

NEWTON WONDER

The Magazine and Website for the Community of Newton St Cyres



BY A. E. HOUSMAN

Loveliest of trees, the cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough,
And stands about the woodland ride
Wearing white for Easter tide.

Easter Cherry Blossom in Newton Arboretum

by Graeme Barnell

May 2020

50p

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Strange Times Indeed

Who could have predicted that the year 2020 would see a complete change in our way of life? Since the publication of the last Newton Wonder our worlds have turned upside down; our families and friends unable to meet, play and work together; our economy thrown into chaos. Local businesses have had to re-invent themselves, the pubs and restaurants offering take-away meals and drinks and the farm shop diversifying into a wide range of staple products. The farmers are still trying to continue whilst social distancing and adapting to the changing market place.

There are, however, some upsides. People have come together to help one another. In the village there is a network of volunteers who are helping those in need and the vulnerable. Based on the network of Neighbourhood watch and co-ordinated on behalf of the Parish Council by Cllr Damien Hodge. The volunteers are there to help so if you need it do get in touch either by telephone on 851111 or email at damienhodge@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk. Otherwise contact your local Neighbourhood Watch deputy.

The cover of this issue of the Newton Wonder has a cheerful picture of blossom in the arboretum. The weather has been lovely and people have spent long hours in their gardens which have never looked better and though we are told that there is to be no immediate lifting of the lockdown, it looks as though there will be greater freedom for garden centres and stores to deliver a wider range of items.

In future editions we would like to be able to include villagers' experiences during the "lockdown". Have you managed to adapt to working from home? How have you managed to keep yourself amused? We invite anyone in the community to provide a written account of their experience of the lockdown. A few rules: it can be anonymous; it should be around 200 words. Let off steam if necessary but no political axe-grinding please. It could be about farming; or trying to keep a business going; or looking after young or teenage children, or being a key worker, or simply just about staying sane during the lockdown. Please send us your experiences we would love to share them.

I have been kept busy in the garden, slowly. Nothing needs to be rushed. When the lawnmower broke down last week it was not a problem that the necessary spare parts are likely to take over a week to arrive. I am usually lazy and buy my tomato plants but at the time there was nowhere that I could buy them. However, I have got some really strong ones from Paul Radford and planted some seeds for some to come a bit later.

Last month we made the Newton Wonder freely available to download online from our website www.newtonwonder.net. It occurred to us that some people might find this a useful way of receiving their copy and when things change we will look at whether it is a service we can continue for our subscribers. Our advertisers are largely going to be unable to pay their bills so we have held off from sending invoices until it is reasonable to expect businesses to be able to pay. Their local presence must be assured and advertised.

News from Your Parish Council

Unsurprisingly, the work of the Parish Council has been disrupted by the coronavirus outbreak. There is however some news. The annual Parish Meeting that was to be held in April has been postponed until it is appropriate to have such a meeting. Nor will we have our normal monthly meetings for some time.

Until recently, regulations have been very strict on when and how all council meetings should be held. However these regulations have now been somewhat relaxed. This allowed us to postpone the Annual Meeting and it also permits us to have virtual council meetings. So watch this space!

We are very grateful to Councillor Damien Hodge, who has been instrumental in setting up a community support group for Newton St Cyres. Many people (including myself) have already benefitted from his work and the work of the volunteers who are part of the group. If you are in need of help or can offer your services as a volunteer, please contact Damien on ;

Email: damienhodge@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk or Tel: 01392 851111

Both Middevon and Devon County Council have set up webpages to provide support during this crisis and you may find them helpful. They are:

Middevon: www.middevon.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus-support-for-communities-and-businesses/

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Please keep safe and look after yourself and others.

Liz Ouldrige

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Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

‘ Like every other sporting organisation we are in lockdown and so have had to close the courts until social distancing rules are relaxed. We hope that this won’t be for too long, and in the meantime we would like to thank all NHS and key workers for the amazing jobs they are doing, and to wish all readers good health and ‘stay safe’.



Sally Baldwin

Newton St Cyres Parish Hall NOTICE

In view of the escalating problem with coronavirus, we have decided to close the Parish Hall.

The first day of closure is **Thursday of this week (19 March)** and the Hall will **remain closed until at least Monday 13 April** (when the situation will be reviewed).

The organisers of regular bookings have already been contacted, but please advise any of your friends or neighbours who may use the facilities. Any changes in our policy and a date for re-opening, will be posted on this site.

We are really sorry to have to do this, but we must think of the wellbeing of our whole community and I’m sure you will understand our decision.

Many thanks for your strong support and use of the Hall.

POST OFFICE SERVICES ARE STILL AVAILABLE

For the present, the Post Office services run by Janet Thomas will continue to operate from the Hall as there is separate access, and no facilities in the main hall rooms are used.

Opening Times are:- Tuesdays 0900 - 1100 & Thursdays 1230 - 1430

With best wishes,

Roger Wilkins
Chairman, Parish Hall Committee

RECREATION GROUND CLUB

Well, who expected us all to be staying indoors all through the Easter weekend? I thank the heavens we have a garden, but now the weeds have been dealt with, I will be sitting in the garden to read a book when the sun shines.

No darts or skittles, no football or cricket equals no income, but don't worry. We won't let the Rec go wild as we still have the means to keep it up to standard and to find the funds every week. The rent has to be paid as well.

For all that, we have applied to Devon County Council for some grant money to tide us over until the sport is able to return. The situation has not been helped by the postponement of the Revel, which was to be in July and which has now been pushed back for 12 months. The only date in the diary at the moment is the return of the motor bikes in September.

I expect that, like me, you are all hoping that some normality will have been restored by then.

If we have any news by this time next month, I will pen a few lines.

Wendy Lewis



As you would all expect, we have LOTS of beer to sell !

