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GRAEME BARNELL a man on a mission.....see page 26

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Autumn

Despite the unseasonably warm weather, Autumn is upon us. Halloween will happen at the end of October and November will start with fireworks at the Rec. on Thursday 2nd. This year, as for the last couple of years, the display is being run by F.A.N.S, the parent/teacher organisation for the school. This year they have recruited a selection of sponsors and all their details and of the event are on their advertisement on page 21 of this issue.

Parish Council

What do we know about our new chairperson? Six months after the election of the new council, Ann Quon Cordingley has been to interview Graeme Barnell to find out some more. Her report is on page 26

The Parish Council has voted to co-opt Alison Staite as the ninth councillor. Alison grew up in the village and has recently moved back from Crediton.

In addition to the monthly report from the Parish Council this edition contains an analysis of the responses to the consultation on the proposed refunding and possible closure of two of the permissive footpaths in the village.

Neighbourhood Planning

The steering group invited a group of village people who were thought to have a particular interest in the work that it was doing to a consultation meeting on 13th September. This meeting is reported on page 18

Church Activity

When the NHS funding for the Community Support Group which is mentioned in recent "Do you remember" articles finished it was agreed that the group would continue with monthly coffee mornings to enable everyone interested in supporting the community to get together. This month the coffee morning is being provided by the church who provide their time and effort when no other group is available.

The service of remembrance in November unites us all, ensuring that we continue to appreciate the lives lost in two World Wars. As we read our papers and watch the news we may well find it very hard to understand how the world has made so little progress and how it is now civilians who are losing their lives.

The approach of Christmas brings with it the Christmas Fayre on November 25th. Its always a great time and place to get some of those little presents, made by local crafts people.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT 5th October 2023

The meeting, held on Thursday 5th October 2023, was attended by seven Councillors, the Parish Clerk, and Devon County Councillor Margaret Squires. 12 members of the public were in attendance.

Issues raised by the public:

- The public expressed support for the wildflowers on the village green.
- Biodiversity loss was raised as an issue, from tree felling and hedge cutting within the Quicke estate. A special open meeting has been planned by N.E.W for 25th October -which will be open to the public.

Alison Staite said she was willing to stand as a Parish Councillor, proposed by Cllr G Barnell and seconded by Cllr L Ouldrige. It was unanimously agreed to co-opt her. Her role within the council will be confirmed at the next meeting.

Report from District Councillors on issues relevant to the parish – None.

Newton St Cyres Parish Council issues relevant to Devon County Council

Shuttern Close Lighting - Noted that the previous complaint is now at second stage. Before being passed over to ombudsman, it is suggested that a solution is proposed between Mike Lowman, the parish hall, and the residents of Shuttern Close.

Dog Poo Bins - It has been proposed to move the waste bin from the old phone box to outside the Church and the council are working towards getting a bin at the Recreation ground.

Report from Devon County Councillors on issues relevant to the parish

Traffic and Road Issues – Cllr J Dean

Three priority localities have been identified for a travel and safety plan (the School, Smallbrook and Tytheing Close). Parishioners in these locations will be consulted on what was needed in the form of safe road-crossing points, road signage, speed limits, and safe access to bus stops.

Cllr M Squires is requesting a speed check on the A377 from Crediton direction down the hill leading to Station Road.

Cllr G Barnell has requested parking restrictions along Station Road from DCC

If parking restrictions on Station Road are considered appropriate, there will be consultation with residents about specific proposals.

Development and Planning – Cllr G Barnell

23/01398/HOUSE - Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 21/01942/HOUSE to allow substitution of approved plans at 14 Kingfisher Close – no comment.

Cllr G Barnell responded to EDDC planning application 22/1104/VAR - Enfield Farm Biodigester Oil Mill Lane Clyst St Mary EX5 1AF but despite objections the application had been agreed.

Emergency and Resilience - Cllrs G Scopes and P Stephenson

Cllr G Scopes is working on securing guardianship of the defibrillators.

A walk was conducted by Cllr G Barnell and it was noted that there is heavy overgrowth in areas behind woodlands. The clerk will liaise with Quickes' Farm to conduct maintenance.

Environment and Climate – Cllr to be confirmed.

The council has agreed a maintenance contract with NEW for the village green which will be reviewed every 2 years. A vote was taken on the topic of the wildflowers with all in agreement except one member.

Community and Engagement issues – Cllr Jenna Browne & Cllr Josselyn Whittaker

Cllr J Browne has proposed improvements to the playground that cannot be funded by the council and will need to be grant-funded via the Rec. These improvements may need to wait until the Rec has agreed a longer lease to ensure likelihood of success, and in the interim the clerk will contact MDDC to see if there is remaining S106 funds that may be used.

Footpath, structure and maintenance – Cllr Steve Parker

75 responses were received in the consultation response regarding the permissive footpaths and a discussion with the landowners was proposed to finalise details. It was noted that DCC has agreed to install a new handrail and steps on FP1 (public rights of way) and that permission had been given by the landowners' farm manager for DCC to carry out the work.

Other Council Business

None

Jenna Browne

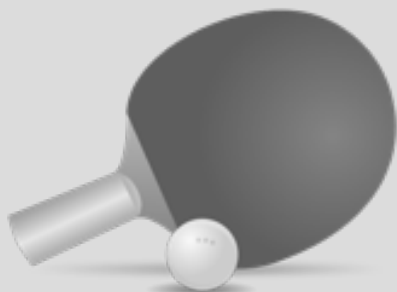


Table Tennis

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Parish Hall on

THURSDAYS

from 7 to 9 pm.

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Music for an Autumn Afternoon

A tea-time concert featuring a varied selection of short pieces by Mozart, Bach, Elgar, Hoagy Carmichael and others.

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Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

In late September we all enjoyed a marvellous final day and BBQ, with many spectators with an age range from 3 to around 80! On the courts, we had mixed, men's and ladies' doubles and single matches. The standard of tennis was very high and it was a great afternoon/evening.



Many were able to meet new members or catch up with those they had not seen for a while. Here are the players of the men's and ladies' doubles.

Men: Jon Wills, Colin Bulled, Alan Ord, Harry Willet.

Women: Laura Leigh, Poppy Brimson, Jana Garnsworthy, Linda Godslan.

We will be running another Rusty Racket Session in late October or early November, and a big thank-you for all those who joined previous sessions and have now joined the Club.

If you are ready for some tennis, try the club for a couple of sessions and then decide. Just contact our membership secretary Laura Leigh on 01647 24259.

Junior coaching, run by our club coach, Jon Wills, is well attended and takes place on Wednesdays after school during term time. If you would like to enrol for the winter term please email juniors@newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk for further information and put your name down.

Jon also offers adult coaching, both individually and for small groups, so if you feel you need to brush up your skills or learn more about the doubles game, just get in touch with him via our website.

Frederick Maddock

COFFEE MORNING

DECEMBER 9TH 2023

10:30 – 12:00

PARISH HALL

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Newton St Cyres Parish Council

Summary of the consultation on permissive footpaths

The table below shows the number of responses in each category to the following questions:

Should we increase the parish precept to pay for access/maintenance to two permissive footpaths on the Quicke estate?

No	41
Yes	30
Insufficient information to make a conclusion (uncertain)	4
Total	75

Summary of additional information from the consultation

28 out of 41 of the 'no' responders made comments. 19 out of 30 'yes' responders made comments. All the uncertain responders made comments. I've attempted to group comments from respondents into categories. Each table shows the numbers of respondents who made a comment similar to or exactly like that shown in the table. The numbers will not add up because many people made more than one comment.

1) Although the result of the survey was 'no', this did not mean that many people did not value access to the countryside. For many people, the problem was the funding.

	total	no	yes	uncertain
This was a poor/inappropriate use of parish funds	3	3	0	0
It is bad value for money - paying more for less	20	8	10	2
Paths should be paid for nationally	2	1	0	1
People are already hard pressed and shouldn't be asked for more	5	4	1	0
It sets a dangerous precedent	1	1	0	0
There was concern that the costings were underestimates and would increase with time	5	4	1	0
There was concern that the agreement only lasts for short time	2	2	0	0
Some felt other Priorities are more important	5	5	0	0

Many people commented that we were only being offered two paths and the cost was higher than previously paid for four paths. This actually generated some fairly strong words. Some people were concerned that the Parish Council would end up paying more than quoted and there were concerns expressed about public liability, legal costs and insurance. People were also worried that a 10-year agreement would leave the paths open to closure.

- 2) More people expressed support for the paths than those who believed the paths were not important.

	total	no	yes	uncertain
People need access to the countryside for well-being	13	2	10	1
The footpaths are needed for safety (mostly footpath 1)	4	1	3	0
Do we really know how much local people use the paths?	3	3	0	0
People use the paths irresponsibly so close them or educate people	3	1	2	0
Many local people can't/don't use the paths	5	4	1	0
We have other paths and do not need these	2	2	0	0

Some respondents were enthusiastic about the benefits of exercise for both physical and mental well-being. Three respondents mentioned that footpath 1 provided a safe route to the village from Tytheing Close. One person felt they were left vulnerable to theft by footpath 1 passing along the back of Tytheing Close. There was some ill feeling that non-parishioners who use the path would not be asked to pay whereas parishioners, even if they did not use the paths, might have to pay. There were several negative comments about commercial dog walkers and also problems with dog mess.

