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Autumn in the Arboretum

Photo Roy Beckett



Seasonal Fungi in the woods

Photos by John Perkins



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Autumn

The cover of the magazine this month reflects the varied qualities of the autumn, the trees changing colour and losing their leaves and the vibrant appearance of exciting and colourful fungi. The Arboretum picture was taken a couple years ago by Roy Beckett and the fungi by John Perkins in Whitestone woods and by Marsh Lane.

Pandemic

The changing seasons reflect the changes going on around the development of this wretched virus. It appears that the outbreak amongst students in Exeter may have been contained; time will tell. As I write Wales has more or less completely shut down and as far as visitors are concerned the country is closed. Large parts of Northern England are burdened with tier 3 restrictions. These restrictions are to limit the virus. Lets hope they work! Hardly the language of science which is supposed to inform policy.

Parish Hall Open

There is, however, hope in Newton St Cyres. The Parish hall is now open for business, although it is not yet that busy. There is a small upholstery class meeting on Mondays, an art class and possibly further groups are already showing an interest. After eight months during which people have stopped many regular activities it is to be expected that it will take time for them to be re-established. There are special conditions which must be adhered to during the pandemic and these are available from Roger Wilkins or on our website at www.newtonwonder.net.

Broadband

Following last month's edition my colleague Peter Cordingley has managed to get improvements to his broadband. However, he lives in the centre of the village. Those of us who do not have the advantage of "Fibre to the cabinet" facilities are still struggling. We often have to wait until the middle of the night to upload the Newton Wonder to our printers.

Message from Anne Westaway: Its not necessary to go abroad for a holiday

I would like to tell people about the lovely holiday I, with two friends had in Cornwall recently.

We stayed at the Penmere Manor Hotel in Falmouth. It was a little dated but the rooms were nice and the food was exceptional. The only fault we could find was that they gave us too much.

There was a lovely heated pool which had to be booked for a swim time.

They were very strict about social distancing, with little contact in our rooms.

We booked several trips on line, going to St Mawes and Trelissick by ferry, also visiting The Eden Project and Trebah Gardens.

All in all we had a good time with fantastic weather.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT October 2020

The meeting was held on Thursday 1st October by Zoom. It was attended by all nine Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk and a member of the public.

Planning

Councillors Jim Enright and Roger Cashmore attended an online meeting describing the government's white paper entitled 'Planning for the Future'. Local councils have been asked to comment on this paper and Councillor Enright agreed to respond on behalf of Newton St Cyres Parish Council. It was decided to express concern about the extremely limited control local populations would have over developments in their area.

Coronavirus Pandemic

At the time of writing this, the level of infection in Mid Devon remains low. However, the county of Devon has seen a sharp increase in the level of infection and nationally the level of threat has been raised from 3 to 4. Devon County Council (DCC) has issued a bulletin encouraging us to abide by the new tighter restrictions in the hope we can avoid the more severe restrictions that are in place elsewhere.

We are also reminded that the NHS COVID-19 app can now be downloaded free onto compatible phones and will help to trace contacts of infected people quickly. Currently flu vaccines are being offered to adults aged over 65, those with long-term health conditions, pregnant women and all health and social care workers. They should be available from your GP or at a pharmacy. Later this year, the flu vaccines will be made available to 50-65 year olds. We are all encouraged to take part in this vaccination campaign.

The village support group is still available but currently there is little demand for their help.

Traffic on the A377

- * The Parish Clerk has written to three companies whose lorries were reported by parishioners as speeding through the village. Two of the companies have responded positively to the letter. Parishioners are encouraged to continue to report vehicles to the Parish Clerk. It will be helpful if some detail could be included beside the company concerned. The date and time of the incident will help the company identify the driver.
- * Graeme Barnell, the Mid Devon District Councillor, has proposed that a petition be submitted to Mid Devon District Council and Devon County Council from the parishes bisected by the A377. It will request a thorough review of transport policy and the impact of the new housing developments around Crediton and will lead to a plan to mitigate the effects of increased traffic on the A377. The Parish Council decided to lend its support to the petition.

- * The Parish Council has received a reply to its request for the results of a recent speed survey through the centre of Newton St Cyres. We received a summary of the results. From the summary it is clear 15% of the traffic on the A377 (about 1 in 7 vehicles) exceeded the speed limit by at least 10% during the survey period. The Parish Council was concerned that this was very unsafe and has written again requesting the full set of data.

Reports from Councillors' areas of responsibility.

- * **Boniface Trail** Recently two parish councillors and a representative from the Boniface Trail met a senior engineer and the senior highway development manager from Devon County Council to walk part of the agreed route of the Boniface Trail around Newton St Cyres. Issues on the suitability of the route, obtaining planning permission and construction were discussed. None of the existing housing developments around Crediton have money set aside to support this project. However, it should be possible to include the Boniface Trail in future S106 requirements from developers.
- * **Allotments** Several allotments have recently been let. The remaining plots are currently very overgrown and rather off-putting to prospective allotment holders. It was decided not to clear further plots immediately but to consider how best to prepare a plot when a prospective tenant comes forward.
- * **Risk Assessments** The annual risk assessment of areas under parish responsibility was conducted. No areas required urgent action to be made safe. Regular maintenance will be continued to ensure this remains the case.

Broadband

Following a recent complaint from a parishioner about the quality of broadband service in their area, it was decided by the Parish Council to see if a survey could be conducted for the entire parish. If the survey gains a good level of response and the quality of the service is poor, central government money may be available to improve the situation.

Graveyard

The church graveyard will become full at some time in the next few years. An adjacent field has been made available as an extension, but the access is poor. After a meeting with the churchwarden, a new footpath running down one side of the existing graveyard was identified as the best solution.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Thursday 5th November 2020** at 7:00pm. Should any member of the public wish to attend, they should contact the chairman of the council, Jim Enright, on jimenright@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk before 6pm on the day of the meeting. Alternatively, if members of the public wish issues to be raised in council meetings, they can contact councillors in the usual way.

Liz Ouldrige, Press Officer.

RECREATION GROUND CLUB

Thank goodness the football teams are supporting us with games every weekend, because without them we would have to close down the facilities and have no income.

Last November the archery group held a social evening and the Twinning held their annual general meeting. This year is totally different. The archery group have not been doing their practice dates since February, so social gatherings are just not going to happen. The Twinning Group do meet in small social groups but have not had any full meetings.

Still no news on the darts and skittle, so no matches have been booked. This doesn't look like changing for several months. We will just have to wait for the leagues to get in touch and make the arrangements to start playing.

We have not had a busy Christmas time for several years, and this year it is even less likely we will be open for any events.

Wendy Lewis

Do you need any help in these times?

Neighbourhood Watch Deputies

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*For help, further information or to submit a report please go to the website or contact the
NSC Parish Council Co-ordinator Damien Hodge tel: 01392 851111
email: damienhodge@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk*

News from our Mid Devon District Councillor

Graeme Barnell District Councillor writes..

The Greater Exeter Strategic Plan (GESP) and after

I continue to work with like-minded councillors on both Mid Devon and East Devon Council to bring a final end to GESP. As you might imagine, there were, and still are, powerful political and business forces in Devon who want to see large scale development around Exeter. GESP has a history of rising up from the dead.