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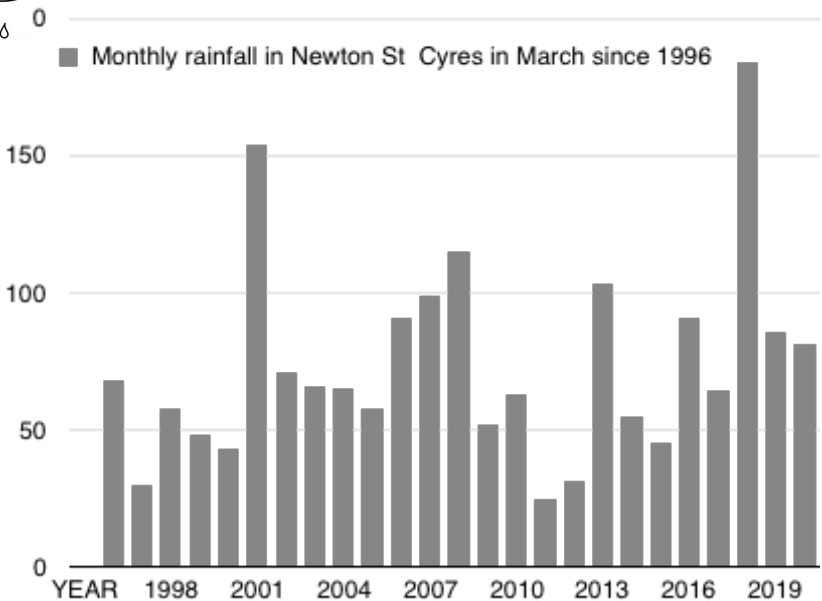
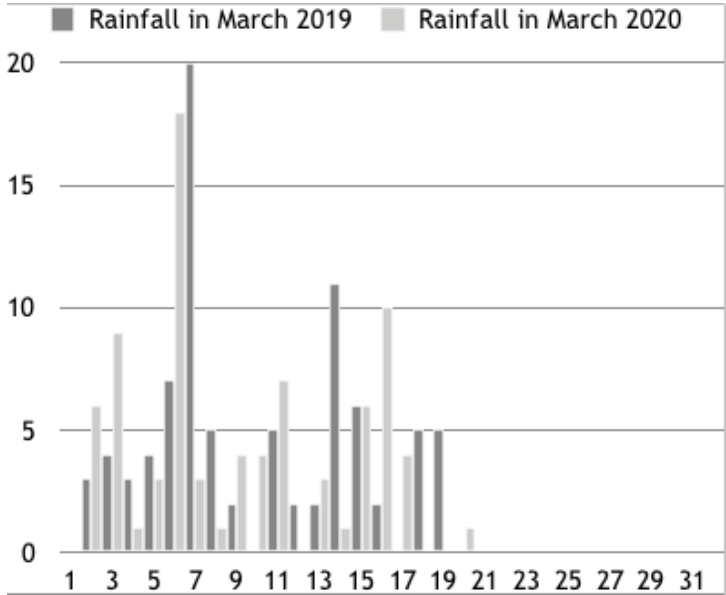
Watch our Facebook page for details of takeaway meals and snacks

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.



Peter Cordingley writes.....

You know, the lockdown doesn't bother me one little bit. Of course, when the weather is good, like it has been, I'd normally be quite happy going up to the Moors or down to the coast. We can't do that any more, of course, but, anyway, that's not what my wife and I came to Devon for. After 40 years of journalism in Hong Kong and the Philippines, we chose Devon because it offered the chance of a gentle retreat and the opportunity to slow our heartbeat a little.

And the best way to do that? Through gardening, of course - though I should say right now that when we settled in Newton St Cyres last year, we knew as much about gardening as the average eskimo. We couldn't tell a daffodil from a rhododendron or a hydrangea from geranium. Truth be told, we still can't tell most things from most other things, but what we lack in expertise and experience, we make up for in enthusiasm.

That's why the lockdown has barely touched us. You see, we're garden-bound. The world outside is somewhere else. These days we rarely wander far from the garden. In the morning we do our rounds, astonished by what has happened overnight. "Come and look at this," I'd hear. "It wasn't there yesterday. What is it?" "No idea," is the usual reply. "We should Google it."

We've now taken to watching "Gardeners' World" on the Beeb and wondering if we'll ever be able to perform more than a fraction of the miracles that Monty Don and his associates pull off, watched over by the two laziest Golden Retrievers on the planet, Nigel and Nellie. (They say there's a third dog, Brenda, a Miniature Dachshund, but we've never seen her.)

The fact that the programme has been running since 1968 is a testament to the affection that Brits have for their gardens - as is the abundance of garden centres around Exeter. Aren't they exquisite, some fancy with coffee shops and others offering not-very-good instant coffee that you have to mix yourself - but all of them busy with people pushing carts loaded with everything from primroses to bamboos? They're a motley crowd, but they all seem to have one thing in common: They know what they're doing. Among them are two people who don't.

So let's pause for a moment to take our hats off to Bert Jewell, the poet laureate of the rose garden and contributor to this fine publication. Where else but in garden-mad Devon would you find someone with such a tender understanding of nature who can pen these words:

With the garden now a carpet of yellow and red
The clematis growing well on the side of the shed.
The snakeshead fritillaria swaying gently with ease
As the flowers of cherries drift down on the breeze.

Napoleon once described the English as a nation of shopkeepers. Maybe we were back then, but these days we are more a nation of gardeners. And that's fine with us.

Newton St Cyres 200 Club

On behalf of Newton St Cyres Church, we would like to start by thanking all those who participate in the 200 Club. With all the restrictions imposed by the Coronavirus pandemic every source of funds to maintain our church is vital.

Collections for the 2020-21 year become due in May 2020. A year's membership for one ticket will cost £11. There are 60 opportunities to win prizes between £10-£100 during the year. We will be providing all our Collectors with their allocated list of contributors and membership certificates that set out our rules.

We are instructing our Collectors NOT to go door-to-door for obvious reasons. We will be seeking confirmation of your renewal by phone initially. The Collectors will have bank details for the 200 Club for you to pay on-line (if possible). For those who want to join we currently have 9 spare tickets (first come, first served).

In light of the need for self-isolation, the April 2020 draw has taken place at home by Jane Hole. Payments of the winnings will be deferred until it is safer for cash to be passed between individuals.

The winners were:

No.	4	Mary Wooton	£100
No.	128	R Chambers	£10
No.	57	Mrs Timlett	£10
No.	25	Suzanne Lane	£10
No.	159	Stuart Dowle	£10

Any queries and new members, please contact Jane or Brian.

NEWTON RAMBLERS

Unfortunately there are no Newton Ramblers walks for the foreseeable future due to the coronavirus.

