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- looking east from the top
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The summer is over

As the village gets over the summer that never happened we look at what's going on in the parish.

In September the Heritage Days were a hugely successful collaboration between the Church, the ramblers and the history group. The church has a rich and fascinating story, some of which was discussed in Midge Kelly's article in last month's Newton Wonder. The Heritage Days celebrated this history and those visiting were treated to interesting and very knowledgeable accounts. In addition was the opportunity to climb to the top of the tower and see the views, one of which is on the front cover.

The Parish Council has been considering a range of issues. Planning issues are raised in the Parish Council report, from consideration of local applications to the future of the neighbourhood plan, which recently stalled on the election of a new government. The problems of traffic and road safety have also been a focus for the council. Cllr. John Dean has written an article, which is on page 10. Readers are invited to make their comments and feelings known

On October 2nd the gardening club are hosting an evening with Toby Buckland, which should be both an entertaining and enlightening event. The gardening club organises a wide range of activities in addition to its monthly meetings.

F.A.N.S., the school parents association, is running its annual relay race to raise funds on 5th October and on Wednesday 6th November it will be holding the annual fireworks display with the Rec Club.

Community involvement is a great part of this village and we, at the Newton Wonder attempt to encourage participation. Volunteering is always welcome and we have not yet found anyone to replace Nick and Viv Henderson to put the "Do You Remember?" page together. The Road wardens are seeking volunteers too.

If you don't want to volunteer on a regular basis, why not write for us? Please send in your views and ideas, either as letters or articles and pictures are always welcome. If you have an interest which you would like to share with the village, please let me know by email: editor@newtonwonder.net.



Don't go to Tesco or any of the other other supermarkets for your apples. Just take a stroll around the village and take your pick of autumn's bounty.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT 5th September 2024

The meeting, held on Thursday 5th September 2024 was attended by 5 Councillors, D/Cllr M Binks, the Parish Clerk, and 3 members of the public.

Newton St Cyres Parish Council Issues relevant to Mid Devon District Council

Date for NHP meeting. To consider Cllr G Barnell's suggestion that the meeting planned for September be postponed until further information is available from the Government.

The public consultation on the local plan would be set at the next meeting on 25 September.

The NHP meeting is postponed until further details were known about MDDC local plan and further information was available from the Government regarding any changes to planning.

Cllr Barnell would contact Cllr S Keable, MDDC, for an update on the local plan.

Planning Applications

24/00911/LBC- Listed Building Consent for the installation of 6 replacement windows at Fine Oak Cottage, Newton St Cyres. No comment (response made under delegated authority in July).

Consultation as a neighbouring Parish. 24/00696/MFUL. Erection of an agricultural building for free-range egg-laying unit at Summerhay Farm, Shobrooke. To consider suggested planning condition.

Under delegated authority, the Clerk had requested this application be called in for consideration at Committee. However, the call in had been cancelled and permission had now been granted. Standing Orders were suspended to allow discussion with the applicant, who was present at the meeting. The applicant outlined plans for the site. The importance of managing the hedgerows and drainage was discussed and agreed. Standing Orders were reinstated.

24/01250/LBC. Listed Building Consent for replacement of 2 windows and 1 door at 51-53 The Village, West Town Road, NSC. This application arrived after the agenda was sent but was considered at this meeting and no comment was agreed.

Planning Decisions

24/00766/HOUSE and 24/00768/LBC. Erection of replacement porch at 1 Broadgate Cottages, NSC. Grant permission.

23/00040/MFUL. Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 18/00414/MFUL. Erection of extension to brewery to include alterations to provide additional

restaurant/bar floorspace, amended entrance arrangements and outdoor dining area, and erection of 11 holiday lodges to allow substitute plans relating to the layout of the 11 lodges and position of site road that serves the lodges. Location: Yellow Hammer Brewing Limited, Hanlons, NSC. Grant permission.

TPO no. 24.00004. Confirmed for tree in the field adjoining West Town Road and Church Lane and TPO no. 24.00003. Confirmed for tree on track to NSC sewage works.

24/00911/LBC. Listed Building consent for the installation of 6 replacement windows at Fine Oak Cottage, NSC.

24/00124/LBC. To replace chain-link fence and hedge with 7m x 1.7m concrete block rendered wall. Location: 33 The Village, Newton St Cyres. Application withdrawn.

24/00875/HOUSE. Erection of extension and conversion of existing garage to living space at Elmhurst, Church Lane, NSC. Grant permission.

Report from District Councillors on issues relevant to the parish

Cllr M Binks noted that funding for the relief road in Cullompton had been secured but funding for the railway station had not been secured.

Cllr Binks had requested that MDDC Officers consider improvements to recycling provision and consider an expansion to the number of items that can be recycled.

Newton St Cyres Parish Council issues relevant to Devon County Council

Report from County Councillor on issues relevant to the Parish

There was no report.

Report from meeting with Neighbourhood Highways Office (NHO) and Cllr M Squires held in August

Meeting notes had been circulated and a response from the NHO had been circulated with comments and updated costs. It was resolved that the priority was a traffic island at Tytheing Close. The estimated costs were £25,000-£30,000 for design and £100,000-plus for implementation.

To request a “max speed” sign at Smallbrook and to remove the national speed limit sign. Consideration to be given on how to improve the width of the footpath to the bus stop.

To work with the village school to agree the signs required. Noted that a School Travel Plan was still outstanding. Cllr Dean to visit Sandford School, which had put up new traffic speed signs. Cllr Barnell would speak to the Chair of Sandford Parish Council about the costs.

Cllr Dean would draft an article for the Newton Wonder to explain the Parish Council's priorities and invite comment

To discuss findings at the next meeting before making a final decision on priorities.

Other Matters

Review of roles and responsibilities in light of Cllr vacancies

Cllr Dean would continue with Roads and Transport and Cllr L Ouldrige would continue with Resilience

Resilience: Walking the Shutterbrook. Outcomes

Cllr Barnell and Cllr Ouldrige walked the Shutterbrook and a report had been circulated that identified a number of issues. The two most serious were a severely eroded bank adjacent to the road immediately before garages opposite Laundry Cottages (to be reported to DCC) and at the Meadowlands bridge, where one side of the stream had silted up. A couple of environmental questions had been raised and Cllr Ouldrige would seek advice from the EA. It was resolved that the Clerk would follow up on the identified issues in the report and send letters as required.

Follow up re slurry incident – to note follow up email to EA

Cllr Barnell had circulated a draft email and it was resolved to send this email to the EA with a copy to the landowner.

Noted that some Permissive Paths signs were missing.

Service agreement with parish organisations to be reviewed in October

Cllrs Barnell, J Browne and Ouldrige were meeting Tuesday 10 September to discuss service agreements with parish organisations ahead of discussion with each organisation.

Review of service agreement for Parish Hall

The service agreement with the Parish Hall had been signed and the grant duly paid. A meeting with the Parish Hall had been arranged for the 14 October to begin discussions for next year's grant.

Review of service agreement for Church

The service agreement with the Church had been signed and the grant duly paid. The Clerk was arranging a meeting date for October to review the agreement for next year.

A repair to the fencing around the land for the proposed new churchyard was required and the Clerk would obtain an estimate.

Review of service agreement for the Rec Ground – yet to be signed. To agree to contact DALC for advice on application to Public Works Loan Board

The Clerk was arranging a meeting to discuss the service level agreement and the valuation Report which had been circulated and was noted as confidential.

It was resolved:

- i) that the Clerk would contact DALC for advice on loan applications.
- ii) D/Cllr M Binks would make enquiries about possible lottery funding.

Quarterly Report, Travel and Road Safety – Cllr Dean

To include Road Warden review and update on Crediton/Exeter Cycleway Steering Group

A Road Warden report had been circulated. Standing Orders were suspended to allow discussion with the Road Warden co-ordinator who was present at the meeting.

After discussion it was resolved that:

- i) Cllrs Ouldrige, Dean, and Browne would meet informally with the Road Warden Co-ordinator to form a strategy for how volunteers' work could be better co-ordinated and directed by the Parish Council with a proposal available at the October PC meeting. Cllr Ouldrige to arrange the meeting.
- ii) A battery operated brush cutter and hedge trimmer together with a charger port would be purchased for approx. £500.00.

