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Congratulations

Happy Birthday to Mary Quicke who is seventy in May, and certainly looking good. Our cover photo, showing Mary with her cheeses, this month is by Matt Austin Images. In the farm article this month Rachael Kinsella interviews Mary about her life and ambitions. See page 32.

Its May time.

The time when we all start to feel that the summer is on its way and our enthusiasms for activities, holidays and just going out, enjoying our gardens, cooking on the barbecue and partying.

Volunteers

As always the village is looking for volunteers. We have entered the Britain in Bloom competition and volunteers are needed to do hundreds of little jobs clearing around the village. We have volunteer litter pickers who do a terrific job, but they need help if we are to get the village to look it's best. These jobs need doing anyway and if the entry to Britain in Bloom encourages us all to get involved then so much the better.

Peter Hawksley



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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT April 2025

Planning application at Langford Nursing Home

Mid Devon planning informed the Parish Council that reserved matters application relating to the detailed development of Langford Nursing Home have been approved.

Planning Application at Langford Farm

We asked that consideration be given by the Listed Building Officers to permitting the appropriate use of double glazing in the new windows proposed at Langford Farm.

Councillor Margaret Squires's retirement

Margaret is retiring as our County Councillor at the coming DCC elections on 1st May. We took time to thank her for her work over the years as our County Councillor.

Footpaths and Footpath warden

Steve Parker, who has been our very effective Footpath Warden for many years, has decided to give up the role. The Parish Council would like to thank him so much for his dedication and hard work. He will be missed. Councillor Graeme Barnell has been appointed as the new Footpath Warden. He will seek to establish a group of volunteers who could monitor the paths and report issues. Graeme will also need to complete the annual P3 survey required by Devon County Council as soon as possible.

Half Moon Bus Shelter and Bus Stop

The bus shelter at Half Moon, which has become decrepit, is to be removed and a quote was accepted for this work. Devon County Council will put up suitable signs to indicate there is still a bus stop at this location. Meanwhile, the Parish Council will seek to find a more robust permanent shelter, and to investigate moving the location of the bus stop to a more suitable location.

Dead and dying Elm trees at the Allotments

At the allotments, many of the dead trees have been removed and these will be laid down in the hedgerows to decay naturally. Councillor Donna Harris is working towards a regular schedule of hedge maintenance at the allotments to prevent future build-up of dead trees.

Allotments and Arboretum Safety Concerns

Concern has been expressed over the safety of entrances to both the allotments and the arboretum. At the allotments, it was decided to add a clause to the tenant leases stating that vehicle access to the allotments was entirely at the driver's risk. Councillor Liz Ouldrige will meet with arboretum representatives to draft an

appropriate risk assessment that considers the proximity of the arboretum to the A377 and to ensure mitigating actions were taken.

Volunteers Big Thank you Party

Councillor Liz Ouldrige is compiling a list of volunteers to be invited to a 'Thank You Tea Party' to be held for local volunteers at Sherwood House in June. The budget and date for the party will be decided at the next Council meeting. Liz would appreciate nominations for invitations from parishioners.

Parish Annual Report

It was agreed that the Parish Council annual report should be published and circulated through the Newton Wonder. Councillor Liz Ouldrige will liaise with the Editors of the Newton Wonder as to how best this could be done.

The Village in Bloom

Routine maintenance of Parish Council assets will be scheduled before the Britain in Bloom judging takes place.

Christine Fraser will explain all about this event at the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Wednesday 14th May 7pm in the Parish Hall. Refreshments will be provided.

Parish Council Grants for year 25/26

Progress on the distribution of grants for the new financial year was discussed. Plans for spending the grant money are being requested.

New Chair for the Parish Council

The Chair of the Parish Council is elected every year in May. Councillor Graeme Barnell told the Council that he will not be standing for re-election as Chair this year.

The Annual Parish Meeting

This will be held on Wednesday 14 May at 7pm in the Parish Hall. At the start of the meeting, a presentation from the Britain in Bloom organisers will take place. This will be followed by the Parish Council Chair's report, questions from the public and refreshments. All parishioners are invited.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Parish Hall on **Thursday 8th May 2025** at 7:00pm. Members of the public are welcome. This is a week later than usual as elections will occupy the hall on the previous week. 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 Ouldrige

NEWTON St CYRES PARISH HALL

JOHNNY COPPIN and PHIL BEER

Newton St Cyres Parish Hall

Saturday 21st June 2025 7.30pm

Johnny Coppin and Phil Beer performed many gigs together in the late 1970's and the 1980's – including Glastonbury and tours of Italy, Germany and Holland. Phil also plays on 10 of Johnny's albums. These include *Force of the River*, *The Gloucestershire Collection*, *Edge of Day* with writer and poet Laurie Lee, and *The Winding Stair*.

Having each already performed at Newton St Cyres parish hall (Johnny on his winter tour – All on a Winter's Night, when Phil joined the band as a guest; and Phil on his solo tour and with Steve Knightley as Show of Hands). This, however, is a rare reunion to play their **first full concert together in many years**.

JOHNNY COPPIN

Johnny's gorgeous and seemingly effortless vocals have graced the folk-scene since the emergence of Decameron in the early 1970s. An experienced solo performer, accompanying himself on piano and guitar, he is a talented songwriter and a fine interpretative singer. Johnny has recorded over 14 albums, including *The Winding Stair*, *Borderland*, *Edge of Day* with writer Laurie Lee, and his latest album *River of Dreams*. He recently celebrated the 40th anniversary of the release of *Forest & Vale & High Blue Hill* – his classic album of Gloucestershire songs. His songs are essentially English, and always melodic and evocative. His original music for theatre includes all The Festival Players Theatre Company's summer tour productions of Shakespeare plays since 1991.

PHIL BEER

Phil is a talented and highly respected musician – on fiddle, mandolin and guitar. In the 1970's he began his career with Paul Downes and was also a member of Johnny's band. Then for many years he was in a duo with Johnny, before he moved on to The Albion Band, and then the legendary duo Show of Hands. With several solo albums such as *Rhythm Methodist*, Phil has played gigs both with his own band and solo, performing an eclectic mix of original and traditional tunes, and songs by contemporary songwriters. He has performed live and recorded with the likes of Mick Jagger, Mike Oldfield, Feast of Fiddles, and countless artists on the British folk scene.

Some media comments:

Johnny: *“Strong, clear vocals, and songs of substance “ – DAILY TELEGRAPH*
“Unquestionably at the top of his game” – ACOUSTIC magazine

Phil: *‘one of the most popular ambassadors for acoustic roots music. A dazzling instrumentalist, he is perhaps best known as a top-flight fiddler – THE TRUTH*

For more info

www.philbeermusic.co.uk

www.johnnycoppin.co.uk

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NEWTON RAMBLERS

Sunday 25th May

This month's walk is set in the Exe Valley. We shall meet at 10 am at the bus stop at the South end of Brampford Speke.

We shall cross the river and walk up by Nether Exe towards Thorverton and then back by way of Stoke Canon and along the old railway line.

The walk is very flat!

A table has been booked for 10 people at 12.15pm at the Agricultural Inn for Sunday lunch. Please reserve your place with Rosemary on the number below by Thursday 22nd May.

All are welcome. If you need a lift or have any queries please contact Nigel or Rosemary Chambers on 01392 851400

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



VILLAGE LUNCH

Thursday 15th May 2025, 12:30pm

2 courses + tea/coffee £16

at the

BEER ENGINE

MAIN COURSES:

Confit Duck Leg, Roasted New Potatoes, Veg & Gravy
Crispy Fried Scampi, Chips, Peas & Tartare Sauce
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Sticky Toffee Pudding, Vanilla Ice Cream
Vanilla Ice Cream & Baileys
Crème Brûlée

To book, please ring **JOHN or CHRIS SALTER, 851 346**
by Sunday 11th please, with Names & Menu Choices



NEWTON ST CYRES IN BLOOM! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Can you help to make our Village entry award winning?

SOUTH WEST

We now know which areas of the Village will be visited by the Britain in Bloom judges in **July**. The judging will take 2.5 hours and cover:

HORTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL CARE

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

What we now also need is a group of lovely volunteers who can help with the open, common spaces around the Village or to help existing groups by lending a hand.

For example, the street bollards are very dirty and need a wash! And the litter along the A377 is increasing. Plus some of the verges & pavements need sweeping or weeding.



Exeter College students lending a hand

Want to know more?
Give us a call or email – we'd love to hear from you!

Thank you!

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NEWTON ST CYRES PARISH COUNCIL

If you wish to contact the Parish Council you may use the QR code below



- Tell us of any issues within the Parish that we can deal with including reports to the Road Wardens.
- Offer any assistance that you feel able to give, no matter how small.
- Give us feedback about issues we have dealt with.

Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 14 May 2025

in the Parish Hall Club Room

Come and hear about Newton St Cyres entry into the
“Britain in Bloom” competition

Light refreshments will be provided

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.

