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The view from the top of Newton St Cyres
Church Tower looking South East

See the account of the Heritage Open Days on pages 12-14

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Heritage Open Days

For the second year the Newton St Cyres Church Community Association has run Heritage Open Days at the Church. The History Group provided a wealth of knowledge about the church, its fabric, the artifacts and its history. I was fortunate to be able to take advantage of this opportunity and after 40 years in the village made my first ascent of the tower. The view from the top is fantastic and I would have been unable to put any other image on the cover of this issue. There is a full report by Isobel Hepworth on page 12.

Neighbourhood Planning

During September the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group have made progress in two areas. Gail Meldrum and Helen Iles have been to the school to talk to the children about their vision for the future. Their report is on page 17 of this issue. Also an initial consultation meeting with key stakeholders in the village was held on 13th September. The Steering Group is very much in listening mode and there was a wealth of ideas emerging. Throughout was the desire to encourage young people and therefore more life into the village without it losing its rural character. Several themes emerged, largely echoing those from other consultations: the desire to retain the rural nature of the village; to encourage young families to move here; to encourage self-build projects; to facilitate local business, new and old. One of the overarching desires we have encountered was the desire to retain and look after and develop the facilities and open spaces we have as well as seeking new ones.

Peter Hawksley

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT 7th September 2023

The meeting, held on Thursday 7th September 2023, was attended by 7 Councillors, the Parish Clerk, and Devon County Councillor Margaret Squires. 10 members of the public were in attendance.

Issues raised by the public:

- Thanks to the Road Warden for filling potholes.
- Queries on the wildflowers on the village green. Future steps will be agreed by the parish after a draft agreement has been drawn up.
- Recent hearing at Belluno was noted.

Jocelyne Rimbon-Whittaker was willing to stand as a Parish Councillor and was proposed by Cllr G Barnell and seconded by Cllr L Ouldrige and it was agreed unanimously to co-opt her. Jocelyne will work with Cllr Jenna Browne on the Community Engagement responsibilities.

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

Newton St Cyres Parish Council issues relevant to Devon County Council

New Estate petition for speed calming measures - Cllr L Ouldrige reported on a meeting she had attended together with D/Cllr M Binks, a MDDC Officer and the parishioner who raised the issue. It was agreed that speed bumps were not appropriate, but MDDC agreed to paint "10" on the road and put up a sign saying "Caution Children playing".

Shuttern Close Lighting - Noted that Cllr G Barnell had submitted a formal complaint to MDDC on behalf of the Parish Council.

Dog Poo Bins - A report had been circulated which suggested relocating two existing bins to outside the church and down Station Road. It was noted that the Arboretum had removed their dog poo bin and that the bin by the Parish Hall was not a MDDC bin. Please note that ANY BIN WILL DO for dog poo. There are two bins currently at the old school and Sandown Lane.

Report from Devon County Councillors on issues relevant to the parish

Cllr M Squires had circulated an email which noted that the 2023/24 HATOC Local Waiting Restriction Programme List had a closing date of 29 September. If the Parish required any additional waiting restrictions around the bus stop by the Old Post Office these would need to meet the deadline or wait another year. It was agreed that no additional restrictions were required at this time.

Traffic and Road Issues - Cllr J Dean

Cllr M Squires will be contacted about the grit bin and School Hill to ensure this remains high on the priority list. Some potholes had been filled on the A377, which is good news. Cllr M Squires noted the excellent job the Road Wardens were doing.

The Parish Council will consider an offer from DCC to instal wig wags by the school at a total cost of £2,300, less a contribution of £500 from Cllr M Squires. There is a meeting on 21st September to discuss SCARF issues and markings by the school. The attendees will report back thereafter.

Development and Planning - Cllr G Barnell

23/00996/LBC - Listed Building Consent to replace front and back external doors with flood doors at 1 Silks Cottages Newton St Cyres, Exeter - “no comment” already made

23/01096/HOUSE - Erection of single storey rear extension and two storey side extension at 3 Godolphin Close Newton St Cyres Exeter - “no comment” already made

The clerk will apply to MDDC to retain the Village Hall and Rec Ground as Assets of Community Value.

Emergency and Resilience – Cllrs G Scopes and P Stephenson

Cllr G Scopes reported that the defibrillator by the Village Green was not listed on SW Ambulance Service system but the Rec is listed. Cllr G Scopes would speak to Geoff Jackson re the checks he carries out. Cllr G Scopes and Cllr P Stephenson will agree on a checking/maintenance procedure for both defibs.

Cllr Barnell will be walking with Paul Parfitt along Shutterbrook close to assess flood risk vegetation. This walk is only to assess flood risk and not neighbourly matters.

Environment and Climate - Cllr D Rowell (Resigned)

We are sad to report that Dave Rowell has resigned from the parish council and hence the parish council will advertise for this role accordingly. In the interim, environmental concerns can be sent through to Cllr G Barnell.

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

As we have had a few questions regarding the farming practices which affect the community, there will soon be a farming FAQ section on the website for the

village to look up and enquire about such practices in the village. The Devon County Council 'On the Verge' and Defra guidance will be posted to assist with understanding maintenance matters of this nature.

It was agreed to set up a farming FAQ on the website and the Clerk would arrange website training for Cllrs J Browne and J Rimbon-Whittaker. Dave Rowell has not been able to identify who had applied weed killer along Station Road.

Halloween Silent Disco at the Village Hall - A Halloween Silent Disco will take place on the 28th October with Food and drink. Tickets to go on sale soon so save the date in the diary!!

Footpath, structure and maintenance - Cllr Steve Parker

The deadline for comments on the footpath consultation was extended to the 8 September. Approx 75 responses were received and Cllrs G Barnell, Cllr L Ouldrige, S Parker and the Clerk will meet to review the responses to identify common themes and present a report at the October meeting. The Parish Council was disappointed by the notices that were posted anonymously around the village and immediately removed these as this approach was not helpful or constructive.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Parish Hall on **Thursday 5th October 2023 at 7:00pm**. Members of the public are welcome. Alternatively, if members of the public wish issues to be raised in council meetings, they can contact councillors in the usual way. There is also a Parish Surgery at the Coffee Mornings held on the second Saturday of the month in the Parish Hall.

Jenna Browne

SAVE THE DATE

Village Apple Pressing
Sun 22nd October 2-4 pm
In the Village Hall Garden

Bring apples and clean bottles to take away some juice.

This is a free event organised by Newton Environment Wellbeing Group.

Children must be supervised by their adult.

Gill Amos

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

September's Indian Summer provided some very hot games. The Rusty Rackets have their own WhatsApp group and play together regularly. But there's still time for others to get those rusty tennis rackets or any other rackets out.



Sarah Statton and Jana Garnsworthy will run the Autumn Challenge in October. It's a great way to play club matches with and against members in doubles and singles.

If you are ready for some tennis, try the club for a couple of sessions and then you can decide to join. Our winter membership will start soon with a reduction on the full fees. Just contact our membership secretary, Laura Leigh, on 01647 24259 or check the website.

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

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

The Tennis Club runs special sessions with the ball machine, using different drills programmed into the machine. They take place on Saturday mornings from 10 to 11.30 so if you would like to have a go, please contact Collin Bulled at colin.bulled@outlook.com.