Now that I'm no longer the Cabinet Member for Planning on Mid Devon Council, my direct power is limited, but I'm doing what I can to make sure that a public and open debate continues about future development plans. East Devon Council are insisting that future cooperation with all the other participating councils is **not** based on site options for housing and business development but on developing infrastructure including cycleways and rail transport. I fully support this and will be working hard to ensure that this approach is adopted by Mid Devon Council.

Crediton Housing Developments - impact on our communities - Petition

I am organising a petition about the impact of additional road traffic on the communities between Crediton and Exeter arising from the new Housing Developments in and around Crediton that are either being built now or are planned for the next five years. It is intended that the petition will be presented to both the County Council and Mid Devon Council. I am asking for support from the four Parish Councils representing communities located between Crediton and Exeter, together with the District and County Councillors who represent these communities. So far the Parish Councils in Shobrooke and Newton St Cyres have agreed to support the petition, together with Cllr Fabian King, who represents Cowley and Upton Pyne on East Devon District Council. I am also asking for sign-up from the people I represent in NSC and Shobrooke. **Please email me if you wish to support this petition at gbarnell@middevon.gov.uk.**

The Petition reads:-

We the undersigned note that the Mid Devon Planning Committee have recently given planning permission for two large new housing developments located to the East and North East of Crediton; Well Parks (aka Tarka View) (185 houses) and , very recently, Pedlers Pool (257 houses). We also note that the new MDCC local plan details several more new developments in and around Crediton that are due to be built out before 2027. These include Red Hills Cross (135 houses), Sports field (120 houses), and Stonewall (50 houses). The local plan also includes a large commercial mixed-use site adjacent to the A377 east of Crediton that is also in the process of development and expansion. It is estimated that half of the additional traffic movements deriving from these schemes will be along the A377, the main road that connects the eight miles between Crediton and Exeter.

The Tarka View development is now almost built out and is already making a significant impact on traffic volumes through our communities. The A377 bisects several communities between Crediton and Exeter. These include Smallbrook, Newton St Cyres, Tytheing (including Sandown Lane), Half Moon and Cowley. In addition there are other villages located on rural roads that are increasingly used as convenient back routes by commuters and others wishing to visit Exeter; Shobrooke, Hookway, Sweetnam and Langford. It should be noted that none of these communities currently has statutory or controlled road crossing points and that roadside paths are often absent.

We have, as individual councils and councillors, attempted on many occasions, to raise our concerns about the damaging impact of additional traffic on our communities both with the Mid Devon Planning Authority and also with the Devon County Council Highways Authority. These impacts include increased pollution, serious difficulties for parents with children and older and disabled people in safely crossing the road, and increased incidence of speeding and serious road accidents. These concerns have been largely ignored.

It must be noted, however that DCC Highways have now included a controlled Toucan Crossing in the Village of Newton St Cyres in its Capital Budget programme for year 2020/21. This is a welcome start to the measures we need to mitigate the impact of increasing road traffic.

It is an essential part of the planning process for major new developments that new developments each have a “comprehensive and integrated” transport assessment, travel plan, and traffic pollution assessment (Local Plan Policy DM3). We are dismayed at the limited nature and poor quality of the transport assessments and plans that have been accepted as part of the planning consents given for both the Tarka View and the Pedlers Pool developments. These assessments omit any analysis of additional traffic movements between Crediton and Exeter and their impacts on our communities in spite of acknowledging that half of additional traffic movements deriving from these developments would be along the A377. We, therefore, believe that the planning consents given by MDDC for these developments are neither compliant with Policy DM3 in the new MDDC Local Plan nor with Policy DM6 in the old Plan.

We are also very concerned that, unless there are changes,:-

- 1. The transport and travel impact of the planned developments (MDDC Local Plan CRE 1 to 10) on our communities have and will only be assessed piecemeal on the basis of individual planning applications, if they are assessed at all.*
- 2. The money to be paid by developers for measures designed to mitigate the impact of these developments is based not only on these limited Transport Assessments but also on the Mid Devon Local Plan Policy CRE 11 “Crediton Infrastructure”. This Policy sets out the focus of the money that will need to be paid by developers to address the impacts of these new developments. Its focus is entirely on Crediton and makes no mention of the communities between Crediton and Exeter.*

We are asking that this situation is remedied as soon as possible and that:-

1. MDDC and DCC work together to produce a joint transport assessment and plan that addresses the impact of new housing developments in and around Crediton on the communities between Crediton and Exeter. This plan would seek to remedy the deficiencies in the transport assessments provided as part of the planning applications for Tarka View and Pedlers Pool. It would also inform and underpin the transport assessments that will need to be provided in future as part of the planning process for the other Crediton developments set out in the Local Plan. Finally it will assist DCC Highways in formulating its plans for future road improvements and road safety schemes.
2. This plan focus both on the individual and cumulative impact of the development allocations agreed in the MDDC Local Plan (CRE 1 to 10).
3. The plan gives priority to active travel options that will reduce the reliance on motorised transport, including a dedicated cycleway and improved rail services between Crediton and Exeter.
4. The plan sets out the options for addressing the impact of additional traffic on road safety, on pollution, and on the quality of life of those whose daily lives are harmed by increasing road traffic.



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Crediton**

Recipe for November Waldorf salad

4 sticks celery, 2 russet apples, 50g (2oz) chopped walnuts, salt and pepper, cider vinegar, mayonnaise.

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Jane
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The walk is a sort of figure of eight around the village. It is about 4 miles long and will take about 2 hours.

The Red Lion (at the time of writing) is open for food / drink if you feel inclined (safe enough).

All are welcome to join us. If you need a lift or would like more information please ring Liz Fiddock on 01392 851461.

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



Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

A socially distanced American Tournament – originally intended to be part of the official opening of our new courts and lighting until covid restrictions prevented this happening – was enjoyed at the end of September.

Because of covid, we are not taking part in League matches this winter, but have a club Autumn Challenge running over the next few months, as well as our normal club sessions and Wednesday afternoon junior coaching.

Tennis is a great way to stay fit and socialise over winter, especially in these difficult times. We are a small but friendly club with great new facilities. Please see our website www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk for all details of our activities, and winter and annual membership rates.

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Thoughts for November from Peter Cordingley

In the last issue I talked about how poor our home Internet was, how we habitually lost the signal in the morning and evening and how others in the village possibly had the same problem. Well, here's the good news. BT is now providing our home with twice the speed we had before – and, remarkably, more than what we're paying for in our contract.

How did we do that? Well, to my surprise it was a whole lot easier than I had imagined – at least for us, though maybe not so much for BT. It started with a phone call to their maintenance department (0800 432 0137). That produced a long conversation with a super-helpful lady at a call centre in Newcastle (who, by the way, said she'd happily swap places with me and come to Devon!)

She said that her reading of our signal on her computer (don't ask; I don't know) suggested there was a physical problem with the copper wiring that brings the signal to our home. The result: a BT technician promptly showed up the next day with the job of checking the wiring. But where was that wiring? It apparently runs into a box under the ground somewhere in the garden. Somewhere in the garden? We didn't know where it was and neither did BT. The technician spent an hour or two wandering around with a metal pole, driving it into the ground hoping for contact. No luck.

