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Tuesdays	LINE DANCING	7.15 - 10.00pm	Paula Benford Tel. 01392 210830
Tuesdays (Fortnightly)	YOUNG FARMERS CLUB	8.00 - 10.00pm	Rob Davie - Sec. 07801597703 Georgina Davie - Chair. 07801273424
Wednesdays	PARENT & TODDLER GROUP	9.30 - 11.30AM	Emily Ricard Tel. 01392 851899
Last Wednesday of Month	ART GROUP	6.45 - 10.00pm	in the Club Room
1st Wednesday of Month (Quarterly)	GARDENING CLUB	7.30 - 9.30pm	Jane Timlett Tel. 01392 851361
3rd Wednesday of Month	HISTORY GROUP	7.30 - 9.30pm	Jean Wilkins Tel. 01392 851337
Thursdays	BALLROOM AND LATIN DANCING	7.00 - 9.30pm	Wendy Richards Tel. 07949 141800
1st Thursday of Month	PARISH COUNCIL	7.30 - 9.30pm	All are welcome
Last Thursday of Month	MAH JONG CLUB	2.00 - 5.00pm	Geoff Jackson Tel. 01392 851551
Fridays	MARTIAL ARTS	6.00 - 7.00pm	
	TABLE TENNIS	7.15 - 9.45pm	Just turn up £2 per session (£1 Children)
1st Saturday of Month (usually)	COFFEE MORNING	10.30 - 12.00 noon	Run by the Church and other village Groups/Organisations

From the Village Diary @ newtonwonder.net

November 2018

Sat 3rd	Church	Coffee Morning	10.30am	ParishHall
Wed 7th	Garden Club	Alan French on 'Autumn into Winter'	7.30pm	Parish Hall
Wed 14th	History Group	The Royal Clarence-Before & After, an update	7.30pm	Parish Hall
Fri 16th	Quickes	Cheese tasting	5.30pm	Farm Shop
Sat 17th	Church	Christmas Fayre	2.30pm	Parish Hall

December 2018

Sat 1st	Garden Club	Coffee Morning	10.30am	Parish Hall
	Parish Hall Ctte	Musical evening with CODS	7.30pm	Parish Hall
Sat 8th	Art Group	Coffee Morning	10.30am	Parish hall
Wed 12th	History Group	Christmas Meeting	7.30pm	Parish Hall

For further information and more recent entries and previous entries please go to the website: www.newtonwonder.net.

Cover Picture

This month's cover picture is Autumn in the editor's garden. The bark on this tree is always peeling and colourful in the sunshine.

Autumn is now nearly over yet we have not yet suffered any cold and blustery weather. Very little rain has fallen in October or November. Sadly the only wet and miserable weekend was that of the Bikers' Rally at the end of September. The club could have done with a better turnout to raise funds for the next year. Without the fireworks their income will be much reduced.

In this issue of the Newton Wonder we are reporting a good deal of preparation for the coming festive season. The Church is holding its Christmas Fayre on Saturday 17th November. On Saturday December 1st the Gardening club is holding its Christmas Coffee Morning and in the evening the Village Hall Committee is hosting an evening of music with Crediton Operatic and Dramatic Society. The Art Group are holding a Coffee Morning on 8th December and the History Group's Christmas meeting is on Wednesday 12th.

Orchard View

It is good to see that the new houses in Kingfisher Close are now being occupied. We would like to welcome our new neighbours and hope that they are happy and soon become part of our community. It is to be hoped that our new friends will want to participate and indeed increase the community provision in the village.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT OCTOBER

One member of the public joined the nine Councillors for the meeting on Thursday 4th October. Apologies had been received from Cllr Peter Hare-Scott (MDDC) and Cllr Margaret Squires (DCC).

The Chairman, Cllr Jim Enright, opened the meeting by detailing the contents of a Police Seminar he had attended on Drug use etc. The Chairman urged all Councillors to be alert to any changes they may see in young people in their care as drug dealers were infiltrating local areas through Facebook etc. and through personal contact. The signs to look out for include young people with more money to spend than they would normally have and acting in an unusual manner. Any suspicious actions should be reported to someone in a supervisory role.

MDDC matters.

The Council agreed to support Shobrooke Parish Council in their bid for funding from the S106 “general pot” for a new playground fence in their parish and to support their application from TAP funding for a new grit bin at Shute Cross. It was also agreed that Newton St Cyres should apply for the remainder of the S106 funding and the Arboretum may be an ideal location for the extra funding.

Cllrs responsibilities - reports

A meeting of the allotment holders had taken place. The problem of the rabbits had been discussed and the allotment holders were in favour of ferreting to keep the rabbits under control. The allotment holders were keen to recruit new people to the allotments and agreed to produce an introductory leaflet for distribution in the Village Welcome Pack.

Cllr Steve Parker had obtained funding for a new and larger strimmer for his work on the parish footpaths.

The ‘Best Kept Village’ sign on the village green had been damaged and Cllr Parker agreed to relocate and repair the sign as it is in the way of the grass mower where it is presently situated.

The Council agreed to apply for Change of Use for the land purchased to be used for the new cemetery.

The sheds housing the equipment for the Resilience Group had been checked and were all in order and a meeting of the group would be arranged.

The work on shoring up Shuttern Brook had been completed.

Cllrs were requested to let the Press Officer have any articles they wished to be added to the Winter Newsletter by the November Parish Council meeting.

Cllrs to attend the Parish Surgery at the Coffee Mornings were agreed as: November - Cllr Jim Enright; December - Cllrs D & J Baker.

Policies

It was agreed to update the present Press Policy and to formulate a policy for the use of Social Media to bring these policies in line with present trends and usage of social media.

Report from Devon Association of Parish Councils (DALC)

Cllrs Jim Enright and David Baker reported on an interesting DALC conference they had attended where DCC Highways had discussed the Road Warden Scheme and where insurance implications for this scheme were likely to occur. Rural Mental Health had been a subject for discussion and it was agreed that this could be raised at the forthcoming Raddon Hills meeting of local parishes to check where Parish Councils could fit into any scheme of help and assistance in this field.

Highways matters

The list of issues was still as long as ever and it was agreed that a list of the issues that had been on the list for a long time should be compiled and sent to DCC at the highest level requesting action.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 1st November at 7.30 pm in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall. Members of the public are always welcome to attend with queries or issues they wish to raise.

The next Parish Surgery will be held on Saturday 3rd November in conjunction with the Church Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall. Please feel free to come along and meet the Councillor on duty there.

Jill Baker, Press Officer

Parish Council grants

Where possible, the Parish Council wishes to support local groups and organisations who work within the parish/community to develop or enhance facilities available, or who contribute to the well-being of parishioners. Under the Council's grant policy small grants (under £1,000) can be applied for by non-profit making or charitable organisations. The deadline for application is 15 November. Please contact the Clerk at parishclerk@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk for further information or visit the Parish Council website at: parish.middevon.gov.uk/newtonstcyres/parish-council-policies/

Jane Hole Parish Clerk

NEWTON ST CYRES GARDENING CLUB

A reminder that our next meeting is on Wednesday 7th November at 7.30pm, in the Parish Hall, when Alan French will speak on the topic 'Autumn into Winter'. There is no joining membership, just a small charge of £2.00 at each meeting, for the hire of the Hall, fees for the guest speaker and tea/coffee and biscuits. All are welcome, so please come along and join our friendly group.

