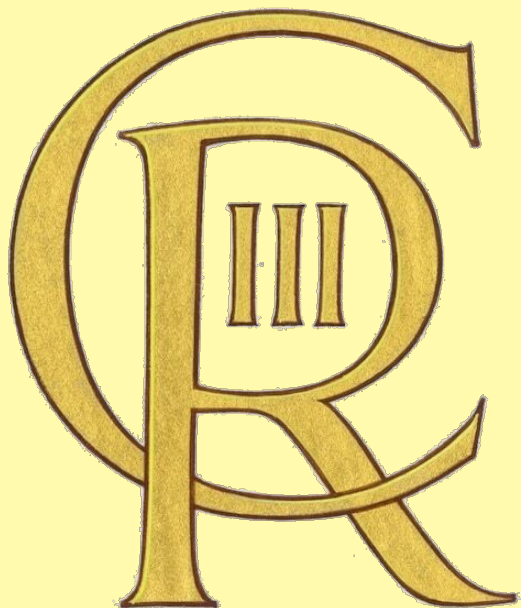


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The Coronation

This month is to be blessed with three, not two bank holiday Mondays. This is because of the extra holiday to celebrate the coronation of Charles III and Camilla. Differing views and opinions about the monarchy are raised in this issue. The authors are, of course, expressing their own opinions, not those of the magazine. The village turned out in force for the celebration of the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee but it appears that there will be no similar event to the Village Jubilee Lunch Party held last year. Partly this is because the Parish Council, which sponsored and organised last year's event, is currently in the process of elections. But does it mean that the village doesn't care about the coronation? I suspect not. The people of Newton St Cyres are always up for a party and I have no doubt that parties will be held all around the village on the coronation weekend and the bank holiday. Some of these parties will show patriotic support for the coronation, others will be pleased to party. I hope everyone has a great time on this extra day of holiday.

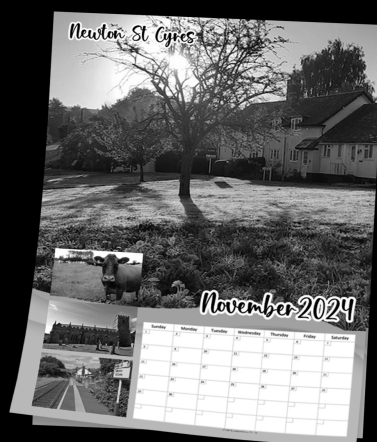
The Weather report- volunteer wanted

Ravi has been collecting the data and reporting on the weather in the village for some time now. However, with a growing family and nowhere to move to in the village he and his family will be leaving. We are looking for a volunteer to carry on with this great service, collecting the data and presenting it for the magazine.

The cover this month is the King's cypher.

This year, Newton St Cyres is creating its own calendar and we need residents and people that work in and around Newton to send us their photos of the village.

The theme is "Life in the Village".



To find out more go to www.newtonwonder.net
and click the **CALENDAR 2024** link in the main menu to find out more

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT April 2023

The meeting, held on 6th April, was attended by seven Councillors, the Parish Clerk, the Mid Devon District Councillor Graeme Barnell, the Climate Officer Sue Rowell and three members of the public.

This was the last meeting for the present Parish Councillors before the elections in May. Three of the existing Councillors have stood again and four new candidates have put their names forward. This means that we have a potential of seven Councillors, and as the full Council consists of nine members, the election for the Parish Council was 'uncontested'. All seven candidates have been automatically 'elected' and two more Councillors will be co-opted at the next meeting. Anyone interested simply needs to turn up at next month's Parish Council meeting on Thursday 18th May or contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

Jim Enright, the retiring Chairman of the Council, thanked all the Councillors for their hard work and commitment. Many of the Councillors have served for a long time and have made a great contribution to the village. We also thank Jim for his service: he has worked tirelessly for the community over his 10 years on the Parish Council.

Annual Parish Meeting

This meeting took place immediately before the Council meeting. The Chairman, Jim Enright, presented his report. You can read the full report on the Parish Council website and we will publish it in our annual newsletter, due out soon. To summarise, Jim highlighted the activities of the Parish Council. This included a successful picnic to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Funds raised there paid for a bench for the Arboretum and were also donated to NEW to fund environmental projects. Other activities included initiating development of the Neighbourhood Plan, and campaigning on several fronts, including for more social housing.

Jim spoke about the great contribution from volunteers to the community. This year we awarded 'Community Person of the Year' to Jocelyne Whittaker, who runs the Adonai Community Kitchen. He also mentioned the excellent work of the environmental group NEW, and the Road Warden Scheme, as well as those who run the many and varied activities in the village.

Jim described the structure and function of the Parish Council. He praised the work of Jane Hole, the Parish Clerk, without whom the Council could not function.

The annual accounts were also presented at the meeting. Again, the full details of these will be on the website and published in the annual newsletter. Despite no increase in funds, the Parish Council was able to maintain its expenditure without serious inroads into its reserves.

Highway and Traffic Orders Committee (HATOC)

The District Councillor, Graeme Barnell, reported on the latest Highway and Traffic Orders Committees (HATOC) meeting. The issues of traffic near the school, speed limits on the A377, a crossing at Tytheing Close and the Boniface Trail were all discussed. Graeme emphasised the importance of maintaining pressure on HATOC if these issues are to make progress. Probably the most promising outcome was the agreement to investigate the traffic problems near the school. Its entrance is often concealed by parked cars at school arrival and departure times, and this is a real safety issue.

Neighbourhood Plan

The working party for the Neighbourhood Plan is now sifting through the information gathered at the recent open meeting. They will then bring forth a draft plan for further consultation. There is a real need to involve younger people and, to this end, the working party are working with the primary school, to gather the views of the children and their families.

Mast on the Church tower

For those of you waiting for better phone reception from the new masts on the church tower, there is no need to panic that it's not working for you. BT have yet to complete their part of the installation and so they are not switched on yet.

Road Warden Scheme

This continues to flourish and Devon County Council have agreed to fund training for another volunteer. The Parish Council agreed to apply for a grant to provide simple Stop-Go signs.

Permissive Footpath

The path (near the old school site) needs new fencing and some resurfacing. The repairs to the fencing are in hand.

Planning

- The installation of solar panels at Home Farm has been approved, as have alterations to Elmshurst, Church Lane.
- The developer of the old school site has applied for a minor alteration to the plan for plot 5.

Environmental Issues

- The community orchard in Court Orchard was formally opened last month. Wildflowers will be planted between the trees to encourage pollinators.

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May 2023

- The crayfish in the river Creedy are in danger of decline. A captive breeding programme by Bristol Zoo and Wildwood Escot hopes to increase the number of crayfish to consolidate the population.
- The Community Allotment goes from strength to strength. The group now has a greenhouse. All volunteers are very welcome to join. Contact Sue Rowell, the Climate Officer, via the Parish Clerk if you would like to know more.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Parish Hall on **Thursday 18th May 2023** at 7pm. Members of the public are welcome. Alternatively, if members of the public wish issues to be raised in Council meetings, they can contact Councillors in the usual way. There is also a Parish Surgery at the Coffee Mornings held on the **second Saturday of the month** in the Parish Hall.

Liz Ouldridge

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We have two Arboretum events coming up:

Thurs 8 June Tours in the Arboretum followed by tea and biscuits and the Friends AGM in the Parish Hall. *Two alternative tours will be offered. Frances Watkins will tell us about mosses, lichens and liverworts with the title 'The Hidden Charms of Lower Plants', whilst Vaughan Gallavan will point out recently planted trees and discuss plans for new planting.*

We will assemble in the Hall Car Park at 7.00 pm. All welcome.

Sat 1 July and Sun 2 July Theatre in the Arboretum. Crediton Arts Centre present Shakespeare's 'Much Ado About Nothing' in afternoon performances. *This follows the outstanding success of The Merry Wives of Windsor performed in the Arboretum by the same team to sell-out audiences in 2021. Much Ado tells a fascinating tale of romance, deception and redemption. The play will be directed by Jack Robson with original music by Stuart Toms.*

Further details in the June Newton Wonder.

