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The Magazine and Website for the Community of Newton St Cyres

A photograph of a dense holly tree with many bright red berries and dark green leaves. The tree is the central focus of the cover.

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2020 What a year?

This is the last issue of this the 50th year of the Newton Wonder and what a year it has been. In February Wendy reported no football at the club because of the weather, In the March issue Mark reported some catching up on matches. But that was short lived and since then there has been very little sport, or any other activity in the village. The tennis club members were able to play some games through the summer but other activities have been severely curtailed. The Parish Hall has been closed which has meant that all the regular activities have ceased; from Parish Council meetings, which now take place on-line and Keep Fit to the regular coffee mornings which are so important as fund raisers and in cementing the various groups into the community. Other regular events have not been held this year. Fortunately the post office, now in the parish hall has remained open and has offered a line of support to many members of the community, especially the older and more vulnerable.

We got it completely wrong last month when we announced the re-opening of the hall with all sorts of restrictions to try to make it safe. Before the re-opening occurred we were already in what is called the second lockdown and all social contact outside of work, essential shopping and caring was banned.

This week Jill and I were invited to a Zoom dinner party. I thought that dinner parties disappeared in the 1970's and who'd heard of Zoom this time last year? We've all learned new ways of getting on with each other. Families have been communicating via the various digital methods and many people have found that they do not need to go to the office to work. The Zoom quiz has become a way for people to get together.

One wonders whether life will ever be the same again. The answer has to be that it will not. It is possible that the changing work patterns will stay. Offices will close and employers will take rooms for meetings which are deemed to be physically necessary. Whether there will be a long term effect on the way we all interact socially is a more difficult question. Will we hold back when meeting strangers? Or will we be more willing to embrace new acquaintances?

Certainly the Church is embracing change and details of its questionnaire about its plans for the future are in this issue. The church has also come up with innovative ideas for its congregation like the Nativity Trail.

I have mentioned this before but as I was driving along Station Road, after dark the other day there were two young people without any light coloured or reflective clothing. They were almost invisible in the shadows of the trees and bushes. Please remember to make sure you can be seen when walking in the lanes.

It remains for me to wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas, stay well and may 2021 be as good as you would wish.

Peter Hawksley

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT November 2020

The meeting, held by Zoom on Thursday 5th November, was attended by nine Councillors, the Parish Clerk, the Mid Devon District Councillor (Graeme Barnell), the Devon County Councillor (Margaret Squires) and three members of the public.

Planning

Planning applications have been submitted for small developments of housing at Bidwell Barton and Bodley Farm. The Parish Council decided it was not necessary to comment on either application.

A planning application was made for the development of a 50-bedroom nursing home at Langford Park Nursing Home. The Parish Council decided to support this application. However, because of its size, the District Councillor may ask for this to be brought before the whole Planning Committee.

The old school site has been sold to Jenner Homes, who have started to clear the site. They have removed part of the hedgerow on Sand Down Lane. However, they have not sought permission to do this. This entrance to the site should be used only for access to the electricity substation, and Mid Devon District Council will seek an enforcement action if it is used for other purposes. Local residents should contact MDDC if they are concerned. As yet, no planning application has been submitted for the site.

A new lagoon for the storage of the products of a digester (digestate) has been proposed at Upton Pyne. Nominally this is outside the remit of Newton St Cyres Parish Council, but we have been asked to comment as trucks or tractors accessing the site would come through Langford. The application has already been resubmitted as the DCC Highways Department objected to the size of trucks that would transport the digestate. The new application proposes using tractors and trailers to transport the digestate, but the Parish Council did not feel this was an improvement. The Parish Council would object to the application and ask for an independent transport assessment.

Highway Issues

The Mid Devon District Councillor reported on the progress of his petition for an assessment of the increased use of the A377 because of housing developments in Crediton and beyond.

The hedgerow at Half Moon has been cut back so it is now easier to walk along the verge from the layby to the bus shelter. However, a proper footpath along this verge is still the only safe way for residents of Half Moon to access cars parked in the layby. The Parish Council will continue to press for it.

The overgrown bank on School Hill in the centre of the village has been trimmed back but substantial work is still required to reclaim the overgrown sections. The Devon County Councillor was requested to once again raise this issue with the Highways Department.

The Parish Council is still dissatisfied with the responses concerning the speeding survey and the removal of double white lines in the village and will continue to talk to the Highways Department about these issues.

The County Councillor informed the Parish Council that she has been given a projected date of June 2021 for the construction of a pedestrian-controlled crossing in the village.

The flood depth gauge at Langford is broken. This is a Parish responsibility, so it was decided to get a quote for a replacement. Devon County Council recommends that it is unsafe to drive through any water, however shallow.

The wall on the arboretum/church side of the cutting by Newton House is deteriorating and may be unsafe. The Devon County Councillor was asked to raise this with the Highways Department.

Broadband coverage

The poor broadband speed in outlying areas of the Parish was discussed. The County Councillor suggested she could get the County Council's expert to provide us with advice. However, the scale of the problem needs to be assessed first. It was decided to carry out a survey to assess the problem. This may be difficult during the covid pandemic and so a sub-committee was set up to find the best way to carry this out. Although government support is available, it will need interested individuals to come together before action can be taken.

Other Council Business

A parishioner has written to suggest that there is no longer a requirement for a village shop as, after a year, people will have made other arrangements. It was decided to respond that no final decision has been made on this project, which has been badly disrupted by the pandemic.

Cyclists and motorcyclists have been using footpaths in the woods again. They are not permitted on footpaths, although they are allowed to use bridle paths. The footpaths are being damaged by this use and the traffic is a hazard to walkers. Those responsible appear to be visitors from outside the Parish. It was suggested that if parishioners are affected by this issue, they should contact the police using the 111 line.

With the resurgence of covid, the Parish Council would like to remind people that we still have a support group and that it can be contacted through Councillor Damien Hodge on 01392 851111 or at damienhodge@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be by Zoom on **Thursday 3rd December 2020** at 7:00pm. Should any member of the public wish to attend, they should contact the Chairman of the council, Jim Enright, on jimenright@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk before 6pm on the day of the meeting. Alternatively, if members of the public wish issues to be raised in council meetings, they can contact councillors in the usual way.

Liz Ouldrige, Press Officer

Newton St Cyres – Broadband and Internet Service

The Parish Council is considering sending out a questionnaire to all residents to seek views on whether or not they are happy with the broadband and internet services currently received at home.

However, as a starting point, it would greatly help us if you would fill in a short questionnaire on line.

To get faster broadband the copper wire that leads to your home telephone may need to be upgraded to a fibre optic cable. This could then provide you with far better digital communications, possibly opening up many more digital services for you and your family. This could include facilities such as online teaching for school children upstairs, whilst parents simultaneously stream and watch an online video downstairs.

For those currently with a poor internet service the Government is offering to help contribute towards the installation of fibre optic cable by offering a subsidy of £1,500 per property, increasing to £3,500 for business premises. Whether or not this will cover the full cost may very well depend on the current service level and the number of households and businesses who register an interest in this project.

Hence, the more responses the Parish Council gets to our questionnaire, the more likely that faster broadband could be made available to our community.

Please click on this link to complete the questionnaire <https://bit.ly/3mlX4wc>.

The parish council will publish the results of this initial survey and keep the community well informed before moving on to the next step

Please also help us to get to more residents by copying and emailing this link to your friends, colleagues and community groups within the village.

If the response enables the Parish Council to justify going ahead with this project then we will liaise with other local Parishes to find out if working together could give us even greater purchasing power.

Regards, Jim Enright, Chairman, NSC Parish Council



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New Guidance for Vulnerable Residents

Following the announcement of the national restrictions which begin on Thursday 5 November, residents who are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable as identified by their doctors, e.g. those with severe underlying medical conditions, will be receiving a letter from the Government explaining they should take extra measures to protect themselves from infection. This is not the same as 'shielding' as we had during the first lockdown, as the guidance is less restrictive.

Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) individuals, are being advised to

- Stay at home as much as possible, but are encouraged to still go outdoors for exercise, and to attend health appointments
- Not to go to the shops and pharmacies, but to ask friends and family to help them with essential supplies as far as possible
- To work from home if they can, and if they can't, not to go to work, but to apply for Statutory Sick Pay if eligible
- To travel only where essential.

Full guidance is available at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>

If CEV individuals need help to follow these guidelines e.g. if they would have difficulty meeting their basic needs, such as getting food, medicines or basic personal support, they are being advised to register themselves on the Government website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-shielding-support>

This will all be explained in the letter they receive from the Government.

Mid Devon District Council has set up a Community Support Hub to offer help to vulnerable residents. If CEV residents need support they can request help directly using the online form at

<https://www.middevon.gov.uk/do-it-online/covid19-support/community-assistance/> or email Covid19.support@middevon.gov.uk. Alternatively, they can contact the Council's Community Support Helpline on 01884 234387.

There is also a much larger number of residents who are Clinically Vulnerable i.e. those over 70, and those with chronic but less severe underlying medical conditions. These residents are more at risk from coronavirus, but do not have the severity of underlying medical conditions that the CEV group has. They are being advised to take greater care, but do not need to follow the restrictions for CEV

Do you need any help in these times?

You are not alone

**For any type of help contact Damien Hodge
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damienhodge@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk or
contact your neighbourhood watch
deputy. They are here for you.**

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RECREATION GROUND CLUB

Well, no sport and no social events, so there's little to report.

Still, as this second lockdown is for only four weeks, we should manage to reopen once the controls are uplifted.

At the moment, keeping the outside areas looking good is a priority so that everything is ready to go once the football is back.

