

NEWTON WONDER

The Magazine and Website for the Community of Newton St Cyres

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At the awards ceremony in Torquay on Wednesday 8th October:

Left-Right: Christine Fraser; Lady Emma Kitchener-Fellowes; Cllr Liz Ouldrige;
The Mayor of Torbay; Julie Furniss; Cathy Yate.

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Wow... Britain in Bloom, Gold Award.

Our cover this month shows the representatives from the village receiving the awards at the presentation in Torquay on Wednesday 8th October. A fantastic result. We know what a wonderful place Newton St Cyres is to live, but it's great to be told so by outsiders who have judged on the criteria of horticulture, environment and community. The judges' comments are available on the home page of the Newton Wonder website and Ann Quon Cordingley writes on page 12.

Website

Whilst putting the "Do you Remember" together for this issue I was interested to see that ten years ago, in November 2015 we were establishing the website newtonwonder.net. Over the years it has recorded a variety of items and, as mentioned above, has recently been used to display the judges' comment sheets for Britain in Bloom. All of the files for the magazines since October 2012 are now available on the website, except for the current copy. So it is now possible for everyone to look at back copies since then. Earlier issues of the magazine, and hard copies of current issues, are available at the Devon Heritage Centre in Great Moor House on the Sowton Industrial Estate. There is work to do to bring the website up to date and for it to develop its full potential. Please let me know if you would like to be involved.

History Essay

It is an appropriate time to remind readers that the Nick Baker essay competition soon closes for the current year. Please get your contributions to the editor (editor@newtonwonder.net) by the 1st. December 2025.

Station Garden

Chris Southcott has decided to give up co-ordinating the work on the station garden and it is felt that that it is necessary to make a new start. There will be a meeting of people interested in helping and keeping this project going. Do come along to join the group in the Beer Engine at 7.30 on 19th Nov.

Community Support

I was recently asked if there were any volunteers willing to help a parishioner who needed help getting to a medical appointment. I recorded in the "Do You Remember" section that the Community Support Group had held its coffee morning in the Parish Hall in November 2015. This group had organised all sorts of support for the village, including identifying volunteers who would be available to help with lifts and other tasks which could not be achieved in the usual ways. The co-ordination required had been provided by Simon Lovell who, at that time, kept the Crown and Sceptre. When he moved away, that structure declined but during the lockdowns of the pandemic Damien Hodge who was the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, organised support for the vulnerable people in our community. There is a massive amount of informal

support in the community through friends and neighbours and through the Adonai Kitchen but no structure to help people for whom informal contacts with neighbours and friends leaves them without the help they need at the time.

I wonder if someone in the village would like to take on the task of connecting volunteers with people who have emergencies like being unable to make hospital appointments? Maybe this could be under the umbrella of the parish council or the neighbourhood watch scheme.

Reflective Clothing

Once again can I encourage all those of you who walk in the village at night to wear something reflective. It is curious, but although there is street lighting in Station Road it is often incredibly difficult to see pedestrians, especially if there is oncoming traffic.

Peter Hawksley

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT ... OCTOBER 2025

Roads and Transport

We were a select group for October's Parish Council Meeting, but some important information was shared. Steve Keable, our County Councillor, told us of some of the initiatives that Devon County Council have begun. They are taking a more proactive approach to potholes. Safety Inspectors investigate all potholes reported by the public and then assign maintenance teams. They will now investigate any other potholes within 500 metres of the reported pothole so that these can be mended in one visit. Perhaps an obvious action, but in a trial, it had a major effect in improving efficiency of the repair teams.

With the approach of winter, Devon County Council is very keen to know about blocked drains, standing water and impassable roads. You can report these on this website: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/maintaining-roads/managing-the-network/flooding-and-drainage/report-standing-water-flooding-or-blocked-drains/> (This is on the roads and transport part of the Devon County Council website if you have difficulty following the link.) If it's a life-threatening emergency, then ring 0345 155 1004. Of course, you can also report problems to the Parish Council's excellent Road Wardens. There's a link for you to do so on our website and our notice boards.

Recycling

Mid Devon Council are keen for us all to know that we can put our old pots and pans out with our normal recycling. You can recycle any metal pan, handle

included, as long as it is not a 'non-stick' pan. These you will have to take to a recycling centre.

Planning

The Quicke Estate has applied for planning permission to fell three trees in Court Orchard Copse at the top of Station road. Two of the trees are dead. The final tree is a tall pine overshadowing the houses at the end of Station Road. Recently a small tree in this Copse fell on a car during a storm. It was a timely reminder of how dangerous falling trees can be and this pine would pose a severe hazard to the houses below it. The Council decided to support the planning application in view of the danger it posed. The other trees in the Copse would be very unlikely to fall on houses.

With Graeme Barnell's resignation from the Council, we have shared his planning responsibilities between us. Councillor John Dean has agreed to keep a watching brief on the development next to Hanlons' Brewery. We are concerned that the houses are being marketed as permanent dwellings when planning permission is solely for holiday homes. Councillor Donna Harris is monitoring the possible development of a Forestry Road at Half Moon.

Other Parish Council Matters

Councillors Joss Rimbon-Whittaker and Liz Ouldrige reported back on the successful 'opening' of the new swings at the Rec with a sausage sizzle for the School. It was lovely to see the children enjoying the playground and the hotdogs! The Council now hopes to use the rest of the £106 money for further play equipment at the Rec. Watch this space!

We have decided to conduct a survey on the success of the wildflower experiment on the Green. Please make your views felt as this will inform us when making decisions about this area. There is a form for you to complete in this magazine, but you can also take part online. Please do take this chance to tell us what you want.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Parish Hall on **Thursday 6th November 2025** at 7pm. Members of the public are welcome. Do come along and see what a friendly bunch we are, and maybe even consider joining us. Alternatively, if members of the public wish issues to be raised in council meetings, they can contact councillors in the usual way. Remember we have a form that can be filled in online. Copies of the form are also available at Coffee Mornings and the Adonai kitchen. There is also a Parish Surgery at the Coffee Mornings held on the **second Saturday of the month** in the Parish Hall.

Liz Ouldrige

Newton St Cyres Parish Council

NOTICE OF VACANCY for PARISH COUNCILLORS

**Would you like to join the Parish Council?
We meet monthly on the first Thursday**

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***For an informal discussion about the role of a Parish
Councillor, please contact Liz Ouldrige, Chair (01392
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newtonstcyres](https://www.middevonparish.co.uk/newtonstcyres)

Newton St Cyres Parish Council

Parishioner survey re wild flowers on the Village Green

The wild flowers on the village green are maintained by Newton Environmental Wellbeing Group (NEW). The Parish Council is due to review its agreement with NEW and would like to consult parishioners to find out their preferences for the Village Green. (Name and address will be kept confidential, but must be supplied)

Name: _____

Address: _____

1. Do you wish to keep the wild flower areas on the Village Green
Yes/No

If no, please state why not

2. Would you like to make any changes to the wild flower area on the Village Green? Yes/No

If yes, please state what changes

3. Do you have any other comments on the wild flower area?

Please reply by 30 November 2025 (only one vote per NSC parishioner on the electoral roll) and return to the Parish Clerk, The Cellar, Pump Street, EX5 5BY. Or complete the online form at <https://forms.gle/iXayiAHbgkpApaio9> Link on NSC PC Website

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

The clocks are changing and it is getting darker, but not much colder or wetter. Winter is such a good time to play tennis, to get some fresh air and run around instead of sitting or staying inside. The weather always looks more cheerful when you are outside. And now the courts have been repainted and look amazing, so that might inspire you.

There are regular sessions for rusty rackets on Saturdays. The person to contact is Sue Bloomfield at sueblmfld03@gmail.com, and she can let you know what time the sessions are.



Come and join the other club sessions: they are generally well attended and apart from exercise provide lots of fun and banter. Do come to the Sunday afternoon session. We have space for you there. The sessions cover a wide range of abilities and ages, so there is something for everybody. Please try the club for a couple of sessions and then you can decide. Just contact our membership secretary, Laura Leigh, on 01647 24259.

The winter league has started. We have a mixed team, and one ladies' team and one men's team, so there's something to suit everybody. Two teams are in the middle of the league and one at the lower end.

Junior coaching, run by our club coach, James Temple, takes place on Wednesdays after school during term time. If your child wishes to join, please email juniors@newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk for further information.

Jon Wills offers adult coaching both individually and for small groups, so if you feel you need to brush up your skills just get in touch via our website at www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk.

The Tennis Club now has a super-duper ball machine, which means you can brush up your skills all by yourself. If you want to try it out, please contact Frederiek at frederiekmaddock@gmail.com

Frederiek Maddock

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Thursday 20th November 2025, 12:30pm
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Thoughts for November from Peter Cordingley

I'm agnostic when it comes to the royal family. I normally pay about as much attention to them as I do to, say, the fortunes of Exeter City football club. But there's no getting away from them at the moment, is there.

And, of course, the pair at the centre of all the talk are Andrew and his former wife, Sarah Ferguson, aka Fergie, aka the aristocratic panhandler. In their own ways, they have both behaved appallingly, even almost certainly illegally in the case of Andrew. Through their behaviour, they have seriously damaged the image of the royals at a time when William and Kate seemed to be making progress in rehabilitating the family after the persecution of Lady Di.

