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The Platinum Jubilee

Newton St Cyres celebrated the Jubilee "right royally" as they would say in my native county. The cover shows the Jubilee lunch at the Rec. and Penny Peakes with the Jubilee trifle she made, dressed up for the big celebration at Newton House, on the left and Mark Phillips on the right. The pictures were taken by Ann Quon and Jim Enright.

Several events took place in the village over the four days of the Jubilee holiday. The village lunch which took the form of a village street party was a great success and in this issue there are lots of pictures to remind us all. Whilst the weather was not perfect the rain held off and the Rec was full of happy people eating, playing, making and listening to music, eating and sharing their picnics and the top-up food available from the church ladies and the barbecue. It was good to see the Rec at the centre of village activity as it so often is. It is a great asset to the community and is available for everyone to use. The club crrently hosts football, cricket, skittles, bowls, archery and tennis as well as providing and maintaining the play equipment. It is available for hire for groups and private parties. The membership fee at only £5 per year has to be a bargain.

The Website

The Newton Wonder website, www.newtonwonder.net, has more pictures of the Jubilee party than we can put in the magazine. They are currently on the home page. The website has masses of information about the village, its history and the activities going on in the village. However there is considerable work in trying to get the site up to date and there is currently a load of work required. So, yes you've guessed it, we're looking for a volunteer (or volunteers). If you can copy and paste that's all that's needed.

Anybody finding a bee swarm and would like it collecting by a bee keeper

Please contact 07971704793 or 01392851998

Chris the bee Man
Orchard View
West Town Road
Newton St Cyres

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - June 2022

The meeting, held on Thursday 9th June, was attended by eight Councillors, the Parish Clerk, the Mid Devon District Councillor Graeme Barnell, and three members of the public.

Planning

- Applications have been made for alterations to Magnolia Cottage, Compass House and the East wing of Hayne Farm. No comments have been placed by members of the public on the planning website, and the Parish Council felt no need to comment.
- Permission has been granted for the erection of a summer house at 2 The Village and for minor alterations at Holme Court.

Ukrainian Refugees

Mid Devon has sent out a briefing document about the hosting of Ukrainian refugees in Devon. Under the government's 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme, the UK expects to receive 200,000 refugees who have no links to the UK. There are also separate schemes for Ukrainians with family links to the UK and for Ukrainians already in the UK. Currently, in Devon, 85 families are hosting more than 165 guests. More are expected. The briefing document sets out how they are to be supported and the financial help available from central government. You can find out more on this website: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/supporting-ukraine/>

Community Resilience

Recently our Community Resilience Champion attended a meeting of the 'Devon Communities Together' Community Resilience Forum. As a result of recommendations from this meeting, the Parish Council decided to apply for a grant to buy radio handsets for use during emergencies and to investigate training for flood wardens provided by the Environment Agency. We also learnt about a project to improve flood management in rapid-response catchment areas (such as Newton St Cyres). Although we are not part of the initial study, there may be some useful outcomes we can apply locally.

Local residents have expressed concern about the extent of tree-felling in the woodlands that form the catchment of the Shuttern Brook. Our Mid Devon Councillor, Graeme Barnell, has met Forestry England who, together with the Quicke Estate, manage the woodlands. There is no intention of deforesting this area: the felling is part of a managed scheme to restore native species to the woodland. It may even be possible to create a natural sink for flood water in the steep, inaccessible valleys in the woods. Look for an article about the woods elsewhere in the Newton Wonder.

Environmental Issues

- The Newton Environment Group has once again done a sterling job of removing Himalayan Balsam from along the river Creedy at Station Road.

- Have you heard about the Adonai Community Kitchen? If not, do give it a try. It is an opportunity to have a cooked meal and socialise in the Parish Hall on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. It is an initiative started by Jocelyne Whittaker, who is providing all the labour and produce herself.
- T hank you so much, Jocelyne.
- Exciting news! We have a population of white-clawed crayfish in the Creedy. This is an endangered species and local groups are seeking ways to protect them.

Neighbourhood Plan

The steering group for the Neighbourhood Plan has appointed a consultant and is now applying for grants to fund the process. It is currently writing a discussion document that will outline the priorities for the community. These will include affordable housing and children's play areas.

Road Warden Scheme

We have, at last, a workable method for documenting the work done under the road warden scheme. The next step is to trial one or two pothole repairs before going fully 'live'. We have to be very grateful to Cllr Roger Cashmore, who has persisted in setting this project up despite many setbacks.

Other Council Business

- Mid Devon Councillor Graeme Barnell, together with the A377 action group, continues to press Devon County Council on road-safety issues. Currently, Graeme is raising awareness at HATOC on the dangers of crossing the road at Tytheing Close.
- The Devon County Council report on the feasibility of the Boniface Trail has been delayed.
- The Jubilee Picnic was a great success despite a rather overcast day. Thanks were expressed for everyone who helped to arrange the event. Nearly £600 was raised to help local projects. Possible funding opportunities were presented at the meeting. Some of the money will go to funding a bench on the green with an appropriate commemorative plaque.
- Various minor maintenance issues around the village were raised and steps are being taken to undertake them.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Parish Hall on **Thursday 7th July 2022 at 7pm**. Members of the public are welcome. Alternatively, if members of the public wish issues to be raised in council meetings, they can contact councillors in the usual way. There is also a Parish Surgery at the Coffee Mornings held on the **second Saturday of the month** in the Parish Hall.

Liz Ouldrige
Press secretary
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Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

There is lots going on at the club this summer, with something for everyone, at whatever level they like to play.



For the competitive, we have three Mixed teams competing in the East Devon Tennis league in Divisions 1, 5 and 6, and one Men's team in the Exeter and District league, Division 6. Our Mixed B and C teams are doing well so far and are in second place, as is our Men's team.

Within the club we are running a Singles League in which people sign up for the ladder and try to work their way up it. There is also our annual club tournament, with qualifying rounds and a Finals Day on 11th September. Finally, an American Tournament will take place on the morning of 10th July, which is Wimbledon Men's Final Day, and in the afternoon there will be the opportunity for all present to watch the Wimbledon Final in a local hostelry.

For those who prefer club tennis without the pressure of formal matches, there are our club sessions, which take place on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays. Members can also book the courts and play at other times and there are several regular doubles groups that play under this arrangement.

Finally, we have our junior and adult coaching sessions with coach Jon Wills. Junior coaching is on Wednesdays, and adult coaching can be individual or in groups to fit in with Jon and the participants.

If you are interested in finding out more, please visit our website www.newtonstcyrestenniscub.co.uk, or phone membership secretary Laura Leigh on 01647 24259.

Sally Baldwin

From **Sue Dowle**

May I take this opportunity to thank our many friends for their lovely kind wishes and cards while Stuart was in hospital it was so wonderful and it kept me going Stuart is home now and recovering well.

RECREATION GROUND CLUB

July is a funny month. The grounds look busy and are full of life, but just a few words cover all the events. We will have lots of cricket every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening, and on a couple of Saturdays. The archery group will be there on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and on Sundays.

The weekend of 9th and 10th July sees the Youth Football Tournament, so things will busy.

The road to the Rec from the car park area will be busy with many distracted young people, so please, if you need to be on the road between 8.30 and 9.30 those mornings, be aware.

Following on from the football weekend, the school will be having its Sports Day on Monday 11th July, so more families will be making use of our facilities.

As the Revel Committee was heavily involved in the Jubilee celebrations, they have decided to wait a while before they organize another Revel. We will miss them this year, and expect it will be 2024 before they return with a full programme.

I expect I will have a more varied message for you next month.

Wendy Lewis.

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Thoughts for July from Peter Cordingley

By the time you read this, there's a good chance that the crushing heatwave we all went through around mid-June will be a thing of the past. And I say Hallelujah to that! I lived in Hong Kong for 25 years (technically, the sub-tropics) and for 20 in the Philippines (full-blown tropics, 34C at breakfast time, with mosquitoes as company).

While most people in the Philippines, locals and expats, made their way to the beach or the nearest swimming pool, our tribe would cower indoors, venturing out only when the heat had gone out of the air. That's why the Cordingleys, in a country where everybody sported a tan, looked as if they had been living under a damp rock all their lives.