We have some football dates for December and January but can't yet be sure these will happen. Fingers crossed that they go ahead as we will need some income for rents.

I have been writing these notes for the Newton Wonder for over 20 years and the only year that has come close to 2020 for problems was the year of foot and mouth disease. We must all hope that we will be in a much better situation for 2021.

My usual end-of-year message is to wish all our members, their families others best wishes for the year ahead from the committee at the Recreation Ground Club.

Wendy Lewis

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

December Update

November was rather quiet at the tennis club for obvious reasons. When the second lockdown was announced, we were initially optimistic that singles tennis would be exempt as there is no close contact, but it was not to be, and the courts were locked on 5th November for the second time this year.



However, by the time you read this we hope we will be out of lockdown again and able to resume at least some of our normal activities in this most extraordinary of times. For anyone thinking about taking up tennis or wishing to find out more about the club, please go to our website at www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk, or contact our membership secretary, Laura Leigh, on 01647 24259.

In the meantime, we hope everyone is coping with these difficult times. We wish all readers a Happy Christmas, in whatever form it takes, and optimism for a better 2021.

Sally Baldwin

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Thoughts for December from Peter Cordingley

Our family has come to the end of its first full year in Newton St Cyres - indeed in England - since settling here after more than 40 years in Hong Kong and the Philippines. So, as with all anniversaries, we have been looking back at some of the things that have struck us about life in this lovely little corner of the world. Here they are, in no particular order:

The level of courtesy on the road fascinated us right from the start. You know, allowing other drivers through or out from a side-road, giving cyclists a wide berth, respecting pedestrian crossings. Also, what our son calls "the English handshake", where motorists acknowledge each other with a raised hand. That sort of thing. Very different from the Philippines, where the rule is "biggest goes first"!

Rooks: What a surprise! Hundreds of them, circling the fields, sparring with the wind and then settling in the trees, squawking and presumably arguing and fighting over real estate, spouses and infants. Never seen anything like that before. I stand for long periods just watching them.

Why are there no policemen on the street? There's plenty of them buzzing up and down the motorways in their souped-up Beemers, but how often do you ever see one on the streets of Exeter or Crediton or anywhere around here for that matter? Is it because there's never, ever, any kind of crime in these parts?

Confession: When we decided on England, we worried about how we would fit in. My wife, who is Canadian, was particularly concerned about the fabled British reserve. She needn't have. Folks in this part of the world are the friendliest we have ever come across, always ready to chat (sometimes too ready if you're in a hurry!) and showing absolutely no sign of bias - although some seem taken aback that her English is so good!

We're minutes' drive from the sea, so why is there not a fishmongers' selling whole fish, crabs, mussels and all the rest? That's what we expected when we arrived. Tell me, is there one somewhere, hidden away in one of the villages? I'm told the big Tesco's in Crediton used to have one, but not any more. Any tips?

Is there anything more bewitching than a long, sunlit Devon summer's evening? We have enjoyed al fresco dinners, gardening until late and chatting to our wonderful neighbours. And now we have short winter evenings, beguiling in their own way. Dark by 5pm, all of us cocooned in the house, the log fire on the go and all helping to cook in the kitchen. Winter mornings? Not used to that yet after a country where it's 30C at breakfast time!

How lucky we are to have a fine pub and Italian restaurant a stone's throw away. Both as good as any you would find in the big city. We have taken visitors to both and they have always gone away satisfied and impressed at our good fortune.

All this is probably obvious to anybody who has lived here for a while. But for newcomers like us, Newton St Cyres has come as a genuine surprise. We wouldn't change this place for anywhere in the world.

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NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP



ZOOM MEETINGS

You will realise that it is not possible to have our normal meetings at present, but we have been able to arrange a series of meetings by zoom, jointly with other organisations.

The first two of these meetings were originally planned to be in our programme in the Hall and have strong local interest.

Fri. 11 December *The Sandford Woollen Industry by Mike Brett*

Fri. 8 January *Care of the poor in some mid- Devon Parishes by Elly Babbage* This will include consideration of the position in Newton St Cyres, where, unusually, there is no known building that can be recognised as the former Poor House.

Both meetings will be held at 4 pm. The talks and discussion will last about an hour.

Many of us have been using zoom a lot during the last months - it's really quite easy. **You will need an invitation to join the meeting.** To reserve an invitation please contact Roger or Jean Wilkins (rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com ; 01392 851337).

We already have an email contact list that we use to provide details of our meetings. *If you would like to be added to this list, please email Roger and we will keep you informed.*

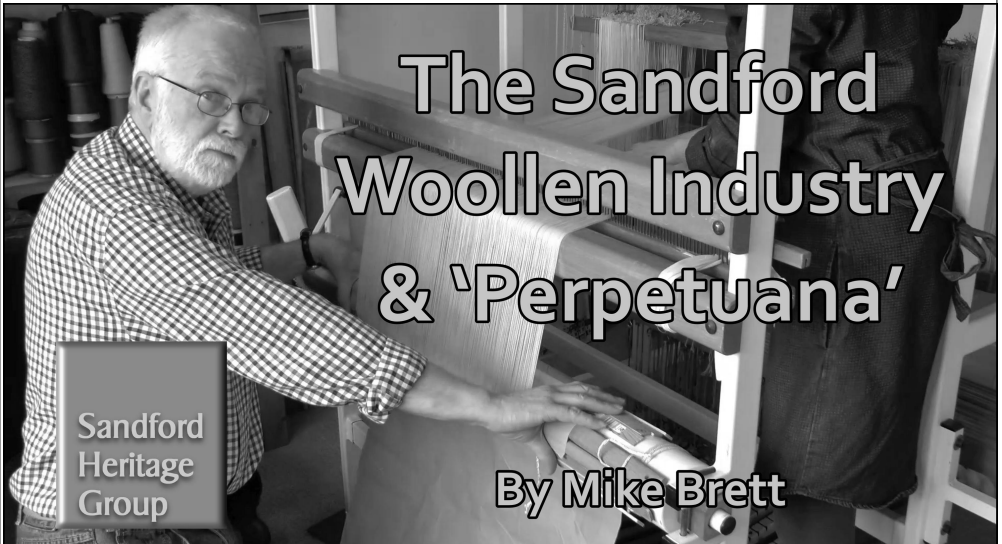
CREDITON AREA HISTORY ZOOM (CAHZ)

These talks are being presented in conjunction with Crediton History and Museum Society, Sandford Heritage Group and Crediton U3A History Group.

We are very fortunate in having active participation and great help from the Crediton Library. They hold the zoom subscription and will provide the details needed to join the meeting. We will then send these to all who have requested an invitation.

It will be great to meet again - but in rather a different way!

Fri. 11 December *The Sandford Woollen Industry by Mike Brett*



The Sandford Woollen Industry & 'Perpetuana'

Sandford
Heritage
Group

By Mike Brett

Weaving a story

In the 17th and 18th centuries, Sandford, like so many other Devon villages and towns, depended heavily on weaving for its very survival. Sandford managed to create a reputation for high quality serges of a variety known as "Perpetuana", reflecting its durability.

The Sandford Heritage Group were anxious to explore from the sparse and fragmented local record just what was involved in the manufacture of these "Perpets", as they were known, and how it would have shaped the village. In 2017 a reconstruction of this type of cloth was made, and a video about this forms the kernel of this talk.

Please view this YouTube video before the talk: - <https://youtu.be/7Ynug3SGzNQ>

Fri. 8 January *Care of the poor in some mid-Devon Parishes by Elly Babbedge*

Care of the Poor in some mid-Devon Parishes, Elly Babbedge

If you had the misfortune to fall upon hard times in the 16th or 17th century, would you have been classed as 'impotent poor (unable to work due to age or infirmity)', 'able-bodied poor' (fit to work in return for food and shelter), or 'idle poor' (a criminal or vagrant, ostracised from the community or destined for punishment)? Would your children have been apprenticed out, or could you and your family have survived a bad harvest with outdoor relief and the support of neighbours? Before the Victorian Workhouse was built in Crediton and poor from all nearby parishes were admitted, how did individual villages in mid Devon manage to care for their own populations in times of hardship?

This talk shares information on the approach taken in Newton St Cyres, Cheriton Fitzpaine, Cadbury, Sandford and Cruwys Morchard.

A GREAT DEVON EXPLORER AND AN INQUIRY FROM TEDBURN HISTORY GROUP



The History Group often have inquiries from other groups and from individuals, some of whom live abroad. Sometimes these inquiries turn out to be very interesting. This was one such.

Our friends at Tedburn were looking into the history and residents of Whitestone House when they found that a member of the Snow family had purchased it in 1946 and had given Pulleton House, Newton St Cyres, as their address. Pulleton, now known as the Old Dower House, is the old house set back off the layby opposite PR Cars. The Snows were a prominent Exeter banking family and the Tedburn group were having a problem identifying this branch of the family and their whereabouts.

Our first step was to ask some older members of our village if they remembered the Snows from the time of the second world war. Yes, they did, but knew nothing about them. The next step was to try Chris Lee as he is related to so many people. Characteristically, Chris had ideas. He thought he might remember a Sebastian Snow and he would ask a cousin.

This started a whole series of investigations. Census records, including the 1939 register, proved useful, together with newspaper reports of marriages and deaths. It eventually seemed that a clerk's spelling error or a misread signature had led to much confusion. This branch of the Snow family had been living at Westcote House, Rockbeare, before the war. This would, of course, have been very near Exeter airport. We do not know if their house was requisitioned or whether they decided it was best to move.

