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Summer

For our cover we decided to celebrate the summer with the greatest of summer flowers, the rose. The picture was taken by Jill Hawksley at Rosemoor in late June this year.

The Recreation Club

The Recreation Ground Club held its AGM on Wednesday 21st June. President Mary Quicke was in the chair. After more years than he could remember Tony Lewis stepped down as chair. Carrie-Ann Finning was elected as the new chairperson. Claire Digby was elected as secretary and David Harris was re-elected as Treasurer. The lease on the land, which is owned by the Church Commissioners, expires in 2030, only 7 years away. There was considerable discussion on whether it would be possible to buy the freehold as a community asset. The latest price from the Church Commissioners' agents, it was thought, too high compared with the prices that local farmers were paying for agricultural land. It was agreed that negotiations should continue and it may be that the emerging neighbourhood plan may be of assistance.

Peter

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT 1st June 2023

The meeting, held on Thursday 1st June, was attended by seven Councillors, the Parish Clerk, the Mid Devon District Councillor Martin Binks, and three members of the public. Absent: Dave Rowell

Parish Council:

After discussion, the areas of responsibility for each councillor were divided up as follows:

Chair: Cllr Graeme Barnell

Vice Chair: Cllr Liz Ouldrige

Development & Planning responsibilities: Cllr Graeme Barnell

Travel & Road Safety Officer: Cllr John Dean

Publicity and Community Engagement Officer: Cllr Jenna Browne

2 x Emergency and Resilience Officer (s)- Cllr Graham Scopes and Cllr Peter Stephenson

Environment and climate Officer - Cllr Dave Rowell

Footpath, structures and maintenance - Cllr Steve Parker

The new councillors have been booked on training sessions in their relevant areas.

Report from District Councillors on issues relevant to the parish

- It has been suggested that an estate walk be conducted with Mid Devon Council to establish the responsibilities of Mid Devon Council versus the Parish Council. Currently, certain items such as the village hall parking lights are not clear, and hence an estate walk should shed some light on the matter (excuse the pun).

Environmental Issues

- The rain gauge maintenance contract has been reviewed with the contract and costs to be paid by the council.
- A new map of Newton St Cyres with an indication of footpaths will be laminated and placed on the Village Green noticeboard. With thanks to Cllr Steve Parker, who has arranged the lamination and UV protection of the map.

Traffic and Road Issues

- Cllr Graeme Barnell attended a recent meeting of the HATOC (Highways and Traffic Orders Committee), where it was established that there would be a review of the speed limits and signage of the A377, with reference to the stretch between Quickes and Tesco roundabout. It has been requested to reduce the speed limit to 40mph on this section.
- Further work is required on the Boniface Trail feasibility and an updated consultants' report is awaited
- Cllr Steve Parker will be meeting with Paul (Quickes Farm Manager) to discuss the permissive footpaths and establish what needs to be done in terms of maintenance, and the relevant cost to Quickes/Parish Council.
- It was agreed to pay part of the cost for training of an additional road warden, with DCC paying the majority of the cost
- A new grit bin has been considered for Kingfisher Close at a cost of approx £200. However before purchase, DCC will be contacted to see if an existing bin can be reallocated.

Buildings and planning issues

- None to report.

Other Council Business

- The council is still looking for a 9th member. Please contact Jane Hole, Parish Clerk, should this be of interest.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Parish Hall on **Thursday 6th July 2023** 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.

Jenna Browne

RECREATION GROUND CLUB

As I write this, I am wondering how different the Club will soon look as Tony Lewis has notified the committee that he feels it is time to give someone else the chance to take on the role of chairman.

July is a strange month, with busy weekends and relatively quiet weekdays. The tennis folk will as usual be busy with their competitions and games. The archery group will be using the back field for their usual practice evenings

The cricket teams provide a wonderful sight on a sunny evening and will continue through July and August.

Two very busy weekends are drawing close. The 8th and 9th of July are the dates for the Youth football tournament. There will be lots of young people with their minds only on football, so if you are travelling along Station Road, please be aware you could encounter small folk without traffic on their minds. Then the weekends of the 15th and 16th will be when we will be hosting a birthday weekend with music and entertainment. There will be strangers to the area, so you may again encounter people who are not traffic aware.

Moving on to 22nd July, when, guess what!, we will have football again! Teams will be thinking of the 23/24 season and starting with their pre-season friendlies.

The Creedy Valley Darts League will be having their Annual General Meeting in the club house on the evening on Sunday 23rd July.

Until next month, enjoy the sun and keep your gardens tidy.

Wendy Lewis

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

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Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The draw for June took place at the Coffee Morning on the 13 May. The winners were:

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No. 201	M Drew	£10.00
No. 145	M Wheal	£10.00

Annual membership is due from 1 June - if you have not yet paid, please do so if you would like to keep your number.

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FOOD LARDER

The Newton Environmental Wellbeing Group will be giving away fresh produce again at the Coffee Mornings in the Parish Hall soon. Last year NEW started tackling the twin issues of food waste and food poverty by distributing surplus produce once or twice a month.

This year we are hoping to have vegetables from the community allotment as well as produce from local gardeners.

Donations of home grown fruit and vegetables are welcome on the day from anyone who has some to spare.

The produce table will be in the lobby as you go in, so please help yourselves. This is food for free!

Helen on behalf of NEW group.

Newton St Cyres Parish Council

Road Warden Scheme—a year in numbers...

By the first week of July we will have been operating for a full year—how time flies! All the volunteers have been working tirelessly in our Parish to improve the safety of our roads. A big THANK YOU to all these volunteers. Here is a summary of our work in numbers:

- * **Over 305 volunteer hours worked in filling potholes, clearing verges and flood prevention**
- * **109 potholes filled in, taking approximately 112 hours to do this**
- * **77 tubs of tarmac used to fill these holes—that's 1,675 kgs of tarmac!**
- * **We spent 118 hours clearing flood debris after flash floods, digging drainage ditches and clearing drains to prevent further flooding**

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History Group Future Events and Meetings

The Church will be open again for **Heritage Open Days** on

Wednesday 13 Sept and Saturday 16 Sept.

Midge Kelly and Jean Wilkins hope to be doing tours again.

Our next meeting is i on Wed Oct 11thOctober

'Down to Earth - Archaeological Aerial Survey and Excavation between the Culm and the Creedy' Bill Horner County Archaeologist

Our meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. There is no special membership. Everyone is welcome.

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

RUSTY RACKETS:



Photo by Ann Quon Cordingley

We had two very well attended Rusty Rackets mornings on 3rd June and 10th June 10

We did some warm-up exercises and tennis drills to get the eye in, and then there was time for a few games as well. It was lovely meeting so many new people all keen on tennis.

Here is a picture of some of the participants, most of whom have joined a WhatsApp group to arrange their own tennis mornings.

Do get in touch with Frederiek Maddock (frederiekmaddock@gmail.com) if you want to know more.

The Club Tournament is very popular. There are many participants and members are playing with different partners ,so the matches are very even and exciting.

If you are ready for some tennis, try the club for a couple of sessions and then you can decide to join. Just contact our membership secretary, Laura Leigh, on 01647 24259.

The summer league is well on its way and it is great playing with and against different people from all over Devon.

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

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

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

Frederiek Maddock

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

Newton St Cyres History Group has an ever-growing library of publications. What better way to orientate and acquaint yourself with your local surroundings!