The next day three more people showed up, this time with a sensor. They pretty quickly located the mystery box (and drank their body weight in tea while they were at it). The wiring in the box was in a bad shape. The trio fixed that problem and left with a cheery assurance that the Internet speed would pick up. It didn't.

What to do? Well, in fact, not much as it happens. Another quick phone call to BT and a brand new modem showed up the next day. We plugged it in and, voila!, the dial on the Ookla speed meter instantly span from 16mbps to 32mbps. Just like that! That easy! A problem that had irritated us for months was solved in a couple of days. Thanks, BT!

So here's a tip. The call centre lady in Newcastle told me in confidence that if we in Newton want a better internet connection for everyone, we need to get pushy with Openreach, which looks after internet connectivity on behalf of pretty well all the internet service providers, including BT, Sky, and TalkTalk. Her exact words: "If you want to get rid of slow mo copper wiring, you have to bug Openreach for fibre. If you don't. bug them, they'll ignore you." So now we know what we have to do, don't we!

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Bert Jewell writes Rhymes and Ways about Gardens and Gardening

November

Whilst attending a Harvest service back in September, lots of things were said that brought back memories of my childhood. Like the fact that a lot of children don't know where their food comes from, other than the supermarket. I learnt these things very early on, having to fetch milk from one farm, butter and eggs from another, and having to help father grow all our veg. I wrote a poem about such times a long while ago and having found it on some scrap bits of paper I thought I would include it in the November magazine. Sorry if you have seen it before.

When I was young

When I think back o'er yester years,
Remembering all my childhood tears,
When father's voice echoed his reaction;
The weeding is not to his satisfaction.

I stood and listened for what seemed ages,
Wishing I was looking through some comic pages.
Then with bended knees I would start again,
As my tears mixed with the drizzly rain.

As time went on the weeding came easy,
My father began to get more wheezy.
The more he smoked the worse he got,
I soon had to do the bleeding lot.

In those days there is no doubt,
My life was hard when I'd hear him shout,
There'll be no going out till this patch is dug,
When all of my school pals called me a mug.

How things have changed as the years have passed,
But my love of gardening will last and last.
As we have a garden, much bigger than he had,
and the weeding I now don't find quite so bad.

Things to do in the November garden

If like me you're a fan of Gladiolus, or sword lily as they are sometimes called, now is a good time to lift them. Clean them off and store them somewhere dry and frost free. Lift them carefully with a spade so as to collect all the small cormlets. You can keep one or two to plant next spring, but they will take two or three years before they flower. Dry off the main corms and then twist off the old corm. This should leave the plate or base of the new corms clean, store them in something like a mushroom box, somewhere frost free but airy.

Now if you haven't done it already, tender plants in pots or containers should be taken into the greenhouse or somewhere light and frost free. Watering in the greenhouse should be reduced to the bare minimum and preferably carried out in the morning. This will allow the surface of the compost to dry out before the end of the day, when temperatures could drop. You may have Pelargoniums still flowering in the greenhouse but find that the leaves are turning red. This is caused by having hot days and cold nights. Carry on rough turning the veg garden as soon as areas become vacant, but only if it is not frozen or waterlogged.

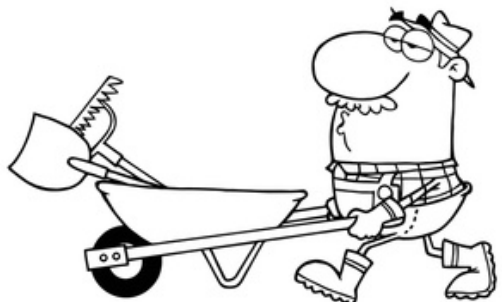
Lawns, well these may well still need cutting, if so raise the deck of the mower and only cut if the ground is dry and not frozen. If too wet, keep off to avoid compaction

Plant of the month

"Viburnum Davidii"

This is a small evergreen shrub, growing to about 3' high, with strong oval shaped leaves and bunches of turquoise coloured berries that can last well into winter. The only drawback is that you need a male and female plant to get the berries. Grows best in well drained soil in sun or light shade.

Enjoy your gardening



NEWTON St CYRES PARISH HALL

we are pleased to have

RE-OPENED

**There are limits to numbers (max of 24),
requirements for sanitisation,
social distancing and face masks.**

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Further details and bookings from Roger Wilkins

(rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com; 851337) or

Mary Long (maryglong@btinternet.com; 851624).

REOPENING of PARISH HALL

The Hall reopened on Mon 19 October.

1. The maximum number of people to be present at any time will be 24 in the Main Hall and 6 in the Club Room. It is the hirer's responsibility to ensure that these limits are not exceeded. You may wish to consider a booking system.
2. The 'rule of six' must be followed. This means that those in the Hall can interact only with others within a distinct group with a maximum size of six. Within the main Hall there is space to have four groups of six with at least 2 m between the different groups. Even within a group of six, there needs to be social distancing between members of the group- unless they are members of the same household.

It would be possible to have each group of six either:

- a. Seated at tables (say, three long tables placed together to produce a 'square' or a horseshoe).
- b. Seated in an open circle.
- c. For a talk or presentation arranged in rows with appropriate spacing both within the row and between rows. Pairs of rows could constitute a group of six.

The Hall is 16 m by 8 m. This provides plenty of space for four groups of six. Chris Barlow or I can advise on layouts.

4. Face coverings must be worn apart from the exceptions below.

For exercise activities and games like table tennis, coverings do not need to be worn whilst actually playing, but must be worn when not actually playing/exercising.

Some people are exempt (detailed on www.gov.uk website). The main exceptions are (children under the age of 11; people who cannot wear because of physical or mental illness, impairment or disability; where putting on a face cover causes very severe distress.

5. Follow the instructions in the Hall in relation to hand sanitisation, washing etc and the need to enter the Hall through the Main Door, but leave through the emergency exits.

6. You must keep a record for at least 21 days of contact details for those who attended your event. This is required for Track and Trace. The Hall has a QR registration. Posters will be on display and can be scanned from mobile devices that have downloaded the test and trace app, but you must keep a physical record too. .

7. The kitchen and the stage will be closed. Please advise your group to bring their own drinks.

8. You must complete a supplementary conditions of hire form and return it to either myself or Mary Long (see below) before your first hire period. *This form has important information on how the Hall can be used.*

I am sorry that there are so many requirements and restrictions, but this is a very challenging period. The Hall Committee have taken many steps to provide as far as possible a 'covid safe' environment. We are restricting the number of bookings to only two per day so that we can carry out rigorous cleaning between each hire. *There is though a lot of responsibility with you, as hirer, for the safety of your group, that of other users. our caretakers and volunteers.*

If all goes well we should be able to relax some of these restrictions and move back towards our previous situation and enable the Hall to make a progressively greater contribution to our village community.



NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP



How much do you know about the past in Newton St Cyres?

Newton St Cyres History Group has an ever-growing library of publications. What better way to occupy your hours during this continued period of isolation and social distancing!

- **Newton St Cyres - A Village Story (£5)**

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

- **Newton St Cyres Historical Village Walks (£1)**

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

- **Newton St Cyres Mining and Miners (£1)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Copies can be purchased through

**Janet at the local Post Office (Stella & the Civil War only)
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brianplease@hotmail.com)**

WHAT'S UP, DOC!