Adelaide Quicke, wife of Ernest Quicke, Noel (Sir John's father), and a daughter, Gwladys, had been living in Pulleton until she went to stay with her daughter at Huntsham in 1941. She died in 1943. This was the lady who, together with her husband, brought her young family back from New Zealand to provide the next heir for the Quicke estate.

So it was that Sebastian Richard Eustace Snow, barrister in law, moved with his wife and two sons, Sebastian and Nicholas, and daughter Lavinia into Pulleton and spent the war years there. Sebastian, the son, did not feature on the 1939 register as he was either at prep school or at Eton. It is unlikely the younger children went to the village school, which explains how the family was so little known locally.

Chris was hot on the job and had found that the Sebastian Snow he remembered vaguely, the eldest son of the Pulleton family, had been a famous explorer. He hunted through the headlines of many old newspapers and found that by the age of 24 in 1953 the young Sebastian Snow had mountaineered and explored in Afghanistan, Brazil, Iraq, Lapland, Norway, Persia, Peru, Sweden, Syria and Turkey.

An article in an October 1953 edition of the Daily Mirror describes how he spent an uncomfortable night in a tent on the 12ft rim of the highest active volcano in the world, Cotopaxi, in Ecuador. When the Children's Mirror asked what it was like to look into a volcano, the answer was disappointing – 'Couldn't see a thing, it was too misty and cloudy'.

Towards the end of 1953, and well timed for the Christmas market, Sebastian had a book, 'My Amazon Adventure', published. It was very well reviewed and the Liverpool Echo thought him to be in the direct succession of the Elizabethan adventurers, 'with no detailed preparation he set out to discover the true source of the Amazon'.

In fact Sebastian Snow had replied to a small advertisement to join the explorer and writer John Brown. They were in Peru to establish the source of the Amazon. Sebastian was to spend two months on his own with 12 scientific instruments at 15,000ft, on the high glacial tableland near the source of the Marañon, one of the Amazon's great tributaries. His work finished, he returned to Lima and then set out by bus to follow the Amazon to the sea. His tale is one of assorted companions and craft and many adventures.

Around 10 years later, after he had become a chicken farmer back in Devon, he once more set out to make the Amazon journey from source to mouth. This time, he was butterfly collecting and he accompanied Robin Hanbury-Tenison, who was filming for the BBC. The two parties separated to explore different tributaries but unfortunately Sebastian Snow became very ill. A doctor had to be found and a passage home secured. Snow's brother Nicholas awaited him anxiously at Whitestone House.

Whether any further adventures followed, we do not know, but perhaps this was the end of his career as an explorer.

Jean Wilkins

Jean would love to learn more about Sebastian so if you knew him and can help please contact her on 851337.

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Email received by Jean Wilkins: Can anybody help?

Good morning

I am a third-year undergraduate History student at the University of Plymouth and am undertaking oral history research as part of the requirements for my final-year dissertation.

My project explores the memory and experience of German Prisoners of War who were held in Devon during and after the Second World War. I am particularly interested in British attitude towards the Prisoners of War, their employment whilst held in camps and after the end of the war as well as their socialisation with the Prisoners of War. I am hoping to carry out some informal interviews/discussions with people who would be willing, able, and happy to share their experiences. This could be German prisoners themselves, their wives and family members, those who employed them during and after the war and/or their family members, or anyone with an experience they would like to share.

Prisoner captivity was a large part of the Second World War and various experiences of British soldiers have been shared over the years. However, the experiences of the German Prisoners of War within Devon are lesser known but are a significant part of our history. Many prisoners were employed on local farms with some even staying after the war to continue their work. I believe it is important to illuminate these unique experiences to ensure we do not forget them as the years pass on.

I would look to use these interviews within my dissertation and will ensure that participants fully understand the project, what is required of them, what they can expect of me, and how their interviews will be used, to ensure the consent they give is fully informed. In return, I would give acknowledgment to those who are happy to participate or redact/change names and details for those who wish.

I was wondering whether you would be able to publish an article calling for people across Devon who have a connection to this that would be willing to participate, or if you know anyone suitable. Anybody who is interested to participate or who have questions can contact me via dissertationresearch2020@gmail.com

Kind regards
Sarah Ferguson

NEWTON RAMBLERS December and January

Boxing Day Walk – 26th December

We will 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, with a break to look down on the Creedy Valley. Descending via Oldway, we will head back along 50 yards of the A377 to join the footpath circling Tytheing Close, with a view of the centre of Newton.,

Meet at the Newton St Cyres Parish Hall Car Park at 10am. Please join us! For more information, please ring Nigel or Rosemary Chambers on 01392 851400.

Sunday 17th January

Our walk on Sunday 17th January is another attempt at the walk in Shobrooke that was postponed from November due to the lockdown.

Park anywhere along the main street in Shobrooke and meet outside the Red Lion at 10am.

The walk is a sort of figure of eight around the village. It is about 4 miles long and will take about 2 hours.

The Red Lion may well be open again for food / drink if you feel inclined (safe enough).

All are welcome to join us. If you need a lift or would like more information, please ring Liz Fiddock on 01392 851461.

Both these walks are, of course, subject to government restrictions. We are hopeful we will be able to go ahead.

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



Bert Jewell writes Rhymes and Ways about Gardens and Gardening

December/January

As I pause for a moment on my woodland walk
Wondering, just wondering, what if trees could talk !
of the things they have witnessed, growing strong and tall
how it feels when their leaves just wither and fall.

Covering the floor with a carpet of brown,
Where the insects can hide, not making a sound,
As the blackbirds turn those leaves upside down
knowing tasty morsels are there to be found.

Do they feel the grey squirrels as they climb up high
do they wonder, are they trying to reach for the sky
or just chasing around way out on a limb
wondering, will they fall! – the chances are slim.

And how do they feel when it's blowing a gale,
or thunder and lightning with showers of hail.
Then deeper into winter, the cold fills the air,
The snow laden branches make us stop and stare.

Then as winter retreats, the sun fills the sky,
Green shoots I can see, way up high,
When I pause for a moment on my woodland walk
and wonder , just wonder, what if trees could talk!.

Things to do in the December garden

December is when I usually look back over the year to check on what grew well and what struggled. At first I thought I would give it a miss this year, not because of covid, but because of the difficult weather conditions we have had to endure – such as the very wet early part of the year, then the intense heat, the late spring frost and so on.

Seeing as my potatoes caught the late frost, the only thing I'm going to do different is plant the potatoes a little later next year, First early varieties in the first or second week of April instead of late March, Second early and Maincrop varieties in late April.

I usually buy a large amount of plug plants early in the year then grow them on ready to plant out into the various containers around Crediton for the summer display. I also take a lot of cuttings to sell when we open the garden in May.

Because of covid 19, we were unable to open in May or get enough plants for the containers. So what we couldn't sell for Hospiscare we put towards the containers in the town, and thankfully everything turned out okay.

Why are you telling us this, I hear you say! Well a quick look around the garden centres and you will see that stocks of plants are quite depleted. Unless there is a quick turnaround this shortage could affect next year's displays. So if you have any Pelargoniums or foliage plants like Helichrysum over wintering in the greenhouse, look after them. Don't give them too much water, they need plenty of light and be frost free. Cut them back a little if they get too straggly. You will be able to take cuttings next year, late March early April for your summer displays.

If you leave the greenhouse empty over the winter months, now would be a good time to give it a good clean with a mild disinfectant, spraying it into all the nooks and crannies to kill off any over wintering pests. Leave the doors and windows open afterwards for a couple of days to dry out.

Rake up any fallen leaves on the lawn and pick up any fallen leaves from the crown of perennial plants. If you are a keen exhibitor, Christmas day is the time to sow your onion seeds, somewhere warm with good light.

Spend time now and again looking after plants in outside pots and containers, dead heading and picking off dead or damaged leaves.

And don't forget to feed the birds.

Plant of the month

There are two plants that I really love at this time of year, not for their flowers but for their scent They are "**Lonicera Purpussii**" (Shrub Honeysuckle) and "**Sarcococca Hookeriana**" (Christmas Box), which is clump forming.

Both shrubs grow in moist but not waterlogged soil and will reach about 5' in height.

Margaret and I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year, but, most of all, enjoy your gardening.



VILLAGES IN ACTION

Many of you kindly supported events that were put on at the Parish Hall by the Parish Hall Committee in conjunction with Villages in Action (VIA). VIA is a rural touring scheme that brings top-quality professional arts events and professionally-run arts workshops to communities in Devon. They work with local volunteers to select and present an exciting programme of events right in the heart of our communities.

Here in Newton St Cyres, we tried to select performances that appealed to varying audience age ranges and interests. These have included:

- The Poetry of Charles Causley, with Jane Darke & Jim Causley
- Clare Hollingworth and the Scoop of the Century, performed by Paddleboat Theatre
- Hefted, performed by the Multi Story Theatre Company
- and, luckily, just before lockdown, the modern country music duo Ashton Lane

Since lockdown, VIA, which is now run by the Cornwall scheme **Carn to Cove**, have been tirelessly working behind the scenes to see how events can return to villages. I am sure that we have all been missing these events and the social aspect of attending with friends and neighbours. I have been involved in Zoom meetings with VIA, and it has been good to speak with other organisers who are all experiencing the same issues.

Performers have also been badly affected with normal work no longer being available to them. Some have done drive-in performances in car parks, but sadly we do not have a suitable sized location within the village for these. Whilst Government regulations are in place, we are only able to invite much smaller indoor audience numbers, and as we move into winter the weather is not conducive to outdoor performances. The majority of villages working with VIA are now looking at outdoor events when the weather improves

Something for now, though, is Symphony of the Countryside. This is a new film that captures the images, words, music and sounds that make up our rural landscape from Cornwall to Northumberland. It is a collaborative piece of digital art that celebrates the sights and sounds of the countryside around the rural touring venues that work with the national network of touring schemes. This includes VIA and Carn to Cove in Devon and Cornwall. These pieces were then

stitched together by filmmaker Gemma Wearing, who overlaid them with music and poetry by artists from the participating regions.