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NATURE'S CLASSROOM

Parents from the primary school are leading a project to create wildlife-friendly spaces within the school grounds to support children with outdoor learning, as well as to give them colourful, peaceful and playful areas to spend time in.

We are also creating a sensory garden that will be filled with colourful plants, wind chimes, long grasses and fruit trees as a place for the youngsters to cozy up to nature.

Last year, thanks to the kind donations from parents and other family members, plus the Beer Engine's fundraiser quiz, we were able to get the project off to an amazing start, enabling us to:

- Plant two circular orchards of fruit trees including apple, quince, pear and plum.
- Create raised vegetable beds, one of which is now filled with masses of strawberry plants and a giant artichoke!
- Create a wildlife pond which already has some wildlife in it, including newts, pond skaters and diving beetles. Perfect for the kids to do some pond dipping!
- Create seating areas for the children to sit and enjoy the spaces, including wooden benches and log seats.
- Build a shed to store all the gardening tools for the children to use.
- Buy an extra-long hose for watering the trees and flowers in the summer months.
- Create two raised flower beds in the shape of butterflies and fill them with aromatic herbs and lavender.
- Buy plenty of compost for all the plants we've planted.
- And, last but not least, planted a stunning wildflower meadow which was the star of the show last summer!

While we have achieved a lot, there is still a lot more to do. Our funds are back down to zero and before we can do much more, we need to raise some extra funding via our fundraising page (see below) to:

- Buy an arbour with a seat for the sensory garden, where we'll grow climbing roses to create a peaceful place for children to sit.

- Plant some bigger saplings to help create a woodland glade at the bottom of the rec.
- Buy more compost to fill the raised veg beds so the children can start growing their own veg this spring / summer.
- Secure outdoor paints and wood for the children to make signs and artwork for the gardens.
- Buy more plants, including tall grasses to plant in the sensory area.

We hope you agree that these new outdoor spaces will benefit the children's well-being, learning and general enjoyment at school.

So, if you're able to support this project by making a donation, even if it's just a couple of pounds, it would be enormously appreciated. It will help ensure we can get the school gardens up and running over the next few months in time for the warmer weather. Donations can be made at

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/nsc-school-wildlife-learning-gardens>

Rebecca Brendell

Newton St Cyres

OPEN GARDENS

Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th June, 2-5pm

Take part in this family friendly village-wide activity and see what your green-fingered neighbours have been up to in their gardens.

Organised by Newton Environmental & Wellbeing group to promote wildlife friendly gardening.

Still not too late to apply. Email
newgroup@protonmail.com for more information.

Get inspired and celebrate nature in your garden!

<https://www.devonwildlifetrust.org/wildlife-garden-award>

Thoughts for May from Peter Cordingley

I read the other day that growing numbers of people are doing whatever they can to avoid using hospital A&E services. No great shock, really, I suppose. We're all fearful of being stuck in a waiting room for hours on end, sometimes in serious discomfort, or, worse, finishing up with no privacy on a trolley in a public corridor.

I know something about that feeling. A couple of years ago, I was admitted one evening to the emergency service at RD&E after a minor heart attack. For some reason I can't remember any more, it wasn't the general A&E department but some kind of fast-track service. That, at least, was what I had been told to expect, but, once I was signed in, I was left to sit, completely alone, on a plastic chair for seven hours. The reception staff all went home and the only person who approached me all the time I was there was a kindly orderly who brought me a cheese sandwich and a cup of tea.

It was a miserable moment, but, if a recent poll is any guide, I probably had it better than many people. The survey revealed that some patients have had to wait 15 hours or more to be triaged in A&E. Fifteen hours! My seven hours seems like no more than a moment in comparison. It's all part of a bigger problem illustrated by the fact that almost one in four of 2,650 adults questioned said they'd had a poor experience with the NHS in the past year.

But, before I go on, I should make it clear that everybody who dealt with me that evening at RD&E, from nurses to doctors to orderlies and beyond, was a Florence Nightingale figure. They were utterly swamped by their workload and the inadequacies of the system, but they remained cheerful, chatty and charming the whole time. I have found that that's also true of the receptionists (sorry, care navigators) at Redlands. Theirs is no easy job either.

So it came as no surprise that an old friend living overseas asked me recently if I regretted returning to the UK after 40 years in France and Asia. The UK seems broken, he said, listing all the problems we have to deal with: the cost of living, the NHS, poverty, the economy, crime, anti-social behaviour, potholed roads, illegal immigration, and ... well, please feel free to draw up your own list.

It's hard to argue with that, and I admit it does get me down from time to time. But it's also a long way short of the full story. Yes, those realities have shocked me, and, as far as I can see, there's little chance of things getting better any time soon. But, you know, there's so much to be grateful for.

Locally, there's the beauty of the countryside, the charm of the villages, the coast and, here in Newton St Cyres at least, the friendliness of the locals to Grockles like us. Nationwide, the list would include the blending of history and modernity, the arts and culture, free speech, the BBC, the argy bargo of politics, the unparalleled universities, and living in a country that has a place in the world. I wouldn't change the UK for any of the several countries I have lived in.

So, my friend asked, is there anything I would change? Yes, I replied. Banish the Daily Mail ... oh, and get rid of Donald Trump while you're at it!

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

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 97



For a closer look see our website:-www.newtonwonder.net
On the Home Page you will find this picture and a link to all the quiz photos so far and an easy form to submit your answers.

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club



First, some good news! Congratulations to the Ladies' team, who carried off the winners' plaque in their Division.

Spring has sprung and the bulbs are flowering, but whatever the weather, our tennis sessions are hardly ever cancelled.

The new membership year started on 1st April – ready for you to have a

go at some tennis. Do contact our membership secretary, Laura Leigh, on 01647 24259 or membership@newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk for details. Your reward will be an enjoyable year of tennis and banter and friendship.

And you can now enter for the club tournament, which is always very popular. The finals will be celebrated in September with a BBQ. This is always a great event and not to be missed.

The Rusty Racket members' group is thriving and playing a couple of times a week. Interested? Then please contact Sue Bloomfield at rustyrackets@newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk.

Junior coaching is now run by our new junior coach James Temple and is well attended. It takes place on Wednesdays. There is room for more experienced juniors in the older groups.

Jon Wills, our coach, offers private coaching both individually and for small groups, so if you feel you need to brush up your skills or learn more about the doubles' game, just get in touch with Jon via coach@newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk.

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

Frederiek Maddock

Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The winners for APRIL 2025 were:

No. 158	M & C Ware	£100.00
No. 75	J Fee	£10.00
No. 107	E Rickard	£10.00
No. 123	R Dowle	£10.00
No. 7	B Vallance	£10.00

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

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

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On the road again!

Tony Lane is at it again. After completing a gruelling 150-kilometre walk last May along the famous Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route in Spain to raise funds for the Newton parish church, he wants to do it all over – only this time he will cover a different section of the ancient route, in aid of the international humanitarian organisation, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), or Doctors Without Borders, which provides medical aid to people affected by conflict, natural disasters or health crises.

Ann Quon Cordingley caught up with Tony as he prepared for his new challenge next month.

Why are you doing the walk again?

Having walked the 'Camino Ingles' section last year, I found myself wanting to try again; this time using the last section of the 'Camino Portugués' route from Tui (on the border between Portugal and Spain) to the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, the end point in Galicia, Spain. It's roughly the same walking distance as last time, over 120km, but I am assured of very different scenery and terrain. Each day of the walk I will be ascending between 160metres to 850metres.

So why walk to the same destination?

Well, last time I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, but on reflection I did not allow enough time to fully appreciate the amazing scenery, or to think through where I felt I was being guided in my life. Although I will end up at the same destination, this route will be completely different.



Photo: Ann Quon Cordingley

Tony in training in Devon



Flag of Medecins Sans Frontieres

Is there anything you would do differently this time around?

Last time, I rather foolishly assumed that as Northern Spain is considerably south of England I would be blessed with warm, sunny weather as it was May. On the first morning I found out the hard way just how wrong this assumption was!

I woke up to the sound of rain hammering on my bedroom window, which I have to confess was something of a disappointment. This proved to be the case every day with the exception of the last morning. But this was only part of the problem as I quickly discovered that my 'old' rain gear was no longer waterproof! I have now purchased good quality waterproof trousers and jacket. This route does look slightly easier regarding the daily ascents, although the second day demands a total ascent of 850metres!

What are your expectations?

Often when out walking, I can quite suddenly find myself being aware of God's presence in the beauty of being surrounded by his creation. It might be a slight breeze that breaks the silence, or the sound of a babbling brook running along the roadside. Bird song likewise catches my attention. Yes, I realise that feeling of contentment can also be interrupted by a passing car or tractor, but even that can be a pleasant experience as I step onto the roadside, the vehicle slows down and usually we acknowledge one other with a wave and often a friendly smile.

I also increasingly realise my own mortality as I will turn 83 in August, so I find myself wondering if I am really using my remaining life wisely.

How are you training for the walk?

Similar to last year, I slowly increase the distance walked as well as the number of walks each week.