Hope to see you soon.

Frederiek Maddock

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diver.chris@hotmail.com

NEWTON RAMBLERS

Sunday 22nd October

A circular walk of 3 1/2 miles along part of the Grand Western Canal, near Tiverton, plus a few lanes and a duck pond. This is an easy walk as it is mainly on the flat.

Meet in the Newton St Cyres Parish Hall Car Park at 9.30 am to car share or 10.30 am at the start.

The start car park is alongside the Grand Western Canal just before a hump back bridge and a short way before reaching Halberton (east of Tiverton EX16 7AW). It should take about 40-45 mins to drive to the start.

If anyone requires further information please contact Liz on 01392 851461(or 07526 845964 on the day)

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

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



• Newton St Cyres Historical Village Walks (£1)

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

• Newton St Cyres Mining and Miners (£1)

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Copies can be purchased by contacting

Jean Wilkins (01392 851337), jeanwilkins1@btinternet.com

RECREATION CLUB NEWS

As you may be aware, Wendy Lewis has stepped down as booking secretary for the Rec, so, firstly, on behalf of all the committee, I'd like to say a huge thank-you to her for her years of service.

The Recreation Club is run completely voluntarily and provides facilities for the whole village to use, whether it be the clubhouse, the park or even the car park. We rely on a small group of volunteers, and our main source of income is from the bar, which is used by footballers, etc, and other functions. This helps to maintain the upkeep of the facilities and allows for improvements where possible.

We are always looking for more help, so if you use any of the facilities and feel able to contribute to the continuing upkeep and progression, we have made it very simple by introducing a QR code. There is one here and we will have some placed around the recreation ground. Simply scan the code and enter your donation amount. Any donation would be greatly appreciated.



We'd like to thank the new people that have volunteered their time to help with the bar. We are still looking for a secretary, so if you feel you can fulfil this role, please get in touch.

For any future bookings or enquiries about use of the facilities, please use newtonrecbookings@outlook.com to contact us and we will get back to you.

Date for your diary

Thursday 2nd November: we will be hosting the school's firework event, which is sure to be another fantastic display!"

Claire Digby

Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The draw for September took place at the Coffee Morning on the 9 September. The winners were:

No. 29	S Fleming	£10.00
No. 98	I Hole	£10.00
No. 2	J Enright	£10.00
No. 155	T Mitchell	£10.00
No. 225	A Salter	£10.00

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NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP

Heritage Open Days at the church



On the mornings of Wednesday 13th and Saturday 16th September, the NSCCCA held Open Days in the church under the umbrella of the Heritage Open Days (HOD) organisation. HOD have been running nationwide since 1994, in early September, and are a great way to see many places that do not regularly have open access. Our church is open, but the event is a way of enriching people's knowledge of the building and its history.

The NSCCCA, or Newton St Cyres Church Community Association, is helping to raise funds to refurbish the church building and enable its use for more community occasions and events. The History Group was glad to be able to provide tours on the history of the interior of the building and the memorials it contains. It was interesting for the History Group tour leaders – Gordon Hepworth, Midge Kelly and Isobel Hepworth – to talk about the church to so many visitors, some of whom had personal connections here as well.

Our church has some unusual features and treasures, and we are lucky that it did not suffer a Victorian reconstruction, but was sympathetically renovated early in the last century by Edward Harbottle, architect to Exeter Cathedral. The tours covered something of the religious history of this country, such as the changes during the Reformation, and during the Georgian period, which both altered the appearance and furnishings of the church. The survival of the distinctive James II coat of arms, recently restored, just inside the church door, is unusual and it is one of only a few examples in the country. The Catholic rood screen in the church has not survived, but the blocked doorways show clearly where it originally was.

A striking and unusual monument is the Northcott Memorial in the corner of the north aisle. It is well preserved and demonstrates an eventful time in local and national affairs, just before the time of the Civil War, as well as being a touching memorial to four generations of the family. Another uncommon survival is the series of four hatchments which are memorials to four generations of the Quicke family between 1729 and 1859, and which hang high up in the north aisle.

Most villages in the country have a 20th century war memorial, usually a cross in the middle of the village, but Newton St Cyres instead created a memorial window, also in the north aisle, and a beautiful piece of work, which has the names of the men from the village who died in the First World War. Visitors were also interested in the carved wooden bosses high on the waggon roof of the church, which include a rare image of the pope. There is a green man, the three hares, and a sow with her suckling pigs, images which are known in other churches, but which are secular or mythical in their subject.

The tours also included other items in the church, and the many memorials, particularly those to members of the Quicke family.

Many other people contributed to the HOD so that visitors could go up to the bell chamber and, with great care, to the top of the tower. They could be taken around the outside of the church to learn more of its architecture and history, and there was a supply of tea, coffee and cakes throughout the morning as well as the option of lunch for those who wished. The Sandford Handbell ringers came to give a performance and workshop on the Saturday morning.

The relaxed and informal atmosphere made it a rewarding experience for all concerned to meet and talk to each other, learn something, and enjoy delicious coffee, cakes and lunches as well. One of the lovely things about the NSCCCA is that it includes all the village organisations and individuals, and they can all contribute. The NSCCCA committee is chaired by Tom Langdon-Davies, and you can see some of the visitors' reactions to the open days in the church in this edition of the Newton Wonder.

Isobel Hepworth

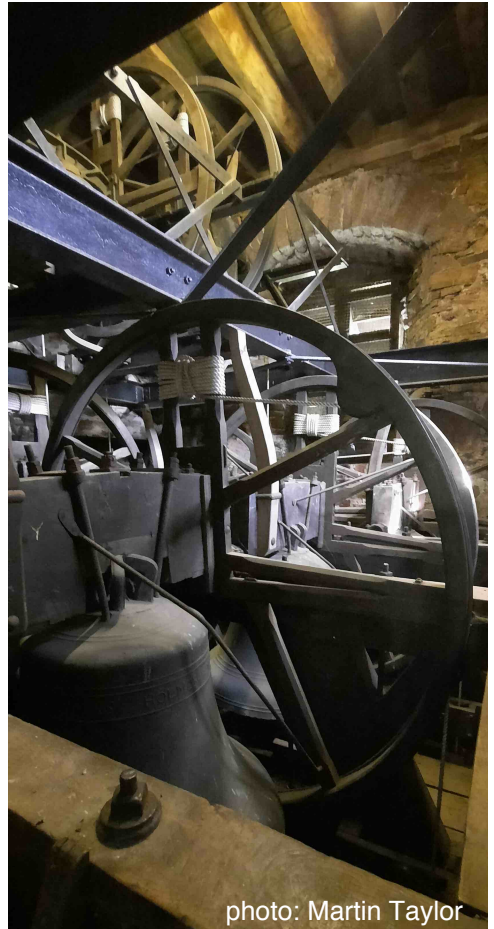


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The Church Bells



photo: Martin Taylor

The village from the top off the Church Tower looking East

See next page for feedback from visitors
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NEWTON ST CYRES CHURCH – GUIDED TOURS



So, what did Visitors to our September 'Heritage Open Days' think of their Guided Tours? More than 45 people attended and the 10+ volunteers were greatly appreciated for their hospitality, friendliness and excellent historical knowledge. Great thanks to all helpers for making the occasions 'special'!