Although during the lockdown we are not having any walks, as soon as we get back to some sort of normality we plan to start our programme of walks again. We normally meet on the third Sunday of the month.

Please ring Nigel or Rosemary Chambers on 01392 851400 to find out when the next walk is taking place and where we will meet.

Take care and we hope to see you again soon.



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Do You Remember?....May

May 1970

The church clock, which was made by Lewis Pridham of Sandford in 1711, which has not been going in living memory, has now been given a new lease of life by Mr John Durrant along with some of his colleagues at St Lukes College. Since the clock last ran there have been alterations to the tower making it impossible to fit the drive to the face. However it is hoped to install the clock on the ground floor with an electric system to strike the hour on the tenor bell.

There was a lengthy discussion at the Parish Council meeting on the issue of lighting Sandown Lane. When no decision was reached it was decided to ask the opinion of parishioners through the Newton Wonder.

May 1980

Plans were in place this month to launch The Afternoon Club, for which they were wished success.

The Sunday School, which is interdenominational, had been meeting for the past 5 years at the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings. It was attended regularly by 40 children but new children would always be welcome.

The Parish Hall Committee had held its AGM but was confronted by a situation in which neither a new Chairman or Secretary had yet come forward. An extraordinary meeting would be held to discuss the situation.

May 1990

The Drama group has been invited by Mary Stephenson, a local playwright, to present a series of pub readings of her new short play about Devon.

The play equipment fund has gone reasonably well and an order should be placed by the end of May.

The Parish Council AGM will be held on 9th May, a representative from Devon and Cornwall police will give a presentation on Neighbourhood Watch as it has been suggested one should be set up in the village.

The Council has expressed concern regarding the proposed northern by pass scheme and has already written to oppose it.

An improved train service from the village to Barnstaple and Exeter starts this month.

May 2000

The Tennis Club AGM took place in March and several changes took place on the committee. Members were reminded that it is necessary to book a court by entering the name and time required in the diary.

The Langford Environmental Project (LEEP) received a cheque for £750 from Volvo. The project is aimed at adults and children to learn about the environment and the donation will be used to dig a pond in a 2 acre field in Langford where there is already woodland and a stream.

The annual parish meeting was poorly attended, but those who did turn up were thanked. The chairman reported on what had been achieved in the past year and outlined future projects. He also commented on the state of the village green which had been churned by contractors laying water pipes. The grass will be reseeded or re-turfed by the contractor.

May 2010

After about 10 years as editor of the Newton Wonder Tim Pearkes had decided to stand down and let someone else take over.

It was reported that the Club House at the Recreation Ground had recently been redecorated throughout, with a new floor and window blinds installed. This was necessitated by damage caused by earlier flooding from a burst water pipe.

The Parish Hall AGM revealed that a record 629 bookings had been made during the previous year. Improvements were being made around the Hall by replacing the wooden fencing and repainting the outside woodwork.

The Parish Council had entered the village in the Best Kept Village again this year and the Newton Wonder was running a Newton St Cyres in Bloom competition as well, for which judging would take place in July.

Six residents of the village had been trained by Crediton Police to use speed guns on the A377 for Community Speed Watch.

At the Parish Council meeting members of the public put forward their case against the proposed quarrying at Winscott Farm and agreed to form an action group to find ways to legally oppose the proposal.



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Bert Jewell writes Rhymes and Ways about Gardens and Gardening

May

May, and life as we know it has changed quite a bit,
Looking at the garden from where I usually sit,
Whilst wondering who opened the box of despair,
Releasing the fear we now have to share.

With our family and friends, both far and wide,
With the stranger we pass if we dare step outside,
The doctors and nurses who tend to our ills,
The chemist and staff who make up our pills.

The children, whose lives have been turned upside down,
The playgrounds, so quiet, there's hardly a sound
as the schools are all shut, apart from a few,
The method of teaching, now so different, so new.

The postman who keeps our mail up to date,
The shop on the corner selling food for our plate,
The neighbour, checking on the folk next door
and the volunteers doing more and more.

So as I look at the garden from where I usually sit,
Thinking of the thousands who are doing their bit,
To locate and close that box of despair,
Remembering you always as the people who care.

Things to do in the May garden

After a wet grey winter with waterlogged soil, flooding everywhere, unable to really do very much to make way for spring, then at last the sun came out, our spirits lifted, and yes we were back in business.

But the coronavirus had other ideas. Places to visit closed, churches closed, places to have a coffee and chat closed and worst still, at the time of writing these notes, there's nowhere to buy plants for summer bedding.



So what do we do, well if you are like me, you will have lots of packets containing old seeds. Go through the packets and if there is anything there that would look good in a basket or a container, or in the veg or flower garden, give them a go.

If you don't have a greenhouse, try placing small containers filled with seed compost or sieved garden soil on a warm windowsill indoors until germination. If the seeds were well spaced out at the time of planting there may not be a need to pot on the seedlings. Slowly harden the plants off before planting them out at the end of the month. It may be a gamble, some old seeds will not grow, but it's worth a try.

If you had containers planted up with winter flowering violas and pansies and you are unable to get any summer bedding yet, why not try rejuvenating the plants you already have. Unfortunately polyanthus and primroses only flower during March thro' to May, but with a little care, pansies and violas could last well into early summer.

Start by trimming any long straggly stems back to the main plant. Cut a few stems at a time over a few days as not to give the plant a shock. Dead head regularly and feed with liquid potash (like tomato food) once a week.

If, because of the virus, you are unable to go to work, but have a garden, why not spend some time making it a place to lose yourself in. It doesn't matter how big or small the garden is, there is always something to do.

I am a big fan of the lawn and they are more often than not square. A small garden will look even smaller with a square lawn. So be creative and shape the edges, maybe round off a couple of corners, this will make it look bigger and more pleasing to the eye.

Plant of the month

"Incarvillea"

The flowers of this perennial always reminds me of the flowers on a gloxinia, and is often called a hardy gloxinia. But they are not related in any way. The flowers are bell shaped with two or three to a stem. Pink is the only colour you will find, and the leaves appear just as the flowers are finishing. It will grow to about 12" in sun and fertile soil.