These days, when I see photos of people sunning themselves on the beach at Exmouth and other parts, my mind goes back to something Woody Allen said years ago: "I don't suntan. I sunstroke". But my fear of the sun has made me something of a self-appointed specialist on the subject of staying cool. I pass on this acquired knowledge in the belief that there's no place like home in a heatwave (of which I'm sure we're going to have lots more).

Statistics tell us that around one in five UK homes overheat in normal summer conditions. But there are some simple tricks to tone down the heat a little. For a start, opening the windows is among the worst things you can do. All that does is let the heat in. That is why, for example, so many homes in France, particularly in the south, have shutters. The French will partly open the windows and pull the shutters to nearly closed. That way, the shutter slats turn back the worst of the heat. We have lots to learn from the Europeans - which is one of a host of reasons that make me wonder why we ever thought we would be better off without them!

Get a fan. Research shows that fans can help even in temperatures of up to 37C, though, truth be told, I have sometimes felt that fans simply push the warm air around. For genuine relief, place a bowl of ice in front of the fan - or pop your trotters in a bowl of cold water.

Mother Nature can help. Planting ivy, wisteria or honeysuckle around outside walls can help bring down internal temperatures by up to 6C. Large shrubs in planters in front of windows can also provide relief, but, of course, you're going to have to compromise on the loss of light.

Or how about a "cool room" to retreat to when the heat gets too much? Close the door and windows, draw the curtains - and go in your head to a happy place. No, I'm not telling you where mine is, But it's definitely not Exmouth beach.

Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The first draw for this financial year took place at the Coffee Morning on the 11 June. The winners were:

June 2022

No. 41	A Ward	£10.00
No. 211	G Bewick	£10.00
No. 24	M Rendle	£10.00
No. 71	J Rendle	£10.00
No. 58	J Bailey	£10.00

Thank you very much to all the collectors who have been busy collecting renewals: Nichola, Daphne, Di, Chris, John, Margaret and James. Once last year's accounts have been finalised, we will report how much money has been passed to the Church maintenance fund.

There are spare numbers, so let me know if you would like one.

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

Jane
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New potatoes 'with a twist'

Small early new potatoes are good when sautéed whole. Wash the potatoes and part boil in salted water. Drain, and fry the potatoes in a mixture of butter and olive oil until golden brown. A clove of crushed garlic can be added. Sprinkle with chopped chives and mint. These make a tasty addition to summer meals and are good way of using smaller potatoes.

Paul Cleave

Do You Remember... July?

July 1972

New Newton Wonder Format

The Newton Wonder was changing its cover and also changing to the A4 format.

Wedding Anniversary

Mr & Mrs Stevens of Half Moon celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary at the Over Sixties Club and the club had an outing to Plymouth

Playgroup

At the Bring and Buy and Coffee Morning run by the Playgroup, £7.74 was raised for funds

Tyttheing Close Lay-by

At the Parish Council meeting plans were produced for the long-awaited bus lay-by at Tyttheing Close

Women's Institute (WI) Mini Market

A WI Mini Market was held on the village green with permission from the Parish Council.

The Parish Hall - It's A Knockout

The Parish Hall was planning "It's A Knockout" at the Recreation Ground.

July 1982

Newton Wonder voted one of the best Community Papers

The Newton Wonder had been rated in the top five of community papers by the Community Council of Devon

New Flagpole courtesy of Friends of NSC Church

A new flagpole had been paid for at the Church and a Friends of NSC Church was formed with **Mrs Beryl Peck** as secretary

The Walkabout Sponsorship money had amounted to £650

Car Scheme launched

A Car Scheme was under way to help people get to hospital

appointments etc and the cost would only be the standard bus fare to Exeter

NSC Primary School

The School had held a Summer Show where 100 horses had entered in the gymkhana and a profit of around £600 had been made

Queen Elizabeth's School, CREDITON

Queen Elizabeth's School in CREDITON were fundraising for a mini bus with a safari supper and family fete.

Afternoon Club

The Afternoon Club held a picnic at Sherwood

July 1992

NSC School Association

The NSC School Association held its Horse Show and Gymkhana which included Radio-controlled cars and a Sheep Dog demonstration, Archers, Bouncy Castle, Five-a-side football, Skittles and 'Spangles' the clown.

Hospicecare raises £500

The Hospicecare Walk had raised £500.

Common Players

The Common Players presented 'Murder up the Manor' in Court Orchard

Neighbourhood Watch

It was reported that the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme had been working for 12 months and all the parish was covered by the volunteer co-ordinators

Fundraising Valuation Evening was held in the Hall in aid of Church funds. **Christopher Hampton** from Phillips Auctioneers and Valuers kindly agreed to come, value items and give a talk.

Marriages

There were two weddings at Newton on 6th June. **David Parnell** and **Corinne Wheadon** as well as **Simon Smith** and **Nichola Rock**.

Playgroup

Last month visited Crediton Library. The morning was spent listening to stories and colouring pictures followed by a picnic in the park. A good time was had by all. We sang Happy Birthday to **Simon Packer** and **Georgina Willatts** who were four, and also to **Natalie Morrish** on her 3rd birthday. We welcome her and mum Nicky to our playgroup.

Helpers wanted to distribute the Newton Wonder

There are two areas where help is needed, Tytheing Close and Godolphin Close. If you would like to help, please contact **Gerry Radford** (your own mag becomes a free copy when you join the distribution team).

July 2002

Recreation Ground Club

The Recreation Ground Club reported on their AGM and reported they are short of Committee members.

Parish Hall Hog Roast

The Parish Hall organised a very successful Hog Roast attended by over 200 people and made a profit of £500 for Hall funds. The barrel

of Jubilee Line Beer was kindly donated by **The Beer Engine** and was soon finished. **Andrew Daldorphy's** Jazz Band made the evening go with a swing and there was a real party atmosphere with everybody joining in with patriotic fervour and singing Rule Britannia. Thank you for your support and everyone involved.

Train Services further improved

Train services had been improved again with the following trains stopping at NSC station: To Barnstaple: 9.01; 12.13; 13.07; 18.12 & 20.43. To Exeter: 8.06; 9.56; 13.15; 17.03 & 22.37.

Reminder - For Sale

Just a little reminder the Newton Wonder can try and sell items for you. Last month we suggested that

you might like to advertise things you are offering for sale privately for less than £100. It will only cost you £1 to circulate the information to 300 people in the locality. Leave the details in the Post Office along with your £1.

You can Help Prevent Vandalism

Educate the public, especially young people, about the costs of vandalism.

July 2012

Newton Wonder Editor & Assistant Editor required

Having edited and compiled the Newton Wonder for the past 2 years **Jim Enright** wanted to handover to someone else due to other commitments.

Revels Shuttle Bus Service

Crediton Community Bus Service are kindly providing a free mini bus service to and from the Revels between 12 noon and 5pm. Bus stops in Tytheing Close, Parish Hall Car Park, Court Orchard and the Recreation Ground.

Charlotte's Summer Lunch - Court Barton NSC

Saturday 21st July 12 noon. £9 in aid of Church funds. Bring a deckchair and umbrella.

Parish Council Report

Eight Councillors attended the June Parish Council meeting together with Cllr. **Peter Hare-Scott** (MDDC) & Cllr **Michael Lee** (DCC). Various matters concerning Highways had been raised with

Devon County Council and some results were reported:

NSC Allotments

the Parish Council had some vacant allotment plots at an annual rent of £10

Jubilee Celebrations at School & across the Exe Valley Federation

Heather M Perry, Exec Head Teacher reported that the Diamond Jubilee was given a double celebration by the staff, children, parents and Governors of NSC Primary School, Cheriton Fitzpaine Pre-School & Primary and staff and children from Thorverton Primary School. Lunch was a special buffet served in Union Jack picnic boxes. On the second day of celebrations the children, dressed up in Red, White & Blue, had a Jubilee Tea Party. There were lots of interesting stalls and we managed to raise a tremendous £420 towards the early years' outdoor facilities.