'Very helpful volunteers. Helped me with information to find my grandfather's unmarked grave. Delicious lunch!'

'The Tours of both interior and exterior were fascinating and informative'.

'I enjoyed it all & felt I learnt a great deal. Very friendly guides'.

'Delightful church & well-informed, friendly guides – and a splendid lunch!'
(Thanks, Jocelyn!)

'Very well-organised, great team of volunteers – very knowledgeable. Good variety of activities e.g. access to the tower and the hand-bell ringers'.

'Loved the friendliness – and well-organised, too!'

'A very worthwhile visit – fascinating history of the church – with good local guides (i.e. people as well as booklets). Hospitable team of church and history society people who provided lunch as well'.

This was a Heritage Open Day event. Many of the visitors opted to complete the feed-back online and those comments go direct to the national organisers in London.

<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk>

History Group Future Events

We are very fortunate to have two very experienced researchers and excellent speakers for October and November:

OCTOBER 11th Bill Horner (County Archaeologist)

ARCHAEOLOGICAL AERIAL SURVEY and EXCAVATION BETWEEN THE CULM AND THE CREEDY.

Our Parish is rich in archaeological sites. The area Bill will speak about was settled early and is known by archaeologists as 'the vestibule' of Devon.

NOVEMBER 8th John Allan (Cathedral Archaeologist)

OLD HOUSES of EXETER

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

Crediton reminiscence project enters new phase

Crediton Library's Reminiscence Project is set to enter a new phase, thanks to funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund. The funding, made possible by money raised by National Lottery players, will allow the library to continue gathering and preserving memories of Crediton and the surrounding areas.

So far, in partnership with the Folklore Library and Archive, the library has collected and made available a number of memories of the local area. These include recollections of life during World War II, stories of farming and growing up in the countryside, as well as living through rapidly changing times. There are memories of the first lady to receive antibiotics in Crediton, life before mobile phones and a resident's memories of getting the first colour TV.

The Reminiscence Project was set up to collect memories from a range of people with a connection to the area, whether they have been residents all their lives, they once lived in the area or have only recently moved. These memories will be recorded in audio form, capturing the voices of the people. Over the next two years, there will be a range of events to open the collection up to the community.

Crediton Library is seeking volunteers, whether to carry out interviews, transcribe them or to help with outreach events. It is also looking for interviewees, whatever their age or background. Anyone with memories of Crediton and the surrounding areas is welcome! Please contact the library on 01363 772578 or email crediton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk to find out more.

Recordings from earlier phases of the project can be found online at www.folklorelibrary.com/crediton-library.

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The future of the village through the eyes of children

In previous editions of the Newton Wonder, we have shared the feedback from the Community Forum event held in February 2023. The next stage in the construction of the Neighbourhood Plan for Newton St Cyres was to seek the views of our children about the future of the village. Accordingly, Helen Isles and I spent a morning with older children (ages 6-11) at the Primary School.

We asked them about what they liked and what they didn't like about the village and for their ideas about what would make it an even better place. Here's what they had to say:

They were generally very positive about living here and enjoyed the facilities and countryside, especially the walking paths, the Recreation Ground and the Arboretum, but they also had suggestions for improvements to make our facilities more suitable for older children.

They would like cycle paths and more walking paths that could accommodate push chairs and those with disabilities – plus less traffic on the A377.

The topic of more trees and wildlife-friendly initiatives came up. The children were keen to see the development of eco-friendly housing, with diverse housing options for different needs, including disability-friendly homes. They would also like to have a small shop/cafe/farm shop selling fresh produce.

We thank Mr Akhurst, the head of school, the staff and, most of all, the youngsters who proved to be inspiring, full of creative ideas and enthusiasm.

Gail Meldrum and Helen Isles



Helen and Gail in the classroom

Let's Relay 2023

The Newton St Cyres village relay race is back for its 3rd year on Saturday 14th October 2023.

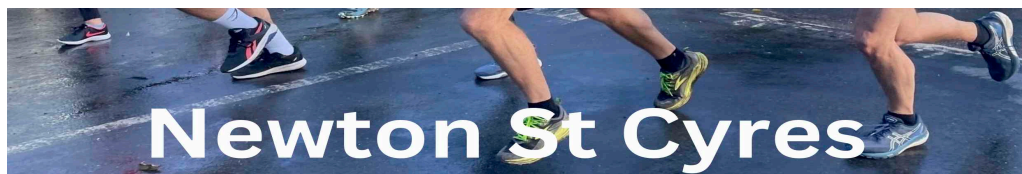
This year we are very excited to be hosting an individual children's run of approximately one third of a mile and an adults' relay race which will be three laps of the two mile "Beer Engine Loop". Both runs start and finish at the fabulous Beer Engine pub in Newton St Cyres which will be open for refreshments on the day.

Registration is now open!

To register please go to: tinyurl.com/NewtonRelayRegister or email NSCRelayRaceHQ@gmail.com

Entry fee is just £2 per runner and can be paid by donating on our JustGiving page tinyurl.com/newtonrelay23

Registration will close on 12th October



Newton St Cyres

Village Relay Race

Saturday 14 October 2023

10:30am - Children's race (KS2 & 3)

11:00am - Adults' race (teams of 3)

The Beer Engine



Register at
tinyurl.com/NewtonRelayRegister

Or email

NSCRelayRaceHQ@gmail.com

Payment via JustGiving

tinyurl.com/NewtonRelay23

**Minimum donation £2 per person
Profits to NSC Primary School and
Friends of Newton Arboretum**

Why rally for the relay?

We want to bring the community together to have fun and we will be donating all the entry fees and any money made on the day to the primary school and arboretum. Whether you think you are in with a chance of winning or getting a PB or you just need a reason to get outdoors and become a bit more active one thing is guaranteed: you will have fun. If running isn't your thing then please do still come along and show your support. We need timekeepers, marshals and first aiders.

Please email: NSCRelayRaceHQ@gmail.com to find out more.

The Newton St Cyres primary school has been in the village for many years and moved to a new building in 2018. The school PTA (FANS) are raising funds to provide covered outdoor space and play equipment. The money raised will be contributed to the school funds for an additional outside classroom.

The village is also very lucky to have its own arboretum which has been open to the public for a number of years and is maintained by a dedicated group of village volunteers all year round to provide a safe and friendly space for all visitors. The arboretum friends' group have included wheelchair access, benches and a lookout space as well as keeping the garden under control. The money raised will be contributed to the arboretum team to continue in the work they do to keep the arboretum open to all.

More detail about the race

Exact timings of the runs will be published shortly but the children's race will start at approx. 10.00 followed by the adult relay race.

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

The adult's relay race is for teams of three runners aged 16 years or older. Each runner will run a two-mile course. To enter you ideally need to register a team of three. Only one form is required per team. If you are keen to run and don't yet have a team, we can connect you to other runners. Please email NSCRelayRaceHQ@gmail.com to let us know if you need help putting a team together. We are very happy to help.

And remember this run is for everyone. It doesn't matter if you have never run in a race before or if you are a seasoned athlete. The run is about having fun. We look forward to seeing you there.

