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A WEEK IN THE PARISH HALL

Mondays	AEROBICS FITNESS PILATES	9.30 - 10.30pm 11.00 - 12.30	Emma Healey Tel. 07969 900794
Mondays (except Bank Holidays)	BINGO	Eyes Down at 7.45pm	Meat Bingo, Raffles, Snowball.
Tuesdays	GENTLE KEEP FIT	9.45 - 10.45am	Call Jane on 366413 £3.50p per session
Tuesdays	LINE DANCING	7.15 - 10.00pm	Paula Benford Tel. 01392 210830
Tuesdays (Fortnightly)	YOUNG FARMERS CLUB	8.00 - 10.00pm	Rob Davie - Sec. 07801597703 Georgina Davie - Chair. 07801273424
Wednesdays	PARENT & TODDLER GROUP	9.30 - 11.30AM	Emily Ricard Tel. 01392 851899
Last Wednesday of Month	ART GROUP	6.45 - 10.00pm	in the Club Room
1st Wednesday of Month (Quarterly)	GARDENING CLUB	7.30 - 9.30pm	Jane Timlett Tel. 01392 851361
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Thursdays	BALLROOM AND LATIN DANCING	7.00 - 9.30pm	Wendy Richards Tel. 07949 141800
1st Thursday of Month	PARISH COUNCIL	7.30 - 9.30pm	All are welcome
Last Thursday of Month	MAH JONG CLUB	2.00 - 5.00pm	Geoff Jackson Tel. 01392 851551
Fridays	MARTIAL ARTS	6.00 - 7.00pm	
	TABLE TENNIS	7.15 - 9.45pm	Just turn up £2 per session (£1 Children)
1st Saturday of Month (usually)	COFFEE MORNING	10.30 - 12.00 noon	Run by the Church and other village Groups/Organisations

From the Village Diary @ newtonwonder.net

February 2019

Wed 6th.	Gardening Club	Tom Sharples, "In Praise of Vegetables"	7.30pm	Parish Hall
Sat 9th	Church	Soup Lunch	12.00noon	Parish Hall
Sat 16th	Parish Hall Cttee.	????? QUIZ ...???? Come and enjoy a pasty while scratching your head for an answer. £20 per team of 4 (max). licensed bar available. Prize for 1st, 2nd & 3rd.	7.00	Parish Hall

March 2019

Sat 2nd	Church	Coffee Morning	10.30am	Parish Hall
	Parish Hall & Villages in Action	AN EVENING OF FILM, POETRY AND MUSIC Jim Causley and Jane Dark	7.30 pm	Parish Hall
Wed 6th	Gardening Club	"Bonsai" with Geoff Jackson	7.30 pm	Parish Hall
Sun 24th	NW	Initial meeting of Playground Development Grp	7.30 pm	Rec. Club

May 2019

Sat 4th	Church	Coffee Morning	10.30am	Parish Hall
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June 2019

Sun 16th	Church	Patronal Lunch	12.30pm	Parish Hall
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July 2019

Sat 6th	Church	Coffee Morning	10.30am	Parish Hall
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August 2019

Sun 18th	Church	Cream Tea	1.00pm	Parish Hall
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For further information and more recent entries and previous entries please go to the website: www.newtonwonder.net.

2019

Welcome to the first edition of the Newton Wonder in 2019. Now that the holiday is over we can look forward to the New Year. This has to be a time of optimism; the cover picture of a Camelia in the Arboretum at the end of January has to encourage us all to believe that Spring will soon be here. 2019 has to be a year of change and opportunity both in the village and outside.

Community Fair

On 16 March the Parish Council is facilitating a Community Fair aimed at encouraging us all to examine the facilities we provide for ourselves within the community and to consider our roles, past, present and future. Already there is an A377 Action Group which is working to encourage improvements on the A377 has written to the Parish Council. The letter is published on page 22.

The Parish Hall has dedicated one of its notice boards to local groups who will be able to use it for periods in rotation. At the moment the Parish Council has taken the first turn. It is available to all groups including new ones.

I wrote about the need to form a new group to push forward the development of the playground at the rec. so put Sunday 24th March at 7.30 in your diary for the open meeting to establish this group. This meeting will be held at the rec. club. We will have table at the Community Fair where it will be possible to register your interest and look forward to seeing you.

The Newton Wonder is also looking for volunteers to help with the website and distribution. Delivering the monthly issue is a task which is often taken for granted but is a vital part of our efforts. Unfortunately we have recently lost a couple of long serving distributors and would like to thank them for their work over the years.

Parish Hall

The Parish Hall Committee have planned a couple of events for the beginning of the year. They are holding a Quiz Night on 16th February and an evening of Film, Poem and Music on 2nd March. There will be a screening of the 2017 BBC film, Cornwall's Native Poet by award winning Cornish filmmaker Jane Darke about the life the renowned Cornish poet Charles Causley. It features interviews with important names in literature such as Sir Andrew Motion, Simon Armitage, Roger McGough and the sound track is comprised of settings of Charles' poems by his relative, award winning folk musician Jim Causley.

Jane will introduce the film, and after the screening will follow a Question & Answer session between Jane, Jim and the audience. Jim will finish the evening by playing a live selection of his musical settings of Causley's poems. This event is being run in conjunction with Villages in Action a local charitable organisation which "works with dedicated local promoters across rural Devon to bring the professional performing arts to their lovely community venues".

Parish Council News

I am happy to report that your Parish Council has kept its budget at the same level as this year despite inflationary pressures.

However, as we will no longer receive a grant towards our budget, your Parish Council rates will show a tiny increase of a few pence for the year.

2019 is Election Year where all Local Councillors have to stand down at the end of April and anyone interested in standing for Council is encouraged to do so. It is expected that a number of existing Councillors will stand again for election so please don't worry that there will be no Parish Council. The cost of this has been budgeted.

We will be organising displays and opportunities for you to speak with Councillors and find out what is involved. There are eligibility criteria, the main ones being that you must be on the local electoral roll and must not have a criminal conviction.

We have included provision for a replacement defibrillator if required and we are intent on organising training too. A heart attack victim has only a small chance of survival if they do not receive treatment within minutes. Defibrillators used quickly will increase your chance of survival ten-fold. We currently have two and they are situated at the Recreation Ground and in the village centre old Telephone Box.

We are also looking into restarting the Community Support Group and a small budget has been put aside. If you want to help then please do let me know.

On the negative side we have decided that, in the absence of grants, we cannot justify going ahead with a footpath along the field from the new school to the first bridge. However we are trying to get traffic calming measures introduced in this area.

On a wider front we are hopeful of seeing Average Speed Cameras being installed which will restrict vehicle movement along the A377 through the village to 30mph at all times.

If you have any concerns whatsoever about anything in the village that should be brought to the attention of the Parish Council then please do let our Parish Clerk or myself know. Our contact details appear every month in the excellent Newton Wonder.

Regards,

Jim Enright, Chairman of Newton St Cyres Parish Council.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORTDECEMBER

Eight Councillors were joined for part of the meeting by Cllr Margaret Squires (DCC) and six members of the public.

New Councillor

Two applicants presented their reasons for wishing to fill the vacancy on the Council and the vote resulted in Liz Ouldrige being elected. Cllr Ouldrige subsequently signed the declaration required and took her place with the Councillors.

Devon County Council

Several Highways matters were raised and the Chairman agreed to write to DCC listing the outstanding issues and requesting urgent answers and actions. Among the outstanding issues are the blocks opposite the entrance to Langford Road, the amount of advertising signs that have appeared along the A377, resurfacing of School Hill, possible 20mph limit in Station Road around the new School and the move of the flashing signs from outside the old school to the new school site in Station Road. Cllr Parker was thanked for his work to remove the ivy growing up the traffic sign on School Hill and promised to remove the Best Kept Village sign on the Green as it had fallen into disrepair.

Planning

The Council agreed to make no comment on the proposed conversion of barn to two holiday units at Ford Farm or to the proposed construction of an on-farm anaerobic digestion plant at Lords Meadow Industrial Estate, Crediton.

Grants etc.

It was confirmed that payments to the Recreation Ground, the Churchyard and the WiFi in the Parish Hall are all obligations that the Parish Council had agreed historically and would be continued. Other grant applications would be considered on their merits providing they met the criteria laid down by the Council.

Budget

The proposed budget for the coming year was examined in detail and agreed. A more detailed report appears elsewhere in the Newton Wonder.

Resilience Plan

The report on a recent meeting was accepted and it was agreed that basic information from the plan would be posted on the village notice boards.

