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Blooming Marvellous

This month's cover photo features Christine Fraser (on the left) and Julie Furniss, who are spearheading the village's preparations for Newton St Cyres' entry into the Britain in Bloom competition, which takes place on July 1. As Ann Quon Cordingley reports, volunteers all across the village are helping to get everything ready for judgement day.

Separately, but associated with the RHS Britain in Bloom competition the Newton Environmental Welfare Group are organising an "Open Gardens" event. Details are in this issue.

We are continuing to seek volunteers to help with the Newton Wonder and all offers will be welcomed. The magazine is a magazine for the village. Our aim is to support the village and anyone and everyone in it.

Peter Hawksley



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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT May 2025

A new chairperson for the Parish Council – and a new vice chair too

Liz Ouldrige has been elected unanimously by Parish Councillors to serve a Chair of the council for the coming year (until May 2026). Liz, who lives in Sweetham, is an experienced Parish Councillor who has also served as our Vice Chair in the past and brings a wealth of experience to the role.

John Dean has been unanimously elected to serve as Vice Chair for the coming year. John lives in Half Moon and has, over the past year, successfully led the reestablishment of the Parish Speedwatch Scheme.

A vote of thanks was given to Graeme Barnell for his service as Chairperson over the past two years. Graeme decided some time ago not to put himself forward for consideration this year.

A new County Councillor

The council welcomed Cllr Steve Keable, who attended the May meeting as our newly elected County Councillor. We look forward to a productive relationship with Steve, particularly in respect of resolving our road safety and travel issues. Steve is also a Mid Devon District Councillor with Cabinet responsibility for Planning and Development.

New Slurry Storage Lagoons

The council discussed plans put forward by the Quicke Estate to Mid Devon Council (MDDC) to build two new slurry storage lagoons. The has written to Jane Quicke as Farm Manager, thanking the Estate for the information given to the council in response to its questions regarding the capacity, design and location of the proposed new lagoons.

The council's letter also expressed full support for the Estate in replacing obsolete slurry storage and making provision for the additional capacity required by the increased size of its herds.

The Parish Council is also encouraged that the Estate is working with the Environment Agency to ensure that the new lagoons are of safe and resilient design.

MDDC has agreed that the construction of new lagoons can now proceed as "Permitted Developments" within the definition of legitimate farming activity . They, therefore, do not require further Planning Applications and approval.

Holiday Homes for sale in Half Moon – compliance with planning regulations

Concern has been expressed to the Parish Council that new Holiday Homes situated in Half Moon appear to be marketed for sale as permanent residences. The council is also concerned to see the construction of a new pathway from the Half Moon lay-by to the Bus Stop as part of this development. The pathways is a condition of the Planning Approval given by MDDC in 2023 for the construction of the Holiday Homes.

The Parish Council has requested that MDDC Planning Department investigate the developer's compliance with Planning regulations and conditions as soon as possible.

Foul water drainage in Smallbrook

Following recent investigation of a collapsed road drain by the Parish Road Warden Scheme, it was discovered that foul water is being discharged into the rainwater drains and thence into the Smallbrook itself. A report has been made to the Environment Agency requesting urgent action to stop the discharge as soon as possible. The council is also writing to local householders advising them that this report has been made.

Broken Speed Warning Sign-A377 Bridge

The automated 30mph speed warning sign located on the bridge over the A377 in the main village has been broken for some time. The County Council has declared it unmendable but, until now, have refused to replace it. Given the importance of the sign to the Village, Cllr Keable has agreed to take up the need for a replacement with the DCC Highways Department.

Volunteers "Thank You" Party

The Parish benefits immensely from the voluntary work of over 80 individuals, some of whom have several volunteering roles. The Parish Council is organising a "Thank You" tea party to be held on the afternoon of the 14th June. Two local people have kindly offered to personally sponsor the event. Nikki and Mark Chambers have very generously agreed to host the event at their home, Sherwood House. The PC has also agreed to a contribution of £250 from its budget. We hope the weather is kind to us. This event replaces the previous PC "Volunteer of the Year Award".

Broadband Connectivity – Government Voucher Scheme

Following the recent collapse of the County Council's "Connecting for Devon" Broadband Scheme, households with poor Broadband connectivity from the wired network should be able to apply to for Government vouchers to help with the cost of alternative broadband sources. The Parish Council is looking to confirm the availability of this scheme locally and the rules associated with applications.

Neighbourhood Watch

Our Neighbourhood Watch scheme is being revitalised. Following a recent meeting with some of our existing volunteers, the council now hopes to establish a new virtual contact network using WhatsApp, to involve and include our Police and Community Support Officer, who will be working with us to address local issues involving criminal or antisocial behaviour.

Graeme Barnell

NEWTON ST CYRES PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's Annual Report, 2024/25

The last year has been a busy one for the Parish Council. Some, but by no means all, of our work is summarised below.

We have also seen some changes in our membership and our roles and responsibilities. Since last May, three councillors – Alison Staite, Peter Stephenson and Jenna Browne – have, sadly, left us and one new Councillor, Monika Herpoldt-Bright, has joined. The Council currently has six Councillors and three vacancies. We extend our thanks and gratitude to those who have left the Council, for their hard work for the community. Particular thanks must also be given to Steve Parker, who served as our Footpath Warden for many years and worked tirelessly, over that time, to ensure our footpaths are properly maintained.

Finally, I would like to thank Jane Hole, our excellent Parish Clerk, who has responded brilliantly to the many challenges that have faced us during the year. She has ensured that the Council has been well informed and supported. We continue to be grateful to her for her skills and knowledge.

The Council also recently rotated its key leadership positions. I explained some time ago that I would not seek to remain as Chair for longer than two years. I believe it's important that our principal leadership roles are shared and changed regularly. Liz Ouldridge has now been elected as our new Chairperson for the coming year. John Dean has been elected as our Vice Chair. Both bring large reserves of skill and experience to their respective roles. They will both have my continuing support

We are keen to hear from individuals who would like to join a friendly and active team of Councillors and who are interested in making a difference in our community.

Priorities

The Council has six main priorities. These include:

1. Working with the County Council to improve road safety, repair dangerous roads, and mitigate the impacts of road traffic on our communities. This includes promoting safe road crossings where there are none, lobbying for pavements and improving active travel alternatives, including footpaths and the Crediton to Exeter Cycleway (aka The Boniface Trail).
2. Promoting care for our environment including promoting biodiversity, growing food, planting trees and renovating hedgerow
3. Responding effectively to real and potential emergencies, including the risk of flooding, by ensuring the Parish has up to date resilience plans together with the right equipment and a well organised network of volunteers.

4. Promoting sustainable growth and change in our communities by engaging actively with Mid Devon District Council (MDDC) and other local councils in the planning process.

5. Improving local facilities and services through a more proactive engagement and partnership, working with key organisations in the Parish such as the Parish Hall, Recreation Ground, the school and the church.

6. Encouraging new projects and volunteering, particularly involving parents and younger parishioners.

To help us take forward our priorities, key areas of our work are led by individual councillors. These lead responsibilities are set out below. These may change with new Councillors joining us.

The Environment. Lead Councillor Donna Harris

Donna has successfully worked to:

Extend the use of and to renew the Parish allotments.

Maintain public grassed areas in line with Council policy on mowing.

Renew and replace hedgerows.

Extend Tree planting.

Open conversations with landowners on environmental issues.

Partnership Work and Volunteering. Leads Jocelyne Whittaker and Monika Herpoldt Bright

Monika and Jocelyne have successfully worked to:

Coordinate our volunteer litter pickers and our Community Watch scheme.

Encourage community schemes and initiatives.

Recruit volunteers.

Encourage partnership working with key community organisations, including the school, the Recreation Ground, the Parish Hall and the church.

Roads, paths and travel. Lead Councillor John Dean

John has successfully worked to:

Oversee and develop the Parish Road Warden Scheme.