Good news for residents of Newton St Cyres! That's what's up. Groundwork has started on state-of-the-art medical facilities in Crediton that will combine the Chiddenbrooke and New Valley GP surgeries. The new building, under construction close to the Tesco store on the A377, is scheduled to open in the autumn of 2021.

The building will have two floors and will house a number of innovative features, including 16 multi-purpose clinical rooms and eight telephone/video consultation booths that can be used by different clinicians.

The waiting room will contain devices and literature to help patients get to grips with new NHS technology, fill out online consultation forms and learn more about self-care. There will also be facilities for training GPs and nurses, rooms for patient groups to meet, and additional office space and IT equipment for staff. The health hub will provide out-of-hours care for an estimated 61,000 patients.

The practice will benefit from ample parking facilities – which the existing sites are lacking – and will be easily accessible by public transport.



An artist's impression of the new health hub

How well do you know your village?

Picture submitted by Chris Southcott

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the quiz photos so far and an easy form to submit your
answers.**

NEWTON ST CYRES RAMBLERS



On Sunday 11th October, eight of us (socially distanced) enjoyed the group's second walk since lockdown. We were fortunate to have great weather, with excellent visibility, so could enjoy spectacular views.

This easy-to-moderate 4.6-mile walk started

at Smallbrook, just off the A377. After walking away from the main road, we took the marked footpath just after Swallowdale. This part of the route is repeated on the return to the cars, and gave wonderful views to both north and south on each stage of the walk. We followed a narrow track with maize above head height. The footpath then took us down a path between the banks of Hookway Farm and across a small stream, before reaching Rudge Farm.

The route continued along the road, going straight over at Fordton Cross to the bridge over the River Yeo, next to Fordton House. After a brief stop here to admire the wonderful display of cyclamen under the trees, we turned off to the right, with the river and Crediton Milling Company on our left. After passing through a gate, we emerged onto the Golf Course, where several

golfers were enjoying their Sunday-morning rounds.



Luckily none of us had any encounters with stray golf balls, as the path cuts across the course towards a pond in front of the clubhouse. Once we left the golf course, the route took us up a short

November 2020

hill and through a narrow sandstone cutting onto the track and footpath, where views to the left stretched to Killerton. Some of the fields had been ploughed



and this provided us with a spectacular patchwork pattern. This in turn led us back to the return section of the walk that we had negotiated in the opposite direction at the start.

Everyone agreed it had been a rewarding walk and look forward to the next one. Full details of the Smallbrook route can be found in the Country Walks in the Newton St Cyres leaflet. These leaflets are available from the holders in the village car park and the arboretum.

All are welcome to join these monthly walks, at the walkers' own risk. Details are provided in the Newton Wonder.

Nicola Baker

Tired of bad news?

Then how about this? We have acquired two kittens, three months old now. The one at the back, with a white streak on the nose, is Yumi, the female. The male has yet to be named. I favour "Mr Dickens" but am unlikely to win that discussion. Cuddly and loving just the way kittens are? Er, no, sir. Far from it. So far, they come out only to eat, disappear if you go close and show clear signs of delinquency. I think it's going to take a while.

Peter Cordingley



THE ARBORETUM

We are delighted that we have been able to keep open throughout the covid pandemic. The Arboretum provides a fine outdoor environment and this has been much appreciated by our villagers and people from further afield, who have visited in greater numbers than in previous years.

With some indoor activities not being possible, it is good that the Arboretum has been able to be used by two exercise groups - Emma Healey's 'Way to Fitness' and Karen Dudley's 'Barefoot Dance Group'. Karen is now holding Saturday morning sessions entitled 'Moving Outside from the Inside'.

We did suspend mowing and other maintenance work for a short period during lockdown, but **thanks to our volunteers** this work was resumed and the Arboretum has been looking great.

We have been able to progress work on improving the Arboretum. Visitors will have seen that the railings and stonework by the gate have been repaired and cleaned up and the Church restored the wall that had begun to crumble.

With many old trees, we will get trees or major branches falling from time to time. The evergreen holm oaks often have three or four major trunks and decay is likely to start at the base of these trunks. We do an annual inspection of the trees, led by John Quicke. This year we identified a small number of these holm oaks with considerable decay and they have now been felled. There is, however, always some risk and we remind visitors that they visit 'at their own risk'.

The roots left after the demise in recent years of a number of trees have been removed by stump grinding. This operation both clears space and much reduces the risk of fungal infection when trees are replanted at the site. We much appreciated a grant from the Lottery 'Awards for All' scheme. This made a major contribution to the costs of stump grinding and the replanting, which will be done later this year.



Stump Grinding

Finally, if you are not already a member, we invite you to become a Friend of Newton Arboretum. We have about 120 Friends, who pay a subscription of £10 annually. This makes a key contribution to the costs of maintaining and improving the Arboretum. In addition, we organise (in normal times!) events for Friends and it is the ideas and wishes of Friends which determine the way the Arboretum is developed. Please contact either Peter Watts (Treasurer) (01392 851369) or myself (01392 851337).

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Newton Environmental Wellbeing Group

Autumn Colour, Narrow Escapes and Seggy Feggy

Glorious September ended abruptly with a wet, chilly start to October. One minute we were wearing our shorts, then we blinked, to find we had donned our woolly jumpers and raincoats. But how we needed that rain. It has finally penetrated the dry ground and we gardeners can finally get on with our autumn tasks.

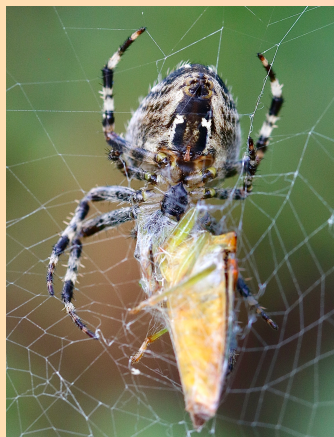
We are told to expect vibrant foliage colours this autumn, due to the long periods of sunshine over the summer. This prediction is borne out by the rowans, which are already a vivid red. I always do a double take when I notice the fallen leaves on the grass - a perfect, almost surreal, colour contrast. The spindle leaves are also beginning to turn, as are those of the field maple *Acer campestre* in the hedgerows. This is our only native acer, but it is rarely seen as a full-grown tree. Years ago when I made hedgerow baskets, I used to seek out the rusty brown stems to weave into my creations. Hips and haws have also taken on their bright shades, and my crab apple is laden with orange fruit that will be enjoyed by our resident blackbirds, as well as visiting fieldfares and redwings over the winter months.



Bright-Line Brown-Eye Moth Caterpillar

Autumn is the time to see the large circular webs of the Garden Spider (*Araneus diadematus*), aka Diadem or Cross spider, due to the markings on its back. The female spins her architectural feats by night, in readiness for the next day's catch, and they pop up just about everywhere, strung across flower beds, paths and doorways, the low sunshine highlighting their long 'zip wires'. Pushing through them always feels like an act of vandalism. Often the spider hangs face down at the centre, or hides in nearby foliage, one claw hooked on her signal line, awaiting the vibrations of a struggling insect. It's a grisly end for her victims, which are hastily wrapped in silk before their despatch by her venomous bite.