Councillors' Responsibilities

Cllr Ouldrige agreed to look after the allotments, keep check on the notice board and bus shelter at Half Moon and to take her share of delivering newsletters etc. It was agreed that Cllr Jill Baker should send the templates of the newsletters and Annual Report to the Clerk for safe keeping until another Press Officer is elected after the May elections. It was also agreed that the Council would undertake to put together a display for the vacant focus board in the Parish Hall. This display to be mounted by the Chairman and the Clerk and to be in situ for one month.

General Maintenance

Cllr Chris Southcott, Cllr Steve Parker and the Clerk had checked round the parish for maintenance work that is required and had put together a comprehensive list of jobs to be done. It was agreed to request that the handyman from Thorverton be asked to undertake this maintenance over the coming months.

Parish Council Elections

Next May sees elections for Parish Councillors and all nine places on the Council will be available. The Council would encourage anyone with an interest in the parish to seriously consider putting their name forward for election. It is a very rewarding role and a great deal of good can be achieved by the right people with the interests of the village at heart. More details can be obtained from the Parish Clerk, Jane Hole on 851148.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 7th February (there is no meeting in January unless an urgent planning application appears) at 7.30 pm in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall. Everyone is most welcome to attend. The February Surgery will be held in conjunction with the Coffee Morning on Saturday 2nd February in the Parish Hall. Please come and meet your present Councillors with your questions and queries.

Cllr Jill Baker, Press Officer

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Letter to the editor:-

Dear Peter,

I very much support the Community theme of your editorial in the Christmas issue of the Wonder and also Jim Enright's Community Fair initiative . The strength of the village community in the past was based on people working, as well as living, locally and also on extended families living in the village, sometimes for generations. This is often not the case now. While most of us are now members of wider "communities" that are bigger than the places in which we live we are all still paid up community members of the villages and settlements that make up the parish. As you rightly point out it is important that we are all active in looking out for and helping vulnerable people. It is also important that we engage in issues that affect our daily lives. These include road safety, traffic management, children's play facilities, leisure spaces like the Arboretum and so on.

I look forward to seeing you at the Community Fair on the 16th March. Lets make a start then..

Graeme Barnell

ATTENTION ALL LOCAL RESIDENTS

COMMUNITY FAIR, Saturday 16th March

This is your opportunity to find out about numerous local clubs, groups and societies and perhaps join or help those whose interests you share.

The community fair is being held on Saturday 16th March at the Parish Hall and entry is free.

It will be open from 9.30am to 12pm so do come along and find out about what goes on in our village.

RECREATION GROUND CLUB

Well Christmas is all packed away and the New Year begun. We have been very fortunate because, Sheila Ward a long term vice-president of the club has left a generous sum to be used for the refurbishment of the clubhouse.

February looks like being a slow start to the sports event. So far we only have confirmation of the Senior Football games for the first weekend in February, but we do have football dates for the Youth Football up to Mid April. Hopefully the league will soon publish some more dates for the Senior sides.

We do have Skittles and Darts, League games for all of February. The Archery Group have their Annual General Meeting on 22nd February they continue to attract new members and win competitions all over the County.

I have already had contact from a couple of the Cricket teams that play on the artificial wicket, no requested dates yet but expect the weather now will delay some football games even into May or even June which will no doubt cause clashes with the delayed football games.

Got snowdrops , and primroses out in the garden and seen catkins in



Sheila Ward at a village Fete with Christine Southcott and Merrion Hookway

the hedgerows so Spring must be on the way cant come too soon for me. Our next meeting will be on Sunday March 3rd, contact me or any committee member, if you have a comment or enquiry or better still come and join us to see what happens at the ground.

Wendy Lewis

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club



Have you ever considered joining a tennis club? A study by US researchers followed more than eight thousand people in Denmark for a period of twenty five years, and found that being a member of a tennis club was particularly beneficial both in terms of quality and quantity of life. It conferred an extra ten years of life, compared with people who did not exercise. (In comparison, indoor exercises such as running on a treadmill only

conferred one and a half extra years of life.) It is great fun and very sociable, as well as being excellent outdoor exercise, and suitable for all ages and all the family. Anyone interested in checking out the club is welcome to come along for a couple of free club sessions to see what they think, and with membership renewal coming up in March now is a good time to be considering joining in order to get a full year in.

There are still places available on our junior coaching sessions on Wednesday evenings with our coach Toby Harradence. Please see our website www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk for all details, or contact our membership secretary Laura Leigh on 01647 24259, or Alice Dowle on 07596 704458.

Sally Baldwin

Wanted

Distributors for the Newton Wonder

Can you spare a little time each month to help with delivering the Newton Wonder?

To Volunteer please contact Gerry Radford on 01392 851504 or email paul.radford3@btinternet.com.

NEWTON RAMBLERS

Sunday 17th February

The walk this month will be led by Ian Maxted and is centred on historic Exeter. It should take no more than a couple of hours.

We will start from Paris Street and will meet by the number 5 bus stop at ten o'clock. For those who will be coming by bus, there is a number 5 that leaves Newton St Cyres at 9.34 and arrives at Paris Street at 9.55.



The walk will take in two contrasting suburbs of Exeter (one of them Heavitree), dozens of historic houses, two parks, a cemetery, two remarkable trees and a link to Dracula.

Hiking boots will not be required!

All are welcome. Any queries to Rosemary or Nigel Chambers on 01392 851400.

Please note that anyone joining this walk obviously does so at their own risk.

TABLE TENNIS GOING WELL



Players from Newton St Cyres are performing well at the half way stage of the season in the Exeter and District Table Tennis Leagues.

There are three Divisions in the Junior (under 17) competition. Alex Carder is currently leading Division 2, just ahead of Will Furniss in second place.

The adult league is team based and again has three Divisions. Newton St Cyres has a combined team with Stoke Canon in Division 3. We are at present second out of 14 teams. We have a squad of seven players with 3 or 4 playing in a match. The star players are Mike Carrotte, Harry Willatts, Jana Garnsworthy and Peter Billington, all of whom have won at least $\frac{2}{3}$ of their matches (Mike has won 23 out of 24), with Alma Horrell, Jean Brierley and me making up the team when needed, and winning some crucial matches too.

Club sessions are held every Friday evening in the Parish Hall from 7.15 pm with all welcome. Just pay £2.50 (adults) and £1.50 (schoolchildren) for the evenings you play. We have four tables and welcome and can fit in complete beginners through to experienced League players. Why not come and give it a go?

Please contact Jean or Roger Wilkins for any further details (01392 851337; rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com).

Roger Wilkins

Newton St Cyres FC

New Year Update

We hope you enjoyed the festive period and are still going strong with all those new year's resolutions?? For those of you in need of some motivation, perhaps a football update might inspire you!

In the seniors first game of December, we travelled to North Tawton who had been having a torrid season so far and were routed to the bottom of the table. It was a cold and damp day and that pretty much reflected the game in many ways. Tawton were low on confidence and we couldn't hit a barn door. Eventually after many failed attempts we notched and went on to win the game by a single goal to further confound our opponents.

Next up we entertained Beer Albion who were mid table (just below us). We weren't sure what to expect as both team's performances can fluctuate at times but on the day we put in a strong performance and were two goals to the good by the midway break. Beer got back into the game with a couple of goals but we were too good in front of goal on the day and were comfortable winners finishing 5-2. The final game of December saw us travel to Ottery St Mary on a very wet and grey day. In the end only one match survived the weather and somehow ours was it. Ottery were determined to play and given the form they were in, were keen to try and record another win before the Xmas break. I think the team didn't think the game should have been played due to the pockets of standing water on the pitch and so didn't give a very good account of themselves. We were trailing by two nearing half time and pulled one back to give ourselves a chance but Ottery stepped on the gas after the break and ran out 6-1 winners against us for the second time this season and the groundsmans will have had his work cut out repairing the damage.

The first match after the festive break was a home game to local rivals Sandford. We had beaten them at their place earlier in the season and were aware that they had made some new signing to strengthen their squad so we knew this would be a tough game. Sandford were on top from the first whistle unfortunately and we never really got a foot hold in the game finally succumbing 3-1.



The final game was another local derby as we made the short trip across to Tedburn St Mary who were sitting near the bottom of the table. Despite this, we expected a tough game as we always struggled against the Teds. It was a fairly close game for the first quarter of the game but we scored about 5 minutes before the break which gave us confidence going into half time. We came out in the second and scored again within 5 minutes which meant Tedburn had to try and push for a goal to get back into it. However, this allowed us to counter attack and after a lot of close shaves, we managed to get two late on to see off the Teds and retain 5th place in the table.