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NEWTON RAMBLERS

Sunday 14th May

The walk this month is a local one taken from the Newton St Cyres Country Walks leaflet.

This is a walk of about 5 miles, following the River Creedy towards Langford and Bidwell, returning to Newton St Cyres through Winscott and Sweetham. It is a gentle flat walk passing mainly through farmland with good views.

We will meet at the Newton St Cyres Recreation Ground at 10.00 a.m.

All welcome. Any queries to Roger or Jean Wilkins on 01392 851337.

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



Woodland Walk in Crooklake Wood

Sunday 28th May, 10am-12pm

John Quicke would like to invite local people on a fairly short (800m) woodland walk looking at recent thinning activities and woodland management in the Quicke Estate woodlands. There will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions.

We will be walking around Crooklake Wood, Newton St Cyres (about half way between the A377 and Sherwood House). EX5 5BT. Please assemble at the top of Crooklake Hill at 10am. The terrain is very uneven and wet in places, so good boots and reasonable mobility are necessary. The site is not suitable for pushchairs, wheelchairs or very young children.

We will see the results of last year's first thinning of a crop of Douglas Fir, as well as plantations of mixed broadleaves and conifers, and an unmanaged area of native broadleaves.

Annual Parish Walk

Saturday 10th June 10.30am-12pm

Join Mary Quicke on our Annual Parish Walk, starting at the space in front of Westholme Cottages at 10am. We will walk via the Tally Field permissive footpath to the area where the orchids are growing and see what management we propose for that. We will then walk up to the area of biodiversity interest at Locks Brake and then through the broadleaved woodland at the bottom of Coombland Copse, before going up past Venny Cleave and returning down the statutory footpath through Pope Down and South Allers.

Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The draw for April took place at the Coffee Morning on the 8th April.
The winners were:

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No. 53	C Witts	£10.00
No. 161	H Barlow	£10.00
No. 76	M Hazell	£10.00

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Jane
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RECREATION GROUND CLUB

I am writing this in the middle of the Easter weekend. It has been a busy time as we had football on Good Friday, Saturday and Easter Monday. Everybody must be exhausted, including the bar staff!

The ladies darts' fixtures are all finished, with the finals on 21st April. The men's darts go on for a few more weeks, with the end of the season being marked with their presentation night on 13th May

All the cricket teams with their first games played can look forward to regular games through to August. Fingers crossed that they have a good long sunny summer.

The archery group are getting on with their practice nights on Tuesdays and Thursday and on Sundays from 10am to 4 pm.

The skittle league finals night has now been confirmed to be on 26th May.

A date for your diary is our AGM on 21st June. If you have any point you want to make, please come along and join us and meet the committee. The meeting will start at 8pm.

Wendy Lewis

Thoughts for May from Peter Cordingley

My dad often told me that he had nothing against the royal family. His irritation was with some of its members. In other words, he was mainly comfortable with the role of the monarchy in British life, but he thought some of the characters in it would be better employed driving buses. Like father, like son. I'm agnostic about the monarchy, but I wonder about some of those people are who show up on the Buckingham Palace balcony.

As I write this, there are about two weeks to go to the coronation of King Charles III and Camilla. Yes, I know, many people in Newton St Cyres and elsewhere are devoted to the monarchy, and they see any criticism as either heresy or disloyal. But it's a little strange, isn't it, that, as far as I can make out, there will be no big celebration in the village of this momentous day in the country's life?

Yes, I know, the parish council normally organises these things, and it's in a state of flux at the moment. But would it have been beyond the wit of fans of the royals to devise some kind of recognition of the big day?

It wasn't always this way. Up and down the country, street celebrations used to be a very public display of the nation's affection for the royal family, going back through Victorian times. My mum was no monarchist, but, as chairperson of our village's parish council in Shropshire, she was the driving force behind the coronation party in 1953 for Queen Elizabeth II.

Photos of the day show rows of colourfully decorated trellis tables for a hundred people or more, with mums and dads in their Sunday best, shiny-faced kids all dressed up for the day, bunting galore, flags and, best of all, coronation mugs. Newton St Cyres in 2023? Well ...

It's tempting to ascribe the lack of interest in a coronation party to people simply being too busy, but that doesn't wash for me. I suspect it's more likely the royal family has lost some of its lustre. Scandals, including Prince Andrew's friendship with convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein and other recent events have all tarnished the monarchy's image.

There are other issues, but, for many, the main concern is the cost of the monarchy at a time when so many people across the country are living in abject conditions, unable to heat their homes or feed their children. With the rise in the cost of living showing no sign of easing, the presence of 23 largely unknown people in the line of royal succession is not helping the King's attempts to portray himself as a modern, cost-cutting monarch.

Heaven only knows when Prince William's coronation will be. I wonder if, when that day comes, Newton St Cyres will put on a right royal show.

NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP COMING MEETINGS

The group are hoping to arrange a summer outing. The next indoor meeting will be in the autumn

Wednesday October 11th Down to Earth - Archaeological Aerial Survey and Excavation between the Culm and the Creedy, Bill Horner County Archaeologist

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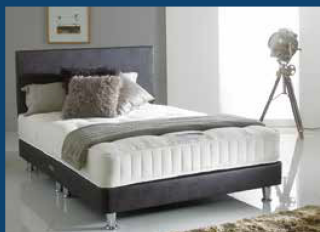
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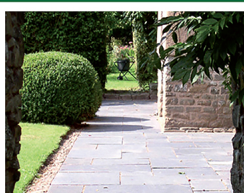
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Do You Remember...May?

May 1973

Mr Warren had been elected as a Councillor for the area on the new Devon County Council.

Nominations were being sought for the Parish Council.

Thirty-nine parishioners turned up to the **Parish Hall AGM**. Officers elected were: **Mrs Prout** (Secretary & Treasurer), **Mr Quicke** (President), and **Mr Perriam** (Vice President).

There was a report of the Annual Parish Meeting where a long debate

on the merits of **street lighting in Sand Down Lane** was held and following a vote, it was agreed to proceed.

Residents of **Half Moon** were **concerned about traffic**.

A bus shelter for outside Tytheing Close and in the Village to be looked into.

The Football Club had won the **League** and were into the finals of two cups.

May 1983

Only 8 candidates stood for the Parish Council election - **Doug West, John Durrant, Hazel Down, James Walters, Anne Mitchell, Chris Lee, John Scott and Henry Gliddon**.

Newton St Cyres Brownies and Guides welcomed the **Queen** when she came to distribute the Maundy money.

Bill Holt completed the London Marathon.

The **twinning** was made official with the signing of the **Twinning Charter** in Rots in June and **Mrs Prue Quicke** was elected Chairman.

The St Cyres Players production of 'A Comic Miscellany' was presented in the Hall in April and would be entering the Exmouth One Act Play Festival.

The Barnardos appeal house to house collection had raised £54.02 **At the Parish Council** meeting of the retiring Council the new attaché case for the Clerk was on view.

Planning permission was refused for a barn extension at Lilly Farm but granted for a bungalow. Boundary changes meant that Rowthorne will be in Whitestone Parish and Ashford will be in Newton St Cyres. The pub at the station - the Railway Inn, the Iron Horse, the Barn Owl and now to be the **Beer Engine** installed its own **mini brewery** by partners Chris di Paolo and Peter Hawksley.

A new **cover for the Newton Wonder** had been designed by **Tim Cooper** of Langford.

May 1993

At the Parish Council **Henry Gliddon** retired as Clerk but remained as a Councillor. **The new Clerk** is to be **Alan White** of Court Orchard.

The Twinning Group have 43 booked to catch the ferry from Poole to Cherbourg together with the red telephone box!

May's gardening article was about ornamental garden ponds.