• Newton St Cyres – A Village Story (£5)

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



• Newton St Cyres Historical Village Walks (£1)

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

• Newton St Cyres Mining and Miners (£1)

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

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

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• Memories of Boyhood in a Devon Village (£3)

Written by Alfred Abraham, born in Newton St Cyres in 1893. He shares his memories growing up in the village at the beginning of the 20th century.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dave Taylor

Many in the Parish will have known Dave Taylor who died in March this year. He was a person who had a huge capacity to enjoy life and, with an infectious enthusiasm for any amount of things - which he found on the golf course and on the ski slopes; whilst watching birds and whilst watching sport on the TV; and by learning to cook and by teaching others – he helped other people enjoy their lives too. A natural entertainer, upbeat and jolly in nature, he really found his niche in teaching and he will be remembered for bringing much laughter and many smiles and jokes to our lives.

Dave was born in Birmingham on 3rd July, 1939, to parents, Leo and Stella. David's father was an avid birdwatcher and golfer, two passions which he would later inherit in abundance. During his youth in the late 1950s, Dave would develop his appreciation of music, firstly with a love for Jazz, and with a work friend, started to run Cha Cha evenings, an earlier version of Salsa.

All the while Dave was ever the keen sportsman, and during his youth he played football, cricket; and, his biggest passion, golf.

Dave initially followed his father's footsteps in insurance and it was during a spell in the Midland Employers that he met his future wife, Ellie. His constant good humour and cheerfulness caught Ellie's attention. David and Ellie were married in 1963. Shortly after, they decided to swap the big city of Birmingham for a life in sunny Devon, firstly to Plymouth, and then to Crediton, where they settled. It was not long after their move to Crediton that their daughter, Sarah, was born in 1967 and later their son Paul in 1972.

Upon his move to Crediton, Dave decided to pursue a new career in teaching; one at which he later found himself to be a natural. The family recall that walking down Crediton High Street with Dave involved countless greetings of "Hello Sir" and right up to the end of his life he would be greeted with a comment "you used to teach me".

Dave had battled for many years with various medical conditions, but in his own words, he dodged several bullets. He underwent a quadruple heart bypass in his mid 50s, but came back fighting fit. Just under 10 years ago David was diagnosed with bowel cancer and had to face another intrusive procedure, but once again he recovered. All the while David would be determined to battle against these and other medical conditions; still cracking jokes and with a smile on his face. An amazing man.

Thoughts for July from Peter Cordingley

When was the last time you saw a policeman on Exeter High Street? Not recently? Me neither. And Crediton High Street? I don't think I've ever seen a Bobby there. Mind you, there's plenty of them tearing up and down the M5 in their souped-up BMWs, but they weren't much use to the gent I read about this morning who got punched in the face by a shoplifter outside Sports Direct in Exeter.

And that's hardly the end of the worries about lawlessness in Exeter. What about the rough sleepers and drug users who congregate on the corner of Market Street and Fore Street? It's true, they tend to keep to themselves, but they are so rowdy and seemingly unpredictable that I always give them a wide berth. I'm not suggesting that they be harassed, but a little more police attention would be useful, wouldn't it?

But the problem, as we all know, is that there simply aren't enough policemen. Latest estimates say forces across the country are 30,000 officers short of what is needed to keep the country safe. Poor pay, rising workloads and government penny pinching over the years have seen record numbers quit, leaving a once-proud service in tatters. To that I might add a near-total collapse of public faith in the efficiency and probity of forces everywhere. Perhaps the two are connected.

Read the numbers and fret. Some 8,200 officers reportedly left English and Welsh forces in the year ending March last year – the highest since comparable records began. And 1,800 officers recruited under the government's so-called uplift programme have already handed in their whistles and hightailed it back to Civvy Street. Home Secretary Suella Braverman likes to tell us that 20,000 have signed up after its high-profile recruitment drive, but even if that were the case, it would only bring numbers back to where they were 23 years ago.

Meanwhile, officers are submitting applications to relocate to Western Australia, which is tempting them with £47,000 starting salaries, free housing, fast-tracked Australian citizenship and six weeks' paid leave. Police in England and Wales typically start on £21,402. Not a police force in this country can afford to pay Aussie rates, but the exodus tells us how bad things have got in this country after years of repeated government budget cuts. And I'm not just talking about the police. Workers of all kinds, from immigration officers to NHS staff to train drivers and more have seen their take-home pay dwindle. And they're fed up.

OK, enough of the numbers, and on to reality in Newton St Cyres. I'm told that some of the older residents of Orchard Court are anxious about the strangers showing up in their gardens, with reports of items being stolen. In one instance, there was apparently even an attempted break-in, abandoned thanks to an alert family dog. The police were informed but I'm told no officers showed up to investigate.

I'm not surprised. After all, for years now burglaries have rarely been investigated. Just recently, though, the government promised a complete reversal of practice, and announced that from now on every burglary across the country would be investigated. Really? Really? Every single burglary? Watch out for a formations of pigs flying over the church!



Summer fruit coulis

Enjoy those freshly gathered raspberries and strawberries for summer puddings. However, over-ripe or bruised fruit can make a melba sauce or fruit coulis which you can freeze for a taste of summer later in the year.

Puree the fruit in a food processor or rub through a wire sieve to remove seeds and pips, sweeten to taste with icing sugar, add a squeeze of lemon juice and freeze. This makes a delicious addition to trifle or it can be served with ice cream or yogurt.

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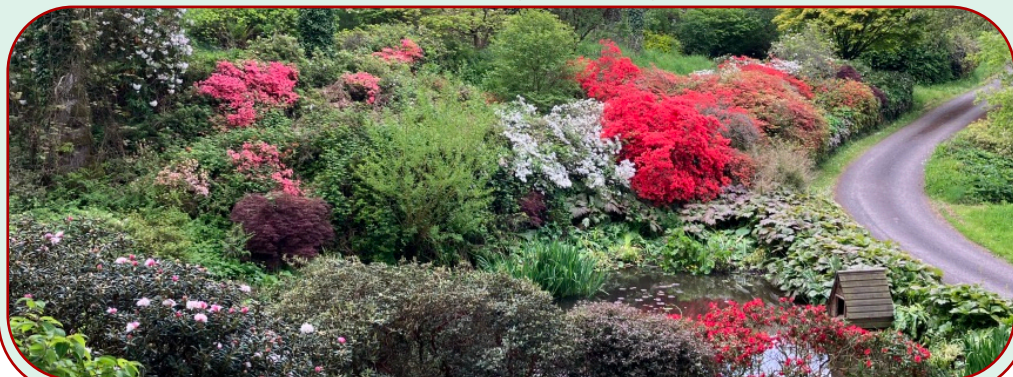
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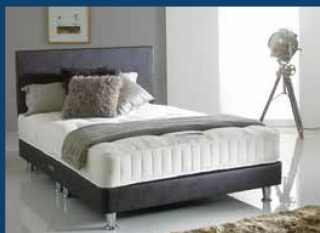
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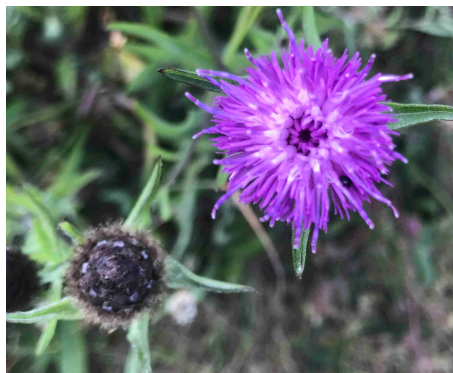
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July 2023

The Village Green – our wildflower meadow

It's been just over a year since parts of the village green were converted to mini wildflower meadows. Summer last year saw a host of the annuals, poppies, cornflowers, corn marigolds and corn chamomiles flowering from late June into August.



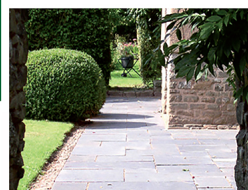
This year the flowers were here from early May. The annuals have been joined by perennials, biennials, and a multitude of grasses. Remember, it is a meadow and will contain approximately half grasses and half flowers. So far this seems to be the case.

