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A WEEK IN THE PARISH HALL

Mondays	AEROBICS FITNESS PILATES	9.30 - 10.30pm 11.00 - 12.30	Emma Healey Tel. 07969 900794
Mondays (except Bank Holidays)	BINGO	Eyes Down at 7.45pm	Meat Bingo, Raffles, Snowball.
Tuesdays	GENTLE KEEP FIT	9.45 - 10.45am	Call Jane on 366413 £3.50p per session
Tuesdays	LINE DANCING	7.15 - 10.00pm	Paula Benford Tel. 01392 210830
Tuesdays (Fortnightly)	YOUNG FARMERS CLUB	8.00 - 10.00pm	Rob Davie - Sec. 07801597703 Georgina Davie - Chair. 07801273424
Wednesdays	PARENT & TODDLER GROUP	9.30 - 11.30AM	Emily Ricard Tel. 01392 851899
Last Wednesday of Month	ART GROUP	6.45 - 10.00pm	in the Club Room
1st Wednesday of Month (Quarterly)	GARDENING CLUB	7.30 - 9.30pm	Jane Timlett Tel. 01392 851361
3rd Wednesday of Month	HISTORY GROUP	7.30 - 9.30pm	Jean Wilkins Tel. 01392 851337
Thursdays	BALLROOM AND LATIN DANCING	7.00 - 9.30pm	Wendy Richards Tel. 07949 141800
1st Thursday of Month	PARISH COUNCIL	7.30 - 9.30pm	All are welcome
Last Thursday of Month	MAH JONG CLUB	2.00 - 5.00pm	Geoff Jackson Tel. 01392 851551
Fridays	MARTIAL ARTS	6.00 - 7.00pm	
	TABLE TENNIS	7.15 - 9.45pm	Just turn up £2 per session (£1 Children)
1st Saturday of Month (usually)	COFFEE MORNING	10.30 - 12.00 noon	Run by the Church and other village Groups/Organisations

From the Village Diary @ newtonwonder.net

May 2019

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

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

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

Sat 3rd	Church	Coffee Morning	10.30	Parish Hall
Sun 18th	Church	Cream Tea	1.00pm	Parish Hall

September 2019

Wed 4th	Gardening Club	Steve Adams from Homeleigh Garden Centre on progress and development
7.30 pm	Parish Hall	
Sat 7th	Church	Coffee Morning
10.30am	Parish Hall	

October 2019

Wed 2nd.	Gardening Club	Members evening - swap plants, self-seeders and and share experiences
Sat 6th	Church	Harvest Lunch
12.30pm	Parish Hall	

November 2019

Sat 2nd	Church	Coffee Morning
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For further information and more recent entries and previous entries please go to the website: www.newtonwonder.net.

Work to start at last on the A377

There's good news ahead for motorists who have been suffering for months from the diabolical state of the A377 as it runs through Newton St Cyres. Unless there are unexpected problems, the Highways Department is to resurface the road in May. The plan is to do the work in two phases.

Phase 1 will start on 1st May, when the whole of the road from Sandown Lane to Quicke's Farm will be closed to traffic. Work will go on for seven nights from 7pm to 7am, thus avoiding the problem of days of disruption of traffic flows with stop-go lights. There will be no work on weekends or bank holidays.

Phase 2, which will also mean closing the road, will start on 13th May at Newbridge Hill, in Half Moon. That work will go on for three nights.

The Highways Department says it hopes to have the noisiest work finished by 11pm each night for those stretches of the road running close to homes.

Diversions will be in place. Heavy goods vehicles will be directed along major roads, but local traffic will be able to use country roads.

It's thought the road had been due to be made good in the financial year that just closed, but the continued work on the laying of gas pipes delayed matters as regulations do not allow for two sets of temporary traffic lights within five miles of each other.

Another issue has apparently been that the fact that the ruts in the A377 are not severe enough to meet the Highways Department's definition of a pothole. Without that definition, repair work is not considered a priority.

For motorists, the disappearance of the ruts and bumps will mean the end of the dangers of chicaning and bouncing down the A377 towards the village. Good news.

Cancellations

However access to the Parish Hall will be seriously affected on these evenings. There will be several disruptions to events in the hall and the AGM and Tours of the Arboretum have been postponed for a fortnight. Roger Wilkins, chairman of the parish hall says that he has been assured that there will be no disruption to the elections on 2nd May.

Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 4th April and the editor was honoured, surprised, embarrassed and flattered to be awarded the Volunteer of the Year: there are many more worthy people in the village.

Parish Council elections will not be held as only 7 nominations were received. The council will co-opt two more councillors when they form the new council.

FRIENDS OF NEWTON ARBORETUM

CONDUCTED TOUR

Wednesday 6th



Two alternative tours will be offered. Helen Kearney will point out plants with medicinal properties and how they can be used. Vaughan Gallavan will point out interesting trees in the Arboretum and look particularly at those planted in the last few years.

Assemble in Parish Hall Car Park at 6.30pm

**The Tour will be followed by tea and biscuits in the Hall
and the optional AGM of the Friends**

ALL WELCOME

No charge for subscribing Friends, but others will pay £2. This will be re-funded if you join the Friends (subscription £10) on the day

PARISH COUNCIL REPORTAPRIL

Eight Councillors attended the April Parish Council meeting and were joined for some of the time by Cllr Peter Hare-Scott (MDDC) and Cllr Margaret Squires (DCC).

The Annual Parish Meeting was held prior to the Parish Council Meeting and the Chairman's report for the year and the accounts were read. The Chairman's report will appear in full elsewhere in the Newton Wonder. At this session the Community Volunteer Award was presented. This is awarded to somebody who has given excellent service to the community and this year the worthy winner was Peter Hawksley, editor of the Newton Wonder and supporter of many events and organisations in the parish.

Also on display were draft proposals for traffic calming in the village through a pedestrian crossing. Residents were able to see the two proposals in details and asked to make comments on them to the Parish Clerk during the next few months. These proposals can also be found on the NSC Parish Council website. Ian Sorensen from DCC Highways was on hand to explain the proposals and also to inform the residents that average speed cameras had been agreed for the centre of the village and these may be installed at any time. There was a full room for the input from Highways and eight members of the public stayed throughout the remainder of the evening.

Cllr Peter Hare-Scott is leaving the area and will not therefore be standing as a candidate in the forthcoming District Council elections. Peter was thanked for his support of the Parish Council over the term of his office and he in turn thanked the Parish Council for all their hard work and efforts in so many areas.

The Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Jim Enright, thanked the retiring Councillors (David Baker, Jill Baker, Adam Reeves and Paul Taylor) for all their enthusiastic support over the years and wished them all well for the future.

Cllr Margaret Squires (DCC) replied to questions about the potholes on School Hill and urged parishioners to report all potholes through the Devon County Council website and the link to Highways regardless of the size or shape of the pothole. It was also confirmed that School Hill is scheduled for re-surfacing in early May this year.

Councillors Responsibilities.

- **Allotments.** Cllr Liz Ouldrige reported that there were still some vacant allotments and she would write an article accompanied by a photo for the Newton Wonder.
- **Arboretum.** It was reported that their AGM would be held in May.
- **Boniface Trail.** Cllr Paul Taylor reported that the first draft of agreements were almost completed and once agreed would enable to group to apply for grants and planning permission.