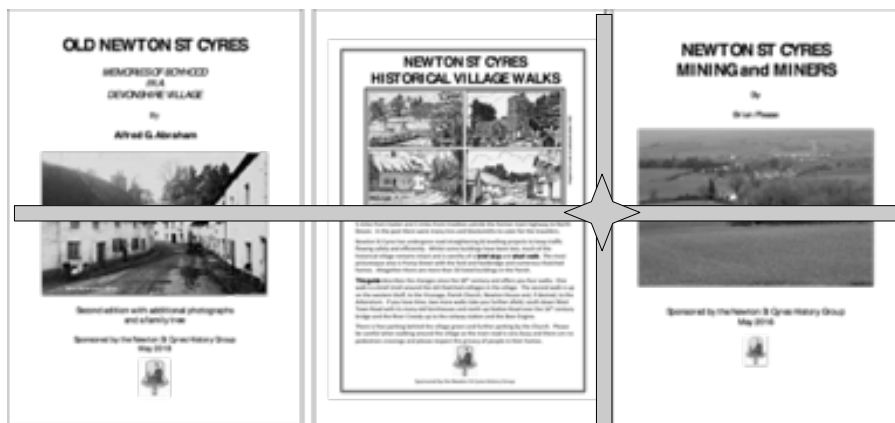


We will also be holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 1st December. This will be held in the Parish Hall running from 10.30am to midday, and there will be stalls including a raffle and bric-a-brac. It would be lovely to see as many as possible at this coffee morning; and with Christmas fast approaching!!

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RECREATION GROUND CLUB

I have to take this opportunity to confirm my message last month. Due to complications with obtaining adequate insurance we are unable to have our Firework Evening this year. We are investigating a system of remote firing to enable the Firework Evening to be restored next year, so fingers crossed for this.

The Motor Bike rally weekend was a great success even though the weather did its best to put a dampener on it. Those who did attend had a good time and we have already got a date for them to come back next year and we hope the weather is kinder then,. We were very grateful for the extra bar helpers over the whole weekend and thanks are also extended to Will at the Beer Engine for brewing a special ale for the weekend, which proved very popular.

November is the usual mix of Skittles, both League and Cup games. Darts both Ladies and Mens games, and of course the Football Cup and League games for both the Seniors and Mens teams.

We were saddened when we received notification from the Cricket team that they will not be playing at the Rec anymore, we will still have the teams that play on the artificial wicket, so there will be Cricket at least three evening a week.

The Football Club are having a Social evening in November and we were pleased to host two evenings for the Twinning group, a Quiz night and their Annual General Meeting in October.

December starts with our next Meeting on Sunday 2nd . all are welcome to attend and air their views and opinions or offer help when and where they can.

Wendy Lewis

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

With the clocks going back and colder, darker evenings, we are all very pleased with our new refurbished and extended clubhouse. People can now sit in the warm, dry viewing area and watch play going on, whereas it used to be impossible to see the courts from inside the clubhouse. It is also a nice space for committee meetings and after match teas, and having a separate changing area is great when people arrive straight from work or other appointments and don't want to change in their car!



Our junior sessions on Wednesday evenings are well attended, but there are still places available if anyone would like to join. Please contact Alice Dowle our Junior Coaching coordinator, (alice2dowle@aol.com) or our Membership Secretary Laura Leigh on 0164724259 for any other questions. Other information about the club is available on our website: www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk

Sally Baldwin

Newton St Cyres FC

In the last report I talked about how the team might be judged against last season's performance at this stage. Having started so well previously, they dropped off the pace around October and struggled to regain form.



Off the back of a good cup victory in the last report, we travelled to a wet and windy Duckes Marsh to face a strong Uni side. We hit the ground running and got ahead by two goals before the Uni pulled one back just before half time, we opened up a two goal lead again shortly after half time but Uni again pegged us back. We score a fourth and with about 15 to go felt that was enough but Uni again netted to keep the difference at one goal but fortunately we were able to hold them off and record the 4-3 win.

In the following match we faced the reverse fixture at home to the Uni. Uni were much changed and we struggled to contain them on a bigger and better surface going down to a single goal. It was from this point that our cup run completely came off the rails. Firstly going down to Black Swan in the division below us 2-1 following a serious injury to our keeper which will keep them out for at least 8 weeks.

We then travelled to Beesands Rovers from the South Devon league and were stuffed 5 nil. We were 2-0 down at half time but couldn't contain the oppositions experienced forwards who continually got in behind our defence to cause problems.

At this point we were fearing the worse and wondering how we were going to pull ourselves out of this rapid decline. however, the next fixture against league leaders East Budleigh proved to be the answer. Budleigh were strong and direct from the outset and went ahead before we pulled one back before the first half break. Budleigh notched again early in the second half but we again levelled with 20 minutes to go. We then struck to take the lead for the first time with 10 to go and held out to get a moral boosting win.

The Under 12s have completed four games since our last report and they have continued to build on their two wins. First was a 6-1 win away at Heavitree followed by a 4-2 win versus Perry Street at home. The next was a close 4-3 loss against Cullompton and a 2 nil loss to Copplestone. The team are currently sitting 5th in the league with 3 wins and will hopefully be climbing the table further over the coming months.

Training for the seniors moves to West Exe Astro turf from Tuesday 6th November 7-9pm. Junior training is split between QE for the U9's on Wednesday's and St James School in Exeter for the U11s and U12s. For further information about youth training please contact Denis Neagle 07976 197944 / denislfc1892@gmail.com.

Mark Smaldon

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NEWTON RAMBLERS

Sunday 18th November

This month we plan a circular walk of about 4 miles starting from the Nobody Inn at Doddiscombsleigh. The walk is along country lanes, a bridleway, across farm land and on a public footpath through woods. Although hilly in places it is not too demanding.

The Nobody Inn has a good reputation for food and so if you plan to stay for lunch please let us know beforehand.

We will meet in the Newton St Cyres parish hall car park at 9.30 am so that we can share transport.

All are welcome. Any queries to Rosemary or Nigel Chambers on 01392 851400.



Please note that anyone joining this walk obviously does so at their own risk.

A377 Action Group

The A377 dominates the Parish causing safety problems, noise and pollution. It is often difficult and dangerous to walk alongside or across the road.

Speeding continues to be a major issue.

The volume of traffic through the Parish continues to increase significantly as hundreds of new homes in towns and villages further up the A377 come on stream

The road is beginning to divide our communities.

Devon County Council is starting to take these issues seriously and senior officers have recently said they will look at the possibility of average speed cameras, road crossings, footpaths and so on. However there are always 101 other priorities for them to consider. I'm concerned that nothing will happen unless people who live in the Parish come together to apply pressure for action.

Is anyone else, living in the Parish of Newton St Cyres, interested in joining me in forming a local pressure group to ensure these concerns translate into action?

If so please let me have your contact information. An email address will do.

Graeme Barnell
West Town
Newton St Cyres
graeme.barnell@btinternet.com

David and Jill Baker

After spending very many years in Newton St Cyres David and Jill have now moved away to be nearer to family in North Devon.

They do however continue to be very involved in the Parish Council until they step down in April next year.

To thank David and Jill for all the great effort they have both put in to make Newton St Cyres a better place to live, we are intending to present them with a card and a gift at the Coffee Morning being held at the Parish Hall on Saturday 1st December 2018.