Enjoy your gardening



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May on the Farm

NATURE

Crazy times! And so lovely to have the time to really see the spring unfold. It's extraordinary how quickly the leaves emerge from their tight buds like the most exquisite origami. A tree will go from bare to green almost overnight. The woods are now full of wild garlic flowers and bluebells. Ravens used to be a treasured sighting. Now each family scolds me as I walk through the woods far below their nests in the trees. Maybe that's why I'm seeing fewer buzzards; I think ravens enjoy buzzard eggs. I saw a house martin come and check her nest out. I think she was waiting for her husband to arrive from Africa to attend to their mud nest under the eaves.

The air is clear. There is no yellow pall hanging over Exeter, and no vapour trails in the sky. Are the nights colder because we are not pumping pollution into the sky at present? A happy result in this sad time.

ARABLE

We finally got the spring crops in: spring barley to replace wheat that didn't get sown last year, fodder beet to feed the dry cows over winter, and some maize to provide feed where we didn't get a crop in. Farming is sometimes about the least bad option. I didn't want to grow maize again, because ploughing is hard on the soil and the ground is bare for too long. The soil needed lifting from too many arable crops and the rain meant no crops got planted anyway, and we need feed for the cows next winter. And it's lovely to see the new shoots emerge out of the soil, making use of the winter moisture that is still in the soil.

GRASS

We passed 'magic day' when the grass grows faster than the cows can eat it. Life on the farm goes on, grass growing, cows milking, all those ladies yearning for the bull. We've got all our people back after three self-isolated: no one has come to any harm. Grass growth comes to a peak in May, and we have already been cutting the grass to stop it overwhelming the cows, and to preserve it as winter feed. We make silage, which pickles the grass in natural lactic acid bacteria, just like cheesemaking.

DAIRY

We've just started making cheese again. We stopped last month to avoid having too much cheese in store. Restaurants and deli counters are closed in most places. People aren't going to events or travelling, eating as they go. Distributors of good food are struggling to reinvent themselves. Countries we export to are just as badly affected. We are missing about half our sales. We are very grateful for all the people ordering online, which has suddenly become our biggest sale of cheese.

May 2020

It's not just us; we and all little food producers rely on the specialist food web that has suddenly seized up. Lots of other people are turning to online to get food to you. You can make a difference to what survives this cataclysm. Support local chefs where they are producing food to go, have a party night at home with a lovely cheeseboard, have a celebration with friends and family online, sharing delicious food and good conversation remotely. Have our hard-won artisan food, a triumph of the last 30 years, come through in good shape.

RECIPE

We are doing online Cook Alongs with our own Patrick Spinazza (Patrick is our UK Account Manager). His first outing was a delicious Twice Baked Cheese Soufflés served with a Cream and Leek Sauce.

Ingredients:

420 ml whole milk
75g butter plus 3 tablespoons of melted butter
75g plain flour plus a little extra to dust your ramekins/cups
Bouquet garni (peppercorns, bay leaf, parsley stalks, cloves)
6 eggs, separated
200g grated mature cheddar (we recommend Quicke's Mature Cheddar)
1/2 clove of garlic
Pinch of nutmeg
Pinch of Cayenne pepper
75 ml English mustard
1 leek
200ml double cream

Method

Pre heat oven to 180 °C

1. With some softened butter, line the cups/moulds with the pastry brush with an upwards stroke. This will keep the souffle rising straight and even. Dust with a little extra flour, making sure the cup/mould is completely lined so the mixture doesn't stick.
2. Warm through the milk and bouquet garni and bring to boiling point and turn off. Drain through sieve and set aside
3. In the pan, melt the butter then add the flour to make the roux, cook this out for around 5 minutes on medium heat
4. Add the milk to the roux slowly, making sure all the milk is mixed

through before adding more. Once all the milk is added, mix in the grated cheese, mustard, cayenne, nutmeg, crushed garlic and season with salt and pepper.

5. Place cheese mix into a bowl and add the egg yolks and mix in well
6. In a separate bowl whisk the egg whites to a medium to stiff peak
7. Fold the egg whites into the cheese mixture gently, a kitchen spoon at a time
8. Pour the mixture into your cups about 3/5 the way full and place in deep tray. Add warm water to the tray and place in the oven for 25/30 minutes @ 180c
9. Turn out souffles onto a cooling rack
10. In a heat-proof dish, add thinly sliced leek souffle and pour cream over
11. Cook in the oven till the souffle has risen and turn golden brown.
12. Serve with a leafy green salad

I've always wanted to make this, and now I know how. I ate mine with a salad from the garden.

Mary Quicke



Artistic activities for stay-at-home schoolchildren



The Devon branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England hopes its 2020 art and writing competitions, open for entries from 18 May, will provide a creative outlet for primary schoolchildren across the county, many of whom are spending more time than usual indoors this spring because of the Coronavirus pandemic.

CPRE Devon's two children's competitions are a fun way to encourage youngsters to engage with the great outdoors, even if they themselves are stuck indoors! Children in Key Stages 1 and 2 are urged to use their imagination to create a piece of artwork or a short piece of writing evoking Devon's coast or countryside, or a favourite spot that's important to them. It could be a local park, a green space nearby, somewhere they have visited for a day out or even their own garden. The closing date for entries is 30 June 2020.

Last year the charity received fantastic entries from right across the county from girls and boys in KS1 and KS2, who had captured their favourite outdoor space on paper. Pencils, pens, paints and sticking paste were all put to use to create artworks which showed the beauty and variety of Devon's natural environment.



CPRE Devon winner 2019 Key Stage 1 Florence Farnell

The competitions are simple to enter. A top prize will be awarded to individual children in each key stage, as well as to their school. All entrants will receive a

CPRE Devon 'Barney the Bull' gift. The top entrants from each school will win a Devon Countryside Ambassador Badge and a framed certificate. Winning schools will receive a plaque and £200 to spend on outdoor learning as well as CPRE membership for a year.

A leaflet with full details of both competitions is available for teachers. CPRE Devon has also produced a fun postcard for the writing competition with space for children to say why they think it's important to protect Devon's countryside. It couldn't be simpler!



If your child would like to enter, contact 01392 966737

CPRE Devon winner 2019 Key Stage 2 Rose Greenhill

or info@cpredevon.org.uk or check out the website cpredevon.org.uk

Please note: this year the charity will be accepting entries by email to avoid people having to make unnecessary trips to a post office to send their artwork or writing.