Nick and Viv Henderson

A CURIOUS CASE OF CONFUSED PARENTING

One of the great joys of this time of years is seeing all the newly hatched birds bobbing about the garden on random flight paths as they get used to their newfound freedom and they learn the art of flying.

For several years now we have had blue tits nesting in our garage. They enter through a rotten wooden fascia board and nest just below the roof. Each year I mean to fix the board and then suddenly our uninvited guests are back for another season. This year was no different and soon enough the little heads appeared every time I walked past the garage.



The parents seemed very busy feeding the family but then I noticed that they had some help. Every other visit to the nest was by a wren who also brought food. The parents did not seem to mind this additional feeder and they took it in turns to stuff the gaping mouths. Eventually several of the young left the nest and moved to a nearby bush. The wren took responsibility for these two and the blue tit parents continued with the nest. The wren busily kept up the feeding for several days.

Who would have guessed that this form of cross-species childcare existed in the wild? Strange though this may seem, it is apparently not uncommon for one species to feed the young of another. There seems little evolutionary benefit in this and biologists think it may be due to several reasons: 1) mixed clutches where adults of different species share a nest site, 2) nest failure where an adult with no chicks is programmed to continue feeding other young, 3) crossed wires where closely nesting birds get their nests confused, or 4) where young birds with no nest have such a strong natural drive to feed youngsters that they just have to get involved when they hear young calling for food even when the young are not theirs.



Cross-species feeding occurs most commonly in house sparrows, wrens, robins, blue tits, great tits, starlings, blackbirds and nuthatches.

Jock Campbell

NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP



DELLER'S OF BEDFORD STREET

Ed Williams-Hawkes, whose family have been on the Exeter hospitality scene for at least 100 years and who are still running the Salutation Inn in Topsham, came to tell us about the history of the legendary Deller's and about the time that his grandfather was the manager. He was accompanied by his wife, Gill (a Newton St Cyres girl), who had made some lovely

biscuits from the Deller's recipes. These were very popular, especially the almond ones.

Deller's was a café/restaurant in Exeter that operated between the two wars. It was the height of luxury and fashion and yet still within the reach of ordinary working people to eat and dance there. There were in fact, several Deller's establishments, all lavish in style, but the real showpiece and profit generator was the one in Bedford Street.

It all started in 1844 with Edwin Deller, who ran a grocery and sundries business in Paignton. Twenty-four years later, William Lamshead, son of an Ipplepen Methodist minister, and Mary Palk, who may have been connected with the moneyed Haldon Palk family, joined the Deller's grocery business, marrying Elizabeth Deller in 1870. This, we were told, may explain a source of wealth for the Deller's business development. The Lamshead family, under the Deller's banner, opened the Deller's Cinema (later to become Paignton Picture House). They also purchased the Singer Estate, which became the Palace Hotel, as well as cafés in Exeter and Paignton.

Shortly before, Deller's had employed four men and three boys in Paignton. Samuel Lamshead, William and Elizabeth's eldest son, had a chemist's shop. It is certainly possible that his interest in film from 1907, the chemist's shop and the grocery business had generated the capital to allow the rapid expansion. The new ventures were of modern creative design. The architect was Henry Hyams of Hyams and Hobgen Architects, of Paignton. Hobgen was an investor in the Picture House, while Henry Hyams was an interesting character, an Esperanto speaker, vegetarian, pacifist, theosophist, Marxist, artist and a writer. He was a founding member of the NCL (Non Conscription League) and was imprisoned three times with hard labour for refusal to wear a uniform during WW1.

William Lamshead had two sons, Samuel (also known as Herbert), whom we have already met, and William Junior. They were given the task of expanding the business into catering in Exeter in 1906. They opened a café in the old Exeter Bank building next to the Royal Clarence. In 1914 The Lamsheads bought the land from Lloyds Bank on the corner of Bedford Street and High Street, where the Half Moon had been demolished. Hyams surpassed himself in the design of this new building. It had a grand baroque entrance in Bedford Street that led into a circular galleried area with a grand staircase, Jacobean and Baroque influences on an Art Nouveau Arts and Crafts theme.



There was an orchestra pit on the ground floor, and around the walls were 14 panels of Arts and Crafts design based on William Morris's poem 'The Eve of the Battle of Crecy'. The woodwork was painted green, red, mauve and blue. However, if you wished for privacy you could be seated in one of the cornices where a green felt curtain could be drawn, and after ringing a Deller's bell, a white gloved hand would supply the menu. Not only were the surroundings luxurious, there was background music while you dined, from a four piece orchestra in the basement.

The building also continued over the single storey Lloyds Bank, enabling a function room and a ballroom. In 1924 there was more expansion into the adjacent premises that had been Greens. The New Bedford Room and a rest lounge were added. No food was permitted in the lounge but drinks were served there.

In the establishment's heyday, this Deller's could cater for 450 people. Hunt balls, large wedding receptions and dinners were held there. New Year's Eve celebration dances and meals were a high point. These were themed, with the staff playing a big role. Some interesting menus remain. Due to the licensing laws, dancing, alcohol and music were banned on a Sunday so if New Year's Eve was on a Saturday or a Sunday, celebrations were illegal, and that meant on a few years there were two New Year's Eve banquets in the same year. Deller's was not allowed a liquor licence due to the geographic monopoly rules. The pub next door to Deller's in Catherine's Street had a private counter for Deller's staff to fetch drinks.



The staff were a very important part of the Deller's effect. Good service was central. There was one member of staff for every 10 customers. The waitresses wore green with green hairclips. This was later changed to long black uniforms by Cadena. Kindness towards children prevailed and they had special reduced price menus. A visit to Deller's after the pantomime was a Christmas treat. The RAC advertised Deller's as a good place to stop on a long journey. Lawrence of Arabia, an avid motorcyclist, was a patron, as was Agatha Christie, who had her own special table. More mundanely, the local farmers regularly took their sons there for lunch on market days. Agatha Christie in one of her books, 'The Sittaford Mystery' named a chapter 'Deller's Café'.

The kitchens and storerooms were well fitted out. Deller's had their own coffee roaster and grinder. Cleanliness was important and all the crockery

would have been processed through their 90 degree dishwasher, along with many other advanced aids to easier catering.

In 1923 a further restaurant was opened in Taunton and another Café at 48-9 High Street, Exeter.

Ed's grandparents joined the business in early 1921 and his grandfather was the managing director. Ed's grandmother lived into her nineties and loved to tell stories about the café in its busy days. Deller's was a household word in Southwest England.

Unfortunately it was taken over by Cadena, a West Country chain of coffee houses in 1933. They began to sack many staff of what had been a family business. Leonard Williams stayed on as a manager and a director of Cadena for five years, and, but after a frustrating time went to the Imperial. The business continued into the war years until May 1942 when Hitler decreed that Exeter should be bombed in a retaliatory Baedeker raid. This was after the allies had bombed Lubeck.

It is debatable whether the premises were hit by a slow acting oil bomb or were destroyed by fire spreading from nearby buildings into the kitchen area. Along with Bedford Circus the buildings were not so badly damaged that they could not be rebuilt. However, the Exeter City Council policy was not to rebuild so Deller's was demolished.

A replacement café opened in Queen Street and this continued for a few years after the war, and others were opened, but they were not the same as Deller's of 5 Bedford Street.

Joe Lyons (the Weatherspoons of the era) opened in the High Street in 1931. They sold cups of tea for 2d. It was 4d in Deller's but Deller's, with its special ambience, retained its place and popularity.

Ed illustrated his talk with numerous pictures of Deller's and shared with us many fascinating anecdotes from his family's history and experiences. He also displayed many memorabilia including lots of menus.

Jean Wilkins

NEWTON St CYRES HISTORY GROUP

WEDNESDAY JULY 13th 7pm Visit to prehistoric former excavation site on Raddon Top.

This is by kind permission of Nicholas Lee who will be telling us all about it. It is also weather permitting but let us hope for a lovely summer evening.