What has been particularly noticeable this year is the huge number of insects, particularly bees, buzzing around these sections, contrasting sharply with the areas that continue to be mown all year round, which we now know effectively creates a desert for insects.

There is now a maintenance plan in place which will ensure that these areas are looked after in a manner that will enhance their usefulness to insects, help us all with our health and wellbeing, and give us an idea of what we can achieve together.

Dave Harris

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Do You Remember...July?

July 1973

The **Church** was appealing for new bell ropes.

At the **Parish Council** meeting Mrs Hazel Down was elected as Chairman.

The problem of cars dropping off children was discussed and it was hoped to have a car park in Tytheing Close.

Parish Hall Charges

New charges for use of the Parish Hall were introduced and the main hall for village use was 80p per hour.

Old Time Dancing sessions were being held in the Hall

There was a **cloudburst** reported where the Shuttern Brook rose to the doorstep of Old Beams within 30 minutes.

It was reported that Norman Down was elected as District Councillor.

The **Football Club** AGM was reported and **Mr W Boud** was elected as Chairman, **Ray Casling** as Secretary and **Bill Holt** as Treasurer

July 1983

The **Twinning** visit to Rots reported an excellent welcome and charters were signed by two people from each community.

Saturday Markets were advertised to take place in the Hall.

Parish Council vacancy filled

At the Parish Council, there were 5 candidates for one vacancy and the winner was **Peter Watts**.

The Show at the Recreation Ground made a profit of £600

Women's Institute (W.I.) heard a talk by the Deputy Governor of Exeter prison and on show were their Devon Show exhibits.

The **Afternoon Club** had an outing to Sidmouth and to Shute for tea with **Mrs Ayre**.

BBC Radio Devon broadcast an item by **Chris Lee** on Newton St Cyres bell's 250th birthday peal.

Bill Holt raised £118.48 running the London Marathon of which 50% went to the School and 50% to Cancer Research.

July 1993

Lots to do

Adverts for the Dog Show, Car Boot Sale and Horse & Summer Show appeared this month.

The Recreation Ground AGM

elected President **Mary Quicke**, Vice Presidents **John Harris**, **John Durrant** and **Henry Gliddon**, Chairman **Joyce Rook**, Vice Chairman **R Dymond**, Treasurer **Nicky Teague** and Secretary **G Harris**.

Gardening Club

Annuals and containers were the subject of the Gardening Club article by **Liz Mitchell**.

A Clay Pigeon Shoot was planned at the Recreation Ground

Walk raises hundreds of pounds

A Hospice Care Walk by 35 people raised £400

July 2003

Ruby Wedding

The Rev. and Mrs Potter celebrated their Ruby Wedding anniversary

The Beer Engine had been voted **CAMRA Pub of the Year** for Exeter and East Devon.

At the Recreation Ground AGM, **Sheila Ward** retired as secretary and **David Baker** was elected. **Chris Southcott** also returned to the committee

District Councillor makes promise

Nick Lee wrote his first article after being elected as District Councillor and promised to work for the benefit of the parishioners.



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July 2013

June saw the launch of the **Neighbourhood Health Watch** which established the regular monthly coffee mornings.

Laser shoot and fun sporting challenge, run by the Boniface Rotary Club of Crediton at Newton St Cyres Golf Course, raised nearly £400 for Devon Air Ambulance.

Neighbourhood Health Watch Party

The Neighbourhood Health Watch Party in the Crown and Sceptre garden was a great success. As well as a free barbecue there were stalls run by the Craft Group, the Environment agency, the Police, the Ambulance service and Quickes. There was plenty for everyone to enjoy including a Bucking Bronco and plenty of play equipment for the younger children. The arena saw displays from the school children, Crediton Ladies choir and the CEROC modern Jive display. Chief Superintendent **Paul Davies** presented a cheque to **Simon Lovell**, local Neighbourhood Health Watch co-ordinator and **Jayne Clark** the County organiser, for £500.

Newton St Cyres FC

A Youth Tournament was to be held at the Recreation Ground on 13th and 14th. They were planning to welcome around 120 teams over two days.

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club held a Club Championship event.

Parish Council report .

A site for the new dog waste bin had been agreed in Tytheing Close and signs warning dog owners about the penalties for leaving dog waste have been put up around the parish.

The Council welcomes members of the public to attend and raise questions and queries.

Follow the law and keep our towns clean

Mid Devon residents were being reminded to put litter in bins and not to smoke in public places.

Newton St Cyres History Group

The group welcomed back Colin Hart, an experienced and knowledgeable metal detector, who discussed more of his finds. His collection of 'crotal bells' related to our previous evening on bell founding,

Garden Club News

Anne Rice welcomed Professional gardener **John White** who shared some gardening tips.

Community Support Group

The Neighbourhood Health Watch (NHW) had received considerable publicity. The stand at Devon County show was very successful in promoting the idea and the progress of the scheme in the village was also the subject of recent local radio and television.

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Bert Jewell writes Rhymes and Ways about Gardens and Gardening July

July, and the battle in the garden continues apace,
Like an uphill challenge on a cycle race,
Each plant determined to catch your eye,
The cyclist a blur as he passes you by.

Now leaving the cyclist to enjoy their sport,
Take a look at the flowers, no matter what sort,
As they all seem determined to be best of all,
Like the pom-pom dahlias, so cute, so small.

See pelie's tumbling over baskets quite high,
The Californian Lilac, like a clear blue sky,
or the spidery flowers on stems that are tall,
flowering all summer and late into fall.

With stems of montbretia gently swaying in the breeze,
The passionflower climbing with the greatest of ease,
See peacocks on the buddleia or on nettles by the shed,
or could it be the admiral with it's striking bands of red.

The hydrangea that you planted, was it meant to be so blue,
If your type of soil is acid it will always flower true,
Like Mrs J Bradshaw, flowering all the summer long,
from May right through till August, so reliable, so strong.

Things to do in the July garden

July for me is when all the digging, sowing and planting is done, when you can sit in the garden and enjoy the riot of colour around you, Agapanthus, Penstemons, Lavender, Fuchsia's, Hebe, Solanum (against a sunny wall), the list goes on. How about dahlias? Bedding dahlias can go well in the front of flower borders or in the centre of tubs, or you could try your hand at growing large exhibition types, or maybe the pom-poms. I remember when I first started showing pom-poms, I fed them and disbudded them, but for show work they have to be no bigger than 2" or 52mm diameter, so don't feed them and disbud them a few days before the show, leaving the centre flower.

To attract pollinating insects, why not try the single-flowered type, like Bishop of Llandaff. All dahlias with the prefix Bishop are single flowered. If earwigs are a problem, fill a takeaway coffee cup with straw and place it upside down on top of a cane and the earwigs will hide in the straw. Ivy leaved Pelargoniums are at their best in hanging baskets. try to keep them deadheaded and watered, though they are forgiving if you should happen to miss the occasional watering.

Ceanothus or Californian Lilac really do come from California, the evergreen varieties will have already flowered, It is now when the deciduous varieties show off their large heads of sky blue flowers in a sunny sheltered spot.

Cleome or Spider flower: This half hardy annual will grow to about 3' high. The flowers can be pink or white but each has long spidery stamens sticking out all around. This is an interesting plant to grow.

Montbretia or Crocosmia, as they are now known, grow best in fertile, well-drained soil in a sheltered sunny spot. The bulbs quickly multiply making a large clump.

Buddleia, also know as the butterfly bush because the flowers attract so many flying insects, need to be hard-pruned in March.

Hydrangeas are sometimes referred to as changeables. This is because the blue flowered varieties need acid soil and the reds need alkaline soil. If the soil is not right the colour could change completely. White varieties aren't that fussy.