Please make a note of the date in your diary and come along and say your goodbyes.

Meanwhile, their Leaving Card is doing the rounds, but will be found in the Post Office throughout November for you to sign.

Should any other Groups wish to provide David and Jill with a thank-you gift you may of course bring it along to present on the morning.

Saturday 1st December, 10.30am till 12 noon, Parish Hall, Gardening Club Coffee Morning and Market, presentation at 11am.

Jim Enright

Do You Remember?.....November

November 1978

Newton St Cyres was among forty parishes represented at a meeting at Rackenford to protest about the North Devon link road. Although protests will continue there is a feeling that the County Council will ignore all complaints and carry on with the link road.

The Parish Council announced that the school footpath was now in use and was much appreciated by both parents and school children.

Double white lines have been extended from Fine Oak cottage to Ford Farm.

November 1988

The Parish Council commented on the speed of traffic in West Town Road and Pump Street, where a timber lorry caused damage to a house and banks.

The football club report a promising start to the season with the first team heading the premier division.

The Young Farmers held their annual dinner dance at the Imperial Hotel Exeter.

Many people thanked the Parish Council for organising the skip in the car park.

November 1998

The Cancer Research Campaign is advertising a talk and slide show to be given by John Durrant about Exeter and the surrounding area. Many of the photos have been taken from the air, giving a different view of familiar areas.

Newton St Cyres railway station was entered in the 1998 Best Kept Gardens competition and achieved 2nd place.

Peter and Jill and their customers at the Beer Engine raised £300 for the CREDITON Multiple Sclerosis Group.

Repairs to the parish hall have been completed with a grant of £5,000 given by the National Lotteries Board.

November 2008

A consultation evening and launch of the Parish Plan will be on Tuesday 11th November.

David Vallance has been nominated by Devon County Cricket Board for a lifetime achiever award and was invited to Lords Cricket Ground to attend the awards luncheon.

A provisional date for the next Revels was set for Sunday 18th July 2009.

The Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 15th November in the Parish Hall.



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Rhymes and Ways for November

Unlike March that comes in like a lamb,
November comes in with a whizz and a wham,
As rockets race to light up the sky:
while Lassie hides and wonders why.

There's so much noise; what's it all about:
as the children laugh and scream and shout,
then one final whoosh, there's a heartfelt cheer
for the organisers and the tent selling beer.

The hot dog stand has also done well;
Helping the charity coffers to swell,
then we make our way home, it's moonlit and clear
I have a feeling Jack Frost maybe near.

He'll turn water to stone and paint the lawn white,
you'll wake in the morning to a magical sight:
with cobwebs on bushes, frozen in time,
stiff is the washing left out on the line.

As the sun slowly rises and the frost slips away,
everything will look as it did yesterday:
except for the plants that dislike the cold,
like dahlias that once held blooms so bold.

So lift out the tubers and gently wash,
discard the ones that your fingers can squash,
then dry and pack them and put them to bed:
somewhere frost free, like a garage or shed.

And during this time when it's cold and dark,
spare a thought for the birds in our
gardens and park.
Put out some food and water for drinks:
then put up your feet and have forty
winks.



Ways to grow Hellebore

Most of the hellebore that we grow in private gardens are deciduous but keep their leaves throughout the winter. These leaves are best cut off in early spring as the flower buds develop. You can then enjoy the flowers before the new leaves grow later in the spring.

The Hellebore prefers to grow in semi shade and well drained soil, so if you have heavy soil, add grit at planting time.

The earliest to flower is *Helleborus Niger* (Christmas Rose). Its white flowers appear in late winter / early spring.

Helleborus Foetidus is unusual in that it has deeply divided dark green leaves and cup shaped pale green flowers, sometimes with red markings. The common name for this plant is stinking hellebore.

All Hellebore set seed but unfortunately do not come true to the parent plant, but it's worth planting up any seedlings that have germinated: who knows, you may have a new variety worth keeping.

A plant for November

"Skimmia"

A small evergreen shrub, that is perfect for winter interest. The best variety for large bunches of red berries is "Skimmia Japonica Foremanii". This is a female variety: so you will also need a male close by for pollination. Good male varieties are "Rubella" or "Fragrans".

If you only have room for one plant, there are self pollinating varieties available, also varieties with white berries.

The bushes are compact and can grow to about 3ft high. They will also benefit from the occasional ericaceous feed as they prefer lime free soil.

Enjoy your gardening

Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The October draw took place at the coffee morning in the Parish Hall on 6th October 2018 and the winners are:

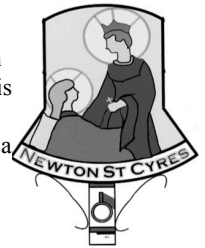
No 26	Mr & Mrs Harding	£100
No 82	Pam Mitchell	£10
No 23	L & G Bewick	£10
No 43	Michael Ashdown	£10
No 86	Mr D Bright	£10

Congratulations all – Still spare numbers if anyone would like one – please phone me.

Daphne 01392 851639

NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP

“The Quest for the 3 Hares - from Newton St Cyres to China” was the intriguing title of the first History Group meeting after the summer break, which was held in the church on September 19th. Dr Tom Greeves came to speak on this subject, which he has been researching since the 1980s. Together with the photographer Chris Chapman and art historian Sue Andrew, he has co-authored a book on the subject as well as travelling in search of the history of the motif of the three hares.



The reason for his talk is the existence in the church here of a roof boss, carved in wood, with the Three Hares. The boss is in the middle of the north aisle, and not easy to see, but Clive Lawrence had kindly set up lighting which illuminated the boss and made it visible. The north aisle is a C15th addition to the church, which gives some indication of the date of the boss, and there are 17 churches in Devon which have similar bosses.

The motif is unmistakable and varies very little – three hares follow each other in profile around in circle, each with its four legs, but each with only one ear. The three ears depicted form a triangular shape in the centre of the pattern, but each hare appears to have both ears shown.

Perhaps because of a concentration of these churches on Dartmoor, and also because writers on the history of Dartmoor have stated so, there has been a belief that the symbol is associated with the tanners, and it is often referred to as ‘The Tinner’s Rabbits’. Dr Greeves had studied the tanning industry and came to doubt this connection. His researches into the real source of the image led him from Dartmoor, across Europe and Asia to the Mogao Caves at Dunhuang in China, on the Silk Road.

But first Dr Greeves began by showing us photos of the various medieval examples of the Three Hares bosses in Devon churches. He also explained the fact that although there is an example at Cotehele in Cornwall, and one each in Dorset and Somerset, they are largely a Devon phenomenon. Medieval examples in the rest of Britain are also rare, three in Wales, one in Selby Abbey, a floor tile in Chester, a ceramic tile also in Long Crendon, Bucks, and a stained glass one in Long Melford. There are further examples in Europe, in France, Switzerland and Northern Italy, but not roof bosses. These ones are all stone carvings and there is a strong cluster in Eastern France. We were shown photos of these and heard how the three researchers (Dr Greeves, Chris Chapman and Dr Sue Andrew) had tracked them down to record, examine and photograph them. An early example is at Kloster Haina, a Cistercian monastery in Germany, where the Drei Hasen (Three Hares) bell was cast in 1224 and has survived the turmoil of the centuries since then. The motif is cast on the side of the bell. This pushes the date back, but an even earlier example, also in Germany, is at the Cathedral of St Peter at Trier. Here is the reliquary box of St Lazarus, dated to around 1200, and made in southern Russia by Persian craftsmen who had been moved there by the Mongols. A tiny infill detail shows the unmistakable Three Hares motif.