- **Speed Watch.** Cllr Steve Parker reported that PCSO Lisa McMillan had taken on responsibility for suitable sites etc. and it was hoped that a joint meeting with Crediton Speed Watch could be held.
- **Defibrillators.** New pads had been purchased and a new system for maintenance was being explored.
- **Footpaths.** Cllr Steve Parker reported that maintenance was ongoing and he would appreciate feedback from walkers and ramblers with any problems they may encounter.
- **Litter Pickers.** Cllr Liz Ouldrige reported that she would be holding a meeting of the group in September.
- **Notice Boards.** The board in Smallbrook had been repaired and the doors on the main board on the Village Green were awaiting attention. Cllr Chris Southcott agreed to update the board at the Station.
- It was agreed that the Village Green required weeding treatment

Community Fair

The feedback from the Community Fair was shared and it appeared that the consensus of opinion had been that it was worthwhile, it could be repeated every two years, it should commence at 10.00 am, it should keep the clubroom free for refreshments and a speaker on a relevant subject would be an asset. Thanks were expressed by the Councillors to Cllr Jim Enright for the work and effort he put into the event.

Highways matters

The Chairman had met with officers from DCC Highways and had obtained some surety of works to be carried out i.e The Engineering Dept are considering how to hold back the trees and rocks above the blocks opposite Langford Road.

The dropped curb at the new School would be installed once building work is completed.

The manhole cover on the bridge in Station Road has been reported to the Utility Company who will undertake the repairs.

The flashing lights by the old School should be turned off and the lights moved to the village once the gas works is completed.

The Traffic Team are considering the installation of a School sign and zig-zag lines in Station Road outside the School.

It was agreed to discuss the amount of road signs which had appeared at the May meeting.

May 2019

The **next meeting of the Parish Council** will be held on **Thursday 9th May 2019**. This is later in the month as there will be Council elections in the Parish Hall on the 2nd May.

The Parish Surgery will be held in conjunction with the Church Coffee morning on Saturday 4th May. Please come along to these events and meet your new Councillors as they will be only too happy to answer queries.

Cllr Jill Baker, Press Officer

Thank you.

This report is my last report as Press Officer for NSC Parish Council and I would just like to say what a privilege it has been to serve as a Parish Councillor for the village and to write the reports of the meetings. Newton St Cyres is a very busy parish and is lucky to have such a pro-active Parish Council. All the Councillors play an active role on the Council and are helped by the positive attitudes of the residents and the assistance they are given.

Thank you to everyone for reading my scribbles every month. We will continue to subscribe to the Newton Wonder from our new home in North Devon and we will turn up in the village from time to time to visit friends and attend occasional Coffee Mornings. May we wish your new Council every success in the future.

Jill Baker

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RECREATION GROUND CLUB

I have been doing these reports for many, many years and I'm certain this May is the quietest I have ever written about.

I said in last month's edition that we have only one day with both cricket and football – and, remarkably, it's on 1st May. And the other coincidence is it is the last football match and first cricket match. I really can't remember this happening before. Usually, I have football and cricket both wanting to play at the same time two or three times a week all through May.

Both the Seniors and the Youth football squads are training Tuesday evenings through the Month.

We will have a fourth team playing friendly cricket matches as our three regular teams – Heads and Tails, Crediton Inn and The Beer Engine – have been joined by a team calling themselves Bakers XI

The skittles and ladies' darts have completed their league games, with only the Ladies Final Night left to end the season. This is on 17th May and we have managed to be the chosen venue this year. There are a couple more men's league games to go and the season ends with the League Finals Night at the Rec. on 31st May.

The Archery Group will be at the Rec Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays until the autumn.

Wendy Lewis

Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The April draw took place at the coffee morning in the Parish Hall on 5th April 2019 and the winners are:

No 158 M & C Ware	£100
No 93 L Dunn	£10
No 166 Teresa Mitchell	£10
No 37 M & R Whalley	£10
No 125 J Brock	£10

By the time you read this the collectors will have started knocking on doors for the annual subscription. If anyone has new neighbours please tell them about the 200 club and phone me or tell their collector and I will get back to them with a number.

Also new collectors would be very very welcome (and a coordinator).

Daphne 01392 851639

Newton St Cyres FC

As the season begins to draw to an end, we tend to have a large volume of games to try and fit into a short period of time. Fortunately with the mild winter, postponements were at a minimum and we only suffered a couple not including the abandonment due to injury. The senior side have just one game remaining away at Beer Albion over the Easter weekend.



In terms of results, it couldn't have gone better since our last report having won all four of the fixtures. It started with a visit from Axmouth United who had struggled this season. Sitting in the bottom three we hoped this would be a routine outcome and it started off that way as we soon reached 3 goals without reply. Axmouth kept going though and found the net in the second half but we soon got our three goal cushion back to make it 4-1. Both teams then went on to notch again and it finished 5-2.

We were again at home for the next match where East Budleigh were the opponents. Both teams were in the hunt for a top three finish so this would be an interesting contest. We started slowly and gave Budleigh numerous chances but they failed to convert and we managed to settle down at the back and exert a bit of dominance over proceedings. We soon found our rhythm and two quick-fire goals which saw us go into halftime with a two goal buffer. We came out second half and notched again to dent Budleigh's hopes of getting back into the match but they did find the net albeit it to no avail as we hit a fourth shortly after followed by a fifth. The game ended on a slightly sour note for us though as we conceded a penalty in the final minute and they scored the spot kick to make it 5-2.

We travelled to mid-table Otterton in the third fixture which was a replay for the abandoned match after Xmas. In that fixture it was 0-0 in the 62nd minute when it was called off. It was heading the same way when it was 0-0 at half time. But the goals flowed in the second half and after we upped the tempo, we came away with a 4-2 win.

The final game in the period was against old foes the Winchester. Historically we always struggled against this team and prior to this season the best we had achieved was a 4 all draw. However, we had already beaten them at their place

this season and were hoping to dent their hopes of winning the league. We started slowly and Winchester outplayed us in the first half having plenty of chances but only finding the net once with a free-kick. Being only one down at half time meant we were still in this game and the players came out with a refreshed belief and took the game to the 'Winnie'. We moved the ball around at pace and pressed and closed the opposition down and soon found ourselves back on level terms. Winchester began to experience nerves knowing that this could a disappointing result and this gave us more confidence as we searched for a second. It didn't take long, a rasping drive found the back of the net and from then on we never looked like losing this game and run out comfortable winners in the second half - 2-1 it finished.

This result saw us rise to second place in the table with just one game remaining. It will be unlikely that we'll finish here as the teams around us half games in hand but without doubt, it's been a positive season for the team and they have done themselves proud.

The Under 12s have had a fairly successful season having spent much of it in 2nd position in the league or indeed leading it. However, the chasing pack have caught up over the recent weeks as they had some games in hand over us. During the period, we played four fixtures and it's been a mixed bag of results. We started well with a victory over Moors Youth in what might have been deemed a fortunate result as Moors probably edged it in terms of performance. Next we made the long trip to Perry Street and we were sent packing with a 4-1 loss. Next we entertained Axminster who were sitting in the mid-table position. We didn't really do ourselves justice and were 4-0 down by half-time. We rallied second half but it wasn't enough and the final score was 7-2.

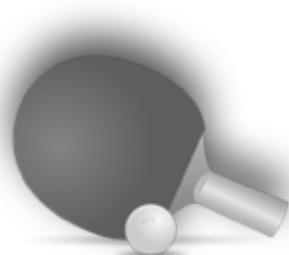
The final game was away to Lymptstone who were one position above us in the league by this point. Both teams put in solid performances and went all out for the win but in the end we settled for a 3-3 draw. The team now have 3 remaining fixtures which are all at home so we are hoping to pick up plenty more points and maintain our goal of finishing in the top three.