Like many gardeners, at this time of year we cut back the foliage overhanging our garden paths so we can move around the garden without getting our clothes wet. As I chopped into the lysimachia, this chubby caterpillar of the Bright-Line Brown-Eye Moth *Lacanobia oleracea* had a narrow escape. In my photo, you can just about see three of its little claw-like legs gripping onto the leaves. These are called 'true legs', and it has three pairs, which act as anchors while it browses. It also has five pairs of stubby 'pro-legs', for good grip, rather like car tyres. When the caterpillar pupates, these pro-legs will be absorbed, but the true legs will develop into the adult moth's six legs.



Garden Spider

Recently, a noticeable hum from my willow revealed many wasps. On close inspection, the stems were coated with black-fly, and the wasps, hungry for sugar, were consuming the sticky honeydew secreted by the flies. While watching them, I was reminded I had not yet seen a hornet this summer, so I put out a little stale jam to find out if there were any around. Sure enough, they appeared within minutes to seek out the source of the sugary scent, and while they tucked in, I was able to get a close-up of these splendid insects. Alarmist newspaper headlines about hornets have given *Vesta crabro* a bad name, but in truth they are much less aggressive creatures than wasps. If you leave them alone, they will not attack you. And as pollinators and predators of other insects, they are good for our gardens.



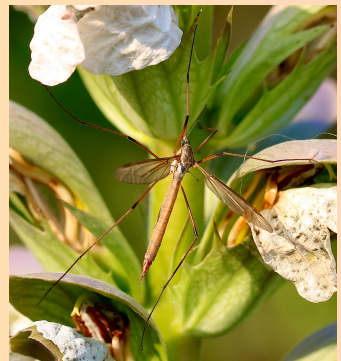
European Hornet



Colourful butterfly numbers have been low in my garden this summer - I have had only one sighting of the Peacock, usually a regular visitor. I wonder if the reason for this is the extremely hot, dry Spring, which resulted in the wilting of nettles on which their caterpillars depend. On the other hand, white butterflies have had a bumper year and have been feeding on the *verbena boniariensis* for weeks. As winter approaches their wings are showing signs of wear and tear.

White Butterfly

In contrast, a new generation of crane flies has emerged and the females can be seen bobbing up and down on grass, positioning their pointed ovipositor to lay their eggs. The scourge of farmers in their pupal leatherjacket form, their long legs and erratic flight make them unpopular and scary, particularly when they fly in your face. I recall that as children, my friend and I used to take off on our bicycles to play in the fields all day (how safe life used to be!), and a chance happening upon a 'Daddy Long Legs' was always an occasion for an ear-piercing scream. But the sight of this *Tipula paludosa* resting on my acanthus did not elicit my former revulsion. They don't sting or bite, and they provide a nutritious meal for a whole range of creatures. I just wish they were a bit easier to catch as they flit about the bedroom ceiling at night!

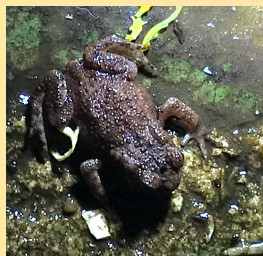


Crane Fly

We find a lot of insects trapped in our garage, face against the window, desperate to return to the outside world. It can be a hazardous exercise pursuing them with a pot and lid in order to catch them for release. Occasionally we are rewarded with an opportunity to see them at close range. This little Snout Moth *Hypena proboscidalis* sat on a leaf recuperating after its ordeal. And what a magnificent snout it has! The 'snout' is in fact two long mouth parts (aka 'palps'), sensory organs that are used for tasting sources of nectar. All it needs is a few nettles for its larvae, and it will happily inhabit your garden.



Snout Moth



Toad

Further delight, on discovering a tiny toad, no bigger than a thumbnail, sitting on our back step in the dark (another narrow escape!). A first for us, having made efforts to attract them to our dry garden over many years. A broken terracotta pot in a damp, shady location awaits its new tenant.

Nature is always ready to take advantage of our man-made nooks and crannies. While replacing the bulb in an outside light, my husband came across an unexpected occupant living in the plastic casing. It was the largest, blackest spider we have ever seen in this country, with striking iridescent green jaws, called 'chelicerae'. It was identified as a tube web spider *Segestria florentina*, an immigrant species, believed to have arrived in the 18th century on trading boats from the Mediterranean. It is only found in warmer southern counties, particularly market towns and ports (there is a record of it being found in Exeter Cathedral in 1890).

Segestria creates its tube web in wall crevices and under stones, attaching a series of radiating 'trip wires' to the exterior. At night, the spider sits in the tube mouth, its three front pairs of legs poking out, resting on the trip wires. Upon sensing vibration, it uses its powerful back legs to launch itself on its prey, grabbing it with its powerful jaws, then dragging it into its lair. Since the trip wires will not trap the prey, speed is of the essence, so this all happens in a split-second.

With such a thrill factor, it's hardly surprising that *Segestria florentina* is beloved by spider enthusiasts. Some even refer to it affectionately as 'Seggy Feggy'. In order to entice the spider out of its lair for a sighting, they are known to touch the trip wires with tuning forks or electric toothbrushes. A risky business, since *Segestria* has a very painful bite, similar to a bee sting. We popped Seggy somewhere safe, and my husband confirms that it is now back in residence inside the light casing.



Segestria florentina

The success story of the summer for our village and others in our area has been the return of hedgehogs in numbers. Such welcome news, since we are told this endearing little animal is now facing extinction. Many villagers are putting out food for them, and every evening we see two or three of them, finishing off the wild bird food and snuffling round our damp yard in search of slugs and snails. My ailing hosta is at last showing signs of recovery from months of snail damage. Having discovered that mealworms are not good for hedgehogs, we invested in some hedgehog food (though cat food will do just as well). Since the young ones are still quite small, and need to reach a threshold weight in order to survive hibernation, the efforts of us 'hog' feeders are crucial at this time. Well done all!



Hedgehog

Mandy Jones

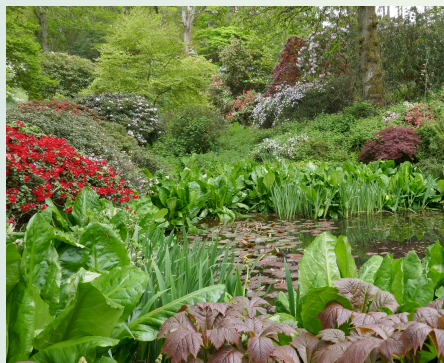
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Newton St Cyres Gardening Club

October provided us with some lovely sunny days that, together with the changing colours of the leaves, made for enjoyable gardening opportunities.

Some anomalies in our garden included fallen autumn leaves around primrose plants in flower and a late bloom on the perennial cornflower (*Centaurea montana*).

If you fancy taking a break from working in your own garden, why not have a day out, while restrictions allow.

Rosemoor is once again holding their illuminated adventure event. This year the enchanting Glow Trail returns with a new one-way route. This takes in the Winter Garden, the Cool Garden with the calming water features, and onto the Cottage Garden via the Long Borders and down to the Lake - with the reflections.

This event is always a brilliant way to view the gardens and plants in a totally different festive way. As with all events, pre-booking is essential. Full booking details can be found at

<https://gardentickets.rhs.org.uk/rhsm/sessions.aspx?tid=41>

GLOW 2020 OPENING TIMES

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Centaurea

In addition, the annual Winter Sculpture Exhibition will be on display throughout the Rosemoor garden and will run from 12 November 2020 until 31 January 2021. This year, the exhibition will see a host of artists exhibiting their work in a wide variety of media. All pieces exhibited are for sale. If you are looking for unusual Christmas presents.