- 3) Some responses expressed deep feelings about the necessity to make this decision.

	total	no	yes	uncertain
Negative comments about Quicke Estate	10	9	1	0
Positive comments about Quicke Estate	2	0	2	0
People can't be stopped from walking on land if they cause no damage	1	1	0	0
Existing paths not well maintained	14	3	9	2
Paths have existed for many years although only formalised recently	2	2	0	0

There were two very positive comments about the way the Quicke Estate had supported the village over the years and the access allowed to their land. Most of the negative comments fell into one of two categories. Either there was some comment on the relative wealth of the villagers and the Estate or there was disappointment expressed that the existing paths had not been maintained even though access had been paid for. There were two comments about the fencing off of existing footpaths which meant that walkers were restricted to so narrow a path that the path would quickly become impassable in wet weather. There were also some (possibly incorrect) views expressed about the morality/legality of access to the countryside and the effect of footpath closure on the reputation of the Quicke Estate in the village.

- 4) Requests were made for further negotiation with the Quicke Estate.

	total	no	yes	uncertain
Lack of consultation by the Quicke Estate and /or the Parish Council	5	1	1	3
Further negotiation with the Quicke Estate is needed as the offer is far from ideal	5	2	2	1
The village and the Quicke Estate should work together to establish/care for paths	4	2	2	0
The wrong footpaths being offered / would like to see more or different	12	1	11	0

Two respondents requested an open meeting to gain further information. Part of the extra negotiation requested was for a reduction in the cost. But more respondents were interested in different paths being offered. These fell into two main categories. Many wanted to see if Footpath 1 could be re-instated. Two people requested new paths to form a circular walk.

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- 5) Some helpful suggestions were made as to possible alternatives to pay for the footpaths.

	total	no	yes	uncertain
We should investigate other ways to keep paths open	3	3	1	0
Raise money to cover it by charging for village hall car park	1	0	1	0
Could we charge visitors to the village for use of the paths?	4	0	4	0
What are other parishes doing?	1	1	0	0

Some of the suggestions were fairly vague. But here are the specific suggestions:

- In Bramford Speke, 2 footpaths were closed and village residents can pay a few pounds per year for a key code to the gate.
- Under the 2023 Sustainable Farming Incentives, landowners can receive funding for a number of actions that essentially enable safe walking routes that do not impact on cropping or pasture areas, e.g. 4m to 12m buffer strips, take field corners out of management
- As the Estate previously claimed under Countryside Stewardship (CS) schemes, it is important to note that while Defra has not yet confirmed permissive access to all types of land in CS currently, Defra do offer access to woodland through CS Higher-tier agreement supplement, WS4: Access for people - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
- In addition it should be noted that in the recent **ELM policy paper - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)** the explicit payment for "*Permissive footpaths*" and for "*Supplement to enable permissive access across woodland, where access is currently limited*" was noted as "New - being explored, coming by Summer 2023" and "CS option to be updated" respectively. Defra are actively developing a new permissive access offer into CS, as well as other changes to broaden out the current access and engagement offer. This announcement is planned to be made publicly in late summer/autumn detailing sign-up options and payment rates etc.
- Why do you not get a grant from Viridor to cover the cost?

The following letter was agreed at the October Parish Council meeting and sent to the landowner

Permissive Footpaths - Consultation and next steps

Please find attached a summary of the responses we've received as a Parish Council to our local consultative survey.

You will see that the majority of respondents (55%) were not in favour of the proposals but a significant minority (40%) were in favour. Most of those who were not in favour, together with a significant number who want us to accept it, said that they would like to see improvements to the proposals either in terms of value for money and/or in terms of the number and accessibility of paths.

There are also some interesting suggestions about alternative or additional sources of funding that you may well know about already but could merit investigation.

The Parish Council discussed the consultation report at its October meeting. We would like you to know that we believe strongly in the importance of a network of Permissive Paths to the people of the parish and wish to reach an agreement with you to ensure their sustainability and continuation. We believe that your proposals can form the basis for an agreement on the availability, funding and maintenance of these paths. However we are seeking improvements to ensure the proposals meets both the future needs of the parish and can win the support of local people.

To this end, I'm suggesting a meeting with you to include three of our number together with Jane Hole, Parish Clerk. The aim would be to explain those aspects of your proposals that we can support and those where we wish to propose changes.

I hope that this suggestion is acceptable. If so, please let me know and I will ask Jane to arrange a time and place that is convenient to you.

Graeme Barnell, Chairman, Newton St Cyres Parish Council

The Chair of the Parish Council has received the reply from the landowner which is on the next page and will be discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Dear Graeme,

We have decided that we do not want to enter into an agreement with the Parish Council on this matter, and I do not want to attend a meeting about this.

We propose to keep 2 of the permissive footpaths open (Numbers 2 and 3 on my plan) and we will close Numbers 1 and 4.

We will keep these 2 open with no requirement for a fee from the Parish Council, but them remaining open will depend on the good behaviour of walkers (especially dog walkers), and difficulties caused to the farm or estate may result in closure of the footpath(s).

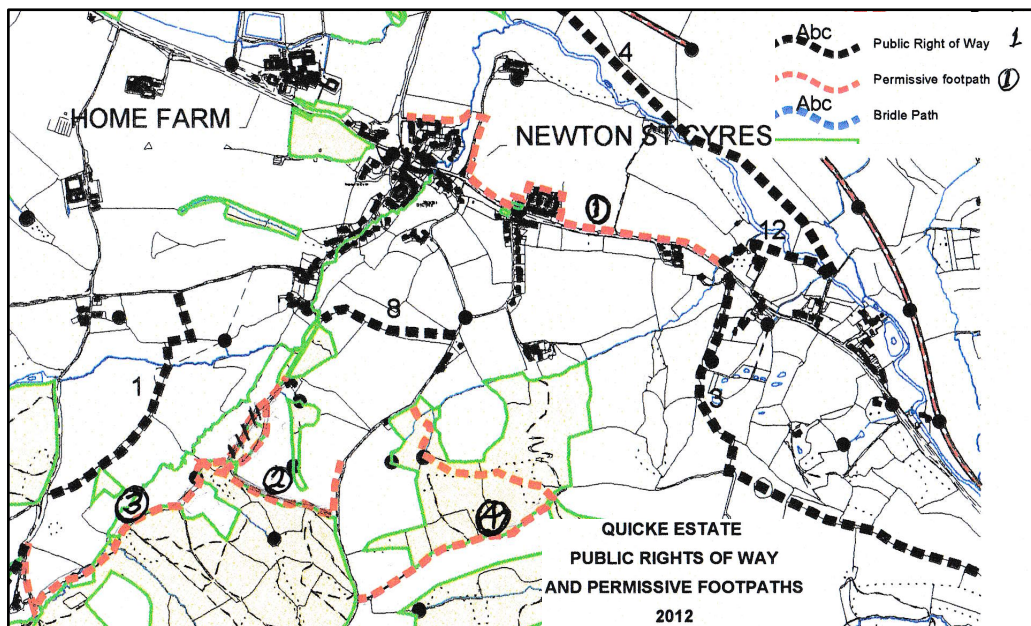
We will close these permissive footpaths on September 30th for 1 day, and this permission will run from year to year from October 1st to September 29th.

We will review the situation annually.

May I remind you that before we entered into the Countryside Stewardship scheme there were no footpaths in these locations.

Yours sincerely

John



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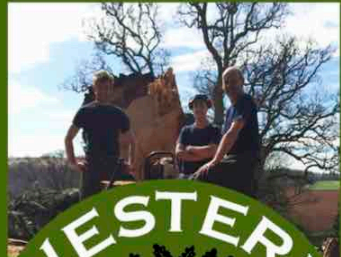


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Newton St Cyres Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Summary of Consultation with local landowners, voluntary and business leaders held on 13 September 2023

16 attended(including some members of the LP Steering Group).

Total number of years lived in the parish was 431.

What they liked about the Parish:

The sense of community (including the school community), the character of the area, the green spaces - rural quality, footpaths and the arboretum. Also liked were the local commercial and recreational facilities, the pubs, clubs, parish hall, rec. club and church

Their vision for the future:

There was a general feeling that the village had to develop, whilst maintaining its rural nature. Development should include homes for younger people. It was felt that development of homes should not be of large four and five bedroom houses. Included should be smaller and less expensive houses which could be accessible to first home buyers, self-build opportunities, as well as shared ownership and homes to rent. It was imperative that development is accompanied by the expansion of the local infrastructure.

It was felt that the future of the village lay in promoting young people and families so any plan should bear that in mind. More child friendly opportunities within the existing facilities would be a welcome development and much appreciated by the younger generation

The group was keen to see if ways could be found to increase opportunities for employment, particularly for young people, for example through work hubs.

What Changes they would like to see to realise their vision:

Development will Increase the use of the Parish Hall and Recreation Ground and local ownership of the Recreation Ground would secure its future. Also there was a desire to develop footpaths and cycleways, in particular the creation of the Boniface Trail linking Newton St Cyres with Smallbrook and Half Moon, as well as ultimately with Crediton and Exeter

Other items included improved public transport, more green spaces, especially on the south and west sides of the village.

The NP Planning Group are now considering how best to engage with landowners in the Parish in the hope that we might discuss how we can respond to their plans.

Gail Meldrum and Peter Hawksley

How much would you like to know about the past in Newton St Cyres?

Newton St Cyres History Group has an ever-growing library of publications. What better way to orientate and acquaint yourself with your local surroundings!

• Newton St Cyres – A Village Story (£5)

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



• Newton St Cyres Historical Village Walks (£1)

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

• Newton St Cyres Mining and Miners (£1)

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NEWTON RAMBLERS

A group of nine joined the walk in September, starting off from the car park in Copplestone. There was a short shower while we were in the car park, but after that the amble remained dry and most enjoyable.