Holly Lombardo, Director of the National Rural Touring Forum, which provided funding to help make the project happen, said “We wanted to support initiatives that reached communities in lockdown, in meaningful and creative ways. We were looking for projects that captured the process of delivering art and culture, while supporting artists and those in isolation”

This beautiful video can be viewed on YouTube by searching Symphony of the Countryside

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRqG-X87BuE>

Nicola Baker

BIG GIVE CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE 2020 – Can You Help?

Carn to Cove which is now running the Villages in Action programme in Devon has been selected to take part in the UK's largest online match-funding campaign. This means online donations will be doubled by their Charity Champion and pledges that they have already secured. The challenge starts at midday on Monday 1st December and we need help to reach our target of £5,600.

We have been busy looking for ways to continue to support artists, promoters and audiences, despite the lockdown restrictions. We will provide support for touring artists who have been hard hit by the closure of venues both locally and nationally. We will enable them to play to paying audiences and give a platform to their work, which would not normally be available to rural audiences. Of course, we also want to blaze a trail for presenting work in the rural touring landscape, while raising the bar for programming top-quality work in rural spaces.

Donations can only be doubled if they are made through the Big Give online platform. If you would like to receive an email reminder so you can be ready as soon as the matching funds are released, please get in touch – either by signing up to Carn to Cove's email mailing list at www.carntocove.org.uk, email direct to claire@carntocove.org.uk or leave a message on 01209 312500.



NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP



How much do you know about the past in Newton St Cyres?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Describes the history and most important features of the church, dedicated to St Cyres 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)**

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

- **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?

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brianvplease@hotmail.com)**

How well do you know your village?

Picture submitted by Chris Southcott

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



Tim Pearkes

A life well lived

Fish farmer, furniture maker, cheesemonger, acquaintance of the Queen Mother, wine maker, computer whizz, fisherman's friend and much more. That was the remarkable life of Tim Pearkes, who lived at Newton House for 20 years before dying recently at the age of 76. His widow, Penny, formerly an acclaimed international operatic mezzo-soprano, spoke to Peter Cordingley about one of the great characters of Newton St Cyres.

Where and how did you meet?

Tim taught computer science at one time and I was a student in one of his classes in Exeter.

He had dogs that he would walk during breaks.

I had always loved dogs, but was never allowed one as a child. My godfather had a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, and Tim had one called Polly, so I was immediately attracted to Polly – and Tim came as a bonus!

We were married 19 years ago in the Royal Clarence, Exeter, and had a blessing in Exeter Cathedral, followed by a takeaway curry for 150 in the Bishop's Palace Garden. I was PA to the Liturgy and Music Department at the time so I managed to book the marquee. It's who you know, you know!

Tim was known to have a host of interests. Any examples?

Kindle must have been invented just for him. He loved reading and devoured books, making him extremely knowledgeable on many subjects. He took a great interest in zoology, particularly moths. You could ask him almost anything and he would know the answer. I suppose I'll have to make do with the inferior Google service from now on!

Tim loved fishing and one of his great areas of concern was the upkeep of salmon and trout rivers. One year, when he was at the National Game Fair doing a display of casting, the Queen Mother, a knowledgeable fisherwoman herself, asked him about flies. As a result, he made some for her.

A good angling buddy of Tim's was Ted Hughes, the poet laureate, who lived at North Tawton. Like Tim, he was a member of the Salmon and Trout Association, now known as the Salmon and Trout Conservation, where Tim was secretary for 17 years. They spent a lot of time fishing together.

As one of his skills, Tim taught me, neighbours and locals how to use computers (he called the group his Silver Surfers), visiting outlying villages with a set of laptops and a projector screen. I'm pretty good on computers, and I owe Tim for that. For a few years, he was also editor of the Newton Wonder and I was his proofreader.

When I became secretary of Newton St Cyres Parish Hall, he helped me with maintenance tasks. We would put on hog roasts to raise funds, with Tim doing the carving. He managed to get most of it on the guests' plates, though I'm sure a few choice morsels of crackling went missing en route!

Many people may remember the Cheese Café @ Penny's Pantry that we ran in Crediton. We opened that after doing the rounds of markets and shows around the county, where I sold my homemade pâté and other goodies. We kept over 100 different types of cheese in the shop. Tim taught himself all about cheese and educated our customers in the delights of what you could do with milk! He also toured, giving talks on the subject, and I went as his sidekick and assistant, selling cheeses and my cheese scones.

Tim loved to cook for me and his step children and produced some excellent dishes, though he let me take over when I could. I set up a bread-making station for him in the kitchen of our home so that, with his limited mobility in later years, he could bake almost without moving! All he needed to do was get the yeast out of the fridge!

Classical music was one of his great loves, and he would get very emotional when listening to his favourites, Bach and Beethoven, though he also appreciated the likes of Ella Fitzgerald, Fats Waller and Louis Armstrong.

Tim had a very catholic taste in literature and films too, and we both loved watching black and white films, cookery programmes, quizzes and Strictly Come Dancing!

Your last thoughts?

Tim was one of those "glass half full" kind of guys. Always positive. Always looking on the bright side. He touched many people's lives and will be much missed, most of all by me.



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Newton Environmental Wellbeing Group

T of the Damp, Devoted Parents and Hitchhikers

When the Canada Geese fly over the village in the evenings, we know winter is on its way. While they give the impression of being on a long, arduous journey to the Great Lakes and infinite forests of Canada, they are of course just doing a tour of the locality, before returning to their residence in Shobrooke Park.

Seconds before they appear, we hear their continuous honking, a way of preserving the group dynamic and communicating subtle shifts in direction. Their V-shaped flying formation greatly reduces wind resistance, and when the lone bird at the front tires, it drops behind and another comes forward to take the lead. Mid Devon's very own Red Arrows are a sight to behold, and it seems only right that we stand to attention for their flypast.



Starlings

Each season offers its own delights. Early in November, the day before Lockdown 2, we took advantage of the glorious autumn weather to walk our dog on Exmouth beach (as did many other dog owners!). A low spring tide had exposed a stony reef, and an expanse of smooth, flat sand stretched all the way round Orcombe Point to Sandy Bay – perfect for running dogs. It was a memorable outing that will help sustain us through the dark winter months.

More recently the weather has been mild and unsettled, and this has resulted in a proliferation of fungi. I spotted this rather strange orange one in the grass at Shobrooke Church, which I am told is a member of the *Clavariaceae* family, also known as Club fungi, due to their shape ('clava' being latin for 'club').

Mixed flocks of noisy rooks, crows and seagulls have also been wheeling wildly in the wind, and the usual garden birds have returned to the feeders in our yard. Mr Robin follows me around as I tidy the garden. I'm never sure whether he is charming me into throwing him a worm, or if he is merely proclaiming his territory – probably a bit of both.

It's interesting that our favourite birds tend to be those that meet our gaze: robins, blackbirds, collared doves, while the exuberant starlings that descend en masse to squabble over food are regarded as a bit of a nuisance. My grandfather did not have a good word to say about starlings. Were he alive today, he would be appalled at the way we cosset them with our homemade mealworm suet. Our reward is the chance to watch their antics, and listen to their repertoire of warbles, clicks, rattles and whistles. When the sun catches them, their plumage reflects a metallic shimmer of lilac, green and blue.



Club fungus

While clearing fallen leaves under my tree peony, I uncovered this eerie Candlesnuff fungus growing on the base of a tree stump. Also known as Stag's Horn fungus, due to the shape of its fruiting bodies, *Xylaria hypoxylon* is one of the good guys. Not only does it rot down old wood, it returns most of the nutrients back to the soil, only taking what it needs to survive. Candlesnuff fungus is said to be mildly bioluminescent, which possibly accounts for its name, although the small amount of light it emits is not visible to the naked eye. But it does have rather a ghostly appearance, and it's easy to see why this fungus was associated with the supernatural in days gone by.



Candlesnuff fungus

A couple of weeks ago, while sweeping the patio, I saw something jump. As I stooped to examine what looked like a giant flea, it took off again. After a cat and mouse chase, I managed to pick it up. Initially it curled itself into a ball, a defence mechanism. My first thought was that this extraordinary creature must have leapt out of my pond and somehow made its way down the garden.

But no, I was assured this was the Lawn Shrimp *Arcitalitrus dorrieni*, also known as the Landhopper, the UK's only fully land-dwelling crustacean. An immigrant species, it arrived about 100 years ago on the Isles of Scilly, most likely on tropical plants imported from Australia. Milder winters have enabled it to colonise southern counties and coastal areas further north. As detritivores, Lawn Shrimps live in damp leaf litter and consume decaying plant material. It is not yet known whether they might eventually impact upon native species.



Lawn Shrimp



Thankfully our native detritivore, the common earwig *Forficula Auricularia*, is still ubiquitous in my garden. Earwigs love dark, damp crevices, and at this time of year, every pot I lift reveals them in numbers, shocked to be uncovered, scuttling for safety. I recall as a youngster, when my mother wasn't looking, carefully peeling back the bark on her 1960's rustic fencing to watch them cascade to the ground.