Alissa Haward

Thoughts for October from Peter Cordingley

For my many sins, I've got a couple of health problems, including having two artificial heart valves, with a good one delicately positioned inside a bad 'un that had stopped working. Why am I telling you this? Because doctors warned me that because of this condition, I would be at extreme risk if ever I caught Covid.

So, guess what. Yes, I contracted the virus a couple of weeks ago, along with two other people in our family and, I later learned, two people living close by with whom we'd had no contact. Not only that, the word was that a number of other people around the village were also sick with the virus.

Where were we infected? No idea, but it's our guess that it was possibly at an absolutely chaotic service station when we were driving down from Bath to Exeter. That was a shoulder-to-shoulder scene, with long queues for everything and bedlam everywhere you looked.

Anyhow, I was worried, so I phoned the doctors' clinic for advice. Should I report to A&E, I asked, or isolate at home, and, if so, for how long, etc? The reply came as a bit of a shock. It was that the NHS no longer had a protocol for Covid and, basically, I should use my common sense. Thanks very much!

All's well now, but I'm left wondering: Did I have the so-called Pirola variant that is so much in the headlines these days, or was it the parent version, the Omicron strain? I don't know. Nobody knows, because I was never asked to give a blood sample. Nor was anybody in our household. Why? And how can the government come up with nation-wide infection numbers if blood is not being tested?

My hope is that we are not witnessing a replay of the early months of 2020, when Boris Johnson and his government sat on their hands as evidence grew that something disastrous was on its way. We all know how that story went, don't we!

While the UK's official Pirola count, at the time of writing, is only 42, experts believe the true total is almost certainly much higher as testing en masse ended in May 2022 as part of the government's "living with Covid" plan. Who knows where the virus may be hiding now and when and where it might pop to the surface?

The good news is that while Pirola at this stage seems to be more transmissible than its predecessors, it doesn't appear to be more severe. But it still took nearly three weeks for me to test negative. Fingers crossed that it gets no worse than that ... for all our sakes.

How well do you know your village?

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

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A Big Party at the Beer Engine

Friday 22nd. September was the first day of three days of celebration after forty years. The Landlords Will and Vicki, and brewer Ian, pushed out the boat by providing ten beers all brewed on the premises, five bands and a DJ as well as a different style of food for each day.



Even the slope to the tent was full

the emphasis. Beer tokens were bought for cash on entry to speed up the bar service and there were four musical events during the day.

Sunday saw a revival of the Sunday roast in the pub and this was accompanied by a further two bands.

The event was busy throughout and the first day saw two bands, Swunk Jazz Band, based at Exeter school and South West City Swing.

Saturday was festival time when beer was



Holly Saunders selling tokens and merchandise

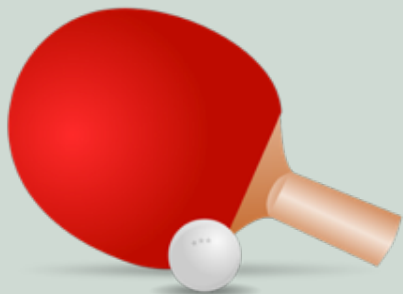


The Moon Jazz House Band



*Left:
Enjoying the music*

*Pictures by :
Peter Cordingley
Martin Taylor and
Peter Hawksley*



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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.

First Car Boot Sale for F.A.N.s

The Friends Association of Newton St Cyres School held its first ever car boot sale on Saturday 23rd. September. It is hoped that they will become a regular fund raising feature. Anna Bonnet, chairperson, said that there was still a long



way to go to raise the money for a second outdoor classroom.

Sponsorship for the forthcoming fireworks display was doing well and the association was hoping to raise more funds at that event.

Peter Hawksley

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Bid to shutter Belluno is rejected

The Belluno Italian restaurant was found to have employed illegal workers, but, as Ann Quon Cordingley reports, an attempt by government Immigration officers to close down the business failed

A raid by the Immigration Department on the Belluno Italian restaurant just before Christmas last year resulted in a hearing in Tiverton where the popular Newton St Cyres restaurant faced the possibility of losing its licence for employing illegal workers.

The Mid Devon District Council Licensing sub-committee was told that the 9th December raid uncovered five staff members who did not have permission to work in the UK.

However, the licensing committee rejected a Home Office bid to revoke the restaurant's licence and, instead, ordered the dismissal of the designated supervisor, Haqif Derti, who acknowledged that he had hired the five workers.

In addition, the restaurant's licence was ordered to be suspended for a weekend at the end of October, on dates to be decided. Mr Derti had earlier been ordered to pay a penalty of £40,000 for failing to verify the status of the five staff members. The hearing was told that verification of work permits had now been outsourced to the company's accountants.

Mr Derti told the hearing that the staff members had been employed to help over the Christmas period and that employment checks would have been made in January. In addition, some of the staff that had been working there that night had only started one or two days beforehand and were working trial shifts.

Belluno's representative told the sub-committee that no criminal proceeding had been launched against any of the five staff members and all those detained on the evening of 9th December had been released.

The sub-committee was told that there were six options open to it. They were:

- Take no action.
- Issue a warning
- Modify the premise's licence conditions
- Suspend the licence for a maximum of 3 months
- Remove Mr Derti as the dedicated supervisor (manager) of the restaurant
- Revoke the restaurant's licence.

The Home Office requested the revocation of the premises' licence, which is the maximum sanction available under the Licensing Act, because, it said, anything less would be "insufficient to act as a deterrent to the licence holder and other premises licence holders from engaging in criminal activity by employing illegal workers and facilitating disqualified immigrants to work illegally".

Lawyers representing the proprietors argued that permanently revoking Belluno's licence would inevitably result in the closure of the business, which would be a considerable loss to the community.



Photo by Ann Quon Cordingley

The hearing was told that two letters from the public had been received in support of Belluno, but they were not permitted in evidence as they did not address the licensing objective for which the hearing had been called. There was one negative comment, but the writer wished to remain anonymous and therefore it was not included.

The parties have 21 days in which to appeal. In the meantime, Mr Derti is entitled to remain as Belluno's designated premises supervisor.

The Belluno five

Immigration officers reported that in their raid on Belluno they discovered five staff members who they believed were working illegally in the UK. Details of the five were included in the Immigration Department's written submission to the Licensing Sub-committee. They have not been independently verified.

Worker No. 1. Albanian male. Was found in the kitchen, wearing chef's whites when officers entered. Detained after running from officers. He said that he and the licence holder, Haqif Derti, were cousins. He had been working at the Belluno for around 6-8 weeks, mainly at busy periods. He received around £150 per week in cash for his work.

Worker No. 2. Greek female. Worked as a waitress, receiving £9.50 an hour paid into her bank account. Was found ducked down behind the bar, where she had stuffed her apron among bottles on the shelves. She had entered the UK as a visitor via the electronic gate at an airport.

Worker No. 3. Romanian female. Was seen working behind the bar when officers entered the premises. Said her job was to prepare drinks and take orders from the bar to customers' tables. Worked 5pm-10pm four days a week. She said she was not paid but was allowed to eat from the menu. Entered the country as a visitor in the hope of improving her life.