It is a six mile drive and takes 20mins at the very minimum from the village. Turn off the A377 at the Langford turn and continue through Langford, Shute and Efford before taking the road up Raddon Hill (signed Stockleigh Pomeroy). There have been two sets of cross roads each offset but take the straight on option each time. On arriving at the summit of Raddon note the footpath sign to the right and to the left two gates. Take the lower left hand gate. There is plenty of parking in this field (Castle Close). It is a very short stroll to the site in Beacon Down.

If you are able to share lifts please do. If you would like help with transport please ring Jean on 01392 851337 and she will be pleased to help. Alternatively email jeanwilkins1@btinternet.com

Bring a seat and NB 7pm (earlier than usual)

Our programme of talks and events will resume in the Autumn on **Wednesday October 12th with a talk by Nils White.**

NEWTON ST CYRES GARDENING CLUB

Seven Newton St Cyres residents and members of the gardening club joined the Upton Pyne Garden Club on a coach trip to **Mapperton House** in Dorset. An enjoyable visit included a guided tour of the House, which has been voted 'The Nation's Finest Manor House' by "Country Life" magazine. Mapperton is a sandstone manor house and was entered in the Domesday Book 1086. It's home to the current Earl and Countess of Sandwich. The 4th Earl of Sandwich, as we all know, was credited with putting roast beef between two slices of bread.

Mapperton is one of the most important and distinctive gardens in the country. It was winner of the 2020 Historic Houses Garden of the Year award. The 15 acres of gardens are registered Grade II and are among a handful of the top gardens in the Southwest. Tucked into a steep north-south combe, the gardens descend from a croquet lawn down steps to the Orangery and onto the very formal topiary gardens created from both Yew and Box, in the Italianate gardens with an octagonal pond with a fountain.

This then leads to a two-section 18th-century pool area, one teaming with newts (and in which the family still swim) complete with steps into the water, and the second with water lilies and Golden Orfe. Finally the grounds lead to the wild garden. Plants prevalent at the time of our visit included a huge selection of roses - which gave a most glorious scent - Mexican fleabane and ferns growing from the walls and paving and many self-seeded Verbena Bonariensis. The small courtyard garden in front of the house had Lemon Verbena, Buddleia, and Nepita. The Wisteria covering one of the stable blocks had reached the end of its flowering season, but still looked amazing. There was also a lovely Paper Birch tree. While we were there, the grounds were being prepared for a wedding the following day and florists were busy at work decorating All Saints Church with beautiful blooms, including greenery towers and arrangements of Astrantia, Peonies and Carnations.

Our thanks go to Jilly Baker from Upton Pyne for her hard work in arranging the trip and I would encourage anyone (garden club members or not), to join us on these trips as they do provide a wonderful day out.

Do you have **moles** in your garden? It seems that if you live near farmland, you are more likely to have Mr/Mrs Mole present! Although rarely seen above ground level, their activity below ground can cause problems. Moles do not feed on plants, as they are carnivorous, and feed on invertebrates that fall into the system of tunnels and chambers that they dig out underground. The excavated soil is then thrown up into molehills on the surface. They are very territorial and any activity is normally from a single individual. A plus point to



Left to Right: Chris & John Burrows, Pauline Boother, Nicola Baker, Nick and Viv Henderson, Michael Baker

having a mole is that the excavated soil is well broken up and aerated and can be used in homemade compost. If you have molehills on your lawn, these should be removed before mowing and any collapsed tunnels should be filled to maintain a level lawn surface.

From a wildlife perspective, I would never advocate killing a mole. A suggested deterrent is to use 'seaside' children's windmills that you can insert into the area where you discover a run. The vibrations from the spinning of the windmill *may* deter the mole - and, of course, they add a whole new look to your garden (as can be seen in our garden at the moment!) Planting the biennial Caper spurge (*Euphorbia lathyris*) is also suggested as a deterrent due to the repellent qualities of the roots (I have not tried this, so please let me know if you have and if it worked). A couple of years ago we found a dead mole in our garden and it was amazing to have a really good look at it's velvety grey/black fur, powerful spade-like front claws, short furry tail and pink pointed snout. They really are amazing mammals that have adapted to their underground world.

The RSPCA produce a very informative leaflet 'Living with Moles', which can be accessed via their website <https://www.rspca.org.uk/>

If you grow **courgettes**, you know how quickly they can become 'marrows'. Two or three plants can easily produce plenty of courgettes, which can be harvested throughout the summer. I usually plant ours in ground where we have dug our new potatoes.



Courgettes are hungry and thirsty plants and will spread, so allow around a square metre per plant. Provide them with home-made compost or well-rotted manure, and water regularly to encourage growth of the fruits. When watering, care should be taken to avoid getting the leaves and stems wet, as this can lead to rotting. A good way is to sink a pot into the ground adjacent to the root ball and water direct into this. This allows the water to go down to the roots. Powdery mildew can be a common problem, especially in dry weather. Affected leaves should be removed straight away to prevent the spread.

The first flowers to appear will be male, followed by female flowers which go on to produce the fruits. The plants should then be fed every 10-14 days with a potassium rich liquid fertiliser, such as a tomato feed. The courgettes can then be harvested when they are 4-5 inches in length and this will encourage further flowers and fruits. The flowers can be used in salads and have a mild courgette flavour. Alternatively, they can be battered and fried.

If you like finding a **bargain** (and who doesn't?) July is a good time to head to garden centres to see what summer flowering plants they are selling off, to make room for new stock. Hardy perennials can be bought ready for next year. They will need to be trimmed down low and given a thorough soaking before repotting in fresh compost or planted out into the garden. Regular watering will give them the chance to establish. Also keep a look out for local plant sales in local villages and know that as well as getting some great plants and low prices you are helping the local communities.

What's On in July?

- **National Meadows Day is on 2nd July 2022.** The National Trust has organised a 4-mile guided walk, starting at the Donkey Sanctuary overflow car park (EX10 0NU) and passing through Weston Mouth beach. The circular route will take in special habitats rich in wildflowers such as grassland, woodland and undercliff. It offers a valuable opportunity to see and learn about wildflowers in east Devon, including some rarities such as Purple Gromwell and Pyramidal Orchids. Caring for wildflower meadows is a crucial part of our conservation work in east Devon. The route will include some steep sections of coast path, including steps. Suitable for adults only and medium to challenging in difficulty. Further details meg.vallender@nationaltrust.org.uk
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Bert Jewell writes Rhymes and Ways about Gardens and Gardening

July

As some of you will know, Margaret and I celebrated our Golden Wedding anniversary back in January, but postponed the party until May because of Covid. Anyway, the party went well and for the occasion I wrote a poem and thought I would share it with you in this month's magazine.

Fifty Years

'Tis fifty years now since Mag and I wed,
Remembering the vicar and the words that he said,
I now pronounce you husband and wife,
Could this be the start of a wonderful life.

Our first night together was in a B&B,
On route to London, the sights to see,
The room was quite pleasant, it was tidy and clean,
But the bed had a secret which we hadn't seen.

The mattress you see was an old feather tick,
one side was thin the other quite thick,
There were hills, there were valleys, like a moorland run,
We laughed about it at breakfast, it was really good fun.

With the honeymoon over, we start making our way,
To our own little house, we were back in a day,
To the place we called home, one up and one down
and an outside toilet, there wasn't much ground.

But we made it all bigger, and moved on apace,
A house, then a bungalow with oodles of space
Then a house that was modern with toilets galore
and a very large garage with an automatic door.

Then back to a bungalow, in need of repair,
A brand new extension, we're almost there,
Then we'll sit down together and talk of the past
Our memories together will last and last.

With regard to the work we are doing on the bungalow, the builder has finished the walls and paths. It's now our job to sort out the garden in readiness for autumn planting.

Now what should we be doing in the July garden?

As I write these notes, the sun is shining, there is a stiff breeze and the forecast is for very hot weather in the week ahead.

Lawns will need help to stay green and look good. Raise the cutting height of the mower, the longer blades of grass will create shade, this in turn will help keep the roots cool. Always keep the edges trimmed, this will help keep the lawn looking neat. Don't worry if the lawn turns a bit brown, it will green up again once it rains.