Senior Training has now come to an end and we will be looking to restart pre-season in June. The April training sessions went well and a number of new faces joined which we hope will return when we re-enter our new reserve team in the senior league. Junior training will be continuing during June up until the end of season presentations at the Recreation Ground. New players are always welcome at their Wednesday evening sessions, for further information about youth training please contact Denis Neagle 07976 197944 / denisfc1892@gmail.com.

Mark Smaldon

TABLE TENNIS SUCCESSES

The League season is now having a summer break. Congratulations to Alex Carder who finished as runner up in Division 2 of the Junior League, with Will Furniss just below him in third place. Will also competed in the League Junior Tournament held at Newton St Cyres and got a very good 7th place out of 17, with most of those above him having a lot of experience playing in the adult league.



The adult league is team based and Newton St Cyres has a combined team with Stoke Canon in Division 3. We ended the season third out of 14 teams, having been second until the last week of the season. We were pipped for second place by a Wingfield team that included Alan Pearce, from our village, as one of their players. Well done Alan and his team. We suffered through injuries towards the end of the season that put Jana Garnsworthy and Harry Willatts, two of our star players, out of action. Mike Carrotte (who won 39 out of his 45 singles matches) was our top player, with Peter Billington, Alma Horrell and me completing our squad.

Club sessions are normally held every Friday evening throughout the year in the Parish Hall from 7.15 pm with all welcome, Just pay £2.50 (adults) and £1,50 (schoolchildren) for the evenings you play. We have four tables and welcome and can fit in complete beginners through to experienced League players. Why not come and give it a go? Unfortunately because of the closure of the A377 for a series of nights there will be no table tennis on 3 and 10 May.

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

Roger Wilkins

Swingers live longer

Some surveys have found that golfers on average live five years longer than other folk. Well, the good news is that Downes Crediton Golf Club is offering a first-year membership for £200 off the usual fee. So it's £470 for one year's full membership. Downes is a very friendly club with a very active senior section, an excellent pro and pro shop and very good caterers .

Richard Nicholls

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

The club held its Annual General Meeting at the end of March at the Stables pub. 10 pairs of Wimbledon tickets were allocated to the first lucky people whose names were drawn out from the hat, and the Dudley Errington Trophy for Player of the Year was awarded to Tess Baber. Tess has been attending junior coaching from an early age and is now participating in league matches including Division 1 of the Ladies Exeter League. Congratulations Tess!



Our Open Day is going ahead on Saturday 11th May from 10 am– 2pm as part of the LTA's Big Tennis Weekends. Children from 5 – 14 are invited from 10 -12, accompanied by a parent or carer, and over 14s and adults from 12 until 2pm. Our coach Toby Harradence will be running the sessions. Do come along and have a go at tennis, try out the Club and meet Toby and other club members. To book a session please email Sally Baldwin on sally.baldwin1@hotmail.co.uk or Alice Dowle on alice2dowle@aol.com. We have spare rackets if you don't own one!

Sally Baldwin

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Martial Arts

Crediton & Copplestone martial artists were on great form recently at the Professional Unification of Martial Arts (PUMA) National Championships in Newbury. The event was point stop sparring for both teams and individuals, and synchronised team Taekwon-Do patterns.

In a competition that attracted competitors from across the country, Dave Powlesland's dynamic Taekwon-Do team brought back an astonishing four golds, five silvers and three bronze medals as individuals and also in the team divisions. (Photo courtesy A. Quick.)

Dave commented: "Our members worked hard in getting their skills honed ready for the event, so to see their hard work and dedication to improvement paying off at a national-level competition is just brilliant." The team is seen here with its medals. (Photo courtesy A. Quick.)

Dave and his team train locally at a number of locations around Crediton and Copplestone and here in the Newton St Cyres Village Hall on a Friday evening from 6pm.



If you would like details or information on how to be part of this martial arts group, please contact Dave and his team on 07802 855852 or visit www.creditontkd.com

Newton Ramblers April Expedition

Our April walk was a three mile loop around Zeal Monachorum.

Ten brave souls and the usual five shelties ventured out on what was a very chilly morning with a biting cold wind. Everyone wrapped up warm including the eldest sheltie who had a nice red coat on (she is 12 1/2 years old after all).



We started the walk from the Waie Inn and proceeded up the steep hill to the church which has a very impressive Jubilee bench at the entrance. Then through the churchyard before picking up the footpath which took us around a farm, through fields and a small copse before reaching a path along the top of what used to be Down St. Mary Vineyard. There was a small amount of lane walking before once again heading across fields and into woodland which was sheltered from the wind. In this stretch of woodland there is evidence of quarrying activity in the form a massive piece of abandoned machinery. It looks like a stone crusher and amazingly the tyres still have air in them even though it must be many years since it was in use. The photo is the group standing in front of it.

The beauty of this walk is that there are three lengths (2 1/4, 3, 5 1/4 miles) and it is possible to cut back to the village very easily should the weather deteriorate. Anyway, just beyond this woodland is Tucking Mill bridge where the lane cuts back to the village for the shorter walk. Our intrepid band carried on through more woodland before emerging into a huge field which we cut across to meet another lane which we DID take back to Zeal Monachorum. It then started to drizzle ever so lightly but overall we were very lucky with the weather.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the walk as it is so varied with fields, woods, lanes, old mill workings and quarry machinery etc.

This walk is taken from "Favourite Walks in Devon" edited by Simone Stanbrook-Byrne and James Clancy.

Do You Remember?.....May

May 1979

There will be no election for the Parish Council this year as there were just nine candidates for the nine seats. There are however three new members Mr Christopher Lee, Mr Sid Tarry and Mr Peter Phillpot.

The Newton Wonder has raised sufficient funds to purchase a new Gestetner duplicator. The new machine is dual purpose, either hand cranked or electrically operated.

The earliest report of a cuckoo heard in the village is Saturday 20th April. On May 2nd there was an inch of snow on the ground.

Mr John Durrant retired as chairman of the Recreation Ground and following his replacement by Mr David Baker, Mr Durrant was formally, and unanimously, elected President of the Recreation Ground.

The Newton Walkabout, a sponsored boundary walk, will take place on 19th May. Proceeds are to Save the Children and Exeter Cathedral.

May 1989

The cricket club is starting the new season having been promoted to division one of the Exeter district evening league.

The County Council will be placing a skip in the car park for disposal of bulky refuse. Parishioners are reminded not to leave rubbish after the skip has gone.

Dog owners are again reminded not to walk their pets on the footpath from Pump Street to Sand Down Lane, as the path is for the exclusive use of school children and accompanying adults.

Building work has started at the school building new loos. The old facilities, over 100 years old, are to be transformed into changing rooms.

May 1999

There will be no Parish Council Election as three councillors have retired and three parishioners have been nominated to take their place.

Tim Sedgewick has taken charge of a large collection of old postcards of scenes in and around the village. Among the cards are pictures of Newton before WW2, when the village was known locally as 'White City' because of all the

whitewashed cottages. These were painted with a mixture of cow dung and whitewash during the war to reduce their visibility to marauding German aircraft on moonlit nights.

May 2009

Newton St Cyres Parish Council was advertising for a new part-time Clerk.

One of the results of the recent Parish Plan survey was a request to the Police to hold regular surgeries in the village and to also provide regular updates to the Parish Council. The Police had agreed to hold surgeries every 6 months and to send updates, including crime statistics, to the Parish Council every 3 months.

The Tarka Rail Association had produced an excellent booklet which included 2 self-guided walks from Newton St Cyres. One of the walks was a circular route to Shobrooke and the other to Upton Pyne.

NEWTON RAMBLERS

Sunday 19th May

The walk this month will be led by John Quicke who will be taking us through woodland around the village.