The Under 12s have completed four games since our last report and the goals have been going in left, right and centre. It started with a visit to Ottery in the Cup. This would always be a tough test against the leaders of the division above. However, despite some early nerves the team played well but the quality of the opposition told and we were defeated 5-1.

We were back to league action for the following three fixtures and soon put the defeat behind us, despatching West Hill 7-0 away. Next we travelled to Okehampton who beat us both times last season. This wasn't the case in this game and a fast paced, hard-working team effort saw us take all three points winning 9-3. The final game was against Central and again, there were plenty of goals to entertain the spectators as we run out 4-1 winners. The team have carried on from where they left off last year and retain second spot in the division with a decent margin to third place.

Training for the seniors has now moved to West Exe Astro turf on Tuesday evenings 7-9pm. Junior training is split between QE for the U9's on Wednesday's and St James School in Exeter for the U11s and U12s. For further information about youth training please contact Denis Neagle 07976 197944 / denislfc1892@gmail.com.

Mark Smaldon

ATTENTION ALL LOCAL CLUBS, GROUPS AND SOCIETIES

Community Fair, Saturday 16th March 2019

This is your chance to tell our residents about your club, society or organisation and encourage them to become a member or a helper.

You can book a **free** table at the Community Fair to be held in the Parish Hall from **9.30am to 12noon on Saturday 16th March**.

To make a booking please email or call Jim Enright.

Email jim@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk or call 01392 851859.

Do You Remember?.....January

January 1979

The Newton Wonder celebrates it's 9th year of publication this month. Recent weather has given the local children plenty of fun with winter sports. Christmas at the church had a group of singers trained by David Pritchard and reportedly had some of the best music for a long time.

The A377 action Group carried out a traffic count at Half Moon. This showed a slight increase in HGV traffic and a similar increase during the morning and evening rush hours.

A public meeting is to be held in the Parish Hall to discuss the viability of forming a Sports and Social Centre.

November Bingo raised £161 in aid of the scanner appeal.

February 1979

Tobogganers who use the field below New Barn Cross are requested to access the field through gates and not break through the hedgerow.

The Parish Council reported that the cost of the school footpath was reduced as the East Devon Highways Committee had cut the cost of their work by half. Also Mid Devon District council made a grant of £50 toward the cost of Village Green maintenance.

The Young Farmers had success at Smithfield when Philip Harris and Jill Persey gained first and third in the Stockman of the Year competition.

January 1989

This is the first edition of the Newton Wonder to appear in A5 format professionally printed and with plenty of advertisements. The new edition also includes the village diary and lists contact details of who does what in the village. There will be a trial run of 6 months to see how it is received by readers.

The Parish Council is pleased to report that the 40mph speed limit is to be extended by 247 meters west of the junction with Station Road.

February 1989

The speaker at the WI was Mr Slack who gave a talk on making things with matchsticks. He brought along various items to demonstrate what he had made among which were a wall clock and a coffee table which took 85 thousand matchsticks to complete. Mr Slack only uses used matches which he collects himself.

A new bus timetable provided by Devon General caused some confusion, it was reproduced in this edition of the Newton Wonder but made little difference to it's understanding.\

The Football Club first team remain undefeated in league and cup competitions after 17 games.

The Art Group were treated to a talk by local artist Wilf Plowman who brought along photographs and paintings, among which was a portrait of the Princess Royal on a racing camel.

January 1999

The village millennium society, who got together a few months ago, is working towards arranging events and plans to raise money. Three meetings of village societies, organisations and businesses have already taken place under the chairmanship of Tom Langdon- Davis. An open public meeting in the village hall, with cheese and beer provided, will explain the millennium programme in detail.

The Parish Council report that their efforts to keep the railway station more useable have been frustrated by British Rail and other agencies connected with the rail service.

The Young Farmers were able to donate cheques of £419 each to Air Ambulance and the British Heart Foundation.

Jane Bailey is organising a display called 'Brides and Baptisms' to be held in the church next May

February 1999

Another plea has gone out to dog owners reminding them that the churchyard is not an exercise area for their pets.

The Tennis Club were able to enter two mens and one ladies teams in the Exeter and District Lawn Tennis League in the preceding year.

More than 40 people attended the millennium society event in the parish hall to hear what plans had been made for the event. Further ideas from those attending were put to the chairman for discussion at the next meeting.

Home Farm is basking in the glory of being the only English food producer to win the coveted French Coq d' Or award.

January saw Sue and Gerald Digby take over the Post Office.

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January 2009

The Twinning Circle thanked Joyce Rook and her team for the donation of £185.00 raised at the Bingo evening. An annual dinner was arranged for the Twinning Circle in January at the Crown & Sceptre.

The Newton Ramblers planned a walk in January on the north side of the village, starting at the Beer Engine and walking to Rew Cross and Shute, then on to Efford and Pennicott Farm, returning to Newton St Cyres via Shobrooke Mill.

The launch had taken place in November of the Parish Plan. Five focus groups had now been set up to look at and prioritise the action points highlighted in the Plan and to bring them to fruition.

February 2009

The countdown to the local switchover to digital television broadcasting was underway and the first phase of the change would take place in April.

Friends of Newton St Cyres Station were raising funds to pay for flowers and amenities. Sprucing up the Station would make it a more friendly and attractive place and would help to ensure another 2nd place in the "Best Kept Station" on the Tarka Line.

Newton St Cyres Primary School had 3 final teaching practice students who joined the school in January and will stay until the end of March..

Fundraising for Cancer Research UK in 2009 would include a scarecrow competition in the village in which everyone could participate. Sponsorship was needed from friends and family and the scarecrows needed to be on show by Easter, when they would be judged.

WANTED - POSTAGE STAMPS

I am collecting unused or used postage stamps for the Royal National Institute Of Blind People (RNIB) who are able to sell the stamps on to generate funds to help the blind or partially sighted people across the UK.

I can accept UK and foreign stamps, first day covers, presentation packs or even that stamp collection gathering dust in the loft. Ideally the stamps should have 1 centimetre (half an inch) of envelope or packaging around each, but if that is a problem let me have the whole envelope or card. Please leave any donation at 23 Woodlands, Newton St Cyres, or I can collect locally.

Tom Clague 'phone 01392 851639 or email tomclague99@gmail.com



NEWTON ST CYRES GARDENING CLUB

2019 PROGRAMME

Newton St Cyres Gardening Club is an informal and friendly Club that meets to hear interesting speakers and to exchange ideas. Everyone is welcome at the meetings,

you do not have to become a member or have a great knowledge of gardening.

All indoor meetings are held in the Club Room of the Parish Hall, on Wednesday evenings starting at 7.30 pm. Our normal charge for an indoor meeting is £2.00, to include tea, coffee & biscuits. Details of our planned evening meetings for 2019 are listed below, to add to your diaries

February 6th: Speaker Tom Sharples, until his recent retirement, Senior Horticultural Manager at Suttons Seeds. Topic 'In Praise of Vegetables'

March 6th: Speaker Geoff Jackson, from Newton St Cyres, to speak on 'Bonsai'

September 4th: Speaker Steve Adams - Homeleigh Garden Centre, Crediton. Garden Centre Plants and how plans are progressing at Homeleigh

October 2nd: Club Members are invited to share their self-seeders or swop plants, and give tips & advice, from personal experience.

November 6th: Speakers Karen & Chris Halliday, from Newton St Cyres on Beekeeping & providing bee friendly pollinating plants in your gardens.

During the summer visits will be arranged to other gardens in Devon, and full details will be printed in the Newton Wonder.

We look forward to welcoming you to our meetings

Action needed to improve Safety and control traffic on the A377

The A377 Action Group has written recently to Jim Enright, Chair of the Parish Council, expressing its support to the PC in dealing with pressing issues of road safety and pollution in the Parish. We thought you might like to see the letter. if you are interested in the work the Action Group is doing or you wish to join our network please contact on graeme.barnell@btinternet.com.

January 2019

Dear Jim

I'm writing on behalf of the newly formed A377 Action Group. We are a network of people who live in the Parish who share concerns about road safety and the impact of traffic on our communities. We are particularly interested in reducing the risks arising from the ever-increasing volumes of traffic on the A377 and in improving the quality of the lives of people who live near to it.

We are encouraged by the Parish Council Winter Newsletter and news of the work that you are doing to address some of the issues posed by traffic.

The Newsletter mentions the following items where discussion with Devon County Council is in progress: -

- Average speed cameras in the main village.
- A pedestrian crossing in the main village.
- Traffic calming measures along Station Road.