Continue to deadhead bedding, perennials and roses and cut out the stems of lupins once the flowers have finished. If they are infected with lupin aphid, put the whole stem into the garden waste bin, not the compost heap. The large aphid is from North America and came to Britain around 1980. Like all aphids they produce honeydew, a sticky substance that is sweet, this will attract ants.

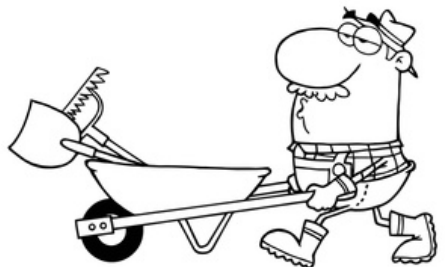
If you are thinking of starting a new strawberry bed or just want a few extra plants, now is the time to pot up some runners. I tend to sink a 3" pot into the ground as close as I can to the main plant, fill the pots with compost and place the tip of the runner in the centre, I then peg them down with a wire hoop. Once it is rooted it can be cut away from the main plant and planted where needed. Carry on sowing carrots, early peas, spring cabbage to over winter, turnips, lettuce and radishes. Watch out for blight on maincrop potatoes and tomato plants, any rain in July could trigger an outbreak.

Plant of the month

"Ceonothus" (Californian Lilacs)

Most evergreen varieties have already flowered, but the deciduous blue flower varieties start about now and flower through to the autumn. Their large heads of fluffy blue flowers are a real eyecatcher. They grow well in soil that is free draining in a sheltered sunny spot.

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Watercolour seascape demonstration

by David Webb

For his presentation on 27th May, David Webb used Bockingford 200lb NOT that he had stretched. A pencil sketch began the process, using artistic licence to move a rock to improve the composition. David likes to use a limited palette of five or six transparent colours (two each of red, blue and yellow), and mix what he needs from these. He advised us to practise drawing as much as possible.

The first very pale wash used a mix of all the colours, to produce a harmonious painting, applied with a Jackson's Raven brush, which holds a lot of water. He doesn't use masking fluid, preferring to lift out with a dryish brush.

The second wash began with the sky and horizon, wetting the area first then adding Cobalt Blue on the horizon line. The sea incorporated several colours, all mixed on the wet paper.

For the mid-tones on land and rocks, David used the same technique, mixing the colours on the paper. He was very careful about positioning details like plants and crevices in the rocks, and currents in the water.

The third wash added darks and shadows, especially in the foreground. The finished painting was a delicate scene in a traditional style.

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Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Newton St Cyres Style

For a while it looked like the weather was going to spoil the Queen's Platinum Jubilee lunch party but, come the moment, the rain held off and families gathered in numbers on the Rec for what was a very special celebration.

"I think it's great," said Jim Enright, chairman of the Parish Council. "It's so nice that so many people have come together — there are well over 100 of us here. And it's cost nothing, so any money we raise goes to charity."

The happy buzz on the Rec grounds was undeniable as tables, chairs and blankets appeared on the grass and families and friends enjoyed picnic lunches they had brought.

Live music from Graham Scopes, an open mic, activities for the kids, archery, a model railway display, raffles, games and the all-important open bar for the grown ups, all contributed to the party atmosphere.

"I am really glad the weather held off," said Graeme Barnell, Mid Devon District Councillor. "It's lovely to be with neighbors and friends, sharing food and celebrating the Jubilee. It is a great experience."

It wasn't just villagers who enjoyed the festivities. "I'm visiting my brother from Scotland, and I'm glad to be here as it's just a lovely community and so diverse," said Ruth Campbell, Graeme's sister.

The event was an initiative of the Parish Council, which formed a committee of interested locals back in January to organise the special celebration. Not only did all the hard work pay off, judging by all the smiling faces, but, best of all, nearly £600 was raised for charity. Subject to Parish Council approval, the funds will be used to purchase a bench, with a commemorative plaque, for the Green, plus for other small donations.

Said Jim Enright: "Newton St Cyres comes together yet again. It's a good village."

Words by Ann Quon Cordingley

Pictures by Ann Quon Cordingley and Chris Southcott







NEWTON RAMBLERS

On Sunday 12th June a group of seven of us met, in the sunshine, at the Parish Hall for a walk which took us along West Town and up Riscombe Hill. We then continued towards Northridge and entered the woods via the lane on the left just before Venny Cleave. The trees provided cover from the sun for a lovely walk through the woods, which included a few fallen and low branches to negotiate!

Along the way we saw many wood ant workings, and the foxgloves were particularly wonderful this year. On this occasion we did not see any deer. The woodland track brought us out at the top of Tinpit Hill, where we then took a path around the side of the field on our left to return to West Town.



The picture shows from left to right - Nigel, Gail, Jean, Roger, Wendy and Rosemary.

These monthly walks are open to all, free of charge, and are publicised in the Newton Wonder. It is an opportunity to explore the wonderful countryside that we have all around us and to chat as we walk.

Nicola Baker



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Churchyard – Mapping the Wildlife

We were lucky to have Kelvin Boot, freelance science communicator, writer and broadcaster, visit the churchyard to advise us in planning a way forward in our wildlife project. We need to build up a picture of the wildlife that lives there, month by month, year by year, in particular in the areas set aside from mowing.

Kevin suggested a mapping programme to help us record the full range of interest through the seasons. This will involve numerous visits, and your observations, if you happen to be passing through, will be very welcome. Some species cards (more to be added) to help identification are now in the porch (please return after use!) with pens and paper to record sightings. The map will be updated annually and it is hoped to display it in the porch. As we learn more about the plants and wildlife, a management plan will evolve. At the moment we are feeling our way.

The older areas will remain unmown into late July/or August, depending on weather, in order to see what develops, while more used areas are being kept tidy.

Friends of Churchyard

Summer at Crediton Arts Centre

A busy summer continues at Crediton Arts Centre. The final events inside start with Live Lounge on Friday 1st July at 7.30pm, with popular local duo Etchechuria joined by special guests, and support from Shobrooke teenager Jessie Hampson. Saturday 2nd July at 7.30pm sees the folk scene's breakthrough duo, Suthering, promoting their first album "If We Turn Away". This concert was postponed from an earlier date because of Covid, and there is also an opportunity to take part in a workshop with Heg and Julu from 2-4pm that afternoon.

On Friday 22nd July at 8pm we have the return of the inimitable Comedy Suits with their anarchic and hilarious show "Going Viral". Tickets for all of these shows are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/creditonartscentre

We also have a full programme of events in the Town Square throughout the summer. Share in the Square continues from 11-2pm on Saturdays on 23rd July with The Saga Louts, David Treadaway and Winkleigh Morris, and on 27th August with Dave and Caroline Gooding, The Wee Free men, The Moonshine Serenaders and Yellabellies. We also have a visit from the wonderful Calf2Cow Theatre on

Ox Eye Daisies steal the limelight

Throughout most of the summer, many churchyards are awash with the nodding heads of ox-eye daisies, so called because of their resemblance to a cow's eye. Other names are moon daisies, because they appear to glow in the moonlight, and moon pennies, due to the egg-yolk yellow centre looking like a freshly minted coin.

Where they grow, the daisies can be very abundant, leading some to think of them as a nuisance weed, but a closer look at the flower heads (each bloom is a collection of tiny individual flowers) will reveal how useful they are for wildlife; they provide food, shelter and hunting grounds for a myriad of tiny creatures. Wildlife is helped by leaving parcels of ox-eyes to grow tall and produce seed before being cut later in the year .



Kelvin Boot

Saturday 13th August at 2pm with their acclaimed production of "The Wind in the Willows", and the Arts Centre's own production of Peter Hamilton's live action/puppet adaptation of Gabriel Garcia Marquez's



Comedy Suits

story "The Very Old Man with Enormous Wings" on Sunday 28th August at 1pm and 4pm.

A very busy summer indeed.

Jack Robson



Suthering

July on the Farm

I'm so happy that Gina Quicke spotted a hare in a pasture in the middle of the farm. They like grassland with a woodland edge. Hares disappeared when the central part of the farm was in arable, and is now in pasture, so it's lovely to see them back. Gina also managed to get a video of a greater spotted woodpecker. You can see it on our website.