The Newton Ramblers

This walk combined lovely countryside and views, with many interesting historical facts. The first of the three hamlets on this walk was Elston, where the wall of one of the houses has a lovely bread oven. There is also a superb Devon Longhouse, Elston Barton, with an unusual cobbled rear courtyard. The walk continued to the old turnpike road, which was built by a consortium, between 1828 and 1831, headed by the Earl of Portsmouth. The railway that followed in 1854 revolutionised the local transport system.



The Bell Tower at Knowle Barton

After carefully crossing the main road, the walk continued past Stowford Cottage into Knowle, where Knowle Barton still has the bell tower. This bell was rung to summon the field labourers back to

the farm. At one time Knowle also had its own quarry at Bitter Knowle, and stone from the quarry was used to repair Colebrooke church tower back in the late 17th century.



Right:- Copplestone Cross

The walk continued along an ancient way/lane then passed through a small wood until we came to a substantial stone arch underneath the railway line. The arch is known for its wonderful engineering. Sadly, after the cost of the building of this bridge, in 1850 the railway surveyors decided that Coleford was undeserving of even a halt, and all the commercial money went to Copplestone.

Our walk then continued into Coleford and past the New Inn, where the smell of Sunday Roast wafted enticingly! It is recorded that in July 1644 the hamlet of Coleford saw King Charles 1 review his troops from the cobbled porch of Spencer's Cottage. From here we walked on to Coplestone House – this has the original spelling and was home of the Coplestone family for many centuries. There is an old saying, “Crocker, Cruwys and Coplestone, when the Conqueror came were all at home”.

The walk then concluded by crossing the main road at the junction where the Copplestone Cross, an intricately carved granite stone, stands. It has a Heritage category of ‘Scheduled Monument’ (List Entry Number: **1013728**) is 3.2 metres high, 0.6 metres square. The granite is believed to have come from Dartmoor and was originally either a boundary stone or the shaft of a decorated Saxon cross.

We hope you can join us on some of our future walks. Our next walk is on

Sunday 19th November

A combined circular walk of around 3 ½ miles around Thorverton. Starting at the Village Car Park & finishing at the Parish Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, there will be some steep climbing up to the Church of St Michael & All Angels in Cadbury, but this will provide the opportunity to stop and look back to wonderful views.

The walk will conclude with Sunday Roast Lunch at the Thorverton Arms at 1230. A table for 10 has been booked, so please let me know, in advance, if you would like lunch. Places will be allocated on the speed of your request!

We will meet in the Car Park at Newton St Cyres at 9.30am to car share to Thorverton, where we will park in the Village Car Park. If you prefer to meet there, we will aim to start the walk at 10.00 am

Further details, and to reserve your place for lunch, please call Nicola 01392 851985.

All are welcome

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



Thoughts for November from Peter Cordingley

It's all the talk in dog-owning circles. The chatter is that three of those frightening American XL Bully dogs have been spotted in Newton Wood, in the Tin Pit Hill area. According to some people, all three of the dogs are being allowed to run free, off their leads. Whether this is true or not, I don't know, but nerves are running high among dog owners, especially those who like to take their pets up to that part of the village.

That's maybe not surprising, given how Bullies have been in the news recently. They have been responsible for countless vicious attacks this year, and the situation seems to be getting more dire. Bully XLs have been identified as responsible for at least nine deaths in the UK since 2021. Among those killed was a 10-year-old boy mauled by an eight-stone Bully named "Beast" in south Wales and a 17-month-old girl attacked by a dog her family had owned for just a week. And there are plenty of other incidents.

But I think we have to be careful here. Lots of rumours are running around the village, some more unlikely than others and some apparently based on sightings. I certainly haven't seen these dogs, not because my eyesight is failing (which it is) but because, as a relative newcomer to the village, I have no idea where Newton Wood is.

Among the rumours going around was the suggestion that a worried dog owner had approached the Parish Council with a request for some kind of action, or at least advice. But the Parish Clerk, Jane Hole, tells me that she has no record of the council being approached on the subject. That's perhaps a good guide to the veracity of some of the things we're hearing. Anyhow, there's little the Parish Council, or anyone, can do at the moment because there is no law covering Bullies.

We have to remember that village life is a petri dish for rumour, and it doesn't take much for tongues to start wagging – particularly, perhaps, among dog owners, who can be a little ... what's the right term here? ... highly strung about the welfare of their pets. We have a dog, so make of that comment what you will.

The number of American Bullies owned across the UK is unclear, but the numbers being seized by police is rising sharply. London's Metropolitan Police have seized 44 so far this year. In response, Rishi Sunak has told the nation that American Bullies are "a danger to our communities" and would be banned by the end of the year. But animal welfare specialists have told him he is dreaming. For a start, there is officially no such breed as Bullies, in their XL form or not. How do you ban a dog that, in the eyes of the law, doesn't exist?

I'll leave that problem to Rishi and Co, but it might be good to file the promise in the same wastepaper basket as the undertaking to slash NHS waiting lists and halve inflation by the end of the year.

How well do you know your village?

Can you answer the following questions:-

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

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

From radical to reformer

Six months into his term as chairman of the Parish Council, Graeme Barnell is on a mission to re-energise the village. Ann Quon Cordingley has been finding out who is the man with change on his mind

As the new chair of the Parish Council, Graeme Barnell has the kind of curriculum vitae that makes you wonder how someone like him ended up with responsibility for a sleepy village deep in the English countryside.

Consider this. In true-blue Devon, here's a former council-house lad who was brought up in a Socialist family where his father and uncles were members of the Labour Party and where the daily paper delivered to their Northampton home each morning was the Labour Party's *Daily Herald*.

At Nottingham University, Graeme was a radical Marxist (his term), an outspoken demonstrator against the Vietnam War, taking part in sit-ins and protests of all kinds, including the memorable 1968 Grosvenor Square demo where 80,000 people demonstrated against the American presence in Vietnam.

"I became a bit of a rebel without a cause," he says, a little mysteriously. "I became extremely radical in many ways I didn't understand. I spent most of my time smoking pot and chasing women – mostly without success," he chuckles. "I had a rarefied time at university."

Rock 'n' roll was another passion. "I used to hitch down the M1 from Nottingham to London for rock concerts – Jefferson Airplane, the Doors, Jimi Hendrix, the Stones, Pink Floyd, David Bowie. I never saw the Beatles live, but the rest I saw several times," he says. Nowadays, aged 75, his tastes have mellowed to mostly modern jazz, modern classical music, and renaissance choral music. "I also sing a lot of predominantly sacred choral music of all periods, which I enjoy greatly. But I'm also still very fond of Joni Mitchell, Bob Dylan and the Stones."

So, overall, a bit of a lad. Pot, girls, rock n' roll, a non-conformist lifestyle. All that's long ago, of course, but there is still some of the maverick in him. For a start, he would never win a prize as the best-dressed man in Newton St Cyres, but then he probably wouldn't want to. And there's a relaxed, easy-going air about him that has echoes of a time when life was very different from today. He says: "There's a hedonism to me, but it's well hidden now."

Graeme must have found time for some studying because he graduated with an honours degree in politics and economics from Nottingham University, but now feels he perhaps would have done better to go for social policy and sociology.

“I wanted to be a teacher or do social work – from an inner desire to make things better,” he says. In fact, he would later go on to Bristol University to get a post-graduate diploma in social policy and administration.

Graeme is the oldest of five children, all still alive. His father was an RAF radio operator as well as a die-hard radical who was arrested on a number of occasions for left-wing activities. He spent time in jail in Gibraltar with another radical at the time, the Labour Party’s Anthony Wedgewood Benn. Then, as some kind of penalty, he was sent to India during World War II to supply the British front line against the Japanese in India and what was then Burma.



Graeme Barnell

Graeme’s mother worked as a high-speed telegrapher during the War at the Bletchley Park code-breaking station, where she sent and received messages in code and morse. It was all top secret and she never talked about it until long after wartime information was declassified in the mid-1970s.

Graeme’s journey from a council house in Northampton to a centuries-old thatched cottage in bucolic Devon was a long one marked by a host of jobs, most of them to do with social work in one form or another.

His first job was as a house father at a children’s home in Derbyshire, followed by a spell as an English teacher at a secondary modern school in Derby. Perhaps the toughest job, he suggests, was as manager of social-care services in Greenwich, London, where he had responsibility for five years in the early 1980s for some 8,000 people on a council estate.

“It was an absolute nightmare, a sink estate,” he says. “Kids who wanted to steal could do so with impunity. You couldn’t catch anyone because there were so many walkways and levels in the high-rise blocks.” Drug dealing and taking were rife.

He left local government in the 1990s to work in the commercial sector. For nearly four years, Graeme was regional director at Voyage, a provider of services for those with learning disabilities. He and others helped push through a radical change in policy, where people with mental-health problems and learning disabilities are now looked after in community care rather than being incarcerated in mental hospitals.

"That's where I learned a lot about managing change in social care and setting up new services in the public and commercial sector. That's why they employed me really, because I was good at modernising stuff and at change," he says. "I learned that what starts off as 'You can't do that', you actually can do. I was told you can't close mental hospitals. Well, actually, you can."

Perhaps with an eye to his role as chair of the Newton St Cyres Parish Council and the challenges that lie ahead, he says: "I've learned a lot about how to achieve change without causing major riots. You have to do it without being destructive."

A number of management jobs later, Graeme moved to Devon in 2005 to become operations director for Health and Social Care for the NHS and the Devon Partnership NHS Trust. That lasted eight years before he retired in 2013 at the age of 64 to set up his own consultancy business. "My style is to retire early and retire often, which is what I did," he says with a smile.