The update on the Crediton/Exeter Cycleway Steering Group was not discussed

Volunteer Policy - inc recruitment/risk assessment/suitability

Deferred to a later meeting. Cllrs Brown and J Rimbon-Whittaker to consider a policy

DALC AGM 2 October 2024 10am to 4pm, to agree attendance

Cllr G Barnell to attend

Forward Agenda Planner/Minor Matters and Items for Future Agenda Review of agenda planner for future meetings.

The planner was updated.

Date of next Parish Council meeting: Thursday 3 October 2024 at 7pm in the Club Room

Jenna Browne

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Applications are invited from organisations who meet the grant giving criteria and are non-profit making or charitable. Applications should be submitted by 15 November 2024 with any grant payable from May 2025.

Full details of our Policy and the criteria for application can be found on our Website <https://www.middevonparish.co.uk/newtonstcyres> - search for Parish Council Policies

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Road safety in the parish

Representatives from the Parish Council recently met with our Devon County councillor, Margaret Squires, and local traffic and highways officer Steve Tucker to discuss issues affecting road safety in Newton St Cyres.

The Parish council considered these at the last meeting in September and agreed the following priorities which we will be formally submitting to the County Councillor.

The A377 crossing at Tytheing Close near the old school building (now the Newton View housing development). Residents of Tytheing Close have to cross the A377 to access the bus stop heading towards Crediton and the footpath down to the village. In the past various options were considered, such as a pedestrian crossing, but the County Council are reluctant to consider this because of the proximity to the crossing in the village (and, I suspect, the cost).

We feel that the most feasible option is a central traffic island, similar to the one at the entrance to Half Moon village, which would give those crossing the road the safety of crossing half of the A377 at a time. The crossing would be in a 30mph zone and there is ample space for the carriageway to be widened to accommodate the island. It would also have the advantage of having a calming effect on traffic heading westwards as they enter the 30mph zone.

The A377 crossing at Smallbrook. The national speed limit applies here, and there are illuminated signs in both directions 'encouraging' drivers to slow down if their speed exceeds 40mph. Bizarrely, there are also national speed limit signs in both directions. The main reason for crossing the road would be to get to the bus stop heading into Exeter, which is very challenging for young children (going to or returning from school) and the aged.

In addition, there is no footpath on the north side of the A377 to access the bus stop; just a grass verge that can become overgrown in summer and muddy in winter. There is no room to introduce a traffic island here and compulsory speed restrictions are unlikely to gain much support from DCC in the absence of any 'data' to prove that current measures are inadequate.

We propose the construction of a formal footpath on the north side of the A377, fitting advisory speed restriction signs (40mph) at the approach to the chicane and the removal of the national speed limit signs prior to entering Smallbrook.

School signage in Station Road. I find it shameful that there are no signs whatsoever to indicate the presence of a school in our village. In contrast, in nearby Sandford there are three triangular road signs warning traffic of the presence of a school, two directional 'school' road signs, two sections of road painted to indicate areas to be kept clear at all times and a solar powered 'wigwag' amber flashing warning light. In addition, the children at the school have created a sign of their own, encouraging drivers to keep to 20mph (see photo). Why on earth can we not have similar facilities here in NSC?



If you have any comments or suggestions, feel free to contact me by email at johndeane@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk

John Dean

Newton St Cyres Parish Council

Volunteering in 3 easy steps!

If you are thinking that you would like to contribute towards a better NSC then it is easier than you think. Volunteering doesn't always have to take committing to a group, being organised and taking hours out of your week.

Our village and rural roads, as I am sure you are aware, are not in the greatest state of repair. Whether this is a pothole, flooding or overgrown hedges. However this work will not get done unless DCC Highways know there is a problem. So if we **don't report an issue, it just stays there!** I reported one last month and it got repaired in 3 weeks. It was on the back road to Crediton just past Camps Cross, down the bottom of the next hill as it bends to the right. It was a huge hole on the left that was invisible in wet weather—you may have known it!

So here's how to do it. Next time you are cursing a pothole, stop where it is safe. Jump out and take a photo (best in What3Words), although a photo is not essential. Note where it is along the road—**essential!** When you are home or if you are a whizz on the mobile go to the County Council '**Report a Problem**' page, click on 'Pothole' and follow the instructions. **Simple eh?** You will get an auto reply to say thanks for reporting, and you will be updated when it has been inspected, and if considered a safety issue when it has been repaired. When this has happened, you can puff out your chest in pride that you have helped yourself and fellow neighbours in getting something done—**all in a few minutes!**

The County system can be used for any issues anywhere in the county, so have a look at the 'Report a Problem' page on what can be reported. I've used the Public Rights of Way several times too when there is a tree down across a footpath.

Nick RWS volunteer

Remember, if it is not reported it will not get done!

If the problem does not fit the County criteria or if you think our volunteers can

help

locally, please report it using our online reporting form using the QR code or contact the Parish Clerk via email:

parishclerk@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk

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Mystery in the garden

Some time ago Jean Wilkins of the History Group asked for anyone who had dug up something of interest in their garden to let her know, and for publication in the Wonder. So here's something.

Back in about 2003, soon after moving into Shaplands Cottage, I decided to dig a fish pond in the back garden. When about a couple of feet down, I started finding strange-looking pieces of metal. When the pond was completed I discovered that the bits assembled into a very small revolver, complete except for the hammer. I made both a hammer and hand pieces out of wood and it has resulted in a very handsome little weapon.

But what was a weapon doing buried in the back garden of an ancient cottage in a sleepy Devon village? There are no maker's marks on it and I would estimate it probably dates back to the late 19th century. It is .22 calibre and was especially favoured by "ladies of the night", tucked in a stocking top! But in a Devon village?

The imagination runs riot ... lots of itinerant miners working locally? It is quite safe, lacking a hammer and firing pin.



Photo by Ann Quon Cordingley

Stick 'em up!: Geoff Jackson and his mystery gun

Geoff Jackson

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Do You Remember..October?

October 1974

The Parish Council reported that 2 bus shelters had been erected at the top of School Hill, the footpath by Elm Cottage in Pump Street had been cleared and new notice boards were on order.

The Church hosted two weddings. Pauline Gliddon and Bill Hitchings & Angela Coward and Maurice Amer. The Coffee Club were planning to run a 'Knit in' as a fund raising effort.

Cowley Church organ was to be overhauled.

The St Cyres Players advertised a Halloween Ball with dancing to the Silvertones. Cancer Research Campaign were holding an American Evening with a slide show by Mr and Mrs R C Browne.

The W I were running a coach to the Milk Marketing Board's Cooking demo at the University.

The Playgroup were holding a Meat and Poultry Bingo and a Jumble Sale.

October 1984

It was reported that Newton St Cyres had regained the Royal Marines Trophy from Rots.

The Church were in urgent need of Bell Ringers to ensure the Church bells continued to be rung.

The Parish Council accounts were available for inspection.

There had been a problem of people riding their bikes on the Village Green and causing damage.

October 1994

The Parish Hall were advertising their facilities for local events such as Children's parties with the Hall and Kitchen costing £20 or the Clubroom and Kitchen at £10.

There was an appeal for anyone interested in starting a W I.

The presentation of his MBE to Henry Gliddon will take place in the Parish Hall in November and will be by the Lord Lieutenant of Devon, The Right Honourable The Earl of Morley, JP.

There was a letter to the editor appealing for dog owners to clean up after their dogs especially in West Town and in Court Orchard.

The Parish Council announced an alteration to footpaths 6 and 7 as they do not run through Lake Farm.

October 2004

The Parish Council welcomed their new Clerk, Wendy Anthony.

It was reported that grants had brought a windfall of £1030 to the Parish to be spent on Play and Public Open Spaces.

A successful Curry lunch was held in aid of the Parish Hall.

The Affordable Housing Survey was started and residents were asked for their views.

Quiz nights started again in the Recreation Ground, Researched and compiled by David and Jill Baker.

