on 23rd September, & 1.9 on 15th October.

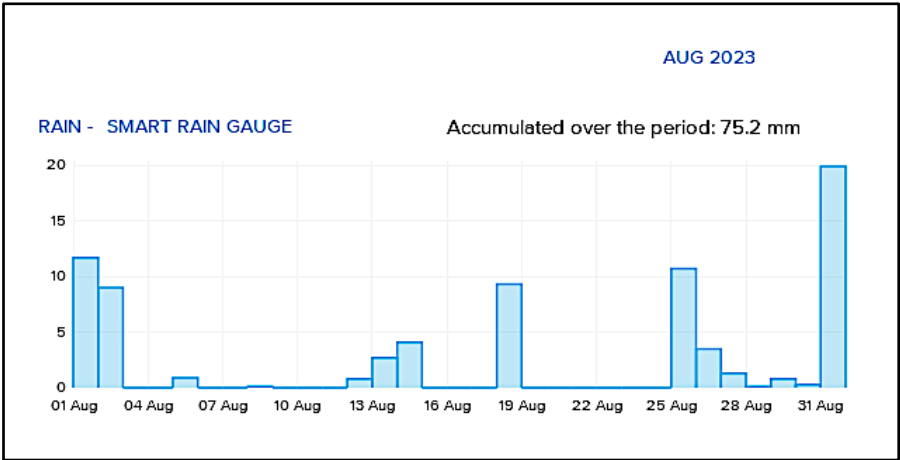
The **wettest MONTHLY days** were 31st August at 19.9mm, 17th September at 30.9mm. & 12th October at 15.6mm.

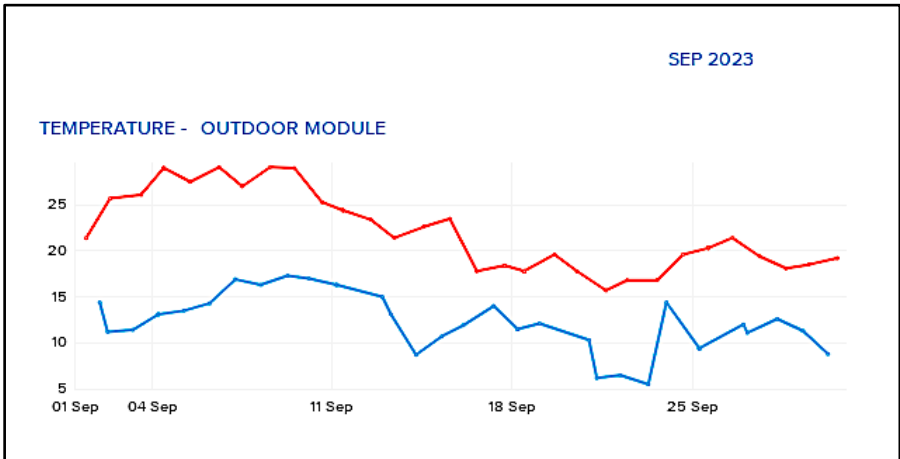
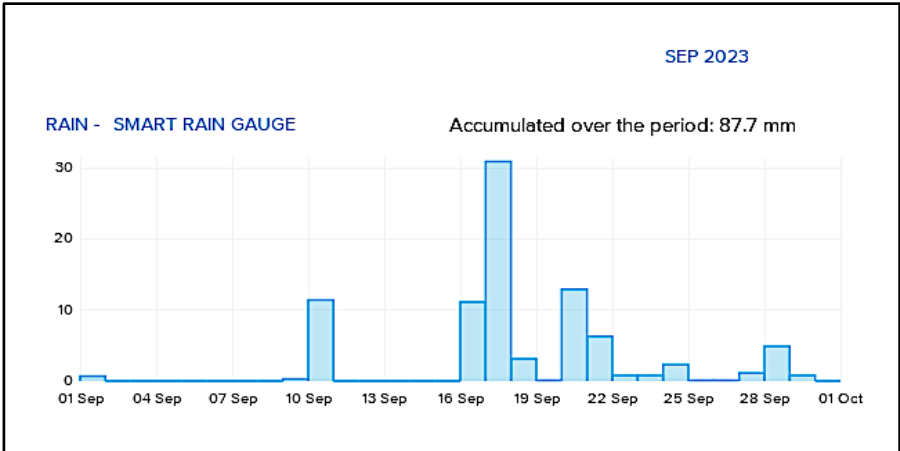
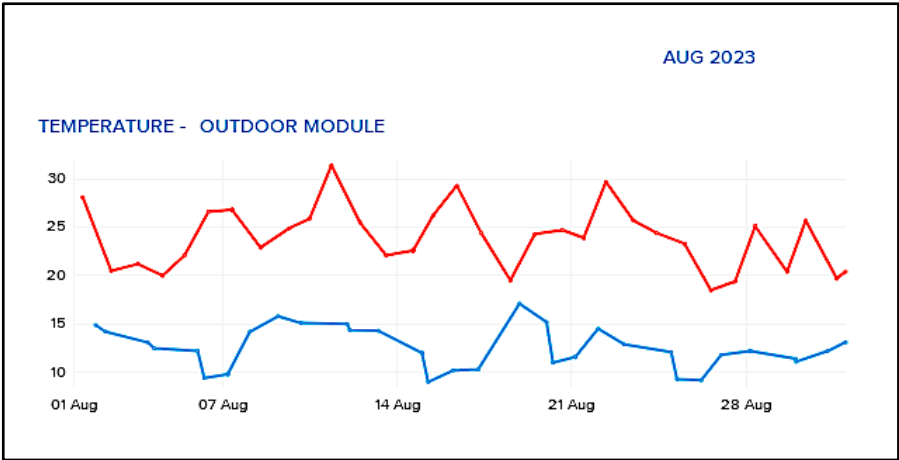
The **sunniest MONTHLY days** were 6th August 21.9kWh, 4th September 20.2kWh. & 8th October 15.87kWh