This leads the quest for the origins of the motif to the Silk Roads, which led from Beijing, westwards across China and the mountains and deserts of Central Asia, to the Mediterranean. The town of Dunhuang is on the edge of the Gobi desert, and the Mogao Caves are beautifully painted with Buddhist frescoes. Seventeen of the nearly 500 caves have the Three Hares in the centre of the ceiling paintings, and are dated between 600 and 900 AD. These are the earliest known examples.

Later in date are C13th and C14th century hares found along the Silk Roads, at Ladakh in Kashmir, Merv in Turkmenistan, and Ghazni in Afghanistan. Islamic examples are on a silver gilt vase, and Iranian metal tray which embodied glory, success, peace and good fortune in its other motifs. There is an early C10-11th ceramic seal from Pakistan, possibly Hindu, and an Egyptian/Syrian polychrome ceramic from around 1200. It seems that the image followed the Silk Roads westwards, and was used by the Buddhists, and adopted by Islam and Christianity. Dr Greeves talked about the Silk Roads and the Mongol Empire, which during the C13th enforced a hundred years of peace and stability in Central Asia, which in turn enabled western travellers such as Marco Polo to safely follow the roads eastwards. This is clearly a significant century for the Three Hares motif to move westwards into Europe, although the Chinese say that the symbol is not theirs, but is Persian. To add to the cocktail, the motif is painted in a Hebrew manuscript of Genesis, in Hamburg, and so it was used in Judaism as well.

There are quite a few examples from the C17th, C18th and C19th in Europe, made in various media, and the symbol still crops up. A good example is the front cover of the Russian Journal of Rheumatology 2015! To finish his talk, Dr Greeves turned to the interesting and obvious question of the meaning of the symbol. It seems to be associated by Buddhist mythology with longevity and by Christianity possibly with redemption, but really no one knows. It is also significant that publicity and internet contacts have brought no new examples to light since 2016, when the book on the subject was published. Dr Greeves thinks that there are more hares out there, and that they will be discovered from time to time. The book he co-authored is 'The Three Hares, A Curiosity Worth Regarding' by Tom Greeves, Sue Andrew and Chris Chapman, and was published by Skerryvore Productions Ltd. It is sold out and out of print, and second hand copies do not seem to be available. They do have a list of subscribers awaiting a new edition and I have added my name in the hope that this will happen soon.

The talk in the church was very well attended and the questions were interesting. Did the Crusades have anything to do with the spread of the motif? Do they represent the Cycle of Life? What is their relationship with western hare mythology? Why are they in our Devon churches? Were they used didactically to represent the Trinity or other Christian themes? Are they related to the Three Fishes motif?

Dr Greeves is an excellent speaker, clearly fascinated by this subject. However, he has many other areas of interest and knowledge, and has written many other books. We were fortunate to be hear his talk and are grateful to him for coming to Newton St Cyres to tell us about the background to our boss! Thanks also go to Clive Lawrence for the lighting and Sue Brown for teas. The proceeds from this meeting have gone to the Church Restoration Fund.



Meetings will be held on a WEDNESDAY evening

7.30pm in the Village Hall Club Room.

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

For further information contact Jean 851337 Isobel 851351

Nov 14th Todd Gray -- The Royal Clarence – A history and update
Dec 12th Christmas Meeting

We include the history of the last of the heroes whose name appears on the War Memorial in the Church.

FRANCIS WILLIAM THOMAS NICHOLLS (1889 - 1918)

Francis William Thomas Nicholls was born in Newton St Cyres in the March quarter of 1889, the second child of Stephen and Bessie Nicholls of Keepers Cottage. His father was the Estate gamekeeper. His parents had previously been in service to a banker's family in Exwick, where Stephen had been the groom and Bessie the Lady's Maid. As a schoolboy he seems to be known as Thomas (1901 census) and on the grave in Newton St Cyres churchyard that he shares with his parents he is Tom. ('Also of Tom their son who died in France Nov 13th 1918 aged 30 yrs'.)

We know from the Cadbury Ruridecanal Magazine that both he and his sister sang in the Church Choir and that his father was a Parish Councillor. In 1911 he was living with the Lawrence family in Ramsgate as a boarder. William Lawrence was a baker and caterer and his son Frederick a commercial traveller. Tom Nicholls was an assistant schoolmaster aged 22 yrs.

By 1913 he was evidently back in the Exeter district as he and Leslie Bellman (the Newton St Cyres schoolmaster's son) are both reported in the September 1914 Deanery magazine as having passed their first year certificates of the London City and Guilds in woodwork. (Leslie Bellman was later to marry Tom Nicholls sister Gladys.)

In the summer of 1915 Francis William Thomas Nicholls married Exeter schoolteacher Hester Westcott and at the time of his death in 1918 she was living at 8 Ladysmith Road, Exeter. Hester was the daughter of William and Alice Westcott and the family lived in the Heavitree district of Exeter. William Westcott was a carpenter and joiner.

Before joining the army Francis W Tom Nicholls was a teacher at Topsham Council School and Vice-President of Exeter District Teachers' Association.

Tom Nicholls was a private of the 9th Battalion Devonshire Regiment (Service no 21815), fighting in France at the end of the war. The 9th Battalion had been serving in Italy where they were able to enjoy fresh fruit but they returned to France in September 1918 and by October were fighting east of the Hindenburg Line clearing German positions to the east of Cambrai. They were advancing from Le Cateau to Landrecies taking prisoners as they went. Progress was slow as there was still German resistance and consequently they suffered many casualties. In October two officers died and ten 'other ranks'. Eighty men were wounded and two others were missing. By the first of November they had returned to billets in Le Cateau but on the 3rd they marched to the village of Pommereuil where they bivouacked on the east side of the village. One of the officers was taken to hospital ill. This was the only reference to illness as opposed to injury. We don't know when Tom Nicholls was taken ill, (it would not be mentioned by the battalion diary as he was an

‘other rank’). On the 4th they marched again this time to Marlgarant from where they were instructed to ‘take over’ an outpost to the east of Landrecies which they did on the 7th. Once there, they had a thorough clean up, had some reorganisation and after the Armistice they proceeded with road improvements.

We do not know when Tom Nichols entered the theatre of war, his medal card shows only that he was due the Victory Medal and the British War Medal. There is no further information with his entry on the medal roll. This lack of information probably implies a late entry.

Here is a quotation from Canon Boles, Vicar of Newton St Cyres, ‘ News has come to hand of the death from sickness of Francis Thomas Nicholls. This death of our much respected friend and choir man, after having passed safely through the dangers of battle, seems all the more sad, and our very deep sympathy goes out to his parents, his sister, and his wife in their bereavement’. He was in hospital in Rouen when he died of influenza.



Rouen may seem some distance from the area of battle in which Tom Nichols was involved, as this was in northern France not far from the Belgian border. Rouen, however, in November 1918, had thirteen separate hospitals and acted as an important base on the river Seine for the shipping of sick and wounded troops back to the UK. Troops arrived from the war zones by train and many left by boat or barge.

Private Nicholls is also commemorated at the St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, and on the Plaque and in the Remembrance Window of Newton St Cyres Church.