Newton St Cyres Community Shop project. - An Update

While it is not easy to make things happen in these difficult times, there has been some progress to report on the Newton St Cyres Community Shop Project. You will recall that the Village Hall has agreed in principle for the shop to be located on the Parish Hall land.

After further discussions between the Parish Council and Roger Wilkins, the Chair of the Village Hall Committee, it has been agreed in principle that it will now be in the interests of both organisations to work together to achieve the goal of opening this new community asset.

To this end the Parish Council has now paid a cheque to the Plunkett Foundation in order to formally register the project for their support and guidance. Using the Village Hall's existing charitable status may also help speed up the grant funding application process.

The two organisation will now explore the possibilities of conducting virtual meetings in order to start moving the project forward.

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Newton Environmental Wellbeing Group

When Lockdown Fever sets in and the daily news is endlessly grim, I find a stroll in the garden can help restore a sense of normality. It's reassuring to see the wildlife going about its business as usual, completely oblivious to our current crisis. Mercifully, the weather has been glorious of late and this has resulted in a surge of insect and bird activity: nursery web spiders basking on leaves, the resident blackbird singing his individual song, announcing that he has made it through the winter. Everywhere you look, insects are hovering, zooming and feeding.

In early summer the first creature to catch my eye is the male hairy-footed flower bee, *Anthophora plumipes*, with his distinctive pale yellow facial hair. This hirsute chap is on the lookout for a mate, and is always in a hurry, hovering briefly, then making a 'bee line' to his chosen flower, where he feeds for a split second before moving on. If you grow pulmonaria in your garden, you may well have noticed him, this being his flower of preference, although he will make do with primroses, comfrey and ribes sanguineum. The female is a raven haired beauty, with lush orange hair on her legs. Once she has mated,

she collects pollen and takes it back to her nest, usually found in soft mortar or a cob wall. Although *Anthophora plumipes* are solitary bees, they tend to nest in colonies so you may see a number of them in your garden.



[photo of *Anthophora plumipes*]

Getting a close-up photo of this bee proved almost impossible, invariably resulting in a furry blur. My luck changed when I discovered one trapped in the garage, cold and inactive. I revived him on my warm fingers and carried him round the garden in the sunshine to feed. The deal was he posed for a photoshoot! Eventually he regained his strength and buzzed off. In my photo you can see what a striking bee he is, with his hairy face and legs and his very long proboscis for dipping into flowers.

Another critter that always grabs my attention at this time of year is the *Bombylius* bee-fly. Easily mistaken for a bee, with its fluffy coat, long proboscis and nectar eating habits, this cute little insect is in fact a fly. In my garden it feeds on pulmonaria and muscari. Its large eyes have excellent sight, making it somewhat shy and elusive, and its habit of hovering briefly then shooting away at full speed make it a challenge to photograph. When I sat down quietly on the lawn, I found they would approach and hover near my head, making their high pitched buzzing sound. Once they decided I was not a threat, they would land on the grass nearby to sun themselves, with their wings held horizontally, allowing me the opportunity for a photo and to identify which of the 12 native bee-fly species they were. My photos reveal them to be the dark-edged bee-fly (*Bombylius major*) with a black edge to its wings, and the rarer dotted bee-fly (*Bombylius discolor*) with spotted wings.

Bee-flies look extremely appealing, but they have a darker side. They reproduce by parasitising other insects: the female hovers outside the nests of solitary bees, wasps and beetles, then uses her ovipositor to flick her eggs into them, where her larvae hatch and feed on the host larvae. However, bee-flies are not considered a threat to other species. They co-exist with their hosts and make no significant impact on their populations. I guess it takes all sorts to make an insect world.



[photos of *Bombylius major* and *Bombylius discolor*]

A possible fun project with bored children might be to photograph insects they find in the garden and get them identified. There are a number of wildlife sites on Facebook where experts and enthusiasts are more than willing to look at your photo and answer your questions. You might also be requested to submit a record of your find to a research group. I can recommend:

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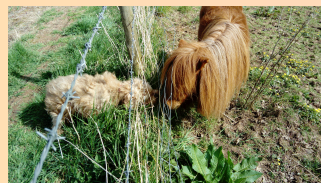
Happy hunting!

Mandy Jones

Looking forward to planting up the Station Garden

Cllr Chris Southcott is preparing to plant up the Station Garden although we don't yet know whether there will be a competition this year. Please visit when in the vicinity and remember your contributions of plants, ideas or work are always welcome.

Thanks go to Ryan Berry and his family for delivering the manure for the garden.



Milly thanking the pony for supplying the manure for the station garden

Roy Beckett

Roy (Royce) Beckett, husband for 41 years to Wendy Beckett and a longtime Newton St Cyres resident who was deeply devoted to the village... died after a struggle of two years with cancer. Roy, who was 78, was caretaker at the Parish Hall for eight years to 2015 and later served as a volunteer warden on the arboretum, where he was a member of the Friends Committee.

In a tribute to Roy, Parish Hall chairman Roger Wilkins wrote: "I feel privileged to have known and worked with Roy for many years, both with the Parish Hall and with the arboretum. The Parish Hall was very fortunate to have Roy as our caretaker and then on the committee, with his diligence, practicality, attention to detail and fund of good ideas. Roy was an ace solver of problems."

Among other things, Roy will be remembered for his photographs of the arboretum, which he took on the first day of each month for about two years. The photos, Mr Wilkins wrote, "provide an excellent record of the arboretum and its development." The pictures, one of which is featured here, are to be placed in the arboretum archives.

Roy died on 21st March, 10 days before his wedding anniversary. His funeral service took place on 7th April at the Exeter and Devon Crematorium, where the Rev. Katie Cross delivered a moving tribute.

Roy is survived by his wife, Wendy, his children Shaun and Paulette and six grandchildren. Because of limitations on gatherings imposed in line with Covid-19 regulations, the gathering for Roy's cremation was limited to eight people. His family are hoping to have a celebration of his life at the parish hall on 3rd October this year, the day after what would have been his birthday.