The **windiest MONTHLY days** were 17mph on 5th August, 17mph on 17th September, & 37mph on 2nd October.

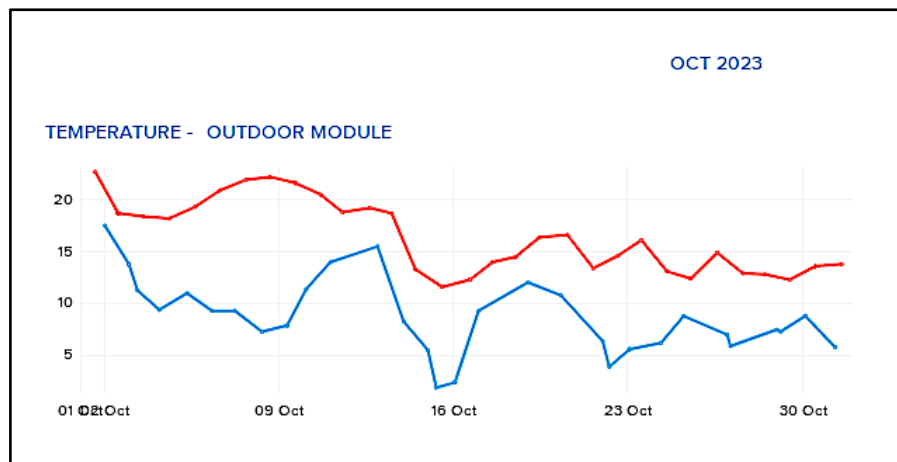
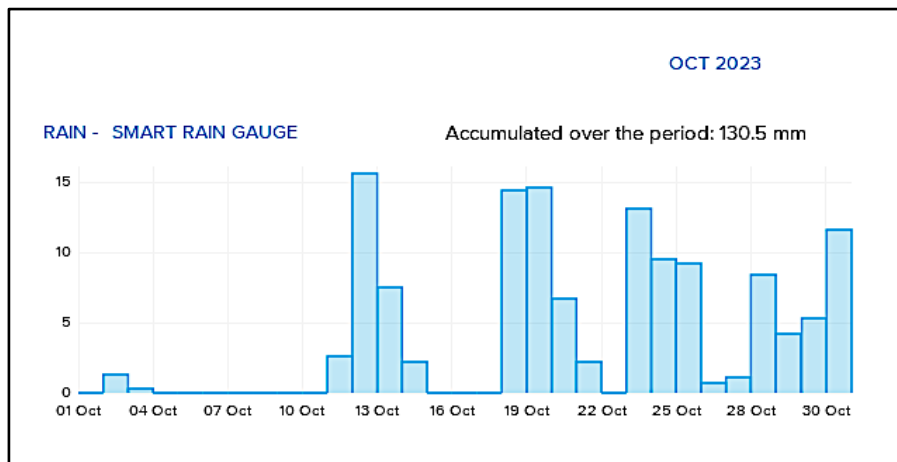
The daily rainfall & maximum(top)/minimum(bottom) temperature readings are shown below for

AUGUST





OCTOBER



AIR QUALITY.