If you like Geums, Mrs J Bradshaw will not let you down. Dark red double flowers on strong plants will grow in most garden soil in sun or light shade.

Plant of the month

"Passionflower"

A few wires or trellis on a sunny wall and a passionflower at the bottom and you have a climber that will hold on by its tendrils so you don't have to tie it in. The flowers resemble large rosettes, usually blue and white continue all summer. Frost could be a problem, but it should regrow from the base. Cut back all frost damage or unwanted growth in April.

Enjoy your gardening



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?

No 79



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.

NEWTON RAMBLERS

Sunday 16th July

This month we will be taking a circular walk from Kennerleigh taking in Woolfardisworthy. The walk is 3 1/2 miles long with nearly all off road walking.

We will meet in the Newton St Cyres Parish Hall car park at 9.30am in order to save cars or in Kennerleigh at 10am - park along the road near the shop (please park considerately).

All welcome. For further information please ring Liz Fiddock on 01392 851461 or 07526 845964.

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MUSIC ALL THE WAY

Newton St Cyres' Music all the Way Festival was one heck of a hit. But how did it come about? How tough was it to organise? Ann Quon Cordingley has been talking to the two exceptional women who led the effort to put it together.

For four remarkable days in June, Newton St Cyres came alive to the sound of music and dance, with everything from toe-tapping honky tonk and ballroom dancing to classical, folk and cabaret-style jazz music echoing throughout the village.

The Music all the Way Festival was not only a resounding success, but a first for Newton St Cyres. With more than 14 events taking place over four days, the music and the acts spanned a large cross-section of the entertainment spectrum and drew the whole village together – from the Beer Engine, the Rec and the Primary School to the parish church, Parish Hall, and Belluno – all of whom enthusiastically threw open their doors to festivalgoers and performers alike.

Thanks for all that must go to the festival's organisers, the indefatigable Nicola Baker and Christine Fraser, who, with plenty of back-up from volunteers, friends and colleagues, masterminded the whole affair. "It's been really enjoyable," said Nicola, referring to how it all began. "To watch it grow has been really heart warming. I just think it's wonderful."

It all started back in September last year, when the pair bumped into each other at one of the folk-music evenings Nicola organises at the Parish Hall, where she sits on its management committee. They got to talking about wanting to see more music events, not just at the Parish Hall, but in Christine's case, in the church as well. As a member of the Newton St Cyres Church Community Association, a group set up to raise funds to improve the church and make better use of its facilities, Christine was tasked with coming up with ideas for music events and concerts there. "The church has wonderful acoustics and really lends itself to choral works and classical music, and there is also a lovely space that would make a lovely exhibition space," she said.

With the blessing of the Church Association, Christine and Nicola set to work. "So, we thought 'let's look first of all at concerts. How do we do that, what sorts of things should we put on?'" said Christine.

With Christine's background of having worked with the Dartington International Music Summer School and Festival and played in a rock band (how cool is that!) and Nicola's University of Exeter background working in student welfare, her contacts in folk music and exceptional organising skills, they made a good team. Little did they know that what started out as a plan to organise more music events at the church and Parish Hall would grow into a four-day festival involving the whole village.



Nicola Baker (left) and Christine Fraser

Finding the acts was a mix of word-of-mouth, contacts, suggestions from friends and colleagues and coincidence. Christine recalled: “I happened to be in Exeter with my other hat on – the RHS Britain in Bloom mentoring a group, and one of them said she couldn’t come [to a meeting] because she was singing in a choir, and I said oh, what choir? And she said ‘the La La Choir, it changes my life’. So she suggested I get in touch with Samantha Abrahams, its founder, who might consider putting on a concert in the church.”

The La La Choir was the first act they booked. It’s a Devon-based choir that sings a mix of pop, folk, soul and rock through the ages. Not only did Samantha readily agree to do a concert in the church, but also to hold a workshop for budding singers wanting to give it a go.

“Things grew from that with the various contacts we each had,” said Nicola. “The programme expanded from being just a weekend of music all the way to a full-on music and dance festival. We knew that people would attend events if we put them on. That was proved at Easter when they had a poetry reading and music in the church. It’s a case of having a couple of people who are enthusiastic, happy to put in the legwork, and happy to do the admin. Christine is brilliant with funding applications as well. We just developed it; it was very organic.”

With the support of the Devon Community Foundation and another charitable foundation (that they declined to name), they were able to secure funds to cover printing costs for posters and promotion and, more importantly, cover the cost of the Taiko South West Drummers, a Japanese inspired drumming corps , which meant that the Drummers' three performances and workshop at the Rec were entirely free for the children and parents who attended.

A remarkable thing about the festival was that most of the events were free. "Certain events needed to be ticketed to pay for the costs of the performers, but we tried to keep this to as few events as possible," explains Nicola. Since Nicola and Christine didn't have the resources or time to handle administrative aspects, it meant letting the venues handle their own events and the groups do their own ticketing online, where they would keep the proceeds. Once expenses and overheads were deducted, they would make a donation to the church. The funds raised at the festival and other future events organised by the Church Community Association will go towards making improvements to the church.

Of course, the festival couldn't have been possible without the incredible team of volunteers, led by 'Volunteer Co-ordinator' Jan Hookway. Jan recruited and briefed all 20 volunteers, who did everything from meet & greet, check tickets, set up and clear rooms and oversee the parking, to serving drinks and nibbles and washing up. Others volunteered their talents, such as Martin Taylor, who designed the festival posters, and Jocelyne Whittaker who provided the nibbles for the Chamber Choir and Honky Tonks Line Dancing. "We want to say an enormous thanks to our volunteers because they have been fantastic and to all the people who run the venues. Without them, we wouldn't have had a festival," said Christine.

With the festival behind them, Christina and Nicola can now breathe a sigh of relief that they pulled off a music and dance event on such a scale. They hope that the festival has showcased the variety of venues in the village and opens them up for future events. "We don't need to go into Exeter or Crediton. We've got everything we need right here in the village," said Nicola.

So will the village's own "mini-Glastonbury" become an annual event? Nicola laughs. "This is the beginning and it could well lead to future events, but we need to see how it goes." Without the Glastonbury mud, perhaps.

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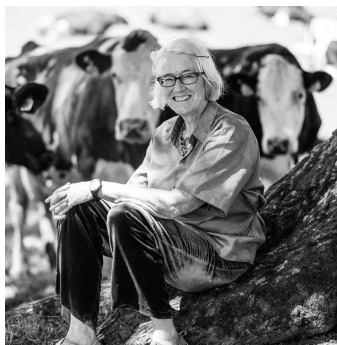
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July on the Farm



I love our beautiful landscape, the rich biodiversity of our woodlands, fields and hedges, our river and streams. Does that mean all's well in the world? No. We know our planet is warming and our biodiversity is reducing. The narrative from many quarters is that livestock farming, particularly ruminants like cows, are a major source of our problems. For us, as dairy farmers and cheesemakers, we ask ourselves if we are we doing something that will be cancelled when our successors look back at our scorecard, like taking part in the slave trade or driving over the limit: once acceptable, and now not?

I need to declare an interest. I'm not an impartial observer, or an expert in the field. But it is the key issue of our time, and we need to address it. We spend a lot of time thinking about how to navigate doing right by the planet, our people and our community, and at the same time make the most delicious food from our land and provide a living for ourselves and our team.

In this country, thanks to more efficient farming, we are producing milk at half the global average for emissions of greenhouse gases. Not producing animal products risks moving it to other countries where their practices are more damaging for the environment, like virtuously recycling plastic here only to find out it's being dumped into the sea in Asia.