Penstemon and Lavender

Earlier in the year. I wrote of the benefits of being close to nature. Further research from Devon has strengthened the link between gardening and better health and wellbeing. Research from the University of Exeter and the RHS, which analysed data from nearly 8,000 people, is thought to be one of the largest, and specifically compared the behaviour of people with access to a garden to those without.

The research found that people who spend time in the garden, whether gardening or relaxing, are significantly more likely to enjoy good health, higher psychological wellbeing and greater physical activity levels than those who do not. These results have also been identified in a new report from the National Garden Scheme (NGS), which found that making time to watch and

encourage wildlife, connecting with neighbours over the garden gate/fence/hedge, completing overdue garden projects and enjoying the sanctuary of their outdoor spaces were common themes from the survey responses.

It is not too late to send me details of any projects that you have undertaken. We would love to include them in the December edition of the Newton Wonder. Please send details to n.e.budden@exeter.ac.uk by 13 November, including any photographs that you are happy to be published.

Finally a few jobs for our to-do lists for November

- Clear up fallen leaves - especially from lawns, ponds and beds
- Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging
- Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year
- Prune roses to prevent wind-rock
- Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden

Happy Gardening!

Nicola Baker

November on the Farm



NATURE

Low light illuminates the woods, the trees standing like the pillars in a cathedral. Little clumps of young deer enjoy the social fun of adolescence before their adulthood of competition and sexual frustration for the male, and motherhood for the females. The last of the fruit clings onto the trees and bushes. A walk is a feast of aromas: plants rotting, turning back to earth, a whiff of animal from a hidden beast and always some unfamiliar waft that comes from the myriad fungi. We see sulphurous-coloured penny-bun shaped mushrooms and decide against taking some home to identify if they are edible.

ARABLE

Bitten by last year's rain, we sowed the winter crops early. They are now growing lush and leafy in the remaining warmth of the soil. Ideally we'd like a little cold weather to avoid over-proud crops that will struggle to stay healthy over winter. It's lovely to see the clover thriving as it does in the autumn when the grass grows less vigorously. It's a three-leaved tide that looks as if it will overwhelm the grass. The tide goes out in the spring, and we hope each year the clover will grow more strongly, structuring and nourishing the soil. Chicory and other broad leaves we have planted in the pastures stop trying to flower and get on with producing leaf and grazing interest for the cows.

COWS

The heifers graze a hidden valley at the top of the farm. It has wonderful view, towards Exmoor on one side and almost to the coast on the other. Their greeting echoes across from the far side of the valley. They associate people with food and in this remote part of the farm, where they don't get to see many, they come looking for some deliciousness you might give them.

The spring cows are on the last grazing lap before their winter rest before calving. The fodder crops have grown brilliantly over the long warm summer, roots of stored sunlight still bulking up and waiting for them. We place bales of silage across the field to give the cow the good balance of fresh roots and leaves for each day. We've also reverted one of the barns to give them overnight shelter. The farm machines have been evicted: better to look after the animals. We want to avoid the depressing mud of last year's wet winter and give us the choice if it looks like we need it. The autumn cows are now in full milk; they too are on the last tour of their pastures. They are revving up to get in calf, and practicing a lot on their friends. We will start giving them a little grass silage as the grass growth slows up.

DAIRY

The milk is lovely and balanced in the cheese dairy, still with those lovely grazed grass flavours. It's great to balance the last of the rich late lactation milk with milk with stronger protein from the autumn herd. We are still making cheese, assuming life will be returning more to normal in a year's time through this year's turmoil. All we can do is work with the beautiful and interlinked cycles of the natural world and keep making lovely cheese.

The cheeses sit maturing quietly in the cheese store. We check at three months to see how the flavours are. We had some outstanding intense buttery flavours at our last grading, a real pleasure. At 12 months, we taste again and work out where the cheese will go, which customers want which flavours. We select a delicate non-combative flavour to balance our home-grown woodsmoke in our smoked cheddar. We think the native oak woods, singling out the coppice trees to make a single tall stem and a noble-looking wood. That gives us oak wood, which dries in a stack on the farm. We hire a wood chipper in to make little oak chips. We light the smoker fire with oak shavings, and damp the fire down with the slowly smouldering chips. Air gently wafts across the burning face and the smoke moves over the cheese, now cut into sixteenths. The smoke gently percolates through the cheese overnight. I'm looking for a smokey hit at first, then a little dance of the smoke and the cheese, and then the cheese flavours unfold. We will also smoke some of our 1.8kg truckles. Lovely for a wood fire, bonfire, autumn feel.

CHEESE & CIDER PAIRING

I've been really enjoying some of the wonderful flavours from our Devon cider renaissance: so many new ciders from new and established cider makers exploring all of the ways of turning our heritage apples into refreshing sparkles that balance the luscious and unfolding flavours of our cheese. The Devon cider makers claim to have invented 'methode champenoise'. The French disagree, but I'm so happy cider makers are reclaiming these old techniques. I love the fresh fruit, sweet and sharp, plus the tannins of the cider varieties. And bubbles always cheer up a dark November evening. I love the single-variety ciders of Sandford Orchards, Find and Foster's remarkable ciders and the lovely ciders of Stoke Hayne. And those are just from our immediate valley. They make a lovely pairing for our smoked cheddar: our local trees and local cows celebrating our beautiful landscape on its way to the slumbers of winter.

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Do You Remember?...November?

November 1970

Devon County Council has given permission to the Parish Council for the public to see the plans of road improvements between New Bridge and Ford Farm. What is described as a forest of poles going up in the village turns out to be new street lighting arranged by the County Council in response to a request made by the Parish Council some two years ago.

Work started last month on the old peoples bungalows in Station Road.

The Coffee Club will have an illustrated description of the Oberammergau Passion play presented by Mrs Bailey. Arrangements were announced for the re-opening of the Parish Hall on Saturday 28th November. The doors will open at 2.00 pm followed by the official opening ceremony at 2.30 pm. There will be a puppet and picture display by the Primary School, sideshows, bring and buy and stalls of all sorts. Bingo will start at 5.00 pm and tea will be free to all comers.

The Rec is to put on a big communal and safe bonfire and fireworks display on Thursday 5th November.

November 1980

An open letter had been sent to Mr Maxwell-Hyslop MP appealing for the matter of a by-pass around Newton St Cyres and Crediton to be considered, in view of a recent decision to build a new road linking Tiverton and Barnstaple. The letter was printed in full in the Newton Wonder.

Children shared in the Harvest Festival service this year and it was followed by an excellent supper, after which the Dartmoor Pixie Band provided music. The new floodlight on the Church tower had been fitted which created a dramatic effect as seen from School Hill, Sand Down Lane and Tytheing Close.

Newton St Cyres Young Farmers had had a successful year, winning competitions at a local level. They had gained 21 new members and enjoyed an exchange visit by 41 young people from Tungelroy in Holland.