I'm not sure this is the place to recount the truly evil things that Andrew is reliably said to have done, and that Fergie has seemingly accepted as a normal part of their relationship – and, anyhow, you know as much as I do about that – but I can't help wondering why it took the king so long to do anything. After all, Andrew's predilection for young girls has been known about for years.

I suspect that Andrew got away with it for so long because the royals cleverly used their policy of "never complain, never explain" to head off any discussion about the skeletons in their closet. Well, the closet doors have now been well and truly blown off, haven't they, so let's see what else there might be in there. It might be interesting.

(Oh, and spare a thought for the Pizza Express in Woking, which, through no fault of its own, has lost its royal patron!).

There's a very special tree on the A377 near Downes. All around it (as I write this) trees are just beginning to show signs of summer fatigue – but this one is already a glorious blaze of gold, telling us that one of the driest summers on record will soon be a memory and rain, cold and winter evenings are on the way.

Misery to come? Despair? Not at all. Not for me. I rejoice. Autumn brings a host of pleasures that we never had in the nearly 50 years we lived in Asia, where the seasons come in two formats – hot and wet or hot and dry, so Nature's changing colours are one of the delights of life here.

But there are many other autumn moments that, while they are less obvious, are also pleasurable. I don't have a Top 10 of favourite autumn things, but if I did, I'd probably give No. 1 place to closing the blinds early and settling in for the evening. We're lucky enough to have an Aga, so that, plus the log fire and winter soups on the go, are one of the glories of this time of the year.

How about you? Some people talk about the joy of rediscovering their winter togs (my winter and summer clothes are indistinguishable so that doesn't apply to me). Or the sound of winter rain on the window when you're warm inside. Or leaves crunching underfoot. Or hot chocolate. Or bracing walks with the dog, finishing at the Beer Engine. Any of those things, and more, are ahead. Trust me, good times are waiting.

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

Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The draw took place at the Coffee morning on 11 October and the winners for October were:

No. 118	A Griffiths	£100.00
No. 240	J Hookway	£10.00
No. 206	W Lewis	£10.00
No. 27	S Davey	£10.00
No. 37	M Whalley	£10.00

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NEWTON RAMBLERS

Sunday 16th November
Lockdown Exeter

This is a historical walk based in the centre of Exeter and will be led by Ian Maxted.

We will meet at the Newton St Cyres car park at 10.00 am to share cars or at 10.30 a.m. outside the Cathedral Cafe in the Cloisters.

The walk will be an exploration of the City Walls and of the enclosures within the walls which made Exeter in the past a very "locked down" city.

If you have any questions or need more information please contact Ian Maxted on 01392 277041 (after November 2) or Nigel or Rosemary Chambers on 01392 851400.

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



We Did It – and It's Blooming Marvellous!



The event attracted a multitude.

Newton St Cyres has proven it's "the little village that can". After months of hard work digging, planting and nurturing, our first-time entry into the South West's Britain in Bloom competition was crowned the best small village in the region.

The results of the Royal Horticultural Society-run competition were announced on 11th October in the village hall during a

Big Reveal at the coffee morning hosted by the arboretum. When the stage curtains opened to reveal a huge yellow banner announcing that the village had won GOLD, along with an impressive display of trophies, plaques and certificates, there were gasps of surprise followed by whoops of joy and sustained applause from the packed hall.

Announcing the results, Christine Fraser, the driving force behind the village's entry, along with Julie Furniss, said: "What an amazing result for first-timers."

The awards:

- Gold for Best Village Pennant (small village),
- Gold for Best New Entry (Vic Verrier Trophy),
- Best Use of Native Plants (Monk Trophy) to the Arboretum,
- CPRE Environmental Award for Best Environmental Project (to the Arboretum),
- It's Your School Award to Newton St Cyres Primary School Level 4 (out of 5)
- Nominated for Best Portfolio

A few days before the parish hall Big Reveal, representatives of the Newton St Cyres team were in Torquay for the region-wide South West in Bloom Awards. “This is the first time we entered the competition as a village and I’m absolutely thrilled,” said Parish Council Chair, Liz Ouldrige. “It shows how much this village works as a community and how much we care about the environment.”

Accepting the Monk Trophy on behalf of the Friends of the Arboretum, Chair Andrew Gee said: “I’m absolutely delighted. I’m very pleased for all the volunteers who’ve established the arboretum and keep it maintained, and also to the village for its support and for funding us. It’s a fantastic thing for us.”

The arboretum, which is owned by the Quicke family and managed by the Parish Council under an agreement with the Quickes, also won the prestigious Council for the Preservation of Rural England (CPRE) award for Best Environmental Project.

“I’m very grateful and amazed at how much work’s been done to make it such a lovely place,” John Quicke said in accepting the award. “My father and mother would have been very happy.”



*The awardees (l to r) Liz Ouldrige, Christine Fraser, John Quicke, Cathy Yate, Andrew Gee, James Akhurst, Geoff Jackson, Martin Taylor
Front Row (l to r) Sophia and Freddie Durward-Akhurst.*

The Primary School’s It’s Your School award was for its wild flower meadow, pond and fruit and vegetable garden. School Headteacher James Akhurst thanked parents and the community for their support. “It’s testament to the hard work of the whole community, but also the school. We’re very lucky to have some really passionate parents,” he said. “Their



Liz Ouldrige with James Akhurst and his children Sophia and Freddie.

farming backgrounds, time and generous donations of seeds, water and essential items have really helped to put the school on the map. We're delighted to be part of this and part of the community.”

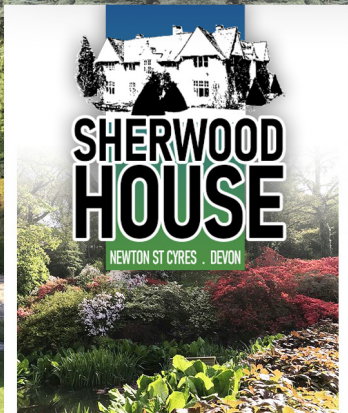
That view was echoed by the two Britain in Bloom judges who visited the village back in July 2025. “The villagers have a very strong sense of community,” they said in their assessment report.

The judges toured key facilities in the village, including the Beer Engine, the railway station garden, the Rec, the primary school, the arboretum, the village hall, the village green and community projects such as the community larder and beekeeping garden, as well as calling in at Sherwood House.

In their report, the judges highlighted the village’s achievements in horticultural achievement, environmental responsibility and community participation. They cited the excellent community work in the restoration of the arboretum and many examples of good horticultural practice such as the community allotment, community larder, community orchard and rewilding on the village green.

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“One of the things that is overwhelming was the sense of community that the judges got from our area,” said Liz Ouldrige.

Volunteer Cathy Yate said she never expected such a big win. “We were hoping that we would get some kind of recognition, but when we got Gold and then other awards, it began to sink in that we've done really well.”

She credits Christine Fraser for coming up with the idea of entering the competition, given Christine’s background as a member of the RHS South West in Bloom Committee and regional judge.

The South West is one of 16 regions that make up Britain in Bloom and includes Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, North Avon, Wiltshire and the eastern areas of Dorset. It is a large region that attracts hundreds of Bloom entries each year.

“It wouldn't have happened at all, if weren't for Christine,” says Cathy. “She's the one who introduced us to the competition. She dragged me kicking and screaming into it, but I'm glad I did it and I'd be quite happy to do it again because it just lifts your spirits, doesn't it?”

“I'm just so glad that people have had an opportunity to celebrate the village and everything in it, because it's all so wonderful,” said Christine, who paid tribute to her fellow co-organiser Julie Furniss. “It was great having Julie on board because when she first started, she knew nothing about it. Well, neither did anybody, and she did a lot of work with the school, she did all the minutes, and she's a great organiser, so it's a great tribute to Julie,” she said.

It's also a great tribute to the many local volunteers, teams, entities and organisations who got fully behind the effort to brighten up our streets and green spaces and instil a greater sense of community and pride. “With all the different assets we've got, it's brought it all together as a whole,” said Christine. “That's the spirit of Britain in Bloom. It's about community, really, and the community effort.”

With gold under our belt, where do we go from here? “We've won gold. How do we better that?” said Liz Ouldrige. “I think even just trying to maintain what we did this year will be hard. It'll need more people taking part and I'm hoping that with this win, it will infuse people.” Adds Christine: “We have a big decision to make for next year. If we do go again, we might go up a class, and if we go up into a slightly bigger category, we'll have to pull our bootstraps up even higher.” Cathy says she is game to get more involved. And it may be the kind of challenge that the village will be ready to take on.

Footnote: At the time of going to press, a meeting was due to take place to decide on next year.

Words and photos by Ann Quon Cordingley

Curry comes to the parish hall

It's not the kind of meal that you would expect to find in a village hall in the heart of Devon. But the curry lunch served up by chef Jocelyne Whittaker and friends of Adonai Community Kitchen on Saturday, 4th October, turned out to be a real crowd pleaser. It not only packed a spicy punch but had diners going back for seconds.