In addition, we understand that the list of road safety improvements also being pursued includes: -

- Outstanding road maintenance and repairs
- Pavements in Half Moon
- Road signs and safety features obscured by vegetation
- Moving or removing existing school speed signage.

We understand that progress on much of this work depends on the goodwill of the Devon County Council Highways Department and that getting real progress can be difficult even when there has been promises, or half-promises, of action. We know that, at a time of continuing cuts in public services, money is tight, and competition is fierce for what little money there is. It will take time and coordinated effort to get the changes we need.

The Action Group would like to support the Parish council as best we can. We think that the impetus for action depends on involving Parishioners in an open discussion about the proposals that are under consideration. We are happy to support and be involved in such work.

As a focus for this engagement we propose that a draft Parish Road Safety and Traffic Management Plan is produced. If it helps, we are happy to be involved in drafting such a plan.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Graeme Barnell

On behalf of the A377 Action Group

Graeme tells us that he has received a positive response from the Chair of the Parish Council and awaits further movement.

THANK YOU!

David and Jill Baker wish to say a big 'Thank You' for the lovely gifts and good wishes we received at the Coffee Morning on the 1st December.

It was a very special morning among very good friends and we appreciated seeing everyone and being able to thank you personally.

The picture from the Parish Council is lovely - Pump Street looking at its finest complete with the flower baskets! The picture is already hanging in our living room and the frame is a perfect match to the frame on a picture from the Isles of Scilly which hangs on an adjacent wall. The vouchers from the Gardening Club will be extremely useful as we are starting with a blank canvas here in our new garden. We will plant shrubs which will revive happy memories.

Newton St Cyres is quite a unique village and there is so much good work being done voluntarily and behind the scenes. The village has an excellent balance of people who are willing to organize and plan and people who are willing to graft away in the background. Long may this situation continue.

We wish the village and parishioners all the very best for the future and thank you all for making us welcome in your midst. We shall visit from time to time and hope to see old friends and catch up with news etc. We both will fulfil our commitment to the Parish Council until April next year.

David and Jill Baker



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NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP

The theme for our 2018 Christmas meeting was how past generations Newton St Cyres have celebrated the season, from 1891 until the 1950s. Readings were given by Jean Wilkins, Christopher Lee and Isobel Hepworth, and then Reg Mears took the chair and was a delight.



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The first half of the evening was held by lantern light, to remind us all that electricity did not come to the village until 1927, and so all evening occasions would have been lamp or candle lit. (In truth, the readers did need a torch to decipher their scripts!). Everyone settled down with a glass of wine and a mince pie, and Jean set the scene by describing how village concerts were held, the first accounts in the newspapers dating from 1891 and 1892. They were intermittent after that, but were usually held at Christmas or the New Year, in the village school room. Jean took us through the main protagonists, the Quicke family, the postmaster, Thomas Woodman Butt, the Wyatt Family at Eastholme, John Slade and family (including a talented daughter) at the Railway Inn and the Ellis family from Pulleton (Old Dower House), father Edward and son Albert Edward, who were both surveyors. The young schoolmaster was Frank Bellman and the Church Choirmaster and organist, William Hector, was a jeweller with a shop on Crediton High Street. People had to make their own entertainments then and the performers were local singers and readers, many from the families mentioned.

Jean then took us through the practicalities of the concerts. In 1891 the school was heated by central stoves and toilets were earth closets in the boys' and girls' playgrounds. There was difficulty with the water supply, making refreshments harder to arrange. For the evening's entertainment, furniture was moved and the room decorated with evergreens and Chinese lanterns, so we decorated the clubroom in the same way to echo this event. How did the performers and audience arrive? Did they choose a night likely to be moonlit? The audience would have been mainly villagers most of whom would have been able to walk and perhaps they came from the farms on horseback or in a gig. Pneumatic tyres had recently been developed for bicycles. Many of the performers were from Crediton or Exeter. Did they come by train, perhaps they shared a carriage? It would have been a dark walk from the station and ladies would have been wearing long dresses. School Hill was narrow and without a pavement.

However, in spite of all these difficulties, which would have been normal enough in 1891, the concerts were popular and successful. The concerts took a regular form, starting with pianoforte solos, followed by male solos, then female solos and then a glee. Glees were very popular in Victorian times and were rounds for three or four male voices in harmony. Then would come the comic songs and recitations and perhaps a more serious song to finish.

The 1891 concert was held to raise funds for the Church organ and was organized by the young surveyor Albert Ellis, who drew heavily from the extraordinary talent in his Surveyor friends' families. The 1892 concert was to provide lamps for the choir and this time some of the talent came from Crediton and included the young auctioneer, Mr. F Helmore, who became a regular entertainer. By 1895, refreshments and dancing were added to the evening's entertainment. It is a sad fact that Kate Wyatt, the talented singer from Eastholme, died young and there is a brass plaque to her memory just inside the Church door.

Christopher Lee then began a series of accounts from the Western Times, which described how the Church was decorated for Christmas in 1904. Isobel Hepworth read extracts from Alfred Abrahams

memories of the Agricultural Inn on Boxing Day and New Year's Eve, at the turn of the century. He describes The Broom Dance being performed in the tap room, and the audience informed her that it is still performed at the Dartmoor Folk Festival. He recollects the communal singing of 'Widdecombe Fair' and similar songs, as well as how his mother, the landlady, would distribute food and drink on Boxing Day. Christopher carried on with the newspaper extracts recounting some war time concerts, which demonstrated how much money was raised or contributed from other funds by the villagers, to send to the war effort. In 1915, the Sunday School children forwent their prizes and the Choir their Annual Outing, and in December 1916, 3 pounds 12 shillings was raised for a Christmas Pudding fund for the men in France. In November 1919 it is interesting to note that a concert party was held in the school, but largely organised and performed by 'the ladies of the village' as of course so many men had been at war. Furthermore, this concert raised funds which were for the Church Renovation account and the new Parish Hall Fund.

We then moved the metaphorical clock forward to 1927, when electricity reached Newton St Cyres and the Parish Hall had been built. We put the lights on and enjoyed a break with a glass of wine and excellent sausage rolls, vol au vents, mini quiche, cake, stollen and mince pies (kindly supplied by the committee or their partners).

Christopher, still using the Western Times as his source, then took us through the 1930s and 40s, beginning with a dramatic account of a WI meeting in 1928, when the coffee urn exploded splashing several ladies with boiling coffee. The meeting was abandoned and they had to be driven home and attended by the District Nurse. A more successful WI party was held in the Parish Hall in January 1931. The hall was decorated with festoons and hanging baskets of flowers, there was a whist drive, refreshments, dancing and games, and the evening concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne' and 'The Nation Anthem'. By 1939 another war had begun and in December, the Western Times described a party held in the village for the evacuees from Walworth and Tooting, London. This was funded by Mr. Ted Broadribb, a well-known boxing promoter (you can find him on google). Each of 135 children, including the village school children, received a present, as well as enjoying the party tea and entertainments given by the senior boys and the headmaster. In December 1940 it is recorded that the village raised £51.9s 1d for The Spitfire Fund, drawing a parallel with the money collected in the First World War.

An extract from Exeter and Plymouth Gazette, 29th November 1946, referred to the Sherwood Hotel, describing its comfort, good food and central heating, and recommending booking for Christmas! In 1950 the Newton St Cyres Young Farmers held a Grand Xmas Dance in the Parish Hall on December 22nd with the Blue Rhapsody Dance Band. Christopher's last reading returned to the WI and a large party held on 20th January, attended by about 150 members including some from Yeoford, with whist games and dancing. Christmas decorations were shown, which had been made at Denman College by a member who attended a course there.

After Christopher had taken us on this journey through the decades, the evening was handed over to Reg Mears. For those readers who do not know him, Reg was the headmaster of the school here from 1957 to 1981, greatly enriching the lives of all his pupils and also the village. Together with his late wife, Hilda, he led a drama group for many years, and there are many stories of the productions they held and the fun that was had. For this meeting he had taken the joy of Christmas as his theme, and, donning a Santa Claus hat, he talked about the importance of the season and how, during the Second World War when he served in the Royal Navy, he 'lost' four Christmases, carrying out convoy duties on a destroyer in the North Atlantic. Not only did Christmas just not happen, but two of them were spent 'tossing like a cork' at sea.