Roy's picture of the Rainbow over the village

Arboretum benefits from Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme



Will and Ben with David Vallance

Will Furniss and Ben Howarth have now completed their 50 hours each as part of The Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award working in the Arboretum under the supervision of David Vallance. This was carried out over a period of 14 months and involved clearing hedge trimmings, brambles, elderberry and fallen sticks and branches, clearing Parrotia area, barrelling wood chips and path maintenance.

They took 14 barrels of horse manure from West Town road to the Summer House for new plants and wire it around new tree plantings.

Will also did part of the DofE bronze and gold in the Arboretum previous years. Ben elsewhere.

The Arboretum committee thank both Will and Ben for all their work and best wishes at

ARBORETUM STILL OPEN

We are fortunate that we have been able to keep the arboretum open and that it has been respectfully used during this crisis period. ***Please could I remind visitors to keep to the social distancing rules and not to gather in groups.***

The arboretum may start to look a bit shaggy this summer as we have suspended path mowing and some other maintenance jobs. I must thank Ron Nethercott and Cathy Yate for continuing to empty the dog-poo bin.

The arboretum tours and Friends AGM that were scheduled for 14 May have been postponed. We are looking now for a date in early autumn and will probably hold these on a weekend afternoon.

Do continue to enjoy the Arboretum, but respect the rules!

Roger Wilkins



Picture by Roy Beckett

NEWTON ST CYRES GARDENING CLUB

As a group, we managed to visit Sherwood on Thursday 19th March, prior to the coronavirus restrictions laid down the following day. Although not the warmest or sunniest of days, we were treated to spectacular magnolia blooms in a wide variety of colours and sizes. This included the new hybrid Magnolia Cambelii 'Betty Jessel' x 'Darjeeling' planted in 2010.

We had been allowed to carry out this self-guided tour of the grounds by Mark and Nikki, and made a donation of £35 to their chosen charity for the year, Parkinsons. I am sure that, with their permission, we will arrange future trips, as there are so many wonderful plants within the grounds at all times of the year.

Sadly, due to situation that we all find ourselves in, our forthcoming Gardening Club events are on hold.

The first was for **Toby Buckland's Garden Festival** at Powderham Castle on 1st and 2nd May. At the time of writing this article, the new proposed dates are 17th and 18th July. I will continue to monitor the website, as this may change.



On Wednesday 6th May we were planning to hold our seed/plant sale, this too is no longer possible.

I will provide details of any re-scheduled events as soon as we know what is possible. In the meantime, continue to enjoy your gardens, the blooms are amazing at the moment and give us all hope for the future. Our thanks go out to all of those working in the NHS and to all other key workers. Stay safe.

Nicola Baker



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The gate in question is in the region of New Barn Cross at the top of Sandown Lane.

We have decided to put chains and combination padlocks on vulnerable gates. We will obviously not do this where there is a public right of way.

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Dealing with Isolation

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Volunteers are also willing to chat by phone, if you would like the support of a friendly voice to relieve the isolation.

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“Small world”

At the time of writing, one of the biggest news topics continues to be the spread of the COVID-19 virus, a highly infectious form of coronavirus. Since first early reports trickled out in December, of cases of a new form of respiratory disease discovered in the Wuhan province of China, the number of cases has grown dramatically across the globe and is now making significant strides in our own country.

We have become used to the slogan ‘Stay at Home, Help the NHS, Save lives’ as our own lives have become more restricted in an attempt to ease the spread. In a very short period of time, we went from washing our hands more frequently, to only leaving our home for essentials. The speed and severity of the restrictions and the retreat into isolation was one that few of us could have conceived at the beginning of this year. So too has been the outpouring of heroic action, to care for the vulnerable in our society and applaud the workers who continue on our behalf.

As I’ve followed the development of this story, I’ve been struck by how events like this make the world seem very small. Events which start off half a world away and seem very remote, can in a very short space of time draw close to home. Travel to exotic places is so much easier and more common than it used to be. We return home with memories to cherish and expanded horizons - but it’s easy for us to bring less desirable mementos too.

The 17th century poet and priest John Donne famously wrote, ‘No man is an island.’ Sometimes we forget just how connected we are. We need to be sensible and take the public health advice offered (and with due regard to our own vulnerabilities), without becoming unduly anxious. This current outbreak reminds us of our common humanity, irrespective of national borders, economic or social status, or anything else that usually divides us.

In the Bible we read of the church described as a body, made of many parts. Paul says, *If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it* (1 Cor. 12.26). The same could be said of our world: if part of it suffers, we are all affected. Whether our church buildings are open or closed, the work of the church community continues. We hold you in our prayers, we seek to work alongside you as together we care for the vulnerable, we are finding new ways of connecting and worshipping.

Let’s not fear unnecessarily but work together and all play our part in seeking the health and wellbeing of everyone.

With every blessing

Katie

NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP

MARGARET WHEATON'S WAR

These days of lockdown and making-do are a reminder for some of World War II, when life changed for everyone. One of those who lived through those years is 98-year-old Margaret Wheaton, who lives on Sand Down Lane. She told her remarkable story to Jean Wilkins.



Margaret Wheaton is not a native of Newton St Cyres, but she has lived here a very long time, firstly at Langford and for nearly the past 40 years in lower Sand Down Lane. Margaret grew up in Harborne, a village to the south west of Birmingham, so her early war years were rather different from those experienced in rural Devon.

She clearly remembers the day war was declared, Sunday, 3rd September, 1939. The family were listening to the radio and immediately after the declaration her father, rolled up his sleeves and said to his two sons 'Come on, lads, time to get digging.' This particular episode of digging was in their garden to create an Anderson shelter. Many of these had been manufactured in advance and were designed to be able to include up to six people. They had to be buried at least 4ft deep and then covered with the resulting soil. The deep holes were lined with wood or iron. When the air raids started there was a lot of action in their area. Margaret felt the country had been very complacent during Hitler's build-up of arms and was relying too much on their excellent Navy. She remembers that Churchill criticised the lack of preparation.

Young girls of Margaret's age - she was seventeen at the time - were all organised for war work and she was drafted into a small nearby factory where she rolled and packed bandages. Her father, who was elderly, had a light job in munitions manufacture, while one of her brothers was in the Army and spent his war in north Africa and Italy.

The Government had quickly realised that food rationing was going to be necessary as such a high percentage of the nation's food was imported. Margaret, clearly remembers, and was shocked, at how meagre the food rations were, and how you had to take your ration book along to register with your local butcher and grocer. An extra sugar allowance was given in early September for jam making but it seems that in the city they preferred to use it for their tea.