Coordinate the Parish Community Speed Watch scheme.

Produce locality traffic management and road safety plans (Tytheing, Station Rd, Smallbrook, etc.).

Promote active travel, including the Exeter to Crediton Cycleway (aka the Boniface Trail).

Work with Devon County Council Highways Dept to get things done.

Resilience, including responding to emergencies. Lead Councillor Liz Ouldrige

Liz has successfully worked to:

- Produce and publicise Parish resilience plans.
- Maintain and renew resilience equipment and storage facilities.
- Organise and recruit a network of resilience volunteers.
- Ensure we are prepared to respond to local emergencies, including the deployment of resilience volunteers and equipment and responding to flood warnings and alerts.
- To engage with Devon County Council, the Environment Agency and with landowners to get things done.

Planning, Regulation and Development. Lead Councillor Graeme Barnell **I have been responsible for:**

- Responding to planning applications, compliance with planning decisions and planning regulations and also with other regulatory issues involving Government agencies.
- Partnership working with the Crediton Cluster of local councils and with the MDDC Planning Department in respect of local planning and development matters.
- Negotiating service and funding agreements with the Recreation Ground, the Parish Hall and the church.

It is important to highlight the significant progress in most of these areas of work. I'm particularly pleased to report:

- the continued success of our Road Warden Scheme.
- the successful reestablishment of our Speedwatch Scheme.
- the emergence of a local hedgerow renewal and tree planting initiative.
- significant progress with the County Council in planning for the Boniface Cycleway.
- Partnership agreements with the church, Recreation Ground and Parish Hall.

The Parish Council's workload is both extensive and ambitious. You don't need to be a Councillor to support us with these tasks. Please contact our Clerk, Jane Hole, if you're interested in helping.

Graeme Barnell
Previous Chairman
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Newton St Cyres Parish Council

Summary Receipts and Payments

For Year ending 31 March 2025

	This year Y/E 2025 £	Last year Y/E 2024 £
Receipts		
Precept	14,048.00	13,431.00
Grants	2,008.41	3,594.00
Allotment Rent	540.00	440.00
Other	548.48	1,945.00
VAT	970.84	635.62
Grants to local organisations	5,000.00	1,200.00
Admin and running costs	8,020.48	11,005.76
Repairs and Maintenance	3,767.52	3,306.96
Miscellaneous	5,817.87	11,139.23
End of year Balances		
Current Account	8,839.49	13,329.63
Car park maintenance account	6,741.12	7,355.67

More detailed accounts can be viewed on the Parish Council website

Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The winners for MAY 2025 were:

No. 199	J Wilkins	£40.00
No. 161	H Barlow	£40.00
No. 186	H Wilkinson	£10.00
No. 241	A Ormsby	£10.00
No 141	M Long	£10.00
No. 111	M Wheal	£10.00

If anyone can help with collecting subscriptions please let Jane (01392 851148) or John know (01392 851346). Many thanks in anticipation.

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

NEWTON RAMBLERS

Sunday 15th June

This month's walk is set in East Devon and takes in part of the East Devon Way.

We shall meet at Newton St Cyres Parish Hall Car Park at the earlier time of 09.15, to allow for traffic.

The walk will start from Woodbury Castle, East car park, at 10.00am. It will then follow tracks & footpaths to the village of Woodbury.

In order to avoid the steeper route back to the car park, we shall arrange to park vehicles at both the start & finish.

A table for 10 people has been booked for 1.00pm at The White Hart in Woodbury. Please reserve your place with Nicola by Wednesday 11th June

All are welcome to join this walk. If you need a lift or have any questions, please contact Nicola on 01392 851985.

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



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.

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Dogs on leads allowed in limited gardens.

A Newton Environmental Wellbeing group event

Thoughts for June from Peter Cordingley

I was approached a few weeks ago by someone in the village who said he had a bone to pick with me. “Your name is mud in our house,” he said. “That piece you wrote about McDonalds – my wife was furious.”

That’s not uncommon. A lot of people don’t seem to like me very much these days. That includes the cycling fraternity, who I criticised recently for the way just one of them can hold up 20 cars on the A377. I also hear that some regulars in the Beer Engine have been known to complain about my politics. And others have suggested they don’t think there’s a place for views like mine in a village magazine, particularly this one.

But guess what – a surprising number of people have told me that while they may not necessarily agree with what I write, they find it refreshing to see there’s room for alternative views in a community that, as one villager put it, sometimes comes across as “male, stale and pale”. I’m not sure who that was aimed at, but I’ll pass it on for consideration. As for me, imagine how encouraged I was when one local came looking for me at the end of a service in the church to encourage me to keep on writing.

My point is that, by and large, whatever our views, they are products of our environment. I come from a family of six boys brought up in a two-up, two-down council house in Shropshire. My dad was the only Labour member of Shropshire County Council and mum was a district councillor and chairwoman for years of the local Parish Council – and even more Labour than my dad. (She once didn’t speak to him for days after he chose Winston Churchill as his character in Charades!)

Along with 30 or so other boys from the council estate, I attended, for free, a fee-paying public school after passing my 11-plus. What I learned there was not so much Latin conjugation as the fact that snobbery breeds snobbery. The boarders were snobs about us ‘townies’, as were the teachers above them and, above everyone else, the head, who was never slow to make known his feelings about our type, particularly me. (I was a bit of a pest.)

All of which leads me back to McDonald’s. Why, I wonder, is there so much opposition to the chain, including the outlet in Crediton, when KFC’s deep-fried chicken is more unhealthy and even some of Nando’s fancy dishes are described as harmful to health? You don’t see petitions about them, do you? I agree that there are good reasons to be wary of some of McDonald’s meals, but surely what people choose to eat is their own business.

Much more likely to be behind the hostility, I suggest, is snobbery – not the kind I encountered at school, but an unconscious association in some people’s minds between McDonald’s and low-class behaviour and a general decline in standards. But I haven’t seen any McDonald’s wrappers discarded on the roadside. Have you? Maybe the problem for some people is that the restaurant building, with its “garish” red and yellow livery, is out of place and lowers the environmental tone in these parts. I just don’t know.

Anyhow, the bottom line for me is that McDonald's serves up inexpensive and tasty food for all types – harassed mums and dads, picky children, Tesco shoppers, office workers and even those who fear they might be struck by lightning if they set foot in the place. But, in the end, is it really such a big issue? And who cares? Meanwhile, in Ukraine ...

Peter Cordingley is content editor of the Newton Wonder, However, the opinions expressed in his column are his alone. His views, like all opinions we publish, do not represent the editorial view of the Newton Wonder.

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1. WHEN was the picture taken?
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NEWTON ST CYRES RAMBLERS

On Sunday 27th April, a group of 17 & 4 canine companions, met at the Swan's Nest car park ready for our monthly walk. This was a flat circular walk taking in the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Discovery area, crossing the field to Turf and returning along the canal-side and across Exminster Marshes.



The Ramblers on Exminster Marshes

The walk is adjacent to the main train line from the West Country to London and numerous trains were running by. But the wildlife are used to this, and we still managed some good sightings. The reed beds along here are extensive, and due to the good weather, there was lots of insect life in the waterside willows. We were also able to see Lapwings also known as Peewits or Green Plover and Herons and Shelduck.

After about three-quarters of a mile, an opening to the left of the path led into the signed 'discovery area'. Here, areas of specialist habitat have been created to attract a variety of wildlife, including grass snakes and slow worms. Paths led to picnic benches, which offered somewhere to sit quietly, The path then bent to the left, where there was a footbridge with an adjacent 'viewing screen'. From here, we saw Reed Buntings and heard a Cetti's Warbler.

Crossing the footbridge led us to the field from where we could see the Turf Hotel in the distance. Due to the recent lack of rain, the field was pretty dry – although on occasions this can be boggy. The Turf Hotel was open and we took the opportunity to get refreshments and observe the Ferry coming over from Topsham. There were lots of people there, many of whom had cycled along the dedicated cycle path. The Exeter Ship Canal meets the Exe at this point and there are locks used for access.