The Tennis Club had elected their officers: **Tim Packer** (Chair), **Margaret Walters** (Vice Chair),

Mark Sedgwick (Treasurer), **Jean Brierley** (Secretary). Captains were **Anne Westaway** and **Robin Denny**. **Thelma Playle** was Press Officer.

The recipe this month was for

Coffee Walnut Cookies

An appeal appeared from residents to **stop their dogs fouling in Court Orchard**.

The Afternoon Club held an outing to Otter Nurseries and trips to Truro and Totnes were planned.

May 2003

A presentation was made to **Anne Westaway** at the **Tennis Club AGM** as she was retiring after 25 years on the committee.

Andrew Wherrett wrote a most interesting article about the warm welcome he had received when he moved in to the village.

Ann Dean of Ashfields was encouraging people to request that Newton St Cyres be put onto broadband.

David Vallance wrote an article about the **Cricket Club** and mentioned that the cricket wicket was so dry that the grass had stopped growing.

The **Recreation Ground** reported that the fencing had been completed around the car park and the refurbishment of the Tennis Hut was nearly completed

May 2013

Joyce Rook was recently awarded a Community Hero award by Tesco and the Crediton Courier. The Certificate and a bouquet of flowers were presented by **David Baker**, Chairman of Newton St Cyres Parish Council. Joyce has been running Bingo sessions in the Village Hall for many years. Many of the village organisations have benefitted from her fund-raising efforts.

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Although not the wettest March at Ford Farm **James'** records show it as amongst the highest.

Magic night

A night of magic was on offer at the Recreation Ground and entertained children and adults with stage performances and table demonstrations from a number of magicians. Tickets to the event were limited.

Newton St Cyres Art Group Summer Exhibition and Sale of Original Paintings, Prints & Crafts was planned for June at the Boniface Centre, Crediton. Glynis Harris reported that the **school had a visit planned to Killerton gardens** and are planning their own garden. The younger children were enjoying having some tennis tutoring from two coaches from Exeter University. Eight young **Newton St Cyres Tennis players competed at an American Tournament** styled event held at Victoria Park Tennis Club in Exeter. Alice Dowle, Flora Niven, Francesca Ward, Curtis Garnsworthy, Jack Gordon, Reuben Taylor, Tobias Rimbon-Whittaker and Tom Baber were our representatives. **Frankie Ward** won a very close girls 15 and under section and **Reuben Taylor** won on the boys 12 and under. The latest club singles competition winners are **Will Bell** (A series), **Joss Baldwin** (B series) and **Guy Ainsley** (C series). **The Parish Council** welcomed their new Clerk, **Mrs Jane Hole** and wished her well in her new post. Mid Devon District Council: **Cllr Peter Hare-Scott** reported that Lords Meadow refurbishment was complete and the centre was now fully open. **Vodafone** signal: Lines were being put into the agreed locations in the village and **Cllr Cashmore** was thanked for all his work with this initiative. **Eric Fee** reported that the **Twinning Circle** had just celebrated their 30th Anniversary in April.

The people of **Rots** hold **Newton St Cyres** close to their hearts. They have had a red phone box outside their Post Office since the 10th Anniversary and recently opened a new village Library in the 'Espace Newton St Cyres'.

Margaret Tucker revealed that **James** and **Margaret Walters**, 75 and 69 respectively, of Ford Farm Newton St. Cyres, celebrated their Golden Wedding on April 15th. Under **Garden Club** news **Anne Rice** reported on her visit to the Westonbirt National Arboretum in Gloucestershire.

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Parish Council Community Volunteer for 2022

Congratulations to the untiringly cheerful Jocelyn Whittaker, winner of the Parish Council Community Volunteer for 2022 prize. Jocelyn has been running the Adonai community kitchen twice weekly in the Club Room of the Parish Hall.

Jocelyn was presented with a plaque, which she keeps for a year, plus a certificate, at a recent lunch. A former teacher at QE, Jocelyn is seen here with two helpers.



Coming soon to the arboretum: *Much Ado About Nothing*

Shakespeare's tale of tricky romance, deception and redemption is given a gypsy-punk treatment by Crediton Arts Centre under the direction of Jack Robson, with original music by Stuart Toms, set by Tim Salter and costumes by Lindy Yellowlees. Drawing on the experience of performing *The Merry Wives of Windsor* in between lockdowns in 2021, the company will be touring the show to green spaces in villages during June and July 2023, and coming to Newton St Cyres Arboretum on 1st July and 2nd July.

Don Pedro and his company, returning home to Aragon after a brief but bloody campaign against his treacherous brother Don John in the East, stops off to see his old friend Leonata in Messina. Don John has been forgiven for his uprising and incorporated into the company, but still harbours deep resentment and ill-will against his brother. He sees the opportunity to exact his revenge by interfering in the love match between Don Pedro's trusted captain Claudio and Leonata's daughter Hero.

Trust is apparently betrayed, a bride is left jilted at the altar, and much confusion and bitterness surface. The hopelessly incompetent City Watch inadvertently provide a solution to a seemingly unsolvable problem. In among it all, the soldier Benedick and the wasp-tongued spinster Beatrice engage in a war of words and wits, hiding their true love for each other. With the help of a quick-witted friar and an ingenious plan, all leads to a happy ending. Doesn't it always?

With live music and dancing, Crediton Arts Centre's acting company bring a few new twists to this well-known but often under-appreciated tale. Tickets at £8 / £6 are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/creditonartscentre

Phil Beer's Solo Gig at the Parish Hall



Many had already seen Phil Beer before with Steve Knightley and Miranda Sykes, as Show of Hands, but to have him do a solo gig here was something really special. A true multi-instrumentalist, Phil told us you don't need to spend vast sums on instruments, and then played a very average-priced fiddle in what can only be called anything but an average way!

The set contained old favourites such as 'Cold

Frontier' and 'The Blind Fiddler', a cover of 'Bus Stop' (The Hollies) to a wide selection of songs including folk ('Twas on One April Morning'), blues ('Ain't Nobody's Business'), and the sea shanty 'Blow the Man Down', where the audience were encouraged to join in – and they didn't let Phil down!

In the darkness, I think I managed to write down 15 songs in total! One member of the audience commented "It was heartening to see the Hall packed with people who appreciate this remarkable musician – and what a great atmosphere! Is he coming again, we all wonder?"

What an evening, our largest audience at a gig in the Hall, since pre- Covid! Thank you all so much for supporting live music in the village. The Hall Committee, members of their families and volunteer helpers all made it possible, and the evening was completed with a bar and raffle!

Phil did mention that he may tour with Johnny Coppin, a founder member of Decameron, known to those of us of a certain age! If so, I will do my best to book them for the Hall. So watch this space.

In the meantime look up the details of the first Newton St Cyres Music and Dance Festival running from 22nd-25th June <https://www.newtonwonder.net/music-festival.html>, as there will be several events held in the Hall from Sequence and Line Dancing sessions to a Jazz Deco evening and Exeter Community Folk Orchestra Workshop & Concert.

We look forward to seeing you.

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Bert Jewell writes Rhymes and Ways about Gardens and Gardening

May

We've had the March winds, the April showers,
Will the rhyme prove it's worth bringing forth the May flowers,
Like Wisteria climbing as if never to stop.
Flowers like streamers way up to the top.

Then there's Montana, hoping not to be outdone,
Getting involved in everything, like a toddler having fun,
Whilst Nelly Moser stays at home, content with what she's got,
And woe betide if the sun comes out and her roots, they get too hot.

And what's your thoughts on Ivy as she scrambles up a wall,
Clinging to the surface, no chance that she should fall,
Quite happy to be clipped, keep those edges looking neat,
In any kind of weather, winter cold or summer heat.

There's then the scented Woodbine, no, not the smoking kind,
Whilst walking in the country, in the hedgerow you would find,
It's now in many gardens with a more romantic name,
Climbing through the trellis with a scent that's just the same.