Not only was food rationed but so also were clothes and shoes. She regretted that the family had not seen this coming and prepared themselves. She had no boots for the snowy weather and suffered terribly from chilblains. Stockings were also hard to come

by. However she felt rationing to be a great leveller of a society that was riddled by class, and very much gave a sense of, 'we are all in this together'. She had been used to seeing poor people who were inadequately dressed and fed due to unemployment. Now everyone was needed and paid.

Once the family's air raid shelter was in place, the next lot of digging was to prepare the lawns and flower beds for food production. Even grass verges in towns and cities were dug to plant vegetables. Margaret remembers the many hours her father spent gardening to supplement their food supply. There came a point in the war where she felt that an invasion from the German forces was imminent and it was rumoured that Hitler had mapped out the Imperial Hotel in Torquay to be his Headquarters. Very fortunately for Britain, he turned his attention to Russia.

All around the Midlands were factories with areas converted to munition manufacture, including anti aircraft guns and tank repair. Stewarts and Lloyds were important manufacturers of steel piping and had big premises at Halesowen, as well as many other factories. Amongst much else, they manufactured the steel tubing used in beach defences, and Pluto, the undersea oil pipeline that supplied the Allied invasion of Europe. Margaret was sent to work for this company as a timing clerk.

She found herself working in a very large factory where men were making anti aircraft machines and were repairing damaged tanks, some of which arrived with hands and other body parts still attached to them. Her job was to time how long individual jobs took and to fill in time data for the men working there. She had to go around this big factory from one worker to another, and remembers an unpleasant atmosphere where there were bits of flying metal. It was shift work so she had to take her turn at doing nights and chilblains were again mentioned. The blackout would have contributed to poor ventilation especially during the summer months.

From there she was transferred to a very big Army base at Chilwell just to the south west of Nottingham. Margaret reckoned that at that time there were 17,000 soldiers there and a similar number of civilians. Her friends and family had warned her of homesickness but she enjoyed the companionship of sleeping in a large bunkhouse where she remembered how everyone was so cheerful. Her job was again similar. At the age of 20, she was called up into the ATS, the Auxillary Territorial Service - the women's branch of the Army.)

When Margaret first joined the Army she was billeted near Derby. One week, the girls were asked if they would like to go to a dance and party the nearby American troops were arranging. She event turned out to be at the Town Hall in Melton Mowbray. All went well until the British lads arrived for their customary Saturday night dance and saw the Americans had taken over. They were so incensed that they began shooting. Margaret, who was caught at the bottom of the stairs, feels lucky to have survived that incident.

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As the end of the war neared, she found herself destined to join the British Army of Occupation, which later became the British Army of the Rhine. She was sent for training at a former orphanage, Muellers, in Bristol, the building of which she regarded as being like a prison.

They were taken in jeeps to Tilbury, from where they sailed at night to Ostend, arriving at 6.30am after a very rough crossing and seasickness. In Ostend they had to find themselves accommodation in one of the many small guest houses, where they were allowed to sleep and recover. From there they were taken in army trucks to Brussels. Here they stayed for a month in the Gestapo Headquarters, recently vacated, amid swastika decorated walls, before they went into Germany.

Margaret was amazed to find the Avenue Louise (the main street) undamaged, and with the shops open, after they had been driving through rubble. However she was sad to see young girls with tidy braided hair going through the bins from their building for food.

Army trucks drove them through a devastated landscape where they found the population to be starving. Going through Belgium the trucks would stop for tea and a sandwich and once again small girls would go through the barrels of rubbish for food. On their arrival in Germany, billets were provided in an old workhouse, which they discovered had been a home for Polish women who were being punished.

Meanwhile their senior officers searched for a suitable place in Westphalia to make their base. While here they had it impressed upon them that there should be no fraternisation whatsoever. They should never go out unless accompanied by an armed soldier, and never step off the pavement to let a German pass, instead to look him in the eye until he made way.

The senior officers selected the North Rhine Westphalian town of Herford to be their headquarters and an area was fenced off for the living accommodation of the occupying troops. Margaret was shocked to see starving German families removed from their homes so that the British might take them over.

Margaret was clearly moved by the hunger she encountered on the continent and was struck by the contrast with the fit and healthy population at home. Rations were meagre but the British Government did a good job of getting everyone gardening and promoting healthy eating.

General Montgomery was to be their new Commander-in-Chief, and a parade was held in his honour. Margaret took part in this first parade, but when instructed to attend a second one, she refused, feeling others who had not been in the first should do this one. Now, she realises what a serious matter it was not to obey orders, and is sorry, too, for not showing Montgomery the respect he deserved. She was, of course, marched in front of the Colonel by the Sergeant Major and lost a stripe.

However, she feels that she was actually very lucky that she was subsequently given a new office job where she worked with five other girls. Their jobs were to deal with the postings of commissioned officers and they had access to all their dossiers. At this time she was billeted in Bad Oeynhausen a German spa town 10 miles away from a big joint service club with the Americans. Margaret remembers they walked the 10 miles for a cup of coffee and a doughnut! However the Americans were characteristically generous to the British, whose supplies were inferior. They gave tins of fruit, evaporated milk, stockings and chewing gum.

After about two years in Germany, she returned to Harborne to live with an elder sister and her husband. She was to begin work in Birmingham's biggest bookshop. It was here she met Eric who was to become her husband. He had been sent by the Exeter family firm Wheatons to gain experience.

Eric had a hard war. He was in the RAF and although he spent some time locally he was then in north Africa. He was aboard an early landing craft in the invasion of Sicily to help establish the first airport there. That first night they slept in shell holes with shells exploding all around them. Eric travelled all through Italy during that campaign. He once spoke of a landing at Salerno where they went ashore amidst a barrage of gunfire, but he rarely talked about his experiences. Sadly he is not here to tell us now.



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3 oz (75g) breadcrumbs
freshly ground black pepper and chopped chives.

Warm the milk and add the breadcrumbs, egg yolks, most of the grated cheese (save a little for the top of the pudding), pepper and some chopped chives. Whisk the egg whites until they form stiff peaks and fold them into the cheese mixture. Pour into a buttered pie dish, sprinkle over the remaining cheese and bake in a hot oven for about 20 minutes until well risen and golden brown. This is good with a green salad.