Why have you chosen MSF to support for your fund-raising efforts this time?

Sadly, every day we are being made increasingly aware of the misery and suffering in so many countries. Whether through warfare or natural disasters the number of injured people increases daily. It is here we find organisations like MSF working selflessly and often regardless of their own safety.

I choose to particularly support MSF as they are an independent, international humanitarian organisation without any political affiliation.

I don't have a maximum target to raise from sponsorship, but would love to think that all concerned would donate generously. In order for MSF to carry out their humanitarian work, they are principally funded by private donations.

To support Tony's fundraising: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/anthony-lane-83>

About MSF: <https://msf.org.uk/>

NEWTON ST CYRES



Langford farmhouse

On 9th April Heritage Conservation consultant Nils White gave a fascinating talk about Langford Farm, approximately 1.5 miles east of Newton St Cyres. It's a well-preserved, typical example of a lowland Devon farmhouse built between medieval times and the 17th century. The land on which it sits was formerly held by Plympton Priory, and parts of Langford Farm are medieval, dating back to the early 16th century, though the building has evolved considerably over the centuries.

The former farmhouse is at the north end of a block of three buildings, and it adjoins a probable cider house and barn. The farmhouse, cider house and barn are all grade 2 listed, the latter two being included for group value. The farmhouse was originally a separate building, and the cider house and barn were probably added in the 18th century or early 19th. All three units have cob walls on rubble footings, but whereas the roof of the farmhouse is thatched, the cider house is slated and the barn has a corrugated iron covering.



Front of farmhouse

The tithe map of 1840 shows that the 30 acres of associated land was almost all orchards, and that the farmhouse had by that time been subdivided into two cottages. An additional cottage had been built to the north of the farmhouse (it no longer exists). By the time of the 1884/86 OS map, additional farm buildings had been built to form an enclosed courtyard in front of the cider house (these no longer exist either).

The original layout of the farmhouse is often referred to as a 'three-room cross-passage' house. The three rooms included a central hall, an inner room (on the south side of the hall) that was typically the private quarters of the master of the house, and a service area/room (north side of hall) for storage and food preparation. A cross passage ran between the hall and the service area/room from the front to rear of the property, and there were external doorways at each end of the passage.

A beautiful round-headed medieval doorframe can still be seen to the rear of the passage. The original front door to the farmhouse was blocked in the early 20th century and is now a window, and the present front door enters a few feet to the south into the inner room (with some modern internal partitions). In the late 16th century or early 17th, a small 2-storey gabled wing was added at the rear of the service room.

The farmhouse roof has four bays with side-pegged jointed crucks and single wind braces over a wide hall bay. A cruck is a pair of curved timbers that, together with others, resemble a set of arching ribs, and support the roof. Being made of two timber pieces, rather than a single 'perfectly formed' one, jointed crucks can be used more flexibly and enable a roof to be built higher. This makes it relatively easy to add a floor and is probably why so many farmhouses incorporating crucks of this design still survive today. Wind braces tie the rafters to the purlins, but those in the hall are not strictly structural, and are probably primarily decorative features denoting status.

The two internal walls of the cross passage, and that between the hall and inner room are described as screens, typical medieval structures consisting of vertical posts (muntins) with planks fitted between. Above the screens at Langford, the roof trusses were also closed with wattle and daub. The screen between the service area and the passage was probably removed when the house was subdivided into two cottages. The remaining two screens have doorways, including one that has been infilled, and has a slightly shoulder-headed muntin that forms an arching top to the former doorway. It's not known whether the screen between the hall and inner room is original, or if it was installed in the early 17th century.



Original doorframe at rear of passage

The farmhouse would originally have been single-storey, and smoke-blackened thatch indicates that smoke from the hearth simply rose and diffused out through the thatch. Fireplaces and chimney stacks were not added until later. The farmhouse now has two gable stacks and a large lateral stack to the front of the hall, constructed from cob, volcanic trap and brick.

There are some notable fireplaces in the farmhouse, including a massive mid-17th century one built partly of cob across the north-end wall, which has the remains of a walk-in smoking chamber to the left of the fireplace (now a book room) and a bread oven to the right (probably installed in the 19th century. The heavy oak lintel is chamfered with scroll stops. There is also a 16th century stone fireplace with an oak lintel in the hall beneath the large lateral stack.

Today, the house is two storeys throughout and is no longer divided into two cottages. The floor over the inner room might possibly be original, to create an upper chamber or solar which would have been the master's bedroom. It has not been possible to establish whether the thatch over this area is smoke-blackened. The floor over the service room/area was added in the late 16th/early 17th century, but it isn't known whether the fireplace and chimney were added before or after the floor. Roof timbers are blackened (soot, not burnt) over the service area, but the thatch isn't, indicating that the floor is not original and the thatch has been replaced at some stage.

The staircase and landing are modern additions. Earlier versions are likely to have been rudimentary – more like substantial ladders or, possibly, newel stairs built into the wall.

The Cider House

This was probably constructed in the 18th or early 19th century, going by the style of the windows – as was the end barn. It is unusual in being physically attached to the farmhouse. It is known to have been a cider house rather than a cattle byre, because former occupants report that it used to house an apple press. The surrounding orchards are further evidence, and the bars on the original windows are probably security devices to deter theft of cider, which would have been a relatively expensive commodity.

The walls are a combination of stone rubble and cob, and the roof is 19th century or earlier. Inside was a single-storey area where the press would have been, and there would also have been an apple loft used for storage. Beneath the apple loft there is some evidence of a horse engine or more probably a donkey engine, perhaps for breaking up apples prior to pressing.

Many thanks to Nils for a fascinating and informative talk that showed how a trained eye can read the history of a building and deduce, in true detective fashion, how it has evolved throughout its life.

Midge Kelly



Demonstration by Phil Creek

On Friday 28th March the members thoroughly enjoyed a demonstration by East Devon-based artist Phil Creek. He chose a snowy view of the River Otter that he painted in the following Galleria acrylic tubes: Prussian, Cerulean and Cobalt blues, Burnt Sienna, Yellow Ochre, Cadmium Orange Hue, Burnt Umber, Mars Black and Titanium White.



Phil uses a Mastersons Stay Wet palette with flat brushes. He painted on a canvas board that had a light grey acrylic ground. Starting with the sky, he worked his way down the canvas, building up blocks of warm and cool colours, using brush strokes with lost and found edges. Some dark splattering was added to the snowy foreground before some warmer marks were also added and finally some pure white highlights.

Phil is a member of the South West Academy of Fine Arts and this year he will be taking part in Devon Open Studios at The Art Barn, Ladram Bay, East Devon from 12th September.

Gillian Fitzpatrick

Newton's contender for the County Council



Photo: Ann Quon Cordingley

John Dean

Local resident Dr John Dean has thrown his hat in the ring for a seat on the Devon County Council in the 1st May election ... and has vowed to get Newton St Cyres a better deal if elected. He talked about his ambitions for the village and for the county in a chat with Ann Quon Cordingley.

A retired consultant cardiologist and long-time resident of Half Moon, Dr John Dean says his time on the Newton St Cyres Parish Council for the past two years has made one thing clear: "Newton residents get a poor deal from the county council."

The Labour Party candidate is running for the Conservative-held seat of Creedy, Taw and Mid Exe being vacated by Margaret Squires,

who is retiring. He is up against three other candidates – Polly Colthorpe (Conservative Party), Andy Hankins (Reform UK), and Steve Keable (Liberal Democrats).

While he knows that Labour has not traditionally done well in this constituency, John hopes voters will judge him on what he wants to do for the village. "I'm a local candidate and a lot of people know me. I hope they will not just vote for the political ticket that I am standing on, but also think about the person they actually want to represent them on the council."

As a parish councillor, he says: "For two years I've been banging my head against a brick wall [the county council] and I thought it's time to get closer to the brick wall to see if I can do something about it."

The state of the roads, road safety, properly staffed schools, improved transport and the Boniface Trail are priority issues he would pursue if elected.

John feels strongly about the lack of support the village gets from the county council. "We probably have the only [primary] school in Devon with no signage whatsoever, no road signs, or flashing warning lights, so if you didn't live here, you wouldn't have any idea there was a school here," he says. By contrast, the primary school in Sandford has three road signs, a flashing warning light and is well sign-posted, he says.

Ensuring local schools are properly staffed, especially for children with special needs, is another key issue. "I know a number of people working in the NSC primary school and it's short staffed. It's difficult when you have special needs children in the classroom. You need extra support to help them and the other children who aren't in special needs to develop as well. If you don't, it becomes very chaotic in the classroom," he says.

Another priority is road safety along the A377. "It's dangerous to cross at Smallbrook and Tytheing Close, and we have been campaigning to have traffic calming measures in those areas to improve the lot of the residents," he says.

With increasing traffic on the A377 due to new housing development in Crediton and beyond, he says quite bluntly that NSC gets a raw deal. "When you build a new development, you have to pay towards the local infrastructure. But we downstream don't get a penny of what the county council gets for these housing developments to improve our lot," he says.