Graeme has four grown-up children from two marriages. His first marriage was to a fellow student during the heady, hippie days of the early 70s. "I fell madly, deeply in love with a girl called Janet. She was very beautiful, and, somehow, she also fell in love with me, poor love," he says wistfully. Although he had a son with Janet, the marriage did not last.

It was during the Winter of Discontent in 1978/79, when the Labour Government under James Callaghan faced strikes from teachers, health workers and local government employees, that he met his second wife, Marian. Not surprisingly, the encounter was on a picket line. The couple had three children before Marian died in 1997 from sepsis.

With three children to raise and a fourth he was sharing with his ex-wife, he immersed himself in his work managing hospitals in the commercial sector. It was during this period he met up with Ros, a fellow social worker who had been house mother at the same children's home in Derbyshire where he became house father. "It was serendipity, like we had a shared history and our lives interweaved in ways that are uncanny." They were in a relationship for 10 years before going their own ways.

Graeme moved to Newton St Cyres in 2010. "I wanted to live in a beautiful modern house that came with no problems," he says. "Who would want to live in an historical house or one with a thatched roof? And then I saw this house and fell in love with it immediately. I didn't know anything about the village, but the setting of the house clinched it." A single man these days, Graeme lives there with his Cockapoo Brad.

He didn't get involved in village issues until 2017, when he was co-opted onto the Parish Council. He resigned after 14 months for reasons he doesn't want to get into. Election to the Mid Devon District Council as a Liberal Democrat followed, but he quit the party to become an independent because he felt too much time was wasted on opposing the Conservatives on the council. He made progress on issues such as road safety in Newton, thanks to a good working relationship with the Parish Council and its then chairman, Jim Enright, but he acknowledges that broader district matters were a distraction. "I was much more interested in Newton issues than in helping Tiverton or Cullompton."

So it was back to the Newton St Cyres Parish Council in an uncontested election in May this year. With the resignation of Jim Enright, Graeme was elected leader – to the concern of some who wondered about his leadership style. "The hardest thing for me is patience," Graeme freely admits. "Being chair means I have to be patient and inclusive and make sure we are going forward together and not leaving people behind or charging off in front."

Now, six months after taking over, he faces a number of clear issues. They include:

- The problem of an ageing population,
- Affordable housing to bring in younger families,
- Continued partnership with the voluntary services that keep village life going, including the Rec, the parish hall, the arboretum and the church,
- Play areas for children,
- Green space

He says: "These are essential elements if we are going to be more than just a dormitory or retirement village."

And the hardest bit? "We have to make sure we can work with landowners and other interests to get it all achieved. It's going to be difficult but not impossible. I think the danger is that we tend to listen to those voices that represent the most powerful or vociferous. That is a big mistake. We need to be paying attention to all the people we represent."

Graeme's career path has taken him on a bouncy run from student radical to social reformer. Now comes the challenge of Newton St Cyres.

photo:Ann Quon Cordingley

NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP

Archaeological Aerial Survey and Excavation



Our first autumn meeting was held on Wednesday 12th October, when our speaker was Bill Horner, County Archaeologist and Historic Environment Manager. Bill originally spoke to us in November 2010, when the History Group was in its first year of meetings. This time he focussed on Newton St Cyres and the surrounding area, while outlining the numerous sites of historical significance in Devon, the use of aerial surveys in archaeology and the evaluation of areas for excavation. Bill was president of the Devon Archaeological Society last year and was using an adapted version of his presidential talk.

Bill began by explaining that the Historic Environment Record (HER) kept by the Devon County Council has been built up and is available online for anyone to see. It includes Listed Buildings and Scheduled Monuments as well as Registered Parks and Gardens and is a wonderful resource. Dartmoor, Exmoor and Plymouth keep their own records, but Devon CC manage the Torbay ones.

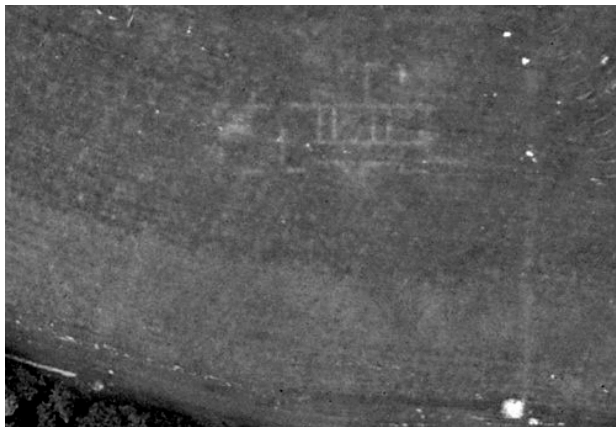
Aerial photographs are important in identifying historical sites, particularly through the observation of crop marks. In periods of drought, places where stone walls lie beneath the soil become parched, whereas crops or grassland growing above ditches or holes are much lusher and taller than the surrounding areas. This makes visible circles and squares and lines marking structures beneath the soil, which cannot be seen from the ground.

By the 1980s aerial surveys were undertaken by archaeologists, in Devon by Frances Griffiths, now retired, and from whom Bill has taken over. Detailed handwritten records were made, which are now digital, but there are so many sites now known that there is a backlog of entries. All new building in towns and villages, as well as roads, now has to be preceded by an archaeological survey, paid for by the developer, and so many more sites have been discovered and investigated. The excavations can provide evidence to improve the dating records also.

Most of us remember the unexploded bomb from World War II which was found in Spring 2021 during building work next to the Streatham campus at Exeter University. Bill showed us aerial photos mapping the position of the bomb and others that fell in the area. The others had been dealt with but this one had not, having fallen into soft earth on an allotment and been forgotten. Two members of the audience had been personally involved in this incident.

The HER map shows that the Exe basin was a well populated and well farmed area from the Neolithic. There are crop marks showing rectangular enclosures that contained round houses, small farming settlements, with associated field systems. At Upton Pyne, Bronze Age barrows were excavated and three urns from there are now displayed in RAMM in Exeter. This was of particular relevance to Christopher Southcott, who was a helper on

the original dig in the 1960s, and who has retained a keen interest in archaeology. He walks the fields around Sweetham and had brought along some of his worked flints and



Romano-British Villa at Downes Photo; FM Griffith, DCC (1989)

some of the coins that he had found – he sometimes uses his metal detector. Bill Horner showed on the HER map two of the sites which had yielded these finds.

The Roman occupation of Devon is well represented in aerial photographs, and the types of evidence that result from excavations of such sites were shown, mainly using the example of a fort at St Andrews Hill, Cullompton. Of local interest is the Romano-British villa at Downes, Crediton. It lies between the road and the railway line on the river Yeo and was found on an aerial survey in 1984; a geophysical survey was carried out in 2020, revealing more features. It is possible that parts of the A377 follow the original Roman road in this area, but much work remains to be done to discover the route of the road west from Exeter at this time.

Bill also showed us photos of the Romano-British triple-ditched enclosure found at the top of Sandown Lane. It was first found by a Cambridge University aerial photograph in 1975 and was excavated in 2007. Two Palaeolithic flints were unearthed and also a piece of second-century pottery.

An interesting feature found during excavations ahead of the new development at Creedy Bridge, near Shobrooke Park, is a double ditched enclosure, with an entrance and a roundhouse, where a quern stone was discovered in a gully. Bill explained that broken quern stones are frequently seen in this sort of situation, and they are possibly a deliberate offering on the closure of the site.

There were many questions after the talk. A point about solar farms emerged, because they cover a large area, but intensive geophysical surveys can now be done rapidly and relatively cheaply, to find out what lies below. There was also the matter of the lack of Anglo-Saxon sites in Devon, which Bill said may well lie underneath the present farms and villages, so that they are not apparent.

Our thanks go to Bill Horner for his informative talk, and for giving his time to tell us about the work done by him and his team on the rich historical detail of our heritage. The HER map can easily be accessed through the Devon County Council web site.

Isobel Hepworth

NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP AUTUMN 2023

Coming meetings

Wed. 8th Nov. John Allan (Cathedral Archaeologist) 'The Ancient Houses of Exeter'

John has spoken to us several times before. He is an excellent speaker with some very interesting pictures some of which we shall recognise.

Wed. 13th Dec. Lynda Pearce 'Newton St Cyres through Time'

Many will know Lynda has a collection of old postcards. She also has photographs of some of the events that used to be held in the village. Come and join us for a Christmassy evening!

Our meetings are held on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the village hall unless otherwise advertised. Everyone is welcome, there is no special membership. The next meeting will be £2 with tea and biscuits.

THE ELLIS BITTER CIDER APPLE

(and some surprising news about the Newton Wonder)

The History Group gets many requests for help and one asked if we had any information on the provenance of the Ellis Bitter cider apple, which was suggested to have arisen in Newton St Cyres during the 19th century. This was a popular variety found in many orchards. The request came from the editor of the journal 'Orchards Live', who had seen it suggested in Wikipedia.

Sure enough, Ellises farmed at both Norton and Hayne (Sandown Lane) and lived in the house then known as Pulleton, now known as 'The Old Dower House', which also had an orchard. Like most of the farms of the time, here in Newton, both Norton and Hayne had large orchards and made cider.

Hence there was circumstantial evidence that this cider apple may have arisen here. We sought advice from members of some of the older farming families of the village but found them unable to help. Apparently James Walters was an expert on such matters but we were too late as he died last year.

We searched the diary of William Batting who had an apple cellar and orchards at Langford and who made cider, a barrel of which he sent to Australia. Unfortunately there was no mention of the Ellis Bitter.