The exciting thing is that farming is one of the few human activities that are part of the solution as well as the problem. Our woodlands, soils and hedges sequester about half the carbon output of our milk. Our mixed woodland and hedges are rich sources of biodiversity not available from plant-based farming on large fields cultivated intensively. There is an increasing understanding that methane, a big contributor to livestock farming emissions, lasts only a few years in the atmosphere, and yet it's treated in the calculations as if it lasts for centuries like carbon dioxide.

On our farm, we've got the area to generate our own energy, saving emissions with our existing and new photovoltaic panels. We are using wood from the farm to heat houses, and for bedding that then forms more soil organic matter.

So far, so good. But, given the scale of the challenge for humanity, it's not good enough to rest on our laurels, and say what we've done so far is enough. What to do that isn't greenwashing or virtue signalling, and what really makes a difference? Fortunately, the smart people of our time are bending their minds to this fiercely complex science and distilling it down to things we can sensibly do on the farm. We are breaking it down, eating the elephant in bite-sized chunks.

The really big thing we can do is work on our soil organic matter. This is such a sweet spot. The amount of organic matter soil has lost since industrial farming started is a big contributor to the increases of carbon in the atmosphere. Continuous arable farming strips organic matter out of the soil, the magic money tree of industrial farming. Our forefathers knew the value of rotation, ley farming, returning the fields to grass and clover to restore soil carbon. And we can already see the benefits of rotation in how productive, workable and moisture-retentive the soil is.

You can feed grass and clover to biodigesters to make methane but you don't get delicious cheese as a result. We use the grass and clover to graze our animals and make silage. We spread animal manures which arise from straw and feed that we grow in a beautiful perpetual-motion machine.

We need to reduce the methane our animals produce per litre of milk. The clear and current things to do are make sure the breeding of the animals is to produce less methane, and make sure that we feed and care for the animals so they produce as much milk as they are sensibly capable of, while at the same time living the longest productive lives in the herd. In future there will be things we can do to feed the animals to produce less methane, and we need to make sure these don't have unintended consequences. There is an antibiotic that can already do that, but it is not usable because of antimicrobial resistance, which is why it is illegal in the UK. We know the scientists are hard at work on getting the best solutions.

Soil needs continuous plant cover to protect and feed the soil microflora, adding to soil carbon. We spread onto the land the dirty water and slurry that we collect from cheese and dairy washings and cow manure. It's liquid so it soaks into the ground, taking the nutrients safely into the reach of soil microflora before it can go into the air or groundwater where it can be a pollutant. The timing of when we spread manures has a big impact. Warm enough so the soil microorganisms and plants make use of the nutrients and liquid, and firm enough not to compact the soil. We replace bought-in fertiliser with our home-produced manures, which is why our tractors are travelling further to make sure we reach the whole farm with the natural stuff.

We've just invested in a kit to use satellite data to guide our tractors to spread the right amount in the right places. Our understanding of soil is getting a huge leg-up, now people understand how important it is: the whole of humanity and the terrestrial natural world relies on the top few inches of soil. For almost the whole of my farming career, thinking about soil was what weird old-fashioned people or cranks did. Now some of the world's finest minds are bending their minds to how it all works in all its beautiful complexity.

Just as the combined activity of the world's scientists and governments was able to start to heal the ozone layer, we can come together to be the stewards of our planet's health.

Mary Quicke

Progress on the Newton St Cyres Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan

The Newton St Cyres Parish Council has set up a Steering Group to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the community. This Group has been meeting monthly since April 2022 to develop a plan to meet the statutes of the Localism Act 2011 that gives communities the opportunity to “Shape the built environment”. It has important legal status and must comply with the Mid Devon Local Plan and its adoption must be approved by a local ballot vote. This is a huge task, and we need your help and support.

It is vital that the Steering Group seeks feedback, listens, and understands views from all the community. So far, the Group has identified six main topics on which it is seeking feedback.

Housing

Transport & Infrastructure

Local Economy

Climate & Environment

Open Spaces & Leisure

Health & Wellbeing

A Community Forum Event was held in the Parish Hall on Saturday the 25th of February to explore these topics. The Forum was attended by over 60 participant and focused on the above 6 topics asking what they really like about the parish now? What is their vision for the future? What needs to change?

The correlation of this feedback has enabled the Steering Group to glean the views and identify some key priorities for each of the topics to enable a plan to start to be crystallised. The information from the forum is available on the Neighbourhood Plan page of the Newton Wonder website: - <https://www.newtonwonder.net/neighbourhood-plan.html>

The Group has also started to understand if the feedback is to conserve or develop the current situation and the possible timescales for implementation.

We need to involve the whole community and we are currently working with the Newton St Cyres School to seek the children's views as the timescale for the impact of this plan will impact their futures.

The next big step is to engage with Key Stakeholders - local businesses, landowners, and local organisations. A Stakeholders Event is planned for Wednesday the 13th of September 2023, 6-8pm at the Parish Hall to seek their views on what they want to see in the Neighbourhood Plan. Invitations will be sent out in early August.

To support us in developing this plan we are working with a Planning Consultant and will be liaising with Mid Devon Council.

The Steering Group meets on the first Wednesday for each month and if you feel you wish to contribute, please contact us. There is a dedicated webpage on the Newton Wonder website to share your feedback.

Over the next few months, we look forward to communicating with you and update on the views of our children and Key Stakeholders.

This Neighbourhood Plan is for all the community.

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GARDEN PARTY AT FAIRVIEW

Graham Scopes regularly puts on events at Fairview, but this was my first visit - with 4 other residents of the village. Thankfully it wasn't too hot on 10th June, but all weather eventualities were catered for with a large marquee. There was plenty of space for those attending together to sit in comfort, together with a well-stocked bar with local beers and ciders and great food from the BBQ. The afternoon's music was provided by the talented **Old Skool Rox** , a duo consisting of Maz on lead and harmony vocals and Lez on lead vocals guitar and backing/harmony vocals. They covered a wide range of music genres including numbers from Simon & Garfunkel, Mike & the Mechanics and Fleetwood Mac.

The evening music was from **House of Kane**, who were unloading a lot of equipment & setting up after the afternoon session. These are a South West band who started gigging in 2003 playing venues across the South West. They write a lot of their own material, which is influenced by AC/DC, Thin Lizzy, Van Halen, Led Zeppelin & Deep Purple and the band comprises Sean Fitzgerald - lead guitar, Conrad Pizey - rhythm guitar & vocals, Ady Bindley - bass guitar and vocals and Paul Hayman - drums.



A great event, so look out for future events, which Graham will advertise in the Newton Wonder.

Nicola Baker



Household Support Fund May 2023 – March 2024

The Government has allocated more funding to local councils to help those households struggling most with the increase in the cost of living. When our allocated fund has been spent the scheme will close.

Mid Devon District Council will be using its Household Support Fund allocation in the following ways:

Direct Award

We will contact **those working age households** receiving Housing Benefit **who will not receive the Cost-of-Living Payments from the DWP this year**. They will be allocated vouchers for food and energy costs. There will be two awards over the year and letters will be sent to those eligible in **June 2023** and again in **November 2023**.

Those who are in receipt of one of the following should receive Cost of Living Payments directly from the DWP:

- Universal Credit
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Income Support
- Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit

Please visit www.gov.uk/guidance/cost-of-living-payment for more details.

Applications

There will be two application schemes:

The first scheme will run from **May until September 2023**

The second from **October 2023 until March 2024**

Vouchers will be awarded for food and energy costs only. The amount awarded will depend on the applicant's circumstances and level of assistance needed.

Please read the guidance on the application form carefully to avoid delays in processing your application.

Only one application per household will be considered for each of the schemes. Priority will be given to those households in the most need.