We will meet in the Newton St Cyres car park at 10.00 am.

John describes the walk as follows:

"Up Pump Street, then turn right into Coombeland Wood just before the end of council road.

Walk around Coombeland Wood ending up by looking at the redwoods. Then back up to the end of the council road and turn right to head back downhill, eventually arriving at Bakers.

Many of the tracks are quite uneven and wet in places.

We will mainly be looking at the commercial softwood plantations planted by my father in 1950's-1970's."

Anyone is welcome to join us on this walk, for further information please ring Nigel or Rosemary Chambers on 01392 851400



NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP



The Railway Inn to the Beer Engine – Sweetham, Newton St Cyres.

Peter Hawksley is well known in the village, successfully running The Beer Engine pub, with his wife, Jill, for 22 years from 1983 to 2005. He was an early 'micro brewer', making delicious beers that attracted a large following, and with Jill in the kitchen, the pub became very popular. Now he is editor of the Newton Wonder, and so it is not surprising that so many people came to hear his talk on the Beer Engine's history, on Wednesday 13th February, that we had to move at the last minute from the club room into the bigger space in the hall. This achieved, we settled

down to hear about the past story of the pub.

Peter concentrated on the unusual design of the building and its uses, and the landlords and landladies who ran it during the 19th and early 20th centuries. There was apparently no building on the site until somewhere between 1850 and 1853 when the Railway Inn, as it was originally known, was built, being probably owned by the railway company but leased to the various landlords. The railway itself was opened in 1851. The land the inn was built on originally belonged to Lake House Farm, as did the cottages adjacent to the new building, in front of which the road originally ran before the coming of the railway.

There is no record of why the front of the building has the characteristic three-sided shape. Furthermore, it is timber framed, so it is possible that Thomas Moore, the first landlord and a carpenter, may have been involved in its building. Inside, there were originally four rooms with a corridor from front to back. The bar and snug were at the front (i.e., the part of the building facing away from the railway line towards the present car park) and a kitchen and private sitting room were at the rear, or railway-line end, of the building. The asymmetrical additions to the west side of the building were more recently used as a shop, clubroom, store and Gents and Ladies toilets. The internal use of the space has changed, with the central bar where the former kitchen was and the additions incorporated into the pub as a restaurant area and kitchen.

Upstairs were the bedrooms and living area, and Peter thinks that the rear, or south, of the building had rooms which could be opened up to make a large space for dinners and meetings, auctions and inquests, which all were held there.

It is also not known when the additions to the side of the building were made, though in 1909 they were altered or added to make the present dining area. This space was used as a shop for many years in the 20th century. In 1920 the space inside the inn was again reorganised, and at some point around then a concrete drain was put in under the building from the car park side and the cesspit down to the river. At this time there was a stable across the road where the car park now is. Peter showed us a photo of the sale particulars of 1948, which list the features of the Inn, and make it clear that it was unusual in being a free house. Where the car park is now there was a stable, a linnhay, a garage with a petrol pump, a coal storage area and a workshop. Between the pub and the railway was a large vegetable garden with fruit trees, and underneath the building was ample cellar and storage space.

When Peter took over the pub, he was handed an old and incomplete typewritten list of the previous incumbents. He has now updated this and gave it to everyone as a useful handout at the beginning of the talk. The first landlord of the Railway Inn, Thomas Moore, was born in the village in 1799 and was a master carpenter employing 12 men in the 1851 census. Interestingly, in the 1861 census he was living at the Railway Inn with his family, but his occupation was listed as 'shopkeeper', so there must have already been a shop somewhere on the premises. Peter handed round some tokens, dated circa 1857 and stamped 'Moore's Railway Inn', which were issued by the railway company to the navvies working on the line, in lieu of wages, to be spent at the Inn.

In October 1861 the Moore family moved to the Dock Inn, Crediton, and the premises were advertised To Let. The next landlord on record is William Joslin, who was there for three years from 1865. He then went to live at Coldharbour, at the top of Sandown Lane, where in the garden a blue and white glazed pottery fragment with 'Railway Inn' and 'Newton St Cyres' clearly written on it was discovered. However, Joslin was not the only landlord who went on to live at Coldharbour, so the date of the jug is not certain.

The Slade family moved into the Inn in 1870 and were involved there for the next 24 years. They were a local family who had lived in Upton Pyne but were living in the village by 1842. John Slade was born in 1822. He became the landlord in 1870, and was fined in 1871 by PC Percy for late drinking, eight people having been found drunk at 1am! As this sort of thing was not uncommon and was not usually a police action, Peter wondered if there had been a falling out with someone who had instigated the policeman to act.

John Slade's mother, Ann Slade, held the license in 1873 and as she married a certain John Kent (from Rackenford), he was the licensee from 1879 till 1884. John Slade had gone to the Agricultural Inn by the ford but he returned to the Railway Inn after the death of his stepfather in 1884, and continued there for another 10 years.

Peter had found an interesting newspaper report of a dinner held at the Inn in 1883, hosted by Mrs Slade, after an auction run by a manure and seed merchant. The report said that the dinner was in Assembly Rooms which overlooked the railway and 'Mr Quicke's field'. These must be the upstairs of the inn at the back, and Peter found, when he lived there, that these two rooms had originally had a removable wall so that they could be enlarged to make space for an assembly. Also, those of you who were at the Christmas meeting may remember that the Slade family were involved in the concerts held in the school, John and his daughter being especially talented singers.

By 1909, when Edward Quicke came of age, it is clear that the Quicke family owned the Railway Inn. It may even be that they built it originally, but we do not know, as the Quicke records were burned in the house fire of 1906. However, in 1909 alterations were made to the building and William Furzeman was the licensee. Noel Quicke sold the pub after he inherited on the death of his brother, Edward, in the Great War, because of the estate duties. John and Mary Anne Kemp bought the Inn for £1,125 in 1920, and it was they who sold the cottages next door which had always previously been part of the property. After John Kemp's death, his widow married a servant from Lodge House named Edward Packham, and they who ran the pub throughout the Second World War. Mrs Southcott, Christopher Southcott's mother, remembered how Edward Packham had a pony and trap and would take deliveries all around the village, and how she would go to talk to Joey the pony. However, it seems that the second marriage was not entirely happy, and that Edward Packham was rather fond of drinking the profits from the pub. Whatever the truth of this, it is certain that Mary Anne was buried with her first husband, and under his name, Kemp, and on her

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death in 1948, the pub went to her and John Kemp's adopted son, Reginald Melhuish, and not to her second husband. The pub was sold on her death for £5,000 and the new owners called it The Iron Horse, which it remained until 1973, when it was renamed the Old Barn Owl Inn.

Short tenures followed on through the 1950s, 60s and 70s but in 1983 Peter bought the pub and renamed it The Beer Engine.

Peter ended his presentation here but of course there were lots of questions, and also memories of the pub, from the audience. Reg Mears remembered how the carnival of 1958/9 was planned in the front room of the pub, and how 15 men having a pint in the narrow bar of the time would fill it completely.

Peter explained how up until 1964 it was mandatory to open a pub and so usually there would be a small public bar which could be maintained by one person. Only after this date were pubs opened out to create bigger spaces. Cider production was also mentioned and how Mary Anne 'Polly' Kemp kept a parrot, and how Edward Packham's shop smelled musty and old when you went in to buy sweets!

Our sincere thanks go to Peter for sharing some of his research with us and for generously giving his time to prepare and deliver the talk.

Isobel Hepworth

Meetings are held on Wednesday evenings 7.30pm in the Village Hall Club Room.