And of course, there is the chronic poor state of the roads. "The unclassified roads in particular are in very poor condition and potholes are a danger not just to motorists but cyclists and horses. "We are fortunate in our parish to have Nick Gillon and his road wardens, who do a lot of repairs, but they can't do it all. We could do better from the council in terms of road repair, so that is one of my top priorities," he says.

A keen cyclist who biked to his NHS work in Exeter regularly before retiring three years ago, the 69-year-old is a strong advocate of the Boniface Trail, a planned cycling and footpath route that would link Crediton and Exeter through Newton. "I am very keen to see that develop and will certainly be pushing to put that high on the list of priorities," he says. Of two options being considered by the county council, John favours the route that follows the A377 and connects Smallbrook, Newton and Half Moon. The other "quiet lanes" option would not do that, as it would follow mostly back roads and footpaths.

John is quick to point out that, if elected, he wouldn't just be representing the village but the much larger community of Creedy, Taw and Mid Exe, a geographically sprawling constituency comprising 29 parishes – that's almost half of the 62 parishes in Mid Devon.

His priorities for the larger constituency would be to push for improved road infrastructure, better public transport, adequate staffing in local schools and care of the environment.

The state of rural lanes can be improved with prompt pothole repairs and flooding prevented by clearing drainage systems, he says. He also feels that public transport can be improved with more frequent and reliable bus and rail links to Exeter and North Devon.

As a smallholder, he says he is acutely aware of the pressures on farmers and the rural community. "I support good environmental practices and have set aside part of my land for re-wilding projects," he says. He also says footpaths cross farming land need to be kept clear and the stock protected.

He also talks of the balance needed to maintain green spaces and the development of new housing.

However, "It's really the problems that NSC faces that has fired me up to make a stand."

This is not the first time that John has stood for election. "In the 2017 national general election, I stood in this constituency for the National Health Action Party, which nobody has probably heard of. I stood on that ticket because I felt completely disenfranchised. I lost narrowly – by 30,000 votes – to Mel Stride," he says sardonically.

John has been chair of the Crediton branch of the Labour Party for the past two years, but says he receives no financial support from the party. "The Labour Party doesn't have any money," he states. "I pay for my own leaflets and depend on a group of local activists to deliver leaflets and support my campaign."

Now that the Labour Party is in power in Westminster, does he agree with all its policies?

"Obviously, I am glad about the investment in the NHS, which is very welcome because I worked in the NHS for 42 years before I retired [including 25 years in the RDE and then North Devon District Hospital in Barnstaple], so I am very keen to see the health service invested in properly.

"The aspects of the party I am disappointed with are that they have kept the two-child benefit cap. It's a shame. It looks like they are about to reduce benefits elsewhere as well. That's disappointing."

John also thinks the winter fuel allowance was clumsily introduced. "The reality of life in Britain now is that poverty is no longer an exclusive problem of the elderly, but for children and young families with children. That's where poverty really exists. My view is that you should not give benefits to those who don't need them and should give more to those who do. People in poverty should get more benefits."

John has lived in Half Moon for 30 years with his wife, Ann, and has two adult sons, Harry and Jack, and one grandchild, with another on the way in June. With the outcome of the elections expected well before then, will he have a double reason to celebrate? Watch this space.

For election information: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/democracy/document/statement-of-persons-nominated-mid-devon/>

And now for the triathlon

Got a problem with postal deliveries? Then take your complaint to the village postman, Harry Vicary, and tell him exactly what you think of him. Er ... on second thoughts, maybe not.

Thanks because our postie recently boxed three tough rounds to raise money for charity, and came close to pulling off a win. In the end, his opponent shaded it, but Harry says it was an enjoyable experience. "It was a close fight and I would definitely do it again," he says. He says his main error was that with only three rounds of 90 seconds each, he should have thrown more punches.

"In the first round, he came out strong, throwing a lot of punches, which took me by surprise. The second round could have gone either way, and the last round, I probably won. Yeah, it was close."

Harry says he finished up with a bit of a sore head for a couple of days and a few aches, but nothing serious. "The helmets cover the sides of your head, but not the face., so my nose got a bit knocked about," he says. "My opponent had a nosebleed, but I had a bit of bruising on the nose and under the eyes."

The boxing postie raised more than £400 for cancer research, with more pledges still to come in. "If I can get over £500, that would be brilliant," he says.



Harry Vicary (Right)

and

What next? "I want to try the triathlon. I've done lots of running for training I am doing a marathon on 20th April in Newport, Wales. I'm not a great swimmer so I have to work on that. But I do ride my bike to work every morning."

Important footnote: Harry has been confirmed as the postman for Newton St Cyres. "Everyone is going to see me around," he says.

To make a donation, see Harry's fundraising page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/harry-vicary-4>

Ann Quon Cordingley



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Do You Remember....May?

May 1975

The new mini roundabout had been installed at Cowley Bridge and was taking some time to get used to.

Cowley Church organ was being overhauled and a new linen cloth was made by Mrs Ellis and Mrs Paley.

An advert appeared for a Jumble Sale in aid of the Tennis Club.

The Parish Council discussed roads in the area and asked for the road outside the Bungalow in West Town to be raised to stop puddles forming, to ask for visibility improvements at Shute Cross and raised the problems of parking in Pump Street.

NSC Players production of 'Love's a Luxury' played to packed houses on three nights and received an excellent write up.

Half Moon residents were appealing for improvements to the bus stop (from Exeter) as there were only paving slabs to stand on or the sloping grass bank.

The Coffee Club heard a talk on the Renal Unit at the R D & E by Sister Tratt.

May 1985

A plea was made for more people to use NSC Station especially travelling to Barnstaple.

Newton Walkabout was held and marked the parish boundary. The start was at the Green, then to the Station, Wyke, Creedy Barton, Dunscombe, Eastacott Cottages, Sherwood, Rowthorne, Bailey, Bodley, Langford, Bidwell, Shute Cross, Lake and the Green.

Car drivers were being requested to take people to hospitals and to friends.

The Football Club were looking for a qualified First Aider for their home matches.

May 1995

There was an election for the Parish Council with 10 candidates for 9 places. There were also 2 candidates for one District Council seat.

Newton St Cyres joined with Upton Pyne to celebrate V E Day. The grand opening of the new School library took place and donations of children's reading books were requested.

The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme now covered the whole village including Half Moon and Langford.

The Twinning Group hosted a Quiz with 11 teams from other Twinning Groups. It was followed by a buffet supper.

May 2005

At the Hall, the lobby, kitchen clubroom and toilets had all been re-decorated and a new heating system had been installed. Maureen Whiteley was to be the new Booking Secretary.

A list of the Home fixtures for the Cricket Club appeared for the teams: Newton St Cyres, Heads and Tails and Beer Engine.

The Recreation Ground were looking for volunteers for working parties and were buying a new mowing machine. They also intended to put up netting by the railway line, behind the goals and play equipment.

The Football Club appealed for sponsors for the 2nd Senior Team and the Youth Team, i.e. new strips or basic equipment.

The Church were advertising the Exeter Young Musicians Concert in June and a Summer Songs and Strawberries organ recital by Andrew Daldorph.

May 2015

Graeme Barnell had produced a very comprehensive report on the present state of the flood warning and defence schemes and was thanked most sincerely for all his hard work.

At the Community Support Group coffee morning were representatives from the Patient Participation Groups of Chiddenbrook Surgery, Crediton, Newcombes Surgery, Crediton and the Exe Valley Practice.

Jean Wilkins continued her short articles about those from the village who lost their lives in the First World War and are listed on the memorial in the church. This month it was Charles Henry Coombes Farr (1882 – 1915) aboard Majestic which was torpedoed on 27th May 1915 with the loss of 49 men.

The Young farmers' quiz raised £1745 for charity.

Peter Hawksley

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May on the Farm

A Life in Cheese: Celebrating Mary Quicke at 70

This month, Mary Quicke celebrates her 70th birthday – a milestone that marks not just a personal achievement but a remarkable life dedicated to farming, cheesemaking, and championing sustainable food systems.

Rachael Kinsella invited Mary to reflect on the highlights of her journey, the changing face of British cheese, and what she's most excited about as she looks ahead –for Quicke's and for the future of food and farming.



Mary and her daughter Jane in the Cathedral of Cheese

You've been involved in so many interesting projects during your career. Could you share some of the highlights?

Co-founding the Maize Growers Association in 1988 when I realised there was no knowledge in the UK about how to feed dairy cows on maize. Providing the impetus to support the foundation of Raw Drinking Milk Producers Association when I realised what a challenge raw drinking milk was to the Food Standards Agency in 2016. Co-founding the Academy of Cheese when I saw what a contribution the Certified Cheese Professional exam was to all parts of the

cheese industry in the US. Gestating, birthing and rearing the Academy of Cheese to where we are now: our first Masters of Cheese imminent, over 6,000 people across 91 countries studying or have studied with the Academy.