And now for something different, the leaves they make you think,
Have they been taken off and dipped, in paint that's white or pink,
So is it just the weather that brings out the best in May,
"March winds and April showers" that's what the old wives say.

Things to do in the May garden

A well grown "Wisteria", in flower on the wall of an old farmhouse, is a sight well worth seeing, but it doesn't always go to plan. If you are thinking of planting a Wisteria, now is a good time to get it planted. The site should be sunny or semi shaded and the soil should be well drained, but water well if it starts to dry out.

Take leading shoots up to the desired height, the laterals from the leaders can be trained horizontally. Once a framework has been established, prune back all subsequent growth to about 6 leaves in late summer. In winter, prune these back to two or three buds. It could be a couple of years before you see any flowers. If the soil is too rich and there is lots of foliage, feed the plant with liquid potash.

Now if you want to cover an old shed or fence, “Clematis Montana” will do the job, no trouble at all. It is also recommended for growing up into trees. I like trees to stand alone, to enjoy the shape and structure, so it’s not for me. Montanas can cover an area at least 20’ in length and only need a light trim. Otherwise, you will lose the flowers.

“Nelly Moser” is a large, flowered hybrid. Prune in late winter or early spring, cut stems back to a pair of healthy buds. It will flower on last year’s growth and later on new growth. Remember, roots in the shade, stems in the sun.

“Hedera”, or Ivy as we know it, can be a problem if left to do its own thing. Choose the right variety, large Leaved for ground cover, small leaved for climbing and keep it within your allotted space. It will look good all year round. It is also good for wildlife.

“Lonicera”, or Honeysuckle as we know it, or Woodbine, the variety that you will find growing in the hedgerows.” Lonicera Belgice” is an improved variety of Woodbine and flowers during May and June.

“Actindia Chinensis” (Chinese Gooseberry) is a vigorous climber that can produce edible fruit. “Actinidia Kolomita”, however, is much less vigorous and is grown for its colourful foliage. If planted against a sunny wall, the upper part of the leaves will turn cream and pink and will grow to about 10’ high.

A last word on daffodils. Once the flowering has finished and before the leaves die down, give the bulbs a helping hand by feeding them with liquid potash, like tomato feed. Do this once a week until the leaves die down.

Plant of the Month

“Incarvillea Dalavayi”,

The flowers on this hardy perennial resemble those of a gloxinia, but they are not related. The flower stems appear first, then the ladder-like leaves, then after a short while, the whole plant will die down, leaving a fleshy tap root to grow again next year. Put a marker in the soil to remind you where it is.

Enjoy your gardening



Parish Council 'elections' return seven uncontested councillors

Ann Quon Cordingley has been taking a look at the Parish Council election that never was and talking to those people who will now have responsibility for the village's future.

A disappointing turnout of candidates for the Parish Council elections, especially among women and young people, has raised concerns over apathy and a lack of diversity in the running of village affairs.

Despite a major push to encourage candidates to stand for the nine seats up for grabs, only seven candidates put themselves forward. That means all seven have been returned uncontested, including three councillors who are back for another four-year term. Among the candidates, Liz Ouldrige is the only woman.

District Councillor Graeme Barnell is one of those let down by the turn of events. "I am disappointed that there were not more candidates, particularly women and also younger people," he said. "I talked with several women who all play an active role in local affairs and tried to encourage them to stand. They all agreed that there should be more women on the council, so long as it wasn't them!"

Outgoing chairman Jim Enright says he was not surprised the election was uncontested as traditionally Parish Council elections do not attract a high level of interest. "I don't even know when an election here was last contested," he said. In Mid-Devon, 48 parishes will be uncontested and only 10 will host an election.

While some put the lack of interest down to indifference, Jim disagrees. "I don't think that it is indifference," he says. "It's more a case of people leading busy lives. Plenty of village organisations rely on volunteers, and most people will lean towards the activities that hold an interest for them."

The seven councillors who have been returned uncontested include three returning councillors: Liz Ouldrige, Steve Parker and Graham Scopes. The four new faces are district councillor Graeme Barnell, retired IT specialist Dave Rowell, retired consultant cardiologist Dr John Dean and Peter Stephenson, director of the homeless charity, St Petrock's, in Exeter.

With two of the nine seats yet to be filled, it is too early to say whether early concerns about the "greens" dominating the council are justified. Certainly, environment and housing will be top priorities for some of the new councillors. "I am concerned about the degradation of our natural environment, especially the pollution of our rivers and waterways," says John Dean. Housing is a main focus for Peter Stephenson, "particularly housing that is affordable to younger people -- and the environment and resolving some of the tensions between these," he says.

Dave Rowell's top priority is "completion of the Neighbourhood Plan as I am already on the Committee. We hope that this will enable the parish to plan its own future, rather than have others plan it for us."

Graeme Barnell, who is stepping down from the Mid Devon District Council to become a Parish Councillor, feels he can be more effective at the parish level. "I've joined the Parish Council because I want to improve both the environment and the quality of life for all of us."

Being on the Parish Council is a way to give something back to the community and make a difference, even though its powers may be limited, says Liz Ouldrige. "The council has very few powers but in many small ways it enhances our lives. From bus shelters to defibrillators, the council does make a difference and I'm pleased to be part of that."

Anyone interested in being a councillor still has a chance. The two remaining vacancies will be filled by co-option at the Parish Council's next meeting on 4th May. If there are two or fewer candidates, they will automatically be co-opted as long as they meet eligibility requirements. If there are more than two candidates, then the seven uncontested councillors will vote.

Graeme Barnell urged more women and young people to come forward to improve the gender balance and diversity of the council. With only one woman on the new Parish Council, "it's vital for the health of the council that women apply," says Graeme.

See page 28 for Ann Quon Cordingley's profiles of the new council members.

Newton St Cyres Parish Council

NOTICE OF VACANCY for TWO PARISH COUNCILLORS

**If you are interested, please notify the Clerk by email
before noon on Monday 8 May 2023**

Applicants are invited to attend the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 18 May, 7pm in the Club Room at the Parish Hall. They will have the opportunity to make a 5-minute presentation to explain why they wish to be co-opted

For more information about council activities please visit the council website at

<https://www.middevonparish.co.uk/newtonstcyres>

or contact Jane Hole, Parish Clerk

parishclerk@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk

THE NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Of the seven councillors who have been returned uncontested to the Parish Council, four are new to the body.

Graeme Barnell

Graeme has lived in West Town, Newton St Cyres, for 13 years and is firmly settled here. Besides his involvement on the district council and local affairs, he sings with two choirs, grows hosts of plants, and is involved in a number of projects aimed at improving biodiversity. "I've joined the Parish Council because I want to improve both the environment and the quality of life for us all," Graeme says. "My priorities as a parish councillor are affordable community housing, public green space in the main village, and reducing the impact of road traffic on our lives."

Dr John Dean

John is a retired consultant cardiologist who has worked in the NHS for 42 years. He has lived in Newton St Cyres since 1995. "I have been looking to find profitable ways to spend my time in retirement and decided that putting my name forward to become a parish councillor would be a step in the right direction," John says. "As a keen cyclist, I am an enthusiastic supporter of the Boniface Trail from Crediton to Exeter, and will do what I can to make this project a success. I am concerned about the degradation of our natural environment, especially the pollution of our rivers and waterways. I am a strong supporter of rewilding projects."