**We have no special membership and everyone is welcome.
There is a small charge of £2 which includes tea and biscuits.**

For further information contact Jean on 851337 or Isobel on 851351

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May 15 Newton St Cyres and the Priory of Plympton. James Clark

June 8 Outing to Moretonhampstead

Our Talk in May was postponed from March due to the serious illness of the speaker James Clark. James is a university expert on medieval monasteries and we are really lucky that he is interested in the Priory of Plympton, which has survived from 1407-1408.

Our outing to Moretonhampstead is fixed for Saturday the 8th of June. We are collecting names, so make contact if you would like to go. There will be the optional choice of a meal at the Union Inn. If you would like to go be sure to put your name down at the next meeting or ring Jean on 851337. We will be on holiday shortly before the outing so please avoid leaving it to the last minute if possible. We need to let the Union Inn know numbers. Lunch will start promptly at 1pm to be ready for the tour at 2pm. We will car-share where possible, so please let us know if you would like a lift.

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450gm [1lb] rhubarb
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100gm [4oz] honey

Devon grown rhubarb is delicious when cooked with honey and vanilla. Cut the stalks into bite sized chunks and add lemon juice, vanilla extract and honey. Simmer very gently until the rhubarb is tender. This is good served warm with clotted cream or custard, and shortbread - or, when chilled, with strawberry ice-cream.

MAY ON THE FARM

NATURE

The leaves are all out. The very last, the beech, take their time. It always astonishes me how fast the leaves unfurl from their buds. They must all be grown in the bud, packed in a tight origami, to release so fast, little sails peeping from buds in all possible shades of green. All those greens light up the landscape, day glow yellow and green, along with olive, bronzes and pinks.

Rooks, crows and ravens noisily defend their nests, while greedily raiding other birds'. The buzzards ride the thermals created by the intensifying sun. They scan the landscape to feed their brood. Your family, my meal.

We've had the richest spring flowers in my memory, courtesy of last year's sun. I hope the fruit will be as rich this autumn. The hawthorn flowers carry on in May where the blackthorn left off.

ARABLE

Our crops grow apace with enough moisture and sun, and now have a large enough leaf area to harvest more sunshine. It's a daily miracle in plain sight, how green plants use sunlight to turn carbon dioxide and water into the oxygen that keeps us alive and the food that nourishes us.

The wheat and barley plants grow their leaves and roots, and cherish the delicate embryo ear that will feed us.

GRASS

With the grass, we want leaf, not stalk and ear, for the cows to graze, so the cows keep on top of eating the stems. The grass is growing at its fastest now. We harvest for winter feed the grass the cows won't get to before it goes too stalky. I'm so happy to see our empty silage pits fill up. Of course, grazed grass is the best, and we need to keep the cows fed over winter, when the grass grows very slowly. So out comes the silage kit, mowing meadows, picking up grass, chopping it into bite-sized and fermentable lengths, and covering it. It's like sauerkraut: out of the air, the grass ferments in its own sugars to preserve it for the winter.

COWS

Young calves are enjoying the sunshine and warmth, growing well with the rich grass. The 15-month heifers, teenagers in human terms, now get the bull they've been asking for, some for months.

For the earliest to go to the bull, we are using sexed semen. With dairy cows, you are mainly interested in females. The bull calves leave us as soon as we can find someone to buy them. So we want as many females as possible. Fortunately, it's now possible to sort the semen so only heifers get born. We have been trying it out, and it seems to be working.

The spring-calved cows are also keen to meet Mr Bull, and practice hard on each other. To begin with, we use stored semen, from the bulls and breeds we want, to make hardy, fertile cows producing exactly the right milk for our cheese. We need to catch the cows just the day they are most ready, 'standing heat'. Put your hand on her back, and she'll stand still and receptive. Before then, she is frisky and wants to ride other cows. After that, she is just not interested.

All this time, the cows are producing lots of milk from the fast-growing grass. It's lovely to see the vats of warm milk, grass made into food by the generosity of cows. In the dairy, we carry out that age-old process of concentrating the sun's gift of grass into golden cheese. Our English cheeses all can age, to take that bounty deep into the winter. Like silage and sauerkraut, it's another fermentation arising from people's ingenious way of nurturing bugs for our benefit.

RECIPE

This month, Chris of Bellow harvests elderflowers and dries them quickly (the trick is to retain their flavour and aroma) for us to add to curd to make our elderflower cheese. It makes a lovely, aromatic cheese. You can't tell where the elderflower aroma ends and the butteriness of the cheese begins. I'm happy when added flavours favour and not overpower the cheese. In May, I love adding it to a nettle soup when I serve it for an evanescent essence of high spring.

Another great use of nettles, that gift of the Romans, is Gill Meller's satisfying nettle, bacon and smoked goat's cheese tart. The aromatic goat's cheese is transformed by the nutty notes from the gentle smoke and brings out the almost shellfish-like richness of nettles.

RECIPE

FOR THE SHORT CRUST

- 1 x 8" loose base tart case
- 150g of butter
- 300g plain flour
- Pinch of salt
- About 150ml cold water

FOR THE FILLING

- About 200g of picked washed nettle tips
- 1 large organic onion finely sliced
- 150g of smoked bacon lardons
- 100g Quicke's Oak Smoked Goat's Milk Clothbound Cheese
- A small knob of butter
- 2 eggs and 1 egg yolk
- 200ml double cream

- 50ml milk

METHOD

1. To make the short crust, place the flour, butter and salt in a food processor and pulse to a breadcrumb consistency.
2. Add the water in a gradual stream; stop as soon as the dough comes

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together. Turn out and knead the dough a couple of times, then wrap and chill in the fridge for half an hour or so.

3. Pre-heat the oven to 170°C

4. When you're ready, remove the pastry from the fridge and allow to come up to room temperature. Roll out to about 3mm thick and line your tart case. Leave the edges overhanging. Prick the base with a fork then line the case with parchment and baking beans. Bake blind for about 20 mins then remove the beans and return to the oven for a further 10-12 minutes or until the base is just golden. Remove and trim away the overhang as carefully as you can.

5. Blanch the nettle tips in boiling water for 2 mins. Remove and refresh in a large bowl of iced water. Drain and squeeze excess water from the nettles then roughly chop them.

6. Melt the butter in a pan over a medium heat, add the bacon lardons and fry for 3-4 mins or until just beginning to colour. Add the onions and cook stirring regularly until the onions are soft and golden. Add the chopped nettles and season with salt and pepper.

7. Use your hands to evenly distribute the mix over the base of the tart case. You don't want any big clumps.

8. Whisk the whole eggs and yolk with the cream, milk and a third of the cheese. Season the custard to taste. Pour the custard over that tart filling