October 2014

The MP Mel Stride visited the village. He arrived by train with David Baker the Chairman of the Parish Council to open the "Harrington Hump", the raised area of the platform on the station. Prior to its installation only young athletes could get on and of the trains. The party then travelled to the green to dedicate the new village sign, present the award for the village's runner up place in the best kept village competition and finally unveil the new defibrillator which was to be mounted near to the Crown and Sceptre.

The Tour of Britain had been through the village in September and Simon Lee had sent in a picture.

Concern was expressed about the inadequate broadband service in the village.

At the parish council meeting Jock Campbell outlined the resilience plans for the village.

he plans for a new school and 25 houses in Station Road were examined and concern was expressed about the need for a crossing on the A377 and the safety of the entrance to station Road.

Having beaten Yeoford last year in the Tarka Rail Association best kept station competition Newton came second to Yeoford.

A meeting was called to discuss a community led plan.

Jean Wilkins started to publish her research on soldiers from the village whose names were on the memorial in the church, starting with Edward Quicke.

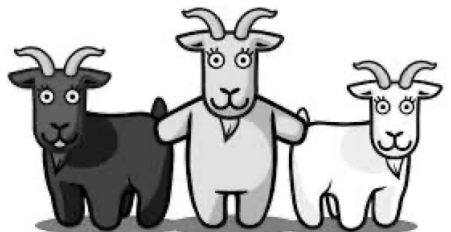
Quickes hosted a successful Apple Day Food Fayre on 19th October.

Peter Hawksley

Strange weather prompts fears of Goat Influx

Experts across the county are warning that with things as they are there is a high likelihood of a localised Goat incident in the coming months. As has been seen in other parts of the country this phenomenon can often appear overnight and with little or no warning.

Gary Oates of Gradational Overlook Alarms Technical Services says that reports of other such events have suggested that whilst these occurrences can often be challenging with goats "eating flowers & leaving droppings and so on" the best approach is often to take such things with a pinch of salt and a sense of fun.



Thoughts for October from Peter Cordingley

It's not quite autumn yet – at least not at the time I'm writing this – but it has rained nonstop for two days, the sky is a white blanket, there's morning mist over the Creedy, and it's getting chilly in the house. It certainly feels like we're approaching the end of summer – remember summer, that period from 9.30am on August 6 to nearly 4pm three days later?

So, like it or not, autumn is on its way. And I couldn't be happier. My wife and I spent nearly 40 years in the Sub-Tropics and Tropics, in Hong Kong and the Philippines, and, as much as we miss elements of our life there, we both pined for temperate climes. Where we were, the year was divided between periods when it was very hot and very wet or when it was very hot and very dry. That was it.

And now? Most people will have their favourite things about an English autumn, but here's a few I like. Top among them, almost inevitably, is the show the trees put on. I didn't know there were that many shades of red, and yellow and orange and ... well, lots. Remember, I hadn't seen much of that for nearly half a century. Maybe it's humdrum for folk who have always lived in these parts, but not for a grockle like me.

Autumn walks come out tops for many people, but I'm not much of a walker, so I'll leave that pleasure to others. For me, a greater delight is the way it starts getting dark by 5pm. I know that's a little eccentric, but I love closing the blinds, turning on the Aga (yes, you're right, not very Socialist for a former council house lad, but it was there when we moved in), home-made comfort soups with a baguette (well, what passes for a baguette in these parts), hotpots (love 'em), early dinners (not at 9pm, as my wife and I did when we were slaving journalists out East), apples galore, blackberries everywhere, winter jumpers salvaged from their hiding place in the wardrobe, and nights snuggled up on the sofa, watching some of the best television dramas in the world.

Yes, I know, winter's out there, lurking, with its sniffles, even longer waits to see a doctor (is that possible?), plus February and what seems like its 400 days, and the foreboding that spring will never come. But it will. Trust me. Even we grockles know that.

Oh, and at last good news. We have a government that seems determined to tackle some of the horrors left behind by the other lot. But you knew I'd say that, didn't you!

Meanwhile, don't pass a late rose without smelling it.

Editor's note:- *The personal views of contributors are not necessarily the views of the magazine, which is open to all opinions.*

NEWTON RAMBLERS

Our next walk will take place on Sunday 20th October.

We will meet at Newton St Cyres Car Park at 9.30am to arrange car sharing to Darts Farm car park (EX3 0QH). If you wish to make your own way to Darts, we will start the walk from there at 1015.



The walk will take us from Darts Farm, along the Exe Estuary Trail via Exton & Lymptstone to Exmouth. This is a mostly a flat walk which runs next to the train line, along a dedicated shared path for pedestrians and cyclists, and is approximately 5 miles of easy walking. It provides lovely views over the saltmarsh and mud flats of the Estuary, and it is recommended to bring binoculars, if you have them, to look out for birds.

The final stage of the walk from Lymptstone to Exmouth, finishes at the train station. From there you can walk into Exmouth & find somewhere for lunch or an ice cream!, Alternatively you can catch the 57 bus back to Darts Farm, or the train back to Topsham Station & walk over to Darts to collect the cars.

If you would like more information please ring Chris or John on 01392 851213

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

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

The winter league has started and several teams have entered, so there is plenty of scope for enthusiasts to get involved.

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



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 join for the autumn term, please email juniors@newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk as there are still a few places available.

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 Jon via our website, www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk

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Newton St Cyres Gardening Club



Red squirrel at Abbey Gardens

At the time of writing this in mid-September, we have had several days of rain followed by cold nights with glorious bright sunny days. On a positive note the rain has meant that our pond is now topped up after the evaporation during the summer. Now is the time to ensure fallen leaves are removed, and the easiest way is by netting the pond. It is also good to remove any plant stems that have been battered by the rain and wind as they will rot in the water.

The meteorological autumn always starts on 1st September to group the seasons into 3-month periods (September, October, November) to make year-on-year comparisons easier. However the astronomical autumn began this year on 22nd September at 13.44 BST (the autumn equinox)

Autumn colours can continue in the borders with plants such as Helenium, Rudbeckia and Achillea, and Japanese anemones add height and colour. Grasses such as Miscanthus will be displaying their wonderful tassles and you may still have autumn raspberries to harvest (remembering to leave some to share with wildlife)

This year, after many years of promising ourselves we would visit, we actually made it over to the Isles of Scilly. We stayed on St Mary's, but did several boat trips over to the smaller islands. Top of the list was to visit Tresco Abbey Gardens and we were not disappointed. I am sure that many of you reading this will have visited these gardens yourselves but, in addition to the plants, we were thrilled to see so many Red Squirrels feeding near the entrance. In fact they were so obsessed with the nuts provided for them, that one ran right next to my foot to get to the food!

It is sad that the Red Squirrel is one of the most endangered wildlife species in Britain due to habitat loss and the unrelenting advance of the Grey Squirrel, which is more aggressive and which also passes on squirrel pox, an illness almost harmless to greys and fatal to reds. However, in 2013 the Countryside Restoration Trust (CRT) arranged a collaboration between Tresco Island, the British Wildlife Centre, and the Royal Naval Air Service at Culdrose, in Cornwall. This resulted in 20 Red Squirrels being dropped off on Tresco by a Sea King helicopter, saving them the stress of a long sea journey. Since then they have thrived at the Abbey Gardens.



Agapanthus on Scilly

Unfortunately the **Agapanthus** – common name African Lily – were slightly passed their best when we were there, but the clump-forming perennials still looked amazing with the huge bright cobalt blue, and white flower varieties everywhere. *Agapanthus praecox* has naturalised on the islands' sand dunes, as they cope well with the salty sea air, and heathland. We saw them growing among the marram, bracken and heather in incredible numbers.

The South African perennial is suitable for borders and large containers, and can look wonderful when planted with ornamental grasses, rudbeckias and goldenrod (*Solidago*). Most agapanthus are hardy and their leaves die down in winter. Evergreen forms are more tender though, and usually need the shelter of a greenhouse from early winter to spring. The photo was taken by Julie Furniss earlier in the year on a visit to Scilly, when they were in full bloom.