Building our business: moving from high-input Holsteins to crossbred cows able to graze almost year-round to produce fabulous milk for cheese. Being part of saving-the-heritage starter cultures (thank you, Barbers, for coming to the rescue). Developing our cheesemaking with the help of the wonderful Val Bines. Developing our mite control machine when we lost the ability to fumigate. Developing our brand, maybe the first on farm brand

How have things changed in the cheese world since your career at Quicke's began?

When I started, traditional clothbound cheddar was a left-behind thing, what people made if they hadn't kept up with the times. Now, there is a whole network of amazing young people fired up with what's possible in artisan cheese, what's possible for climate and biodiversity, with people farming and making cheese that belongs to a place.

What's your proudest moment in cheese so far?

Getting my MBE from the then Prince Charles. The citation was 'contribution to agriculture'. Prince Charles said, 'no, this is for contribution to cheese'. Not quite sure to this day what it was for.

What's next on your agenda?

Supporting my daughter Jane [in any way] she wants me to, to take our business forward. For myself, I'd like to find a way to communicate the importance of an animal step in farming for soil health, and connect people with how their food gets produced so they can make good choices. I'm not sure how to do that and hope I can get some ideas from somewhere if I put it out there.

Which new developments in food and farming do you find most exciting?

The importance of soil health. The Academy of Cheese: education and understanding are the way to have the whole chain work better.

What have you learned from a life in cheese?

Keep learning and developing, honour and respect other people's views and ways of doing things. Have fun, this isn't a dry run.

Bert Jewell writes Rhymes and Ways about Gardens and Gardening

May

The holiday season, just a few weeks away,
A time to unwind, to enjoy each day.
Take a trip to the seaside, a walk on the sand,
Or a trip to the moors in a smart camper van.

Why not a cruise or a journey by rail,
A trip up to Scotland to follow the trail
of the whiskey distillers, the liqueurs are the best,
Pack a bottle in the suitcase to bring down to the
West.

Or you could take a plane to the place you desire,
Then pack all the luggage in the car that you hire,
And take in the sights as you drive to your stay,
Your passengers I'm sure will help find the way.

But hang on a minute, there's a few weeks to go,
Things to be done, the lawn needs a mow,
Plug plants to pot up and baskets to fill,
And look at all those pots on the windowsill.

Friends and relations are the answer I think,
Invite them around for a chat and a drink,
The holiday season is still a few weeks away,
When you can unwind and enjoy each day.

Things to do in the garden

Once I started my own business, summer holidays were a no no . I had a lot of maintenance contracts on amenity areas around large estates in Exeter, Plymouth and around a care home in Torquay, visits where once every two weeks, if I left it for three weeks, it took ages to get everything in tune. So our holidays were either February or early March or late September or October.

We visited the bulb fields in Holland, some lovely gardens in France, but for me the best place was Madeira. "Datura", now named "Brugmansia", could be seen growing wild. They are large shrubs or small trees, the flowers are large

and usually trumpet shaped. "Strelitzia" (the common name is Bird of Paradise and "Agapanthus" also known as African Lily) can also be seen growing in gardens everywhere. We visited the Botanic gardens of Madeira and I was given permission to take some cuttings of a rather nice Fuchsia.

It was always a rush to get things in order before we went away, but our friends could always be relied on to keep the plants watered until we came back. In return, would look after their plants while they were away. We still look after each others' plants during holiday time.

Now let's see what needs doing in the garden.

If you grow veg, May can be a busy month. Seeds you can sow are swede (these can be sown individually in small fibre pots). Once germinated, plant the pot into the soil and water well, this helps to deter flea beetle and it is thought to improve growth.

Beetroot, carrots – try a variety that has some resistance to Carrot fly, or grow some in a container on the patio. Sow autumn cabbage, cauliflower, calabrese and peas. I find it best to grow peas in cells at home. When they are about 1" high, I plant them out in the allotment and keep them watered in dry weather. I always grow "Onward" or Early Onward" as they are quickest to grow and mature.

Towards the end of the month French and Runner beans can be planted out in the ground already prepared. Use tall canes for runner beans either in a straight row or in a wigwam if space is limited. We grow dwarf French Beans, sown a few at a time so they don't all come together. Roundhoe, as my father called it, now referred to as Earthing up Potatoes – this helps protect early varieties from frost and help boost growth.

Plant of the month

"Clematis" "Nelly Moser"

A large, flowered hybrid with pink and mauve striped flowers. It can grow to about 10' high but can be trained along wires or on a trellis. The roots need to be cool and shady as bright sunlight will cause the flowers to fade.

Enjoy your gardening.



Newton St Cyres Gardening Club

So how did this happen? On 6th April I am already writing the article for May. I am sure that time is passing more quickly, but that's probably down to age! After a very dry March and sunny April (so far...) there are lots of jobs to do in the garden and some are listed later. The spring Primroses and Daffodils, shortly followed by Blossom, Bluebells & wild Garlic, will soon see many other plants coming into flower in May. Seeds that were sown, will have thrived (fingers crossed) and first early potatoes can be dug & enjoyed. We saw our first Orange Tip & Comma butterflies today (6th April) too. Only the male has the distinctive bright Orange Tips, while the female is white with black wing tips. Both have mottled green underwings. The Comma has scalloped edges and is orange & brown coloured which helps to camouflage it amongst dead leaves.

The speaker at our March meeting was **Tom Hynes** who gave a fascinating talk on **Devon Hedges**, accompanied by photographs which showed how Devon hedges varied from those in other parts of the country. One member in the audience had previously taken part in a hedge-laying day, when Tom was the instructor.

I was also fortunate to be in Monmouth when **Adam Frost**, of Gardeners' World, was giving a Book Talk at the Savoy Theatre. The format of the evening was a discussion, with Jo Durrant, following the recent publication of his latest book '**For the Love of Plants**'. In this book Adam talks about his design and planting choices in each of the areas within his garden, along with memories from his life and his music selections. In addition, he talked about how gardening helped him through some difficult times following the pandemic, when illness struck members of his family and affected his own mental health. Available from all good booksellers price £22.00

One tree that is always spectacular in May is ***Davidia involucrata***, otherwise known as the Dove Tree, Handkerchief Tree or Ghost Tree. Ideal for a large garden, it is deciduous & slow growing, but can grow to a height of over 12m with a spread of more than 8m. It prefers rich, moist, well-drained soil in full sun or semi-shade and with shelter from strong winds. It has bright green leaves & the name Handkerchief Tree comes from the fact that it produces small flowers held within long white paper thin bracts, which flutter like handkerchiefs. ***Davidia involucrata* Sonoma** is sold as being guaranteed to flower at a much younger age, producing very large bracts, even in 2-4 year old plants. These are followed by green/brown fruits. A rarer variety is '**Lady Sunshine**' which takes much longer to flower & has variegated leaves with wide golden-cream edges.

Sunday 4th May is International **Dawn Chorus Day**, when all across the world people will get up early to enjoy the wonders of birdsong. This grew from a small event in the 1980's in Birmingham, and is now celebrated in over 80 countries. You can join an organised walk, or open your windows & listen in bed! This link www.wildlifetrusts.org/dawn-chorus-day will give a live broadcast on that day

from 5 a.m. and also has recordings of various birdsong, to help you identify the songs that you hear. Recently the University of Oxford published results from their studies of Great Tits in Wytham Woods and their songs. Their aim was “to investigate how the movement, age, and turnover of birds within a population influences the diversity and evolution of their songs – including which songs become locally popular, which fade away, and how varied their song repertoires become” Lead researcher Dr Nilo Merino Recalde, Department of Biology, University of Oxford said “We were excited to find clear evidence that even at small scales—within neighbourhoods rather than whole populations—the movements and life histories of individual birds actively shape the songs they sing”. So, when listening to the ‘squeaky bicycle pump’ song of the Great Tit, there will be regional dialects.



Davidia involucreta Sonoma

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create a bee-friendly garden by planting with a wildflower seed mixes. The RHS sell a specific '**Bee mat**' **seed carpet** which has a mixture of annual, biennial and perennial plants that will encourage bees into your garden and includes Common Knapweed, Greater Knapweed Golden Rod, Chrysanthemum mixes, Borage, Anise Hyssop, Californian Poppy, Verbena, Lady Phacelia and Viper's Buglos. Ideal for getting children interested, you just roll out the mat on a weed-free spot of prepared soil and cover with about 5cm of sharp sand, top soil or compost and water in. The mat will help suppress weeds and encourage the seeds to grow. To get the best results the seed mats can be planted from February to June, and will flower throughout the summer. As well as planting wildflower seeds, you can also attract bees with a bee-friendly insect hotel in a south-facing spot outside where it can get plenty of sun. Bees also need to be kept hydrated and this can easily be done by placing a shallow tray filled with water and lining it with rocks. The rocks act as landing pads for the bees, allowing them to safely access the water, without the risk of drowning.