The gathered curry enthusiasts

A packed hall of around 50 or so diners turned up for what was billed as the "Village Curry and Colombo Lunch" to sample the selection of curries and side dishes that Jocelyne and her friend, accomplished home cook Jolene Warren, had prepared. There was an array of chicken, mutton, goat, fish and vegetable curries, along with chicken tikka, rice and peas, naan, sag aloo, dahl, fish accras (fritters), onion bahjis and much more.

Some diners had arrived thinking they would be tasting the curries of Colombo, Sri Lanka. "No, Colombo is what we call our curry and it is definitely Caribbean," said Jocelyne of the Creole-style curry that is popular in Guadeloupe, her home country. It is



Jocelyne with fellow chef Jolene Warren

thought the term Colombo derived from Indian settlers who originally brought their curry to the Caribbean, where the dish was “localised”.

In fact, the lunch was a kind of blend of East meets West, with Jocelyne preparing the West Caribbean versions of the dishes while Jolene prepared the East Indian varieties such as chicken tikka, dahl, sag aloo and others.

Jocelyne said the lunch was also her way of bringing the village together over a good meal and showcasing the talents of local cooks such as Jolene.

So what did diners think of the Colombo experience? “I absolutely loved all of it,” said Helen Campbell. “It was completely delicious. It was all different and all really, really lovely.”

“I’m really enjoying this,” said Marcus Iles as he tucked into his food. “The goat was good, and the fish and chicken tikka were lovely.”

Of course, the village lunch couldn’t have succeeded without the help of some of Adonai Kitchen’s dedicated and hard-working volunteers such as Jack Craigie, Wendy Anez, and Jane Caryer-Gent, who did the serving, while behind the scenes, volunteers such as Michael Drew were on dishwashing duties.

When we asked diners whether Jocelyne should do it again, the answer was an enthusiastic “Absolutely!”

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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)**

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

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

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

- **Newton St Cyres & the A377 (£5)**

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

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Newton St Cyres Tithe Map of 1843

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Table Tennis

Note the change of day

Newton St Cyres Parish Hall
every Friday from 7 to 9 pm.

As well as seeing present members of our Group, we are keen to welcome new players – with or without experience adults and children from the age of 12.

There are four tables, so we can fit in people from beginners and rusty former players to League players. Equipment is available.

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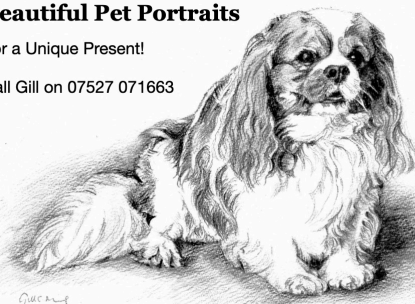
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The Friends of Newton Arboretum Coffee Morning

“We didn’t run out of cake!”

Thank you to everyone who joined us in the Parish Hall on 11th October for a memorable coffee morning. We raised £1,597, which included a generous donation from a “Friend of the Arboretum”.

It was our privilege to host “The Big Reveal” of the Britain in Bloom result for the village. The parish hall was packed and we ran out of mugs and had to purchase more milk, but we didn’t run out of cake!

There was a cacophony as the curtains were rolled back, and the Gold Award revealed. Your arboretum was a small part of this result and won recognition with two awards of its own from the South West region, Britain in Bloom.

The Monk Trophy for the best use of native plants. In our case trees.

The CPRE Environmental Award for the best Environmental Project.

These awards were collected by Andrew Gee, Chair of the Friends, and John Quicke, owner, whose ancestors planted the original trees at the arboretum site.

Below are some photographs of the “early pioneers” of reclaiming the arboretum for the community with the trophy.



Marg and Courtney Ware



Ron Nethercott and Roger

Thank you to all the volunteers and friends who made this fundraising possible, from the stall holders, the raffle prize givers and the cake makers to the dishwashers.

All the funds raised are invested in the arboretum to maintain it, support new planting and manage the trees. Recent storm damage has been costly, with the impact of climate change likely to mean more storms and more trees damaged.

131 “Friends of the Arboretum” support this work with a yearly subscription. This is £15. If you would like to join us, please email.

friendsnewtonarboretum@gmail.com

In addition, we are always seeking new volunteers to help maintain the arboretum. We are delighted to have recently recruited some new volunteers, and you can see the impact on the environment.

Thank you again for all your support. The next Arboretum Coffee Morning is Saturday the 7th of February 2026, so please place it in your diary.

In the meanwhile, please come and visit the arboretum to enjoy its wonder and the changing seasons.

Marcus Iles

Treasurer, Friends of Newton Arboretum



Autumn in the Arboretum

Live from Vermont!

From their home in Vermont, USA, to the Newton St Cyres village hall, the Hungrytown husband and wife duo of gave us an evening to remember. Beautiful lyrics and harmonies, together with their amazing musicianship, meant that we were able to enjoy self-penned tracks from their latest album 'Circus for Sale', which they released in 2024, as well as songs from their other albums. Overall, their music was a mix of folk rock, and old-time folk, with a hint of Bluegrass, that made for a very entertaining evening.

The pair were happy to chat between numbers, and we found out that they were fans of Bert Jansch's music and had supported Jansch's musical partner, guitarist John Renbourn, when he was touring in New York, and had also opened for Al Stewart (Year of the Cat fame)



Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson

But, where did the name Hungrytown come from? This was all explained before they sang 'Hungrytown Road'. At the time they were recording their first album with friends in a Bluegrass band, in the Blue Ridge Mountains region of Virginia. They had been looking for a name for themselves, and each day on their way to the recording sessions they had passed a little gravel road called Hungrytown Road. When they travelled down it, hoping to find a historic village called Hungrytown, they discovered it was a dead end. So they decided that maybe instead of their name being about travelling to a particular destination, it was more about finding a way out of wherever you are!

Rebecca and Ken will be returning to the UK next spring, so if you missed them here, check out details of future gigs on their website <https://hungrytown.net>

Thank you all those who attended, and those who helped run this event. We put these shows on for the whole community but we need your continued support in order to be able to run them. Our next event is the New Year's Eve Ceilidh. We look forward to seeing you then.

Nicola Baker

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Do You Remember....November?

November 1975

The Church reported that the re-decoration was going well and the North Aisle would be finished by Christmas.

The Harvest Festival produce had been delivered through the parish and to Western Lodge Hospital in Crediton.

The Twinning Group reported that no decision had been made as only 12 attended the meeting.

The Parish Council held a site meeting about the white lines in the village with DCC Highways and the Police so hopes had been raised. They reported that the Cartaway entrance was very sharp making traffic stop on the highway before turning.

Three Bingo nights were advertised for NSC Playgroup, NSC Cricket Club and NSC Parish Hall.

The Hall were holding a Christmas Bazaar to raise funds for the renovation of the Hall and invited all organisations to take part.

November 1985

The last of the Village sweatshirts were sold. Jill Brock organised an Auction on behalf of the Cancer Research Group and raised £529.

The Art group held an exhibition at the Northcott Theatre.

The Afternoon Club, Women's Institute and Mothers' Union continued to be very active.

November 1995

The results of the Rec. Skittles Competition were: Ivor Finney Memorial Trophy – Ruth and John Tremlett; The Michael Griffin Memorial Trophy – Barry Vosper

A successful Bonfire and Fireworks evening was held at the Rec.

The Twinning Club held another Wine Tasting evening at Old Beams.

The Art Group exhibition this year was at Exeter Central Library.

The Young Farmers competed in the Exe Struggle and the River Dart Raft race.

The Church Annual Christmas Fair was successfully held and included Cream Teas.

November 2005

In the Market News it was announced that Pat Butt would be taking over from Angie Delve for a while. Stalls at the market include Books (Age Concern), Plants, Samaritans, Pies, bread and jams, Cake stall, Bric a Brac, Eggs and jewellery.

At the Parish Council, the CPRE Chairman presented Cllr Brian Vicary with a plaque as runners up in the Best Kept Village competition.

The Rec. were advertising their Bonfire Night and a Disco with a Christmas draw.

The Post Office announced that Christmas stamps were in stock and Gift Vouchers for well-known shops.

Nick Lee, the District Councillor, wrote on the refuse collection and recycling issues.

November 2015

The editor explained the creation of the Newton Wonder website and speculated on its future. The plea for volunteers was made.

The Community Support Group met in the Clubroom of the Parish Hall on Saturday 10th October to hear John Musty from Age Concern Crediton talk

about how to keep warm in winter, how to make sure our houses are draft free and the consequences of getting cold and losing body heat.

The archivist at Powderham Castle, Felicity Harper, led the History Group on a lively trip through the history of England as it was experienced by the various generations of the Courtenay family of Powderham Castle. As with many of our great families, the events that they lived through tell much of the story of our past, and there were many colourful and dramatic episodes.

The advertisement for the New Year Ceilidh featured "the Barnstormers".

Peter Hawksley

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New date set for Redlands Open Day



Poster cancelling the event

Redlands Primary Care has rescheduled its Open Day to the New Year after it was forced to cancel the event in September due to the presence of travellers on its land. The travellers parked their caravans on the nearby grassy plot owned by the practice, forcing it to close its doors.

The Open Day has now been rescheduled for **Saturday, 10th January 2026**.