When I took over the weather station in June, I found that apart from the maximum/minimum temperatures, humidity, pressure and rainfall, there was a notification of “**Air Quality**”. I have delved deeper to understand exactly what this means, as I was not entirely sure. I thought NW readers might be interested in my research, so I’m sharing my findings!

The Air Quality in Newton St Cyres is generally “Good”, and around 35.

The scale used is the Air Quality Index (AQI), and runs from 0 to 500, divided into 6 categories.

AQI measurements Levels of Health Concern Meaning

AQI measurements	Levels of Health Concern	Meaning
0 to 50	Good	Air quality is considered satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk.
51 to 100	Moderate	Air quality is acceptable; however, for some pollutants there may be a moderate health concern for a very small number of people who are unusually sensitive to air pollution.
101 to 150	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	Members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. The general public is not likely to be affected.
151 to 200	Unhealthy	Everyone may begin to experience health effects; members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects.
201 to 300	Very Unhealthy	Health alert: everyone may experience more serious health effects.
301 to 500	Hazardous	Health warnings of emergency conditions. The entire population is more likely to be affected.

My enquiring mind moved on to find out what the polluting items are. I discovered that there are 6 main pollutants. I'll cover details of these in my next article in 2024.

Meanwhile, A Merry Christmas to all. I wonder if it will be a white one?!

Rob Crane.

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Remove any blemished leaves from the cabbage, cut into quarters and cut out the tough white core. Shred the cabbage as finely as you can, place in a bowl layering with salt. Cover the bowl and leave overnight. Next day drain the salted cabbage and rinse thoroughly under cold running water. Pack the drained cabbage into sterilised storage jars and cover with a mixture of balsamic and malt vinegar, a teaspoon of brown sugar to each jar, a bay leaf, peppercorns, and juniper berries. Seal the jars.

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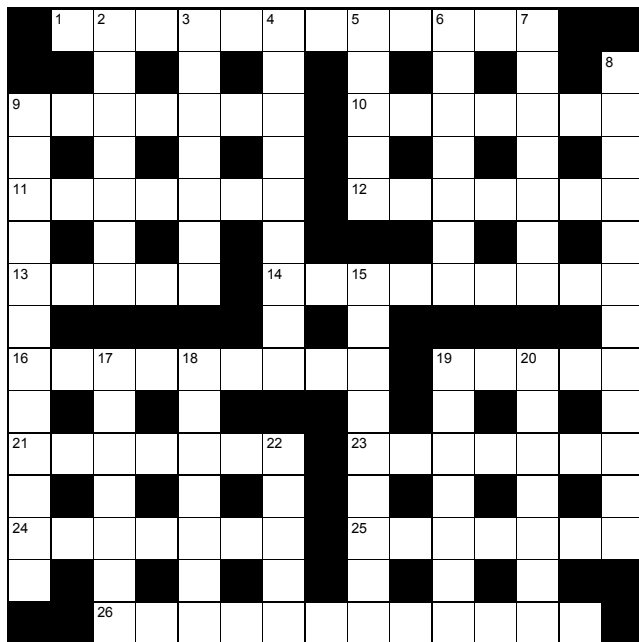
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Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 They work on cars doing better than the experts? (5,7)
- 9 Song about region largely in US state (7)
- 10 Left in charge of first of obituary columns (7)
- 11 Vegetable served with one bird or another (7)
- 12 Cloth acceptable for Native American (7)
- 13 Decorative work produces popular song (5)
- 14 Runs into a very sad, crushed opponent (9)
- 16 Female gave a kiss when nagged (9)
- 19 Make secure by holding drink back (5)
- 21 Achieves destruction of satanist without leader (7)
- 23 A canoe comes to grief around island in Pacific area (7)
- 24 Reconstruct buried ruins round lake (7)
- 25 Send a daughter clothing (7)
- 26 Don't heighten problem of acceptable behaviour (3,4,5)