We then started on the return walk alongside the canal path, which is part of the Exe Valley Way, and could look out over the nature reserve. Again this was ideal for birdwatching. The previous day, while carrying out the reccy for the walk, we had met several birders who had travelled to see the Hobbies and Wood Sandpiper.

We also had good views across to where the cattle were grazing and spotted several Cattle Egrets. If you are close enough, or have good binoculars, Cattle Egrets have yellow or greyish legs and a yellow beak, compared to the black legs (with yellow feet) and black beak of the Little Egret.

The canal-side path leads to the white swing-bridge where another ferry can be taken for Topsham. Due to the original footbridge being unsafe, there was a short diversion before resuming the route across the marsh, making full use of the small concrete bridges to avoid any areas which could be waterlogged. This then brought us out onto the lane which took us back to our original starting point. It had been a most enjoyable walk and we then had Sunday carvery lunch at the Swan's Nest.

Our walks are advertised each month in the Newton Wonder, and all are welcome to join us

Nicola Baker

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The weather has been absolutely perfect for tennis, so let's get to it! There are regular sessions for rusty rackets on Saturdays. The person to contact is Sue Bloomfield at sueblmfd03@gmail.com and she can let you know what time the sessions are.



Come and join the other club sessions. They are well attended and, apart from providing exercise, they offer lots of fun and banter. The sessions cover a wide range of abilities and ages, so there is something for everybody. So 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. There are mixed teams, ladies' and men's, so something to suit everybody.

Junior coaching, run by club coach James Temple, started three weeks ago. It takes place on Wednesdays after school during term time. There are currently a few places available in some of the groups. Please email juniors@newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk for further information and to check availability.

Jon Wills offers adult coaching, both individually and for small groups, so if you feel you need to brush up your skills, just get in touch via our website at www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk.

The Tennis Club now has a super-duper ball machine which means you can brush up your skills all by yourself. If you want to try it out, please contact Frederiek at frederiekmaddock@gmail.com

Frederiek Maddock

CHEERIO FROM JENNY TUCKER

Some time this month, I'll be downsizing, which means, sadly, that I'll be leaving my beloved Newton St Cyres after more than 60 years – and my happy-place home for more than 55 of them. Ironically, I'll be moving from one No. 21 to another, to a super 2-bed flat in a fellow mid-Devon village, Silverton. So it's cheerio to you all, but never 'goodbye'. I'll be coming through the village periodically, I expect, so it will be stop, walk and talk.

What memories, what happy and sad tears over the years, for all of us. We're all lovers of the parish – the sunsets, the wildlife, walks, the church, etc. The list goes on. My older sister and I had a memorial oak to our parents planted in the arboretum in December 2022.



Jenny (left) and her sister Alison Neely with the memorial oak tree

Things have been difficult but I've prevailed, and am now looking to the future. If I can do it, anyone can. As a favourite saying of mine goes, Life's A Journey, Travel It Well!

Best Wishes to Newton St Cyres and all who live in it – and welcome to the young lady and two children who will soon be waking up to a wonderful pastoral view from a good family home.

Newton St Cyres will be for ever in my heart.

BLOOMING MARVELLOUS!

It's all hands, spades and trowels on deck as residents have been weeding, planting and sprucing up the village in preparation for the prestigious Britain in Bloom competition that is coming our way in a month or so. Ann Quon Cordingley has been taking a look around at progress so far.

With over 1,600 communities around the country taking part, the Royal Horticultural Society's Britain in Bloom competition is one of the nation's most popular gardening events. Its aim is to enhance communities and celebrate the impact that green spaces have on both the environment and locals alike. And Newton St Cyres is taking part.

Tuesday, 1st July. That's when a team of judges will descend on the village to assess its achievements in three key areas: Horticulture, Environmental Responsibility and Community Participation. They will also scrutinise the overall look of the village, and not just the main thoroughfares.

This will be the first time Newton St Cyres has entered the competition, where it will compete with other communities of similar size. The village will be looking to shine in the Pennant category for small villages in the Southwest region.

"We all want it to look spectacular," says Cathy Wightman, who has spent the past two months getting the gardens at the Rec ready for the big day. She is one of the many local volunteers who have been lending their skills, knowledge, ideas and green thumbs to the village effort.

The driving forces behind the local effort are Christine Fraser and Julie Furniss. Readers will know Christine from her work helping to organise village events such as the Open Heritage Day and the Music All the Way Festival. Christine is also a former Britain in Bloom judge.

Julie, who has lived in the village for 13 years, retired last year from her position as PA to the headmaster at Exeter Pre-Prep in Exminster. A keen gardener, she got involved when Christine approached her last October.

Since then, the duo have spent the past several months mobilising volunteers with a passion for gardening or who just want to lend a hand. Whether it's digging up weeds, planting, sharing expertise and ideas or tidying up the village's public spaces, the response has been incredible, says Christine.

"Julie and I have been really impressed by the generous response from across the village to make our entry as good as it can be. We've got amazing assets and an amazing community. The task now is to show these off at their best," Christine says. Also on board is Paul Collier, another retired Britain in Bloom judge, who has offered to mentor any nervous gardeners taking part in the village's entry.

The philosophy, the RHS says, is not just to plant flowers, but to provide an opportunity for villages to showcase their community and its spirit. That's why key village organisations and groups have got behind the competition, including the Rec, Friends of the Newton St Cyres Station, Friends of the Arboretum, the church, the Beer Engine, the Parish Hall, the Gardening Club and the Newton Environmental Wellbeing Group (NEW). The primary school has entered a special "It's Your School" category to showcase what they have done to attract birds and wildlife, and to grow flowers and vegetables.

With zero budget, Christine says all the resources for the village's entry have come from residents and entities who have donated seeds, plants, compost and other materials, and, most importantly, their own time.



Cathy Wightman takes five at the Rec

Cathy's love of gardening is evident in how she has transformed the Rec's two garden plots. "There's been a lot of work involved because they were totally overgrown, so we've cleared it all," she says. While fellow volunteers Helen Campbell and Emma Parkin helped clear one garden bed, Cathy has planted mostly edible plants such as lavender, lovage, calendula, oregano, thyme, and lemon balm. In the smaller garden, she has planted self-seeded perennials such as foxgloves and ox-eye daisies.

When Cathy Wightman heard that the village was entering the competition, she signed up immediately. "I love gardening and went to the first meeting," she says. "Since I am already affiliated with the Rec, I said I would do the gardens." Cathy and her husband Richard used to run the former Crown and Sceptre Pub (now Belluno) and on retirement some years ago, she took up gardening and is an active member of the Rec committee. She also volunteers behind the Rec bar.



Dave Harris and friends, at the Village Green

The big question is: Will the two gardens – and all the others in the village – be in full bloom by July? “We are keeping everything crossed,” says Cathy. “I am going to water and water, and, hopefully, it will grow to look like it should by July,” she says.



Thelma Payle: "I talk to my plants"

recycled and previously owned materials. For example, we dismantled materials from donors' gardens and re-built two greenhouses on site," she says. "We will also tell them about the community vegetable larder and the dedicated team of volunteers who work the allotment."

So what will happen on July 1, the day the village gets its report card marked by the Britain in Bloom judges? The judging team will arrive mid-morning and follow a planned two-and-a-half-hour walking route that will start at the Beer Engine and end at Sherwood House. They will

At the village green, Dave Harris, of the NEW Group, which oversees the green's upkeep, says: "We are hoping to impress the judges with the wildlife that the wildflower areas attract, such as bees, butterflies, and bugs crawling around, which you won't see in the cut-grass areas of the green."