JOBS FOR OCTOBER

Although our climate is definitely changing and becoming milder, some plants still need protecting from the frost, such as Banana, Citrus and Cannas

Dahlias. Monty Don says these are best left until the leaves have blackened as the tubers continue to grow, the bigger the tubers the better the flowering the following year. However, if you have a sheltered garden, you may choose to leave the tubers in the ground. In this case, cut back any top growth to just above the soil and then cover with bark chippings and a layer of compost. These will help water drain away from the centre of the plant and provide insulation against cold. You may wish to place a label in the ground so you remember where your plants are!

Tree stakes. Check that these are secure and loosen any ties that are too tight so as to stop the bark being damaged.

Greenhouses. After removing any shading required over the summer, now is the time to insulate your greenhouse. This can be done with a layer of bubble wrap. This will give protection and save on heating costs

Nest boxes. The nests of most birds harbour fleas and other parasites that remain to infest young birds that hatch the following year. So, in autumn they should be emptied of any unhatched eggs or broken egg shells and nesting material. It is advisable to wear gloves when doing this.

The RSPB recommend that the inside of the boxes are rinsed briefly using boiling water to kill any remaining parasites, and let the box dry out thoroughly before replacing the lid. Making sure you avoid melting any glue that may have been used in the nest box's construction, and do not use insecticides and flea powders. If you place a small handful of clean hay or wood shavings (not straw) in the box once it is thoroughly dry after cleaning, small mammals may hibernate there, or birds may use it as a roost site.

WHAT'S ON?

Wednesday 2nd October – Newton St Cyres Parish Hall. An evening with **Toby Buckland**, talking about his Favourite Plants and a chance to ask your garden-related questions. 7.30pm. Tickets available from Nicola 01392 851985

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th October, 10am-4pm, RHS Rosemoor Festival of Flavours. “Celebrate the bounty of autumn and our heritage apple harvest with a weekend of cookery demos, expert talks, garden tours, live music and a fabulous food and craft market. All talks, tours and cookery demos are free with garden admission, available on a first-come, first served basis. In addition, there is the Apple Marquee in Stream Field where many varieties of apples will be displayed. Apple pressing will take place and you can take along your own apples for RHS experts to identify the variety (you will need to bring at least 2 apples from each tree for them to be identified) On the Saturday **Crockern**, the Dartmoor Folk Band who played here in our Hall, will be performing. Full details can be found at:

www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/rosemoor/whats-on/festival-of-flavours

Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th October, Killerton National Trust.

1.30pm-3pm. **Celebrating Orchards Walk & Tour** to see the 200-year-old Apple Press in action. Join a guided walk through one of Killerton's heritage orchards and meet members of Killerton's ranger team, who will demonstrate the use of the press and share the history of Killerton's cider-making. Full details and booking www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/devon/killerton/events/a1063ee5-6179-44c2-89ce-90a51eee621b

Monday 21st October. Upton Pyne Garden Club. Autumn Colours & Berries. Speaker, Allan French .7.30pm, Upton Pyne Village Hall

Tuesday 22nd October. Crediton Garden Club. David Usher will speak about **Gertrude Jekyll Garden Designer** at Crediton Library, 7pm

26th October-3rd November 10am-5pm daily. RHS Rosemoor. Half Term-Halloween-inspired activities. Discover deadly plants on a family Garden Trail, take part in spooky craft activities, decorate your own pumpkin and enjoy a weird and wonderful Magic show” Admission free to members and under 5's, but there are charges for some events which are bookable. Full details can be found at www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/rosemoor/whats-on/half-term-family-fun-at-rosemoor

Throughout October. Knightshayes National Trust. 10am-5pm. Discover the best of autumn in the Formal & Woodland Gardens on **self-guided tours**. There will be way markers in place to take you to the best spots.

As there is so much in this month's What's On, The A-Z of Roses will return next month

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Redlands – how’s the cure going?

It’s been nine months since Dr Jo Harris and her associate Kirsty Conder, the two partners of the Redlands Primary Care medical practice, met with Ann Quon Cordingley to discuss challenges and opportunities. And now? They know they have still not reached the pinnacle they are aiming for, but say they have made great progress in a short time.

“I think we’ve moved on in leaps and bounds since we spoke to you last,” says an upbeat Kirsty Conder. “Jo and I have created the culture we want at Redlands. We have ironed out processes and put standard operating procedures in place.”



Jo Harris and Kirsty Conder

It’s a far cry from the situation back in January, when clinical pharmacist Kirsty and general practitioner Dr Jo Harris first spoke candidly about the challenges they faced after taking over the management of Redlands Primary Care in April 2023.

Different corporate cultures and operating systems followed the merger of their old Newcombes (New Valley) practice with Chiddenbrook in 2021. High staff turnover amid staff

shortages, increased patient demand and major changes to the health care system imposed by the NHS were some of the formidable challenges they faced.

Today, they are confident they have a grip on things and have turned a corner. “One of the challenges was that we had two different systems working alongside each other,” says Kirsty. “That takes time to iron out, but we definitely have done that now.”

“It’s the classic case of ‘forming, storming, norming and performing’ and we feel like we are definitely performing,” says Jo, referring to the four stages that teams go through to become highly effective. “The staff seem really happy, stable and settled compared with the turnover we had before. I can’t even remember the last time somebody left,” she says. With about 75 staff at all levels, they are pleased that when vacancies come up, there are lots of applicants.

So far, so good. But the pair know there’s lots still to do – and there are still complaints out there. “We’re not resting on our laurels,” says Kirsty. “We know there are always improvements to make.”

That, in part, is why they are setting up a Patients Participation Group (PPG) to be made up of a group of volunteer patients, one of the partners, one or more of the practice GPs and other senior staff. The group will meet on a regular basis to exchange ideas and information, discuss the services on offer, and how improvements can be made for the benefit of patients and the practice.

“We want it to be a useful platform to communicate with patients about their experience and work together to make improvements,” says Jo. “This could also be a way to invite patients to come and help steer some of the practice operations,” she adds.

Kirsty stresses that it is meant to be a forum for constructive dialogue and not for airing gripes. “It’s not an opportunity for patients to bring their personal issues or health complaints,” says Kirsty. “It’s about what we can do that might benefit the patient population. It’s about how we make the patient experience better, so it’s very much an interface with our population group. Which is why we are very keen to get a range of ages, and people to participate,” she says.

Jo and Kirsty are issuing an open invitation to Redlands patients to join the group and attend the first face-to-face meeting at 7pm on 10th October at the practice. Besides hearing from patients, they also plan to invite experts from various medical professions, such as pharmacies, to talk about issues that the group may raise in their discussions. Jo says that the PPG is not a new concept, but a common feature of many outreach programmes mandated by the NHS.

One issue that could be ripe for discussion is the new but apparently misunderstood system of a waiting list that was introduced in April. Supported by the British Medical Association as a way to help practices prioritise patient appointments based on clinical need, it has attracted criticism from patients who are used to a first-come, first-served system.

Under the new system, patients with routine requests for appointments are put on a waiting list, so that those with an urgent clinical need can be prioritised. “You don’t want somebody with a potential cancer diagnosis joining the back of the queue behind someone who has a non-urgent problem” says Jo. It means that appointments are done on the basis of clinical need rather than first-come, first-served. So, when a patient calls up to make an appointment, he or she will be asked a series of questions by the receptionist (now called care navigators), such as what do they want the appointment for? Is it an ongoing problem? Is it new? This is to determine whether the patient needs to be seen quickly or whether a routine appointment and advice on the best person to see would be adequate. A doctor is on standby to make that decision if necessary. If it is urgent, they will be prioritised. If it’s routine, they will be put on a waiting list and triaged, meaning that within 14 days they will be given an appointment date. Appointments could be potentially four to six weeks away, depending on the clinical need.

At a time when demand far outstrips capacity, the new system allows the practice to focus its resources on those with the greatest need and to better manage workloads. “Capacity versus demand will never match, so we have to manage our workload in a safe way,” says Kirsty. “While some might not like it, it does work.”

“We just ask patients to trust the process, and obviously if anything changes (in their condition), they have to let the surgery know and the time frame for their appointment will be reviewed. If they need to be seen sooner, they will be,” says Kirsty.