“We did not feel that we could run an Open Day with a closed-door policy in place,” says Redlands partner Dr Jo Harris. “Only patients were allowed into the building and we had someone on the door at all times to let people in and out.”

A similar incident occurred at the ACTIVE Crediton leisure centre (formerly known as Lords Meadow) which was forced to shut on 8 September after half a dozen caravans occupied its overflow car park.

While most of the travellers on the Redlands site were generally well behaved and friendly, some were abusive to staff, despite one member of the clinic’s staff taking toys and books for the children. Some of the children used the field as a toilet.

“We took the decision after they left to plough up the land to hopefully mitigate any risks from unprocessed human waste left behind,” says Jo.

Redlands says it had to bear the cost of having the travellers evicted. “If you add up the cost of the eviction process, the clear-up operation and ploughing up of the land, the total cost to the practice was in the region of £10k,” she says. “This does not include the cost of appointments cancelled by patients who were not willing to attend the practice while travellers were on site.”

It is not the first time that Redlands has had to deal with travellers, and it is looking at how it can prevent a recurrence. One option is to put up barriers to prevent caravans from accessing the vacant site. “The bottom line is we can’t afford to do this every year,” says Dr Harris. “So we may be putting out a request for help from anyone who could help put boulders or posts deep in the ground at close enough intervals that you can’t get a caravan through.”

Redlands say the Open Day will give patients, caregivers and the public the opportunity to meet the clinic’s team, learn about the services offered, go behind the scenes and find out about the Patient Participation Group and League of Friends. Refreshments will be provided.

Words and photo by Ann Quon Cordingley

Nick Baker Local History Essay Competition 2025

Two Prizes of £100

This competition was established to commemorate the life of Nick Baker, an avid local historian, who was always keen to share his knowledge and expertise with others.

Entries are now warmly invited for 2025.

Summary of Rules

1. The competition is open to all residents of the parishes of Brampford Speke, Newton St Cyres, Thorverton, and Upton Pyne and Cowley
2. Entries should consist of an essay of 1,000 to 2,000 words on a topic clearly connected to one or more of the parishes — for example: a local person, event, place or building. Associated illustrations are welcomed.
3. There will be two prizes — one for entrants up to the age of 18, and one for those aged over 18, with age taken as at 1 December 2025. If you are 18 or younger, please state your age, as this will be taken into account by the judges.
4. Entry to the competition is confirmation that you consent to your work being published by the three parish magazines at the discretion of their respective editors.
5. Entries to be submitted to the editor: editor@newtonwonder.net by 1st December 2025.

This competition is run by the Newton Wonder in association with
Focus on Thorverton

The prizes are wholly funded by Nick's family and friends.

NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP



Discoveries at Exeter Cathedral

John Allan, Cathedral Archaeologist

On 8th October, members of the History Group were treated to an eye-opening talk by Exeter Cathedral's John Allan, who makes almost annual visits to keep us updated on the 'goings on' at the cathedral. As you might expect, any building work at Exeter Cathedral cannot be undertaken spontaneously, as many preliminary checks have to be made, meticulous planning undertaken and official permissions obtained. The presence of ancient remains and burials in particular, makes the work complicated. Thanks in part to a particularly enthusiastic and supportive Dean, John explained that we are in an exciting period of change and discoveries that have been 25 years in the planning.

John spoke to us about two projects – work on the cloisters preceding construction of the recently-opened cloister gallery, and installing under-floor heating in the quire (the area where the choir sits).

Cloisters

The cloisters are a fascinating space, from where it is possible to sit and 'read' all the stories of English Archaeology by looking in different directions at the surrounding cathedral buildings. You can pick out, for example, Norman (1100s), Early English (1220s), Decorated (1328-42), Perpendicular (1400s) Civil War (1657), Georgian (1750s) and Victorian (1887) styles.

Before work on the cloisters could start, detailed building and social history studies were undertaken, as well as some exploratory digging. Part of a Roman road was found, plus three burials dated to AD 660-770, the time of Boniface. Outside the chapter house, several graves from the late Middle Ages were discovered. Fragments of cloister arcade have shown that the cloisters were an open arcade and had no windows. They must have been very chilly in winter!

The cloisters form a square, with walkways on all four sides. One side has been excavated and found to include a late medieval wall. Would that be sturdy enough to support a modern building? It was, and the new Cloister Gallery was built (opened 2024) on top of existing medieval foundations, in a simplified Gothic style.

Quire

The quire is exquisite, with a delicately ribbed vault and the intricately carved bishop's throne for which the timber was pre-treated in steeping ponds at Norton, Newton St Cyres. But the space had a poor modern sound-system, poor lighting and – especially – poor heating. These days, large cast iron heating pipes are not acceptable, so an under-floor heating option was pursued, which necessitated lifting of the floor. This led to some really surprising and interesting disclosures.

The cathedral building as it appears today is Gothic in style, circa 1300 or 1310. But it was built within a far older, Norman church probably dating to either the 9th or 11th centuries. The towers were built in Norman times and originally had lead-covered spires. But what did the original nave and quire look like? Excavations in 2023 exposed a medieval earth floor beneath the 'modern' floor that hadn't seen the light of day for 700 years or so. A high altar was also revealed, west of the position occupied by the present altar. Under the east end of the quire signs of an apse (a semi-circular structure with an arched or domed roof, typically at the east end of a church) were found. Even more excitingly, the apse had a buried crypt beneath with a head-height of at least 1.75m (the floor hasn't been excavated).

So what was the purpose of a crypt? Examples of Norman crypts in other churches and cathedrals, such as Worcester Cathedral and Lavingham, North Yorkshire, were small rooms with substantial columns often intended to display holy relics of saints. The Exeter find is more like older examples in Germany, where the crypt is a sunken passage running around the inside wall of the semi-circular apse – an ambulatory/walkway or ring-crypt. There is just one known similar example of such a ring crypt in England, in the former minster church of Wing, Buckinghamshire - which resembles what we have at Exeter.

Essentially, a ring crypt is a small-scale 'museum' of holy relics accessed by steps down from the nave and incorporating a semi-circular walkway. The kinds of relics on display were varied and a little dubious seen through modern eyes, but include the beard of St Barnabas, part of the veil of the Virgin Mary and some timber fragments from Noah's Ark. Ring crypts are generally considered early features – that in Essen, Germany, dates back to AD 800s. So is Exeter Cathedral on the site of a Norman, or an earlier Anglo Saxon church? Or possibly a Norman church re-creating an Anglo-Saxon feature? We aren't sure.

Reinstatement of the quire floor following the heating work has provided an exciting project for the cathedral archaeological team – not least, deciding on the design and materials. Because the cathedral is on a site deficient in top quality stone for building, building stones of many different types and appearance were

originally brought in from places such as Branscombe, Salcombe Regis, Beer, Purbeck and Portland. Some was shipped in from France (e.g., as ballast) and later on, the railways enabled stone to be transported from Bath and Northants. John can recognise around 20 types, including granites, serpentines and some very beautiful Devon 'Marbles' – limestones from Plymouth, Torquay and Ashburton, etc. that have undergone natural metamorphosis, which hardens them. Some include interesting fossils.

Although many of the original quarries are now closed, or are legally protected geological sites, John reported that the team were (amazingly) able to source a limited quantity of material for the floor from stocks held by an enthusiast of Devon stone in Maidenhead.

The replacement quire floor is a combination of natural Devon and Purbeck marbles arranged in a design based on that of George Gilbert Scott used in the presbytery floor in the 1870s. The new floor is bordered by a pavement of hand-made encaustic tiles that dates to Victorian times. It is the first substantial artwork to go into the cathedral since the 1870s. To facilitate its creation, the Dean and Chapter was able to access lottery funding of £1M.

After his talk, John took audience questions. He told us that it is unlikely that the Roman bath house will be opened up in the near future, partly because of concerns about a set of steps dating to 1976 and other aspects that have divided opinion.

John also updated us on the Domesday Book. He told us that there are two versions of the work. One is a regional version that is held in Exeter Library, the other the 'Exchequer' version in London. Apparently, it has been found – with evident delight – that the Exeter version is 'the real thing' and that the one in London is a working copy produced some time later after the reign of William the Conqueror.

It is a pleasure to listen to someone speak about their job when they love it as much as John clearly loves his. His enthusiasm and excitement were palpable, and I think we all went home with a smile on our faces after such a stimulating evening. Thank you, John.

Midge Kelly

NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP AUTUMN 2025

NOVEMBER 12th John Dean will speak about Nurse Elsie Knocker. Elsie was an Exeter girl who lived in Barnfield Crescent. She was a privileged young lady who showed great bravery during WW1. John is local to the village, known otherwise as Councillor John Dean, please come and support him.

DECEMBER 10th CHRISTMAS MEETING

This is still in the planning stage but we hope to have a few stories for you of local history that wasn't quite as it seemed.

Meetings are on Wednesday evenings, usually on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. There is no special membership requirement just come along with £3 entrance which pays also for a hot drink and a biscuit.