February 2019

Happier times followed and Reg described how carol singers used to go around the farms in the 1950s and how a group including him used to go to sing outside the houses in Sand Down Lane. The annual church Carol Service had standing room only and the Crown and Sceptre used to be packed out too, as even if you weren't a drinker you would go down to see everyone. Of course he is a self-confessed expert on School Nativity Plays, and also used to make sure that Father Christmas (Dennis Mitchell) would come to the school, waving through the high windows from the verandah roof, rendering the children frenetic with excitement.

His own boyhood Christmases were clearly hugely enjoyable. His father was from a large family and eight families would thus arrive at his grandmother's house for Christmas, with eight or nine cousins all of a similar age, his uncles playing cards, and his aunts playing traditional games with the children, and practical jokes as well. It was, Reg recalled, bedlam!

Reg is a terrific raconteur, and he told us the story of his Christmas in 1943, and how he was approached by an elegant lady in a card shop in Boston, Massachusetts, whilst looking for Christmas Cards to send home to his wife and parents. Not only did she insist on buying the (very expensive) cards but invited him and his friend to Christmas dinner. Reg then produced the very card, which he still has, and read us a poem 'Christmas Cards', which rounded off the evening perfectly.

Roger Wilkins then closed the meeting by wondering about how the people in the village will look back on our entertainment in 100 years' time, as we were looking back over the last 150 years.

The evening was very much in the spirit of those concerts and meetings of the past century, and our thanks go to everyone who contributed and to Christopher Lee for his readings, and especially to Reg Mears, for talking about his memories with such skill.

Meetings will be held on a WEDNESDAY evening

7.30pm in the Village Hall Club Room.

We have no special membership and everyone is welcome.

There is a small charge of £2 which includes tea and biscuits.

For further information contact Jean 851337 Isobel 851351

2019

Feb 13th Peter Hawksley The Beer Engine

We know Peter has been looking through old press accounts of events and 'goings on' at the Railway Inn/ Barn Owl/Beer Engine so we look forward to hearing about his findings

Mar 20th James Clark Newton St Cyres & Plympton Priory

Apr 10th Paul Roberts George Roberts of N St C Unsung hero of the Great War

NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP SPEAKERS FOR 2019

16 Jan	John Heal	The Crediton Workhouse
20 Feb	Peter Hawksley	The Beer Engine
20 March	Prof James Clark	Newton St Cyres and the Priory of Plympton
10 April	Paul Roberts	George Roberts an Unsung Hero of the Great War
16 Oct	Sue Andrew	Church Roof Bosses
20 Nov	Paul Cleave	Food in WW2
11 Dec		Christmas meeting

Meetings are held in the Club room of the Parish Hall on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm. On 16 October the meeting will be in the Church.
£2 to include tea and biscuits.



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Recipes for February

Crusted Cheddar crush

Devonshire potatoes, cheese and butter make a delicious Cheddar crush. Boil or steam peeled potatoes until tender, drain well then crush gently with a potato masher. Season with butter, sea salt, freshly ground black pepper and wholegrain mustard. Place into a buttered serving dish and top with a generous layer of grated Cheddar; sprinkle with breadcrumbs. Bake in a hot oven until golden brown and

A Devon Waldorf salad

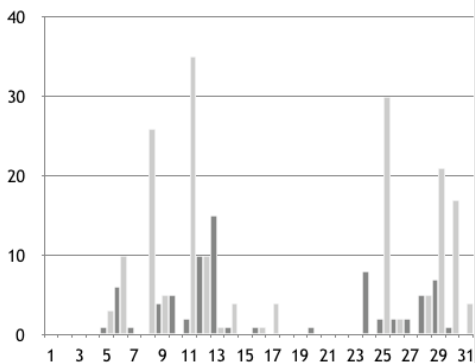
Devonshire russet apples, with celery and walnuts are good in this famous salad. Don't peel the apples! Wash, quarter, and core the apples and cut into small chunks, add an equal amount of chopped celery, and coarsely chopped walnuts - to taste. Season with freshly ground black pepper and a few drops of cider vinegar, then mix with mayonnaise and a crème fraîche. Place into a serving dish and sprinkle with a little smoked paprika.

Paul Cleave

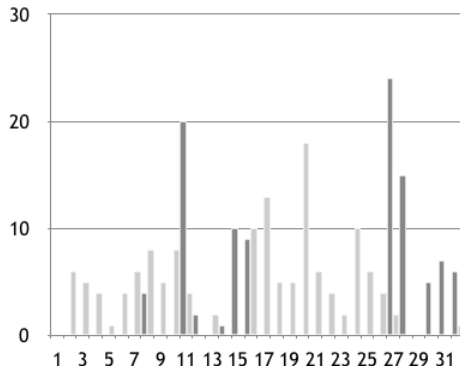
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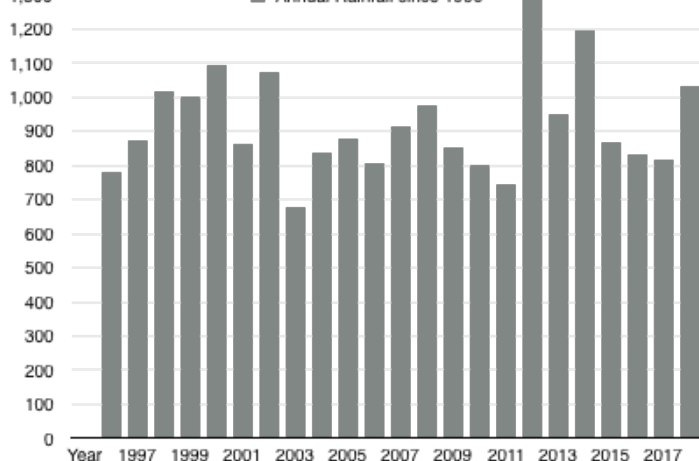
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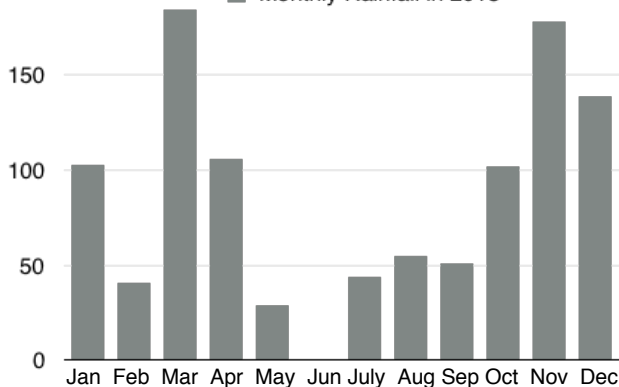
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We are grateful to James Walters and his family, especially his granddaughter Alice for providing us with regular details of the rainfall in Newton St Cyres.



■ Monthly Rainfall in 2018



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Pictures submitted by Chris Southcott

Can you answer the following questions?:-

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2. **WHERE** was it taken?
3. **WHO** is in the Picture?

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Clue: New Playground



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On the Home Page you will find this picture and a link to all
the quiz photos so far and an easy form to submit your
answers.

Thank you - David and Jill Baker



The Gardening Club Coffee Morning on 1st December had a good collection of stalls, from tombola and craft sales to plants and seeds. The hall was well decorated and the event was very well supported.

The impending departure of David and Jill Baker was marked by the presentation by Jim Enright, Chairman of the Parish Council of a card signed by villagers and a watercolour of the village. He thanked them for all that they have done to make our village a better place to live.

David and Jill receiving the card signed by villagers

David and Jill's association with Newton St Cyres goes back over 40 years, with involvement in many local facilities, including the Recreation Ground. For almost 15 years they have been a big part of the Parish Council with David being Chairman for the past 9 of those years whilst Jill has taken care of reporting to the Press. They have been heavily involved in the current Parish Plan and through that the Community Support Group, Community Speedwatch and of course the Gardening Club. David and the Parish Council were successful in their determination to get the Primary School rebuilt and moved to a safer location within the village.

With the watercolour of the village by Debbie Atherton, a renowned local artist

Cllr Jim Enright said "The Parish Council want to thank them for their inspired leadership and for ensuring that the Parish Council became more transparent and reactive to local needs."

Nicola Baker thanked them for all the work that they had put into the Gardening Club.

David & Jill have now moved to North Devon to be nearer to family but they remain heavily involved with the Parish Council until they step down from being Councillors next May.



A New Year Message from David and Jill



SEVEN EGRETS IN OUR 'BACK GARDEN'!

Today, Monday 31st December 2018, we have counted seven cattle egrets in the field adjoining our back garden. Cattle egrets differ from the small egrets found in streams as they like ground that has been grazed by

cattle with the surface turned up to expose the grubs etc. they like to eat. The field had cows grazing there during the summer and now the sheep have turned up. The cattle egret is slightly stockier and more thick set than the others and has shorter legs.