The system is also about streamlining to make sure the patient gets to see the right person. The days of seeing the GP for all their needs have been replaced by the new primary-care system where there is now a multidisciplinary team that includes paramedics, mental health practitioners, first-contact physiotherapists, a clinical pharmacy team, technicians and nurses who have been upskilled so they can take on more of the work. So a patient calling up asking to see their GP may be directed to one of these, instead – a process that the two partners say saves time and is more efficient.

Both Jo and Kirsty acknowledge the new primary care system is still confusing for patients who are used to the traditional model of seeing their GP for all their needs.

“I think the traditional model is a hangover from when it was just a GP and a receptionist. We are primary care now, we are not general practice. We have a vast array of health professionals and I think for anybody who doesn’t work here, trying to understand is not easy,” says Jo.

“Any change is difficult and it takes a long time for people to get used to it. I think people are used to just ringing up and making an appointment and putting the phone down with that date in the diary. The more people understand that we just can’t do that any more or if we do, we are risking people who need to be seen urgently not being seen appropriately.”

While both Jo and Kirsty both are pleased with improvements in answering phone calls – a common source of patient irritation – there is still concern over waiting times. Despite having a team of seven people answering phones, it still isn’t enough. “I don’t know how we get past this really, because we can’t put on enough staff to answer 16,000 patients’ worth of calls,” says Jo.

Monday mornings are still the busiest, with 100 or more calls to deal with. “I think people come out of the weekend thinking ‘I was going to ring the doctors’, so I will just ring them today,” says Jo. Tip: To avoid getting stuck in a long queue of callers, they advise calling on a Wednesday or Thursday, or in the afternoon.

Finally, their message to their patients?

“Come along to our Patient Participation Group if you have any bright ideas or want to be involved in improvements and changes,” says Jo. Kirsty adds: “Trust our processes – and please be kind to our staff. We’re all working hard and we are trying to do the very best for everybody.”

For more on Redlands Patient Participation Group:

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IN A CLASS OF THEIR OWN

Now that a new school year has started, most children are happily back in the village school and enjoying the hustle and bustle of school life. But what about those children for whom big classrooms and rigid structures aren't the answer? Ann Quon Cordingley has been talking to a dedicated local teacher who has taken on the task of ensuring special needs are met.

The Newton St Cyres village hall has been used for a variety of activities in its time. But now it's different. It's where Melanie Grabowski is tutoring children in English and Maths using the Montessori method – which lets children learn and develop at their own individual pace.

“Kids learn in different ways and in education, a ‘one size fits all’ approach doesn’t fit all,” says Melanie, who qualified and taught as a Montessori teacher in Australia before moving back to her native England seven years ago.

Melanie says while the majority of children do well in traditional mainstream education, some do not for a variety of reasons. They may have autism, ADHD, dyslexia or simply find mainstream schools too difficult to cope with. “They end up feeling quite stressed and that leads them to not attending school. A lot of them choose being home educated,” she says.

Her ‘Greenshoots Montessori Home Education’ sessions take place every Thursday at the village hall throughout the school term. “Classes run all day from 9.30am to 3pm, with stops for play and lunch. We run the classes in term time, so six weeks, half term, then six weeks – same as schools basically,” she says.

Montessori education was pioneered a century ago by Dr Maria Montessori, an Italian physician and educator who believed education should be tailored to each child's unique needs and interests. In the UK, the Montessori curriculum is a validated education curriculum covering all aspects of the Early Years Foundation stage (birth to five years) and the National Curriculum (six to 11 years).

It puts children of various ages in the same classroom, and features special educational materials, student-chosen work, a collaborative environment with trained mentors, no ongoing assessments and fewer tests than you would find in traditional schools, with instruction in social skills. Progress is constantly monitored.

“It’s an individual-based approach. Children work at their own pace. So I will evaluate where each child is at and then tailor their next steps according to where they are individually,” she says.



Photo by Ann Quon Cordingley

Melanie Grabowski preparing her teaching material

The 49-year-old teacher is catering to children who are already being home educated. “Some parents have chosen home education for their children from the beginning, while others have tried school but it hasn’t worked out, so they are home educating,” she says.

Melanie is deliberately keeping her class size small, so she can focus on individual progress. “When it gets too big in a mixed-age group, it would need a whole-class teaching approach, which then limits the focus on individual needs and progress,” she says.

She is starting with three children aged 6 to 9, none of them from Newton St Cyres. She will see how that goes and gradually add up to a maximum of eight children. If that works, she would like to offer a second day of tutoring for 10- to 12-year-olds. For that age group, she already has a waiting list.

“I can’t offer anything extra at the minute because I am home-educating my own two teenagers. I am also writing a book based on my Masters dissertation, which focused on autism and anxiety-based school absence. I might put on a second day for the older children, but I will have to see how I get on,” she says. If all goes well, Melanie hopes to find a permanent classroom, so she can run simultaneous classes for each age group.



Photo by Ann Quon Cordingley

Melanie Grabowski getting down to teaching

The number of children being home educated in the UK is on the rise, according to the Department of Education. In 2023, an estimated 92,000 children were being home educated, up from 80,900 the previous school year. According to the BBC, the number of children moving to home education is at its highest since the Covid pandemic.

Melanie's interest in Montessori began when she was living in Australia and looking for schooling for her then young daughter. She started out by assisting in a classroom before getting her qualification to teach in a Montessori primary school. When she and her family moved back to the UK in 2017, there wasn't a Montessori school in the Exeter area, so she worked in mainstream schools with children who had additional learning needs.

She is also part of a nationwide group that supports parents whose children have struggled with school, offering advice and support. The group works with local authorities across the country and delivers training programmes on the issue of barriers to school attendance, among other challenges.

"I know there are many families with their children at home, not because they choose to, but because they don't have any other options. I know what the need is," she says.

During the Covid lockdown, her teenaged daughter found it easier to learn from home. She has now done well, achieving 7 GCSEs with high grades and is now doing A levels with hopes of going to university. Her son will sit his GCSEs next summer.

Melanie feels that home education has been given a bad rap. "Basically, there's a belief that children belong in school and if they're not following the mainstream curriculum, they're not learning properly. A belief that 'education' and 'school' are synonymous. But learning is happening all the time and in many different contexts and is not confined to a traditional classroom," she says.

But as the numbers of children struggling in mainstream schools continue to rise across the country, she believes it's obvious that alternative ways to educate are necessary.

"That's why I'm doing what I'm doing – because I feel passionately that all children should have access to good quality education that is appropriate to their needs," she says.

Melanie Grabowski can be contacted at:

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For information on Montessori Education:

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You are cordially invited to our “Preparing for the Future” meeting to introduce our vision for the Redlands Patient Participation Group (PPG) and the future of the practice.

Date: Thursday 10th October

Time: 7pm

**Place: Redlands Primary Care, Crediton
EX17 2AD**



Ready to Relay

The 2024 Newton St Cyres village relay race will this year be taking place on Saturday 5th October. This year, there will be a new shorter route for adults. Instead of the full 2-mile Beer Engine loop, we now have a course of approx. 1.4 miles (one lap per runner). The adult's race is for teams of three runners aged 16 years or older.

The children's run will be for individual runners between the ages of 7 and 15. Children will run in age categories determined by the number of entries. The course is approx. one third of a mile.

Both runs start and finish at the Beer Engine, which will be open for refreshments on the day. There will be prizes for the winners.

To enter you ideally need to register a team of three, but if you don't have a full team, please get in touch and we can connect you to other runners. Please use the link tinyurl.com/NewtonRelayRegister to register for the event (one form is required per team).

Costs are £5 per adult and £2 per child. Payment can be made via our Just Giving page tinyurl.com/NewtonRelay2024. Please register before 4th Oct. Please get in touch if you have any questions NSCRelayRaceHQ@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Alissa Haward

Newton St Cyres 200 Club

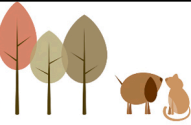
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These are some of the questions taken on in an illustrated booklet published by Newton St Cyres History Group, available for £5.

Like all research, the more you find out, the more you realise there is to know. Not least is trying to resolve certain differences between the Quicke family accounts and those from the Heritage Centre.