Jean Wilkins

How Newton St Cyres celebrated the end of WW1



'The news of the signing of the armistice reached Newton St Cyres about noon on Monday, and great rejoicing was manifest. Flags were hoisted and the church bells rang merrily during the afternoon. In the evening many of the inhabitants went to Exeter to take part in the rejoicing there. Thanksgiving services will be carried out at Newton St Cyres on Sunday'. The news arrived only an hour after the signing of the armistice.

The joy of the armistice was followed by discussion on how best the end of the war should be celebrated and what longer-term action should be taken to produce a memorial to commemorate those who had lost their lives.

Celebrations

The peace day celebrations were held on 19 July 1919, as reported in the Western Times on 25 July 1919:

'Many peals on the church bells rang out early on Saturday morning at Newton St Cyres, but it was decided that it would be impossible to carry out the proposed programme of sports, and, as the tea, to which all inhabitants of the parish had been invited, could not be held out of doors, it was arranged to have relays in the school, starting at 4 o'clock. The inhabitants had hung out flags, and a big one stretched right across the main road. At 2.30 pm a short service was held in the Parish Church conducted by Canon R.H. Boles after which a procession was formed, headed by a banner and proceeded to the school. All enjoyed the excellent tea provided by Mr Groves of Crediton, and many kind friends also provided raspberries and cream for all who had served in the Army or Navy. All men, numbering about 120, who had thus served were presented with their silver medallions as a permanent memento of their service....The rain abating some minor sports and a tug of war were held.... Dancing and patriotic songs were enjoyed in the school. At 10 pm the bonfire, which had been erected in the field kindly lent by Mr. Walters of Court Barton, was lit'.

The sports were rearranged for the following Saturday and *'proved an unqualified success. Mr Walters of Court Barton lent a field. The jazz band from Crediton caused much amusement and a local band provided music for a dance held after the sports. Tea and refreshments were provided'.*

The celebrations for our schoolchildren were completed in summer 1919 when, as with other schools, an additional week of summer holiday was granted by decree of the King.

Memorials

A public meeting was held in the middle of December 1918 to discuss a suitable memorial. The Vicar reported that arrangements had already been made for a marble tablet in the church with the names of those who had died or been killed in service. The other actions considered and discussed were the restoration of the church, the erection of a stained glass window and the provision of a parish hall. The meeting was adjourned and continued at another public meeting a month later. It was decided to progress directly with the restoration of the church but to collect through the parish also for the memorial window, the roll of honour and the parish hall. A committee with 14 members was set up to progress this effort. 'By May 1919 £359 had been collected for church restoration, £44 for the roll of honour and £143 for the stained glass window, with an additional donation of £100 for the window from Capt. Quicke. I have not found a record of the money donated for the Parish Hall, but various events were held to raise funds, for instance a concert held in the School in early November 1919 with the proceeds going to the Church Renovation account and the New Parish Hall Fund. The Western Times gives great detail, including the songs sung and recitations made, together with the names of those making these contributions. There was a recitation of a humorous story in a Devonshire dialect!

Church restoration started in July 1919 with replacement of the floor and heating being major items.

The roll of honour, which lists 20 sailors and soldiers who lost their lives during the war, was dedicated by the Bishop of Exeter at a service in the Church on 20 March 1920. On the same occasion Canon Boles, presented a lectern in memory of his son Noel H. Boles, who had been killed in action on 11 Jan 1916.

A Memorial Service was held on 25 Oct 1920 for the unveiling and dedication of the Memorial Window. This was described as being in honour of Capt E.O. St. Cyres. G. Quicke and other parishioners who lost their lives in the war. The service was conducted by Canon Boles and the window was dedicated by W.M. Smith-Dorrien, the Vicar of Crediton. Despite the service being on a Monday afternoon the church was packed '*and was representative of all classes of parishioners*'. It was a big occasion with the band of the 3rd Battalion The Devonshire Regiment participating in the musical parts of the service. The service closed with buglers outside of the church sounding 'The Last Post'.

Roger Wilkins



26th September

Demonstration by John Haysom : Contrast using charcoal and Conte crayon

A most absorbing demonstration of the use of charcoal and black Conte crayon to create sketches full of depth, tone and atmosphere. Three sketches completed with great skill raised our awareness of the importance of both linear and aerial perspective, a range of tones and a need to concentrate on feeling and atmosphere rather than on fine details that can be added later. His presentation was both amusing and informative.

John used very thick charcoal and fine crayon to produce a great variety of marks, as he drew an imposing elephant, full of attitude, and a scene of two figures on an empty beach, looking out to sea, with distant headlands and a moody sky. He told us he had spent many hours observing and drawing people, and animals, and this was clear from the confident way he was able to sketch both.

He recommended sketching with charcoal en plein air, as it's easily portable and less challenging than paints, and results can be surprisingly good, and also drawing what we see, rather than what we think we know.

The demonstration inspired many of us to pick up charcoal and sketchbooks right away.

Jenny Hallam

Newton St Cyres Art Group

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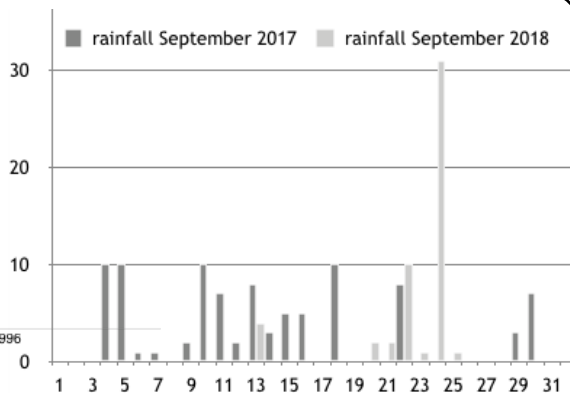
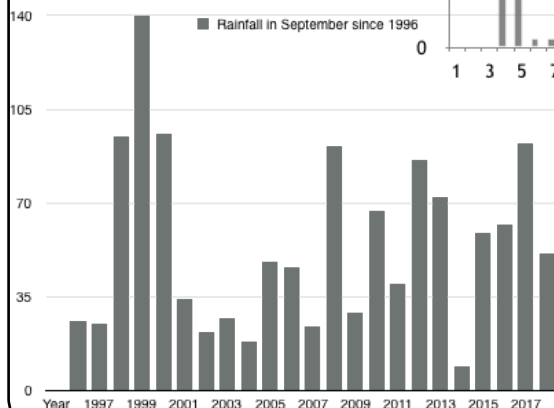
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We are grateful to James Walters and his family, especially his granddaughter Alice for providing us with regular details of the rainfall in Newton St Cyres.

Cheese Tasting - Friday 16th November 2018

Quicke's Farm Shop will be holding a cheese tasting event on the evening of Friday 16 November to provide inspiration for the season of entertaining, from the cheeseboard to the wine rack. Taking place at the Farm Shop in from 5:30pm-8pm, the tasting event will be hosted by Quicke's Ambassador, Stuart Dowle.

Stuart will guide visitors through some of Quicke's multi award-winning wedges, from Extra Mature Clothbound Cheddar and Buttery Clothbound Cheddar to Goat's Milk Clothbound Cheese and Double Devonshire. These Home Farm favourites will be tasted alongside some guest cheeses from Quicke's friends, including Colston Bassett Stilton and Barkham Blue.