9. Bake straight away at 180°C for about 20 minutes or until golden and slightly risen.

Mary Quicke



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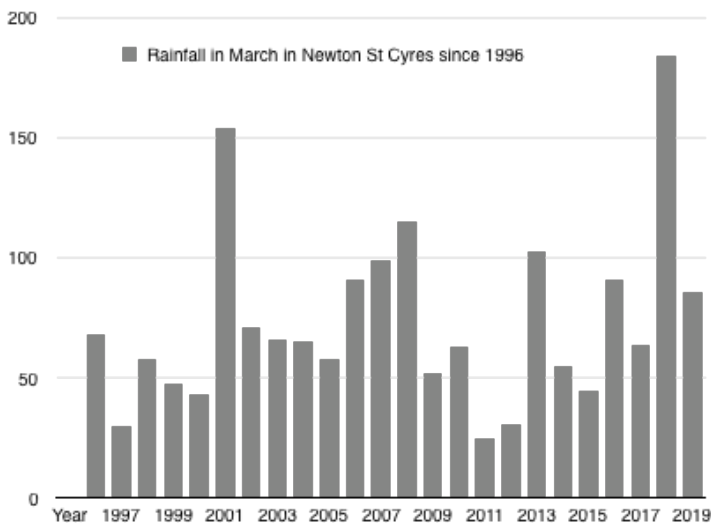
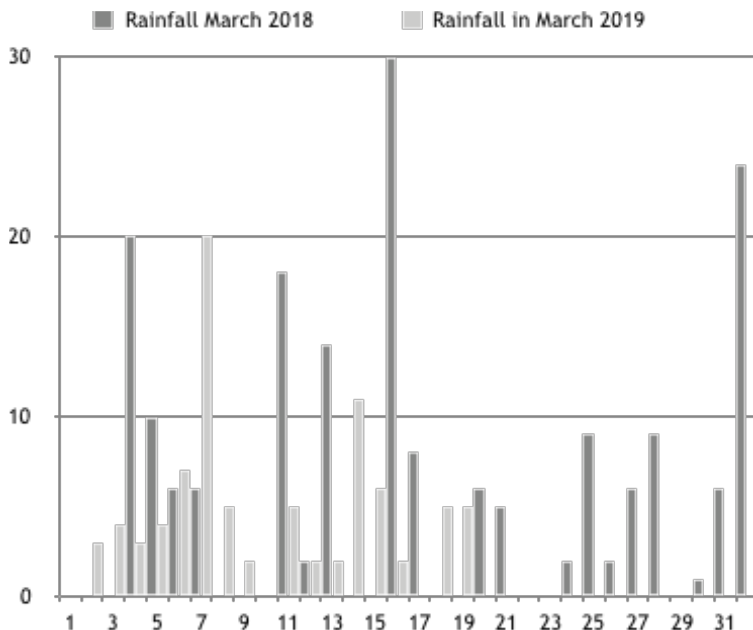
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The Weather

in Newton St Cyres



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



How well do you know your village?

Pictures submitted by Chris Southcott

Can you answer the following questions?:-

- 1. WHEN was the picture taken?**
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SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS IN THE VILLAGE

There are two plans to make the road safer in the village. **First**, It is being suggested that Newton will be the first village in the county to be equipped with **average speed cameras**. Where these have been deployed in Cornwall there has been a really significant reduction in the speed of vehicles. We have all seen that the average speed cameras on motorways are really effective. They will, apparently be clearly signed and drivers will have no way of escaping them. Let's hope that this makes the A377 safer for everyone.

The **second plan** is for a **traffic light controlled crossing** for pedestrians in the centre of the village. Unfortunately it would not be possible to simply put the crossing where the present refuge is situated because it would be too close to the junction with West Town. At present **two possible alternatives** have been suggested although other ideas may still emerge. The plans for these were available for all to see at the Parish Meeting on 4th. April. They are also available overleaf.

It is important to note that these are preliminary plans and there will be a long period of consultation. Option A would be considerably cheaper than Option B but does not solve the problems as effectively because it would remain necessary to cross both the bus lay-by in the Crediton direction and the slip road outside the Post Office. If you would like to make your views known then you can do so by contacting the Parish Clerk (parishclerk@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk) or send an email to editor@newtonwonder.net. If you do this we will forward your observations to the Parish Council and make them available for discussion on the Newton Wonder website www.newtonwonder.net.

Option A

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Newton St Cyres Gardening Club

During April, members of the Gardening Club visited the grounds of the University of Exeter and Sherwood House.



For the visit to the university, we met at Reed Hall, originally named Streatham Hall and home to the Thornton West family, wealthy merchants who traded in the East Indies during the second half of the 19th century. Reed Hall is set within beautifully landscaped gardens, which were laid down by local horticultural firm James Veitch. They were planted with rare trees and shrubs that had been collected by the Veitch family themselves from around the world.

We were very fortunate to have Iain Park, Director of Grounds, as our tour guide and he provided a wonderful commentary as we walked around the extensive grounds, which total 141 hectares. The highlight of our visit was the International Garden, which opened in 2016 to celebrate the university's Diamond Jubilee. This garden reflects the original continental plant-collecting expeditions of the Veitch family of nurserymen. It also celebrates the university's International link with students from every continent studying at Exeter. There are five feature gardens incorporating plants from Asia, Australasia, Africa, the Americas and Europe.

We walked over to the cacti beds by the Peter Chalk Centre, where the plants were originally donated by the local Cacti Society. The beds were designed to mimic the conditions of arid Central America and to illustrate natural plant survival mechanisms - e.g., spines reducing the surface area to protect the fleshy stems. Iain told us how these beds form part of a living study area for the students.

From here, we walked down through the area known as the Plantation which has a man-made watercourse. The planting here includes camellias, eucalyptus and a collection of ferns and azaras. This then led us over to the Xfi Building Alpine beds, which were designed with crevices of limestone (alkaline) & slate (acid) outcrops to which specialist plants have adapted, and to the many magnolia stellata and the magnolia lawn, with over a dozen species of magnolia.

We then walked up to Poole Gate and the rear of the Forum, where the photo of the group was taken, then down past the Old Botanic Garden to Reed Pond, a traditional brick-built and clay-puddled pond. Our tour ended back at Reed Hall. Everyone agreed it had been a very informative afternoon.

Our visit to Sherwood was at the kind invitation of Nikki and Mark Chambers, who are the new owners of the property. This was a very informal visit where we were able to wander freely through the extensive gardens. The camellias, magnolias and early rhododendrons were stunning, as were the hellebores. It was lovely to have the opportunity to visit the gardens again after the period when the house was for sale. See dates below for future visits to Sherwood.

Sunday 5th May - British Red Cross Devon, fundraising visit to Sherwood @ £10.00 per person to include cream tea. 2 Sessions - 10.30am-1pm and 2pm-4.30pm Full details can be seen in the separate advert in this month's Newton Wonder. Enquiries & parking space reservations via Emma 07984 672649

Sunday June 16th afternoon - Members of the Gardening Club have been invited back to Sherwood. Further details to follow. This replaces the previously advertised visit to Lower Ebbear, which was shown in the Club programme, but which is sadly no longer possible.

Saturday 13th July afternoon - visit to John West's + Cream Tea. Numbers limited, so please book with Nicola 01392 851985 Timings will be confirmed nearer the date, together with car sharing, where possible.

Nicola Baker

Garden too small? Why not take an allotment?



With better weather, perhaps you are thinking of getting outside to do some gardening. Perhaps you would even like a bigger garden to grow some vegetables, to have a few fruit trees or for any number of reasons.

If so, the Newton St Cyres allotments may be for you. Run by the Parish Council, they only cost £20 a year to rent and are located on the Exeter side of the village on the A377. They are surprisingly peaceful with lovely views over the countryside. If you are interested in having an allotment, then you should contact the parish clerk at parishclerk@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk



Friends of Newton St Cyres Station

We would like to thank Daw Refrigeration and The Beer Engine for their continued generous financial support helping the Friends to keep the station in bloom.

We have been able to replace four round tubs for this year's display and Liz will soon be using her gardening skills to produce yet another magnificent show, regardless of the judges' opinion!

Margaret & Bert Jewell are holding an

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British Red Cross Devon



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Acers, magnolias, rhododendrons, azaleas and other woody plants are beautifully supported by banks of naturalised bulbs and wild flowers which thrive under careful low input management. The former National Collection of azaleas will be in full stride in May along with late magnolia varieties, dogwoods and other spring delights. Wildlife is in abundance with the variety of habitats both within and beyond the garden. You can walk anywhere, up, hill, down dale, meander over the streams, ponds and banks of spring growth.