Although I started this enterprise off as a PowerPoint, I have needed much help from others to finally produce this booklet, which includes research done by villagers 20 to 60 years ago. Thank you all.

The booklet will be on show at group meetings, along with other booklets the group has produced. Evening lectures will be held on the 9th October, 13th November and the 11th December. All start at 7.30pm in Newton St Cyres Parish Hall.

The booklet may also be purchased from Jean Wilkins 01392 851337, email jeanwilkins@btinternet.com. Please include an extra £1 for postage.

Jean Wilkins

MEETINGS - AUTUMN 2024

Wednesday 9th October

Dr John Salvatore The Romans in Exeter -

John is a Heritage Consultant who has done a lot of work in Exeter and is very knowledgeable about that period of the City's history

Wednesday 13th November

Kate Osborne The Middling sort in Elizabethan Exeter

This was the subject of Kate's PhD thesis!

Wednesday 11th December Christmas meeting

Wednesday February 12th Gill Mclean Topsham Canal

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Church set up and ready to go.



Mary doing her 'thing' with the bells and, with Halcyon, scampered up and down the church tower with visitors!



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Upton Pyne Church. In the foreground is Daria from Kiev who is a Researcher at University of Exeter (The School of Antioch and Middle Eastern saints in the UK, of which St Cyr is one). This proved a productive information-gathering events for her – and her daughter, Barbara, enjoyed the cake!



Did anyone mention cake....?

Christine Fraser

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October on the Farm

Will we have a golden autumn, fat and prosperous, or ragged and wild? The summer has been cold and wet, then dry. Farmers and the natural world love an open autumn, good feed available late into the year. We all need stores to take us through the winter.

However it goes, the great dance of the seasons continues: energy comes out of the leaves and into the ground, the annual reset. Leaves tire, change colour and fall, long views slowly open up as branches bare.

Here is a sassy fox teenager daintily learning how to hunt. Young buzzards wheel with



their siblings over the trees and scream their objection to fending for themselves. I hear the whoosh of little wings, finches flocking together for protection. The hedges are rich in fruit for now – quick, catch as catch can.

The red clover flowered so boldly in the fields, adding fertility, now being cut for winter feed. We've sown a lot of new leys: grass, clover, plantain, salad burnet.

I checked our soils for earthworms for the Global Farm Metric, a wide-ranging analysis of our farm sustainability. The earthworms, indicator species and top predator, the T. Rex of their world, show we have grown crops for too many years in some fields. There are too few earthworms, telling us that soil needs a grass break, an animal step needed for soil health. In other fields, alternating grass and crops, the earthworm count lends its approval.

We are ploughing some sadder fields. We've found no-plough, desirable though it may be to avoid disturbing soil, doesn't work where the soil organic matter has dropped from too much cropping. Those soils need an emergency injection mixed in of animal manures to bump-start life. When those arable soils are in better shape, then we can look at no-till. The earthworm counts give soil a voice.

The heifers are ranging the old pastures, getting then into shape before winter. Then they will go onto fields we plan to reseed in the spring, adding their self-spread manure from long grass and some haylage, slightly fermented, slightly dried long grass. Now we place the bales in the field at day's-grazing-sized intervals, setting up feed for winter, thus saving travel on wet tender soil with heavy machines.

Spring calving cows are on the last lap of milking before their winter holidays, making rich milk and not so much of it as they divert their energy to their growing calf. The autumn calving cows, recovered from calving, are in that brief period when they aren't pregnant. Their bodies are calling for a calf, and the field is full of little knots of cows flirting with each other, hoping to attract the attention of the bull. Hang on, girls, you'll see him next month. Let your bodies recover before you go for it again.

Their milk is nicely balanced and a pleasure to make into cheese, as it always is on grass. In the cheese dairy we are making cheese for Christmas. The temperature outside makes the curd warm to bury your hands as we work the curd and cheddar (repeatedly pile blocks of cheese one on top of the other to squeeze out moisture).

The cheesemakers were inspired by the Affineur of the Year competition we created with the Academy of Cheese. When we sent the cheese off to competing affineurs, the cheesemakers made a wooden box from cheese shelves and buried it in the ground. They processed giggling like young girls with the new cheese, burying it in the box, wisely leaving a webcam with a camera. The cheese looks remarkable, growing a long coat in its humid soil home.

I can't wait to taste it, but I will have to wait. We know the vat the cheese came from made OK in the dairy. We don't know yet how it tasted in its 3-month grading, where we taste every vat to let us know about make and milk. We will follow up at 12 months with a fuller flavour description. I love cheese, eating a little of ours and others' every day. Joy and pleasure, legal and good for you. What's not to like?

We are chipping up oak, some for my brother's wood chip boiler, and we will choose some to smoke our cheese. We take an undemanding flavour cheddar, one that won't fight with the smoke. We cut it into rings so the smoke will seep in. We light a gentle fire and smoulder it overnight for 16 hours. We are looking for a cheese with a front flavour of smoke, a little dance of smoke and cheese, leaving your palate clean with cheese at the end. It's lovely in cooking, lending a gentle oaky smoke with the umami butteriness of the cheese.

Mary Quicke

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 6oz (150g) sultanas or raisins
 2oz (50g) finely chopped stem ginger
 3 cloves garlic, crushed
 1 teaspoon mustard powder
 ½ teaspoon ground ginger – or fresh grated ginger
 1 teaspoon salt
 ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper

Place the apples in a saucepan with the vinegar and cook until the apples are soft. Add the remaining ingredients and cook the chutney gently until thick, this will take about 25 – 30 minutes. Pour into sterilised jars and seal.

Paul Cleave

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Bert Jewell writes Rhymes and Ways about Gardens and Gardening

October

There's a feeling of change as I step outside,
Moisture-laden cobwebs trailing far and wide,
With those on the lawn like patterns made with lace,
Some across the pathway, that I feel on my face.

As I walk out in the garden, see the bedding now all past
for pansies and violas it's now your turn at last,
To colour up containers, a basket, maybe two
With a little help along the way they'll last the winter through.

And as winter stands waiting, as autumn slips away,
The colours all around us are changing day by day,
The summer greens of Acers, now a flaming red,
The berries on the Hawthorns make sure the birds are fed.

And as the days get shorter, the leaves begin to fall,
The trees will soon be naked, standing stark and tall,
To stand against the winter chill, the wind and heavy rain,
But when at last the spring returns, their leaves will grow
again.

And as I walk out in the garden on a dry but windy day,
I have to smile at all the leaves as they jump and skip and play,
Then back indoors to have a brew, maybe a tasty snack
And make a note not to forget, this month the clocks go back.

Things to do in the garden

September / October is when I look back, how did this plant do? Were there enough flowers? Do I need to plant something else, and what about the bedding? Despite what the experts say, I still like my bedding, in the garden that is.

There was a time when annuals would run the whole length of the borders, next to driveways, paths or the lawn. White or pink Alyssum, mixed with Cambridge Blue Lobelia, red Salvia would follow with maybe Tagetes, they would fit in behind. The display would slowly rise to where the perennial came into their own.

Many years ago, I was offered the chance to look around the parks and gardens in the city of Bath, escorted by the then head of the department. There were thousands of bedding plants with a lot of staff to plant them. Things have changed and all of complaining isn't going to make any difference, so let's head back to our own garden.

Tubs, containers and hanging baskets are the only places where bedding takes centre stage. In winter through till spring they are filled with short stemmed Daffodils and wallflowers with Violas around the edge. I use Violas because they don't appear to stretch as much as Pansies. I hope to have them all planted up by the middle of the month.

Now any recently planted trees or shrubs need to be checked, soil made firm and any tree ties checked in case of windy weather. Tall shrubs like Buddleia and Lavatera can be cut back (not pruned) to avoid wind rock.

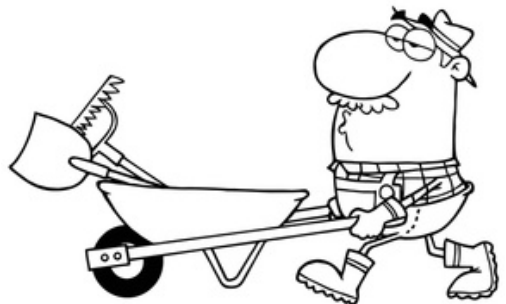
In the veg patch you can winter dig, turning the ground roughly, leaving the lumps for the rain and the frost to break down over winter. Next spring, you will have a fine tilth for raking and sowing. I am not going to mention the No Dig theory. Sorry. Staying on the veg patch, you can plant overwintering Onion sets and Spring Cabbage plants. Plant garlic towards the end of the month or early next.