Dave Rowell

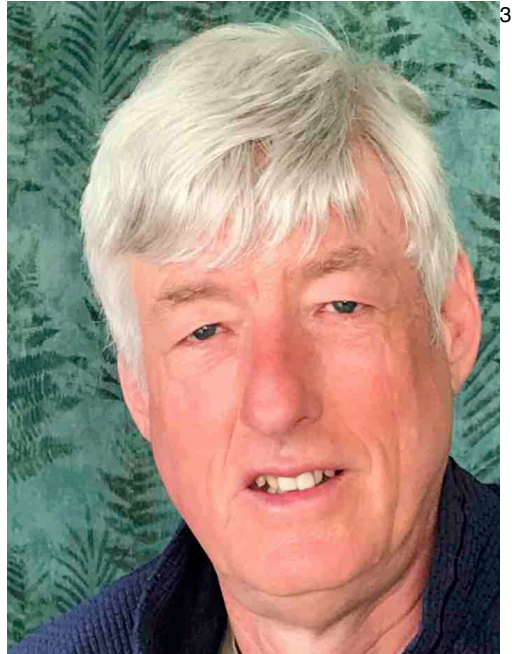
Dave and his wife, Sue, moved to Devon and Newton St. Cyres four years ago shortly after he retired. He spent his childhood on a farm but developed a career in IT, the last 20 years as a project manager working for government organisations and in a number of industries across UK and Europe. He is keen on protecting the environment and exploring the delights of the local countryside and coast. He says: "As a new councillor it is difficult to judge what I can achieve at this time but my top priority initially must be the completion of the Neighbourhood Plan as I am already on the committee. We hope that this will enable the parish to plan its own future rather than have others plan it for us."

Peter Stephenson

Peter studied at Exeter University then spent a few years as a structural engineer before changing tack and ultimately working in drug rehabilitation in Spain for a number of years. He has spent the past 20 years working to tackle homelessness, mainly based in Exeter, where he leads the charity, St Petrock's. "As a new resident of Newton St Cyres, I have been really struck by the sense of community in the village," he says. "I want to understand better what the parish wants rather than pushing any personal agenda, but we cannot ignore the growing housing and climate crises. "These are national and global issues, but we have a part to play locally. My main aims will be to help preserve all that is good about Newton, particularly its character as a village community."



Graeme Barnell



Dave Rowell



JohnDean



Peter Stephenson



Rhubarb Compote

1 lb (500g) rhubarb cut into small chunks

½ teaspoon vanilla extract,

3 tablespoons demerara sugar

1 orange

Put the rhubarb, vanilla and sugar in a saucepan and add the finely grated zest and juice of the orange.

Cook over a gentle heat until the rhubarb chunks are tender.

This is good with yogurt or ice-cream.

For a quickly prepared rhubarb fool, puree the compote and add it to Greek style yogurt or ¼ pint (150ml) lightly whipped double cream.

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Newton St Cyres Gardening Club

Spring has truly sprung, with all of the beautiful blossom and unfurling leaves. I hope you have been able to make the most of the dry, sunny periods, between the April showers/downpours. May is a busy time in the garden, but try to make time to enjoy your hard work! There are so many plants, etc., that I could include in May's article, so below are just a few.

Forsythia With bright yellow flowers appearing in spring on bare stems, they can also be incorporated into hedges or, as we have done, one that grows up into the branches of a separate tree. This provides support for the Forsythia and enables it to grow to a much greater height, allowing the mass of flowers to be seen as if they were part of the tree. As they are deciduous, when the leaves fall in the winter, the bark of the tree trunk then becomes apparent. Forsythias are hardy and are able to cope with most soil types, as well as in cold shady areas or in full sun. They do however dislike soil that is either too dry or constantly wet. As with other spring flowering deciduous shrubs such as Spirea and Exchordea, you can prune them in May. After flowering, take out the oldest of the stems at the base of the plant. At the same time, check for and remove any stems that are diseased, dying or very weak. Not only will this avoid congestion, but will prolong the life of the shrub and promote good strong new growth and great flowers the following year. The stems pruned can be kept in a corner of your garden to provide additional habitat for insects.

Daffodils If you had any 'blind' daffodils this year you can move them to a different location. It may be that the spot they were in did not get enough sun. Another thing to try is to give a general purpose feed to bulk up the bulbs for next year. If the bulbs are in tubs, then a liquid high potassium feed every 10 days, until the foliage dies back naturally, can help. In all cases do not cut off the foliage as this provides nutrients to the bulbs to give them the best chance of flowering next year. You can also mark spaces where you need to plant bulbs for next year, as the foliage will give a good indication of any 'bare' spots in your planting schemes.

Osteospermums For a plant that keeps giving, it is hard to beat the Osteospermum, also known as the Cape or African Daisy. It will provide a continuous show of blooms throughout the summer and into autumn and is good for pollinators. They prefer reasonable drainage so it is good to incorporate some grit when planting. Regular dead heading encourages more flowers. Varieties come in a range of colours including whites, purples, yellows, and magentas, and many have different-coloured centres.

If you are buying bedding plants such as **Verbena**, you can increase your purchase by taking cuttings in May. Choose strong non-flowering shoots, remove the lower leaves, leaving just the top ones. Pinch out the soft tip and trim the cutting to just below a node. Using a dibber, insert the cuttings around the edge of a small pot containing seed and cutting compost. Firm these in and soak the compost using a fine rose on a watering can.



Forsythia



Osteospermum Purple Glow

Place in a covered propagator or cover with a clear plastic bag and they should root in just a few weeks. They can then be potted on into individual pots, ready to grow on.

Any early **potatoes** that you planted will need 'earthing up' to protect them from any late frosts and prevent the tubers turning green. The final ridges, after several times of doing this, will be around

8ins-12ins. May is a good time for planting your maincrop potatoes, as the ground is warmer. If you want vegetables that you can plant and harvest in a shorter time period, you could try any of the following: baby carrots, radishes or cut and come again leaves for salads.



Osteospermum

May is when many **Moths** begin to fly. They will be attracted to **Jasmine, Evening Primrose, Nicotiana and Honeysuckle**, so try to incorporate these into your garden. The

moths can then encourage bats into your gardens. It is planned to hold some moth-trapping events in the churchyard during the year, and it will be interesting to see what species are there.

While sweeping up Camellia petals I found the tiniest young **slow worm**. It was golden with black underside and silver stripes along the sides. I quickly put it back into the ground cover. These legless lizards differ from snakes as they have eyelids and ear openings. The male is grey-brown, and females are usually golden with black stripes. They feed on small slugs, snails, woodlice and other invertebrates. You may have had slow worms hibernating in your compost heap, so do take great care when turning your compost. Mating will usually start in May with the female incubating the eggs internally and then giving birth to live young in late summer. So I am not sure how I came to find a juvenile in April!

What's On in May?

If, last year, you didn't manage to see the wonderful **Tulips at Little Silver** in Exeter EX4 4HU, do try to visit this year. The small residential green, owned by Exeter City Council in St David's, is jointly managed with local residents who initially planted the area with ornamental trees and shrubs to deter anti-social behaviour. However, it has now become a 'hidden gem', with the residents firstly asking the council not to mow and then planting plug plants and wild flower turf. This has now led to the planting of over 5,000 crocus bulbs and 10,000 tulips.

Sunday 7th May. International Dawn Chorus Day

Tuesday 9th May. the Upton Pyne Garden Coach Trip to Hartland Abbey Gardens £24.50 + £2.00 (Abbey). At the time of writing, there is still time to book. Please contact Jilly Baker on 01392 85134

RHS Rosemoor. There are several events in May including, 7th-8th Bonsai Show, 14th Plant Heritage Spring Plant Fair, and 26th-28th Tibetan Discovery Weekend. Full details of these and other events and courses can be found at <https://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/rosemoor/whats-on>

If you are an RHS Member, why not visit some of their Partner Gardens. These include Hestercombe, Coletton Fishacre, the Walled Gardens of Cannington, Burrow Farm Gardens, The Garden House at Buckland Monachorum & Stone Lane Gardens. Full details <https://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/partner-gardens/find-a-partner-garden>

National Garden Scheme Open Gardens. A wide variety of gardens are open throughout May and full details can be found at <https://ngs.org.uk/>