Gail Meldrum, the focal point for the community allotment, which has been donating its vegetable produce to locals weekly during the growing season, wants to highlight its environmentally friendly approach. "This comprises chemical-free gardening, dead heading, planting fruit trees, wild areas of brambles and nettles, and the use of



Karen Halliday: "I'm a gardening beekeeper"

stop at key points of interest along the way – first the award-winning railway station gardens, then the Rec, primary school and Court Orchard. Then it's over the A377 to the arboretum, and the churchyard. There will be a short break at the Parish Hall, where displays of village activities will be set up including a presentation of allotment produce. Then it's off to the community allotment, and back down to Pump Street, the village green, then along West Town Road before ending at Sherwood House. Along the way they will pause at various private residential gardens that will showcase why the village is such a great community.

On a recent sunny afternoon, Christine and Julie were out on the Pump Street bridge, arranging hanging baskets with plants donated by Bernaville Nursery. Joining them was Thelma Playle, a sprightly 88-year-old who has lived in the village for 55 years and has volunteered to water the hanging baskets. "I am going to water them thoroughly and feed them. I always talk to my plants to keep them alive," she says enthusiastically.

One of the residential gardens the judges will visit will be the West Town Road home of Chris and Karen Halliday, who have lived in the village for the past 11 years. Chris has been keeping bees for eight years, while Karen tends the garden.

"Chris is a beekeeping gardener and I am a gardening beekeeper," says Karen. "Since Chris has been keeping bees, I have changed the way I garden and want to encourage more bees and pollinators into the garden and try to grow plants from early on in the season such as snowdrops and camassia, right through the season so that there is something for bees and other pollinators throughout the foraging season."

"We are really nervous because we don't want to let the village down," says Karen, who works at Bernaville – ironically in the clothes and card section – while Chris works at Exeter College. Not surprisingly, both spend every spare minute in the garden.

In the run-up to the Britain in Bloom judging day, the NEW Group have organised a separate open-garden event, with the theme of "Our Garden Haven", on 28th and 29th June, with the support of the Gardening Club. Villagers will be encouraged to open up their gardens and share their ideas about how they have welcomed wildlife, from feeding birds to planting for pollinators.

"People initially might say 'Oh, I'm not sure my garden is good enough'," says Julie. "But it's not about that. It's about the community and bringing everyone together – and now people actually are doing that."

Let's hope the judges agree!

If you'd like to help around the village, contact:

Christine.fraser1945@gmail.com

Juliefurniss99@gmail.com

Open Gardens 2025: Contact Gill or Emma at newnewgroup@protonmail.com

Photos by Ann Quon Cordingley

Village green all abuzz

There was a buzzy time on the village green one recent Saturday afternoon when a swarm of up to 10,000 bees descended from nowhere and took up residency in a Crab Apple tree.



Chris Halliday tackling the bee problem

A nearby resident, concerned that the swarm might harm the passing public, immediately alerted local bee expert Chris Halliday, who is affectionately known as “The Bee man”.

“We know the wildflower areas on the village green are supposed to attract all kinds of wild life, but not a swarm of bees,” said one resident.

According to Chris the swarm of 6,000 to 10,000 bees was probably on its way to a new home and decided to settle into the tree for a rest stop before flying off to its final destination.

Chris says swarms typically move when their hive becomes overcrowded and the old queen decides it’s time to set up home elsewhere, taking half the colony with her. An advance group of scout bees are tasked with finding a new home before the queen and the others make the final move.

To extract the swarm from their temporary location, Chris, suitably suited up, managed to get underneath the branch where the

swarm had settled and gave it a good shake to make many of them, including the queen, fall into a box positioned underneath. “As long as you get the queen, all the others bees should follow,” he says.

He says bees usually swarm between 10 to 11 in the morning or 3 to 4 in the afternoon. “We left the box there until 8 in the evening. As it starts to get cold, the bees will naturally go inside the box. And then we seal it all up, and take it away, and rehome them,” he says.

As luck would have it, Chris had an empty hive where he has now rehomed the swarm. He plans to leave the bees alone for a while to allow them to multiply. “A full hive is 50,000 bees. So next year, hopefully, there will be enough bees to get some honey.

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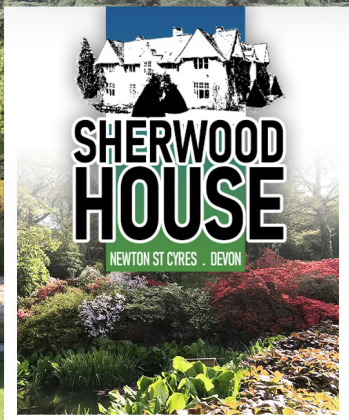


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Keeping the footpaths open

“I love the countryside and place great importance on ensuring our rights of access to it.” So says Graeme Barnell, as he trades in his hat as Chair of the Parish Council for the position of village Footpath Warden.

As the council’s new lead on Public Rights of Way (PROWs), Graeme takes over from retired parish councillor Steve Parker, who stepped down in April after many years of maintaining the village’s footpaths – a task that earned him the nickname of Mr Footpaths.

Graeme, who chaired the Parish Council for two years, says his first priority is to seek a group of like-minded volunteers to help monitor and maintain the village’s paths, report issues and make improvements. The work would involve ensuring that footpaths are accessible and safe for all. “It’s an enjoyable activity and one

where we can obviously make a difference,” he says.

There are 12 public rights of way in the village, which include public footpaths, bridleways and byways – totalling about 12.5 miles.

They cover a diverse area, including woodland, farmland, and areas along the River Creedy and other watercourses. These paths vary in length – from only 50 yards to a few miles long, with some offering spectacular views of the Raddon Hills and surrounding countryside.

An immediate task is to complete the Parish Paths Partnership (P3) Survey required

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Graeme Barnell: new hat, new job

annually by the Devon County Council to qualify for grant funding. "Some of the footpaths haven't been surveyed for some time, so we need to make sure they are surveyed," says Graeme. The funds are then used to help ensure the network of paths is properly maintained, used and any issues raised.

As PROWs offer routes across privately owned land, landowners have a responsibility to ensure they are open, unobstructed and easy to access. However, Graeme, who is a keen walker, says this isn't always the case. "Quickes have taken to using spring-bolt latches on their gates, and opening these bolts can be difficult. Sometimes, they can't even be closed properly," he says. Needless to say, he would like spring bolts to be replaced with more user-friendly latches.

So, how much time would be needed of a volunteer? That depends on the number of volunteers. "If I get about 10, that would be great as that would reduce everyone's workload," he says. Volunteers would be designated footpaths, so some of the shorter footpaths would only need one person while the longer ones would need two.

Other tasks would include:

- Ensuring paths are regularly walked (at least twice a year), noting and reporting any problems.
- Annual P3 survey for each PROW as required by the County Council.
- Bids for grants for maintenance and special projects.
- Work in partnership with the County Council and local landowners to ensure maintenance and project work is agreed and carried out.

"And there may be a meeting or two – so, all told, it would take six hours of a volunteer's time over a year," says Graeme.

He says that doesn't sound too demanding, given the enormous benefits the work could bring to the community's well-being by ensuring safe and accessible paths for walking and other recreational activities.

Interested in taking part? Then, please contact Graeme Barnell at: graemebarnell@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk or 07564541572

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13TH JUNE

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19TH JUNE

MUSIC: Moon Jazz **19:30**

26TH JUNE

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27TH JUNE

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WHAT'S ON THIS JUNE

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Do You Remember....June?

June 1975

The Parish Council had received a complaint about people washing cars in Shuttern Brook at the Ford and also mixing cement, both of which were considered to be unlawful and unkind.

The organ overhaul at Cowley Church had been completed and looked very smart.

At the Church the scaffolding had come down sooner than expected so they agreed they may need to invest in some of their own.

At the Parish Council AGM the following were elected: Chairman – Rev J Scott, Vice Chairman – Mr Furneaux, Clerk – Henry Gliddon.

An advert appeared for a revived Newton Fair on the Green in aid of the Church with games, country dancing, side shows and a dragon competition.