Plant of the month

"Crataegus Prunifolia"

A Hawthorn with unusually large red berries, much loved by the blackbirds. Grows in any soil in sun or light shade.

Enjoy your gardening



What a show!

The Sandford Summer Show is definitely back! A fantastic array of entries in all the categories delighted the many visitors who came along to Sandford Parish Hall on a sunny August bank holiday Monday afternoon.

Much care and attention was paid by all the entrants to show off their creativity and skill, whether it was in the handicraft, photography, cookery, floral art or produce sections. It was great to see the many children's contributions, including the lovely wall displays created by the pupils at Sandford School.

Flowers and greenery were walking off the plant stall as visitors took advantage of the opportunity to buy plants kindly donated by many local green-fingered gardeners. This was matched by the tea and cake consumption as volunteers served the hungry and thirsty crowd, while Margaret Phillips worked her magic at the raffle stall to sell hundreds of tickets.



The exhibits attracted a good crowd

As well as the prize giving and presentation of cups, there was a special presentation of a plaque to Tony Wright in recognition of being the longest serving Chair of the show.

None of this would have been possible without the amazing support of local businesses, the judging team, the organising committee and the many volunteers who helped set up and run the stalls at the show.

We can't wait to see what next year will bring!

Valerie Blake

On behalf of the Organising Committee

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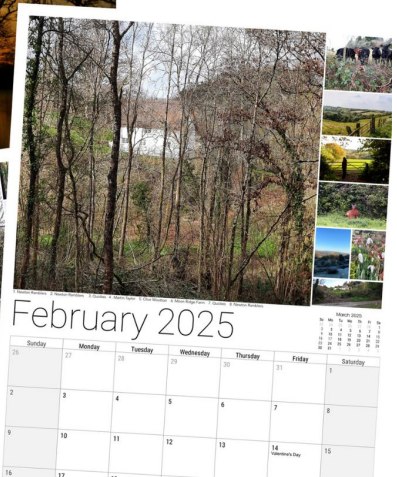
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How much would you like to know about the past in Newton St Cyres?

Newton St Cyres History Group has a growing library of publications.

- **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)**

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

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

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

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

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

- **Newton St Cyres & the A377 (£5)**

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

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

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

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Withdrawal of Winter Fuel Allowance

It was recently reported that already, over 40,000 people in receipt of their State Pension have applied for Pension Credit in the wake of the Winter Fuel Allowance being withdrawn from every pensioner who is not claiming Pension Credit and the announcement that energy costs are set to rise this Winter by around 10%.

Pension Credit is available to single people whose weekly income is less than £218.15 or couples with a weekly income of £332.95. If you receive Pension Credit, you could also be eligible for a number of other benefits to help you make your money go further.

You can apply for Pension Credit online at the gov.uk website if you are already claiming your State Pension or there is a Pension Credit Claim Line open Monday – Friday 8.00am – 6.00pm. That number is 0800 99 1234. You can also download or request a form that you can fill in and post. You will need to have details of your income, savings and investments and your National Insurance number. The Department of Work and Pensions has also launched a Pension Credit take-up campaign following the changes in the Winter Fuel Allowance payment. The qualifying week for deciding who will be eligible for the Winter Fuel Allowance is 16th– 22nd September 2024 so the 21st. December is the last date on which a fully backdated Pension Credit claim could bring about eligibility for the Winter Fuel Allowance payment. That said, our advice is to ring the Pension Credit Claim Line because the trained advisers on these phonelines can quickly establish which questions are not applicable to individuals and answer any questions as you go along.

The bottom line being that it is well worth a look and if it seems a bit daunting, the people manning the phone lines are trained to help you.

We may also be able to give you some helpful advice regarding fuel economy and efficiencies and we do still have energy vouchers available. Take a look at <https://www.citizensadviceatnmwd.org.uk> or call us on our free, local AdviceLine number which is 0808 27 87 999.

We are here to help and even if it turns out that you do not qualify for Pension Credit, it may be that we can see other help that is available to you.

How would you like to volunteer with us and help people in our community with problems like this? As demand for our services continues to increase, we can always welcome new volunteers. You will get full training and ongoing support so why not take the first step and contact recruitment@citizensadviceatnmwd.org.uk we would love to hear from you!

Rosanna Teale

Going bananas!

Sometimes you can buy a whole big bunch of overripe bananas in the supermarket at a bargain basement price. Or maybe yours have just turned brown in the fruit bowl. So ...

Take the skin off. Chop into approx 1cm chunks. Cover a tray with nonstick baking paper. Put the banana chunks on a tray ensuring they don't overlap. Freeze the chunks and place them in a freezer bag in the freezer until needed.

You can use these straight from the freezer when making porridge. Add them to the oats as you start cooking and that way you probably won't need any additional sugar. But you can also use them still frozen in banana bread, smoothies, ice cream, etc.

To make ice cream, put the frozen banana chunks in a food processor with yogurt or some other dairy – maybe a little vanilla and/or peanut butter as well. Tah Dah! Tasty, almost instant, and a relatively healthy dessert.

Gail Meldrum



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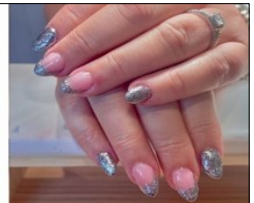
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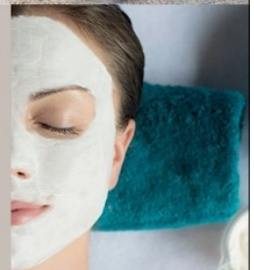


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The Voice for Devon's Countryside

Local environmental charity launches its Defend Devon campaign at a series of country shows

Devon CPRE, the local branch of the countryside charity CPRE, has taken to the road this summer, encouraging people who care about the future of Devon's countryside to get involved in its latest campaign and become Devon Defenders.

The charity has taken its rallying cry to three agricultural shows in different parts of the county- Dartmoor's Chagford Show, the Yealmpton Show in the South Hams and the North Devon show at Umberleigh.

Defend Devon is an overarching campaign by the local charity to protect our county's unique landscapes from greedy developers and bad planning. It will run alongside Devon CPRE's long-standing **Grass not Glass** campaign against solar farms on agricultural land, and the charity's ongoing fight to combat the **Rural Housing Crisis** by campaigning for the right kind of homes in the right places at prices our children and grandchildren can genuinely afford.

Devon CPRE Chair Steve Crowther says, "We've taken our Defend Devon campaign out to county shows this summer because the kind of people who will back us flock to events like these. It's very clear from the hundreds of people we have talked to on our stand in recent weeks, and the new members we have recruited, that there's widespread agreement that Devon needs protecting.

"Every year Devon CPRE fights more than 100 unsuitable planning applications to preserve our precious landscapes and farmland. Why? For several reasons. We want our county's world-leading pasture land used to produce food. It makes sense to put solar panels on rooftops and brownfield sites rather than on productive farmland.

"We also know there's a need for new homes in Devon, but not just any new builds. What Devon needs are homes our young people can afford to live in, not more luxury boltholes and Airbnbs that put real communities further and further out of the reach of the younger generation.

“If you care about these issues, love Devon’s incredible landscapes and want to protect them from inappropriate development of one kind or another, join Devon CPRE and become a Devon Defender. We need you alongside us to defend Devon and everything that makes it a wonderful place to live.”

Devon CPRE made sure it stood out from the crowd with a bright new branded gazebo and eye-catching pull-up banners to encourage people to become Devon Defenders.

Steve Crowther adds, “An annual subscription to Devon CPRE costs the price of a monthly pint for individuals. 17 pence a day, surely a small price to pay to Defend Devon? We need all the support we can get right now from individuals and from town and parish councils so that we can Defend Devon.”