Jobs for May include:

- Checking for newly hatched larvae of Viburnum and Lily beetles and removing them before they cause plant damage
- If Pulmonaria is looking weather damaged, remove damaged foliage and ensure it is well-watered
- Herbs such as Lemon Balm & Mint should be pinched out to prevent flowering, and make the growth bushier. Parsley can be sown direct into the soil in a sunny south-facing spot, sow sparsely and thin out later to about 6 inches apart to allow plenty of space for growth.
- Plant Main crop potatoes, if you haven't already done so, and continue to earth up earlies
- Planting Ferns can be ideal if you have a shady spot in the garden. They do best in soil containing garden compost or leaf mould and the pots should be soaked well first before planting into a hole, the same depth as the pot.
- Continue to keep seedlings growing strongly by ensuring sufficient light, water & space by 'pricking out'

We have recently cleared around an old wall so I am planning to add alpiners into the crevices. Most Garden Centres have a wide selection of small sized plants which can be planted between the stones without disturbing their roots too much.

If you have any ongoing projects that you are happy to share with readers, please do send them to me n.e.budden@exeter.ac.uk

What's On?

Monday 28th April – 4th May RHS National Gardening Week

“From beginner gardening tips, how-to guides and videos, to a series of easy gardening challenges to help all keen gardeners to develop a lifelong love of gardening” Visit www.rhs.org.uk/get-involved/national-gardening-week/rhs-staff-stories for details of what RHS staff say they wish they had known when they started gardening.

Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd May Toby's Garden Festival at Powderham Castle

<https://tobygardenfest.co.uk/> The last few reduced priced tickets via NSC Garden Club just £13.50 Please contact Nicola on 01392 851985

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th May RHS Rosemoor, Bonsai South West Show

10am – 4pm each day. “Some of the best professional bonsai nursery people and traders will be on hand at the show – two of whom are RHS Gold medal-winners. They have vast amounts of knowledge to help the novice to the experienced. There will also be trees, accessories and tools to buy if you want to start this hobby or extend your collection” Additionally, there will be a stand of suiseki (viewing stones), which express the Japanese art of stone appreciation that values aspects like stability, longevity and immortality”.

Sunday 11th May, Bert & Margaret Jewell are once again opening their garden at **4 Golden Joy Crediton EX17 1EA** for Hospiscare Open Gardens. Admission by Donation. Open from 1400 – 1700. Homemade Teas & Plants available to purchase. Parking on the road nearby. Access limited with assistance. No dogs.

Saturday 17th, Sunday 18th, Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd May Ashridge Court North Tawton EX20 2DH. “The main garden of 6 acres dates from the early 1900s with a walled garden significantly older. Stunning range of mature conifers, and an Arts & Crafts circular garden room featuring Japanese maples. From Ashridge Great Barn there are steps to a woodland walk via tree ferns, newly planted flowering trees and shrubs. Stumpery, walled garden & upper arboretum all in various stages of restoration by the current owners Chris & Carolyn Richards” Admission Adult £6.00 children free. Open 11am – 4pm. Homemade teas in Ashridge Great Barn with a selection of home baked cakes, hot drinks, Devon cream teas & light lunches.

Tuesday 20th – Saturday 24th May Chelsea Flower Show full details on www.rhs.org.uk If you are unable to attend, the BBC cover each day of the event – normally around 15 shows, across BBC One & BBC Two

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NEWTON ST CYRES CHURCH
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Church Community Appeal

Many of you will have seen the changes to the interior of the church, notably the moving of the font to near the South (main entrance) door, and the creation of a larger exhibition space in the North Aisle. Over the coming months, there will be a number of opportunities to experience the alterations.

An exhibition of art from around the world depicting Jesus: Laughing and Loving will run from 16th-18th May. On 12th July the Monteverdi String Band will be in concert (arranged through Music in Country Churches).

These changes are the culmination of the work of the Newton St. Cyres Church Community Association (NSCCCA), which was formed to implement the results of a Community Consultation reported in the *Newton Wonder* in June 2022. The report showed the village's overwhelming support for a sustainable future for the church through its use for cultural activities, exhibitions and as an information centre.

To date, the Association, with the support of numerous volunteers, has run a number of popular music events, Heritage Open Days and other events. The Association has raised around £16,000 in event income, donations and grants. Of this £7,000 has been spent on architects' plans to provide the enhanced facilities identified as being necessary to ensure the future viability of the church as a community space and to obtain permission from the Diocesan authorities for the alterations. A further £6,500 has been spent on preliminary work to move the font and create the exhibition space.

The church is a Grade I listed building of great architectural heritage and, to ensure its survival as a community asset, it needs to be used by the community. The servery and improved toilet facilities will make the church a much more attractive place for community events, exhibitions and concerts, creating a complementary community space to the Parish Hall and Recreation Club.

In order to carry out this next piece of work, we need to raise £60,000 from donors and capital grants. Our intention is to apply for a National Churches Trust grant, which will require match funding of £30,000 from private donations.

Donations will be made directly to the Church Property Account, which has full charitable status. This means the donations can qualify for Gift Aid, which adds 25% to the value of the donation and enables higher-rate taxpayers to claim tax relief. Every contribution helps us get closer to the target, and all contributions are gratefully received!

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Tom Landgdon-Davies



Newton St Cyres Open Gardens 2025
Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th June

Would you like to open your garden and play a vital part in our village “Britain in Bloom” entry?

The theme is **“Our Garden Haven”** from feeding the birds to planting for pollinators, we invite you to enter your garden into Newton St Cyres Open Gardens. Whether your plot is large or small, traditional or wilderness, you will help create a buzz by sharing ideas, inspiring others and celebrating the ways we welcome nature.

To find out more about how to take part contact Gill and Emma from Newton Environmental Wellbeing Group on: newnewgroup@protonmail.com by the 30th April.

We look forward to hearing from you!

NEWTON WEATHER

This month we review January, February, and March 2025 weather.

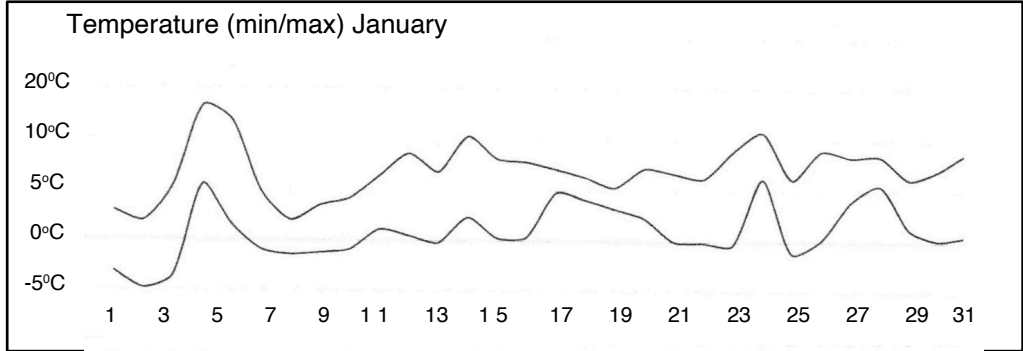
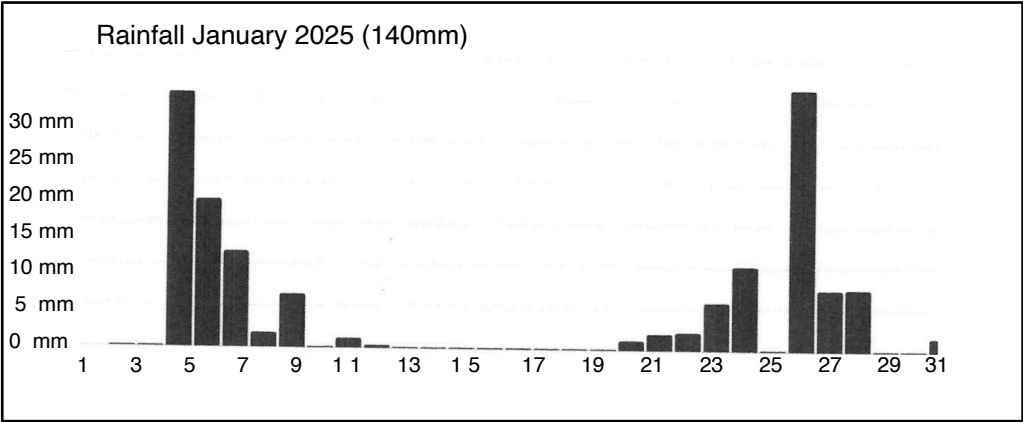
During this period the highest MONTHLY temperatures were 13.3 on 5th January, 14.3 on 20th February, 17.4 on 20th March.

The lowest MONTHLY temperatures were minus 4.8 on 3rd January, minus 2.2 on 6th February, minus 3.7 on 4th March.

The wettest MONTHLY days were 26th January at 31.5mm, 23rd & 26th February at 11.5mm, 21st March at 3.2 mm.

The sunniest MONTHLY days were 30th January 12.15 kWh, 28th February at 15.18 kWh, 31st March at 20.7kWh.