For further details and other sources of assistance please go to:- [:https://www.middevon.gov.uk/residents/residents-financial-support/help-with-food-and-energy-costs/](https://www.middevon.gov.uk/residents/residents-financial-support/help-with-food-and-energy-costs/)

Newton St Cyres Gardening Club

I am starting this month's article by saying a big thank you to all who came along to our Club Coffee Morning on 10th June. It was lovely to see so many there, and, fortunately, the day was slightly cooler than some we have recently experienced! A large selection of plants was on sale together with books, bric-a-brac, produce, tombola, and a raffle, and Martin Taylor had a wonderful display of his artwork, at the same time as promoting the new venture of a Village Calendar. Some of you will have already submitted some photographs of 'Life in the Village'. The coffee morning was to raise funds to pay for guest speakers next year, and raised £283.09 – so thank you to everyone who attended and donated items and their time.

It appears that this year July is set to be very hot again. We missed the forecast thunderstorms back in June and everywhere is already looking stressed by the lack of rain. **Water wisely**, making the best use of the water that you have, and use watering cans aimed at the base of the plants to reach the roots. Watering early in the day is now more often recommended than in the evening, and one good soaking is better than several small amounts of water which have the tendency to evaporate before even reaching the roots.

Wildlife will also need water, as well as food, so where possible have a bird bath ready for them. Similarly, your compost heap will be full of worms, beetles and grubs that are breaking down the contents to make the compost. During the summer the heap will become very hot and moisture will evaporate from the top. By applying water to an open heap and then covering with damp cardboard this will keep the moisture content high, so that the contents can decompose more easily.

It is always important to look after ourselves and families during the hot weather. The general advice is to drink between 6 and 8 glasses of liquid (water) per day, and this should be increased when the temperatures are very high. It is also advisable to keep out of the sun during the hottest part of the day, and to take a break and rest in a cool room. If you are outside, then it is recommended to apply sunscreen to any uncovered parts of your body, ensuring it has an SPF of 30 or above. Wearing a hat will protect your head, face, ears and eyes, and any sunglasses should have a CE mark and UV400 label.

July sees some of my favourite plants come into flower, including **Platycodon grandiflorus** or the **Balloon Flower**, which provides nectar and pollen for bees and many other pollinating insects. It is a compact herbaceous perennial that will grow to around 2' in height. It has blue/green leaves and balloon-shaped buds that open to give the most stunning violet-blue flowers. Other common names are Chinese Balloon Flower and Chinese Bellflower. It likes full sun or partial shade and for the soil to be moist but well-drained. I tend to grow them using round metal supports as the flowers are numerous and can be quite weighty. They should be cut back to the base in autumn.



Balloon Flower

herbaceous borders, working well with pastel pinks, but also with yellows and oranges, and work well in gravel gardens. The flowerheads are very long-lasting and are frequently used by florists in bouquets, and as dried flowers. In the garden, the seedheads look attractive



Pond Irises

Eryngiums, or sea hollies, are another favourite of mine, bringing a violet blue to the garden, but this time with striking spiny bracts which can have the appearance of being silvery and shiny. The flowerheads are actually formed from many small florets which, due to their tight 'packing', look like one. They look really good in mixed



Sea Holly

over the winter so there is no need to cut them back. There are over 250 species, mostly perennial but some annuals and some biennials. The one thing that they have in common is that they need to be in sun. A couple

of species you may like to try are:

Eryngium varifolium A compact evergreen sea holly, with small spiky blue flowers on sturdy, upright branching stems from July to September

Eryngium x zabelii 'Big Blue' As the name suggests, the flower 'cones' are large and a very intense blue. They appear from June to August and contrast beautifully with the grey-green in leaves.

A few Jobs for July

- Take **Camellia** cuttings from short side shoots. Tear these off of the main stem, ensuring each has a 'heel' (a part of the main stem still attached). This will encourage roots to form, as it prevents the sap from draining away into the soil. Remove the lower leaves from each cutting and dip into rooting powder before planting into gritty compost. Several cuttings can be inserted around the edge of the pot before watering in. Keep moist, out of direct sun and then pot on in the spring, once well rooted.
- Encourage growth on **leafy herbs** by regularly picking. If you have a glut, they can be dried or frozen for use later in the year.
- Give **Sweet Peas** a weekly high potassium feed (e.g. Tomato food). Keep the soil damp, pick flowers regularly and remove any seed pods to encourage continuous flowering.
- Make a note of plants that have done/are doing well over the summer, so that you can plan any changes that you may want to make.
- **Pond plants** will have been growing at a very fast rate with the heat warming the water. Before they fall into the water, deadhead flowering pond plants to encourage them to continue to flower. Also, remove any damaged or dying leaves before they start to rot, as this can cause the oxygen levels in the water to drop at a time when there will be lots of creatures living in the pond.

What's On in July?

Saturday 1st July. Cream Tea & Open Garden at Guerins, West Town NSC EX5 5BR 2.30pm-4.30pm. Fundraising for NSC Gardening Club and by kind permission of Chris & John Burrows.

Sunday 16th July. 10am-4pm **2 Dowrich Gardens, Sandford, Crediton, EX17 4EH** as part of Hospiscare Open Gardens. This garden is described as “A new garden designed with wildlife in mind, making it a haven for bees and butterflies, beetles, spiders and bird and pond life. Ideal for children and grandparents to come & learn about how we can help insects and all manner of creepy crawlies and have a look at what lives in the pond. Serving tea and cake and light lunches. No wheelchair access. Dogs permitted but must be kept on their lead at all times” Admission by Donation. Parking on the road – 10-minute walk. Also artwork for sale, proceeds to Hospiscare.

Wednesday 26th July. 2pm-5pm **Fursdon House, Cadbury, Exeter, EX5 5JS.** As part of Hospiscare Open Gardens. Described as a “Beautiful peaceful hillside gardens with wonderful views across parkland towards Dartmoor. Sheltered by the house, hedges and cob walls, are terraces of roses, herbs and perennials in mixed traditional and contemporary planting. Lovely woodland walk, seasonal wild flowers and pond in meadow garden. Fursdon House, home of the Fursdon family for over 765 years.

Admission: Garden £6 (5-16 years £1) House and Garden £12 (5-16 years £3)
Parking: Car park on site. **Refreshments:** Coach House open to purchase homemade teas, wheelchair access: Ramp access to tearoom, gardens largely inaccessible to wheelchairs. **Dogs:** Yes, on short leads.

Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th July. Lewis Cottage, Spreyton, nr Crediton, Devon, EX17 5AA. As part of the National Garden Scheme, this garden is described as “a 4-acre garden located on SW facing slope in rural mid Devon. Evolved primarily over last 30 years, harnessing and working with the natural landscape. Using informal planting and natural formal structures to create a garden that reflects the souls of those who garden in it, it is an incredibly personal space that is a joy to share. Includes hot & cool herbaceous borders and fruit and vegetable garden”. Open 12pm–5pm **Admission** Adults £5 Children Free. Light refreshments available, and plants for sale. Wheelchairs/motorised buggies not advised due to garden being on a slope.

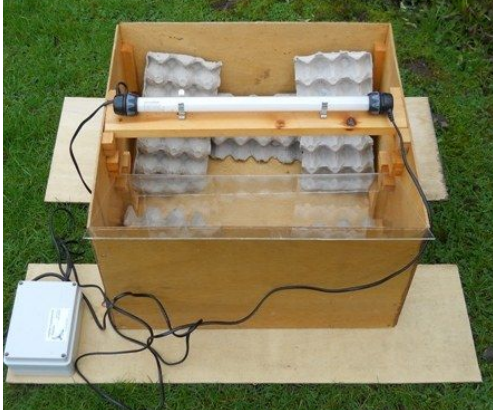
The Big Butterfly Count is a UK-wide survey aimed at helping us assess the health of our environment simply by counting the amount and type of butterflies (and some day-flying moths) we see. To take part in this year's Big Butterfly Count, choose a place to spot butterflies and moths for 15 minutes any time between **Friday 14th July** and **Sunday 6th August**, record which species you see and submit your results. Full details of the project can be found on <https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/>

Happy Gardening

Nicola Baker

MOTH TRAPPING IN THE CHURCHYARD

Churchyards represent a really important contribution to the biodiversity of the country. As wildlife havens, they are home to a wide variety of species, so as part of ‘Caring for God’s Acre’ we decided to take part in a moth-trapping event.