Our garden overlooks the Taw Estuary and Ashford on the other bank. A definite buy for this year is a Tide Timetable so that we can watch the water coming and going.

Between the field and the Estuary runs the Tarka Trail - a level path for walkers and cyclists along the track of the former Barnstaple to Bideford Railway. We can get to the trail along a bridlepath and then turn either right to walk into Barnstaple or left towards Fremington Quay. The Quay is the favourite as the old station building houses a well thought out museum and an amazing café. This café recently won the Family Dining category competition run by Devon Life. A cup of tea and a toasted teacake sets us up for the walk home again. Another route to the Quay is along bridlepaths and over Pen Hill where the most spectacular views over the River Taw and Braunton Burrows are well worth the climb over the stiles.

On Boxing Day a Fun Run left Fremington and took a circular tour over Pen Hill and back to Fremington. It is called 'Beat the Fox'! A runner dressed as a fox heads off in front of the runners and then stops about 200 metres along the trail to cheer on all the 500+ runners as they pass him. He then sets off in pursuit to see how many he can pass before the finish back in Fremington! We watched the runners from our back door as they ran down the bridlepath and through the mud! It was quite a sight!

David and Jill Baker

Newton St Cyres Gardening Club

WEDNESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2019 7.30pm

in the Club Room of the Parish Hall



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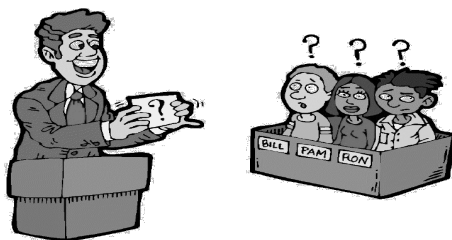
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Due to a technical hitch(?) the November draw results didn't get published so here are 3 months results all of which took place at the coffee mornings in the Parish Hall in the appropriate month and the winners are:

November:

No	136	Anne Westaway	£10
No	190	Mr Clapp	£10
No	9	Mary Finning	£10
No	86	Mr D Bright	£10

December:

No	31	Dilcia Pacheco	£50
No	81	Keith Mitchell	£50
No	120	Mr & Mrs P Browne	£10
No	182	Richard Nicholls	£10
No	1	Brian Vickery	£10
No	47	Mr Crane	£10
No	94	T & W Hough	£10

January:

No	40	D & T Clague	£100
No	2	Jackie Enright	£10
No	121	Nick Down	£10
No	145	Mel Wheal	£10
No	188	Paula Benford	£10

Congratulations all – And to me! I was the lucky one whose number came out first – thanks picker! Still spare numbers if anyone would like one – please phone me.

Daphne 01392 851639

Bert Jewell writes Rhymes and Ways about Gardens and Gardening

With the tree packed away in its cardboard box
A drawer full of pants and Christmas socks,
The cake disappearing; a slice each day,
Garden birds courting in their colourful way.

As spring marches forward slowly each day
Chasing the dark days of winter away.
We watch as the catkins on the Hazel appear
could they tell us the weather for the coming year?

So February's the month of hope and delight;
As the Snowdrops appear so clean and white;
And Hellebores too, so stately and tall,
Surrounded by Crocus and other plants small.

Like Primroses, Iris and Cyclamen coum;
With dainty Viola's packed in where there's room,
And Pansies displaying their colourful face,
With everything growing; will we ever keep pace!

But don't be disheartened by the speed that things grow,
You can keep weeds at bay with the occasional hoe,
Then watch as the green shoots reach for the sky
on plants you'll admire when you slowly walk by.

Ways to grow Onions

Onions are one of the basic vegetables used in every day cooking, so why not grow them yourself. They can be grown from seed or sets.

We'll start with spring onions, these are ideal for salads and stir fries and can only be grown from seed. Sow the small black seeds between March and July in a finely prepared seed bed. Sow thinly – "deep and water during dry periods, germination is usually between 14 and 21 days. No thinning is required, just pull to eat when ready to harvest. A good variety to try is white Lisbon.

Pickling onions are grown in the same way but should only be sown in April, they will be ready to harvest July – August. Do not feed either of these types of onion. The requirements of the larger onion; however is totally different. They need a rich soil that is not too acid, adding lime may be needed to make the soil more alkaline. If you want seed sown onions for exhibiting, the seed is best sown in the greenhouse, in pots of good quality compost, on or near Christmas day and hardened off before planting out.

For normal kitchen use, onion sets are the best option. These are immature bulbs grown especially for planting into their permanent growing position. Prepare the soil in early winter by turning in well rotted manure or garden compost. Firm the soil before planting and rake in a general fertiliser such as “Growmore” or a purpose made onion fertiliser, from mid March to mid April. Push the sets into the soil so just the tip is showing above soil level, 4” – 6” apart along rows that are at least 9” apart. Keep the bed free from weeds and water during dry periods.

A couple of things to do when planting; you may find a brown dried up old leaf on the top of the set. Carefully cut these off with a pair of scissors as birds often think they are worms and pull out the set. If your soil is heavy, carefully make a hole in which to plant the set, on heavy soil the developing roots may well push the set out of the ground.

Plant for February

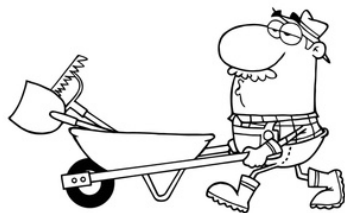
“Hamamelis” (Witch Hazel)

These shrubs flower between December and February and because of the early mild weather they could well have finished flowering by the time this magazine comes out, but hey! That’s all part of the joys of gardening.

Witch Hazel, are slow growing but can reach 10’ x 10’ over a period of time. They can be lightly pruned to accommodate the given space.

The spidery flowers are borne on leafless stems and are citrus scented. The leaves appear as the flowers fade, these leaves have autumn colours that match the flowers. The red varieties have red autumn colours and the yellow varieties have yellow autumn colours. It grows best in a reasonably rich soil in sun or light shade.

Enjoy your gardening



Community Fair

Saturday 16th March 2019, 9.30am to 12noon,

Newton St Cyres Parish Hall

The Parish Council is holding a Community Fair which will bring together Voluntary Groups, Clubs and Interest Groups, and local residents who have a bit of time on their hands to get involved in;

Local activities such as Gardening Club, History Group, Table Tennis Group or

Self-help groups such as the Parish Hall, Arboretum, Recreation Ground or

Community Service Groups such as the Parish Council, Church, School.

The idea is that the Groups, Clubs, Associations will be provided with a table to display their literature and talk to prospective enquirers about what their group does and why they should consider participation.

The prospective helpers or members can look around at the various opportunities and select those that best suit their interests, aspirations and experience.

The Fair will be free to all.

The Parish Hall Committee has agreed to host the event without charge. They will cover their costs by providing chargeable teas and refreshments.

The Community Fair will be well publicised starting with the Parish Council newsletter delivered to all households in December, articles in the Newton Wonder and mentions on Facebook. Ideally the participating groups will mention it in their publicity too.

The Community Fair will take place on the morning of Saturday 16th March 2019 at the Parish Hall in Newton St Cyres from 9.30am to 12noon.

If your group is interested in having a free space please contact Jim Enright, Chairman, NSC Parish Council by email at jimenright@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.org or by phone 01392 851859.

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NATURE

The cold Arctic air tussles with the air from the warm south. The jet stream weakened by a warming Arctic lashes out, challenging unseasonal warmth. Who will win? It's easy to get lured into believing spring is here, as birds sing loud, as they have done for weeks. New growth is everywhere. The tiny and exquisite hazel flowers open for the catkins' amorous pollen. In between frosts, we marvel at each other's reports of frogspawn. The larch across the way purples up, and I search it for the first flush of green. Soft new growth: caution, biting winds and icy cold may shatter your shy advances. All the while, each day grows longer than the last. Plants grow stronger, all of the natural world including us responds to our conductor in the sky.

The buzzard, looking as dark as I've seen him, takes off heavily, looking for the first young rabbits of the season. A big fallow buck that hangs around the track. He's made the copse his home and comes out to sun himself, and slips behind the hedge until we've gone by. His ladies are all elsewhere, engaged in kidding or preparing to.

ARABLE

I'm so happy with the no till drill. The young wheat looks good and even, just now responding to the strengthening sun. We left remains of last year's harvest on the surface of the earth, and the fields held many more birds in great flocks. Although we drilled the crops in the autumn, the fields more closely mimic the wildlife benefit of spring cropping. That's a great result.