SUNDAY 5TH MAY 2019

2 Sessions - 10.30 - 1pm and 2pm - 4.30pm (please see car parking info below)
£10 pp (includes tea and cakes)

CAR ENTRY: MAX 40 CARS. Please reserve your space by contacting Emma below

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In the event of inclement weather please contact prior to attendance. For donations please go directly to www.redcross.org.uk Thank you so much for your support.



This is a picture of the altar and nave of Newton St Cyres Church.

We have recently had work done to the church on the back of the on-going Appeal to completely replace and upgrade the electrics throughout the church and to install new lighting. For the first time we have put uplighting in which allows visitors to see the detail of the roof bosses (and a few cobwebs!). The tragedy of the fire at Notre-Dame cathedral reinforces to us all the risks of losing such historic treasures and the need to ensure services such as electrics are safe, a report obtained in 2016 had confirmed the general unsatisfactory nature of the electrics. Our thanks to D.W. Wright Ltd of Tiverton for such diligent work.

Further work is taking place in the church during May when we have conservators in to restore the rare James II Coat of Arms, a number of prayer and text boards and numerous memorials around the church. We have received a few grants to cover the majority of this work from organisations keen to assist in preserving the heritage continued with Grade I listed buildings like our church.

Our thanks to all who support the church in so many ways. I hope the work we are doing reflects the objectives to

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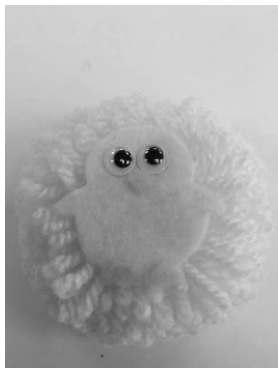
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John Haysom

Pastel demonstration

29th March

Following on from his last visit to us, when he talked about line and form, John Haysom used pastels to help us to differentiate tone from colour. His

subject was a portrait of a potter sitting by a window, bathed in sunlight. As her clothes were a strong red and a softer pink, it was fascinating to see how many pastels in those colours, and others, he used to convey light and shadow.

John warned against slavish dependence on photos, stressing the need to invent, change, and use our own understanding of how light affects form and colour, and above all to concentrate on emotional rather than literal interpretation. Keep asking yourself why you were moved to paint this subject.

We learned that squinting helps to establish tone, and to eliminate unnecessary details. The potter's studio was cluttered, but his painting only subtly suggested this background.

Pastels can produce dramatic effects if used confidently, John said. Learn to use colour and tone to convey a sense of space, incorporate hard and soft edges, and use a variety of marks. Notice too how colours are reflected in one another.

Extremely informative, done with great skill, and humour.

Jenny Hallam

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Bert Jewell writes Rhymes and Ways about Gardens and Gardening

May

Consider the seed of our great runner bean.
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packed in with a crowd in a neat paper bag;
whilst getting reviews in the gardening mag.

But now it needs planting, to put forth its roots.
While we patiently wait for the little green shoots
that will slowly appear all timid and shy,
To a slug they could taste like a steak and ale pie.

Then it straightens its stems, the climb has begun
using energy it gets from the warmth of the sun,
with moisture below from the well watered ground,
well supported by canes that are tall and round.

As it slowly comes up, both by day and by night,
the flowers start appearing some red and some white.
But there could be some problems like pest and disease
or the after effects of a strong gusty breeze.

But all has gone well and the beans have set fair,
There's such a good crop, with our neighbours we'll share.
Then pick some to dry and pack them away
in a neat paper bag to be opened next May.

Ways to attract wildlife

I started gardening with my father when I was 10 or 11 years old. The only flowers we had in the garden where those on a hedge of flowering currant (Ribes). I loved to hear the sound of the bumble bees as they visited the hedge during March and April when it was in flower. I then did gardening during my years at secondary school under the watchful eye of the teacher, Mr Teague.

I don't remember any talk of the importance of wildlife either in the garden or the countryside. There always seemed to be an abundance of birds, bees, butterflies and other insects. Sadly, all this has changed and wildlife as I knew it as a lad will probably never return in my lifetime. But we can all do our bit to help its recovery.

It is quite easy to blame the farmers, or developers, or local councils, or county councils individually for the rapid decline in wildlife. In my opinion it is all of these. Hedges have been removed for bigger farm machinery, the developers use every inch of ground to build as many houses as possible instead of leaving an area for small trees and shrubs, and councils give permission for this.

But you don't have to be the owner of a large garden to do your bit. People often say that they only have a tiny garden so are unable to plant anything for wildlife.

All you need is a corner of the garden where you can grow a couple of foxgloves, Penstemon or large flowered hardy fuchsias. These are great for attracting bumble bees. If you have an area that you could leave for stinging nettles you could be helping the tortoiseshell and the peacock butterflies and around 40 other species of insect.

I love to see large patches of willow herb along the countryside hedgerows. This is the food of the elephant hawk moth caterpillar.

One of our hardy weeds, groundsel, is the food for the cinnabar moth caterpillar. These caterpillars are brightly coloured with orange and black bands and will feed in broad daylight in the open. They store the poisons from groundsel and ragwort, making them inedible for birds.

Try to grow some single flowers in your summer display and be proud you are doing your bit. Single flowers include Coreopsis, Cosmos, single flowered Dahlias, Helianthus, Nicotiana, Nigella, Rudbeckia, Zinnia, Michaelmas Daisy, Cornflower, Doronicum, Echinops, Echinacea, Erigeron, Eryngium, hardy Geranium, Helenium, Meconopsis, Monardella, Nepeta and Sedum.

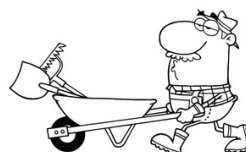
Some herbs also attract bees and beneficial insects like Origanum and Thyme.

Plant of the month

"Corydalis"

These can be spring or summer flowering annuals or tuberous or fibrous rooted perennials. The foliage on all the different types resemble that of the maidenhair fern. The spurred two-lipped tubular flowers come in yellow or blue or dull purplish red. It grows from 4" to 16" high, in humus rich soil, in sun or partial shade.

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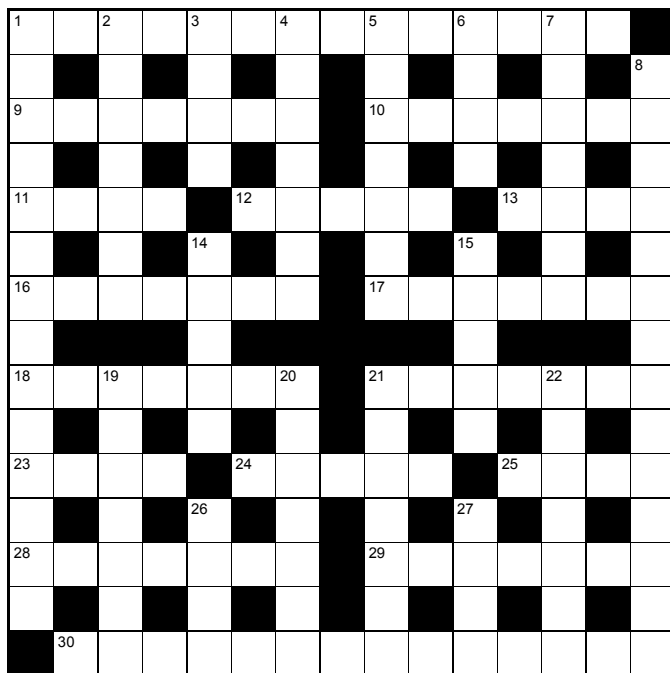
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ACROSS