We do not meet in January so the next meeting will be on Wednesday February 11th



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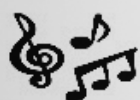
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Newton's artist in residence

Martin Taylor is an accomplished illustrator, computer whiz and genial character known to many in the village. But mainly he's a painter – and a very busy one too. His friends in Newton got a peek into that side of his life on a recent Saturday afternoon when he opened up his atelier in the village. He explains: "People have been asking me what I've been painting recently, so I thought I'd put that out so people can come around and have a look."

Martin says a lot of his paintings are for competitions. "The International Artist publication usually has a competition every month with different themes and is worldwide. The latest is on Cityscapes, which I am working on at the moment. In one competition on abstracts, I came in the top 10. The prize is that they publish your work, so you get international exposure." Coming up soon is a competition on seascapes. For that, Martin is planning to do studies on Sidmouth.



Martin with a work of his from a competition on "Florals and Gardens"

"I do the competitions purely because you get to push yourself into doing it and finishing it off," he says.

Martin says his works span about 20 years, ranging in size from really large ones to A1 (about 23 x 33 inches) and smaller. "I've done quite a few of the Wistman's Woods on Dartmoor because it was for a competition on landscapes, and it's one of my favourites," he says.

Peter Cordingley

November on the Farm

Last month, I shared the early stories of my family and how Jane Coster's fortune helped shape the farm and village. This month, the story continues with what came next – her remarkable widowhood.



Portrait of Jane Quicke

Widowhood wasn't all play. Jane brought tin miners from Cornwall to the farm, making Newton St Cyres and Upton Pyne for a brief decade the largest producer of manganese in the world. You can still see evidence of mine workings, miners' cottages and miners' gardens around the farm. Derek Cann, who was farm foreman when I was younger, told me that when he was young, he was ploughing one day in Black Pit field behind Hayne Farm, and the horse fell down a mine shaft. It needed enormous amounts of work to recover it. Manganese tailings are black, hence the name of the field. Our family tradition is that the manganese was used to make the blue glass that was a tradition in Exeter.

Mining has a long tradition on the farm. The red soil is evidence of the river valley that wore away the high mountains that were squashed up to form Dartmoor

300-400 million years ago at the time of the single-continent Pangaea. The boundary with the older clay land to the south of the farm marks a geological fault, and minerals seep up from deep within the earth.

There was a brief gold rush in the 1990s, when we had all sorts of strangers and stray geologists searching, in vain, for gold on the land. One of them did teach me to pan for gold in a wok. Apparently there are tiny flecks of gold in every ditch in the land. Don't get excited: a dedicated friend who had eight great uncles who went to the California Gold Rush, took decades of panning to make enough gold for a wedding ring. It's also illegal to sell panned gold even on your own land as it

all belongs to the Crown. Is that hump in the woods evidence of Iron Age iron smelting? Another of our fields is called Tin Pits, with spoil pits still there in a copse on the margin where the trees still don't like to grow and my horse found spooky.

Jane had one surviving son and several daughters. Another son died young, while still in long dresses as was the custom in those days. He was very beloved. There is a touching memorial to him in Newton St Cyres church, and we have some sweet sketches of him looking really cute. The daughters received substantial settlements of land. Our family say Jane Coster insisted on this, going against the normal practice of all the land going to the eldest son. Primogeniture is what has kept the land in a significant enough chunk to be valued by successive generations, which is smart, and she probably thought there was plenty to go round, which is fair.

There are four hatchments in the church, painted wooden death notices that were hung outside people's houses when they died and were then brought into the church as memorials. They date from John and Jane's time. It's unusual to find four together. It feels like they were quite family minded.

Mary Quicke

Down the rabbit hole, Alice!



This picture was submitted by Chris Southcott who loves to take shots of local wildlife.

How many baby rabbits can you see in there?

We welcome pictures of all sorts; wildlife, countryside, people and any subject you think will be of interest to our readers.

Please send your photographs to editor@newtonwonder.net.

Newton St Cyres Gardening Club

A few weeks ago, we visited Rosemoor for the **Plot to Plate** weekend, which was part of the overall 'Wonder of Autumn' event. The tent for the identification of apples that people had brought with them from their gardens/orchards, was extremely busy. It is often difficult to identify apples from trees that you have not planted yourself, and so Jim Arbury, a fruit expert from RHS Wisley, was there to do this.



The display of apples at Rosemoor

This tent also had many named varieties of apples on display including cooking, dessert and cider apples. There was also the opportunity to walk around the fruit



Swiss Chard in colour

and vegetable garden and heritage orchard with Peter Adams, the Edibles team leader at Rosemoor. He explained the work being carried out in the gardens and orchard and how everything was used either in the restaurant, made available to buy from the honesty table or, in the case of the of apples, the processing nearby to produce apple juice and Rosemoor cider.

In the vegetable garden, the **Swiss Chard** was looking very colourful, with bright varieties of 'Vulcan' and 'Celebration' and, as the name suggests, 'Bright Yellow', a yellow variety! If you are growing Swiss Chard, it is recommended that

you protect it during the cold weather by covering it with a cloche or fleece. Picking the outer leaves first, while they are still tender, and working your way through to the centre will encourage new growth and enable you to keep harvesting throughout the winter.

Chard is also known as perpetual spinach and leaf beet and is easy to grow from seed. Sowing in spring or early summer will give repeated harvests through the summer into autumn. Sowing in mid-summer will give a harvest that overwinters outdoors, and also an early harvest the following spring.

This autumn has seen another bumper harvest of **apples**. If you want to be able to enjoy them, weeks or even months later, it is essential to store them correctly. The most important thing is to only store 'perfect' apples. Any windfall or damaged apples will not keep for very long and are best used straight away either eaten, cooked and frozen, made into jam/jelly or juiced. Later-ripening varieties of apples tend to keep for longer periods. Ideally your storage area should be cold, but frost-free, and well ventilated. Make sure that any containers that you plan to use are thoroughly cleaned. As a child, I remember helping my grandparents wrap each apple individually in newspaper, making sure that the fruit was not bruised during handling. If you do not wish to wrap each apple, you should check them regularly, so that any that are rotting can be removed, before the rot spread to the others. If possible stack only one layer per tray but, if you do need to double stack, then it is best to put a layer of cardboard between each layer.

Between 18th July and 10th August, over 125,000 citizen scientists took part in **Butterfly Conservation's Big Butterfly Count**. This was more than ever before, and the total of butterflies and moths recorded was 1.7 million. This year's top five species were large white, small white, gatekeeper, red admiral and meadow brown.

Participants recorded an average of 10.3 butterflies during each 15-minute count. Although this was an improvement on 2024's record low of just 7, this number is still only average by modern standards. Butterfly conservation scientists have warned that butterflies are continuing to struggle, and urgent measures are still needed to reverse long-term decline. It had been hoped that the sunniest spring and hottest summer ever recorded in the UK would provide good weather conditions. However, the results from the national count show this was not the case. The butterflies that did show a rise in numbers were the large, white and small white, with both recording their best-ever Big Butterfly Count results.

The Jersey tiger moth also had a record year, being recorded more widely and in higher numbers than ever before. Unfortunately, 2025 was the second worst Big Butterfly Count result for the holly blue, the third worst for the common blue and the fourth worst for the meadow brown. The dates for next year's Count are 17th July-9th August.

JOBS FOR NOVEMBER

- Finish planting any winter garlic, before the ground becomes too cold and hard.
- Winter-prune redcurrants, blackcurrants and gooseberries by cutting back around 1/3 of the older branches to the ground.
- Start to harvest any Brussel sprouts from the base of the stems. Yes, Christmas is coming!
- Check stored maincrop potatoes for signs of rot and remove any that are soft and beginning to rot.
- If you have grown turnips, they can be harvested once they are slightly larger than a golf ball size, as they will be tender. When harvesting, remove the leaves and clean off any soil before storing in a cool dry location.
- The recent rain has 'greened' up the grass, but if parts of your lawn are still showing signs of damage, you may decide to lay turf. Even in November, the soil should be warm enough for this. To prepare the soil, lift off the damaged turf and remove any signs of weeds. Rake and level the soil, and firm down before laying the new grass turf. It is best to work from a board to reduce damage to the lawn surface. Lay the largest pieces on the edges, butted close together. Water in well and allow to root.
- Don't be too tidy in your garden as the colder weather approaches. Leave seed heads for birds including tits and finches. Migrant thrushes from Scandinavia such as Fieldfares and Redwings, may have already arrived and the Redwings will have headed for the berries on the Rowan trees. also look out for Bramblings. Hollow stems of plants not cut back, will provide over-wintering homes for many insects, and windfall apples etc. will be a welcome meal for visitors to your garden.

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- 12th-25th November, Darts Farm 4pm-8pm **Garden of Light** “A peaceful display of glowing white roses each one dedicated to someone loved and remembered”. Every dedication helps local families receive expert end-of-life care. Full details can be found at gardenoflight@hospiscare.co.uk or by telephoning Hospiscare on 01392 688020. Suggested donation £20.