On the Newton Walkabout, 53 walkers had started out at 10.00 am and the first ones home finished at 2.30 pm.

The Carnival Committee (last held 14 years ago) met to distribute the remaining funds to the Church, the Methodist Church, the Hall and the Recreation Ground.

The Young Farmers heard a talk by Mr T G Mortimer of Exwell Barton,

Powderham and from Tony Dallyn from Winkleigh with his slides of New Zealand.

R Salter of Hill Park was advertising bedding plants for sale.

June 1985

Robert Ayres' monthly farming article gave an interesting insight to what was happening on the land.

A Flower Festival was to be held in the Church.

June 1995

The School were to receive a visit from OFSTED inspectors and they had invited parents to a meeting where they could express their views. These were all very positive.

The Twinning Group undertook a visit to the West Somerset Steam Railway.

June and Jim Passmore moved to Chagford and thanks were expressed to them for their contribution to NSC.

It was reported that the following had been elected to the Parish Council: S Dowle, J H Gliddon, S Tarry, J Walters, Mr & Mrs Durrant, A MacInnes, B Vicary and D West.

Jean Palk was elected as District Councillor

June 2005

The Hall, through the Villages in Action, had shown the film – Ladies in Lavender.

The Parish Council entered the Best Kept Village competition and reminded residents about dog fouling problems around the Beer Engine and Court Orchard.

An article appeared by Nick Lee (District Councillor) about access to the Station and asking for an idea of how many people would use the train if it stopped at NSC. Newton Nippers Jumble Sale raised £295+

A Summer Social Evening was planned at Court Barton with a Buffet Supper in aid of Church funds.

The Southside Walk had taken place in muddy conditions due to the heavy rain but 65 walkers had left the village green and raised over £1,100 for Cancer Research.

Mary Quicke's recipe was for Adult Cheesy Chips: cut roasted potatoes into small chunks, cover with grated

cheese, black pepper and mixed herbs and pop under the grill

June 2015

Newton Ramblers visited Kelly mine near Lustleigh, Kelly believed to be a corruption of a Saxon name, possibly Cadwallader.

The Community Support Group met in the Parish Hall Clubroom to hear about Patient Participation Groups and how our group can help and support their work.

Karen, from Newcombes Surgery explained how the PPG works, how they have an input into systems used at the surgery, how they deal with complaints and suggestions from their patients and help with decisions on the long term future of the Surgery.

At the Annual Parish Meeting the Chairman thanked retiring Cllrs Jim Enright, Roger Cashmore,, Tim Sedgwick and James Walters for their support and untiring efforts and made special mention of the hard work undertaken with enthusiasm by our Parish Clerk, Jane Hole.

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Tony takes care of all the cheese, almost from birth through maturing, grading to getting it packed up and sent to our customers. He is one of our hidden heroes, knowing our cheese stock – all those months of preserved sunshine – like the back of his hand.

We asked Tony a few questions to mark the occasion:

What part of your job do you enjoy the most?

Tasting the Vintage Cheddar after looking after it for two years.

What’s the most interesting part of your job?

No two days are the same.

What does a typical day look like for you?

Replying to customer order-emails

Preparing cheese for the packing department

Preparing and loading both whole and packed cheese for distribution

Conducting temperature and humidity checks in the stores

Selecting cheeses for Vintage, Buttery, Mature, and Extra Mature categories

Turning cheeses for even maturation

What’s your favourite Quicke’s cheese?

Our Vintage Cheddar. I love the hints of horseradish, caramel, its brothy richness.



Tony, with his cheese.....

Quicke's Walk – Sunday 8th June at 10am

Join us for a beautiful 3.5-mile guided stroll around our farm. Throughout the walk, Mary and Jane Quicke will cover a wide range of topics, from the history of the farm and how we farm with nature to our dairy cows and woodland. At the end of the walk, there will also be a tasting of our multi-award-winning handcrafted cheeses. The walk starts and ends in the Quicke's Cheese Shop car park. Our Cheese Shop will also be open.

Places are free. If you would like to come, please book on Eventbrite – type into Google 'Quicke's Walk Eventbrite'. Unfortunately, dogs are not invited.

Rachael Kinsella

Newton St Cyres Gardening Club

Writing this, mid-May, we really could do with some rain, couldn't we? The theme of the 2025 Association of Professional Landscapers (APL) Show Garden at Gardeners' World Live (see additional details under What's On?) is "You don't miss the water until the well runs dry" One of the gardens featured is the Watershed Garden designed by Botanical Gardener, where the garden is set in a future where water resources are limited, and showcases resilient planting and adaptive design elements.

We can all do our bit to use water wisely, including the basic of not leaving the tap running whilst cleaning our teeth, and promptly repairing any dripping/leaking taps. In our gardens we need to maximise the use of every drop of rain that falls by the use of water butts and using grey water. Some general advice is

- Site the rainwater butt in the shade if you can, as the water will be kept cooler, reducing the growth of bacteria.
- Keep the guttering clear of debris as the organic material can encourage the growth of bacteria in the collected water.
- Use collected water in a watering can or a coarse spray setting on a hose; a fine spray setting will generate fine aerosol particles which can be carried on the wind and breathed into the gardener's lungs and cause infection.
- If the water becomes smelly, you can still use it in a watering can. There may be a build-up of debris collected in the bottom of the butt. Emptying and cleaning it out is a better solution than using chemical additives. Somewhere there is a photo of me inside a water butt cleaning it out. Disconnected and laid on the side, of course (the butt, not me!)

The RHS site has a link to the Mains to Rains Pledge <https://www.mains2rains.uk/>, which gives further advice on water-saving measures.

We were pleased to welcome **Saul Walker** back to the Gardening Club to speak on Propagation (part 2). This time Saul gave some practical demonstrations and, by using his mobile phone camera, was able to ensure we all had a good view on the screen. He described various methods of propagation, including taking cuttings, layering and grafting. He also explained that bulbs can be propagated by **Chipping**. This method works well for *daffodils*, *Hippeastrum*, *Allium*, *Fritillaria*, *Iris* and *hyacinths*. It can be done in late summer/early autumn and is a great way to increase your stock of bulbs ready to plant up where you have gaps.

- Lift and clean a mature, virus-free bulb while it is leafless and dormant
- Remove any papery outer skin and trim back the roots with a sharp knife

- Remove the growing tip and 'nose' of the bulb
- Hold the bulb with the basal plate uppermost and cut it into 8-16 sections (chips), each of a similar size, depending upon the size of the bulb. Make sure each chip has a portion of basal plate
- Leave the chips to drain on a rack for 12 hours
- Place the chips in a clear plastic bag containing ten parts fine vermiculite to one part water. Blow up the bag with air and then seal and **label it**
- Keep the bag in a dark place at 20°C (68°F) for about 12 weeks, checking occasionally to remove any rotting chips
- During storage, the scales (layers) of each chip will separate out and bulblets should form between the scales, just above the basal plate
- Pot the chips up individually in 8cm (3in) pots of free-draining loam based compost such as John Innes No.2. Insert the chips with the basal plate downwards and the bulblets covered by about 1cm (½in) of compost. Leave the scales exposed – they will slowly rot away as the bulblets develop
- Grow on the developing bulbs in conditions appropriate to the species

A trip to **Toby's Garden Festival at Powderham Castle** in May was a great day-out – such a beautiful setting for the show, and the Wisteria looked amazing. There were lots of speakers. I went to hear Toby interview Victoria Graham (BBC Spotlight) and to hear Frances Tophill tell us how she became involved in gardening, and how she got into television presenting while she was studying for her degree in Scotland. She and many of her fellow students replied to an advert and she was selected to work with Alan Titchmarsh on his programme 'Love your Garden'. Since then, her career has 'blossomed' and she has also written several books about gardening, her latest being a gardening book for children, 'How to Grow a Garden'. There were also many local nurseries with amazing plants, the Artisan Barn was filled with local arts & crafts, and of course there was always time to stop for refreshments! Next year's dates have not yet been released, but I will include them when they are released and will hopefully manage to get reduced price tickets if you would like to come along to a wonderful local festival.