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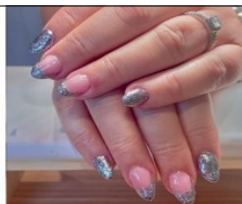
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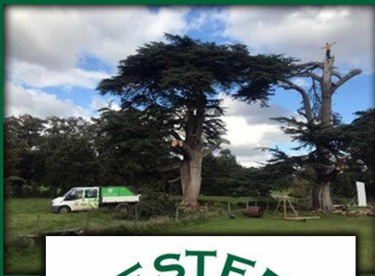
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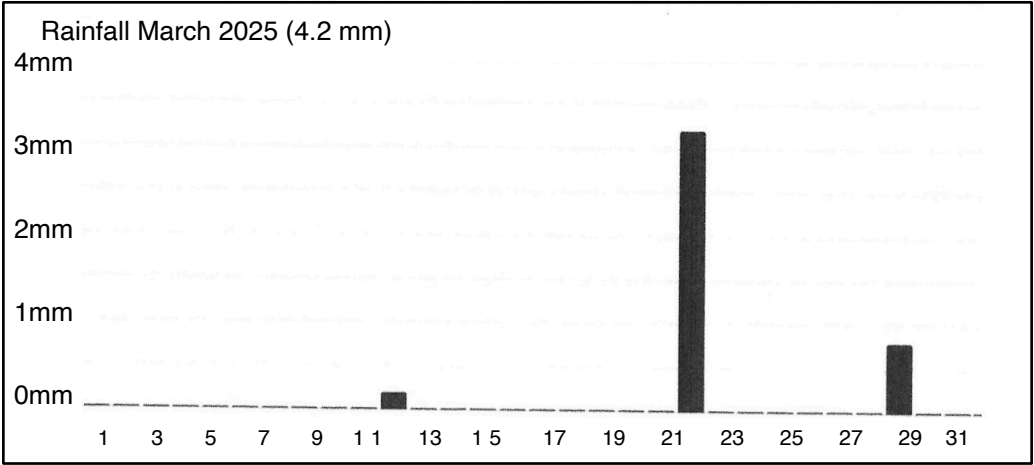
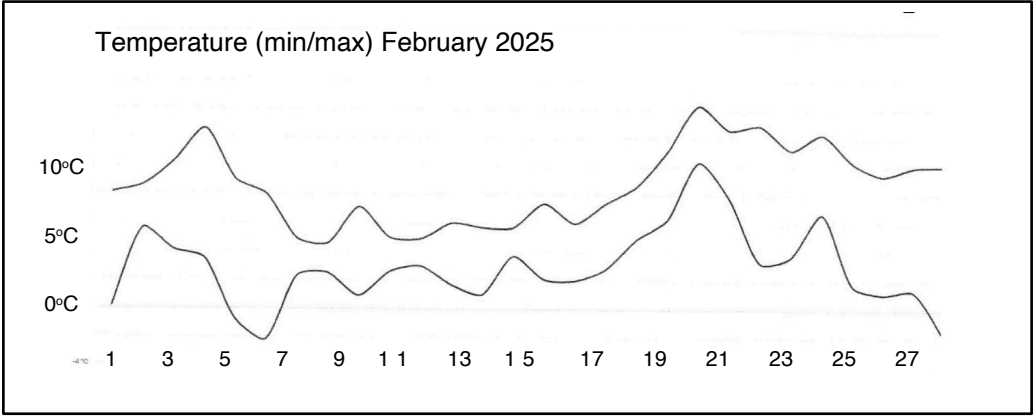
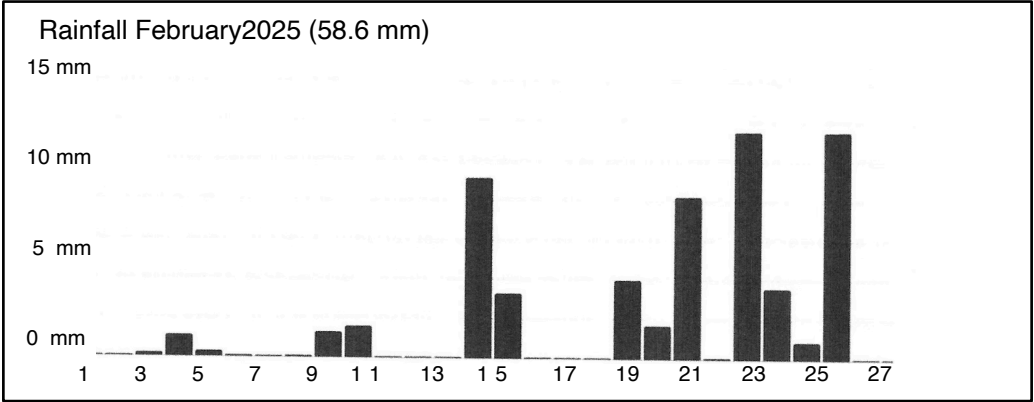
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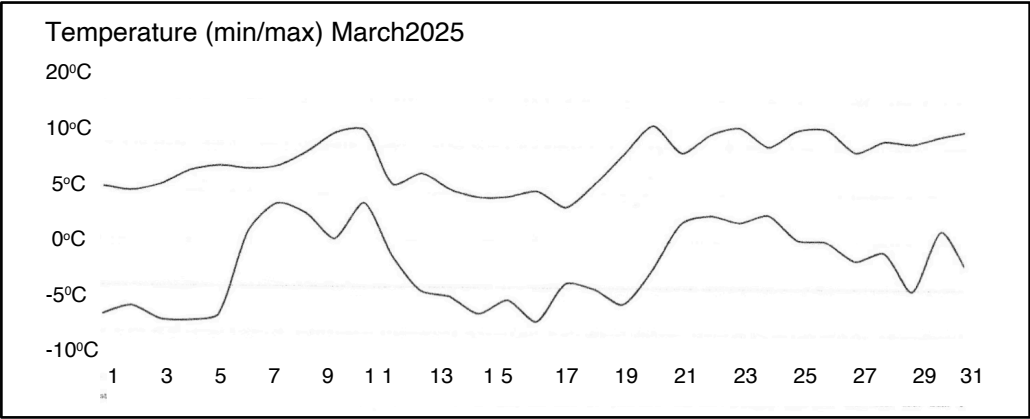
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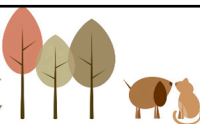
Rainfall mm.	2024	2025
January	58	140
February	146	59
March	148	4.2
Total for Quarter	352	203

Rob Crane

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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)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- **Newton St Cyres & the A377 (£5)**

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

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

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

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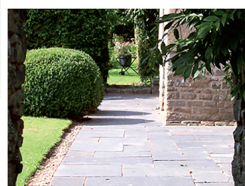
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Our last Advice Column focussed on getting help from the Local Authority with council tax and they may also be able to help with energy, water bills, food or other essentials through their Household Support Fund (welfare assistance). If you have children and are on a low income or claiming certain benefits, you may qualify for free school meals, transport to school or help with the cost of uniform. It is always worth shopping around for cheaper deals on broadband, energy or considering having a water meter installed. It’s a case of trying to increase income and/or reduce outgoings.

Here at CA TNMWD, we have specially trained energy advisers who can talk to you about ways of reducing energy costs and we can provide energy vouchers to those who qualify.

When things are tight, having a budget is even more important. [Tools and calculators](https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/tools-and-calculators) | [MoneyHelper](https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/tools-and-calculators) (<https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/tools-and-calculators>) has some helpful guidance and [Debt and money - Citizens Advice](https://citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/) (<https://citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/>) also has lots of useful links and information.

When budgeting, ‘priority’ debts i.e. rent/mortgage, Council Tax and energy bills have to come first as missing these payments can have the most serious consequences. Then review debts such as credit cards or payday loans. We have specially trained debt advisers who can help people manage debt and we are regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. It is important, however, if you start to fall behind on payments, to contact the organisation or company involved as soon as you can to try and see if you can come to some kind of arrangement.