Thus we embarked on an online search of the old newspapers available on Find My Past. Chris Lee confirmed our suspicions that the answer was not to be found there. Mentions were frequent, but there was nothing to tie the apple to the village.

In fact the only evidence we could find was the Wikipedia article!

However Chris did stumble on an interesting, if a little disappointing, newspaper article on the variety of apple known as the Newton Wonder. It seems the Newton Wonder did not arise in this village. The evidence:

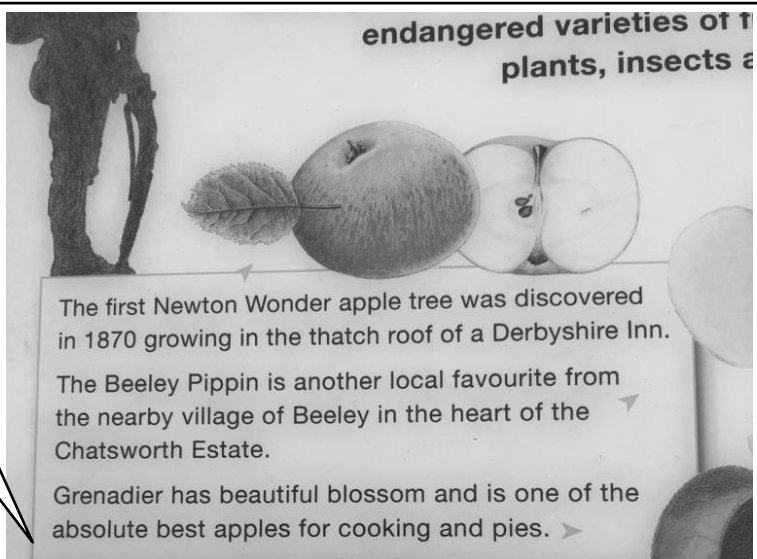
NEWTON WONDER APPLES.

The "Brewer and Wine Merchant" recalls that about 70 years ago there appeared on the thatched roof of an inn called the Hardinge Arms, at King's **Newton** (near Melbourne), **Derbyshire** a shoot which proved to be an apple seedling. After transplanting and re-transplanting into the back garden of the inn, the thatch of which has now been replaced with slates, it grew into the original bearer of the now famous "**Newton Wonder**" apple. Much care and grafting has gone towards achieving the production of the apple as we know it to-day, but it started its career in an inn.

*From the Burton Observer and South Derbyshire Chronicle
August 1943*

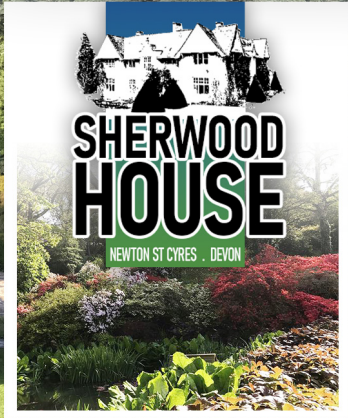
Jean Wilkins

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We have been able to share our produce with you through the Adonai kitchen and the coffee mornings. It's local, freshly harvested, organic and free! We have managed to offer a range of produce such as tomatoes, cucumbers, chillis, pumpkins, courgettes, runner and French beans, leeks, courgettes, kale, lettuce, garlic, sweetcorn and winter squash.

We have welcomed donations from others who have excess produce too. People have been very generous with their help and donations.

We are looking forward to the next year and hoping to have more of the area in production. We could do with a bit more help up there.

The allotment is on the Exeter side of the village just past the new development on the old school site. If you are keen to join our endeavour, then please do get in touch (my contact details below). You don't need to know anything about growing vegetables – just have some spare time (a couple of hours every week / month or so would be great) and enthusiasm. We will be having a group work day every month on a Sunday.

Also, if you do grow your own and have more than you need, then you could pop it into the green box at the back of the village hall between the shed and the hall wall and we will find a good home for it.

Gail Meldrum
meldrumgail@gmail.com
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BIG CHEESE!

Congratulations to the folk at Quicke cheeses on their Extra Mature Cheddar being voted the top cheddar at the prestigious Slow Food Cheese Festival held in the Italian town of Bra. The Quickes' winner was made by Mantas Polius, a new cheesemaker at the farm who has been trained over the past couple of years by production manager Ian Ashton.

The cheddars in the competition were drawn from a host of countries and were circulated to people who bought them online. The comedian and cheese judge Marcus Brigstocke then chaired a panel of experts, interviewing the cheesemakers and discussing the entries. The Quickes' Extra Mature Cheddar beat all rivals and was voted the people's choice.

Managing Director Mary Quicke said the cheese, which is available in their shop, was selected for the competition as it captures the true essence of the farm's Extra Mature Cheddar.

Around half a million people attend the Slow Food Cheese Festival, which is held every two years and is renowned for bringing together artisan cheesemakers and their cheeses from all over the world. Says Mary: "The festival is everything cheesy - selling, tasting, classes on wine pairing, cheese making, farming and food culture. We are delighted to have won."

Pictured here with the winning cheese is Jane Quicke, the farm's sales manager, who was in Bra for the competition. The photo is by Rachael Kinsella.



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November on the Farm

Protecting our local crayfish

We are delighted to assist Wildwood Devon and other Devon environmentalists in a project to save our rare white-clawed crayfish. The Creedy river is one of the few places the native species still survives.

The environmentalists caught a mixture of males and females from the river to take to the hatchery. They hope they will mate this autumn. Once the mating season is over, they will return most of the males to the river and, it's hoped, the females will carry the fertilised eggs over winter, before the young crayfish hatch in early summer.

The plan is that they will then look after these captive bred/raised crayfish at a hatchery until they are big enough to be released into ark sites or river tributaries where they are safe from the threat of invasive signal crayfish.



White-clawed crayfish

picture from Mary Quicke

The white-clawed crayfish (WCC) is the UK's only indigenous freshwater crayfish and has undergone a decline of over 70% in the Southwest in the past 50 years. The decline has been driven by habitat degradation, pollution, deteriorating river water quality, but primarily the introduction of the invasive, non- native signal crayfish and its associated pathogens. Signal crayfish not only carry a deadly crayfish virus which kills WCC, but they also prey and outcompete WCC for food.

WCC are a smaller, less aggressive species which produce fewer young. Signal crayfish produce greater numbers of young and mature faster. Unlike our native crayfish species, signal crayfish burrow extensively into riverbanks and predate coarse fish and eggs, which means that there is also a risk of soil erosion, flooding and deterioration of ecosystem health if they are present.

The WCC is now recognised as globally endangered and is protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act. Without intervention it's likely that this keystone species may become extinct in Devon rivers within the next decade.

Unfortunately, at present there is no way of eradicating American signal crayfish or effectively reducing their numbers (without causing unacceptable environmental damage to other aquatic species). Conservation methods are therefore currently focused on ensuring white-clawed crayfish populations do not become extinct by establishing a Devon crayfish hatchery and subsequent breeding populations in 'ark sites' (usually still waters or tributaries away from the threat from signal crayfish) ahead of potential future river re-introductions.

The good news is that a range of organisations including the Blackdown Hills AONB, Wild Planet Trust, Wildwood Trust and South West Water have been working over the last number of years with farmers to ensure WCC do not become extinct in Devon.

Government organisations, water companies, environmentalists and farmers are also addressing water quality in our rivers and that is a slow burn.

We are proud that our stretch of river has the right conditions for these rare animals, and so happy we can assist in helping them survive.

Mary Quicke

Christmas Mulled Wine & Mince Pie Evening

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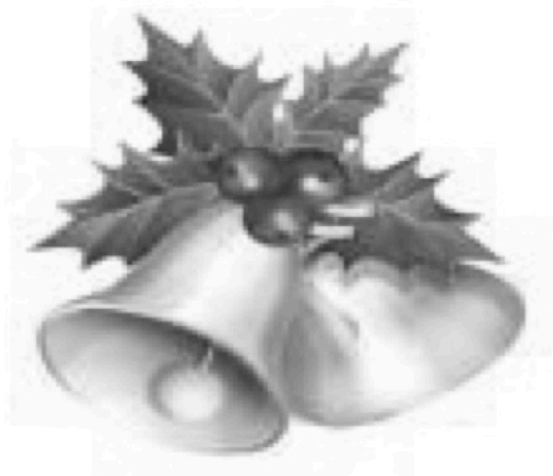
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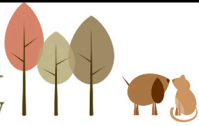
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November

Unlike March, which 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 hotdog 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 may be 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.

Things to do in the November garden

It's that time of year when you can admire the seedheads and the berries or mull over what did well in your bit of land, or maybe both. If you feel that a shrub or tree that was planted last year is in the wrong place, move it now before winter really sets in and before it becomes well established. It's also a good time to divide fibrous rooted perennials, like Goldenrod, (Solidago), Michaelmas Daisies (Aster) once the flowers have finished, and Helenium (Sneezewort).

Cut the top growth down to 4" to 6" above ground, then lift out the root ball and using two garden forks back to back, gently pull the roots apart, replant the divided sections where they will grow and flower for the next three or four years.

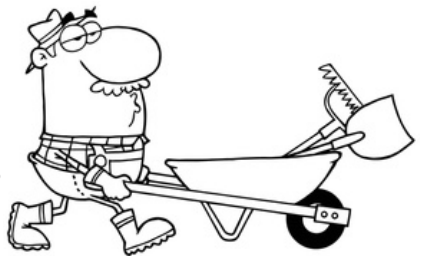
Talking of perennials, not that long ago it was the norm to tidy the garden for winter, cutting down all the spent flower stems, but thoughts have changed, and unless you are moving or dividing the plant, leave the spent stems in place. They will not only provide a place for insects to hide, the seedheads will also provide food for our garden birds, and those stems will help to protect the crown of the plant from frost damage.