JOBS FOR JUNE (with advice from RHS) include

- Harvest lettuce, radish, other salads and early potatoes
- Unless you are continuing 'No Mow May' into June and July, mow lawns at least once a week – but consider still leaving some areas uncut for wildlife
- Plant out summer bedding and seed raised plants
- Stake tall or floppy plants
- Hoe between rows of vegetables regularly on a hot day to stop weeds re-rooting
- Shade greenhouses to keep them cool, and prevent scorching of the contents

- Hellebore seed can be harvested once the seed heads have ripened (i.e., when squeezing the pod causes it to split and release seeds). Seed needs to be sown immediately, while fresh, and need a winter's cold season in order to break their dormancy in order for germination to occur. Seed grown plants will not 'be true' to the parent plant.



Hellebore seeds



Wisteria at Powderham castle

WHAT'S ON?

**Saturday 7th June NSC
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Saturday 14th June-Sunday 13th July RHS Rosemoor Festival of Roses.

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Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th June Newton St Cyres Open Gardens. See separate poster. The Garden Club will be selling Refreshments in the Parish Hall between 2.45pm and 4.15pm each day, where toilet facilities will also be available.

Happy Gardening
Nicola Baker

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Bert Jewell writes Rhymes and Ways about Gardens and Gardening

June

It's that time in the garden when the pests and diseases are queueing up to reak havoc with your crops, pot plants and flowers, So I thought I would write a poem about them. It goes like this :

Pest and diseases for each plant we grow
and even the lawn if we cut it too low,
plants in containers, once healthy and bright,
The vine weevil feeding way down out of sight.

A daffodil showing no flowers at all,
the leaves all distorted and rather quite small,
and leaves on chrysanthus like a page from a map,
there's greenfly on the roses enjoying the sap.

A gooseberry bush standing, leafless and stark,
the gooseberry sawflies have again left their mark,
with mould on the strawberries, the tomatoes all split,
the pigeons have painted the place where I sit.

To imagine the fairies planting toadstools in a ring,
My thoughts are interrupted as the blackbird starts to sing
or could it be a cry for help, there's something near its nest,
is it a crow, a magpie or a, well you know the rest.

A beetle on the lilies, it's coat shiny red,
A mole has gently made its way beneath the flower bed.
Above is just a few that we see from time to time.
The ones I haven't mentioned just wouldn't fit the rhyme.

Things to do in the garden

It doesn't seem to matter what you grow, there is always something to make you wonder, is it worth spending all this time, energy and of course money, trying to grow our own. Growing up and helping father in a fairly large garden growing food for the family – potatoes to last nearly a year, constantly picking them over, peas, beans and a whole lot of brassicas. Turnips and swedes are also members of the brassica family. Those early years, with my hands in the soil made me a better person, better than what I'm not sure, but you get my drift.

Anyway, I can't remember having all these pests and diseases back then. That may be because the old gardeners knew when the pest were around. Take the pea moth, for instance. There is nothing better than picking your own peas, and nothing worse than finding a small caterpillar inside the pod. The moth lays its eggs when the pea is in flower, and the caterpillars then develop inside the pod. The moth is most active from early to late summer, so seed sown early spring or early September, may well be pest free.

The greenfly is a pest, but interestingly, if food is plentiful, they will give birth to living young; when food is in short supply, they lay eggs. Over winter, they nestle on nooks and crannies on plant stems and on the trunks and branches of trees, large or small. There was a time when apple, pear and plum trees would be sprayed with a tar wash, in late autumn or early winter to kill off the eggs.

For those growing tomatoes in the greenhouse, try to water the plants at the same time each day, with the same amount of water. Sink a 4" flowerpot into the compost and fill it up each time. Irregular watering can cause blossom-end rot and fruit splitting.

Going back to greenfly, you may well see ants around them. They are not after the greenfly; it is the sugary honeydew excreted by the insects that they are after.

Sawflies: There are lots of sawflies for different types of plants, but the one that I think is the worse is the gooseberry sawfly. The eggs are laid on the underside of leaves in the centre of the bush. The larvae start to feed as soon as they hatch and can strip the bush of foliage within days.

Thank you to all who came to our Open Garden for Hospiscare on 11th May. The total raised exceeded £430. Open again on the 15th June, 2pm-5pm

Plant of the month

"Rose"

"Gertrude Jekyll"

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The Garden Club Committee and club members would like to extend their grateful thanks to Christine Grundy for her accomplished role as Annual Flower Show Secretary. Chris has retired from this role after no less than 14 years of hard work, and in appreciation has been awarded a gardening token by the club. The highly successful and enjoyable annual event has now finally been passed on to another committee member whose job has been made a lot easier by Chris' excellent legacy! Well done Chris and thank you for all those years of organising such enjoyable flower shows.

Regretfully, due to unforeseen circumstances our event at Barn Copse Cottage, advertised for Sunday 6th July has been postponed, either until later this year, or next year.

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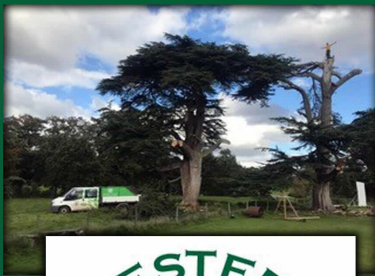
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Last June the BBC booked them for their first shows at Glastonbury and have been playing their songs on Radio One and Two ever since. You may have heard the band's songs pop up on Love Island, Beyond Paradise and Grey's Anatomy?

If you don't know their close harmony singing check them out on Spotify or look up thetorsband on Instagram

Having grown up locally, they are now putting on a concert to raise money for St Michael and All Angels church in Cadbury who have been given six weeks to raise £8,000 in order to qualify for matched funding from the Give to Go Green initiative. This will enable the church to fit a solar power installation to make lighting and heating affordable. All part of the modernisation needed to keep the church at the heart of village life.

The Tors concert will be held in the larger church of St Thomas a Becket in Thorverton, with its excellent acoustics and will take place on Friday 6 June. Doors will open at 7pm for a 7.30 start

Tickets cost £25 and can be obtained by emailing a request to andreannaweedon@gmail.com

All monies made will go to the church improvements including profits from the sale of drinks that evening.

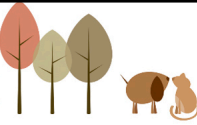
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How much would you like to know about the past in Newton St Cyres?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Describes the history and most important features of the church, dedicated to St Cyr and St Julitta.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- **Newton St Cyres & the A377 (£5)**

Written by Jean Wilkins, A window into the history of transport into and through the village and the development of the A 377.

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

Births, Deaths and Marriages in Newton St Cyres (16th–18th century)

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Newton St Cyres Tithe Map of 1843

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The lighter side of Jesus

An exhibition of contemporary art from around the world featuring images of Jesus “Laughing and Loving” was featured in the remodelled north aisle of the parish church over the 16th-18th May weekend.



The village church as art gallery

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"I'm very enthused with people's reactions to it," Tim says. "Everybody who has come has taken something away with them. It challenges perceptions and understanding and awareness. How often do we see Jesus smile? We should be seeing more of it, in different embodiments as well."

Those who saw the exhibition would probably say "Amen".



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News from your local Citizens Advice

We have just finished compiling our Annual Reports for 2024-25. In them we relate our impact on local communities. They will be available before

the end of May on our website and make for interesting reading. Inquiries about welfare benefits, energy, debt and housing remain key areas where people need our help. We have covered advice on all of these issues over time and shall doubtless be doing so again. However, this month I'd like to talk about another aspect of our work and ask for your help!