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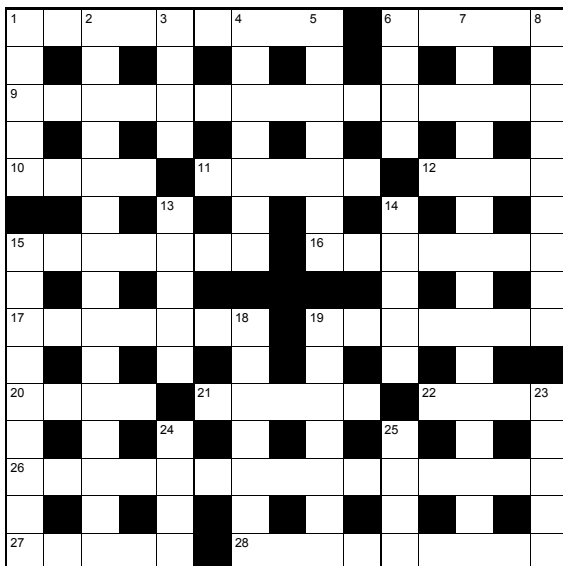
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Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Unexplored, like a house with no water pipes? (9)
- 6 Little woman involved in racket in French city (5)
- 9 There's profiting possibly made from ballet (3,4,2,6)
- 10 Some require a system that's simple (4)
- 11 Growth's rejected as fodder (5)
- 12 Money is posted we hear (4)
- 15 Foul-mouthed professional meets supporter at end of game (7)
- 16 Count who was fond of claret (7)
- 17 Punished again and purified? (7)
- 19 Son advances slowly and writes badly (7)
- 20 Business is steady (4)
- 21 She's first to laugh at garment (5)
- 22 I'm backing set of books to make money (4)
- 26 Fifty million more can rebuild Washington monument (7,8)
- 27 Trevor endlessly misbehaves in public (5)
- 28 Elderly theatre director? He's an experienced performer (3,6)

DOWN

- 1 3 Down possibly accepts one for free (5)
- 2 Squash served with pear for media event (5,10)
- 3 One piece of equipment (4)
- 4 Inspire gutless brute to take heart perhaps (7)
- 5 First to declare Freud a terrible cheat (7)
- 6 Hoax victim is awaited outside front of palace (4)
- 7 Script in which characters are not seen individually (6-2,7)
- 8 Late drinks for the birds? (9)
- 13 Jack takes family member on trip (5)
- 14 Arabs fighting in Iraq (5)
- 15 Responsibility of minister or of pilot possibly (9)
- 18 One that's spotted entertaining grand opera singer (7)
- 19 Take the place of another and prosper (7)
- 23 Workman needs hat, right? (5)
- 24 Show of disapproval hurt ultimately, but you put your foot in it! (4)
- 25 Fit for boxing match (4)

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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 April 2025 Cryptic Crossword

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
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The Parish Church of St Cyr and St Julitta



And the guns fell silent across Europe...

3pm May 8th 1945. A day of joy and jubilation; a day that many thought would never come. After six long years; after many millions of children, women and men had been killed, after many millions of children, women and men had been scarred forever – in

body, mind and soul - at last a glimmer of hope, a last a sense of prayers answered, that all the pain and suffering, all the devastation and deprivation, all the separation and loss might be coming to an end.

At 3pm on 8th May 1945, Nazi Germany surrendered. The war in Europe had finally ended. And a time of peace, of relief, of celebration could begin. Dancing in the streets, stolen kisses and lifelong friendships forged. It was an unforgettable moment – a moment that many across our parishes remember well. While they themselves may not have fought, their parents or other family members had, and they themselves had been caught up in the pain and terror that war brings to all. Day after day, long year after long year they had watched and waited, they had tried to live a life ordinary. They had hoped and prayed for an end. And now, finally, that wonderful day had dawned. A deep, deep sense of relief, of freedom, coursed throughout this land, and through the many, many countries caught up in the horror of war.

And so, May 8th 1945, a time of understandable joy and celebration, of impromptu street parties, of singing and dancing, of gramophones and radios blasting out the iconic songs that defined the times: Vera Lynn and *The White Cliffs of Dover*, Glenn Miller's *In the Mood*; tears of laughter flowed down the faces – though for many, too many, there would also be tears of sadness, at the knowledge that there were too many loved ones who would not be around to feel that joy and peace. And a realisation, too, that while the fighting in Europe had ended, still there were many millions of people were caught up in the violence of war in the Far East, and it would be another 100 days before finally the total surrender of all the Axis forces happened.

But for that moment, for so many people, it was a moment of unbridled joy and celebration.

Across our parishes on 8th May this year, there will be a chance to be a part of events to mark the 80th anniversary on VE Day, to perhaps have a chance to experience a little of the joy and excitement of that moment 80 years ago. Tea parties and picnics, exhibitions and ceremonies – do look out for the notices in the magazine.

And at 6.30pm on that day there will be service of remembering at Thorverton Parish Church, as we join in with rest of the country in marking that day of endings. A chance to give thanks for an end to one significant phase of that war, and to remember all those who did not come home. And please listen out for the bells across the country as the day is commemorated in a co-ordinated peal.

In other news...

Newton St Cyres Church is hosting a **free** art exhibition – ***Jesus: Laughing and Loving*** – 16th-18th May, 11am-4pm across the Friday, Saturday and Sunday. A chance to see a reproduction of international art capturing the joyful, playful, loving aspect of Jesus. Refreshments will be available. Please contact me for more details or see the advert in this magazine. The exhibition ends with a service at 5.00pm on the Sunday, as I am installed as the Rector of the benefice. A formal change in title, but no change in being able to be a small part of such a wonderful group of people and parishes.

All blessings

Tim

Revd Tim Collins, Priest-in-Charge, Netherexe Mission Community



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Newton St Cyres parish church, 16th-18th May 2025

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11:15 am	Service	Cadbury
05:00 pm	Communion	Stoke Canon

Wednesday 7 May

09:30 am	Mid-week Holy Communion	Thorverton [Exe Valley Farm Shop]
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Thursday 8 May [VE Day]

06:30 pm	VE Day Service	Thorverton
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Sunday 11 May

09:30 am	Communion	Thorverton
10:30 am	Communion	Upton Pyne
11:15 am	Café Church	Rewe

Tuesday 13 May

09:30 am	Chattertots	Thorverton
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Sunday 18 May

09:30 am	Communion	Brampford Speke
09:30 am	Bubble Church	Thorverton
10:00 am	Family Service	Stoke Canon
11:15 am	Communion	Cadbury
05:00 pm	Rev'd Tim Collins Installation Service	Newton St Cyres

Sunday 25 May

09:30 am	Communion	Newton St Cyres
09:30 am	Choral Morning Prayer	Thorverton
10:00 am	Coffee & Chat	Stoke Canon
11:15 am	Communion	Rewe

Thursday 29 May [Ascension Day]

06:00 pm	Communion	Rewe
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Every Tuesday at 6:00pm we gather for prayer in Rewe Church

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You need a midweek time of worship and reflection.

We are holding an

Informal Service

All are welcome

7th May

for anyone who would like to come along.



If people wish to
stay a little longer, we can enjoy
breakfast together afterwards.





The Adonai

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

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TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

From 12.00 - 2.00PM

The Adonai Community Kitchen is open to all residents of Newton St Cyres and the wider community

Last orders at 1.30pm

DONATIONS WELCOME

OUR FOOD IS SPONSORED BY LOCAL BUSINESSES. IT'S PREPARED ON THE DAY. OUR MENU DEPENDS ON THE GOODS WE RECEIVE

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A DEDICATED TEAM IS READY TO OFFER A WARM WELCOME TO ALL AND FACILITATE YOUR TIME WITH US. COME AND JOIN US

Our Vision and Goals

To provide hot freshly cooked healthy meals to our community.

To empower those who wish to learn how to prepare healthy meals



DELIVERY WITHIN THE VILLAGE - IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COME WHY NOT EMAIL US AND WE WILL TAKE YOUR MEAL TO YOU (1.00 - 2.00) Or you can collect it from the Parish Hall from 12.30 - 2.00pm

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

Coffee and Chat

Join us in
Newton Church

on

May 4th 2025 at 10.30 am

For refreshments

And get together to discuss ...
whatever subject comes up!

ST CYRES COFFEE MORNING



Come and join us on May 10th
Newton Parish Hall
10.30-12

Stalls and Raffle

In aid of Church

WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGE

Priest-in-Charge	Rev. Tim Collins	
Church Wardens	Sue Browne, 1 Glebelands, Sand Down Lane	01392 851460
PCC Hon Secretary	Pita Burt pitaburt@gmail.com	01392 851410
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Community Police	PCSO Nicola Payne, Police Station, Crediton Nicola.payne@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk	Dial 101
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History Group	Jean Wilkins	01392 851337
Table Tennis	Roger Wilkins	01392 851337
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For help, further information or to submit a report please go to the Parish Council website or contact the NSC Parish Council Co-ordinator, Monika Herpoldt-Bright
monikaherpoldt-bright@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk, 07834 76447

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Bookings Secretary, Peter Watts: peterwatts369@btinternet.com: 01392 851369

A WEEK IN THE PARISH HALL

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

Nigel Chambers, 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 (monthly)	History Group	7.30 pm	Jean Wilkins	01392 851337	jeanwilkins1@btinternet.com
Thursday (weekly)	Pilates (from 18th Jan)	11.00 am	Becky	07392 480974.	ivegotyourbackuk@gmail.com
Thursday (Twice per month)	Mah Jong	2.00 pm	Geoff Jackson	01392 851551	megalops@btinternet.com
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Thursday (weekly)	Table tennis	7.00 pm	Roger Wilkins	01392 851337	rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com
Thursday (monthly)	Parish Council	7.00 pm	Jane Hole	01392 851148	parishclerk@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk
Friday (some weeks)	Art class	10.30 am	Sue Rose	01363 772284	suerose9@hotmail.com
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