If it's flowers you are looking for and your soil is well drained, try growing some heathers. The Erica varieties are not so fussy about lime and the ground-cover winter-flowering varieties can bloom from November to April. It's the Calluna heathers that need lime-free acid soil.

Plant of the month

"Arbutus Unedo" The Strawberry Tree.

I like this tree because it is different, it flowers at the same time as it bears fruit. But the fruit ripening now are actually from last year's flowers. I also like it because during the hurricane, – 1987 I think – I managed to save one by taking out the top third. This was in the grounds of an Exeter hotel. The tree is still there, flowering and fruiting as always.



Enjoy your gardening

Do You Remember...November?

November 1973

The tragic death was recorded of **Roger Chase**.

The new bell ropes had arrived and are in use.

The St Cyres Players presented 'Wanted - a Body' in the Parish Hall.

The Over 60's Club celebrated its 5th birthday.

The Bonfire night was held at the Vicarage and you had to take along your own fireworks.

The Football team were top of the League.

There were three accidents reported in one day on the A377.

November 1983

50 visitors from Rots came to NSC to sign the Charters. Visitors stayed for the weekend and attended the Church service and a dance in the Hall to Tickled pink.

Newton St Cyres Conservatives were planning a Christmas Bingo in the Hall and **Liz Hawden** was advertising homemade cakes to be sold at the Post Office. Orders would be taken and delivered to the elderly free of charge.

The refuge island had been installed and parishioners were reminded that it is illegal to overtake through the village.

Half Moon lay-by had been completed but it did not solve the problem of traffic being too close to houses in Half Moon.

The W I had a talk on 'The History of Underwear' and members realised how lucky they were with present comfortable clothes.

The Youth Club Disco raised £15.

Ann Westaway won the Ladies Singles Tennis Tournament and **Jane Halse** was runner up.

November 1993

The Afternoon Club heard a talk on cruises on the Canberra by George Coombe and planned visits to Dartmouth and a Mystery trip to South Molton and Ilfracombe.

The Art Group had a speaker on Batik - an Indonesian method of producing designs on cloth by covering with wax for each successive dipping, those areas to be protected from the dye.

The Recreation Ground was busy with two Car Boot sales, Bonfire Night and a Fireworks evening with a Disco, a Christmas Bazaar, a Senior Citizens Christmas party and a Turkey Bingo.

Complaints had been received about dog fouling in the Churchyard and on paths such as School Hill.

The Cubs went to the annual Family Camp at Trewince Manor and Roseland Peninsular.

There was a reminder about lighting bonfires which cause a nuisance to neighbours as this could result in prosecution in a Magistrates Court if they were satisfied a nuisance had occurred.

The Autumn Fayre was advertised in the Hall with lunches.

A visit to the Pantomime in Torquay was planned

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November 2003

The editor wanted to start a 'Comings & Goings' section saying farewell to those moving out and proffering a friendly welcome to the newcomers and requested readers to send in this info.

The trial Table Tennis got off to a good start at the Village Hall with 2 tables of doubles in action with age ranging from 16-60 plus.

An update on the newly formed Newton St Cyres Book Club announced there were 8 members.

The death of **Clifford 'Cliff' Arbuary** (1927-2003) was referred to as so generous in the time and commitment he gave to so many aspects of village life.

Stephen Bower, talked on the 18th century French Artist, Jacques-Louis David (1748-1852) to the Art Appreciation Club.

The Recreation Ground Club were holding THE BONFIRE and because of the insurance differences made by the Twin Towers incident reluctantly were introducing a £2.50 adult admission charge.

The Newton St Cyres Young Farmers completed the painting of the Village Hall in August.

The Twinning Circle visit to Rots for the Twentieth Anniversary Celebrations in Normandy left visitors wondering 'How can we possibly match that?'. They did though on the Rots return visit in October.

FOOD LARDER

The Newton Environmental Wellbeing Group will be giving away fresh produce again at the Coffee Mornings in the Parish Hall soon. Last year NEW started tackling the twin issues of food waste and food poverty by distributing surplus produce once or twice a month.

This year we are hoping to have vegetables from the community allotment as well as produce from local gardeners.

Donations of home grown fruit and vegetables are welcome on the day from anyone who has some to spare.

The produce table will be in the lobby as you go in, so please help yourselves. This is food for free!

Helen on behalf of NEW group.

November 2013

The judges of the Best Kept Village in Devon competition assessment of the village concludes, "This is a delightful village, which has much going on and maintains a good community spirit. It is to be commended for its amenities and has competed well in this year's competition in the highly competitive Past Winner category".

The Annual Christmas Fayre was to be held on 30th November

All the mobile operators were trying to improve their coverage of the village. **Roger Cashmore** has written an update on progress.

The Community Support Group had Laptops available to connect via wi-fi on a pay as you go basis.

Roger Clements wrote last month about the need for a safe cycle path between Exeter and Crediton.

Newton St Cyres was taking part in a national trial for the provision of local 3g mobile digital networks. This involved siting low power Vodafone antennas in the Village. Householders willing to consider hosting an additional antenna on their property were being sought.

The Parish Council approved funds to replace the recently demolished bus stop.

A New Year's Ceilidh was advertised with the Barnstormers performing.

Newton St Cyres History Group welcomed **Helen Turnbull** from Chudleigh. She tackled a difficult subject namely: THE ECLIPSE OF THE MANOR.

Newton St Cyres Primary School saw the performance of their Harvest Festival at school; nearly 100 parents came to listen to the children execute their songs. Following on from the Festival a traditional Harvest Lunch, open to the senior citizens of the village, was held.

The HOT Supper Club advertised a photographic tour of The Outer Hebrides by **John Spivey** with a delicious Scottish supper. The venue was the Upton Pyne Village Hall

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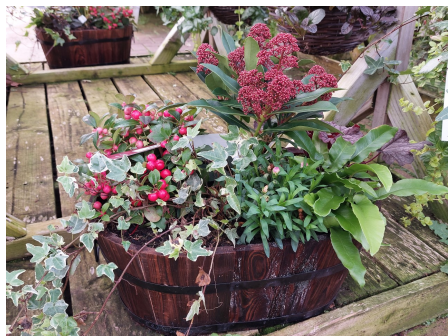
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Newton St Cyres Gardening Club

Much of September and October was surprisingly warm and sunny, but November brings a change to our gardens. The trees are shedding their leaves, mornings are much colder, with even the risk of frosts. The clocks went back an hour at the end of October, and evenings are too dark to undertake any jobs outside. So we all need to make the most of the reduced daylight hours and, if the weather is really bad, look at jobs that can be carried out indoors or in the greenhouse!



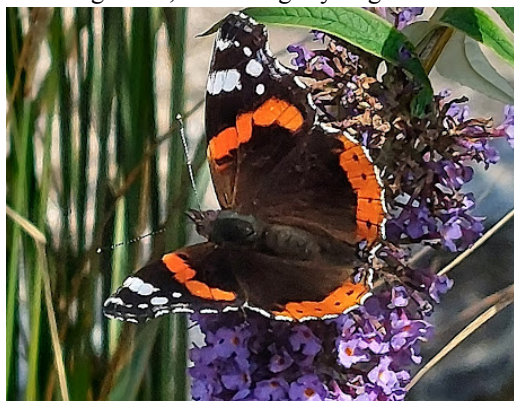
Winter Trough

Tete a Tete and *Muscari*. Other plants that look good and add colour and shape are *Skimmia japonica* 'Rubella' and ornamental kale and cabbage. Many of the above can then be planted into the garden the following year.

Houseplants may be looking tired. Some, like the **Peace Lily** (*Spathiphyllum wallisii*), are happy to be re-potted and divided now, rather than in the spring. Probably one of the most tolerant of houseplants, it can grow rapidly forming a dense clump, filling the pot with fibrous roots. Knock the plant out of the pot, and using a sharp knife cut the rootball into smaller sections. Each section will need to have several shoots and a chunk of the roots to ensure it survives. Using a pot, with a drainage hole, that is slightly larger than the rootball of the cut section, fill around with peat-free multi-purpose compost. Water the new plant and stand in an outer decorative pot. During winter & autumn, when light levels are low, it is even more important to regularly dust the leaves

Did you take part in the **Big Butterfly Count** this year? The results are in and more butterflies were seen this year than in the previous four summers. In total, over 1.5 million butterflies and day-flying moths were recorded from 14th July to 6th August.

Garden Centres and supermarkets are filled with winter flowering plants such as Daisies, Pansies, Wallflowers. These will ensure continued colour throughout the winter months, whether you plant them in containers or straight into the garden. A **winter container** will still follow the Thriller, Filler and Spiller 'rule', so have a look in the garden centres to see which plants you will use to make a stunning display this year. Maybe a special Hellebore, Heathers or *Sarcococca*, and underplant with snowdrops,



Red Admiral

After an all-time low in 2022 of just nine individual butterflies spotted per count, this year saw this increase to 12 butterflies recorded on average, per count. However since the count started 13 years ago, many species have decreased and this is considered to be due to significant indicators of the health of the environment and that nature is in crisis.

The table below shows the top 5 for **England**, from the reports submitted. The most-seen species this year was the Red Admiral – the first time for the species, which is increasing in the UK as a result of climate change. Species that saw a decline from last year included Ringlet, Common Blue and Speckled Wood, all of which also show long-term declines.