Every inch of the cheeseboard will be covered, with chutney samples from Waterhouse Fayre and Hillside, while festive tipples will be available from the likes of Lyme Bay Winery, with its Mulled Wine and Christmas Mead. The shelves will be packed with yuletide essentials like Christmas cake, festive biscuits and crackers, giving you the chance to buy local this Christmas and get the shopping all wrapped up in plenty of time.



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Coffee Morning



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NOVEMBER ON THE FARM



NATURE

The riot of summer hedgerows turns to barren ruin. We cut some of the hedgerows each year in the autumn to keep them bushy. On the others, the rich growth becomes a mess, blackberries a brown splodge, rose hips a few papery skins - the sweet flesh gone long

ago and hawthorn berries just dropped. The dark evenings encourage wildlife out: people are driving wildlife to be more nocturnal. You can see a badger, a roe deer, a rabbit and a fox out in the woods. The tawny owls are partying to pair up, ladies 'ke-wick'-ing and gentlemen 'tu whit to whoo'-ing.

We've picked apples to send off to Sandford Orchards to be made into cider, and we bring the apple pomace back to feed cows. They have a particularly mellow look when they are feasting on the fermenting apple pomace. Any apples not picked are mostly fermenting underfoot, adding to the rich aroma of autumn. Go through oak woodland, and acorns drop on your head. Nature heads underground, chasing the sun into the dark.

ARABLE

No sooner do we tuck up for winter, than growth starts again. We've sown crops and they are coming up. This year, we used a 'no-till' drill which makes a slit with the tiniest amount of cultivation to nestle the seed in. You leave all the chaff and straw residue on the top of the soil. This keeps more organic matter in the soil, the soil structure undamaged by cultivation. There are some who worry about soil compaction: soil needs to be around a quarter air and a quarter of water to work well. We will keep checking it out: a spade is a useful farmer's tool to see how that most important of resources, the soil, is working. So far the crops are thriving, the new shoots are poking above the ground, a beautiful velvet promise of harvest next year.

GRASS

The animals are grazing the grass for the last time: the cows eat each pasture down in turn. The first we shut up for winter will be the first who go to graze in the spring. Where the grass is eaten down, it will be fresh, young and healthy leaves that go through the winter. They will be able to cope with frost: leaves completely crisp defrost, look verdantly green, shake themselves down and start growing. Old and damaged leaves give up the ghost and become a slimy mess.

COWS

The calves come in first, out of the harsh weather. They chase around the barn spreading the new straw. Girls, don't you know how precious that is with the drought we've had this summer? We're short of feed and straw so will keep any animals that are happy to stay out grazing as long as the soil will hold them. We keep them in as tight paddocks as we can so if there is heavy rain, they only damage a small area, and go onto a clean pasture soon. Ideally, we'd like to move them every day, like we do with the cows, and that needs water and fencing in every little sub paddock to make the best use of grass. A job we'll do over time.

The autumn cows are coming in at night, the cubicles house warm, dry and busy with the herd either feeding, flirting or sitting down. Cows sleep maybe for half an hour a day, and sit down around half the time, digesting, chatting with their friends, and making milk. These autumn cows are also keen now to get in calf, as soon as we let them. They been aching for Mr Bull almost since they calved in late August and September, and now in late November, we think they have restored themselves enough to be ready for the next pregnancy. They do tell us what they want, flirting, riding and being ridden by other girls. We tried out some semen that has been sorted so the cows only get the semen that will produce females (taking advantage that it has a slightly different electrical charge to semen that will produce males and having them swim one way or the other). That means more heifer calves get born; we are only interested in rearing the future cows plus a few of the males for beef for the farm shop. We sell the bull calves we don't need when they are young to other people who want them.

DAIRY

The milk is still in part grass fed, supported by the silage we are feeding as the grass grows less fast and less nutritious. The cheese dairy is now pleasantly warm, after the hot summer when it was too hot. We no longer have to use a fan to cool the salted curd to put it away in the cloth-lined moulds. We are now selling some fresh curd to outlets in London: it's one of those lovely foods beloved of Canadians and Mid Western Americans, which the Brits are just catching on to.

We're sending cheese off for Christmas around the world; it mostly goes overseas by boat, so the cheese for Australia & Asia goes in September, to America in October, to Britain and Europe in November. It feels so exotic to see our cheese being wrapped up ready to go and seek its fortune out in the world. Let me know how it behaves once it gets there. Send pictures of it on its travels!

RECIPE

Skye Gyngeell who runs her restaurant Spring at Somerset House gave me this recipe for pork chops with cheesy apple sauce.

Grill your pork chop as normal. Peel and core some cooking apples. Cook them in a little water and sugar over a medium heat. Grate some Quicke's mature cheddar (including rind) into the apple sauce just as it is losing its texture. Melt the cheese in. It adds a broad umami note to the sweet and sour of the apple sauce, that really complements the pork chop.

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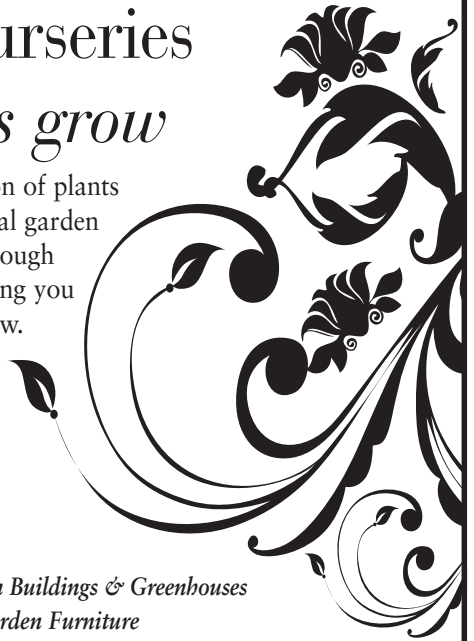
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Revels 2018

The committee met at the beginning of October to evaluate this year's event and to decide upon the distribution of any profit.

Sadly, we had no feedback from villagers, and so it was left to the committee to analyse the successes and weak points of this year's event.

The overall impression had been that numbers attending had dropped on previous years. However, takings on the gate were up substantially proving that attendance had in fact improved. Unfortunately the extremely hot weather resulted in people staying for shorter periods of time and not requiring hot food from the various outlets. Another side effect of the hot weather was that the inflatables had to be dismantled as the surfaces were too hot to use, even after dousing with cold water (posing a Health & Safety Problem). This left less for younger people to do, which is something the new committee will address in 2020.

The Revels takes an immense effort to organise. It's success is dependent upon the commitment made by committee members taking responsibility for various roles.

The process of organisation began two years ago with quite a large group suggesting Acts and features for the day. However, as time went on the committee reduced to a smaller core group.

I am therefore really indebted to the following people who took on the responsibility for these essential areas:

The Draw - Roger Wilkins

Publicity - Peter Hawksley

Treasurer - Andrew Knox

Table & Chairs Collection & Return - John Salter

Stalls - Nicola Baker

Secretary - Jane Hole

Sporting Challenge - Paul McCutcheon

FANS - Christy Thurlow

The 'Food Demonstrators' in the Marquee - Stuart, Liz and Emma

The Judges of the Marquee Competitions - Jane Bailey and Keith Mitchell

Thank you.

Thanks must also go to the many village clubs and organisations who contributed to the event. It is heart warming to see so many villagers pulling together to 'put on the show'.