DOWN

- 2 Girl from Ayr initially going to great trouble (7)
- 3 Frugality shown by company in management of money (7)
- 4 Moorish sailor's card game (9)
- 5 Like little picture of jelly? (5)
- 6 Nobleman, one with the Queen previously (7)
- 7 Philosopher from Australia found in Spain perhaps (7)
- 8 A long time finding Eeyore's age? (7,5)
- 9 Building designed for performances, or part of one (12)
- 15 Recording of top diva performing around eastern Spain (9)
- 17 After stick-up I will get time – it's nothing (3,1,3)
- 18 Not entirely bothered if I certify large building (7)
- 19 Adaptation of the Bard shows broadness (7)
- 20 One abandons new internal source of light (7)
- 22 Unsociable sort is unhappy at party (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 2023 Cryptic Crossword

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The Parish Church of St Cyr and St Julitta



Thank you and farewell,

After four years with the Netherexe Mission Community, where she served her curacy, we said a very fond farewell to Revd Julia Hocking at the end of September.

Julia brought a huge amount of joy, energy and dedication to the parishes - supporting and encouraging us through a vacancy and all the challenges of Covid.

Her sense of humour and deep love for all was such a wonderful outpouring of God's presence, and she touched the lives of so many people!

Julia has taken up the post of Assistant priest in Kenton, where I know she will be a joyful blessing to all there.

Thank you, Julia, and we offer our love and blessings for your future ministry. All blessings

Tim

Revd Tim Collins

Priest-in-Charge, Netherexe Mission Community



LEt'sGO

Build the Christmas Story!

LEGO CLUB

Sunday 10th December: at 4 o'clock

in Newton St. Cyres Church

followed by the Christmas story,
carols
and Christmassy refreshments at
5pm

All ages very much welcome. Do please join for one or both of these festive events.

For more information, please contact:

Revd Tim Collins 01392 860767 tim.collins@netherexe.org

COME AND SING CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT



**A VERY SPECIAL
CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE**

in

**NEWTON ST CYRES
CHURCH**

on

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER
17TH**

at

6.30 P.M.

WITH MINCE PIES AFTERWARDS

Looking Back to Christmas

Advent. A time of quiet anticipation and excitement. Of waiting. Of counting down the days. Little children (and not so little adults!) asking those perennial questions:

How many sleeps left? When can we put the tree up? When can we decorate the house? Have I been naughty or nice? What will Father Christmas bring?

And as the days of December flash by, the excitement just builds and builds. Advent windows opened; decorations made. It is such an amazing time of the year - even if the anticipation and the waiting seem interminable.

Once upon a time, many years ago, I was that little child, waiting in eager anticipation - not always patiently, and definitely not aware of all the work that Christmas entailed for mum and dad, as they tried to contain the 'pop bottles' that were five very excited and excitable boys. We'd be set the task of writing and re-writing out our lists for Father Christmas; and eventually each and every one of us diligently and carefully sending them up the chimney, as the fire crackled in the hearth.



in Church
December 3rd, 2023
10.30

**A relaxed themed discussion over refreshments
with questions to get everyone thinking
Come and enjoy!!**

The smells of Christmas wafting through the house, as mum made the Christmas cake and the Christmas pudding. Five little boys pushing and shoving and wanting to be the one who gets to lick the spoon! And all those little family rituals and customs that develop over time - they all seem perfectly normal within the family, but probably just a little weird to those outside!

Now I am sitting back a bit and watching our three young grandchildren gradually getting more and more excited as their understanding and awareness of Christmas grows; as their families settle on their own customs and rituals - some old, some new...

And I also sit and wonder whether Mary and Joseph had their own annual customs and rituals around the anniversary of the birth of their first-born. Perhaps they told each other the story of their own encounter with the angel, of their journey together from Nazareth to Bethlehem; told of the deep anxiety of finding a place to stay just as the baby was due. And celebrated the joy and wonder of a little boy asleep in the crib. And more and more as Jesus grows he re-lives it with them, encouraging, urging his parents to tell him again and again about the joy-filled shepherds crammed into the cattle stall; of angels and Wise Men and their gifts - and still trying to work out what it all meant! But knowing that at the heart of it all - of Christmases past and present, and of those to come - that the anticipation, the waiting is definitely worth it!

And so, I pray that your Advent and Christmas be filled with all the anticipation, excitement, joy and love of Christ.

All blessings, Tim

Revd Tim Collins,

Priest-in-Charge, Netherexe Mission Community

Community Food Bank

Newton's is currently in the Church Porch and empties rapidly.....-Please donate!