POSITION	BUTTERFLY	ABUNDANCE (Total Count)	AVERAGE PER COUNT	%CHANGE FROM 2022
1	Red Admiral	234,044	2.05	360.12
2	Gatekeeper	214,015	1.87	14.55
3	Large White	202,070	1.77	10.29
4	Small White	185,489	1.62	14.17
5	Meadow Brown	149,121	1.31	9.53

Full details of all of the results can be found at <https://butterfly-conservation.org/news-and-blog/butterfly-numbers-increased-this-summer>

Some Jobs for November

- Clean out **bird boxes** by brushing out all the old nest material and sterilise them with boiling water only (no cleaning chemicals). This will remove any pests, such as mites, which could build up and affect the young. If there are signs of the box rotting, carry out repairs to ensure that the perches are secure and that the roof is watertight.
- Make sure that your **gutters** are free of leaves and debris so that rainwater can flow easily into your water butts. Also ensure that the lids of **water butts** are secure, to avoid wildlife falling in and being unable to escape.
- **Clean and service tools and garden machinery.** Secateurs can be taken apart and may need some wire wool to remove signs of rust, and resin to remove any dark stains on the blade. The advice is that, with bypass secateurs, the upper blade should be sharpened on the bevelled edge. Once put back together all moving parts should be oiled and then wrapped up to protect from moisture over winter.
- **Harvest root vegetables** such as parsnips, turnips, swede and beetroot. Although not personally a fan of **beetroot**, many people are, and in addition to cooking and pickling, beetroot juice can be used in a drink. You can find recipes for Chocolate

and Beetroot Cake, Beetroot Hummus, Beetroot Burgers and Beetroot Chutney on many websites and many state the various health benefits of eating beetroot. It's an attractive plant when grown, with leaves veined or tinted with red. The variety Bull's Blood (*Beta vulgaris*) has glossy deep purple-red leaves that can also be used in salads to provide colour. Usually the darker the colour of the root, the more earthy the flavour and those varieties that produce lighter coloured roots are milder and sweeter. An earlier harvesting variety (May-August) and which is perfect for roasting is *Beta vulgaris* 'Barbietola di Chioggia', which is very attractive and has white and red concentric rings when cut crossways.

- **Check your frost protection.** Night frosts and heavy rain will mean that certain plants will need protection. This can be done in several ways, the first being wrapping. Roots that become frosted can cause the plant to die. This is especially the case for those in pots/containers. Wrap several layers of Bubblewrap around large containers or with smaller pots they can be dug into the ground (in their pot) For large, less hardy plants such as Banana you can partially cut back some of the stems then surround the plant with a 'cage' made of chicken wire and pack well with dry hay or straw. This can then be covered with polythene to ensure it does not get wet. Tree ferns can have dry straw packed into the crowns and then covered with polythene, and the 'trunks' can be wrapped with horticultural fleece. Plants in pots, that do not like wet conditions, can be shielded by moving them closer to walls or put into cold frames. Those in the ground can be protected using cloches but it is advisable to leave the ends open to allow good air flow. A thick layer of mulch can also act as an insulator to protect plant roots.

- If you are holding a **Bonfire party**, please remember to check for hedgehogs who may have found their way into the bonfire. Provide them with a way of escape.

What's On in November?

RHS Rosemoor Glow 2023 **Thurs – Sat, 16th November – 16th December** 4.40pm – 8.30pm **Wed – Sat, 20 – 30th December** 4.40pm – 8.30pm Members Adult £8.95, child £4.45 Non Members: Adult £14.95 child £7.95. Tickets must be booked in advance. "With even more amazing displays than before, this year's longer trail includes six uplifting soundscapes to guide you through the beautiful gardens, woodlands and open spaces of RHS Rosemoor. Discover a shimmering woodland wonderland, behold a spectacular 'field of fire' and enjoy family entertainment every night, ranging from magicians, live music, fire artists, light performers and costumed characters".

Magic of Christmas: Craft and Food Fair 16th – 18th November 11am – 4pm and 4.30pm – 7pm (part of Glow) Please note: The fair will be closed between 4pm and 4.30pm. After 4.30pm, admission is included with the Glow Tickets".

Tuesday 28th November Crediton Garden Club have Tom Hynes of the Devon Hedge Group speaking on Hedges of the Devon Countryside, at Crediton Library 7pm

Advance details for December from Upton Pyne Garden Club.

Monday 4th December “Upton Pyne florist Katrina has offered her skills and will guide us through the process of wreath or table centre making.

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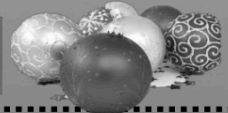


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The tutorial will last for an hour & half at a cost of £10 pp. We would ask for you to reserve and pay for your place by Saturday 25th November

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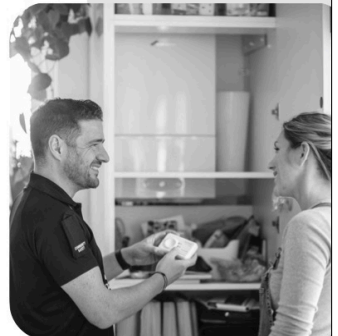
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The fastest female was Debra Jones at 15mins 19 secs. The fastest male Adam Smith at 11 mins 43 secs.

At the time of writing the event had raised almost £300 and the JustGiving site was still open at <http://tinyurl.com/NewtonRelay2023>.

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Childrens KS3 winner - Ellen Beswick

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‘Raw Earth’ Demonstration

We were very pleased to welcome Matthew Davison on 29th September to demonstrate his use of mixed media. He currently teaches at the Honiton School of Art and Wellbeing, but for much of his career worked in film and television as a Director of Photography, and originally studied art as a student in Bradford.

Matthew sees these demonstrations as ‘a kind of speed painting’, which is invaluable as it avoids procrastination, helps limit palettes and can produce ‘lively’ artwork. He suggested challenging ourselves to speed paint.

Interestingly, Matthew’s opening question was to ask what subject should be demonstrated and what elements should be included. Poetry is often his source of inspiration, but today we agreed on an early morning, snowy, landscape scene of Killerton. To achieve this, Matthew would encourage the use of memory, rather than photographs, as this utilises ‘other parts of the brain’ and leads to more ‘exciting’ artwork, which is ‘not too descriptive’ and where the ‘natural world is suggested’.

Using a minimal sketch and a large squirrel mop, the first layer of acrylic paint was applied in varying tones, to both the mid and foreground to suggest hills, hedges and trees. This was misted to soften, providing an interesting mix of hard and soft edges. Some paint was then selectively removed to provide even softer edges and some definition. Switching to Lidl brushes, the sky was similarly blocked in, then softened. We were reminded that snowy skies often have a hint of either pink or yellow.

When happy with the sky, Matthew added Titanium White to the mid ground, following the fall of the land, to suggest drifts of snow, leaving some small areas of Paynes Grey showing though. A touch of Cobalt was added to the edges of the shadows where the sky would be naturally reflected.

At this stage, Matthew advised standing back to frequently review progress, and ‘consciously work to avoid detail’ - switching focus to different areas can help with this. Using a palette knife, ‘a valuable mixing tool’, the trees and hedge-lines were ‘bodied up’ to indicate the direction of the light and to provide depth.

Focus was then shifted to the foreground, using the same colours, plus more orange oil pastel with acrylic to further suggest bracken. For this, sometimes Matthew uses pure pigment with acrylic medium or sometimes acrylic ink, straight from a pipette. He finds a credit card is often handy to apply colour, especially for areas such as the brilliance of the bracken in the foreground. To finish the foreground, Titanium highlights were dotted in to provide areas of light and interest and Paynes Grey mixes to provide more depth.

To complete the painting, Matthew hinted at clouds and a touch of snow on the hedgerows. An area of the painting which was suggestive of a building was left untouched and provided an interesting focal point. This was a very useful reminder that a limited palette doesn't result in a limited painting - and that white is never just white!

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Derek Cann 1932-2023

Derek was a resident of Newton St Cyres for 68 years, but his story began on 24th October 1932 in Wonford Street, Exeter, the eldest child of Sam and Bessie Cann. He had two sisters, Mary and Margaret, and the family lived in many different places, moving to 2 Laundry Cottages, Exwick, and then to 246 Exwick Road. In 1943 they went to Holsworthy Farm in Whitstone and Derek did most of his schooling in Exwick and Whitstone.

Derek left school at the age of 14 and went to work on the farm with his dad. The moves continued with Sam's work, and he had six jobs in six years, taking them to Broadhembury, Somerset, Bristol and then back to Rushpark Farm in Whitstone.

Derek met his wife, Janet, on boxing day in 1951 at a silver wedding anniversary party where they were introduced to each other by Janet's cousin. They were engaged in June 1953 on Coronation Day and married in October the same year on Derek's 21st birthday. After a honeymoon in London, they settled into married life in a farm cottage at Whitstone, where there was no running water and an outside loo!

In 1954 they moved to Newton St Cyres at 2 Laundry Cottages. Derek moved his young family to the village for him to start working for the Quikes. He was there for 43 years in various roles, initially as a cow man but ending up as a farm foreman.

Following retirement, in 1998 Derek and Janet moved to the bungalow on the village green in Newton St Cyres where they remained for the next 23 years. Their garden there became well known for its collection of gnomes, and nothing made Derek happier than watching schoolchildren peering over the wall and commenting on the ever-growing collection.