A special meeting was held at the Recreation Ground to discuss future developments. It was decided to change the name to the Newton St Cyres Recreation Ground Club, and to apply for registration to enrol members and enable the sale of alcohol at sporting events. David Baker's walk to raise money for the pavilion was completed in 3 hours 6 minutes, raising just over £200, 10 people guessed the correct time.

November 1990

The Young Farmers reported that 14 of their members had enjoyed a trip to Southern Ireland on an exchange visit. The past summer had included many events, the most important being a Mega Radio One Ram Roast & Disco, which

raised £3,000 for the West of England School for the Partially Sighted. The Newton St Cyres Art Group welcomed Mr D Weatherby recently, who spoke to them about trees and the need to observe their various shapes, sizes and shades to produce more successful paintings. J G Quicke & Partners gave their thanks to all those who came out in appalling weather conditions to attend the Country Fayre.

November 2000

Quickes have won four medals at the British Cheese awards at Stow on the Wold. They got gold for mature cheese and two silver and one bronze for other cheeses, with 680 entries it was well done amongst strong competition. The Parish Council is in negotiation with MDDC for the provision of a bus shelter outside the post office and additional lighting in the car park. A builders skip will be placed in the car park over one weekend this month for the disposal of autumn clearance of garden waste. Parishioners are requested not to dump tyres, batteries and asbestos in the skip.

November 2010

The community speed watch group is extending it's area of operation to Cowley in the Three Horse Shoes area. The Parish Council reports that the bus shelter in middle of the village will have to be replaced and the insurance company is considering the matter.

The Gardening Club visited the Met Office last month. They were given an extremely interesting tour and allowed into the operational heart of gathering weather information. It is reported that after over three decades of use Doug West's radio antenna has been dismantled due to rust.

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NEWTON ST CYRES SCHOOL

From Mr Joliffe

Executive Headteacher:-

As the first half of the autumn term comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Heads of School and the entire staff across the federation for all their hard work over the last seven weeks as they have had to adapt to new ways of managing their classes. This has been quite a challenge but everyone has worked together to make sure that children are kept safe. An enormous thank you too, to all the parents who have followed the new guidelines and dropped their children off outside the school gate or classroom door and adapted to new routines at the beginning and end of the school day. I know that you have missed the regular daily contact that you normally have with teachers and not being able to come into the classroom to see what your child has been learning. I hope that we will be able to restore normal communication and interactions soon, but in the meantime thank you again for all your help and support at a uniquely challenging time for schools.

I hope you and your family are able to enjoy some time together next week and that you stay safe and free from illness over the half term break.

From Mr Ackhurst

Head of school:-

It's been a wonderful half term back at school and I'm sure everybody is ready for a half term break. There has been a lot to contend with this half term so a huge thank you to everyone in the school community for their support and efforts to ensure that the children have enjoyed being back in school. There has been some excellent teaching and learning going on and the supportive work completed with Jigsaw and The Book Of Hopes at the start of term has really helped to provide a supportive network for all the children.

This week we held our parent's forum and there were lots of positives to share. It was great to catch up and to look to the future. A Q&A sheet was sent home on Tuesday which documented the meeting. If you have any queries about the meeting, then feel free to contact me via the office.

We are hoping to finalise some dates for after half term and many of our usual Christmas events will need to be altered to meet specific guidelines. We are planning a nativity but once again, this will need very careful planning. We hope to be able to share this with you and will look at the best ways of doing this.

Finally it leaves me to wish you all a wonderful half term.

The above are extracts from the School Newsletter on 23rd Oct 2020



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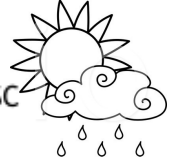
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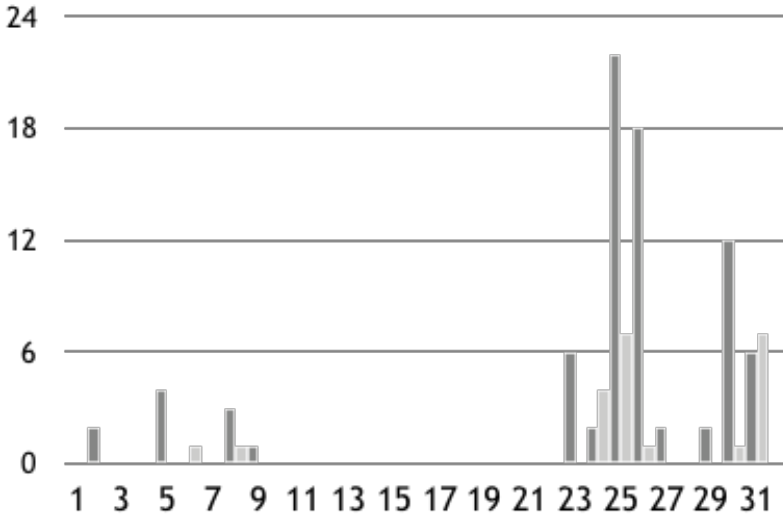


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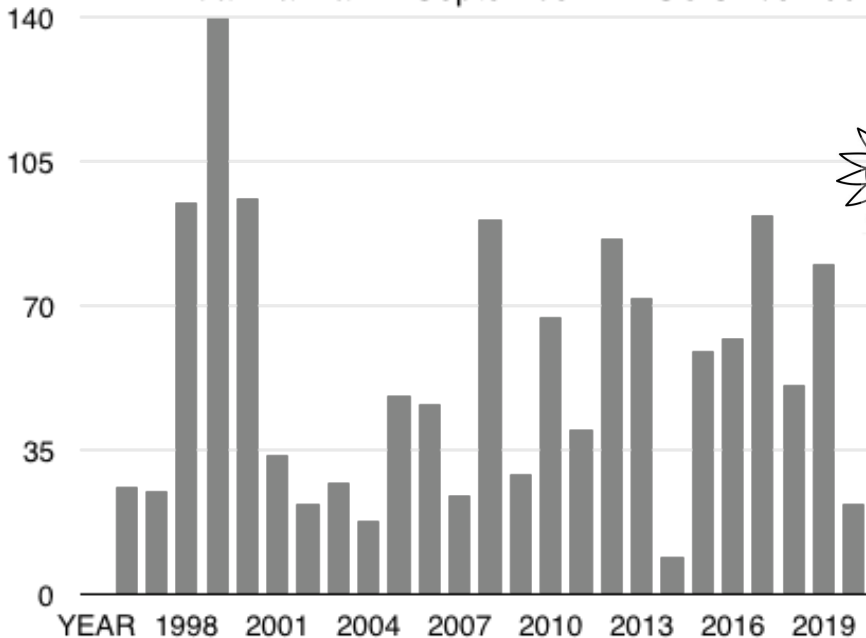


■ Rainfall in Sept. 2019 in NSC ■ Rainfall in Sept. 2020 in NSC



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.