Chelsea Flower Show 23rd-27th May Tuesday to Friday 8am-8pm, Saturday 8am-5.30pm. Further details and tickets are available from RHS <https://www.rhs.org.uk/shows-events/rhs-chelsea-flower-show>. This year they are featuring the RHS Chelsea Sustainable Garden Product of the Year 2023 competition, and the 10 finalists are featured

on the website. Although, at the time of writing, I have been unable to find details of the BBC coverage for this year's show, traditionally they cover the Chelsea Flower Show each day. Look out for **Horatio's Garden** designed by Charlotte Harris and Hugo Bugg, of Harris Bugg Studio in Exeter, which will be relocated, after the show to the Princess Royal Spinal Injuries Centre in Sheffield. Details <https://www.horatiogarden.org.uk/revealing-our-rhs-chelsea-garden-visual-and-new-film/>

Coming Local Garden Club meetings include:

- 25th April Crediton Garden Club. Saul Walker –
The Gardens and Plants of Madeira Crediton Library, 7pm
- 13th May Hardy Plant Society. 'What did plants ever do for us!'
Timothy Walker Longdown Village Hall Doors 2pm Talk 2.30pm
- 15th May Upton Pyne Gardening Club. Becca Flintham –
Companion planting for Pest Control. Upton Pyne Village Hall, 7.30pm

Happy Gardening

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May on the Farm

We are in a dance with all the creatures on the farm: the flora and fauna of the soil, the hedges and woods, even in and on the cheese. And people are particularly interested in the domestic animals we have, the cattle who provide milk for our cheese, and meat from the male animals that are born, and cows after their working lives are over.

Our animals are largely grazed on fresh or preserved grass, growing where it's challenging to grow crops for people to eat. Our grass fields are laid down for several years and many are permanent, and with several species of plants to enrich the animals' diet and the soil's health.

Grass sequesters carbon in the soil. There is a discussion about how much carbon the soil holds (it can't go on adding more indefinitely). We look to increase the soil carbon and on some suitable fields, harvest some of that organic matter for a crop to feed and bed animals. It's a fair exchange, seeing how much it improves the crop and saves artificial fertiliser. We can't take too much or the soil loses some of its ability to be a filtering sponge, and we return the ground to grass to restore it.

Our animals are a wonderful mix of several different breeds, Holstein, Friesian, Swedish Red and little touches of Montbeliard and Jersey. Our cows are robust, happy to graze outside in all seasons, produce enough milk that is good for cheese, and not so much that they aren't looking after themselves. We want them to calve in time with the seasons: they need grass when there's plenty around.

I love seeing our animals grazing outside, each cow focussed on harvesting her share of grass one mouthful at a time. Animals also enjoy the shelter of the barn, particularly when the soil is too tender to hold them. A barnful of contented cows is a quiet pleasure while we wait on them and serve their every need.

Our animals produce methane, a powerful and short lived greenhouse gas. That means if the number of animals doesn't change, no more methane gets added. Some argue, 'then have fewer animals to reduce warming'. We are preferring to breed animals for lower methane, both for each litre of milk and for each animal, so that we make best use of the methane they do produce. Our animals in the UK produce about half the amount of greenhouse gas to milk than the global number. The carbon we sequester in organic matter in woodland, field and hedge halves it again.



Our animals don't just eat grass, hay and straw. Their miraculous fermenting vats, their rumens, make good use of fibrous residues from human food: pulp after the sugar is pressed from beet, the hard bits of maize after the cornstarch has gone, the cake left after oilseed rape is crushed for oil, bran, wheatgerm and straw from human crops and so on. The 'livestock on leftovers' approach

does a good job of optimising land and feed. They eat grain and straw, grown on ours and others' fields, often as a break for a refresh of pasture, and on some land that will not grow human edible grains.

Cows at the end of their milking lives, and the beef calves they produce, make for an efficient way of producing the beef we do eat. They are animals that arise from producing milk, rather than have a separate group of animals. It's important we care for, respect and honour these animals and this stage of life, as much as the animals we spend years with.

Food from animals has a better range of nutrients than food from plants, including some dairy and meat substitutes. We are designed as omnivores, and our microbiome (our extraordinary fermenting vat) thrives on variety. As with our microbiome, a varied macrobiome in our landscape reflects our diet and our sense of wonder: crop and pasture fields, hedges, woods and wild corners make a rich, beautiful and interconnected environment. Given what it takes to produce animals, it works to eat a little less of them, and their products and better.

People have polarised views on animals in farming. It was refreshing to read this clear analysis (below) of the debate and how people see it in different ways.

Breewood, H., & Garnett, T. (2023). Meat, metrics and mindsets: Exploring debates on the role of livestock and alternatives in diets and farming. TABLE Explainer. TABLE, University of Oxford, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences and Wageningen University and Research. doi.org/10.56661/2caf9b92

I'm thrilled that the Academy of Cheese will cover this in Hero Hirsh's magnificent exposition of the sustainability issues around dairy farming for her Master of Cheese submission and Level 3 learning materials.

www.academyofcheese.org

Mary Quicke

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How well do you know your village?

Can you answer the following questions?:-

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

No 77



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

On the Home Page you will find this picture and a link to all the quiz photos so far and an easy form to submit your answers.

**Friday 5 May****7.30pm**

I Like This Stuff -The Frank Letch You Don't Know

The latest in the Arts Centre's popular long-running series, *I Like this Stuff*, in which speakers talk about their lives *beyond* the Arts Centre. Credition knows Frank Letch MBE well as its longest serving mayor, a Town, District and County Councillor. But did you know he speaks fluent Welsh, has made four TV documentaries and gives legendary assemblies in local schools? There should be time to ask Frank the questions you've always wanted to ask.

Tickets: £10/£6 BAR

Saturday 13 May 7.30pm

Living Room Theatre presents : The Washing Machine of Destiny

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Luca is still a teenager, Philip is getting on a bit. Both are on the autistic spectrum. This show is a conglomeration of their bonkers ideas, perhaps like nothing you will have seen before.

This project is partnered by Credition Arts Centre and generously supported by Recovery Devon and Villages In Action - hurrah to them!

Tickets: £10/£6 BAR

Saturday 20 May**7.30pm**

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Wednesday 31 May 10.30am

Boo to a Goose Theatre present Storm in a Teapot

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Tickets: £5 / £3



31st March Demo by John Christian

Watercolours

We were grateful to John for coming at short notice when the programmed demonstrator was unable to make it. John has painted all his life, in the tradition of Edward Seago and Edward Wesson.

While painting a Dartmoor scene of stream, clapper bridge, trees and moorland, he showed us the importance of composition, not overworking a painting, suggesting rather than putting in details, and allowing the paint to do its own thing, while controlling the amount of water used.

John loves to sketch outdoors, as this locks the image in his memory more effectively than a photo would. He used a limited palette, and a small range of brushes, so the amount of equipment required was minimal, and the resulting painting a delight.

Jenny Hallam



Adrian Andrews

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Saturday April 22nd @ 2.00pm

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Everyone is welcome to exhibit or just come
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Cookery - Photos - Children's paintings



Refreshments - Raffle

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May 9th

COACH TRIP



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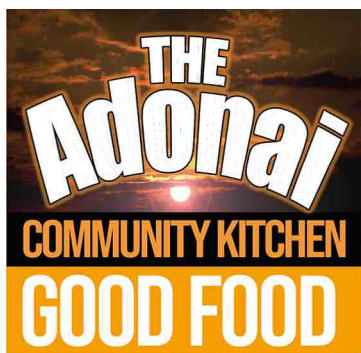
Price is £24.50 for the Gardens and Woodland walks
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• Newton St Cyres – A Village Story (£5)

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



• Newton St Cyres Historical Village Walks (£1)

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

• Newton St Cyres Mining and Miners (£1)

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Copies can be purchased by contacting

Jean Wilkins (01392 851337), jeanwilkins1@btinternet.com

Newton St Cyres Parish Council

Update on the Road Warden Scheme

The Scheme has now been operating for 10 months and our many volunteers have generously given over 250 hours of their time to make our roads, verges and pavements safer for us all to use. A big THANK YOU to all these volunteers. In our work more recently we have:

- ⇒ **Received a pallet of 52 tubs of tarmac provided and funded by Devon Highways**
- ⇒ **Cleared ditches at Camps Bridge to allow surface water to drain away**
- ⇒ **Carried out repairs reported to us by residents in Woodlands**
- ⇒ **Carried out repairs reported to us by residents of West Town Road**
- ⇒ **Carry out repairs to the junction of Station Road and the A377**

Supported by:



However we cannot do this alone—we **need your help!** If you see anything that causes flooding or creates a hazard in our Parish please report it using our online reporting form using the QR code or contact the Parish Clerk via email:
parishclerk@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk



Newton St Cyres toddler group

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

Our family sessions are £2 a time and run from 9:15 - 11:15 am. The price includes a drink and a snack.