- 1 After breaking law, Malawi cell holds one Scottish hero (7,7)
- 9 Ridicule a politician, a silly person outwardly (7)
- 10 Right English striker for return game (7)
- 11 Seize most of returning craft (4)
- 12 E.g. Ali could be quick-moving (5)
- 13 Backing some officials but not of the clergy (4)
- 16 Pompous, old and plump (7)
- 17 Caught rector misbehaving? That's right (7)
- 18 Discharge former partner on Greek island (7)
- 21 Internet pages revealing location of spider's trap? (7)
- 23 Give sharp edge to sweet stuff mostly (4)
- 24 After short time woman gives the real facts (5)
- 25 Left Dover? (4)
- 28 Pious Tina sadly is taken in by cunning (7)
- 29 Recluse from Eire met wacko (7)
- 30 Showed grief at serene abbot's ruin (4,4,6)

DOWN

- 1 Age-old ice show's slammed as a pointless exercise (4-5,5)
- 2 Back trouble initially left untreated by doctor in the past (7)
- 3 One against religious image (4)
- 4 Coped with fellow advanced in years (7)
- 5 Bill staggered Cyril, showing fibre (7)
- 6 Weak material (4)
- 7 Get a new bed first for residence (7)
- 8 Electroconvulsive therapy is what hairdresser offers! (5,9)
- 14 Quilt from Venice originally seized by performing pair (5)
- 15 Investigation puts pressure on awful bore (5)
- 19 Entrust study to Castro mostly (7)
- 20 Played any role in the initial stages (5,2)
- 21 Googie fades away (7)
- 22 Chap in Iowa fighting battle (3,4)
- 26 Restore Test ground (4)
- 27 Stout worker needs run (4)

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 April Cryptic Crossword

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4th May	10:30am	COFFEE MORNING – Parish Hall
Saturday		(Stalls & Raffles)
5th May	10:00am	OPEN DOOR Service - Church
Sunday		<i>Godparents Sunday</i>
12th May	9:30am	Family Service - Church
Sunday		
13th May	2:30 pm	Bible Studies - Sue Browne's house
Monday		<i>please contact Sue Browne if interested</i>
26th May	9:30am	HOLY COMMUNION Service - Church
Sunday		
30th May	7:00 pm	<i>Ascension Day - NStC Church</i>
Thursday		Rev Julia Dallen
		<i>start of the World Wide Wave of Prayer</i>

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

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Looking Up.....

When fishes leap in silver stream,
And forest bees are humming near,
And cowslips in boys' hats appear.....
We then may say the May is come.

John Clare, "May"

As John Clare tells us in his beautiful poem, May is a lovely month, full of the promise of summer. In the Church year we are celebrating the season of Easter, rejoicing in Jesus's resurrection, and we will be remembering Jesus's ascension into heaven.

It's strange in this modern world, where we are aware of what is up there in space, to think of Jesus physically ascending into the clouds as we are told in Luke chapter 24. And yet we live in a world in which up is thought of as so much better than down. Singers want to be at the top of the charts, athletes want to be on top of their game, and students want to be at the top of the class. Everyone would rather have an up day than a down day. When the stock market rises we celebrate but despair when it crashes down. We work to climb, not to descend the career ladder. We hear and read about mountain climbers but not much is said or written about valley descenders. Little children delight in showing us how high they can jump.

In fact we all spend a lot of time, don't we, metaphorically jumping up and down like little children, thinking if we jump hard enough, high enough, and fast enough we can touch the moon. This can often involve us in comparison, competition, and judgment of some kind. We compare ourselves and our lives with other people and their lives. We compete with each other believing that for us to ascend the other has to descend or at least not jump as high as us. If we are not careful we can fall into the trap of increasingly judging ourselves and one another. We fill our lives with busyness hoping to climb to new heights. A life of self-ascension keeps us always searching for the next high.

In fact it is only through the ascended Jesus that we can live truly ascended lives.

The ascension of Jesus completes the resurrection. The resurrection is victory over death. The ascension, however, also lifts humanity up to heaven. Jesus' ascension seats human flesh, your flesh and my flesh, at the right hand of God the Father. We can now partake of God's glory and divinity. The ascension is in fact more about letting go than it is about reaching and grasping. The question for us is not, "How do we ascend?" That has already been accomplished. The question is: "What pulls us down?"

What do we need to let go of? Fear, anger, or resentment often weigh us down. The need to be right or be in control is a heavy burden. For some self-righteousness, jealousy, or pride is their gravity. Many of us will be caught in the chains of perfectionism and the need to prove we are enough. For others it may be indifference or apathy. Far too many lives are tethered by addiction. Gravity takes many forms and I wonder, what is the gravity that denies you Jesus' ascension?

The gravity that keeps us down is not creation or the circumstances of our lives. Gravity is not around us but within us. The very things that hold us down also point the way to ascension. Our participation in Jesus' ascension begins not by looking up but by looking within. Perhaps we can all do a little bit more of that as we contemplate the beauty of nature in our gardens during this lovely month of May.

With my best wishes to you all
Sue Sheppard

GODPARENT SUNDAY



DISCUSSION ON BEING OR BECOMING A GODPARENT

**AT
* OPEN DOOR ***

Newton St. Cyres Church

5th May at 10.00 a.m.

**Come and chat over coffee and cake about
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Music & Simple Prayers

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AND EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS**

Services in the Netherexe Parishes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Common Worship [CW] Common Worship Service

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer in the Netherexe Parishes

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

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

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

Newton St Cyres Parish Church Rotas May 2019

Week Ending	Flowers & check water once in week	Clean Church/ clean loo: key usual place	Brass: key with Sue
May 5th (OD)	H. Price	A. Mitchell/A. Ward	
12 th (FS)	P. Burt		
19 th	Check still fresh		
26 th (HC)	P. Boother		

Sidespersons

May 5th	10.00 a.m. Open Door		
12th	9.30 a.m. Family Service Lay-led	Jen Holt	Clive Lawrence
19th	-	-	-
26th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion	Wendy Hough	Tony Hough

MAY 2019 SERVICES & INFORMATION

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

Sunday 5 May Easter 3

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

Sunday 12 May Easter 4

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Huxham	KC
09:30 am	Family Service		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
10:00 am	Informal Gathering		Stoke Canon	
11:15 am	Morning Worship		Rewe	LF
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	JD

Sunday 19 May Easter 5

08:30 am	Holy Communion Said	[C]	Brampford Speke	KC
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Cadbury	KC
09:30 am	Open		Thorverton	
10:00 am	Family Service		Thorverton	Lay Led
			Joint with Baptist Church	
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company		Rewe	
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	KC

Sunday 26 May Easter 6

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	MSS
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[BCP]	Thorverton	D Francis
10:00 am	Informal Service		Cadbury	
10:00 am	Messy Church		Stoke Canon	
10:00 am	Service of The Word		Upton Pyne	LF
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	G Stones
06:30 pm	Evening Prayer		Huxham	Lay Led

Thursday 30 May Ascension Day

07:00 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	JD
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Sunday 2 June Easter 7

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	MSS
10:00 am	Family Service		Brampford Speke	Lay Led
10:00 am	Bells and Flowers Service		Cadbury	Lay Led
10:00 am	Open Door		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
10:00 am	Service of The Word		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company		Rewe	

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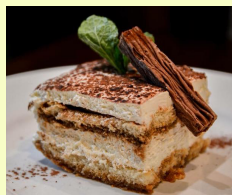
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