SERVICES & INFORMATION DECEMBER 2023 & JANUARY 2024

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

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

Sunday 26 November Sunday next before Advent

03:00 pm	Songs of Praise	Rewe	Lay Led
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Sunday 3 December Advent 1

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Thorverton	JD
10:00 am	Advent/Toy Service	Stoke Canon	Lay Led
10:30 am	Coffee & Chat	Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	Cadbury	TC
04:30 pm	Advent Celebration	Thorverton	Lay Led
06:30 pm	Prayer Service	Brampford Speke	TC

Tuesday 5 December

09:00 am	Chattertots Nativity	Thorverton	Lay Led
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Sunday 10 December Advent 2

09:30 am	Morning Prayer	Thorverton	Lay Led
10:30 am	Holy Communion	Upton Pyne	GC
11:15 am	Holy Communion	Rewe	TC
04:00 pm	Lego Club Carols & Nativity	Newton St Cyres	Lay Led

Saturday 16 December

03:00 pm	Christingle Service	Rewe	Lay Led
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Sunday 17 December Advent 3

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Brampford Speke	GC
09:00 am	Bubble Church breakfast*	Thorverton	Lay Led
09:30 am	Bubble Church*	Thorverton	TC/Lay Led
11:00 am	Baptism Service	Thorverton	TC
03:00 pm	Nativity Pageant	Upton Pyne	Lay Led
05:00 pm	Carol Service	Stoke Canon	Lay Led
05:30 pm	Carol Service	Huxham	Lay Led
06:30 pm	Carol Service	Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
06:30 pm	Carol Service	Cadbury	Lay Led/TC

Monday 18 December

07:00 pm	Candlelight Carol Service	Netherexe	Lay Led
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Tuesday 19 December

06:30 pm	Carol Service	Brampford Speke	TC
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Thursday 21 December

06:30 pm	Service of Readings & Carols	Thorverton	Lay Led
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Saturday 23 December

04:00 pm	Crib Service	Thorverton	Lay Led
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Sunday 24 December Christmas Eve Advent 4

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Newton St Cyres	TC
09:30 am	Morning Prayer	Thorverton	Lay Led
04:00 pm	Crib Service	Stoke Canon	Lay Led
06:00 pm	Carol Service	Rewe	Lay Led/TC
11:00 pm	Holy Communion	Stoke Canon	TC

Monday 25 December Christmas Day

09:30 am	Family Service & Holy Communion	Thorverton	TC
10:00 am	Christmas Service	Brampford Speke	GC
10:00 am	Christmas Service	Cadbury	Lay Led
11:00 am	Christmas Service	Huxham	LF

Sunday 31 December Christmas 1

10:30 am	Mission Community Service with Holy Communion	Rewe	TC
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Sunday 7 January Christmas 2

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Thorverton	JD
10:00 am	Informal Gathering	Stoke Canon	
Lay Led			
11:15 am	Informal Service	Cadbury	
Lay Led			

Sunday 14 January Epiphany & Plough Sunday

10:30 am	Holy Communion	Upton Pyne	
GC			
11:15 am	Holy Communion	Rewe	TC

Sunday 21 January Epiphany 2

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Brampford Speke	TC
09:30 am	Bubble Church	Thorverton	
Lay Led			
10:00 am	Messy Church	Stoke Canon	
Lay Led			
11:15 am	Holy Communion	Cadbury	KR
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	Stoke Canon	TC

Sunday 28 January Epiphany 3

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Newton St Cyres	TC
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Evening Prayer: Every Tuesday 6:00 pm in Rewe Church

Who's Who? Abbreviations Key

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

Revd Tim Collins [Priest in charge] Tel: 01392 860767 tim.collins@netherexe.org

*For more information about the new Bubble Church service and any of our other services in the Netherexe Parishes please see www.netherexe.org or contact:

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UP TO HOURS 3 6 9 12

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Both rooms	£37	£55	£72	£91

NON VILLAGERS

Main hall	£36	£54	£71	£88
Club room	£19	£28	£38	£48
Both rooms	£55	£82	£109	£136

Bookings Secretary, Peter Watts: peterwatts369@btinternet.com: 01392 851369

A WEEK IN THE PARISH HALL

If you wish to book the Hall or learn more about the facilities, please contact our Bookings Secretary, Peter Watts at peterwatts369@btinternet.com or by phone at 01392 851369

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
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Friday (weekly)	Table tennis	7.00 pm	Roger Wilkins	01392 851337	rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com
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