Paul Cleave

Crediton Radio – For you and by you

Three months ago, a small group of us had the idea of starting a community radio station for Crediton and the local area. As the name suggests, a community radio station is a station that's owned and run by the community it serves. It is not-for-profit, volunteer-led, and with some simple training, it enables local people of all ages and backgrounds to make radio shows that matter to them.

These shows can be interviews, music, drama, stories, poetry, sounds from nature, or a mixture of all these things. The only limit is your imagination!

Up until very recently, we were at the research stage of this idea, visiting other stations and learning from them.

But then coronavirus came along.

As "social distancing" has rapidly become a reality for us all, we have decided that now is a good time to fast-track our plans. And so we have launched as a simple, non-live, online radio show (also known as a podcast).

We hope that this 'Crediton Radio' podcast will allow us all in the town and surrounding villages to come together in a safe way – for fun, learning and support – through these strange and uncertain times. And eventually, we'd like to build towards becoming a 'proper' radio station.

You can listen at www.creditonradio.org. If you have no internet, you could ask someone to 'download' episodes to put on a CD for you.

We'd love to encourage any of you who are interested to get involved in making some radio with us as well. There are lots of ways to do this. No experience is necessary, and you don't even need to leave your house!

I worked in BBC radio for 10 years, and I can tell you a secret: making radio is not all that hard. You don't need expensive equipment – the microphone on your phone or computer is probably fine. And you don't need a lot of training either – your ideas and stories can be more than enough.



You might like to record a short talk about something you know; if you're an aspiring musician, you might like to share your music with us; you might like to recite your favourite poem, or maybe you have some old recordings lying around that you think might be interesting to others. Better still, you might have some ideas of your own.

So if you'd like to get involved at Crediton Radio, then get in touch:

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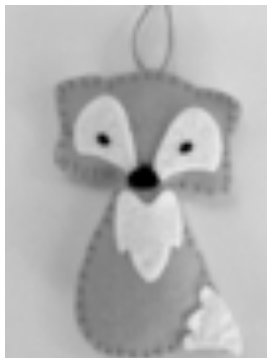
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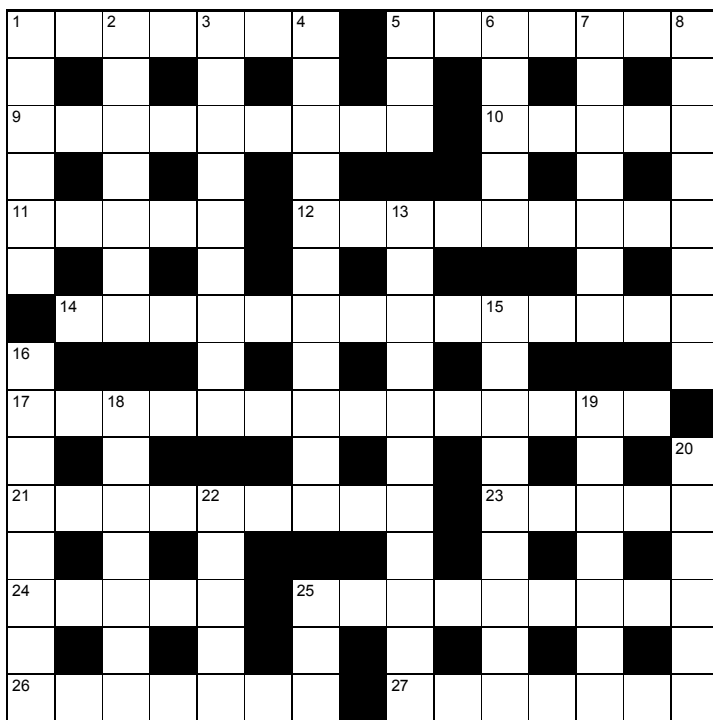
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Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Nag eats so he possibly offering this? (7)
- 5 Russian ambassador carries round heroic novel (7)
- 9 First of all Oliver unpacked unusual item from the bakery (5,4)
- 10 Ancient priest executed outside Rugby (5)
- 11 Oriental lime mixed to make resin (5)
- 12 Go away when appraised badly (9)
- 14 Silly toddler who ate mud finally is sound asleep (4,2,3,5)
- 17 Fan mail incites trouble for newspaper (9,5)
- 21 Wrecker of battleship (9)
- 23 Letter's read aloud by flirt (5)
- 24 Snooker shot popular with old fellows (2-3)
- 25 Uncharacteristically choosing to accept student for tuition (9)
- 26 Most simple – Spain takes a nap in the afternoon mostly (7)
- 27 Invalid is prepared to wait without fuss (7)

DOWN

- 1 Young boy who's likely to pinch things? (6)
- 2 Forty winks or just one? (4-3)
- 3 English doctor gets asked around when unable to get up (9)
- 4 So dignitary blasted pretentiousness (11)
- 5 Fish is iridescent to some extent (3)
- 6 Total initially awarded dismayed defendant in court (3,2)
- 7 Nice arrogance! (7)
- 8 Lad rode off to old place of easy wealth (8)
- 13 Award for erudition (11)
- 15 Hang around outside Ascot perhaps wearing this? (9)
- 16 Shot by one who's on strike (3,5)
- 18 Performances cancelled, so people not attending (2-5)
- 19 Devious First Lady keeps travel permit back (7)
- 20 Importance of delay, we hear (6)
- 22 Search for weapon (5)
- 25 Modelled for a day (3)

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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 the April Cryptic Crossword

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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
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2nd Thursday of Month	EXE VALLEY BIRD CLUB	7.00 - 9.00pm	Kevin Smaldon Tel. 7710 427817
Last Thursday of Month	MAH JONG CLUB	2.00 - 5.00pm	Geoff Jackson Tel. 01392 851551
Fridays	MARTIAL ARTS	6.00 - 7.00pm	
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1st Saturday of Month (usually)	COFFEE MORNING	10.30 - 12.00 noon	Run by the Church and other village Groups/Organisations

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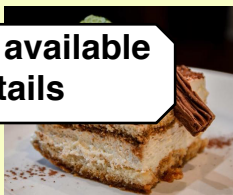
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