Worker No. 4. Albanian male. First seen in the kitchen but later located upstairs in a bedroom. Said he arrived at Belluno about a month previously and did odd jobs. Stayed at Belluno at no cost and ate free from the menu. Mr Derti said he was a cousin. Arrived by small boat in September 2022.

Worker No. 5. Albanian female, possibly Greek. Was spotted hastily exiting the front of the restaurant. Had been helping out as a waitress since November 2022. Paid about £8 an hour, plus tips and free food when on shift.

Footnote: Mr Derti challenged some of the Immigration officers' versions of events and suggested some interviews may have been conducted under duress.

Peter Cordingley
Ann Quon Cordingley

FOOD LARDER

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

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

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

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

Helen on behalf of NEW group.

Newton St Cyres Parish Hall Event Dates for your Diary

After many successful events in the Hall, we are looking forward to seeing you at our next ones, details below.

- **31st December 2023 - New Year's Eve Ceilidh.**

Covid meant we had to postpone this popular event, but we *are* planning an event for 2023. Numbers will be limited, to ensure plenty of space for dancing! Further details to follow in the future editions of the Newton Wonder

- **10th March 2024 - Show of Hands**



Steve Knightley & Phil Beer. After thirty remarkable years of non-stop touring, including 6 sell-out gigs at the Royal Albert Hall, Show of Hands have announced that they will no longer tour together as Show of Hands for the foreseeable future. Their final 'Full Circle' tour is a chance for Show of Hands to say goodbye and celebrate the music they love so much. It is an opportunity to reflect on their

incredible journey and share their music with fans old and new. The second part of the 'Full Circle' tour will start in February 2024 and is a chance for Show of Hands, as a Duo, to return to their roots performing in some of the Folk Clubs and Village Halls where they began their musical journey, and at small arts centres, and community venues. This is bound to be a popular gig - Steve & Phil have both played here with their solo shows with great attendances.

Ticket price is £28.00. To reserve your ticket/s now, please call Nicola on 01392 851985

Bert Jewell writes Rhymes and Ways about Gardens and Gardening

October

October, the light is fading, there's a pumpkin by the porch,
Inside a little tea light, shining like a torch,
Showing off the insects as they flit around the light,
The show could last just minutes or well into the night.

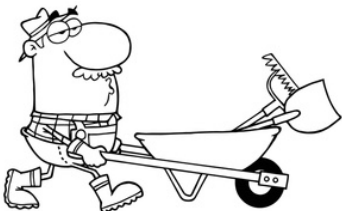
With clocks now falling back, just an hour, nothing more,
The mornings they'll be lighter as you peer outside the door,
But the evenings will be darker as we sit down for our meal,
Logs burning in the background, oh what a cozy feel.

In the garden things are changing, the bedding, it's all past,
Pansies and violas, it's now your turn at last
to colour up containers or a basket, maybe two
with a little help along the way, could last the winter through.

The plants that flower year by year, they don't appear to care,
like the autumn crocus,
flowering with such flair,
Nerines and Amaryllis, both
growing much the same,
All flowering well before the
leaves, the difference is the
name.

So as winter stands waiting
for autumn to pass,
Let's enjoy the colours right
up to the last,
The Acers, Liquidamber, a
Hawthorn or two,
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UPDATE ON MOTH-TRAPPING IN THE CHURCHYARD

We were fortunate to have Edward Jackson make a return visit to Newton St Cyres churchyard on the evening of 14th August, and a few of us met him early the following morning to see which moths had been caught. The evening had been a bit cooler, and Edward explained that different moths fly at different times of the year. So, we would maybe see some different species from those that were flying when the last trapping took place in June.



Iron Prominent

We were not disappointed! Probably the most colourful, was the Magpie moth, whose name is taken from the striking black & yellow markings on the white wings. These colours warn predators that it doesn't taste good. Although birds are wary of this species, spiders will try to eat any caught in their web.

However, after trying it, they

quickly discard it. Details of other species captured that evening are given below.

When identifying the moths, Edward also gave us information about the different families of moths that are normally found in Britain. There are many families and each family shares certain



Magpie Moth



Poplar Hawk moth.

characteristics e.g. similar shapes. Families represented on this occasion included, **Noctuidae – the Noctuids**, which are nearly all active at night. They have a powerful, agile flight and often need to refuel with nectar. They have thick bodies and a characteristic resting posture. The wings are held overlapping across the back, making a tent-like shape, and viewed from above, the moth looks like a narrow triangle or letter A. Moths from this family that were trapped on this occasion included 4 Common Wainscot, 2 Flame Shoulder and 2 Square Spot Rustics.

Another large family are **Geometridae - the Geometers**, which have thin bodies and, at rest, most hold their wings flat in a butterfly shape. They have a rather weak fluttering flight and, as many fly around dusk or dawn and some during the daytime, they could be



Oak Eggar Moth

mistaken for butterflies. Our trapping from this family included the Dusky Thorn, the September Thorn and 3 Willow Beauties.

Species from other families included the Poplar Hawk Moth from the family *Sphingidae* - the **Sphinx Moths/Hawk moths**, a Coxcomb Prominent and an Iron Prominent from the family *Notodontidae* – the **Prominent or Kitten moths**, a Grass Veneer from the *Crambidae* – the **Grass moth** family, a Four Spotted Footman from the *Eribidae* family, a Small Grey from the *Pyrilidae* – the **Pyalid or Snout moths**, and an Oak Eggar from the *Lasiocampidae*- the **Eggars**.

In addition to the moths, there was also a Speckled Bush Cricket.

We should receive a full report from Edward, so please let me know if you would like a copy.

Nicola Baker
on behalf of Friends of the Churchyard

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Do You Remember...October?

October 1973

Following gales two trees were blown down in Station Road plus one in the Vicarage and the lightening conductor on the Church was dislodged.

The Methodist Church at Sweetham had undertaken a number of collections.

At the Parish Council **Cllr Walters** said that every time a farmer trims

his main road hedge, he puts his life at risk because of the traffic.

The formal opening of the Recreation Ground took place.

Brian and Edna Oram left the village for the Seychelles Islands.

A long article appeared with regards to the link between Norton Farm and Exeter Cathedral.

October 1983

At the Twinning Circle the following officers were elected; Chairman - **Mrs Prue Quicke**, Treasurer - **Doug West** and Secretary - **Stuart Martin**.

There was a move to try and revive Newton Carnival and anyone interested was asked to contact **Beryl Peck**.

The Parish Council were still keeping up the pressure on Devon County Council for improvements to the road at Castlands.

The Parish Hall announced that tables and chairs could be borrowed at a small cost.

Forty people from Cowley and Newton St Cyres formed a party to visit Exeter Cathedral. They all climbed to the roof of the Nave and on up to see the world's second heaviest bells hung in a full circle ringing.

The St Cyres Players were rehearsing 'The Ghost Train'.

October 1993

In the Gardening News by **Liz Mitchell** an article appeared about the Exeter Hybrid Acacia.

The Handicrafts Group were meeting at 1 Court Orchard and making items for sale at the Autumn Fayre.

The Football Club 3rd XI was being managed by **Paul Rook** and were a very young side.

The Parish Council were running First Aid Courses during the autumn and winter.