In-house we refer to our Research and Campaigns which roughly translates into trying to make society fairer. This is a lesser known aspect of our work but every bit as important as the advice and help we give because it enables us to put pressure on the decision makers where we see something is unfair. Our charity is highly respected and people listen to us. We also maintain relationships with our local MPs and councillors. Whilst maintaining the highest standards of confidentiality, we compile compelling data to support our causes.

We support this at both local and national levels and are very active locally, getting out and about in the community and undertaking surveys which are a vital part of this work. We recently published a report on the impact of the cost of living crisis based on our local research. [Citizens Advice Torridge, North, Mid & West Devon 2024 Living Standards Report - Rural Devon Citizen's Advice](#) We were also delighted when Karen Plum, our Research and Campaigns volunteer received an "Unsung Hero" award at the recent Research and Campaigns national conference. She and our Team Leader Laurence Atkinson, who heads our Research and Campaigns work, put a great deal of time and energy into this crucial aspect of our work. Which leads me to my request for help!

As part of a Devon-wide campaign we seek information from people experiencing problems with repairs in private or social rented properties. There is a simple form here <https://forms.office.com/e/0gRCPqVggG> and if you could complete it for us it would be really helpful. We can't undertake to try and resolve any issues you may have but it will help us to escalate what is a very real and widespread problem. We would also like to hear from you if you do seasonal work in the area and are on means tested benefits as we are also picking this up as an issue that needs serious review for people finding it hard to make ends meet. If you can help us with this, please use the following link. campaigns@citizensadviceinmwd.org.uk.

As ever, we are looking to grow our volunteer numbers in our drive to help more people. We are running a volunteer taster session in Barnstaple on Thursday June 5th. from 10.00am – 12.00pm. I am reliably informed that cake will feature on the agenda. If you would like to attend please register here [Volunteering Taster Day - Registration of Interest](#) We would love to see you there!

Rosanna Teale

Revd Tim Collins installed as Rector of Netherexe parishes

After holding the position of priest-in-charge for the past three years, the Revd Tim Collins has been affirmed as the Rector of the seven Netherexe parishes, including Newton St Cyres.



L to R, Lord Lieutenant David Fursden, Revd Tim Collins, the Venerable Andrew Beane

The Installation, Induction and Installation ceremony was held in the village church on 18th May, presided over by the Archdeacon of Exeter, the Venerable Andrew Beane. The ceremony formally commissions the Rev Tim as the new rector and passes to him both the legal and traditional authority of the position.

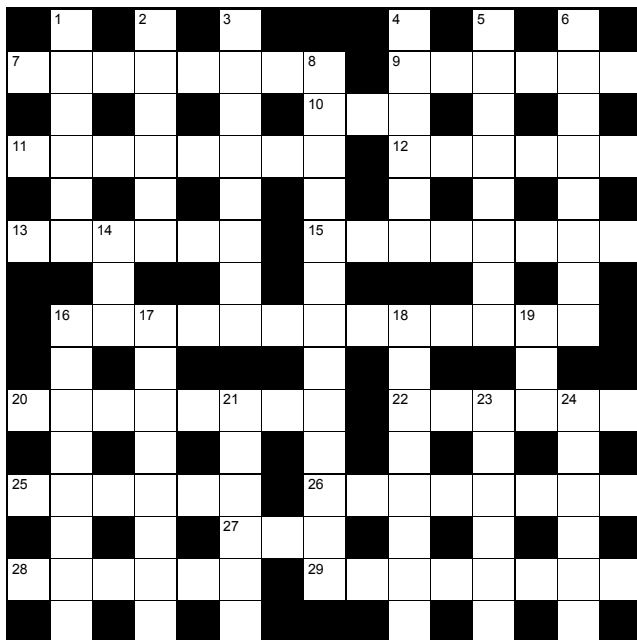
The King's representative, the Lord Lieutenant of Devon, David Fursdon, read the Letters Patent before presenting the Revd Tim to the Archdeacon, who conducted the official reaffirmation of responsibilities.

"When I was appointed priest-in-charge [in 2022], the original intention was that we become part of the Crediton hub, a conglomeration of the parishes in the area, and then become part of a team ministry," says Tim. "As there are no immediate plans to do that, they are happy to affirm me to the post of Rector."

The installation ceremony was attended by the Revd Tim's family, friends, colleagues and members of the Netherexe parishes of Newton St Cyres, Brampford Speke, Cadbury, Rewe with Netherexe, Stoke Canon with Huxham, Thorverton and Upton Pyne.

Words and picture by Ann Quon Cordingley

Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 7 See, Carl's terribly negligent (8)
- 9 Rope provides a trail possibly (6)
- 10 Exercise involving old writer (3)
- 11 After collapse of trial be exonerated initially and set free (8)
- 12 Man meets English student in church (6)
- 13 See hate, seething hate (6)
- 15 Joint in one capital or another (8)
- 16 Sky's position is beyond comprehension (5,4,4)
- 20 Is Tory leader wearing female clothing in discomfort? (8)
- 22 Long to be in a north German city (6)
- 25 Body decoration is rubbish also (6)
- 26 Bury woman in space (8)
- 27 Partly expandable container (3)
- 28 Italian city is very pleasant around end of June (6)
- 29 Make known opening of deli is near (8)

DOWN

- 1 Left a container with old South American (6)
- 2 To beat Germany, Spain needs show of great skill (6)
- 3 Lawyer-speak is absurd, alleges judge finally (8)
- 4 Votes and chooses to oust leader (6)
- 5 I restate problem in dissertation (8)
- 6 Kate somehow gets male editor to pay attention (4,4)
- 8 Daughter keeps mansion in a mess, to give an honest opinion (5,4,4)
- 14 Priest's vestment for a pound (3)
- 16 Like cartoon that's lively (8)
- 17 Leave behind unfashionable football shirt (8)
- 18 Mattress could be most elegant (8)
- 19 Tree, or remains of it after fire (3)
- 21 Runs away from antelope, startled to some extent (6)
- 23 Girl's producing seasonal songs (6)
- 24 Broken down, please pass (6)

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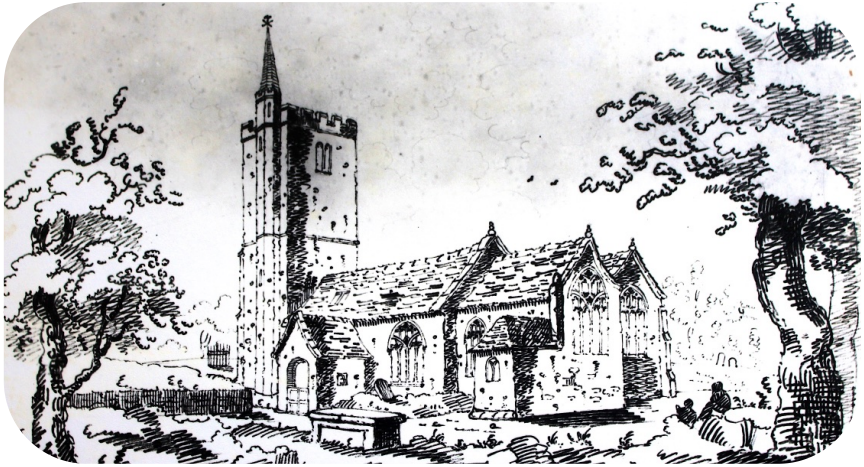
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Solution to May 2025 Cryptic Crossword

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The Parish Church of St Cyr and St Julitta



The power of a single vote...

As I write this month's little missive, I have one eye on the live newsfeed from the BBC in St Peter's Square, Rome, with cameras focused on that chimney above the Sistine Chapel. As a result of all the focus on the conclave, I've been musing about elections and their impact. I'm hoping that, by the time I finish putting these words together, the conclave of cardinals will have reached a decision. White smoke will be seen. And these 133 men (and yes, they are all men) will have made the decision, via secret ballot, that will have an immediate impact on more than a billion Christians around the world. The Roman Catholic Church has a new leader.