Earwigs are generally considered undesirable, but for no good reason. By consuming rotting plant material, they keep our gardens tidy (as omnivores, they are also partial to carrion and small insects). And who would have thought that the female earwig is a devoted mother? Throughout the winter, she protects her clutch of eggs from predators, licking them to keep them free of mould. Once they have hatched, she feeds the nymphs until they are old enough to forage for themselves. But her maternal instinct is time limited: once they have reached their second moult, they get their marching orders. Should they outstay their welcome, they risk finding themselves on the menu.



The pair of mating earwigs in my photo remained lying up in my window

Common Earwigs

thermometer for several days. On the left, the male is identifiable by its large rounded pincers, called 'cerci', those of the female being smaller and straighter. Except in nightmares, earwigs do not of course inhabit our ears, so how did they get their common name? There are two theories: the first is that their ear-shaped wings, which they seldom use, were originally called 'ear wings' and over time the 'n' was dropped. The second is that their name derives from the Anglo-Saxon words 'eard wicga' which translates as 'soil insect'.

When it comes to parenting, there is another insect whose dedication surpasses that of the female earwig. A couple of months ago, while washing some greens from our allotment, I noticed a creature slowly making its way up the sink. While it recovered from its soaking, I was able to take a photo. It was quite clearly a beetle, with round orange clubs on its antennae. Enthusiasts confirmed it as *Nicrophorus*, a Sexton Beetle, aka Burying Beetle.

As scavengers of rotting carcasses, Sexton Beetles are the undertakers of the insect world and have an important role to play in keeping our environment healthy. It is said they are able to smell carrion at a distance of one mile. Having flown to their 'meal', usually a dead mouse or bird, the male and female see off any competition, then set about removing feathers or hairs from the corpse. Together they excavate a hole beneath it and bury it. The female lays her eggs on the soil above the grave, and once they are hatched both she and her mate share the care of their larvae, bringing them food from the buried carcass. Should one partner die, the other will take on the role of single parent and continue to look after the young. Astonishing that a little insect is capable of such devotion to its offspring.



Sexton Beetle

On close inspection of the Sexton Beetle photo, I was taken aback to see many pale brown spider-like creatures clinging to its underside. Research confirmed these hangers-on to be phoretic mites – not insects, but members of the *Arachnid* class, as are spiders. Sexton Beetles can be found carrying large numbers of these tiny hitchhikers. Fortunately, the mites pose no risk to their host; all they want is a free ride to their next meal.



Since they lack the ability to detect a carcass or to fly, it makes sense to cadge a lift. On arriving at their destination, they disembark, eat the fly larvae on the carrion, and lay their eggs. Fewer fly larvae means the beetle has less competition for the food, so the relationship between mite and beetle is mutually beneficial, a win-win situation. We can only wonder how such a complex symbiotic relationship has evolved between two very different creatures.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. By way of a Christmas card, may I leave you with this photo of red phoretic mites aboard a *Clubonia* spider, two festive little Santas bob-bob-bobbing along on their sleigh.

CHILDREN'S CHALLENGE IN ARBORETUM

We have a new feature in the Arboretum for children to try out their map reading and learn a bit more about the trees. Dan Howarth has prepared a pictorial map of the Arboretum which gives the location of 12 numbered marker posts. On each post there is a question relating to the trees. The answers can be found by looking in the leaflet 'Information Trail Newton Arboretum' and then entered on the map (bring your own pencil or pen). The pictures can be coloured in when you get home.



The maps and the trail leaflet may be picked up from the document dispenser just inside the gate to the Arboretum. Afraid there aren't any prizes, but you will find it good fun. Parents can help too (or do it by themselves!).

Thanks to Dan for working out the Challenge and to Geoff Jackson for preparing the Information Trail and putting out the marker posts. The challenge was first trialled at the Fest in midsummer 2019.

We are pleased that the Arboretum has been able to stay open. Please make a visit and enjoy.

Roger Wilkins

Newton St Cyres Gardening Club

It seems hard to believe that I am already writing this for the December issue of the Newton Wonder. It's been a year that none of us had envisaged, and, as I write, we are now going through the second lockdown.

At this moment the rain is hammering down and, with predictions of winds up to 70 mph, the last of the leaves from the trees will be falling. Although sweeping up may take some time, many of you will have already put the the leaves to good use. All leaves and conifer needles will eventually break down into leafmould.

Some leaves, such as oak, beech or hornbeam, break down very easily and produce an excellent quality product. Other thicker leaves such as those from sycamore, walnut, horse chestnut and sweet chestnut need to be shredded before adding to the leafmould pile, as they are much slower to break down. Once collected, the leaves can be kept in special bags, designed for the forming of leafmould, or alternatively into empty compost bags with holes pierced in them. Tied loosely at the top, the bags should be stored for up to two years. Alternatively, the leaves can be added to the compost heap after shredding.

As Christmas approaches, it is an ideal time to plant up outdoor containers for foliage and colour. There is a wide range of plants to choose from, including shrubs, herbaceous plants, bedding and bulbs. Attractive plants include **Leucothoe axillaris 'Curly Red'**, which has twisted red foliage tips. It needs to be planted in ericaceous soil and prefers semi shade - although it will tolerate winter sun.

The winter-flowering heather, **Erica carnea**, also makes a good display and can soften the front of a pot. It will flower from early winter to late spring. **Hebe 'Frozen Flame'** has grey-green leaves with a pink variegated margin that shows stronger colour through the winter.

Winter bedding plants mainly flower in spring, but cyclamen, winter-flowering pansies, violas, primulas and polyanthus will flower intermittently during mild spells in winter. These plants grow very little in winter, so start with good-sized plants in sufficient numbers for the size of container, to make an impact from the start

Lasagne planting has more recently been promoted to give several months



of colour out of one container. As when making a lasagne to eat, you simply plant in layers with the larger bulbs, like big parrot tulips and daffodils that will have taller flowers, further down in the pot. Spread them out and cover them with a layer of compost and then plant the middle-sized bulbs, such as hyacinths and shorter tulips in the next layer. Spread them out so they are not directly above a bulb below. Cover with more compost and then plant some dwarf bulbs such as crocus and grape hyacinths into the top layer, infilling with compost. The bulbs will all form roots inside the planter and throw up flowers to give a continuous display from early to late spring.



Christmas is not just for indoor trees! Potted trees are frequently available now, and are often selected for a smaller indoor decoration. They are available as either field grown (containerised) or those grown in containers from the very start. Containerised trees have a less fibrous root system, so those grown in containers from the beginning are more likely to establish in the garden once planted. They should still be kept indoors for only a short period (up to 12 days) and watered frequently to prevent drying out. After Christmas, the trees should be kept outside in the pot and then, if wished, planted out in the ground in March. The best position is in full sun on well-drained soil. They can grow into very large trees!

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Alternatively, the tree can be re-potted into a slightly larger pot ready to bring indoors the following year. Last year we planted out a container-grown tree from Bernaville that had been reduced in price as the leader branch had been broken off. Now it has established, grown considerably, and a new leader branch has formed.

The winter gives us a great opportunity to look back at 2020 in our gardens, and reflect on what grew well and where, which plants didn't do so well and what new plans we want to carry out in 2021. Whatever space we each have, there is always a way we can bring life and colour into that space.

Enjoy welcoming back the recently arrived winter birds - we saw our first Redwing flock of the winter in mid-November - and ensure there is always a good selection of food and water for them, to help them through the cold weather.

Wishing you all a very safe and peaceful Christmas, and looking forward to being able to meet once again, as a Club, in 2021.

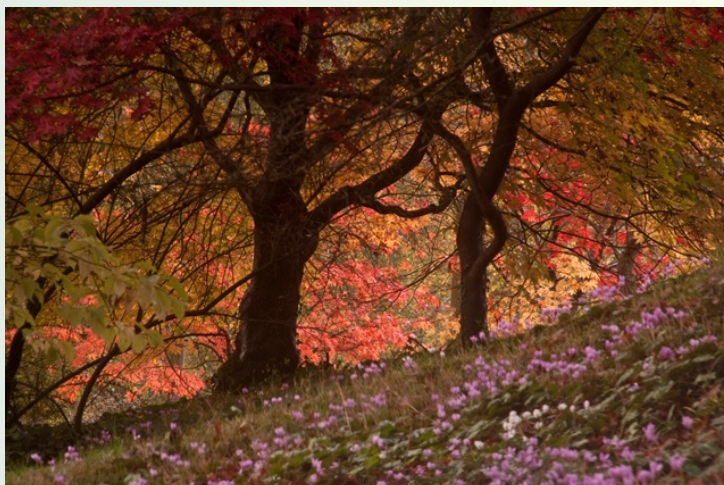
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NEWTON ST CYRES SCHOOL



In November - Jack Yeandle (Exeter Chiefs Club Captain) sent a very personal message to Class 4 thanking them for their letters of congratulations. He listed all the children by name that sent him letters and genuinely appreciated receiving them. During the video, he made

jokes at Mr Hookway's expense and did a dance with his medals and sang "We are the Champions" by Queen.

What a great sport, what a legend!



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November on the Farm



MARY'S DAIRY DIARY

NATURE

The dead time of year comes upon us. The trees lose their leaves, their colour so spectacular this year. The sun is lower, and the woods are lighter, bare branches above, not the thick bower of leaves of the summer. Undergrowth recedes. The robin gets bold, and enquires what delicious worms I might be exposing when I work in the garden. And the new year is already forming: bramble shoots underground, the catkins already formed on the hazel trees. Sunlit days feel a privilege, bright on your eyes, warm on your skin out of the wind.

ARABLE

The crops are in the ground, the promise of the year to come. The wheat and oats thrived in the kind autumn, and will become somnolent, enduring colder weather and storms while the light is at its dimmest. I'm so happy to see the some of our long-term arable fields restored to grass and clover. The soil opens, breathes a sigh of relief. Continuous arable has always been a problem for me: it harvests all the organic matter from the soil, leaving it slumped and short of air: organic matter from animals and grassland provides the life and bounce to the soil. Grassland is soil's R&R, animals 'the golden hoof', as the old farming term goes, nourishing the soil.