We carry on measuring the grass growth all the way through the winter. Is there enough for the cows to graze? Will the soil hold their weight? The overwinter rest gives the earthworms time to work the ground and restore the drainage channels crushed in the last days of grazing last winter. We watch anxiously: will the new growth get ravished by hard frost? Our food stores, meagre after last summer's drought, are vanishing fast into the cows' hungry mouths.

COWS

The calves are still inside, protected from the worst of the weather. We weigh everyone monthly to see how they are growing, and tend to any little ones, and make sure the whole group is growing well. We always imagine we can tell by eye, but we know we can't. Calves run to the far end of the pen in alarm, then pretend they were never fazed, and come and check if you've anything of interest.

Larger heifers are out on the kale. It didn't grow so well or evenly with last summer's drought, so we top them up with extra bales of silage. It's a good job we have neighbours to buy silage from whose microclimate gave more growth.

The spring cows start getting heavy, late pregnant, barely curious. The first few calves always come early. However, much care we take, someone will be born in the crop. Then it's carrying them back to the shed with an anxious mother in tow, to get them warm, dry and drinking that all-important colostrum, the first milk that carries their mother's armoury of defence against infection.

The autumn cows seem very spoiled in their shed, waited on, fed, beds made and warm parlour. Still they stand by the gate, yearning to be out, as they smell the grass growing.

DAIRY

Now is the time when my glasses steam up going into the cheese dairy, and the vats of milk warm the whole room. We watch the milk as the cows change from silage to grass, and cows move through lactation: the spring cows' early milk, the autumn cows' mid-lactation milk. We want the cheese to taste the same, so we tweak the little things: starter amount and time, cutting and cooking the curd, time that we take the whey off, how we handle the curd, and salting to keep the cheese consistent.

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RECIPE

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Community Fair

On the morning of **Saturday 16th March** we are holding a Community Fair in the Newton St Cyres Village Hall from 9.30am to 12 noon.

What is it?	It is a display of "what's on in Newton St Cyres".
Who will be there?	All local organisations are invited to have a free display
Why?	To let the community know what you do and how they can join you
Who will attend?	Anyone who lives in or close to NSC and wants to find out about and take part in local clubs, groups or service provision
Some examples?	Gardening Group meets monthly and you can join in History Group meets monthly and you can join in Art Group, Keep Fit, Archery, Sports and so on
Can I volunteer?	The Parish Council is looking for new Councillors The Parish Hall, Recreation Ground, Revels Group, Church, Newton Wonder, School and so on ALL need more helpers
Can I start a new Group	Yes you can come and see if others are interested
What will it cost?	It is entirely free to have a space and free to wander around
Tables and chairs?	Will be provided free
How do I reserve a space?	Contact Jim Enright on 01392 851859 or email jimenright@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk
The Community Fair is being held to promote activities and voluntary groups within Newton St Cyres.	
Saturday 16th March, 9.30am – 12pm, Village Hall, Newton St Cyres	

Support Newton St Cyres School at TESCO in February 2019

Newton St Cyres School is a blue token charity in Tescos during February. Would all shoppers make sure that they vote for the school when they shop.. We are grateful for the promise of £1000 but £4000 would be amazing! "

So come on village make sure you remember to get your tokens and put them in the right box. The money is for the school to improve its play equipment.

PARISH HALL EVENTS ON 16 FEB and 2 MARCH

Details of the quiz to be held on Sat 16 Feb are given elsewhere, but this will be followed by another entertainment in the Hall on Sat 2 March.

AN EVENING OF FILM, POETRY AND MUSIC

Jim Causley and Jane Darke

SAT 2 MARCH at 7.30 pm

There will be a screening of the 2017 BBC film 'Cornwall's Native Poet' by the filmmaker Jane Darke about the life of the poet Charles Causley. The film will be introduced by Jane Darke and there will be opportunity for the audience to ask Jane and Jim Causley questions. Jim finishes the evening by playing a live selection of his settings of Causley's poems.

Tickets (£8 for adults and £6 for children, including nibbles) will be available from Roger Wilkins (851337) or from the Village Shop. There will be a licensed bar.

The performance is arranged through the Villages in Action scheme for bringing professional performers to village communities.

Proceeds for Parish Hall improvements

UPTON PYNE AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Monday 18th February 2019 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Our talk this month is

The History and Restoration of

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30th November Demonstration in Mixed Media by Sarah Bee

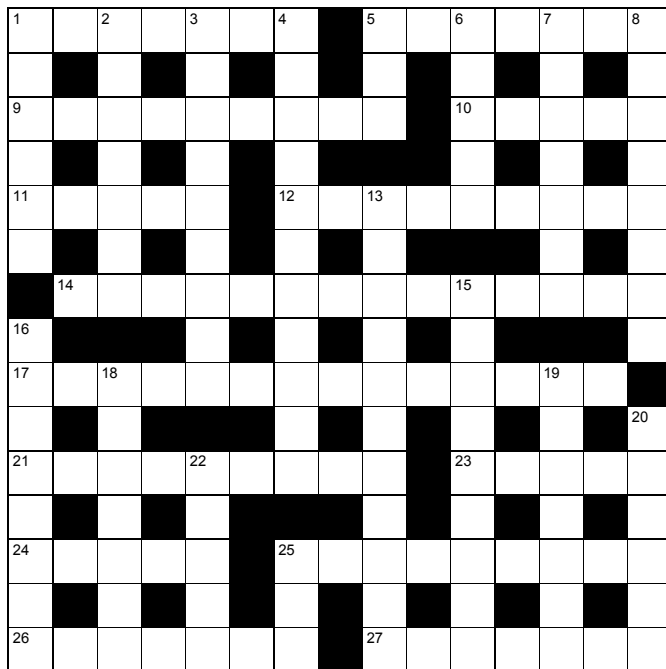
Sarah's has worked in graphic design and watercolours, and was elected to The Pastel Society in 2005. She uses mixed media, with pastel, in a technique she has developed which allows her to paint with freedom and energy. She is primarily interested in capturing the feelings that landscapes evoke in her, and prefers a square format, welcoming the challenge this presents when painting landscapes. She works mostly in her studio, from her own photos and plein air sketches. There isn't much green in her landscapes, as she prefers to use a range of vibrant colours which excite the eye without confusing the mind of the viewer.

An inspiring morning which passed very quickly.

Newton St Cyres Art Group held a **Coffee Morning and Sale** on the very wet morning of December 8th in the Village Hall, in aid of Force Cancer Charity. A great variety of quality items made by members of the group were for sale, including paintings, cards, jewellery, carved wooden objects, Christmas decorations and gifts. Sales of these together with refreshments and a raffle helped the group to raise over £600 for Force.

Jenny Hallam

Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 River makes camp too unsafe? (7)
- 5 Breaking law's base and you get bird (7)
- 9 What vigilant people pay for treatment (9)
- 10 Woman shortly to become nurse (5)
- 11 Landlord entertains student composer (5)
- 12 Commander-in-chief takes a moment to show scar (9)
- 14 Parisienne's the very best? (5,2,2,5)
- 17 He's one I singled out to behave stubbornly (3,2,4,5)
- 21 New local bar visited by English and Spanish gentleman (9)
- 23 Go in for some decadent erotica (5)
- 24 Agree with account (5)
- 25 Poisonous mixture of drinks? (9)
- 26 Gave nag a seat? (7)
- 27 Get shot of data Lee falsified (3,4)

DOWN

- 1 Very good and fruity (6)
- 2 Nominal head of section abandons altruist sadly (7)
- 3 Very small chap is old American fighter (9)
- 4 Company events said to be happening at the same time (11)
- 5 Number's up for boy (3)
- 6 A daughter likely to conform (5)
- 7 Left to set fire to coal (7)
- 8 Anyhow we delay taking on Liberal with a squint (8)
- 13 Refrigeration spoils oldest cargo (4,7)
- 15 Most intelligent 150 with the height of ambition (9)
- 16 Teaches US cadet manoeuvres around end of June (8)
- 18 After onset of gangrene sailor lost blood and talked incoherently (7)
- 19 I rant madly, trapped in the French toilet (7)
- 20 Mate runs into addict (6)
- 22 Trusty leaders of local organisation backed non-professional (5)
- 25 Unhappy taking part in crusade (3)

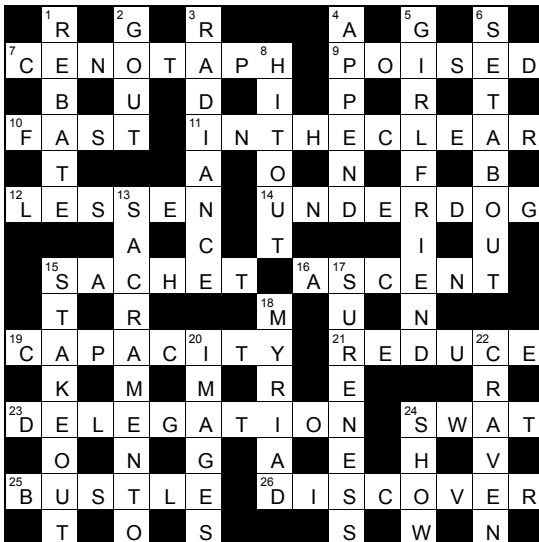
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Solution to Dec/Jan Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

7 cenotaph. 9 poised. 10 fast. 11 in
the clear. 12 lessen. 14 underdog.
15 satchet. 16 ascent. 19 capacity.
21 reduce. 23 delegation. 24 swat.
25 bustle. 26 discover.