The School were collecting Birds Eye and Boots tokens for sports items and books.

The Twinning Circle received a seat carved out of Caen stone and this was now beneath the east window of the Church. The French visitors took part in Jeux sans Frontiers at Glebe House and a tour of Exeter in an open-topped bus with **John and Lyn Durrant**.

Cancer Research Campaign were holding an Autumn antiques evening in the Parish Hall.

The missing Hand Bells mystery was solved - they had been in use until 1919 and then sold!

At the Recreation Ground Car Boot Sale the proceeds went to the Rec and to the Hall.

October 2003

The Newton Wonder was going up in price in February from 25p to 30p or £3.50 per year.

Lyn Yelland had retired from the Editorial team of the Newton Wonder.

The Police launched their new Community Messaging Service.

David Pritchard reported on a successful Newton Ramblers walk towards Shobrooke.

It was reported that Network Rail would not be erecting a Communications Mast at the Station

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October 2013

Anne Rice stood down from the editorial team and a replacement is sought to chase up stories and produce some pictures for each issue.

Vodafone were trying new technology, which connects their network through the internet, to improve reception. **Roger Cashmore** had written about this in the Newton Wonder. For once Newton got it first!

The History group project explored the impact of World War I on the village and had some interesting material on display at the Produce Show.

Roger Clements wrote asking for comments and support for a cycle route between Crediton and Exeter.

The American Tournament (for adult members) was enjoyed by all who competed, with **Andrew Wiles** winning the Men's group and **Elaine Hennessy** and **Frederiek Maddock** jointly winning the Ladies' group.

The Village Hall was seeking funds to re-roof both the Main Hall and the Club Room.

Feelings ran high about the revised Planning Application from No 2 New Estate and the Council voted unanimously to object to the revised application and to request that the final decision was made by committee in MDDC and not by a single Planning Officer.

Cllrs Kate Anstey and Jill Baker had undertaken the annual risk assessment in the village and had highlighted one or two problems.

The Community Speed Watch Team were looking for additional volunteers to help. Training will be given.

Georgina Vye wrote to say a big thank you to all those hard-working people who give their time transforming the arboretum.

The NSC History Group had some very interesting WW1 material lent for the exhibition at the Flower and Produce Show and thanked all those families who had made this rather special material available to them.

Newton St Cyres Primary School **Glynis Harris**, Head of Teaching and Learning, announced that:

- the whole school has been divided into 4 house teams (Langford, Sweetham, West town and Smallbrook).

- Mrs Wright, whose specialism is music, joined as a new member of staff.

The Craft and Chat Club were seeking new people (during school term only) who want to learn a new skill, or pass on their skills to others, and emphasised that you do not have to have any craft skills to join in.

Nick and Viv Henderson

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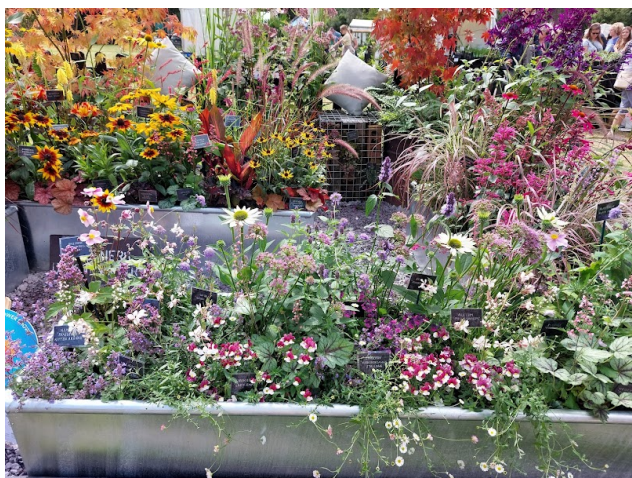
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Newton St Cyres Gardening Club

So September brought us another Indian Summer! I hope you were able to get out and enjoy it. We went to **Rosemoor** for the **Flower Festival**. The displays from the local nurseries were wonderful. Each nursery puts together a 'small garden display', with the plants available to buy at their stands. It is a great way to see exactly how each plant works with others, and provides lots of ideas if you are in the process of planning a new border, etc.



Local Nursery Display at Rosemoor



Pumpkin growing

It seems that all things relating to Halloween have been in the shops for ages, but of course 31st October is the time that **Pumpkins** come into their own! Whether you grow your own, or buy them from a farm shop or supermarket, it seems that it is essential to have at least one that you can carve and light up to make your own Jack-o'-lantern!

Halloween seems to have become increasingly commercialised, but pumpkins are spectacular when seen growing en masse. If growing them at home, the best time to sow is indoors in April/May, then planting out in May/June (after the last frost) and harvesting September/October. Pumpkins like a warm, sunny site, with fertile soil and lots of rain or regular watering. However, if the

ground around them becomes waterlogged, they will rot, so it is advisable to keep a gap around the plant stem. They need a long, hot growing season, as the mature fruits must ripen fully if you plan to store them for use during the winter.

They are a type of **winter squash**, which come in a variety of sizes and colours. The smaller varieties are probably most convenient for eating and in addition to Pumpkin Pie, or Risotto/Pasta, the seeds can be roasted and added to your morning cereals/yoghurt. Some varieties are grown for competition/showing, where size is so important. Last year twins Ian and Stuart Patton, from Lymington, broke their 2020 record of 1,176kg, with a monster pumpkin weighing in at 1,205kg (2,656 lbs) only 47lb less than the World record! They have been growing supersized pumpkins for 40 years and spend up to six hours a day at their pumpkin patch. Dedication!

October is a busy time in the garden, with lots of jobs that can form a *very* long list. In addition to the wonderful colours of autumn, the falling leaves can present their own problems, especially if you have a **pond**. Continue to clear any decaying foliage and leaves that have blown into your pond, and to make this easier you may consider netting.

Where possible, do not cut everything in the borders back as this is not good for garden wildlife. Leave plants that are still providing colour, those with berries and those with attractive seedheads. These will provide shelter for wildlife and protect the plants from later possible frost damage. However, if you have tall foliage that is encroaching onto paths, as it becomes battered by any wet and stormy weather, you may wish to cut this back for safety.

October Jobs in the Garden include:-

- Divide established rhubarb crowns to create new plants
- Divide herbaceous perennials
- Plant out spring cabbages
- Harvest apples, pears, grapes and nuts
- Prune climbing roses
- On a dry day, mow your lawn on a higher blade setting
- Renovate old lawns or create new grass areas by laying turf
- Check tree stakes to ensure they are secure and adjust any ties that are too tight & which could damage the bark.

What's On in October?