COWS

We are grazing the last round of pasture. How late we graze depends on how wet it is: if it continues mild and dry, we will graze till Christmas, and we have stored some grass that has grown for longer to act as 'standing hay'. The cows will graze some, and trample some, giving a carpet to protect the soil.

Autumn calving cows are now getting down to business, and in full milk. They will go out to graze where they can in the day till the middle of December. The spring cows are coming to the end of lactation. Through December they go on their winter holidays. All will stop by Christmas, to rest while their calves grow.

We have roots in the ground, fodder beet and stubble turnips (a magnificent crop of these), to feed them. We've set up silage bales in the field to vary their diet, and strips of grassland to give less muddy standing. After last year, we've also cleared a barn that had been taken over by grain and machines in case the weather is too harsh. Outwintering is lovely if the weather is kind. Even if it's not, we want the cows to have a kind roof over their heads to protect them (and us). Even if they are happy, we feel unhappy on their behalf!

The milk moves from grazing based to all silage fed, and most of the milking cows' silage is grass and clover silage. The milk still retains much of its grass-fed colour, even if the glorious aromas of pasture are reduced. We've started making cheese again, after the last furlough in November. It's lovely to see the milk in the vats, steaming in the cold weather. We keep the cheese in press warm by laying cloths over the moulds to make sure the rinds seal properly. The cheese stores now seem warm, although our outside temperatures these days rarely gets much lower than the stores.

OUR CHEESE

The beautiful pattern of moulds on the rinds develops, heavy where it is more humid, sparser where it is drier. I don't understand why some stores are randomly drier or wetter than others; the flavours they create seem to equalise out.

We are packing cheese up into many more little packs, as deli counters and restaurants have struggled with the lockdowns. It's lovely that people are reaching out to buy cheese direct from us, a real bonus at this crazy time. We love being in direct contact with the people who enjoy our cheese, it's so rewarding to hear your appreciation.

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RECIPE

Gina's Cheese Scones

My sister-in-law, Gina Quicke, is a fabulous cook and her cheese scones were what my mum wanted as her appetite reduced. This recipe is adapted from Cate Dixon on the Sainsbury website.

Ingredients

- 300g self-raising flour
- a pinch of mustard powder
- 1½ tsp baking powder
- 80g cold salted Quicke's whey butter
- 150g Quicke's Traditional Mature Cheddar, finely grated
- 3 tbsp finely chopped chives if you wish
- 220g buttermilk or yogurt or milk with lemon juice
- plain flour, for dusting
- 1 medium egg, beaten (to glaze)
- Preheat the oven to 200°C. Place a large baking tray to heat up.
- Tip the flour, mustard powder and baking powder into a large bowl and briefly mix with a whisk to break up any clumps and evenly combine.
- Coarsely grate the chilled butter into the flour, then rub in using your fingertips until it resembles a fine crumb. (I put it in a food processor). Finely grate 130g of the cheese and add to the mix with the chives if you are using them. Stir in until evenly

distributed. Make a well in the centre and stir in the buttermilk, drawing the flour in from the edges until the dough is sticky and starts to pull away from the bowl. Add more buttermilk if the dough feels dry.

- Tip onto a work surface, lightly dusted with plain flour and briefly knead to bring the dough together, then roll out until 2cm thick. Do not overwork the dough or the scones will be tough. Cut out rounds using a 7cm cutter, then place, evenly spaced, on a sheet of baking paper. Repeat until you have used all the dough.
- Brush off the excess flour, then brush the tops of the scones with the beaten egg and finely grate over the remaining 20g cheese. Slide onto the preheated baking tray and bake in the oven for 25-30 minutes until golden and risen. Leave to stand for 10 minutes. Serve the scones warm, topped with salted butter.
- Keep in an airtight container for up to a week, and heat briefly in a hot oven to cheer them up.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !

Mary Quicke



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The Crediton In & Around website was launched last April to support Crediton and the surrounding villages at a really difficult time, by sharing information, advice and stories about how our amazing communities have been adapting to the crisis.

The site has proved hugely popular and has been growing steadily ever since. It now lists more than 100 local shops and services and includes over 90 brilliant blogs by local people on all sorts of subjects, ranging from gardening and mental health to local history and takeaways.

If you haven't had a look at it yet, check it out here www.creditoninandaround.co.uk And if you'd like to list your business or group, or have a story to tell, email us at info@creditonheart.org. We'd love to hear from you.

The website was created and is managed by the Crediton Heart Project, a local charity which works to improve facilities and opportunities for everyone living in the Crediton area.

We also have a lively social media presence, keeping you in touch with everything going on in this beautiful part of Mid Devon that we are so lucky to live in.

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Rosemary Stephenson
Chair, Crediton Heart Project



Santas go freestyle for Children's Hospice South West!

Children's Hospice South West's (CHSW) annual Santas on the Run event is back but not as you know it! Over the weekend of the 11-13 December, supporters will be able to choose their own distance, route and festive fancy dress.

The festive fundraiser usually takes place at Great Torrington's RHS Garden Rosemoor each year, but the local children's charity has taken the decision to hold it virtually this Christmas due to the pandemic. It's free to register and anyone who manages to raise more than £15 will receive a special Santas on the Run medal.

Kiley Pearce, CHSW Events Fundraiser, said: "This year, Santas on the Run is going freestyle! Although we can't all come together at Rosemoor, we can still spread some joy and laughter and we'd encourage everyone to go crackers with their festive fundraising! Whether you twinkle in tinsel or rock it like Rudolph, you can get creative with your costume and complete a distance of your choice, your way."

CHSW's Santas on the Run has taken place at Rosemoor since 2018 and before that was held in Bideford town centre. Over the years it's seen thousands of people join together to raise vital funds for CHSW and its Little Bridge House children's hospice in Fremington.

Together with community partner Whirlwind Sports, CHSW is asking this year's participants to raise sponsorship or make a donation to enable the charity to continue providing vital care for children and families when they need it most, whether that be in the hospice or at home.

Over the weekend of 11-13 December, there will be a warm-up for people to join online each day, as well as lots of prizes, including for the best-dressed family, child and dog! Individuals who raise £15 or more will also receive a medal.

Kiley said: “We would encourage people to get involved in any way they like, but, most importantly, to have fun and help us raise money to continue supporting local children living with life-limiting conditions and their families.”

Registration is free! Simply register your interest at www.chsw.org.uk/santas and join the charity's event on Facebook by searching 'Santas on the Run - goes freestyle' www.facebook.com/events/649916122169450

Photographs:

- You can dress in whatever festive attire you like to take part in Santas on the Run goes freestyle this December and support Children's Hospice South West.
- Santa has got his trainers at the ready for this year's Santas on the Run goes freestyle virtual event supporting Children's Hospice South West. Photo. Katie Forshaw Photography

Children's Hospice South West (CHSW)

- Children's Hospice South West was first registered with the charity commission in 1991. It is dedicated to making the most of short and precious lives, providing the best possible hospice care for life-limited children and their families
- There are now three hospices in the South West: Little Bridge House in Barnstaple (opened 1995), Charlton Farm in Bristol (opened 2007) and Little Harbour in St Austell (opened 2011)
- CHSW is the only children's hospice in the South West. It costs around £11 million to run the 3 hospice sites each year and the charity relies almost entirely on voluntary contributions
- CHSW delivers a range of services including short breaks, specialist play, music therapy, activities for siblings, palliative and emergency care, end of life care, bereavement support and specialist medical care - all available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year
- The services are free for families. To find out more about our work, visit www.chsw.org.uk

For further information please contact Andy Keeble, Senior Media Officer, Children's Hospice South West, andy.keeble@chsw.org.uk or call 01271 325 270

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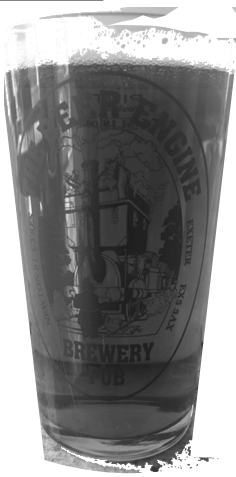


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More than 500 people in Devon may die from the cold this winter as they struggle to heat their homes. Figures show that nearly 11% of households are living in Fuel Poverty, more than the national average, and some of these people also have health issues such as respiratory and cardiovascular problems and depression.

While projects such as Healthy Homes for Wellbeing, run by Exeter Community Energy (ECOE), have been tackling this issue head on with their dedicated service, there is still a high level of demand for support .

The Winter Warmth campaign from ECOE, now in its second year, highlights the issues of fuel poverty and hard-to-heat homes faced by local residents each and every winter. Having recently launched this year's campaign, ECOE is seeking donations for their [Healthy Homes Hardship Fund](#), which they hope will make a world of difference.

“Last year our supporters were very generous,” says Tara Bowers, ECOE Directors and Project Manager of Healthy Homes. “We received donations of over £4,000. This enabled us to help local residents facing harsh winter situations. We anticipate the need will be even greater this year. The covid situation has prevented us from running our usual drop-in advice clinics, and we are concerned that not enough people are able to access help by telephone or online.

“With many redundancies and falls in income, this is a very serious situation for many. A lot of the time, people have to make the choice between eating or being warm. Many have no choice but to be cold and live in poverty.”