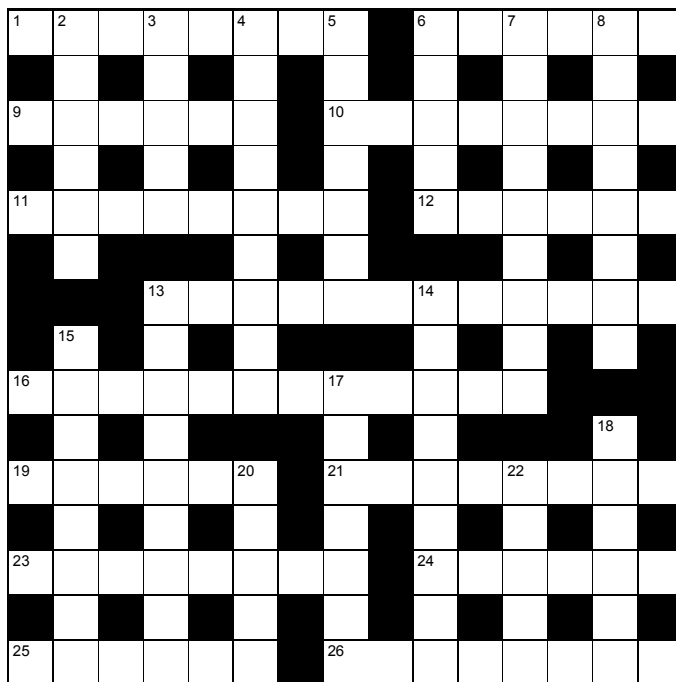
We would love you to join us at Newton St Cyres Primary School



Kelly Berry
 07890313010

or see our facebook page
Newton Nappies

Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

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

DOWN

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

Set by Alberich

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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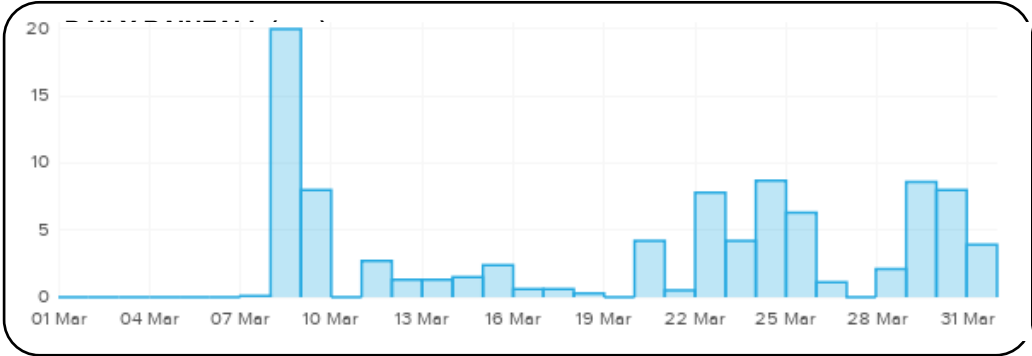
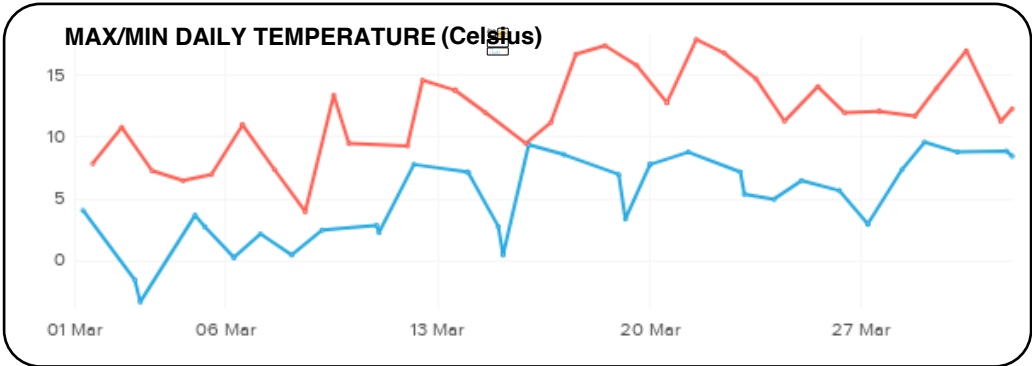
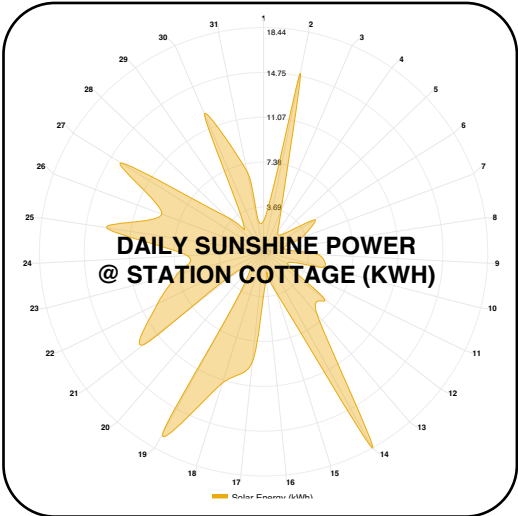
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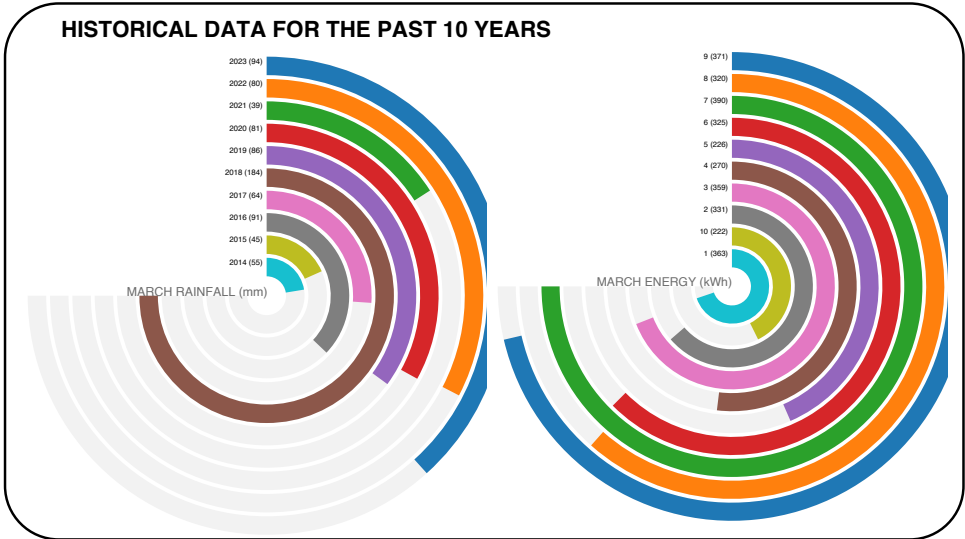
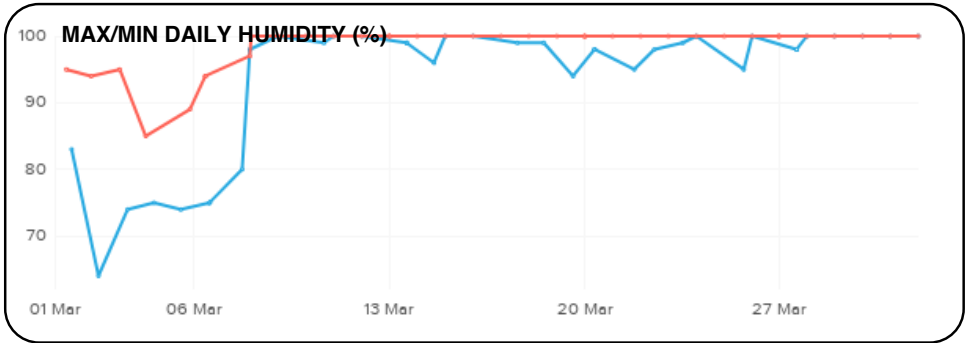
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Newton Weather

in March 2023

Q: What did Spring say
when it was in trouble?