- **7th & 8th October 10am – 4pm RHS Rosemoor Festival of Flavours.** “Celebrate the bounty of autumn and the apple harvest. Pick up ideas from cookery demos, expert talks and garden tours, and shop for treats in the food and craft market. Get in the festival mood with live music, campfire cooking and more” Garden admission applies. Free to Members and children under 5
- **Monday 16th October – 7.30pm Upton Pyne Garden Club,** where Ben Candlin will be speaking on Plants of the Canaries. Upton Pyne Village Hall
- **21st – 30 October 10am – 6pm daily RHS Rosemoor. Halfterm Spooktacular Fun.** Activities for all the family to enjoy. Explore the autumnal garden family trail, craft workshop, make your own pumpkin creature and there is Witch Hazel's fancy dress and Halloween Disco. Full details of activities can be found at <https://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/rosemoor/whats-on/half-term-family-fun-at-rosemoor>
- **21st – 31st October Killerton National Trust Half term Trail.** 5 of Killerton's bats and their 5 pumpkin pals are hidden around the garden and park. Keep an eye out for them along the trail, while taking part in bat-themed activities. Pick up your trail sheet for £1 from Visitor Reception on arrival. Our trails use hard standing paths at this time of year and run through the garden and parkland. This means dogs can only access part of the trail that is situated within the parkland. Assistance dogs are permitted everywhere”. Suitable for children of all ages and pushchairs. Pop into the Visitor Reception to start the trail.
- The trail is outdoors, so please wear sensible shoes and dress for the weather. The trail follows hard standing paths made from gravel and no steps, but with some steep inclines. Suitable for pushchairs and motorised mobility aids. Manual wheelchair users may find the inclines challenging.
- **Tuesday October 24th – 7.00pm Crediton Garden Club** will have Peter Savage of Bowden Hostas speaking on Hostas. This will take place at Crediton Library.

The next meeting of our Club will be on Wednesday 25th October at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Newton St Cyres when we will have Dr Chris Lee speaking on “Garden & Rural birds – some interesting facts”.

Happy Gardening

Nicola Baker



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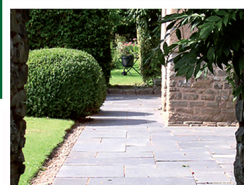
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Mary Quicke in the woods

We started in a little orchard in the valley, one of nine on the farm. In the 1990s I asked the redoubtable Reg Bray when he was over 100 years old what trees he'd planted when he was a boy in 1917. He reeled them off and we replanted with the same old varieties. We graze them lightly with calves, which allows a rich flora to grow.

We gazed at rich hedgerows, tumbling with fruit. They are motorways for small mammals and insects that

connect the landscape. You can date a hedgerow by how many hardwood species there are in a 30-metre length, counting a century for every species: we can easily get to 500-600 years old on many of our hedges. It's extraordinary to look at this riot of vegetation and think about the history it has seen. We'll keep the hedges as hedges to preserve that precious habitat. If all the trees grow tall in a hedge, they shade out the dense habitat underneath. We want to keep that shelter for all the little creatures that rely on it, and give shelter to our animals.

We walked along the Shuttern Brook that runs through our village. The water flows through deep banks, forming a secret wildlife path through the valley. We fence the cattle off from the banks to keep them undisturbed. The rare white clawed crayfish, Britain's largest invertebrate, is found in our river. It's outcompeted by the American crayfish now in many rivers. We are proud we have them, and are talking with ecologists looking to keep them safe.

We passed one of our old oak trees growing in a hedge and towering timelessly above it. Master baker Emma Parkin told us how she collected some of its many acorns, grew them in her garden and planted the seedlings on Dartmoor.

There once were miners' cottages all along the valley. They housed Cornish miners who for a short time around the 1780s made our village the world's largest producer of manganese. You can just see the faint traces of their gardens where there is now a copse of poplar trees, planted in the 1950s and 1960s to produce matches. The trees make boards that mature cheese beautifully.

We saw a field where we have had funding for nearly 30 years not to crop the bottom corner. Orchids that must have been there all along are growing again. We discussed how government funding has enabled us to do this, rather than farming it to produce crops or grass. We talked about what happens when government priorities change and we don't have the necessary funding.

Just up the valley, there's a field the animals haven't grazed for a while, and trees are taking over, coming in from the surrounding woods. We are bringing this field back to grazing. Trees are taking over the next little field, and we will leave that to them. Half our farm became woodland 150 years ago in a difficult time for farming, in an early rewilding. What is the right space for wildlife, and how much for our food? We now understand how the trees take up most of the farm's emissions, another gift they give.

We walked up the path into one of my favourite woodlands, Coombeland Copse. I love the stately beech, tall grey columns reaching up to the graceful branches with their nodding leaves. Next to them are conifers with cathedral-like trunks. Under the beech, it is open, nothing growing. Under the conifers, there's a rich understory of hazel, brambles, ferns and bracken. Just below us is the magical woodland margin. It feels special to stand in the wood, seeing the field through the hedge.

What we see is some unusually flat ground, remains of an old settlement. I hear from the group that the gorse growing on the bank below suggests that the ground was levelled, subsoil going to make the bank. An ancient hedge straddles the site. The settlement must have been even older. It's lovely to have those insights and to think how so many people over many centuries have gazed over this land.

We farm around our village, our fields and trees the backdrop to our neighbours' lives. It's so interesting to hear how it looks to our neighbours and share ideas and challenges. We make delicious cheese from the milk of our animals. We steward a rich and varied landscape and habitat. We need to make a living and pay our people a good wage. It's good to talk and share how we manage the balancing act to make the best of all those things.

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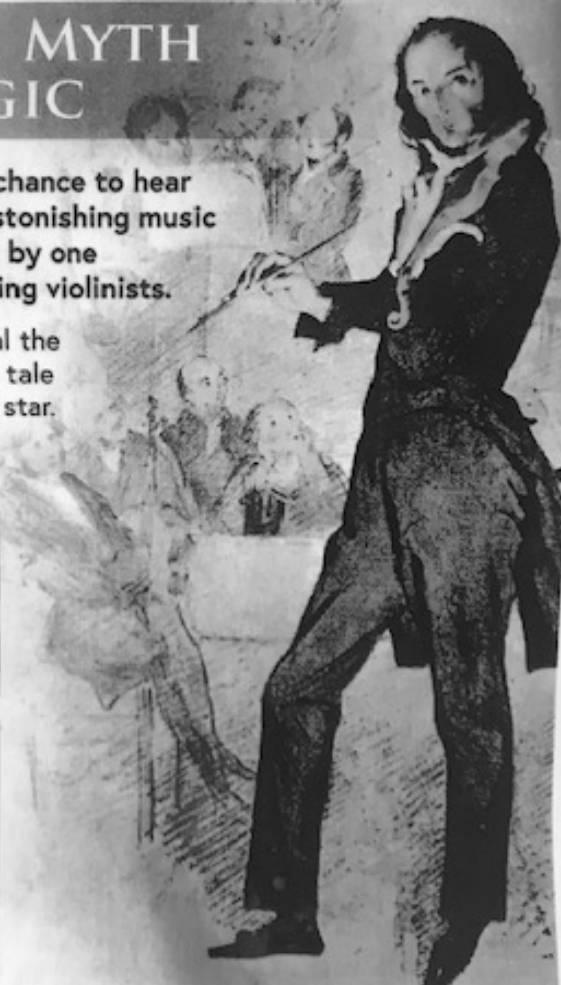
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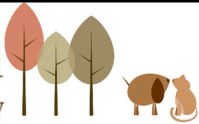
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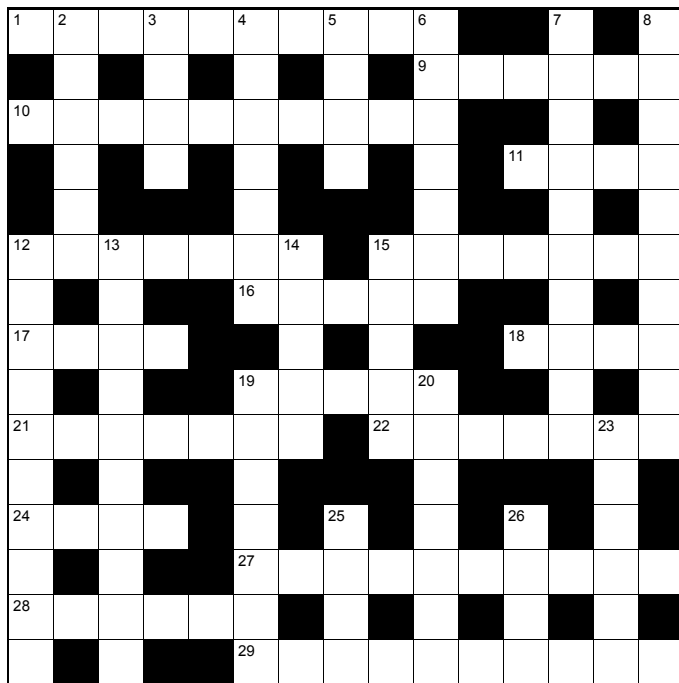
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Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Narrow escape from encounter with sharp razor? (5,5)
- 9 On reflection Val is hard but generous (6)
- 10 Gran gets ring back in very short time (10)
- 11 Person revered by one pretty girl mostly (4)
- 12 One who foretells financial advantage for the auditor (7)
- 15 Cuts around university floodgates (7)
- 16 Irritable character in Grahame's story (5)
- 17 Rocks and Ecstasy impounded by judge (4)
- 18 Prevent vessels returning (4)
- 19 One following strict diet, say, in the lead (5)
- 21 Territorial dispute causing conflict at the racecourse? (4,3)
- 22 Left with beam after show (7)
- 24 Metal item used to control pet (4)
- 27 Symbolic tales spreading lies galore (10)
- 28 Striking single, move faster than opponent (6)
- 29 Forced away gentle bird (5,5)