The Healthy Homes Hardship Fund provides small grants for households struggling to make ends meet. These grants will help provide things such as an oil-filled electric heater or blankets, paying for boiler repairs, vouchers for topping up prepayment meters or replacing a broken fridge or cooker.

Residents who receive the government's Winter Fuel Payment but don't need it, are being asked to donate it to the Hardship Fund to help others keep warm. Donating unneeded winter fuel payments to the Winter Warmth campaign helps local people play an active and significant role in reducing fuel poverty and

hardship this winter. Donations can be made via Campaign's Just Giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/HH-WinterWarmth-20> or by calling 0800 772 3617.

If you don't need your winter fuel payment donate it to the ECOE Healthy Homes Hardship fund and help keep others warm

10.7% of households in Devon are in fuel poverty

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Exeter Community Energy launched the Healthy Homes for Wellbeing project in November 2017. It helps more than 150 households each winter month, offering a unique service where local residents can get advice on energy efficiency, with practical hints and tips on insulating their homes, help with energy suppliers and tariff switching and advice on discounts and grants.

During the pandemic, the Healthy Homes Energy team of six Home Energy Advisers has been providing telephone support for residents by completing an assessment over the phone, then following up with a short home visit if required. We can refer residents to a range of grants once we have assessed their situation and their property type.

We have also been posting out our easy measures, e.g. LED light bulbs and radiator reflector panels. Moving forward in Devon, we should be able to complete the full personalised and comprehensive home visits that are a vital and much-needed part of the Healthy Homes for Wellbeing project. These are funded by LEAP (Local Energy Advice Partnership) and are available for homeowners, private renters and social-housing tenants. For more information, please visit <https://www.ecoe.org.uk/healthy-homes-wellbeing/> or contact Tara Bowers, Project Manager for Healthy Homes of Exeter Community Energy Tel: 07731 540215 Email: tara@ecoe.org.uk

LEAP - Local Energy Advice Partnership is a FREE service, providing important advice, support and energy-saving measures to fuel-poor and vulnerable households. ECOE is the LEAP partner for Exeter, Mid Devon, East Devon, Teignbridge and Torbay (www.applyforleap.org.uk).

Fuel Poverty Awareness Day - See National Energy Action <https://www.nea.org.uk/about-us/>

Do You Remember?...November?

December 1970

The Newton Wonder reports a good year thanks to a team of helpers and distributors. Financially the books balanced but costs are rising and subscriptions will rise to 5/- in January.

Maintenance on the church organ has been completed after three weeks work.

A disappointingly small number of people attended the Recreation ground AGM. The chairman reported a great deal had been achieved in levelling the ground, fencing and installing the children's play equipment. The committee now has a gang mower, a small tractor and roller for ground maintenance. It is hoped to continue the 200 Club for another year to boost funds.

The Parish Council are somewhat mystified by a letter from the County Council which stated they could not hold out no immediate hope that the proposed new road improvements would be dual carriageway.

The church wardens accounts reproduced from a 1727 record notes a payment of 4d to Mr Henry Lane for killing 1 hedgehog and 2 woops.

December 1980

A reply to the open letter sent to our local MP, Mr Maxwell-Hyslop, concerning a by-pass around the village to ease the traffic situation was printed in full. It stated that the matter of a possible by-pass would be discussed by the Devon County Council and that he would press for it to receive high priority.

Congratulations were offered to Stuart Dowle, who had received the award of Shepherd of the Best Shepherded Flock, for his management of Quicke's sheep.

The St Cyres Players performance of "Suddenly at Home" was enjoyed by all, and on 14th November the Players celebrated the birthday of Prince Charles by holding a dinner-dance.

The Tennis Club were inviting all members, supporters and villagers to a New Year's Eve Dance in the Parish Hall, tickets costing £2.50 each.

December 1990

The Recreation Club gave an invitation to senior citizens of the village to come to a Christmas Tea on 16th December at the Club House.

The Parish Council reported that work would be taking place during the month to repair Station Road and make it safe.

This year the National Trust Carol Concert, usually held at Castle Drogo, would be held at Newton St Cyres Parish Church.

The Twinning Circle enjoyed a skittles evening at Kennford in October, and a Christmas dinner was planned at the Crossmead Centre.

An exhibition of wildlife and animal paintings by Eileen Endacott would take place throughout December at Crediton Library.

Everyone would be welcomed to the annual Carol Concert on 21st December at Langford Park Nursing Home.

December 2000

Plans are in hand by the Twinning Circle for the coming New Year. A visit to Rots will be made in May.

There will be wine tasting at Old Beams, Skittles in February and an essential walk on Boxing Day.

The school is putting on their millennium musical 'Moving On' in the Parish Hall. There will be professional musical accompaniment by Julian Luxton.

Flooding at the recreation ground came right up to the club house door but, thankfully, not inside. Several football matches had to be postponed.

December 2010

The Newton Valley Protection group report that it has been unable to get any of the parties involved to make a statement on gravel extraction. However neither the extraction company nor the church commissioners promoted the site for inclusion in the Devon Minerals core strategy. Other good news is that Harleyfords team of consultants stopped working on their assessment at an early stage.

Arrangements have now been finalised for the provision of public access to the arboretum. It will be open during daylight hours from 1st January 2011.

The Newton Nippers pre-school now has 38 children attending. They are currently rehearsing their Christmas songs.

Alan Jenkins has retired as manager of Home Farm, he has bought a farm in South Africa. The new farm manager is Adam Reeves.



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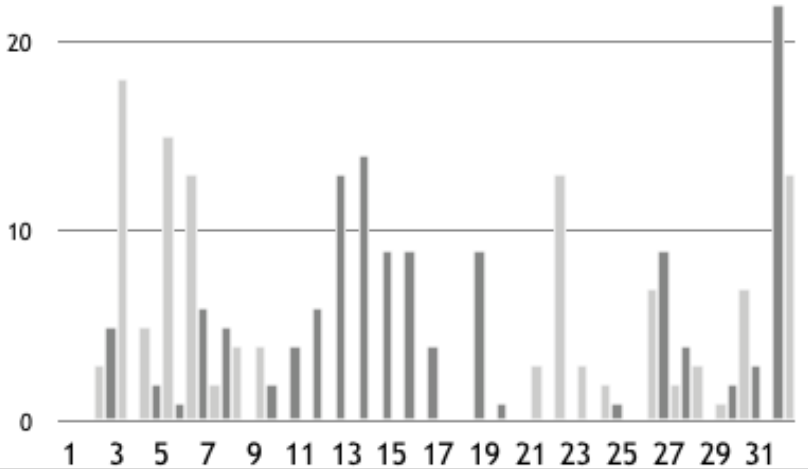
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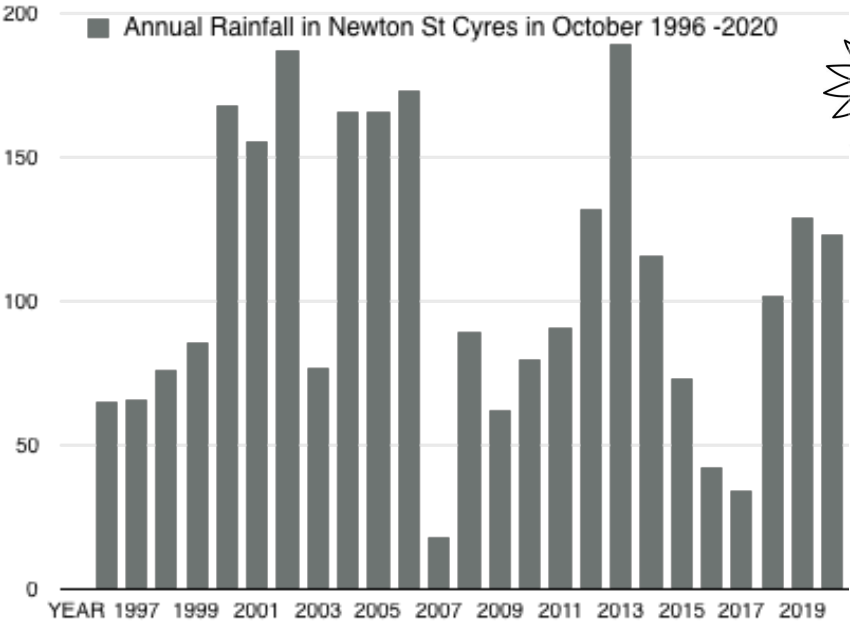


■ Rainfall in NSC in October 2019

■ Rainfall in NSC in October 2020



We are grateful to James Walters and his family, especially his granddaughter Alice for providing us with regular details of the rainfall in Newton St Cyres.



The Parish Church of St Cyr and St Julitta



Private Prayer at Newton St Cyres Church.

The Church will be open for

Private Prayer

**every Wednesday,
from 11.00a.m - 5.00 p.m.**

Please wear a face covering and follow the instructions you will see as you enter the Church. These have been devised to keep you safe and socially distanced.

The Lady Chapel is the area open for private prayer.

Stolen Christmas?

Hello, it's Julia Hocking, the curate, here. It's been just over a year since I joined you, and what a strange year it has been. You may remember I'm from Canada and typically, as such, I'm a big fan of Dr. Seuss. As a small child I could recite 'The Cat in the Hat' and at Christmas I still love to revisit 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas'.

It's the story of a mean hermit who hated everything. Nearby there is a village and he particularly hates all their joyful noises at Christmas. One year he decides to stop Christmas from coming by stealing Christmas. On Christmas Eve, he dresses like Father Christmas and sneaks into the village stealing everything to do with Christmas from every house. He steals all the food, drink, presents, decorations, and musical instruments, loads them onto a sleigh and rides away before dawn.