ROSEMOOR

- 15th-16th November, 11am-3pm, **Living Statues & Meet the Artist weekend**. “Join us and Marvellous Eventures for the Most Marvellous 'Living Statues' on Sunday. On Saturday in the Garden Room, there will be drop-in clay sculpture workshops. Come along and make your own piece of sculpture to take home”. “New for this year, we are hosting a 'Meet the Artist' weekend. Some of the sculpture artists will be in the Garden Room, where you can talk to them, learn about their work and processes. Each artist will also have some of their work on sale, so you will have the opportunity to buy a piece and take it away with you, knowing how your sculpture was made”.
- 15th-31st January 2026, **Winter Sculpture Exhibition**
- 21st-23rd November 11am-4pm and 28th-30th November, **Magic of Christmas Craft & Food Fair**. Please note: The fair will be closed 4pm–4.30pm. After 4.30pm, admission is included with the Glow tickets. See details below.
- 21st November-30th December 4.30pm – 8.30pm- 1500, **Glow at Rosemoor**. Tickets must be booked in advance and admission prices vary. Full details at www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/rosemoor/whats-on/rosemoor-glow
- 22nd-30th November, **National Tree Week**. The Tree Council, together with partners including RHS, Woodland Trust, National Trust, Natural England and RSPB, are bringing together the conservation sector, volunteers and tree lovers to mark the start of the annual tree-planting season. Although at the time of writing there were no events listed in Devon, check out their website <https://treecouncil.org.uk/seasonal-campaigns/national-tree-week/> as this is being regularly updated.
- Tuesday 25th November, 7pm Crediton Library. Talk by Lori Reich **Pumpkins on Parade** (produce also on sale) A Crediton Garden Club event

Bert Jewell writes Rhymes and Ways about Gardens and Gardening

November

November could start with excitement and noise,
The person with the taper stands ready and poised,
To light the first banger or a rocket, maybe,
The folk that have gathered are dying to see.

A rocket heading skyward, the colours, the sound,
The Catherine wheel spinning around and around,
A Roman candle, flares of yellow and red,
Ten minutes or so and it's off home to bed.

To wake in the morning, it could be crispy and cold,
As the flowers of the Jasmine slowly unfold,
Shining like a beacon on a fence or a wall,
If left unattended it could get quite tall.

And then there's the Heather, growing quite low,
Not being a problem cause they grow so slow,
Flowering their socks off at this time of year,
As is the Viburnum that is planted so near.

To a path or a doorway to enjoy as we pass,
It's surprising how long the flowers will last,
In a vase in the kitchen or maybe the hall,
Unlike the fireworks that last no time at all.

Things to do in the garden

There was a time when fireworks were enjoyed on November 5th, but now they can be heard days before and days after. It wasn't until we had a dog that hated them that we realised just how annoying fireworks can be. We sometimes put the dog in the car and drove out into the country and parked up for an hour or two before returning home, hoping that it was all over, only to start up again the following evening.

I now use autumn as my firework display, with shrubs like "Arbutus Unedo" or Strawberry tree, as its known. It can grow to about 25' high and wide, but is slow growing.

In the hurricane of I think 1987, I decided to climb one of these to take out the top. It survived the storm and is still fruiting to this day. It flowers and fruits at the same time, November to December, but the fruits this year are from last year's flowers. Fruits next year will be from this year's flowers. The fruits don't really look like strawberries and they aren't harmful if eaten, but they're best left for the birds and the insects to enjoy.

Another flowering plant is the winter Jasmine. These are not true climbers and stems will easily root if left lying on the ground. They are best tied to wires or some other framework. Trim the sideshoots in March after flowering.

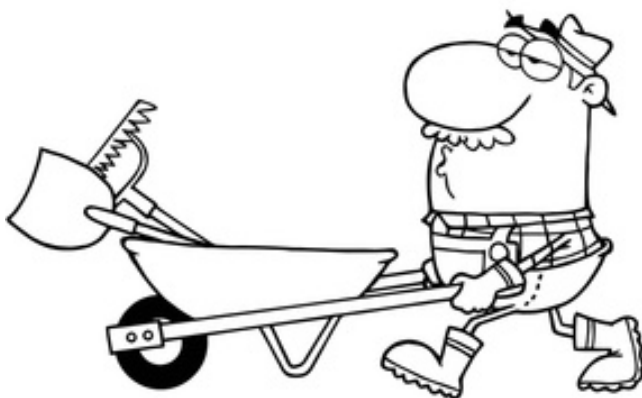
There are a few Viburnums that look good at this time of year. A deciduous shrub named "Dawn" can flower from late autumn on into early spring, with the pink-budded flowers decorating the bare branches. Then there's "Davidii", a small evergreen, growing no more than 3' high, with strong foliage and bunches of upstanding turquoise berries. To get these berries you will need both male and female plants. a good garden centre or outlet should have them marked, male or female, but not always.

Another plant for the winter is "Erica Carnea" or winter flowering Heather. There was a time when small conifers and heathers were all the rage, but those days have gone, though small groups of Erica Carnea, planted in threes or fives could flower until March. Happy in the cold, the wet or windy weather, will tolerate lime, unlike the Calluna heathers that you find on common land or the moors.

Plant of the month

"Prunus Autumnalis"

A flowering Cherry with a difference. It flowers between now and March on bare branches, not as outstanding as spring flowering varieties but who cares; it's something to brighten up those dull days of winter.



Enjoy your gardening

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Annual Garden Club

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Friday 21 November – 7.00pm

Free Welcome Drink – Raffle – Quiz

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CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

@ the Village Coffee Morning

Monday 1 December – 10.00am

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A ready mossed 12" ring and wire for fixing foliage, plus ribbon, will be provided. These rings can be made into a wreath of your own design. You will be asked to bring your own foliage or decorations. The tutorial will last for 2.5 hrs at a cost of £20 per person. **Please reserve and pay for your place by Saturday 22 November.**



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**Torridge, North,
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Winter chills

Summer has passed and in autumn we are starting to experience winter chills. The energy price cap has risen, nights are drawing in and we seem to be bombarded through all media channels with deals on energy supply. Energy costs are one of the main problems people bring to us as the cost of living crisis continues to pinch and next month's budget looms large. So how can we help you?

We have specially trained advisers helping with energy problems and to begin with, they can offer advice on saving energy at home that can save up to £650 a year. They will help people to fully understand their energy bills and where people are struggling to pay their bills, can check eligibility for grants and fuel vouchers. Where people are having problems with their energy suppliers, we can help to get these resolved. Sometimes home checks can be really useful and whilst we cannot undertake these, if we see that it would be helpful, we can refer clients to partner organisations who can do these and advise on steps that can be taken in individual properties that can help to save energy. Energy is not just about saving money; it can present dangers such as with carbon monoxide risks and our team can advise on this too and even provide carbon monoxide monitors in some cases.

So help is at hand and it is not all doom and gloom and nobody should feel that they have to choose between eating and heating. Details of our office opening hours are available on our website www.citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk and our AdviceLine number is local and free – simply call 0808 27 87 999.

Demand for our services at Citizens Advice Torridge, North, Mid and West Devon is Increasing all the time. If you could volunteer with us for maybe one day a week to help us help the people in our local communities who come to us with problems that they cannot deal with alone, then please do get in touch. There is information on our website or you can email: recruitment@citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk for an information pack. Our volunteers get full training and ongoing support, they learn new skills or develop existing ones, they make new friends and have the satisfaction of knowing that they are providing a really worthwhile service in their local community.

Rosanna Teale

Need help on using the Internet?



Two Devon charities have joined forces to offer free support to people in Devon's rural and coastal communities who need help with everyday online tasks. Digital Skills Devon, which links the charities Devon Communities Together and Wellmoor, with funding by the UK government, provides personal support for individuals who lack Internet skills.

What people receive help with is up to them – it could be for doing an online food shop, using the NHS app, checking their energy use or joining an online chat to connect with friends and family. People will be asked what matters to them and their support will be personalised accordingly, with up to five hours' in-person support available.

Ben Feasey, Project Manager at Devon Communities Together, commented: "With so much of our lives happening online, it's really important that people have a chance to learn the necessary skills and grow their confidence in the digital world."

Katie Taylor, Project Manager at Wellmoor, added: "With so many services moving online, including the NHS, it's crucial that people get support in accessing what they need."

The support is focused on people who need it the most, in particular the following areas:

- Older adults
- Unpaid carers
- People with long-term physical and mental health conditions
- Disabled individuals (including the neurodivergent)
- Individuals in isolated rural and coastal areas
- The long-term unemployed

For more information or how to access support, contact Devon Communities Together on 01392 248919 or email info@devoncommunities.org.uk



How well do you know your village?

Can you answer the following questions:-

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

No 104



For a closer look see our website:-www.newtonwonder.net/picture-quiz.html
you will find this picture and all the quiz photos so far .

WEATHER in NEWTON St CYRES

This month we review the weather in July, August and September.

During this period the highest MONTHLY temperatures were 32.4 on 11th July, 30.0 on 12th August, 23.2 on 18th September.

The lowest MONTHLY temperatures were 9.8 on 3rd & 4th July, 8.0 on 22nd August, 3.2 on 23rd/26th September.