A plea to walkers: There has been a gate or two left open on the footpaths on the estate. We welcome walkers on the public paths, but please close the gates. Even if you can't see animals, we may be planning to put them in the field soon. Thank you to those of you who let us know when cattle are out, and we would much rather they stayed where they are put, and aren't out and about where they or people could come to harm.

On a more distressing note, we had a dog chase our cows across the river, where they trampled Richard Browne's wheat. Even if your dog doesn't chase animals, cows see dogs as wolves and will respond with alarm. Please keep your dog on a lead and stick to footpaths in the fields.

Our arable crops are looking the best I've seen them, testament to the value of spreading manure to every corner of the farm. We have nutrient-rich sludge from the slurry lagoon. It collects there from the cows' manure, the whey and the cheese dairy and cows' parlour washings, plus rain from dirty concrete. We suck that up with a tractor powering the vacuum tank. You may see us going along the lanes to spread it on fields and crops hungry for the nutrients. Animal manure improves the health of the soil, and adds organic matter and micronutrients, which bag fertiliser doesn't provide.

We spread it particularly on the grass clover, which gives the soil a welcome rest from arable crops. The fields are showing their appreciation of this treatment by subsequently giving crops, where the ears are showing in serried ranks evenly across the whole field. I love to see the gusts of wind become visible with waves across a perfect tapestry of ripening ears.

By the end of July, we may see the combine harvester out, the moment of truth when we see if looks convert to fat grains in the store. We have tried a little 'dredge corn', putting a mix of cereals seed in where we ran out of wheat seed. We will cut it as an arable silage. I'm not convinced so far.

The grass plants, like the cereals (they are all the same family), want to set seed. The spring cows want the plants leafy. Our red land pastures on the hill have been looking dry, and we hope for our share of summer rain to keep the grass growing. Our little valley often sees rain on neighbouring hills. The cows

can be chasing blades of grass, and then we feed a little winter feed to allow the grass to recover and the rain to come.

The autumn cows are on their summer holidays before calving next month. They graze 'standing hay' – grass that is long, stalky and gone to seed. They need bulky, poor pasture to fill their bellies and not get too fat. Too fat and there is less room for the calf to emerge easily. Too-lush pasture means we have to restrict how much the cows eat, so they become angry, moo crossly at us and look for opportunities to break out.

It's hot humid work in the cheese dairy as we make the cheese we need before we close for planned maintenance next month. Our crystal ball is working overtime as we try to guess what cheese people will want to buy this Christmas, next Christmas, and the summer after that.

We will be at the Mid Devon Show on Saturday 23rd July, so please feel free to pop by our stand and have a chat. We made one batch of ewe's milk cheese. We hoped it would be ready for Easter. It took its time maturing; and I'm really pleased with it now. We brought the milk in from Woodbury, and are struggling to get hold of some more. When the batch is gone, it's gone. I love its warm pale gold colour and gentle sheep aroma, with some lovely nutty and buttery flavours.

I've got some quince paste I made last year, which would be a classic way of eating it. It's a lovely picnic cheese served with Dorset coppa cured meat, some olives, and sourdough bread. Perfect lightweight, satisfying food for a picnic on a summer ramble. Add some Sandford Orchards single variety cider if you want a doze on your walk.

Mary Quicke

Woodland Walk in Newton Wood



Sunday July 17th 1000-1200



John Quicke invites local people on a fairly short (800m) woodland walk looking at recent thinning activities and woodland management in the Quicke Estate woodlands.

There will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions.

Meet at end of council road from Sandown Lane near to Keepers Cottage at 10am.

Limited car parking in this area, please car share if possible.

The terrain is uneven and wet in places so good boots and reasonable mobility are necessary.

It is not suitable for pushchairs, wheelchairs or very young children.

Bashing the Balsam on the Creedy

On Saturday 28th May, a small but determined band strode onto the towpath of the Creedy. Clad in an assortment of hi-viz tabards and motley hats, they looked harmless enough. But appearances are deceptive - they were the Newton Environmental Wellbeing group's first-ever squad of balsam bashers, ready to uproot, snap and trample for hours on end.

Their target? A tall, elegant plant with hollow pink flowers that give it the name 'policeman's helmet'. Himalayan balsam looks great. Like Japanese knotweed and skunk cabbage, it was chosen for its good looks and brought back from overseas by Victorian plantsmen. But it hasn't ended well. Ruthlessly out-competing native pollinators, it has spread along England's waterways and is now targeted by wildlife groups nationwide. It can grow 2m-3m tall and those pretty flowers give way to an exploding seed-head which can scatter over several metres. In winter it dies back, leaving the ground uncovered. And just now, stands of it are waving prettily all along our stretch of the Creedy, on boggy terrain that can't be mown, or treated with chemicals without contaminating the river.

The good news is that it's non-toxic and easy to pull up, especially when it's young. And the time to do it is May-June, when its pale stems and sets of three pink-veined leaves haven't yet bloomed, as flowers are soon followed by the seed-heads, which go off when they're touched. So, we took action. Promising to work at our own risk and not walk on the growing crops, we got the blessing of landowners Mr and Mrs Browne. Then we went down the riverbank and rolled our sleeves up.

If you reach down to grasp the stem low down it comes up pretty easily, exposing a shallow root with pink knobbles (the scientific term) all round it. Then you must prevent that root re-growing. Our sources were divided on what to do next: snap the stalks low down and trample them into the mud or hang them from branches in leafy fronds. We had fun trying both and though our backs got sore from all the bending down, we came back the next Sunday for more.

We cleared a couple of hundred metres of bank, but there is lots left. We've learned a lot too. Most importantly, we were able to raise awareness of the issue with passers-by and we hope that this will grow until everyone can recognize the plant. If you are interested in participating in one of the groups, or just want to uproot the odd bit of balsam growing by the path as you pass by, please get in touch or consult the N.E.W. web pages on the Newton Wonder website, for full notes on good practice and relevant links.

Christine Robins



Above:- Volunteers on the banks of the river Creedy.



Right:- the offending plant - Himalayan Balsam

Friends of Newton St Cyres Station

There will be no competition this year between the stations on the Tarka Line but the volunteers are here tending the plants, flowers and vegetables in the station garden.

Chris Southcott

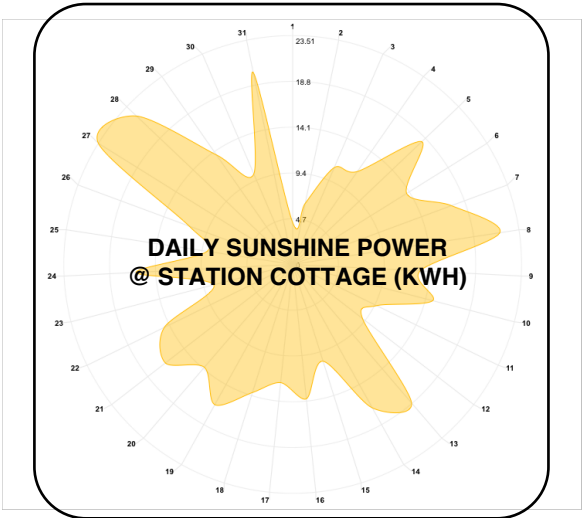
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Newton Weather

in May 2022

Q: What did the pig say
on a hot summer day?