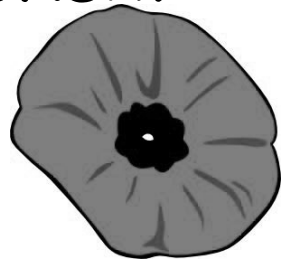
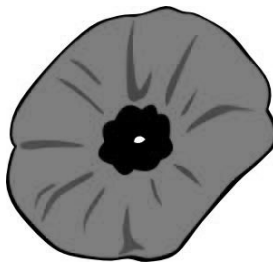
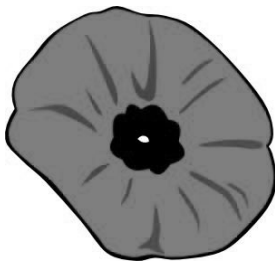
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The Parish Church of St Cyr and St Julitta



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



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To book your place, either email:**

katie.cross@netherexe.org

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In the line of duty

I write this piece on Hidden Heroes Day and just after National Police Memorial Day which was sadly preceded, by only a couple of days, by the fatal shooting of a custody sergeant at Croydon police station. In case you have not heard of it, Hidden Heroes Day celebrates and gives thanks for the outstanding service of the people working in our prisons, Immigration Removal Centres, probation and youth justice services, across the UK.

Many people would be glad not to have these jobs; at worst to be at risk of injury or death as you go about your daily work or, at best, spat and sworn at.

When we hear about the death of a police officer, we often think of them as heroic and doing their duty. The same has been said of NHS staff and those working in care homes who put their health on the line for others, especially during the COVID pandemic. We don't know the exact figures but it is estimated that more than 620 NHS staff and social care worker deaths have been linked to coronavirus.

On Remembrance Sunday we remember those who fell during the First and Second World Wars and the many wars and hostilities that have followed. Soldiers, sailors and air personnel doing their duty.

Duty may be defined as 'a task or action that one is required to perform as part of one's job' but we must beware of treating deaths in the line of duty as somehow acceptable, however regrettable.

In this complicated world in which we live, each person who takes on a job or position which means that their life may be put in danger is taking a responsibility that enables the rest of society to live peaceably. In a world corroded by human vanity in which power still corrupts, wars continue and poverty abounds, those in the armed forces, the emergency services and the hidden heroes continue to risk their health and well-being for us.

The individuals that have fallen in the 'line of duty' are not statistics: they were bright, funny, loved and cherished individuals. Let us remember that the deaths of these heroes are not a necessary evil, a consequence of their job, but of a world in which evil still abounds. With each death, a little more humanity falls away. On this Remembrance Sunday we each have a duty, a responsibility, to remember those who have fallen for us. We can think about what we can do to make this world a better place to live and work and to support those who take on difficult jobs and risk their lives for us.

Laura Ford

NOVEMBER 2020 SERVICES & INFORMATION

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

Service Theme for November: Yahweh-Shalom - The Lord is peace

Sunday 1 November All Saints Day

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Thorverton	JH & LF
11:15 am	Morning Worship		Rewe	Lay Led
05:00 pm	Afternoon Worship		Zoom/Telephone Service#	JH & LF
06:00 pm	Reflective Service		Cadbury	Lay Led

Sunday 8 November Remembrance Sunday

10:15 am	Remembrance Service		Rewe	LF
10:15 am	Remembrance Service		Stoke Canon	JH
10:30 am	Remembrance Service		Thorverton	Archdeacon of Exeter
			Joint with Cadbury Church	Andrew Beane
10:30 am	Remembrance Service		Upton Pyne	KC
			Joint with Brampford Speke	
10:45 am	Remembrance Service		Newton St Cyres	TL
05:00 pm	Remembrance Worship		Zoom/Telephone Service#	JH, LF & KC

Holy Communion Service for 8 November* TBC

Sunday 15 November Second Sunday before Advent

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Upton Pyne*	JH & LF
05:00 pm	Afternoon Worship		Zoom/Telephone Service#	LF & JH

Sunday 22 November Christ the King

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Newton St Cyres	JH & KC
05:00 pm	Afternoon Worship		Zoom/Telephone Service#	JH & KC

Sunday 29 November Advent 1

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Stoke Canon	KC & LF
05:00 pm	Afternoon Worship		Zoom/Telephone Service#	KC & LF

.The locations for Holy Communion services on the second and third Sundays of each month will rotate between Cadbury, Rewe, Stoke Canon & Upton Pyne churches.

Please continue to check our website at www.netherexe.org for details of locations that will be posted to the "Please Note" section of the home page.

NB: If you wish to attend a church service you should book in advance by contacting Revd Katie Cross on 01392 759612 or by email katie.cross@netherexe.org

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Private Prayer at Newton St Cyres Church.

From October, there is a change of day and time

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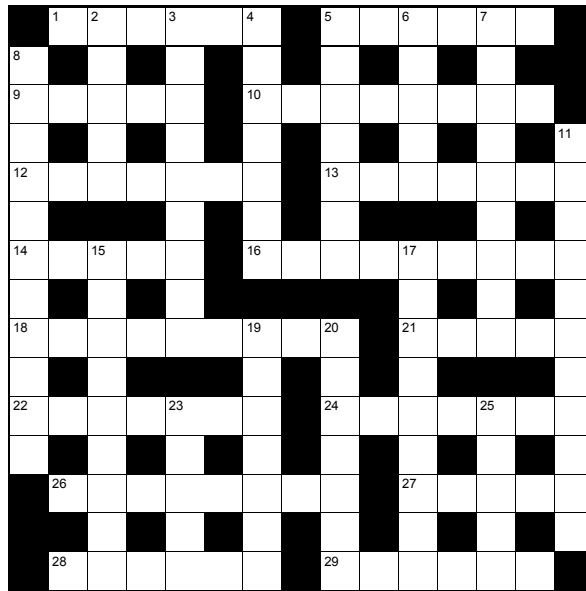
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Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Extreme enmity could result in death, right? (6)
- 5 Some card games for masseur (6)
- 9 Wise men, first to control wizardry (5)
- 10 Foolish conceit around university is to count for nothing (3,2,3)
- 12 To agree entirely (7)
- 13 Team not batting is in the field perhaps (7)
- 14 Love left to perish in formerly popular song (5)
- 16 To run down daughter is standard, given time (9)
- 18 I cut Elvis out of book (9)
- 21 Raise glasses to a good man (5)
- 22 Second entreaty for something to water plants with (7)
- 24 Rain too affected Canadian province (7)
- 26 Ring back twice to scoff (4-4)
- 27 Rex comes in to decorate? Rubbish! (5)
- 28 Crime only punished after fellow takes Ecstasy (6)
- 29 Sidle off around start of presentation and drive away (6)

DOWN

- 2 A Romanian initially picked up slang (5)
- 3 Remember to assemble again (9)
- 4 A number of years said to be rotten (7)
- 5 Limits speeches when leader's absent (7)
- 6 Promote footwear round the south (5)
- 7 A Chilean dish chiefly – wrong, a Mexican one (9)
- 8 End of scene still is lacking feeling (11)
- 11 Peer's ordered Russian vehicle with Soviet reconstruction (11)
- 15 Fish and port only (5,4)
- 17 Heights situated haphazardly around lake (9)
- 19 Brief thus tucked into Indian meal (7)
- 20 She's old, crazy and drunk (7)
- 23 Lout gives exclamation of joy (5)
- 25 Only some admire evergreen old magistrate (5)

Sudoku

All you have to do is fill in the squares so that each row, each column and each square contain all the numbers from 1- 9.

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Solution to the October 2020 Cryptic Crossword

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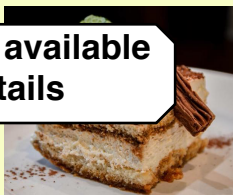
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