We have managed to raise over £1200.00p profit this year and after discussion are now in a position to allocate various contributions to the following Organisations in the village:

The Recreation Ground Club, The Parish Hall, FANS, The Church Fabric Fund and The Archery Club.

Thank you again to everyone who participated - it would be great if we could involve more people in 2020.

If you are interested in finding out more please come along to the first meeting on Monday 28th January in the Parish Hall Clubroom at 7.30pm!!

Eric Fee



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Recipe for November

Parsnip and Potato Mash

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For four to six, depending on appetite, you will need:

1 ½ lb (750 g) peeled Devon potatoes

8 oz (250g) peeled Devon parsnips

2 oz (50g) local butter

grated nutmeg, black pepper

1 tablespoon local cream, or crème fraîche

chopped parsley

Cut the potatoes and parsnips into egg sized chunks. Boil in salted water until just soft, drain, and allow to dry off before mashing.

Add the butter and cream or crème fraîche, to the mash, and season with freshly ground black pepper and a little grated nutmeg.

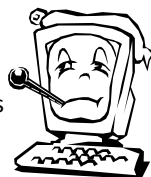
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Since November 2017 Healthy Homes has been providing free energy advice at events and drop-in energy advice clinics and Local Energy Advice Partnership (LEAP) home visits for those who are eligible. The free LEAP home visit provides a home energy survey, conducted by fully trained Home Energy Advisers. It includes a tailored support package covering energy saving tips and installation of free easy measures like low-energy LED light bulbs and draught proofing. Help with bills, switching and discounts, grants for insulation and heating, referring on for benefit and debt advice and for safety checks is also covered. Eligibility for the home visits is deliberately wide, allowing as many people as possible to benefit. Low income, long term health issues, disabilities, benefits, and recent bereavement are just some of the many qualifying criteria.

There are a number of schemes available to help with the costs of upgrading your home's insulation or replacing old and inefficient heating. The advisors can connect you to government Energy Company Obligation funding, which helps to improve the energy efficiency of homes. Access is also available to the Emergency Central Heating Offer fund when boilers are broken or beyond economical repair.

Drop-in energy advice clinics take place at venues across Exeter, as well as at Cridton Library on the first Thursday of each month from 10.30am-noon, Tiverton CHAT in Phoenix Lane on the second Tuesday of each month from 10am-noon and Cullompton Community Centre on the last Friday of each month from 10am-noon. Drop in for free impartial advice. [Bring energy and water bills to see how much money you could save.](#)

Having originally started in Exeter, Healthy Homes now covers all of Exeter, Mid Devon, East Devon, Teignbridge and Torbay. Grant funding from Devon Community Foundation, Western Power Distribution, Smart Energy GB and Big Energy Saving Network has allowed the expansion of the service. Healthy Homes has already helped over 500 households in Exeter and Mid Devon. The increased number of energy advice clinics and larger geographical coverage means more local people now have access to this vital service. All advice services remain free and impartial.

To book your free LEAP home energy visit call ECOE on 01395 276734 or 07731 540215, or email info@ecoe.org.uk. Energy Advice Clinic dates and more information can be found at www.ecoe.org.uk/healthy-homes-wellbeing/

Healthy Homes works closely with other organisations such as Age UK, The Alzheimer's Society, local authorities, housing associations, health and social teams and local fire services. Energy Advisors are also available to give talks at coffee mornings, older peoples clubs, memory cafés and health groups. To book a talk for your group call or email ECOE as above.

If you are a frontline worker or manage a service and would like to arrange a short training for your staff and volunteers contact ECOE for details.

A377 Action Group

The A377 dominates the Parish causing safety problems, noise and pollution. It is often difficult and dangerous to walk alongside or across the road.

Speeding continues to be a major issue.

The volume of traffic through the Parish continues to increase significantly as hundreds of new homes in towns and villages further up the A377 come on stream.

The road is beginning to divide our communities.

Devon County Council is starting to take these issues seriously and senior officers have recently said they will look at the possibility of average speed cameras, road crossings, footpaths and so on. However there are always 101 other priorities for them to consider.

I'm concerned that nothing will happen unless people who live in the Parish come together to apply pressure for action.

Is anyone else, living in the Parish of Newton St Cyres, interested in joining me in forming a local pressure group to ensure these concerns translate into action?

If so please let me have your contact information. An email address will do.

Graeme Barnell

West Town

Newton St Cyres

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11am – 4pm the village hall will be open with an exhibition of memorabilia, including the Devon 'We will remember them' banner created by Adrienne Howells in 2014. A last chance to see this impressive creation before it goes on permanent display at a British Legion home.

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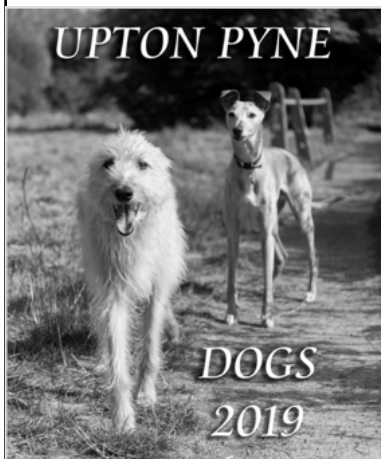
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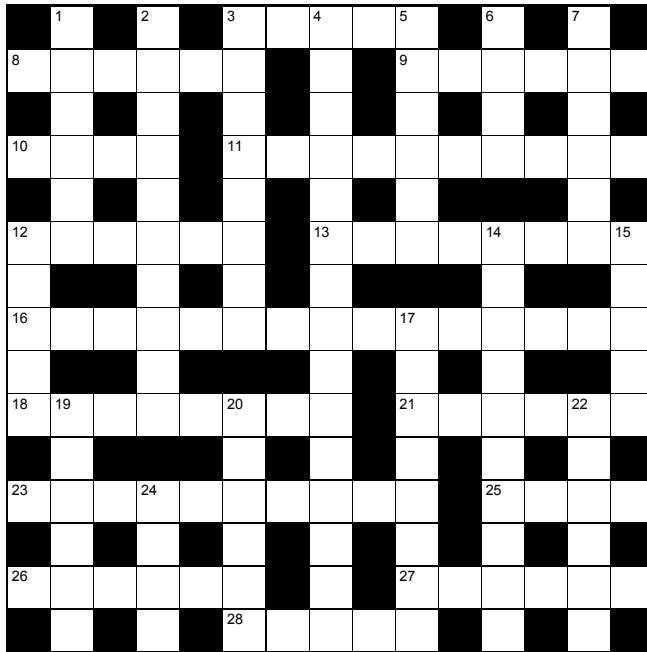
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Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 3 Old East German follows river to find perch (5)
- 8 Fool is one from Italian city (6)
- 9 Everyone is accommodating English friends (6)
- 10 Two notes from operatic heroine (4)
- 11 Not moving goods yet (5-5)
- 12 Thus African country produces African (6)
- 13 Capsize open vessel (8)
- 16 Gaunt young Irene performs in musical (5,3,4,3)
- 18 Teen reformed with gaol stretch (8)
- 21 Police force has those people on film (3,3)
- 23 New peer's given ring portraying Zeus's daughter (10)
- 25 US general's the dregs (4)
- 26 Give daughter a note perhaps (6)
- 27 The Italian is after fast food (6)
- 28 Play about District Attorney in the present time (5)