At the same time, the Church of England is going through the slightly more tortuous process of selecting its 'leader', the next Archbishop of Canterbury. The process is not quite so public – there won't be any cameras and there won't be any white smoke. And it doesn't involve quite so many people – just 17 men and women. It does, though, take quite a bit longer, as there has to be public consultation, deliberations and nominations. After much discussion and politicking and praying, one name will be offered to the prime minister, who then submits it to King Charles for approval. However, before the chosen candidate can take up their position, yet another, slightly archaic, event has to take place – election by the College of Canons of Canterbury Cathedral. Eventually, the Church of England (and by default, at the moment, the worldwide Anglican Community) will have a new leader.

At the end of last year, of course, America cast its vote for a new president. And it would be fair to say that President Trump's second term in office has been somewhat challenging.

And just last month, those across our parishes and communities eligible to vote, had the chance to elect members to Devon County Council. In many ways, while it involves tens of thousands of people, this is a much more familiar process than the election of a pope or an archbishop. A simple cross on a piece of paper. Within a day we knew the result. And the county council entered a new era, with the new council looking very different from the one that sat up to the end of April.

While they are all, on the face of it, very different processes and procedures, they are all important and life changing events. And they all are determined by a single vote. Each and every vote is important. One vote may make the difference. One cross, one tick, one name, one person has the power to change the world.

It is a very sobering thought, that these processes and procedures – whether simple, straightforward and transparent, or obtuse and somewhat hidden – are life changing for the individuals concerned. Whether pope, archbishop, president or councillor, they will each and all have a significant impact on a huge number of people, across the whole world, or even here in Devon. Those individuals elected will seek to provide leadership and guidance, offer considered wisdom, and – hopefully – be good role models for the world. They all deserve our thoughts and prayers.

All blessings,

Tim

Revd Tim Collins

Rector, Netherexe Mission Community

PS: you will all be aware that by the time I had finished this article, white smoke was seen billowing from the chimney at the Sistine Chapel, and Pope Leo XIV became the 267th leader of the Catholic Church. I offer my prayers for his papacy, and for the next Archbishop of Canterbury, whenever he (or she??) is known; for the President of the United States and also for all new councillors across the county who have taken up their posts.

PPS: the eagle-eyed amongst you will have noticed that my title has changed. Not through any election, but through the 'simple' process of a decision by the bishop and a service at Newton St Cyres. The change in title doesn't really change anything in terms of my serving the people of these parishes.

PPPS: nothing whatsoever to do with what has gone before, but just to say, keep an eye out for an announcement in this magazine about the next Bring & Share Pudding Party at the Rectory on – 13th July 3pm! All very, very welcome.

SERVICES & INFORMATION JUNE 2025

The Netherexe Parishes - A community of Anglican churches in Devon

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

Sunday 1 June

11:00 am	Service at venue in Bickleigh [followed by BBQ]	Cadbury
05:00 pm	Communion	Stoke Canon

Wednesday 4 June

09:30 am	Mid-week Holy Communion	Thorverton [Exe Valley Farm Shop]
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Sunday 8 June [Pentecost]

09:30 am	Communion	Thorverton
10:30 am	Communion	Upton Pyne

Tuesday 10 June

09:30 am	Chattertots	Thorverton
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Sunday 15 June

09:30 am	Communion	Brampford Speke
09:30 am	Bubble Church	Thorverton
10:00 am	Service	Stoke Canon
11:15 am	Communion	Cadbury
03:00 pm	Rev'd Deborah Leighton Plom Priesting Service	Thorverton

Sunday 22 June

09:30 am	Choral Morning Prayer	Thorverton
10:00 am	Messy Church	Stoke Canon
11:00 am	Patronal Festival/Communion [followed by lunch]	Newton St Cyres
11:15 am	Communion	Rewe

Sunday 29 June

10:00 am	Mission Community Service	Cadbury
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Every Tuesday at 6:00pm we gather for prayer in Rewe Church

At **Communion** services we share bread and wine: you are welcome to join us for the service and to share communion if you wish. A lay minister occasionally leads this service.

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Bubble church is for young families and **Messy Church** for families who enjoy craft.

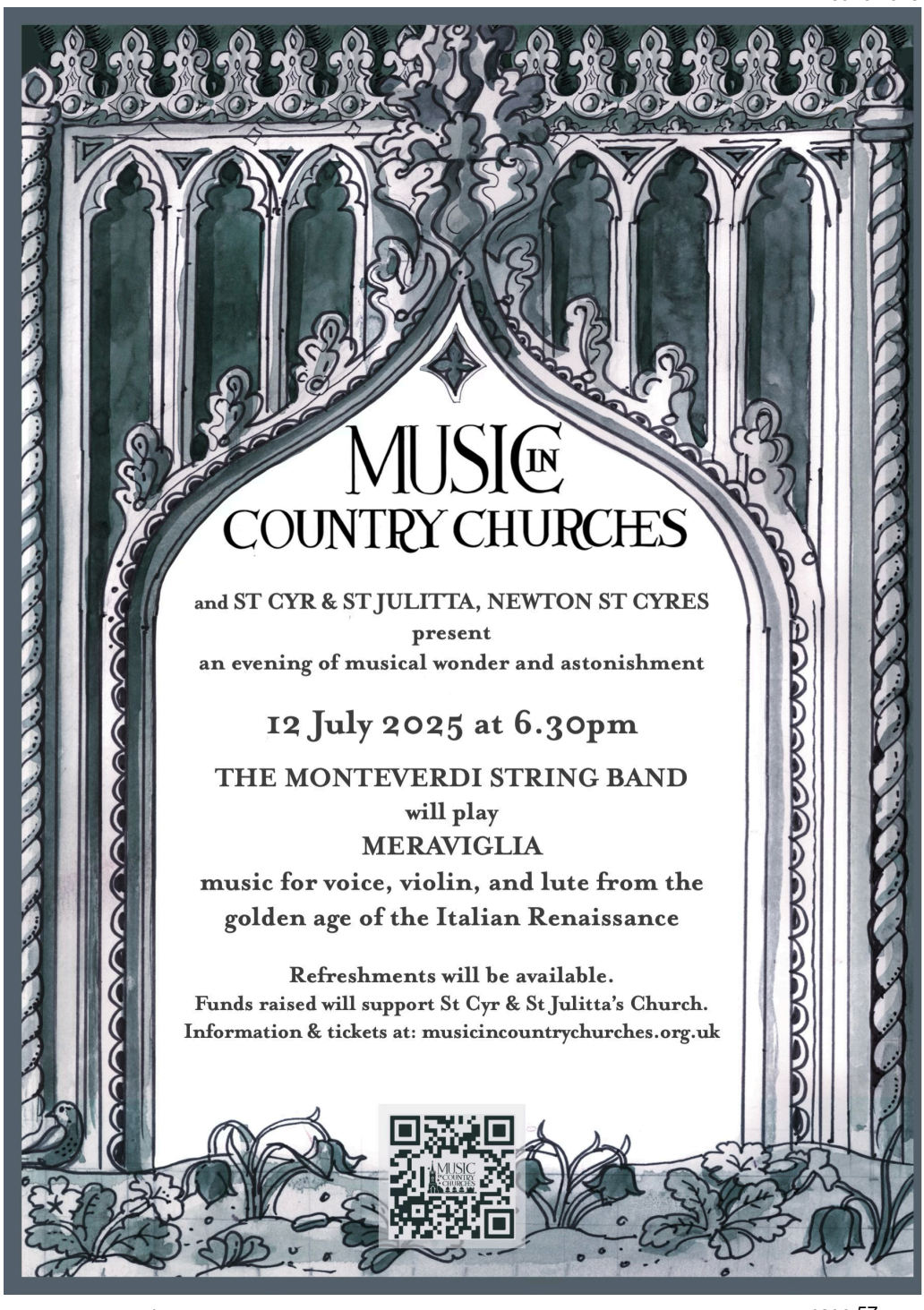
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