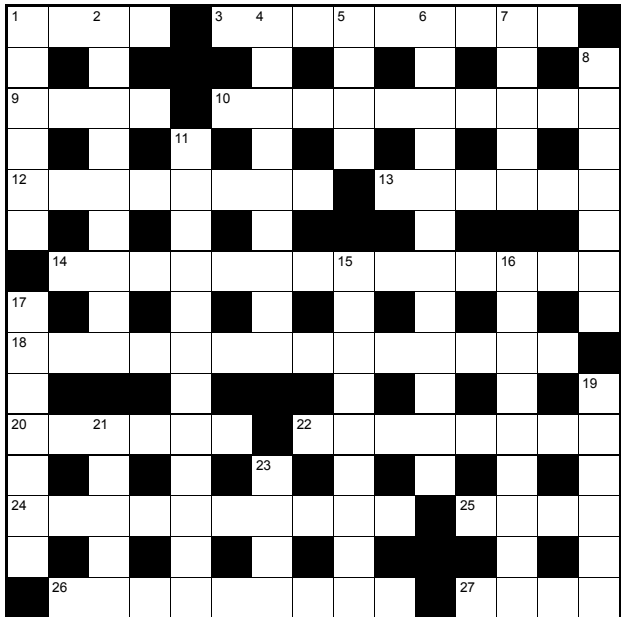
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*Devon CPRE's Penny Mills and Steve Crowther
at the North Devon Show.*

Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 One with limited freedom to ride the waves, say (4)
- 3 Ideas came unstuck in these places of learning (9)
- 9 Avoid Donald perhaps (4)
- 10 Sign one's not healthy and fit? (10)
- 12 One paddles in ocean, swimming first (8)
- 13 Young Tom needs gear, camping equipment mostly (6)
- 14 After awful experience Dad takes on new role extremely quickly (4,3,7)
- 18 Desires land law reforms in part of the Pacific (7,7)
- 20 Pondering evil, sucker goes outside (6)
- 22 Aunt Dot's resolved to be conspicuous (5,3)
- 24 So slur I spread about scoundrel is libellous? (10)
- 25 Short memorial column (4)
- 26 Snakes shed tears when exposed to the elements (9)
- 27 A little memory to get your teeth into, say (4)

Set by Alberich

DOWN

- 1 Right away secured criminal to corrupt (6)
- 2 Never once arranged to meet again (9)
- 4 This is one angry expression! (9)
- 5 Engaged finally, I have to take the plunge! (4)
- 6 Breaking law, guilty man in the soup (12)
- 7 Former partner is given short time to live (5)
- 8 Anne's upset about trap (7)
- 11 Thoroughly stilted but polite (4-8)
- 15 Final high-ranking card – it's played on Judgement Day (4,5)
- 16 Hand buoys around in Canadian water (6,3)
- 17 To some extent problem is horrendous for Mark (7)
- 19 Sculpture from university in Iowa? (6)
- 21 Arab's second car (5)
- 23 Good student starts to overcome weariness and shine (4)

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 September 2024 Cryptic Crossword

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October 9th (851460)

The Parish Church of St Cyr and St Julitta



Newton Church

Coffee and Chat

Join us on
October 6th at 10.00

For coffee or tea and cake

And relaxed, informal discussion ...
on whatever subject comes up!

Still remembering – still hoping

Early in November we will be holding services on Remembrance Sunday and on Armistice Day.

Six years ago, we celebrated 100 years since the end of the First World War. There were some mutterings at the time about how long we can continue to remember these past wars as those who took part in them pass away.

The Great War – the war to end all wars – was very quickly followed by the Second World War and many other wars have followed. Servicemen and women continue to put their lives on the line.

Within this country and much of Europe we have been fortunate and enjoyed peace since the end of the Second World War. Peace is an enabler – peaceful countries are more prosperous and offer their citizens better health, an education and opportunity.

This is why the invasion of Ukraine by Russia shook the governments and peoples of Europe however obvious President Putin's intentions might have been by the massing of troops and armoured vehicles on the border immediately beforehand. It brings home to us how just one leader in one country in the world can break our fragile peace. There are currently about 56 conflicts in the world – the most since the end of WW2.

I have spoken to people who have remarked to me that they no longer watch the news because it's too depressing. It's not just the news of wars but the level of violence and want in the world can seem overwhelming.

Yet those who have died in conflict what do we think they would say? What would they have wanted us to do with the freedom and opportunity that we have?

I think that they would want us to hope: to believe that there is something better than hate and violence as a response to conflict however big or small. Conflict often arises from greed or a desire for power in an individual or government but is often fuelled by highlighting differences between the warring sides to encourage antipathy.

I think the fallen would want us to have courage and see past our fears. Our humanity transcends any differences we may have. Let us not, in a desire to escape the constancy of violence of whatever magnitude, shut ourselves off; be fearful of seeking change and of engaging with the world and the people in it.

Laura Ford

Licenced Lay Minister

SERVICES & INFORMATION OCTOBER 2024

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 6 October

10:00 am	Breakfast followed by Harvest Service	Upton Pyne
10:00 am	Coffee & Chat	Newton St Cyres
11:15 am	Service	Cadbury
05:00 pm	Communion	Stoke Canon

Sunday 13 October

09:30 am	Communion	Thorverton
10:30 am	Communion	Upton Pyne
11:00 am	Harvest Service	Newton St Cyres

Sunday 20 October

09:30 am	Communion	Brampford Speke
09:30 am	Bubble Church	Thorverton
10:00 am	Coffee & Chat	Stoke Canon
11:15 am	Communion	Cadbury
11:15 am	Harvest Service & Café Church	Rewe

Sunday 27 October

09:30 am	Communion	Newton St Cyres
10:00 am	Messy Church	Stoke Canon
11:15 am	Communion	Rewe

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.

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:

Juliette Lea [Administrator]
Tuesday & Thursday [09:00 – 15:00]
Tel: 07594 714590
Email: administration@netherexe.org

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

Neighbourhood Watch Deputies

Tim Sedgwick	Godolphin Close	2	851223	twsedgwick1@supanet.com
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*For help, further information or to submit a report please go to the website or contact the
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Bookings Secretary, Peter Watts: peterwatts369@btinternet.com: 01392 851369

A WEEK IN THE PARISH HALL

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

Nigel Chambers, Chairman, Hall Management Committee

Tuesday (weekly)	Line dancing	7.30 pm	Paula Benford	01392 210830	pbenford45@gmail.com
Tuesday (weekly)	Adonai Community Kitchen	12.00 - 2.00pm	Jocelyne Whittaker	07508 871172	TheAdonai-CKitchen@outlook.com
Tuesday (fortnightly)	Young Farmers Club	8.00 pm	Katie Davie	07706 760500	kmdavie@gmail.com
Wednesday (weekly)	Adonai Community Kitchen	12.00 - 2.00pm	Jocelyne Whittaker	07508 871172	TheAdonai-CKitchen@outlook.com
Wednesday (monthly)	History Group	7.30 pm	Jean Wilkins	01392 851337	jeanwilkins1@btinternet.com
Thursday (weekly)	Pilates (from 18th Jan)	11.00 am	Becky	07392 480974.	ivegotyourbackuk@gmail.com
Thursday (Twice per month)	Mah Jong	2.00 pm	Geoff Jackson	01392 851551	megalops@btinternet.com
Thursday (2 nd in month)	Exe Valley Bird Club	7.00 pm	Kevin Smaldon	07710 427817	kevin.smaldon@btinternet.com
Thursday (weekly)	Table tennis	7.00 pm	Roger Wilkins	01392 851337	rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com
Thursday (monthly)	Parish Council	7.00 pm	Jane Hole	01392 851148	parishclerk@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk
Friday (some weeks)	Art class	10.30 am	Sue Rose	01363 772284	suerose9@hotmail.com
Saturday (second in month)	Village Coffee morning sponsored by various oorganisations	10.30 am	Church Sue Browne	01392 851460	suecbrowne@gmail.com
			Others Roger Wilkins	01392 851337	rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com
Saturday (some months)	Model train group	2.00 pm	Ann Feetham	01392 215837	annfeetham@virginmedia.com

WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGE

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