DOWN

- 1 American who inhabits the White House? (6)
- 2 One toiling at unravelling lawsuit (10)
- 3 Wine gets Sir Nigel drunk (8)
- 4 Over the moon, having climbed Everest? (2,3,2,3,5)
- 5 Deal with equipment (6)
- 6 Idiot wants 150 books (4)
- 7 Retailer of wine collection, say (6)
- 12 Very hard worker is left inside bar (8)
- 14 Back home, I'll follow cake with pasta (10)
- 15 Group of musicians not touring Tyneside (5)
- 17 Working honestly or dishonestly? (2,3,3)
- 19 Ollie upset wife so keep out of sight (3,3)
- 20 Computer manufacturer needs time to produce program (6)
- 22 Quote me retrospectively? It'll make you sick (6)
- 24 Openers for Sussex caught and bowled but this chap's not out (4)

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Solution to October Cryptic Crossword

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ACROSS

1 sorbet. 4 baroness. 9 gasket. 10 fumigate. 11 portal. 12 sentinel. 13 jar. 14 seeker. 17 devious. 21 tenant. 25 guy. 26 operator. 27 Racine. 28 entrails. 29 vicars. 30 listener. 31 defend.

DOWN

1 signpost. 2 reserved. 3 elevated. 5 abuser. 6 opiate. 7 Elaine. 8 seemingly. 12 saviour. 15 red. 16 hut. 18 sedative. 19 badinage. 20 stressed. 22 do well. 23 deltas. 24 karate. 25 goalie.

The Parish Church of St Cyr and St Julitta Newton St Cyres



November 2018

Theme - Service

Date	Time	Event
3 rd Nov	10:30am	COFFEE MORNING – Parish Hall
Saturday		(Stalls & Raffles)
4 th Nov	10:00am	OPEN DOOR Service - Church
Sunday		(Lay Led)
11 th Nov	10:50am	REMEMBRANCE Service - Church
Sunday		(Lay Led and L Ford)
17 th Nov	2:30pm	CHRISTMAS FAYRE – Parish Hall
Saturday		(Cakes, Tea, Wine, Stalls & Raffles)
25 th Nov	9:30 am	HOLY COMMUNION Service - Church
Sunday		
26 th Nov	7:45pm	BINGO– Parish Hall
Saturday		

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Music

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Lest we Forget

As we approach the centenary of the end of the First World War, we are being encouraged to take an increased interest around the events that took place all those years ago.

One hundred years on we have lost the last people who actually experienced it; all we have left to us is memory, history, photographs, reports and newspapers, along with accounts from children and grandchildren of what their parents and grandparents told them. This makes the act of remembrance even more poignant as we approach this important milestone.

When the war started in August 1914, many people in Britain expected that it would be over by Christmas but the war actually lasted much longer. Over the four years of war, around 886,000 soldiers, sailors and airmen from the UK died. They were husbands, fathers, brothers, sons and friends. Almost everyone would have known someone who had died and often, it would have been a close friend or relation.

On Sunday, 4 August 1918, the fourth anniversary of the declaration of war, King George V and Queen Mary joined members of the House of Commons and the House of Lords for a special service at the Church of Saint Margaret, Westminster. The King had asked that 4 August 1918 should be observed as a National Day of Prayer: 100 days later the war ended.

Coming after such a long period of darkness and despair, the Armistice signalling the end of the war would have been a huge celebration, in stark contrast to the suffering and destruction of the previous four years. However, the huge loss of life left its mark on every community across the country. This is why each village has a war memorial, built and paid for by the local folk who wanted to remember those they had lost.

During WW1, the Bible's life words brought hope to millions of Service men and women. Lifeworlds distributed 43 million Active Service John's Gospels, designed to fit into the pocket of a soldier or sailor's tunic. Many drew solace and even found faith, turning to God in times of desperation. These same life words continue to bring comfort today.

This month, we pick up the mantle of remembering once more. Churches across our country have again been praying for peace and reconciliation as we approach this special remembering time just as they did one hundred years ago. Some towns and villages have set up art installations, you can find poppies and silhouettes of soldiers right across Devon.

This year both Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday fall on the same day. Locally, we will be remembering the fallen from all conflict in the past hundred years and we cordially invite you to stand with us as we pay our respects.

Rev Katie Cross

Services in the Netherexe Parishes

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

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

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

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

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Newton St Cyres Parish Church Rotas

November 2018

Week Ending	Flowers	Clean Church/ check loo	Brass: key with Sue
November 4th	A. Ward	P. Burt	
11th	S. Munday		
18th	-		
25th	A. Page		J. Ward

Sidespersons

Week Ending	Service	Sidesperson	Sidesperson
November 4th	10.00 a.m. Open Door	-	-
11th	9.30 a.m. Family Service Lay-led	Christopher Lee	Margaret Snow
18th	-	-	-
25th	9.30 Holy Communion	Wendy Hough	Tony Hough

NOVEMBER 2018 SERVICES & INFORMATION

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

Sunday 4 November 4th Sunday before Advent

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	KC
10:00 am	Service with a Smile	☹️	Brampford Speke	Lay Led
10:00 am	Open Door Informal Service		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
10:00 am	Informal Gathering		Stoke Canon	
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	KC
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company		Rewe	
06:00 pm	Service of Remembering		Cadbury	KC & Lay Led

Sunday 11 November Remembrance Sunday & Armistice Day

10:00 am	Service of Remembrance		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
10:00 am	Service of Remembrance		Thorverton Parish Church	KC & BOF
	Joint with Cadbury & Thorverton Baptist Church			
10:50 am	Service of Remembrance		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led & LF
10:50 am	Service of Remembrance		Poltimore	Lay Led
	Joint with Huxham			
10:50 am	Act of Remembrance at War Memorial		Green Lane, Rewe	Lay Led & SS
	Followed by Service of Remembrance [11:15 am]		Rewe Church	Lay Led & SS
10:50 am	Service of Remembrance		Upton Pyne	Lay Led
	Joint with Brampford Speke			

Sunday 18 November 2nd Sunday before Advent

08:30 am	Holy Communion [Said]	[C]	Brampford Speke	KC
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Cadbury	KC
09:30 am	OPEN		Thorverton	
10:00 am	Family Service		Thorverton	Lay Led
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Poltimore	Lay Led & LF
11:15 am	Coffee, Cake & Company		Rewe	
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Stoke Canon	KC

Sunday 25 November Sunday before Advent

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Newton St Cyres	MSS
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[BCP]	Thorverton	KC
10:00 am	Messy Church		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Rewe	KC
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Upton Pyne	M Hall
05:00 pm	Taizé Service		Thorverton	Lay Led
			Joint with Cadbury Church	
05:30 pm	Holy Communion	[C]	Huxham	KC

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09:30 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Thorverton	KC
10:00 am	Service with a Smile	☹️	Brampford Speke	Lay Led & LF
10:00 am	Open Door Informal Service		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
10:00 am	Service of the Word		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[C]	Poltimore	KC
11:15 am	Christmas Tree Festival [including toy collection]		Rewe	Lay Led
03:00 pm	Simple Christingle Service		Rewe	Lay Led
06:00 pm	Informal Evening Service		Cadbury	Lay Led



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Newton St. Cyres Church's

Service of Remembrance

will be held on November 11th

at 10.50a.m.

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