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DAILY RAINFALL (mm)



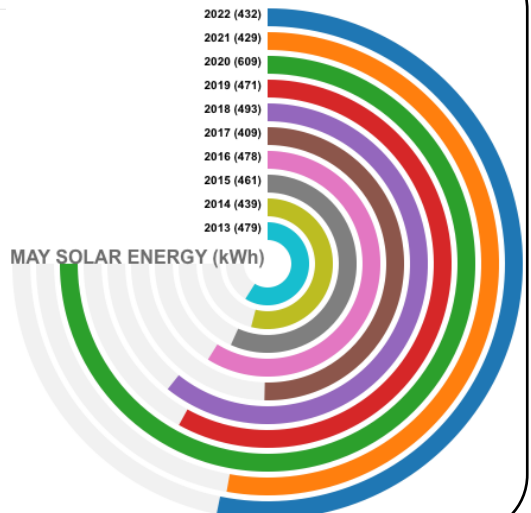
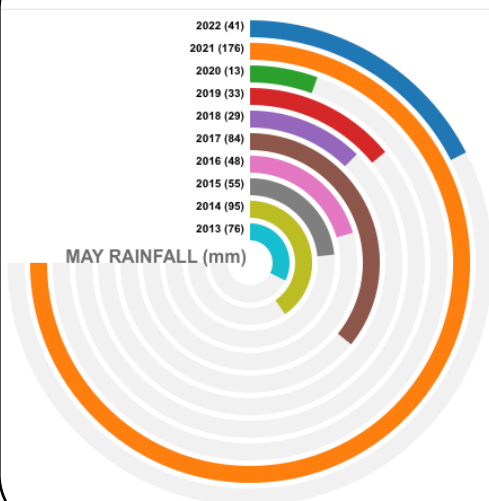
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Stuart Mole

How well do you know your village?

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- 1. WHEN** was the picture taken?
- 2. WHERE** was it taken?
- 3. WHO** is in the Picture?

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**For a closer look see our website:-www.newtonwonder.net
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.**

Arboretum Tours and A.G.M..



The challenges and delights of the Arboretum were on display on 1st June when Roger Wilkins and Vaughan Ware took villagers on a kind of show and tell around the woodland. Along the way we were given an interesting update about a leisure space that in its current form was established by the Quicke family in the 1930s as a pleasure ground, though the woodland may date back to around 1775, with much of the planting we see today being completed in the 1950s.

After the Quicke family moved from Newton House, there was a period of benign neglect until 2008, when the family gave the Parish Council license to allow the Friends of The Arboretum to manage the area.

The huge Holme oaks represent an early planting but now pose a risk of decay resulting in limbs falling off. The storms earlier this year saw one casualty when an oak fell on the little shelter by the boundary (luckily the Arboretum had closed due to the strong winds). The trees are inspected annually, but it looks like these grand old trees may need to be felled within the next 50 years.

The quirky and beautifully constructed summer house is not within the license agreement, and remains within the responsibility of the Quicke estate as a listed building. If you peer in, you'll be able to see that it is skilfully made and has moss as an insulating material in the walls.

There are Black Walnut trees in the western area. These were originally planted as a commercial crop but some of the lower branches are now showing signs of age and will need some TLC soon.

At one time there used to be a pond nearer the road. It has been recommended that this be reinstated to allow for another type of habitat, but the roadside trees need some attention before this can be done – and there are also safety considerations.

Also, the laurels are creating so much shade that they will have to be taken back at some point.

Water supply presents problems, especially when trying to establish new plantings. There used to be a comprehensive irrigation network and you can still see some of the taps that were part of this. Currently the church allows access to its water supply but this is not ideal.

Wild boar used to be a problem. They really liked the bluebell bulbs, but they seem to have disappeared lately. However, some of the trees need protection from deer.

Some areas have been left to furlough to allow plant diversity and these are managed by a late-cut regime and Yellow Rattle, which is parasitic to grass, and will suppress the grass to allow other plants to flourish.

The old cork oak is leaning precariously. It appears to be stable at the moment but steps may be required to mitigate this.

Our thanks go to all who helped serve up such an excellent walk and talk and for all the efforts that the Friends of the Arboretum group take so that we can enjoy this lovely amenity.

Gail Meldrum

Ukrainian Guests Update

We now have two Ukrainian families living in the village. Both are beginning to settle. There is much to do initially, getting SIM cards, setting up bank accounts, getting registered with a local GP, applying for benefits for guests and grants for hosts.

Both mothers are attending English classes in Crediton and two teenagers have started school.

I have watched the mothers relax and the teenagers grow in confidence. Indeed, one of the teenage guests was brave enough to try the Open Mic at the Jubilee Celebration on the Rec, where she sang a Ukrainian song.

While our small support group of three continues to work well, we would welcome some extra help, for example with lifts to classes and appointments.

Unfortunately, unlike Cornwall, Devon Stagecoach is not offering concessions to travel.

If anyone is interested in supporting the guest families and their sponsors in any way, do feel free to contact me at leska@btinternet.com

Anna Mace-Leska

From Citizen's Advice



At Citizens Advice we value diversity, promote equality and challenge discrimination. In a difficult economic climate our need to earn a living is especially important. Our Advice Column this month highlights useful information for anyone in the jobs market.

"I recently applied for a job at a local pub which offered the National Minimum Wage. After a short interview the manager asked me for some documents and also how old I am. After telling her I am 25 she said she would be in touch but it was unlikely I would get the job as they wouldn't be able to afford to pay me the required wage. She said she would prefer someone younger. Is this legal?" Here is our advice.

Nobody should be asking you your age at an interview. At 25 you're entitled to the National Living Wage. Full details of the legal pay people are entitled to are on the Citizens Advice website. However, the rules don't mean that employers can avoid hiring people because of their age. That is 'direct age discrimination' as stated in the Equality Act 2010. You're also protected by the National Minimum Wage Act 1998 which says employers can't not hire you or fire you because your age means you are entitled to a higher rate of pay.

Citizens Advice website has a wealth of information about what to do if you're being treated unfairly when applying for a job and there are steps you can take to either get compensation or persuade the employer to give you a job. The website gives advice and guidance with every step. www.citizensadvice.org.uk/work

- As soon as you can make a note of what happened, what questions were asked and other remarks made by the interviewer
- Write a letter of complaint to the employer and keep a copy
- If that doesn't result in a satisfactory outcome you could take the employer to an employment tribunal but you will need to pull together as much information as possible including the job advert and your full notes on what took place.

If you are taking the tribunal route you have three months minus one day from the date of the interview to start proceedings and if you need help and advice with this you can also contact ACAS who specialise in employment issues and provide advice free of charge.

Anyone in our area experiencing similar issues can contact us on our free, local AdviceLine 0808 27 87 999 or go to www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk and click on 'get advice'.

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It was such a wonderful, amazing time .

But none of it would have happened without a great deal of effort, toil and time. So I offer my deepest thanks and blessings to all the volunteers and dedicated people who made all of this happen.

Rev'd Tim Collins

SERVICES & INFORMATION JULY 2022

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

Sunday 3 July Trinity 5

09:30 am	Baptism & Holy Communion	Thorverton	JH
10:00 am	Morning Worship	Stoke Canon	Lay Led
10:00 am	Coffee & Conversation	Brampford Speke	Lay Led
10:30 am	Coffee & Chat	Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
11:15 am	Informal Service	Cadbury	Lay Led
11:15 am	Café Church	Rewe	Lay Led
11:30 am	Baptism Service	Upton Pyne	TC

Sunday 10 July Trinity 6

10:00 am	Informal Service	Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	Upton Pyne	GC
06:30 pm	Choral Evensong	Thorverton	Lay Led

Sunday 17 July Trinity 7

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Brampford Speke	TC
11:15 am	Holy Communion	Cadbury	TC
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	Stoke Canon	MSS

Sunday 24 July Trinity 8

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

Tuesday 26 July

09:00 am	Chattertots	Thorverton	Lay Led
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Sunday 31 July Trinity 9

11:00 am	Mission Community Service	Brampford Speke	TC
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Evening Prayer: Every Tuesday 6:00 pm in Rewe Church

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

Who's Who? Abbreviations Key

TC	Revd Tim Collins		
JH	Revd Julia Hocking	LF	Laura Ford [Licensed Lay Minister]
TL	Revd Tony Lane	KR	Revd Preb Kathy Roberts
GC	Revd Preb Graham Cotter	MSS	Revd's Michael & Sharon Simpson
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A Death, a Poet, and Memorable Words.

My mother, Doris, died quite suddenly of secondary brain cancer when my sister, Lesley, and I were away at school. I was just 15. We were called home to visit her in Westminster Hospital, and, although she was dying, her love towards us was palpable. She passed away the next day, and the first words my father spoke to me afterwards were: 'Never blame God for this.'