Q: May Day!

The Parish Church of St Cyr and St Julitta



The Coronation and all things regal

Well, another great opportunity for communities to come together and enjoy a time of celebration. Another chance to get the bunting out, party hats on and celebratory drink flowing. For so many of us, the Coronation of King Charles III will be the first coronation we will have witnessed – and certainly the first for us all to be provided with such a multiplicity of views and opinions, of analysis and camera angles, capturing every tiny detail, for better or for worse, with every mis-timed look or expression from royalty or person of renown commented on and meme created!

The Coronation will be a magnificent showcase of protocol, procedure and precision. A spectacle for us all in the United Kingdom and for many parts of the Commonwealth. Elements of it may jar with traditionalists or reformers, much of it may feel archaic, incomprehensible, out of date and out of touch. And yet, it will impact on us all. It brings home, once again, that this is a special country, with a unique heritage, intricately interweaving the Three Great Estates of Crown and Church and State.

And perhaps at the moment of coronation, it is Crown and Church that are the central focus – as it will be the Archbishop of Canterbury who will place the St Edward's Crown on King Charles. Indeed, even before that historic moment, the Church, through the Archbishop of Canterbury, will be front and centre in the Presentation of the King, the witnessing of the Oath, and the anointing with sacred oil of the King's hands, heart and head. As with his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, King Charles holds a deep faith and a real sense of service to the country and the Commonwealth, as expressed in last year's Christmas message:

In the much-loved carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem" we sing of how "in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light." My mother's belief in the power of that light was an essential part of her faith in God, but also her faith in people – and it is one which I share with my whole heart. It is a belief in the extraordinary ability of each person to touch, with goodness and compassion, the lives of others, and to shine a light in the world around them. This is the essence of our community and the very foundation of our society.

As we experience the spectacle of the Coronation, as we think about what this new Carolingian reign might bring, I offer a prayer for our King:

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles,
and all who are in authority under him;
that they may order all things in wisdom and
equity, righteousness and peace,
to the honour of your name, and the good of your
Church and people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All blessings,
Tim

*Rev'd Tim Collins [Priest-in-Charge, Netherexe
Mission Community]*

ps: I would like to thank all those across the mission community, parishes and communities who contributed through their hard work, their time, their dedication – and their money! – to the Syria/Turkey Appeal. As a mission community, and as a Lenten discipline, we had pledged to raise enough money to fund at least one Shelterbox. We in fact raised enough for three boxes! This is a magnificent effort. Thank you.

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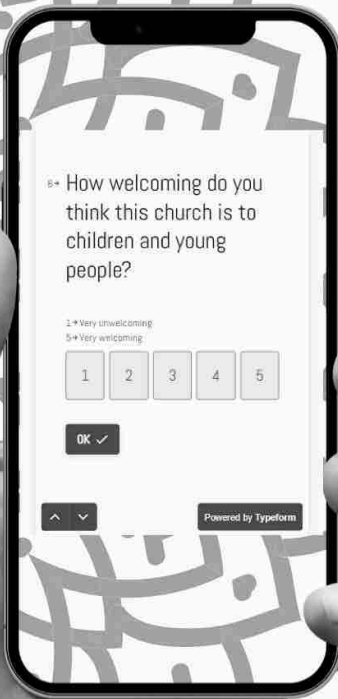
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Sunday 7 May Easter 5

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Thorverton	JH
10:00 am	Morning Worship	Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Informal Service	Cadbury	Lay Led
04:00 pm	Pimms & Praise	Rewe	Lay Led

Sunday 14 May Easter 6

11:15 am	Holy Communion	Upton Pyne	TC
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Thursday 18 May Ascension Day

06:00 pm	Holy Communion [followed by meal in Thorverton]	Cadbury	TC
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Sunday 21 May Easter 7

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Brampford Speke	GC
10:00 am	Baptism Service	Thorverton	TC
10:00 am	Messy Church	Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	Cadbury	KR
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	Stoke Canon	TC

Sunday 28 May Pentecost/Whit Sunday

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Newton St Cyres	TC
11:15 am	Holy Communion	Rewe	JH
03:00 pm	Baptism Service [followed by picnic/tea]	Netherexe	TC

Tuesday 30 May

09:00 am	Chattertots	Thorverton	Lay Led
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Evening Prayer: Every Tuesday 6:00 pm in Rewe Church

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

Who's Who? Abbreviations Key

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

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

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

Mrs Juliette Lea [Administrator] Tuesday & Thursday [09:00 – 15:00] Tel: 07594 714590 Email: administration@netherexe.org	Mr Peter Shepherd [Administrator] Monday & Wednesday [09:00 – 13:00] Tel: 07551 844321 Email: administration@netherexe.org
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NSC Parish Council Co-ordinator Damien Hodge tel: 01392 851111
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Both rooms	£55	£82	£109	£136

Bookings Secretary, Mary Long maryglong@btinternet.com ; 01392 851624

A WEEK IN THE PARISH HALL

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

If you wish to book the Hall or learn more about the facilities, please contact our Bookings Secretary, Peter Watts at peterwatts369@btinternet.com or by phone at 01392 851369

Roger Furniss Chairman, Hall Management Committee

Tuesday (weekly)	Line dancing	7.30 pm	Paula Benford	01392 210830	pbenford45@gmail.com
Tuesday (weekly)	Adonai Community Kitchen	12.00 - 2.00pm	Jocelyne Whittaker	07508 871172	TheAdonai-CKitchen@outlook.com
Tuesday (fortnightly)	Young Farmers Club	8.00 pm	Katie Davie	07706 760500	kmdavie@gmail.com
Wednesday (weekly)	Adonai Community Kitchen	12.00 - 2.00pm	Jocelyne Whittaker	07508 871172	TheAdonai-CKitchen@outlook.com
Wednesday (weekly)	Warm afternoon. Tea, Games, etc.	3.00 pm	Sue Browne	851460	suebrowne@gmail.com
Wednesday (monthly)	History Group	7.30 pm	Jean Wilkins	01392 851337	jeanwilkins1@btinternet.com
Thursday (Twice per month)	Mah Jong	2.00 pm	Geoff Jackson	01392 851551	megalops@btinternet.com
Thursday (2 nd in month)	Exe Valley Bird Club	7.00 pm	Kevin Smaldon	07710 427817	kevin.smaldon@btinternet.com
Thursday (monthly)	Parish Council	7.00 pm	Jane Hole	01392 851148	parishclerk@newtonstcycres-pc.gov.uk
Friday (some weeks)	Art class	10.30 am	Sue Rose	01363 772284	suerose9@hotmail.com
Friday (weekly)	Table tennis	7.00 pm	Roger Wilkins	01392 851337	rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com
Saturday (second in month)	Village Coffee morning sponsored by various oorganisations	10.30 am	Church Sue Browne	01392 851460	suecbrowne@gmail.com
			Others Roger Wilkins	01392 851337	rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com
Saturday (some months)	Model train group	2.00 pm	Ann Feetham	01392 215837	annfeetham@virginmedia.com

WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGE

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