Derek was caretaker for the village hall in the 1970s and did voluntary bar work at the Rec when it first opened. In his younger days, Derek enjoyed a pint or two at the pub, playing skittles and darts, tug of war and cards. He also liked gardening, growing all his own veg when his children were growing up. In later years, the veg were replaced by flowers and then that fine collection of gnomes.

Derek was a father to three daughters: Susan, who was born in 1954; Di who arrived 19 months later, and finally Lesley, 11 years later. He later became father-in-law to Terry, Fred and Ian and was blessed with six granddaughters: Nicky, Donna, Kim, Hayley, Danielle, and Sarah, and 11 great grandchildren (six boys and five girls).

After Janet passed away in June 2022, Derek spent his final days at the Homestead in Exmouth, where he gained a new lease of life, and then finally Knappe Cross. He was happy and content in both homes, where he was well cared for, by great staff, before passing away peacefully in his sleep on 26th September.

Derek was a hardworking man, with a good sense of humour, and was well respected by his colleagues. He was proud and supportive of his family. His granddaughters fondly remember their grandparents saying to them, 'goodnight, my angels.' On 20th October it was our turn to say, 'goodnight, Derek' and celebrate his 90 years of life.

Derek's family would like to thank everyone for the support and kind words of condolence.



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Paul Cleave



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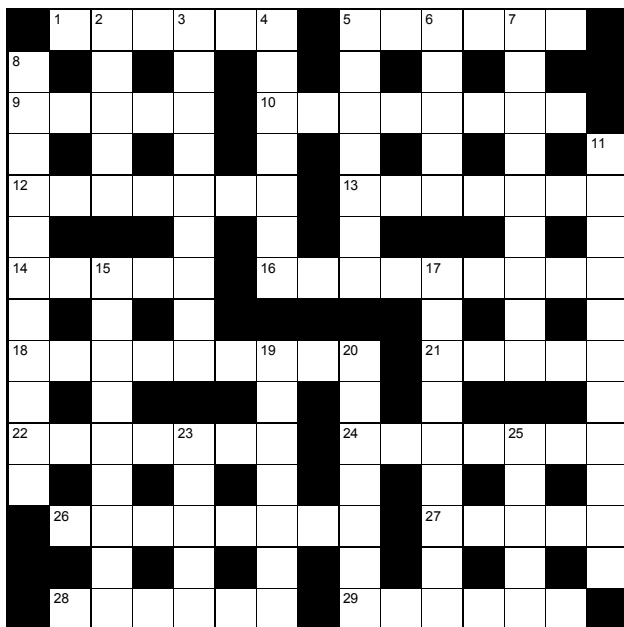
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Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Darling, principally I'm a comedian but I'm not very bright (6)
- 5 Editor in charge absorbed by manuscript for doctors (6)
- 9 Old mule spilled sulphuric acid (5)
- 10 See 25 Down
- 12 Scary story from German poet needing no introduction (7)
- 13 See 8 Down
- 14 Backward boy Edward pried (5)
- 16 Thus a popular time is needed for TV series (4-5)
- 18 Her voting changed in a short space of time (9)
- 21 Some frown at allegation of birth (5)
- 22 Crazy for fruit (7)
- 24 Reaches a turbulent river second (7)
- 26 Henry's first pal made off with car part (8)
- 27 Bird starts to collect eggs from here (5)
- 28 Son wastes talents (6)
- 29 Former model's show (6)

DOWN

- 2 Old tribe bringing diamonds to Northern Ireland (5)
- 3 Where racketeering goes on in the courts? (9)
- 4 Wot's up? A road's approaching (7)
- 5 Girl's aimless wandering (7)
- 6 Tea towel perhaps is not so damp (5)
- 7 Con men opt out in part (9)
- 8,13 Across "Surely you jest?" famously addressed to judge in court (3,6,2,7)
- 11 Settled Sheila's debt somehow (11)
- 15 One US writer or another by stream (9)
- 17 Now his rep gets busted for possession (9)
- 19 They talk incessantly of balloons (7)
- 20 MP later resolved to tread roughly (7)
- 23 Boy, a new rising 3 Down champion (5)
- 25,10 Across Evening Star is going to set out aims for 3 Down champion (5)

Set by Alberich

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Solution to October 2023 Cryptic Crossword

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The Parish Church of St Cyr and St Julitta



A time of remembrance

As the daylight hours grow ever shorter, as the temperature outside drops a little more; as the smell of coal and wood smoke emanate from chimneys, as the plentiful produce of harvest is stored away, and the incessant planning and shopping for Christmas can still be put to one side (well for a while, anyway), November is definitely a month that lends itself to moments of reminiscing, of nestling in front of the fire and allowing thoughts of ‘things that were’ to settle. November is very much that time of year when we slow down just a little, and reflect on life – and, I guess, death.

By the time that you read this, Halloween will have come and gone – with all its focus on ghosts and ghoulies and things that go bump in the night, a time of ‘trick or treat’, of children gorging on sweets. But for Christians, Halloween is the lead-up to a more reflective time – the celebration of All Saints or All Hallows (1st November) and All Souls (2nd November) days, when we acclaim our deep belief in life after death, remembering the lives of the saints and all those who have gone before us – believing that there will be a time of coming together again. Of hope and joy.

And, of course, November provides more time to reflect on life and death with that ever-important focus on Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday, when we offer time and prayers to those who gave their lives in the service of their country; when we consciously stop for those deeply symbolic two-minutes to absorb the enormity of lives given, of loves lost. When we say, ‘Thank you.’ Remembrance Weekend focuses our hearts and minds on the sacrifice made by so many, honours their memory and helps us all to acknowledge that we are able to live lives free because others gave theirs.

And this November will also see the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev'd Justin Welby, visiting Devon, over the Remembrance Weekend. The whole occasion has been titled ***Come & See***. And while he will be attending a number of events and services across the diocese, he is encouraging the church in Devon to explore ways in which we might inspire people to ***Come & See***; to come and see what lies at the heart of our faith; to come and see and talk about our approach to life.

Perhaps paradoxically, though, much of the archbishop's focus for the weekend will be on the themes of loss, bereavement, and hope, drawing on his own experience of losing his baby daughter some years ago, and more recently his mother. And in light of that focus, the churches across the Netherexe Mission Community will be putting on a number of events called '***GraveTalk***'! Now, while this may sound a little morbid, it is really an opportunity for people of all faiths or none, for those who think they know what life and death is all about, or for those who really, really have more questions than answers, to spend time supporting one another in exploring our understanding and attitude to life and death and grief; in considering society's approach to funerals.

I promise that there are likely to be as many laughs as there may be tears. Do look out for more details in the magazine, and please do join us for what I promise will be a deeply interesting, if challenging time. If you would like to know more, please do get in touch.

All blessings,

Tim

Rev'd Tim Collins

Priest-in-Charge, Netherexe Mission Community

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NEWTON CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

**Come and help strengthen your local Church choir for the
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Community Food Bank

**Newton's is currently in the Church Porch and empties
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**You are invited to an afternoon exploring the questions
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or

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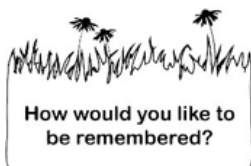
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*If you knew this was
your last day on
earth, what would
you do?*

*What do you
value most in
life?*



SERVICES & INFORMATION NOVEMBER 2023

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

Please see our website at www.netherexe.org under "Services" section.
We also have a calendar for services & latest events are under "news".

Sunday 5 November All Saints Day

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Thorverton	TC
10:00 am	Informal Gathering	Stoke Canon	Lay Led/LF
11:15 am	Informal Service	Cadbury	Lay Led
11:15 am	Café Church	Rewe	Lay Led
06:30 pm	Prayer Service	Brampford Speke	LF

Wednesday 8 November

09:00 am	Chattertots	Thorverton	Lay Led
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Saturday 11 November Armistice Day

10:50 am	Armistice Day Service*	Rewe War Memorial, Green Lane, Rewe	TC
10:50 am	Armistice Day Service*	Thorverton War Memorial, Thorverton Churchyard	LF

**Please note these are Open Air Services, please dress accordingly*

Sunday 12 November Remembrance Sunday

10:00 am	Remembrance Service	Thorverton [Joint with Cadbury]	LF
10:00 am	Remembrance Service	Stoke Canon	Lay Led
10:50 am	Remembrance Service	Newton St Cyres	JD
10:50 am	Remembrance Service with Holy Communion	Upton Pyne	TC
	[Meet at War memorial]	[Joint with Brampford Speke]	
10:50 am	Remembrance Service	Rewe	Lay Led

Sunday 19 November Second Sunday before Advent

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Brampford Speke	GC
11:15 am	Communion by Extension	Rewe	LF
11:15 am	Holy Communion	Cadbury	TC
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	Stoke Canon	MSS

Sunday 26 November Sunday next before Advent

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Newton St Cyres	TC
10:00 am	Messy Church	Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:30 am	Baptism Service	Brampford Speke	TC
04:00 pm	Prayer Service	Upton Pyne	TC

Evening Prayer: Every Tuesday 6:00 pm in Rewe Church

Who's Who? Abbreviations Key

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

Revd Tim Collins [Priest in charge] Tel: 01392 860767 tim.collins@netherexe.org

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

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A WEEK IN THE PARISH HALL

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

Roger Furniss Chairman, Hall Management Committee

Tuesday (weekly)	Line dancing	7.30 pm	Paula Benford	01392 210830	pbenford45@gmail.com
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Friday (some weeks)	Art class	10.30 am	Sue Rose	01363 772284	suerose9@hotmail.com
Friday (weekly)	Table tennis	7.00 pm	Roger Wilkins	01392 851337	rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com
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