The reality of my father's own Christian faith was impressive. He re-thought his life, left his underwriting syndicate at Lloyds, and went to train for the ministry at Northwood. After his ordination at the age of 51, we said goodbye to our home in Buckinghamshire, and went to live on a council estate in Farnborough, Hampshire. The church there thrived. By this time, he had remarried Hilary Harman, who had been secretary to the cricketer David Sheppard at the Mayflower Centre in Canning Town.

Elsie Cope, the poet Wendy Cope's mother, was my mother's greatest friend. My early childhood memories include visits to the Cope family home at Fourways, a short distance past Erith bus station. I would climb trees with Marian, Wendy's younger sister, and I remember a firework display, also drinking hot chocolate on a cold November night. Wendy wrote this poem, reflecting on a visit made to her by her parents after my mother's funeral. It is called "An Afternoon", and is in her collection of poems in Anecdotal Evidence.

The two of them are sitting on the bed
In my small student room. My second year.
My parents are both feeling very sad
After a funeral not far from here:
My mother's closest girlhood friend, who died
Of cancer in her forties. They agree
They can't face driving home just yet, decide
To come and spend an hour or two with me.
And I, for once, am genuinely pleased
To see them. I'm depressed. I haven't said.
I hope the hugs and smiles I gave them eased
Their grief. Years later, when they're dead,
I will remember and be moved to say
I never loved them more than on that day.

Wendy describes herself as 'a very sympathetic agnostic'. Her poems "Tallis's Canon", and "A Wreath for George Herbert" reveal a wistful longing. There is also "A poem About Jesus", and "A Lantern Carol", with a tender invitation to embrace faith:

Calls us with the shepherds
And the eastern kings,
Offers us the Christ child
And the love He brings.

In the golden lamplight,
See him there asleep,
Ours if we will have Him.
Ours to love and keep.

Lesley and I were apparently held up to Wendy and Marian as models of good behaviour. When I heard this, I was greatly surprised, as my behaviour pattern at school was chequered!

(Poems are quoted with permission. "Anecdotal Evidence" is published by Faber and Faber.)

Graham Cotter

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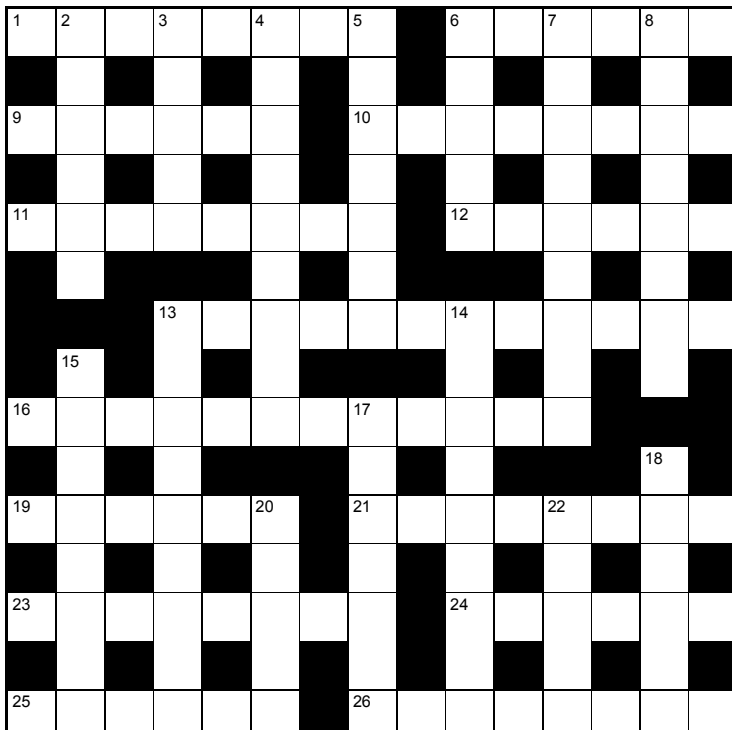
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Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Heard van crashing from terrace (8)
- 6 He's entering wager by request (6)
- 9 Alternatively, daughter is captivated by month in the country (6)
- 10 Old woman can have energy drink (8)
- 11 Tease the awfully arty type (8)
- 12 Agent gets around centre of Leeds fast (6)
- 13 Telling off for wearing casual clothes (8-4)
- 16 Felt sympathy for semi-democrat in trouble (12)
- 19 Say no to rubbish (6)
- 21 Drinking vessel on table may be put away in here? (8)
- 23 Friend is to help, we hear, with fence (8)
- 24 Model posed around university, being pretentious (6)
- 25 Its passengers have already departed (6)
- 26 Was barely seen in public (8)

DOWN

- 2 Upset, East European director initially ran away (6)
- 3 Examine car before start of trip (5)
- 4 Ned's sense is confused with stupidity (9)
- 5 Owls' noses (7)
- 6 Supporter starts to send some money (5)
- 7 Easily angered, he had to tangle with editor (9)
- 8 Expel student and put him in prison (4,4)
- 13 Foolishly I am rude about old city's writer (2,7)
- 14 Mark exam questions, written on this? (9)
- 15 Reporting anger in bay? (8)
- 17 Disease from insects, first off (7)
- 18 Tramp needs time with Barnaby (6)
- 20 Destroy part of camera's equipment (5)
- 22 Work a long time producing piece for the stage (5)

Set by Alberich

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Solution to the June 2022 Cryptic Crossword

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*For help, further information or to submit a report please go to the website or contact the
NSC Parish Council Co-ordinator Damien Hodge tel: 01392 851111
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A WEEK IN THE PARISH HALL

The Parish Hall is now fully open. The special covid restrictions and number limits have been lifted, but we urge users to think of others and continue to be careful.

If you wish to book the Hall or learn more about the facilities, please contact our Bookings Secretary, Mary Long (marylong@btinternet.com ; 01392 851624).

Roger Wilkins, Chairman, Hall Management Committee

Monday (weekly)	Keep Fit "Stefacise"	9.30 - 10.30am	Stephanie Bending	07709 346428	bendinghall@gmail.com
Monday (weekly)	Gentle Keep Fit	10.45 - 11.30am	Stephanie Bending	07709 346428	bendinghall@gmail.com
Tuesday (weekly)	Line dancing	7.30 pm	Paula Benford	01392 210830	pbenford45@gmail.com
Tuesday (weekly)	Adonai Community Kitchen	12.00 - 2.00pm	Jocelyne Whittaker	07508 871172	TheAdonai-CKitchen@outlook.com
Tuesday (fortnightly)	Young Farmers Club	8.00 pm	Katie Davie	07706 760500	kmdavie@gmail.com
Wednesday (weekly)	Adonai Community Kitchen	12.00 - 2.00pm	Jocelyne Whittaker	07508 871172	TheAdonai-CKitchen@outlook.com
Wednesday (monthly)	History Group	7.30 pm	Jean Wilkins	01392 851337	jeanwilkins1@btinternet.com
Thursday (Twice per month)	Mah Jong	2.00 pm	Geoff Jackson	01392 851551	meagalops@btinternet.com
Thursday (weekly, except 2 nd in month))	Ballroom dancing	Evening	Wendy Richards	07949 141800	wendy@dancetwexeter.co.uk
Thursday (2 nd in month)	Exe Valley Bird Club	7.00 pm	Kevin Smaldon	07710 427817	kevin.smaldon@btinternet.com
Thursday (monthly)	Parish Council	7.00 pm	Jane Hole	01392 851148	parishclerk@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk
Friday (some weeks)	Art class	10.30 am	Sue Rose	01363 772284	suerose9@hotmail.com
Friday (weekly)	Table tennis	7.15 pm	Roger Wilkins	01392 851337	rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com
Saturday (second in month)	Coffee morning (for Church and other organisations)	10.30 am	Church Sue Browne	01392 851460	suecbrowne@gmail.com
			Others Roger Wilkins	01392 851337	rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com
Saturday (some months)	Model train group	2.00 pm	Ann Feetham	01392 215837	annfeetham@virginmedia.com

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Newton Wonder Magazine and Website	Editor – Peter Hawksley Email: editor@newtonwonder.net	01392 851269
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Table Tennis	Roger Wilkins	01392 851337
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