Moth Trap

containing many sections of egg boxes, which provide shelter for the trapped moths, angled Perspex sheets, clothes pegs and UV lights. The light source attracts flying moths which are then caught in the main body of the trap. Nice and early the following morning, the moths can then be identified and counted before being safely released without harm.

As well as being pollinators, moths play a vital part in the food chain as they are relied on by birds, spiders, bats, amphibians and hedgehogs. We were fortunate to have the help and guidance of Edward Jackson, who kindly set up two battery-operated traps in the churchyard the previous night. These traps consist of a box-like structure



Privet Hawk Moth



Elephant Hawk Moth

Many of the names given to moths, were determined by Victorian naturalists and related to their visual appearance e.g. Hebrew character, speckled yellow, feathered gothic and wainscot. However they must have found some species difficult to name, such as ‘the Uncertain’! Some moths (the micro moths) do not have a common name, but have a scientific name in Latin (sometimes mixed with Greek)

The most dramatic of the British moths are the hawkmoths, which are large, with marvellous patterns and colours. The traps had attracted Elephant and Privet hawk-moths. Their heavy bodies make them slow to take off, they happily stayed in the trap until Edward removed them and then they stayed on his hand. Once removed, they did not fly off, but posed for my photographs, unlike some of the smaller 'flighty' moths.

Some of the other species that were trapped over the period of 15th/16th June included the Delicate (an immigrant from Spain), Treble Lines, Lobster Moth, Foxglove Pug, Heart & Club, Heart & Dart, Light Emerald and the Miller, a first for Edward.

A full list of all the species trapped will be available at a later date if you require one.

When weather conditions are suitable, it is hoped that further trapping events will take place and the results can be compared.

Nicola Baker

on behalf of Friends of the Churchyard

Newton St Cyres toddler group

Come along and join us every Wednesday in term time, lots of great toys to play with. Stories to enjoy, craft session and activities to try. It is great family fun.

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We would love you to join us at Newton St Cyres Primary School



Kelly Berry
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or see our facebook page
Newton Nappies

FIRE ALERT

This hot summer weather is likely to continue for some time and is more likely each year as climate change sets in. Enjoyable though it may be for many, it comes with certain risks, especially in a rural parish like Newton St Cyres. In addition to protecting ourselves from UV light, excessive heat and dehydration, we also need to be concerned about our natural and physical environment. It is in very hot weather that **wildfires** are likely to occur especially on farmland and on dried grass verges. These can rapidly spread to gardens and houses and are a real threat to thatched properties.

Wildfires can be caused by barbeques, bonfires, discarded glass, machinery and carelessly thrown away cigarettes, not to mention people maliciously lighting fires. A wildfire in a field of dry crop or grass can spread very quickly especially through wind carried **burning embers**.

There are some simple things you can do to prevent fires spreading to your home, these include:

- Clearing leaves from your gutters.
- Clearing leaves from under decking.
- Removing dead plant material and firewood from near your house.
- Keeping lawns immediately around the house short and watered where possible, preferably using collected rainwater or grey water.
- Clear at least a three-metre space around any fuel tanks.
- Trimming out dead wood from trees and bushes near your home.
- Being responsible with barbeques, cigarettes, bonfires, and litter.

If fire breaks out on land near your home, your priority must be to keep safe:

- Don't try and tackle the fire yourself.
- Phone 999, ask for the fire service, then give the Control operator as much information as possible, including exact location and nearest access point.

- Pack your essentials into a bag or box.
- Make sure your pets are safe.
- Check on any neighbours who may need assistance and/or reassurance.
- Don't expose yourself to smoke, as this can be very dangerous to your health.
- Follow all advice and guidance from the emergency services or local authority. If in doubt, GET OUT.

For more information contact Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service
<https://www.dsfire.gov.uk/> and <http://www.firewiseuk.org/>

Let's keep Newton St Cyres safe!

Jock Campbell

NSC Resilience Team

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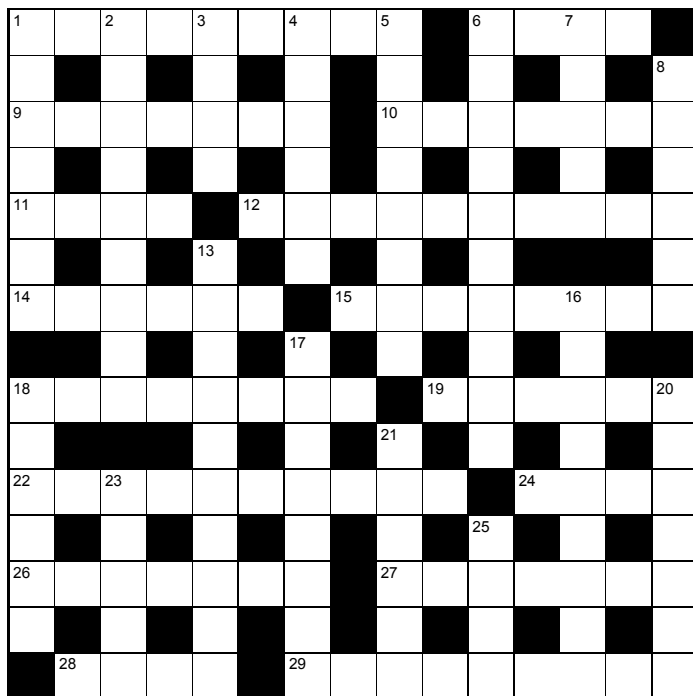
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Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 City of ancestral suffering (9)
- 6 Evasive about son being comfortable (4)
- 9 Sue assumes two fellows in charge to be enough (7)
- 10 Disrupted most of literary film preview (7)
- 11 Blades appearing when people have a row (4)
- 12 Note lack of talk about one displaying toughness (10)
- 14 B in test characteristic of a certain group (6)
- 15 Calming drug is vet's idea possibly (8)
- 18 Reliable-sounding Scottish city (8)
- 19 They work with a tool (6)
- 22 Applaud – yes, one goes wild, see (4,4,2)
- 24 Encourage some of our generation (4)
- 26 A complex plot's beginning to engross Peter perhaps (7)
- 27 Loose rocks by church make an unpleasant sound (7)
- 28 Advance payment for poet first off (4)
- 29 Former Blue Peter presenter wearing vest? (9)

DOWN

- 1 Stick it to the end, leaving after the others (4,3)
- 2 Tent fire destroyed one Egyptian queen (9)
- 3 A family related by blood (4)
- 4 Two letters read aloud in tent (6)
- 5 Crooked Eritrean lawyer may ask for one (8)
- 6 Generous cleaner's given one board (10)
- 7 Ring lost in bar or beauty parlour (5)
- 8 Country producing oil we hear (6)
- 13 Middle name put first in place for telephone operators (4,6)
- 16 I close home – that's serious (2,7)
- 17 E.g. insert mobile numbers (8)
- 18 For example, American backed Charles (4,2)
- 20 Chap is to walk with female (7)
- 21 Relative keeps us in money (6)
- 23 Decorate for a party with sailors (5)
- 25 Exam offers alternative to a student (4)

Set by Alberich

Sudoku

All you have to do is fill in the squares so that each row, each column and each square contain all the numbers from 1- 9.

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Solution to June 2023 Cryptic Crossword

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It's that time of year...