DOWN

- 2 One departing bar is heard (6)
- 3 Northerner puts son on bed (4)
- 4 Around lake there's poor protection (7)
- 5 Above taking part in wildcat operations (4)
- 6 Ageing tree starts to look yellowish (7)
- 7 One justifying V-sign (10)
- 8 Could be holy popish thinking (10)
- 12 At sea patrol boat loses a little time in Welsh seaside town (4,6)
- 13 Responds excessively when engineer gets stuck into ham (10)
- 14 Sailor takes exercise to become thinner (5)
- 15 Reversed roles for band (5)
- 19 Homeless person in Virginia given allowance (7)
- 20 Is familiar we hear with happy bunch... (7)
- 23 ...a toff, too (2,4)
- 25 Predatory creature rising with tide (4)
- 26 A danger to swimmers in Oregon and California (4)

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 September 2023 Cryptic Crossword

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Many thanks to those who were at the last Saturday Coffee Morning and commented on the Architect Drawings for new facilities in the church:

1. Disabled Toilet
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3. Exhibition Gallery

There is a further opportunity to view the drawings **in the church** and a pad and pen available for any comments/thoughts before the next stage of the project in a couple of weeks' time.

Please do pop in when you have the time: all views are helpful.

(Tom Langdon-Davies, Chair of the NSCCCA)

Community Food Bank

Newton's is currently in the Church Porch and empties
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The Parish Church of St Cyr and St Julitta



Coffee & Chat

*in Church
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10.30*

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NEWTON CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

**Come and help strengthen your local Church choir for the
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CHANGE FOR THE BETTER?

As summer reached a wet and disappointing conclusion, suddenly autumn started as a real scorcher with temperatures we had long forgotten about.

Many of us will have felt refreshed by some brighter weather and with it some length to the days, as the cloudy weather in August had darkened our evenings. Opportunities for BBQs, evenings in the garden and visits to the coast which seemed to have passed, were hastily rearranged. Personally, I felt it got far too hot!

Just as this late summer broke, I went to visit a friend who I had not be able to see for some time, except briefly. I used to work with my friend who had decided that she was no longer enjoying her legal career and took the brave decision to walk away.

The time taken to step away had allowed her to reevaluate many things and not just her working life. We spent some time in her wonderful local park near the river and both admired its beauty. My friend commented on how much she was looking forward to autumn and all the colour and the change that it brought.

Have you noticed that weather is reported to us on the basis that we want it to be dry and warm? A forecast of cold and/or rain is reported as a negative whatever time of year. It's assumed that we always want more of the same and that we are not content with weather that might require some preparation (coats, gloves or umbrellas and hats) or for us to step out of our usual schedules.

Having changed her job, my friend had found herself embracing change more widely including the seasonal changes. When you are working full-time it is easy to forget to look up but it can happen to us working or not. We get into our routines and our habits and change can seem an inconvenience rather than something to be embraced and enjoyed.

We often think of change as inherently negative just because it's different but change can also be invigorating and we can learn much from having to do things differently, being in different places or meeting new people.

Change can, however, be forced upon us and in painful ways: the loss of a loved one, redundancy, breakdown in relationships or a difficult illness. Such significant changes take time to adjust; to grieve for what we have lost before we can think about moving on.

Of the many things Jesus is called, he is referred to as a rock or an anchor in several hymns. When things change – Jesus does not. His love for us remains whatever is happening in our lives and that gives us something to cling to as we face change. When we sing these together in church, we remember that the love of God and the love of those around us can help us as life inevitably evolves and changes each day.

I shall be remembering my friend's new found enthusiasm for change as we move from autumn into winter. We might rail against it but change occurs: each day, every day. It is our response to it which can make it positive.

Laura Ford

SERVICES & INFORMATION OCTOBER 2023

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

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

Sunday 1 October Trinity 17

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Thorverton	TC
10:00 am	Harvest Service	Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Harvest Service	Rewe	Lay Led
06:30 pm	Prayer Service	Brampford Speke	TC

Tuesday 3 October

09:00 am	Chattertots	Thorverton	Lay Led
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Sunday 8 October Trinity 18

10:30 am	Holy Communion	Upton Pyne	JD
11:30 am	Harvest Service	Huxham	TC/LF

Sunday 15 October Trinity 19

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Brampford Speke	TC
10:00 am	Harvest Festival Service	Thorverton	Lay Led
11:00 am	Harvest Service	Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion & Harvest Service	Cadbury	TC
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	Stoke Canon	MSS

Sunday 22 October Trinity 20

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Newton St Cyres	TC
10:00 am	Messy Church	Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	Rewe	TC
04:00 pm	Prayer Service	Upton Pyne	TC

Sunday 29 October Last Sunday after Trinity

06:00 pm	Service of Light [Mission Community Service]	Thorverton	TC
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Evening Prayer: Every Tuesday 6:00 pm in Rewe Church

Who's Who? Abbreviations Key

TC	Rev'd Tim Collins	JD	Rev'd Julia Dallen
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Roger Furniss Chairman, Hall Management Committee

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