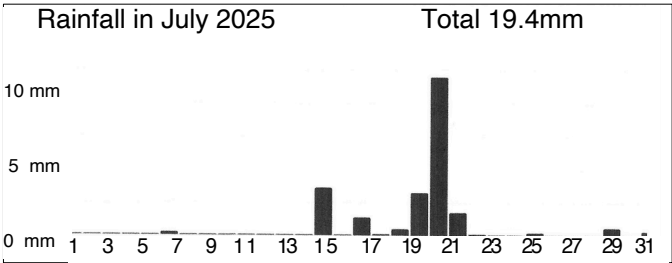
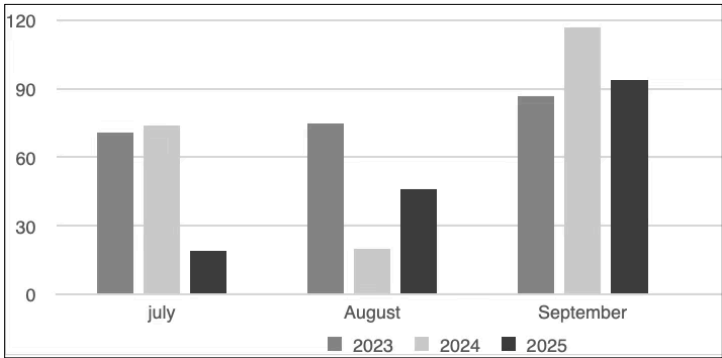
The wettest MONTHLY days were 20th July at 9.6mm, 29th August at 16.9mm, 9th September at 31.3 mm.

The sunniest MONTHLY days were 8th July at 21.5 kWh, 10th August at 20.5 kWh, and 22nd September at 19.6 kWh.

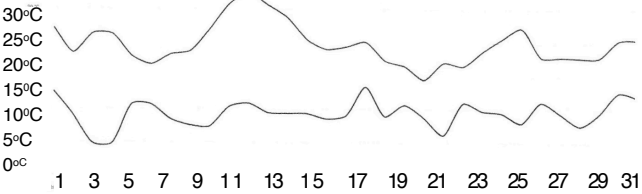
The windiest MONTHLY days were 36.7 mph on 18th July, 36.7mph on 3rd August, 28.6 mph on 26th September.

Over the summer period, I spoke to several people in the village who commented that August was so much drier than last year. I thought the same, and we are all wrong! Due to the rainfall in the last 5 days of the month, August '25 was twice as wet as '24, but also half the rainfall of '23! July '25 was indeed very dry!

The graph below shows the monthly rainfall for each of the last 3 years.

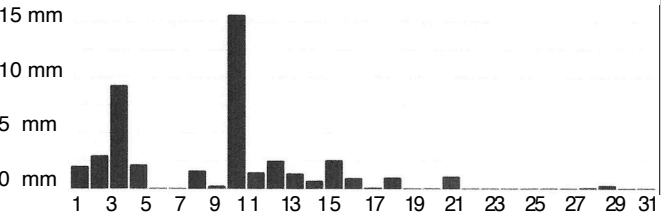


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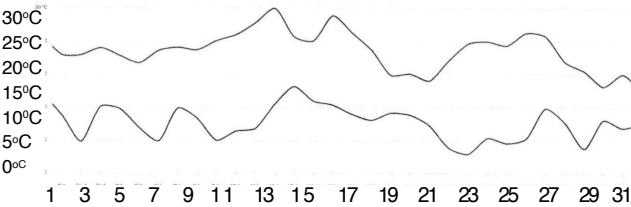


Rainfall in August 2025

Total 45.9mm

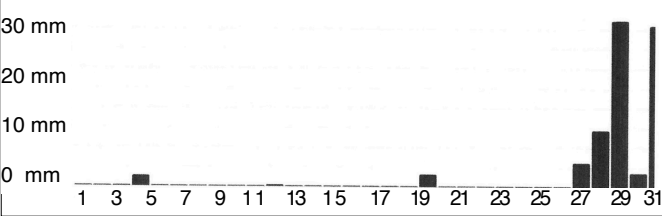


Maximum and Minimum Temperatures August 2025

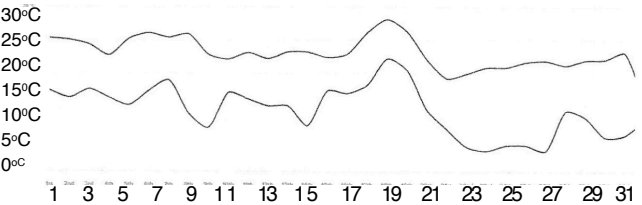


Rainfall in September 2025

Total 93.9mm



Maximum and Minimum Temperatures Sept 2025





Celebrating Women

Tuesday 4th November

7pm

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The Netherexe Parishes would like to put on a series of events – exhibitions, film shows, concerts, quizzes, discussions, talks, whatever - to imaginatively, gloriously, celebrate women.

Come and let us know who you would like us to celebrate and how!

We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information, please contact:

Revd Tim Collins 01392 860767/tim.collins@netherexe.org

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0.625m³ BULK BAG £75	

PART SEASONED LOGS

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9 October 7.30PM
Film: **The Line We Crossed**



10 October 7.30PM
Theatre: **Happy Hour**



18 October 7.30PM
Theatre: **Tongues & Savage/Love**



23 October
7.30PM
Music: **Dan Whitehouse & Gustaf Ljunggren**

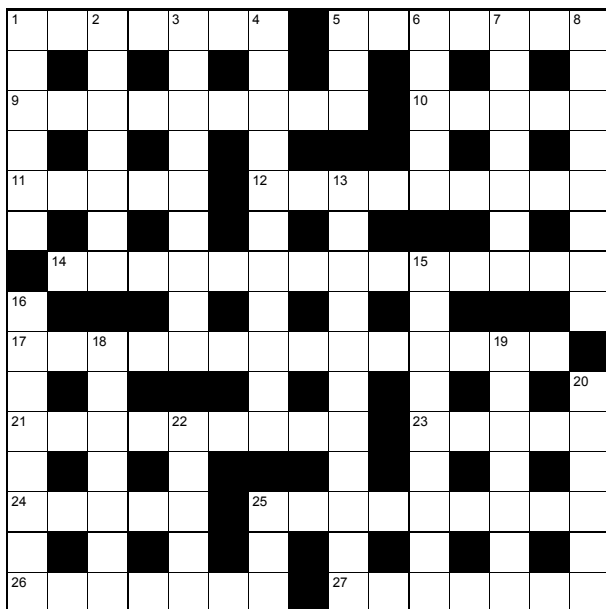


30 October 7.30PM
Film: **Last Thursday Picture Show**

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Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Nag eats so be possibly offering this? (7)
- 5 Russian ambassador carries round heroic novel (7)
- 9 First of all Oliver unpacked unusual item from the bakery (5,4)
- 10 Ancient priest executed outside Rugby (5)
- 11 Oriental lime mixed to make resin (5)
- 12 Go away when appraised badly (9)
- 14 Silly toddler who ate mud finally is sound asleep (4,2,3,5)
- 17 Fan mail incites trouble for newspaper (9,5)
- 21 Wrecker of battleship (9)
- 23 Letter's read aloud by flirt (5)
- 24 Snooker shot popular with old fellows (2-3)
- 25 Uncharacteristically choosing to accept student for tuition (9)
- 26 Most simple – Spain takes a nap in the afternoon mostly (7)
- 27 Invalid is prepared to wait without fuss (7)

DOWN

- 1 Young boy who's likely to pinch things? (6)
- 2 Forty winks or just one? (4-3)
- 3 English doctor gets asked around when unable to get up (9)
- 4 So dignitary blasted pretentiousness (11)
- 5 Fish is iridescent to some extent (3)
- 6 Total initially awarded dismayed defendant in court (3,2)
- 7 Nice arrogance! (7)
- 8 Lad rode off to old place of easy wealth (8)
- 13 Award for erudition (11)
- 15 Hang around outside Ascot perhaps wearing this? (9)
- 16 Shot by one who's on strike (3,5)
- 18 Performances cancelled, so people not attending (2-5)
- 19 Devious First Lady keeps travel permit back (7)
- 20 Importance of delay, we hear (6)
- 22 Search for weapon (5)
- 25 Modelled for a day (3)

Set by Alberich

Sudoku

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

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Solution to October 2025 Cryptic Crossword

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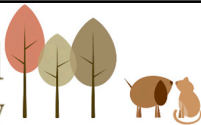
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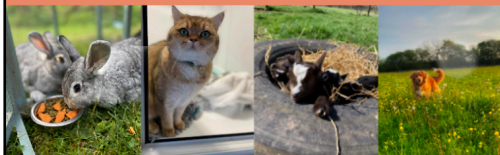
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Bishop of Crediton Blesses the New Church Facilities

In a special service held on 12th October, the newly ordained Bishop of Crediton, the Right Reverend Moira Astin, presided over the official blessing of the new servery and toilet at the Newton parish church

Bishop Moira, who was ordained only three months ago, said that while bishops normally bless people, sacred items, priests for ordination or new ships, it was a first for her to bless a servery and toilet. "If people can bless warships, then how much better to bless things that are here to welcome people and make them feel at home," she said.

The new facilities, which include an exhibition space in the north aisle, are the culmination of three years of work by the Newton St Cyres Community Church Association to improve the church's space and facilities and encourage greater use of the building by the community.