"We've booked a package holiday to Spain. It's our first time booking this sort of getaway and a friend recently had a terrible experience when things went wrong on a similar trip. What sort of help is available if something does go wrong?"

Firstly, tell the company or travel agent you booked with as soon as possible so you're more likely to be able to get it sorted quicker. If you wait until you get home, you might get less or no compensation at all.

If the holiday you went on turned out to be lower in value than the one you originally booked, you can make a claim for 'loss of value.' E.g., you paid for a deluxe room but only got a standard one. If it wasn't sorted out at the time, you can claim back the difference in value.

You can also claim compensation for any extra money you have to spend while away – e.g., the beach was a bus ride away from the hotel, not across the road as advertised. This is called 'claiming for out- of-pocket expenses, but make sure you keep all your receipts.

If big parts of the trip you booked didn't happen or services weren't provided, e.g., a planned two-day excursion was cancelled and no alternative was organised, you can make a claim for 'loss of enjoyment.' You can also make this claim if something happens that causes distress or disappointment – such as the pool was closed the whole time. There are no strict guidelines on how much you can claim for loss of enjoyment but any claim you make must be reasonable. You can't get compensation if you simply did not enjoy the holiday or if the problem was outside the control of the holiday company.

Check the information you received when you made the booking to see what you're supposed to get. If you don't get the service you've been promised, you may be entitled to compensation for breach of contract. You might also be able to claim from your travel insurance – check if your policy covers this.

You can always ring our FREE, local AdviceLine on 0808 27 87 999, or take a look at our website, www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk and click on 'Get Advice.'

If you would like to help people with problems like this, why not come and volunteer with us? You get ongoing training and support, you will make new friends and you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping your community. Contact recruitment@ruraldevoncab.org.uk for information.

Bring & Share Pudding Party



Where? The Rectory garden
School Lane
Thorverton

When? Sunday 13th August

Time? 3pm – 5pm



Do come and enjoy sharing food, chat, fun and games. All welcome. Refreshments available

RSVP: tim.collins@netherexe.org

01392 860767

The Parish Church of St Cyr and St Julitta



An ode to Netherexe church

As I travel from one church to another across the parishes, I recognise that we are blessed with so many wonderful and interesting buildings - buildings that have welcomed people through their doors for many hundreds of years. Welcomed them from Sunday to Sunday, and for all those important moments of life - baptisms, weddings and funerals. Welcomed them throughout the seasons - Christmas, Easter, Harvest, Rogation, each moment of the year marked by prayer and worship. People have been welcomed and surrounded with prayers and blessings.

We have large churches that can hold 200 hundred people with ease; and rather smaller ones that we can just about squeeze 30 or so people into. Churches with all the facilities needed to ensure a warm and comfortable time of worship; and at least one that has no water, electricity or gas - so definitely no heating and only candlelight for those evening services. Churches for all tastes and experiences.



So, I was delighted when our smallest church - the one at Netherexe, the one in the middle of a field, surrounded by nature - was appreciated so much that it inspired both an article in a national magazine, *This England*, and a poem written by someone many thousands of miles away. Here is a snippet of that article, and a short stanza of that poem:

"I stroll along a network of old green lanes that thread their way through the Devon farmland of the Exe Valley, leading me to a gate into a field corner. Across the field the tiny church of St John the Baptist beckons, sitting above an oxbow lake..."

With no road access, it is a spot beloved by walkers who visit the tranquil churchyard....

A timeless place of pilgrimage for walkers and worshippers, a place of peace."

They walk a trail that many have trod

These pilgrims

Through the fields

Across the bog

These pilgrims

By the stream

The washing, cleansing flow

These pilgrims

With thanks to *This England* [Summer 2023 article] and Nick Falcke from Australia for his poem.

The whole article and the whole poem can be found on our website, netherexe.org, under our 'news' tab.

Rev'd Tim Collins
Priest-in-Charge, Netherexe Mission

Food Bank

There is small
Food Bank
in the Church Porch

Something you
need? – leave a
message.

Or like to give? –
please do!

Are you ready?

As I sit writing this, we have enjoyed nearly three weeks of sunshine and it was even dry and sunny for the whole of the half term holiday – a rare occurrence. What will the weather be like when you are reading this in July? You never know with the British weather, which is why it gives us so much to talk about.

It also means that making plans can be tricky. We may find that trips planned for the summertime, such as picnics, visits to the coast and outdoor concerts or even just enjoying the sunshine in our gardens or in the local countryside are rained off or dampened by a covering of cloud. As our climate changes, we can find that even the weather we might have expected for each season is changing. We need to be prepared!

Jesus talks to his disciples on more than one occasion about being ready. In one story he told them he gave the example of slaves waiting for their master to return from a wedding feast. If the master finds them alert, then he will reward them by serving them food whether he arrives in the middle of the night or near dawn. Jesus explains further that the manager of the household will be rewarded if the master comes home and finds everything in order. However, if the manager has sat back and let things slide because the master is delayed in returning, he will be punished.

It's not just about being prepared. We can take everything with us to face any weather, packing a bag with suncream and a hat, or a jumper if it gets windy and an umbrella or raincoat in case it rains. The important thing is to anticipate and to be alert. The lazy manager had all that he needed to make his master welcome but he made no effort to be alert to his return.

When we go out, we are prepared for most things that might come our way. We have the clothes to fit the weather, our mobile phone and some cash or a bank card. How alert are we to what is going on?

Have we noticed the signs for which our preparedness might be needed? Have we thought whether a neighbour might like a lift if we are taking our car or need some help with their shopping? Did we see the person in the street who looked a little lost and might be in need of directions? Is there someone for whom we could buy a cup of coffee, who might appreciate a chat? Could we lend some change to someone who doesn't have the right amount for the car park or the bus home?

It is good to be prepared but it is important to consider what we are preparing for? Being prepared but not acting when needed or not paying attention to when action is required puts all our preparedness to waste. We don't know what we might come across when we step outside our door. If we feel prepared and ready for the day, how about sharing that with someone who is not in such a fortunate position?

Laura Ford

SERVICES & INFORMATION JULY 2023

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

Sunday 2 July Trinity 5

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Thorverton	JH
10:00 am	Informal Gathering	Stoke Canon	LF
11:15 am	Café Church	Rewe	Lay Led
11:15 am	Informal Service	Cadbury	Lay Led

Sunday 9 July Trinity 6

10:30am	Holy Communion	Upton Pyne	GC
06:30 pm	Choral Evensong	Thorverton	Lay Led

Sunday 16 July Trinity 7

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Brampford Speke	GC
11:15 am	Holy Communion	Cadbury	TC
05:00 pm	Communion by Extension	Stoke Canon	LF

Sunday 23 July Trinity 8

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Newton St Cyres	TC
09:30 am	'In Celebration of Water'	Thorverton	Lay Led
10:00 am	Messy Church	Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	Rewe	TC

Tuesday 25 July

09:00 am	Chattertots [Teddy Bears' Picnic]	Thorverton	Lay Led
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Sunday 30 July Trinity 9

10:30 am	Mission Community Service [followed by picnic in orchard]	Huxham	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 "Services" section

Please check out our new website!

We also have a calendar for services & latest events are under "news"

Who's Who? Abbreviations Key

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

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

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

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Mr Peter Shepherd [Administrator]
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Bookings Secretary, Peter Watts: peterwatts369@btinternet.com: 01392 851369

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, Peter Watts at peterwatts369@btinternet.com or by phone at 01392 851369

Roger Furniss Chairman, Hall Management Committee

Tuesday (weekly)	Line dancing	7.30 pm	Paula Benford	01392 210830	pbenford45@gmail.com
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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	7.00 pm	Roger Wilkins	01392 851337	rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com
Saturday (second in month)	Village Coffee morning sponsored by various 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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