DOWN

1 rebate. 2 gout. 3 radiance. 4
append. 5 girlfriend. 6 set about.
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February 2019

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Date	Time	Event
3rd Feb	10:00 am	OPEN DOOR Service - Church
Sunday		(Lay Led)
9th Feb	12:00 midday	SOUP & CHEESE LUNCH – Parish Hall
Saturday		
10th Feb	9:30am	Service of Thanksgiving (for a child) - Church
Sunday		(Katie Cross)
11th Feb	2:30 pm	Bible Studies - Sue Browne's house
Monday		<i>please contact Sue if interested</i>
24th Feb	9:30am	HOLY COMMUNION Service - Church
Sunday		
25th Feb	2:30 pm	Bible Studies - Sue Browne's house
Monday		<i>please contact Sue if interested</i>
2nd March	10:30 am	COFFEE MORNING - Parish Hall
Saturday		
3rd March	10:00am	OPEN DOOR Service - Church
Sunday		(Lay Led)

[Please note - Work is being carried out in the Church during Jan/Feb to install new electrics and upgrade the lighting. All services and events are unaffected. Please be careful if you entering the church during this time.]

Christian Foundations

We are fast approaching Shrove Tuesday, The day of preparation For Lent when we traditionally rid our homes of all sorts of nice stuff in order to concentrate on Jesus. Well, in our own way, we too have been taking time out to concentrate on Jesus, the church and our roles within our local expression of the Anglican Communion.

Paul Cross, Fiona Thompson and Fiona Cox have been undertaking the “Foundations In Christian Ministry” course as provided by South West Ministerial Training College [SWMTC] on behalf of the Exeter Diocese. That might sound a really complicated way to explain who provides the course but seeing as two of our Church leaders work with SWMTC we thought it important to explain!

The course is a way for people to explore and deepen their understanding of the Christian faith from its roots and through its various expressions. We also have teaching on the bible, ethics, spirituality and other topics that tie into helping us know why we say what we say, do what we do and think what we think. One of the important elements of the course has been exchanging experiences in faith with the other participants as we travel on parallel journeys. We are a varied bunch, coming from very different backgrounds and jobs, and representing a wide range of age groups. There are as many reasons for having undertaken the course, as there are participant. Some people already know that they are interested in ordination and see this as a first step; others want simply to have the opportunity to explore their faith in greater depth in a supportive environment, and to see how they might develop their spiritual life further. It is fascinating for those of us who never grasped Physics, for instance, to hear the scientists within the group discussing a faith that takes them far beyond the theories and mathematics by which the world can be quantified. It is also an immense privilege to hear from others what challenges they face in trying to develop as a Christian. It has been really helpful to talk through ‘blind spots’ and exchange views on how we are developing as individuals to the challenges of faith, and how that shapes the ways in which we respond to the course. At every session we are introduced to recommended books about pastoral care, specific aspects of the Bible or spirituality, and that alone has been extremely stimulating. The course takes place over a series of weekends through the year, either in Exeter or Plymouth University. And it is free of charge to participants!!!

People who take the course are also encouraged to think about their role going forward within their local church, and the wider Anglican community. A few people who have previously taken the course have felt called to carry on studying to become Lay Readers, Vicars and Evangelists. I hasten to add that none of us feel this call personally at the time of writing (though perhaps nothing should be ruled out!!).

Fiona Cox, Paul
Cross & Fiona Thompson

Services in the Netherexe Parishes

Your parish churches aim to provide a variety of service types to meet the needs of the whole community. Most Sunday services except those early in the morning include hymns and music. Everyone is welcome at all services

Service With A Smile ☺ These services are designed for all ages and with the needs of young children especially in mind. They are informal and contemporary in style often including a children's activity at the beginning; without communion and are led by lay teams. Services usually last about 35 minutes and are followed by refreshments

Family Service Family services are suitable for all ages, may be with or without Holy Communion, are contemporary in style and

Holy Communion [C] Traditional service in contemporary language [one hour]

Holy Communion [BCP] Traditional service in traditional language [one hour]

Morning Prayer [BCP] Traditional Morning Service [Mattins] from the Book of Common Prayer [about an hour]

Evening Prayer [BCP] Traditional Evening Service from the Book of Common Prayer [about an hour]

Common Worship [CW] Common Worship Service

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer in the Netherexe Parishes

Morning Prayer is said on Mondays at 9.10 am in Stoke Canon church (during the school term, this takes the form of Collective Worship for Stoke Canon C. of E. School); on Tuesdays at 9.15am in Stoke Canon Chapel

Evening Prayer is said on Thursdays at 5.00pm in Newton St Cyres church; contact Sue Browne on 01392 851460 for location.

Who's Who? Abbreviations Key

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TBC	To be confirmed		

Associate Ministers

MSS Revds. Michael & Sharon Simpson

BOF Baptist Officiant

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Would you like a lift to church? May we offer you a lift to the parish church or to a joint service elsewhere?

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For transport from Rewe parish please contact Guy Sheppard on 01392 861022

Newton St Cyres Parish Church Rotas February 2019

Week Ending	Flowers	Clean Church/ check loo	Brass: key with Sue
February 3rd (OD)	A. Ward	P. Boother/J. Ward	W. & T. Hough
10 th (FS)	S. Browne	-	
17 th	Check still fresh	-	
24 th (HC)	P. Boother		

Sidespersons

February 3rd	10.00 a.m. Open Door Lay-led	-	-
10 th	9.30 a.m. Fam Serv	Clive Lawrence	Jen Holt
17 th	-	-	-
24 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Wendy Hough	Tony Hough

FEBRUARY 2019 SERVICES & INFORMATION

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

Sunday 3 February 5th Sunday before Lent

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	KC
10:00 am	Service with a Smile		Brampford Speke	Lay Led
10:00 am	Open Door Informal Service		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	KC
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company		Rewe	
06:00 pm	Informal Evening Service		Cadbury	Lay Led

Sunday 10 February 4th Sunday before Lent

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Huxham	MSS
09:30 am	Service of Thanksgiving		Newton St Cyres	KC
09:30 am	OPEN		Thorverton	
10:00 am	Informal Gathering		Stoke Canon	
11:15 am	Morning Worship		Rewe	Lay Led & LF
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	KC

Sunday 17 February 3rd Sunday before Lent

08:30 am	Holy Communion [Said]	[C]	Brampford Speke	D Francis
09:30 am	Communion by Extension	[C]	Cadbury	L Ford
09:30 am	OPEN		Thorverton	
10:00 am	Family Service		Thorverton	Lay Led
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Poltimore	Lay Led
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company		Rewe	
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	MSS

Tuesday 24 February 2nd Sunday before Lent

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	MSS
10:00 am	Informal Service		Cadbury	Lay Led
10:00 am	Messy Church		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
10:00 am	Service of the Word & Baptism		Upton Pyne	KC
11:00 am	Joint Service		Thorverton Baptist Church	BOF
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Joint with Parish Church	
05:30 pm	Evening Prayer	[BCP]	Rewe	JD
			Huxham	Lay Led

Sunday 3 March Sunday before Lent

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	MSS
10:00 am	Service with a Smile		Brampford Speke	Lay Led
10:00 am	Open Door		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	JD
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company		Rewe	
06:00 pm	Informal Evening Service		Cadbury	Lay Led

Wednesday 6 March Ash Wednesday

11:00 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Brampford Speke	KC
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Come and join our monthly

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An Informal Service at

Newton St. Cyres Church



February 3rd at
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