Revd Tim Collins thanked those involved, including church association chair Tom Langdon-Davies, for overseeing the project, and benefactors Rex Rosario and Tony Lane, who oversaw much of the building works. "Tony worked really hard in terms of getting the drawings and everything else in place to get the work done, with support from Suzanne Lane and Pita Burt, who helped get it through the diocesan processes," Revd Tim said.

Total cost of the new facilities is £60,000, raised from a combination of fundraising, donations and grants.

Interesting fact: Bishop Moira was ordained in her role in Crediton by the newly designated Archbishop of Canterbury, Dame Sarah Mullally, who was Bishop of Crediton from 2015 to 2018.

When asked about the new Archbishop, Bishop Moira said: "I'm delighted about her appointment. We had a conversation on the evening before her ordination. I think she is the best person for the job who just happens to be a woman. I know there are people who think, 'oh goodness gracious, you can't possibly have a woman', but why not?"

"Through her work with the NHS and in her various roles in the Church, she has the necessary experience and the gifts and skills to be able to pull this off. If anyone can, I think Sarah can," she said.

Words and photo by Ann Quon Cordingley



L to R: Pita Burt, Rex Rosario, Bishop Moira, Revd Tim Collins, Tom Langdon-Davies, Tony and Suzanne Lane.

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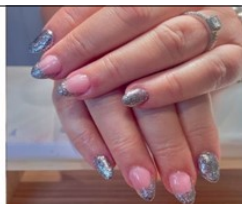
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Flags, Freedom, and the Power of Remembrance

Remembrance Sunday is one of the most poignant moments in our national calendar. Each November, communities across the UK gather at war memorials, churches, and public spaces to pause in silence. We remember those who gave their lives in the service of others, and we pray for peace. Yet remembrance is not only about looking back—it is also about shaping who we are today.

This year, remembrance comes at a time of much public debate about national identity, racism, and even the meaning of our flags. For some, the Union Jack or the St George's Cross are powerful symbols of pride and belonging. For others, they have become associated with fear, prejudice, and division.

Why is this so? Over the years, far-right groups have used these flags as emblems of exclusion, fuelling racism. From the white-supremacist National Front in the 1970s to the anti-Muslim English Defence League in the 2010s, and right up to today's "Operation Raise the Colours," our flags – symbols that should unite – have too often been wielded to divide and intimidate. Because of this history, for many people today, especially those from minority communities or refugee backgrounds, the sight of a flag can stir unease rather than reassurance.

As Christians, we are called to stand with the vulnerable and to make a positive difference. Symbols matter – but what matters most is how we live out the values they are meant to represent.

When we remember those who fought and died in the two world wars and in more recent conflicts, we recall not only British soldiers but also those of many nations, ethnicities, and faiths. Men and women from the Caribbean, Africa, India, Nepal and beyond stood shoulder to shoulder with British troops. Their sacrifices were no less costly, their families' grief no less deep. True remembrance must include them too.

Racism, whether subtle or overt, denies the dignity of those very people we honour on Remembrance Sunday. To remember faithfully is to acknowledge both their service and the injustices they endured – then and now. Honouring the fallen means committing ourselves to building a society where every person is valued equally.

Jesus said: *“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends”* (John 15:13). Love – sacrificial, inclusive, generous – lies at the heart of Remembrance. And his command to *“love your neighbour as yourself”* (Mark 12:31) knows no borders, no colour, no nationality. That love calls us not only to honour the fallen of the past but also to welcome the vulnerable of the present.

Many of those seeking refuge in Britain today come from war-torn countries; they too carry the scars of conflict and loss. If we honour those who gave their lives for freedom, should we not also honour the refugees who long to live safely in that freedom?

So what of the flag? Perhaps, rather than asking which flag we should fly, we might ask which values we choose to lift high in our communities. Are we flying the flag of peace? Of justice? Of welcome? The cross of Christ, which stands at the heart of our faith, reminds us that love is stronger than hate, reconciliation stronger than division, and hope stronger than despair.

This Remembrance Sunday, let us stand together – not in uniformity, but in unity. Let us remember the past, but also commit ourselves to shaping a future where diversity is not feared but celebrated, where differences do not divide but enrich. When we pause in silence, remembering the sacrifice of others, may our silence be filled with the promise of action: to live as people of peace, justice, welcome, and love.

Revd. Deborah Leighton Plom

Netherexe Mission Community

SERVICES & INFORMATION NOVEMBER 2025

The Netherexe Parishes - A community of Anglican churches in Devon

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

Sunday 2 November

10:00 am	Communion	Stoke Canon
10:00 am	Baptism Service	Newton St Cyres
06:00 pm	Remembering Service	Cadbury

Wednesday 5 November

09:30 am	Mid-week Holy Communion	Thorverton [Exe Valley Farm Shop]
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Sunday 9 November

10:00 am	Remembrance Service	Thorverton [with Cadbury]
10:00 am	Remembrance Service	Stoke Canon
10:50 am	Remembrance Service with Communion	Upton Pyne
10:50 am	Remembrance Service	Brampford Speke
10:50 am	Remembrance Service	Newton St Cyres
11:15 am	Remembrance Service	Rewe

Tuesday 11 November Armistice Day

10:50 am	Armistice Day Service*	Rewe War Memorial, Rewe
10:50 am	Armistice Day Service*	Thorverton War Memorial, Thorverton Churchyard

**Please note these are open air services, please dress accordingly*

Sunday 16 November

09:30 am	Communion	Brampford Speke
09:30 am	Bubble Church	Thorverton
10:30 am	Coffee & Chat	Newton St Cyres
11:15 am	Communion	Cadbury
05:00 pm	Taizé Service	Upton Pyne

Sunday 23 November

09:30 am	Communion & Baptism Service	Newton St Cyres
10:00 am	Messy Church	Stoke Canon
11:15 am	Communion	Rewe
06:30 pm	Choral Evensong	Thorverton

Sunday 30 November

10:00 am	Mission Community Service [with Communion]	Thorverton
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Every Tuesday at 6:00pm we gather for prayer in Rewe Church

At **Communion** services we share bread and wine: you are welcome to join us for the service and to share communion if you wish. A lay minister occasionally leads this service.

At **Coffee and chat** we enjoy time together in conversation with coffee and cake to hand.

At **Services** we share together in song, prayer and the bible. Special services are noted in the description.

Bubble church is for young families and **Messy Church** for families who enjoy craft.

Rev'd Tim Collins [Rector]
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Information about the Netherexe Parishes please see www.netherexe.org or contact:

Juliette Lea [Administrator]
Tuesday & Thursday [09:00 – 15:00]
Tel: 07594 714590

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Monday & Wed.[09:00 – 13:00]
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Coffee and Chat

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Newton Church on

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A WEEK IN NEWTON St CYRES PARISH HALL

Tuesday (Weekly)	Line Dancing	7.30pm	Paula Benford	01392 210830	pbenford45@gmail.com
Tuesday (Weekly)	Adonai Community Kitchen	1200 – 2.00pm	Jocelyne Whittaker	07508 871172	TheAdonai- CKitchen@outlook.com
Tuesday (fortnightly)	Young Farmers Club	8.00pm	Amy Taverner	07966 982815	amytaverner@gmail.com
Wednesday (Weekly)	Adonai Community Kitchen	1200 – 2.00pm	Jocelyne Whittaker	07508 871172	TheAdonai- CKitchen@outlook.com
Wednesday (monthly)	History Group	7.30pm	Jean Wilkins	01392 851337	jeanwilkins@btinternet.com
Wednesday (x 4 months)	Gardening Club	7.30pm	Nicola Baker	01392 851985	n.e.budden@exeter.ac.uk
Wednesday (Term time)	Greenshoots Montessori	Daytime	Melanie Grabowski		mmgrabowski@hotmail.com
Thursday (Term time)	Greenshoots Montessori	Daytime	Melanie Grabowski		mmgrabowski@hotmail.com
Thursday (twice per month)	Mah Jong	2.00pm	Geoff Jackson	01392 851551	megalops@btinternet.com
Thursday (1st of month)	Parish Council	7.00pm	Jane Hole	01392 851148	parishclerk@newtonstcyres- pc.gov.uk
Friday (monthly)	Table Tennis	7.00pm	Roger Wilkins	01392 851337	rogerwilkins@btinternet.com
Fridays (some weeks)	Art Class	10.30am	Sue Rose	01363 772284	suerose9@hotmail.com
Saturday (second of each month)	Village Coffee Morning sponsored by various groups	1030 – 12 noon	Church (Sue Browne) Alternate months	01392 851460	suecbrowne@gmail.com
Saturday (some months)	Model Train Group	2.00pm	Ann Feetham	01392 215837	annfeetham@virginmedia.com

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For help, further information or to submit a report please go to the Parish Council website or contact the NSC Parish Council Co-ordinator, Monika Herpoldt-Bright monikaherpoldt-bright@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk, 07834 76447

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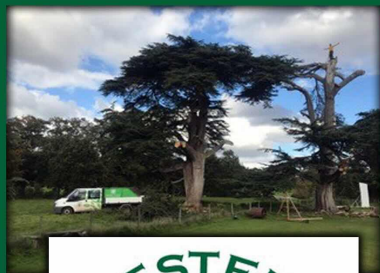
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