When he is far enough away, he listens to hear the sound of the villagers wailing in grief at their loss. Instead, what he hears is singing. 'But this sound wasn't sad! Why this sound sounded merry! It couldn't be so, but it was merry. Very! He hadn't stopped Christmas from coming, it came! Somehow or other it came just the same!' The realisation that Christmas was about something more than stuff changes the Grinch. Dr. Seuss says his heart grew three sizes that day and I think that is a lovely way to put it.

Importantly the book ends with the Grinch joining the villagers for Christmas lunch. Christmas is really about relationships and above all, our relationship with God. We express our joy in knowing God loves us by showing love to others.

Instead of concentrating on what will be different this year, let's remember those things which will be the same. First of all, Jesus. Jesus was born as a human being and that can't be stolen. The Christmas story is irreversible, so we still have something worth celebrating whatever the circumstances. Our family, friends, and neighbours are still there waiting to be blessed by us. We may have to think of new ways of doing that, but the task is still there waiting for us.

The world keeps turning and a new year lies open before us, allowing us to find new ways of expressing ourselves; the possibility of our hearts growing three sizes! As the writer of the Book of Hebrews says, 'Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and for ever.' So, let's celebrate Jesus's birthday by remembering him and making room for him in our lives.

Revd Julia Hocking

Notice from Margaret Lowe, Administrator Netherexe Parishes:-

It is announced today that the Reverend Katie Cross has been appointed as the next Rector in the parishes of Alcester, Arrow and Weethley, Haselor, Kinwarton and Great Alne, and Coughton with Sambourne, known as the Alcester Minster Benefice in the Diocese of Coventry, subject to the completion of all legalities.

Katie is presently Rector in the Netherexe Parishes, a rural mission community of eight parishes and ten churches near Exeter in Devon.

Katie, her husband Paul and family will move to Alcester Rectory in the Spring. We have yet to arrange a date for her institution service.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

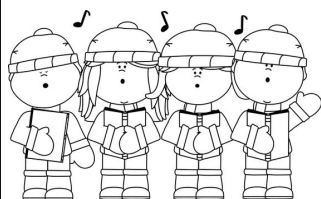
Are you not feeling very 'Christmassy'? Perhaps a little sad and lonely after a difficult year?

How about joining other like-minded people for this short reflective Service, offering music, comfort and hope, through the Christmas message?'

**NEWTON ST CYRES CHURCH
DECEMBER 23RD AT 5.00 PM**

**Due to restrictions you will need to book places
(phone Reverend Tony Lane on 851975)**

Please wear face coverings



COME AND JOIN OUR JOYFUL, MUSICAL CHRISTMAS FAMILY SERVICE

**At Newton St Cyres Church
On Christmas Morning at 10.00**

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**COME AND LISTEN TO
CHRISTMAS MUSIC, READINGS AND
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
IN
NEWTON ST CYRES CHURCH
ON
DECEMBER 20TH AT 6.30 PM**



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NATIVITY TRAIL

THIS DECEMBER WE INVITE YOU TO FOLLOW OUR NATIVITY STORY TRAIL

In your own time, pick up your map, either at the school
or in the Dispenser on the Parish Hall Gate (Village Car Park).

Now follow the illustrated Nativity Story.

Bring your phone to listen to a carol by opening the QR code at each stop.



SERVICES & INFORMATION DECEMBER 2020 & January 2021

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

Please note these services are proposed for December and January and are subject to the lifting of current Government Restrictions and may also change due to COVID-19 tiering.

Please check for current information by visiting our website at www.netherexe.org

Sunday 6 December Advent 2

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Thorverton
05:00 pm	Afternoon Worship		Zoom/Telephone Service#

Thursday 10 December

10:30 am	Reflective Advent Service		Stoke Canon
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Sunday 13 December Advent 3

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Cadbury
11:15 am	Christingle Service		Rewe
05:00 pm	Afternoon Worship		Zoom/Telephone Service#

Sunday 20 December Advent 4

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Upton Pyne
11:00 am	Carol Service		Cadbury
11:15 am	Carol Service		Rewe
03:00 pm	Carol Service		Stoke Canon
05:00 pm	Afternoon Worship		Zoom/Telephone Carol Service#
06:30 pm	Carol Service		Cadbury
06:30 pm	Carol Service		Newton St Cyres

Monday 21 December [To Be Confirmed]

4 - 6:00 pm	Experience Christmas		Netherexe
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Tuesday 22 December

07:00 pm	Christmas Celebration		Brampford Speke [open air in churchyard]
07:00 pm	Christmas Celebration		Thorverton

Wednesday 23 December

05:00 pm	Blue Christmas		Newton St Cyres
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Thursday 24 December Christmas Eve

04:00 pm	Christmas Celebration		Thorverton
11:15 pm	Holy Communion	[CW]	Stoke Canon

Friday 25 December Christmas Day

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Thorverton
10:00 am	Informal Service		Cadbury
10:00 am	Family Service		Newton St Cyres
10:30 am	Family Service		Rewe

Sunday 27 December 1st Sunday of Christmas

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Newton St Cyres
05:00 pm	Afternoon Worship		Zoom/Telephone Service#

Sunday 3 January Epiphany

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Thorverton
05:00 pm	Afternoon Worship		Zoom/Telephone Service#

Thursday 7 January

10:30 am	Reflective Service		Stoke Canon
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Sunday 10 January Epiphany 1/Baptism of Christ

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Cadbury
05:00 pm	Afternoon Worship		Zoom/Telephone Service#

Sunday 17 January Epiphany 2

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Upton Pyne
05:00 pm	Afternoon Worship		Zoom/Telephone Service#

Sunday 24 January Epiphany 3

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Newton St Cyres
11:15 am	Informal Service		Cadbury
11:15 am	Reflective Service		Stoke Canon
05:00 pm	Afternoon Worship		Zoom/Telephone Service#

Sunday 31 January Epiphany4/Candlemas

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Location to be Confirmed
05:00 pm	Afternoon Worship		Zoom/Telephone Service#

If you wish to attend a church service you should book in advance by contacting Revd Katie Cross on 01392 759612 or by email katie.cross@netherexe.org

Afternoon Worship will continue by Zoom and telephone at 5:00 pm. To join by telephone:

Ring 0203 481 5237, Meeting ID 960 5149 8892# Password 591980

To join by Zoom, click the link on your computer: <https://zoom.us/j/96051498892?pwd=dno0R05teVpFa1NmRWpxaHBjZ0prZz09>

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

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TBC	To be confirmed		

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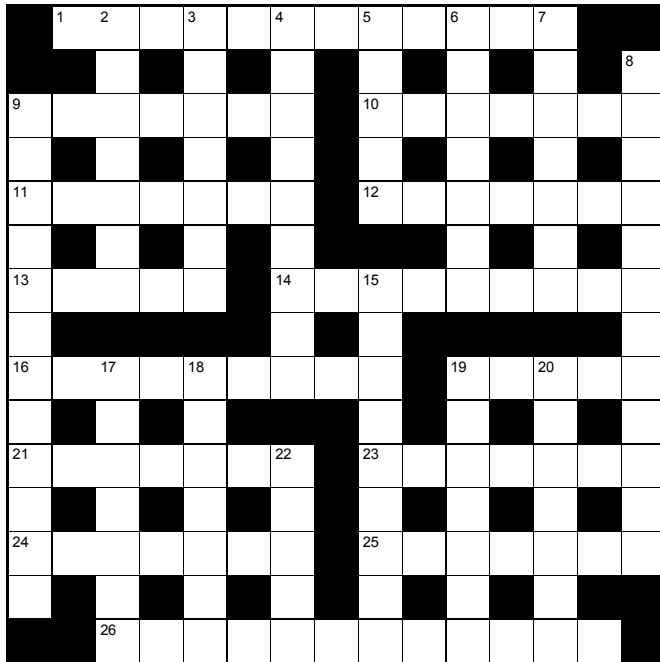
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Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 They catch the unwary motorist in a flash (5,7)
- 9 Extravagant professor needs employment (7)
- 10 A man not moving from US state (7)
- 11 Problem is fixed by footballer (7)
- 12 Chef that is second to make biscuits (7)
- 13 Blood covers small shrub (5)
- 14 Country in Asia, ultra revolutionary (9)
- 16 Gas, one the French located in river (9)
- 19 Shoot last of ptarmigan out of season (5)
- 21 Disinter her aunt when ordered (7)
- 23 Fruit found in bed after short month (7)
- 24 The last people to go on strike (4,3)
- 25 One gives teacher list of duties in reverse (7)
- 26 Panic and suffer the fate of Charles I (4,4,4)

DOWN

- 2 University official is in favour of court order, lacking guts (7)
- 3 English cadet relocated outside university to teach (7)
- 4 Arrest friend as final move (9)
- 5 Imitate operatic heroine linked with Callas chiefly (5)
- 6 Managed to woo, having no time for bitterness (7)
- 7 Dog from small alpine resort (7)
- 8 Sound of merriment follows bloke's killing (12)
- 9 A bachelor keeping on with his studies (12)
- 15 After smashing desk become confused and run off (9)
- 17 Leaders of extreme Zionist evangelists like new prophet (7)
- 18 City's entertaining the Queen with balls (7)
- 19 Son presented with crisis is to crumple up (7)
- 20 First off dictator ordered cheese (7)
- 22 Hotel with special baths makes Cathy drowsy to some extent (5)

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.

1	2			6	8			5
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Solution to the November 2020 Cryptic Crossword

	1	2		3	4		5	6	7	
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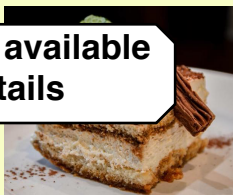
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