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Wheat burns in Farmer Browne's field



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A Heatwave

Phew! It ain't 'arf been 'ot! Our cover picture this month shows the fire burning in the field between the railway and the river. Fears are for the possible risk of flooding after the ground ahs become so hard. Ann Quon Cordingley has been finding out what the village thinks-and is doing about it.

Coffee Morning

The village coffee morning this month will be on Saturday 10th Sept. The Newton Environmental Wellbeing Group will giving away surplus produce at the Coffee Mornings in the Parish Hall. This is for everyone to share their surpluses, bring any spare vegetables you have grown, as well as to share produce which may not be sold elsewhere. Please see page 12 for the notice by N.E.W.

i would also remind you that the Parish Council always has a representative at the coffee mornings and it is an ideal opportunity for the community to meet and discuss local as well as broader issues.

Planning for our neighbourhood-a Community Forum

We reported in the last edition of the Wonder that we now have a Planning Group who have volunteered to devise a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. However we cannot do this work on our own. It will require your engagement and involvement throughout the process. The first steps will be to establish or vision for the kind of communities we would like to see in the coming years. We then need to agree our priorities for change and development as well as the things we wish to preserve and protect.

To start the ball rolling the Neighbourhood Planning Group will be organising a Community Forum during the coming weeks. We want to involve both young and old (and some of us in between) to discuss and present our views about the future and the issues we need to address.

Details of this event will appear in the October edition of the Wonder and will also be widely publicised in other places.

Graeme Barnell
Chair of the NSC Neighbourhood Planning Group

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TABLE TENNIS

OPEN EVENING



***Friday, 16 Sept,
7 - 9 pm***

NEWTON ST CYRES PARISH HALL

We are keen to welcome new players – with or without experience and either adults or children from the age of 11 upwards. We have four tables and so can fit in people with varying standards from beginners and rusty former players to League players. Equipment is provided.

Come to the Open Evening for a free taster session

The group meets every Friday from 7 to 9 pm. Except for the free Open Evening, there is a charge of £2 children and £3 for adults.

Ring Roger Wilkins (851337) for any further information.

Exe Valley Federation have a vacancy for a Co-opted Governor on their Governing Board

The role of a governor is an interesting one and gives parents and others the opportunity to learn more about how the federation works at a strategic level. The governing board is very ably led by Jackie Enright and a team of dedicated governors from different backgrounds, all of whom are involved in the life of the schools in different ways.

From the start of next term we have a vacancy for a Co-opted Governor and would welcome applications for this role. As a governor, the main commitment is to reading and asking questions about two reports from school leaders each term, attending a strategic or business meeting every half term and taking part in a learning walk at your link school twice a year. This averages out as about 4 hours per month over the course of a year.

We are particularly keen to hear from anyone who has an interest in, or experience of, personnel or premises/health and safety, but any areas of interest or a willingness to learn about these areas, would be most welcome.

Please do consider if this is a way that you could contribute to the continuing progress of the Exe Valley Federation and to help shape our further direction. If you would like more information about the role and what you might be getting yourself into, please do contact Heidi Last, Clerk to Governors on hlast@exevalleyfederation.org.uk

Newton St Cyres Parish Council Important Notice

Please do not dump garden waste in the Shutenbrook.

It's bad for water quality and may clog the watercourse if we get a storm later in the year.

The irresponsible actions of a few has the potential to impact the parish, so please take notice of this request

Anybody finding a bee swarm and would like it collecting by a bee keeper

Please contact 07971704793 or 01392851998

Chris the bee Man
Orchard View
West Town Road
Newton St Cyres

Thoughts for September from Peter Cordingley

As I write, I have been in hospital for more than six weeks for treatment for a couple of heart attacks. During this period I have come up against the NHS at its wonderful best and its worrying worst.

At the beginning of all this, I spent more than four weeks in the RD&E, and was then transferred to Derriford in Plymouth, where I am now. In this time, I had an angiogram, a CT scan, an echogram, and an endoscopy, and I've had so many blood tests that I suspect somebody is selling my blood down the market. Doctors presumably got to know everything there is to know about my heart, seen from above, from inside my body and through my arteries.

And yet for the longest time I was left with no news - no date for treatment, nor, indeed any indication of which of two or three possible treatments I would receive. Part of the problem, it seemed to me, is that the NHS is suffering from chronic communication problems. Kindly nurses told me what they saw in the ward computer, but what was happening at levels above them or below them, they didn't know.

I was told that the delay was partly caused by the fact that, according to Derriford, the RD&E failed to forward vital analysis about my condition when I was transferred. Maybe that's true. I don't know. Anyhow, it was never mentioned again.

Sorry that this is all about me. That wasn't my intention. After all, I have lots to be grateful for, especially as there's now apparently more than 6 million people out there waiting for hospital treatment. I am one of the very lucky ones. I know that.

But there are questions for the government. Why, for a start, has the waiting list been allowed to grow so long that many people accept they will die before they ever get into hospital? Or why, in this computer age, is the NHS not properly “joined up”, so that the RD&E computers can talk seamlessly to the Derriford ones when patients are being swapped? Why are exhausted nurses doing extra shifts? Why do the sheets on my bed have holes? Why, in a ward that’s home to very elderly and frail people, are the bathroom floors not slip proof? There’s lots more, but you probably get the point.

I know all this doesn’t appear to have much to do with Newton St Cyres. But, trust me, it does. It concerns us all. Come the winter and the flu season, the RD&E and hospitals across the country may well buckle, maybe even fail. I sat on a hospital bed, observing what years of chronic government neglect of the nation’s health system had done, reducing the NHS to a shadow of what it was designed to be.

For Conservative Party members out there, go ahead and choose between Liz Truss and Rishi Sunak. And then, please, help convince the winner to save the NHS before it’s too late for all of us.

Happy footnote: Almost out of the blue, I was told that after discussions with experts in Switzerland and elsewhere in Europe, the Derriford cardio team had come up with a solution to my problem. Brilliantly, the team had found a way to place a new valve inside an old artificial one that was misbehaving. And it worked! After seven weeks in hospital, I was home within days. So that’s the NHS all over, isn’t it - the pride of Britain, staffed by some of the best people in the land but oh so badly in need of major surgery.

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

Our Club Finals Day is due to be held on Sunday 11th September, with Ladies' and Men's Singles, Ladies' and Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles all taking place. These matches usually offer an excellent standard of play and are very exciting to watch. With a barbecue and refreshments being served, it should be an entertaining day.



In our East Devon League matches, the David Lloyd Mixed A team have topped Division 1 with a convincing lead, leaving us in 6th place. In the Division 5 Mixed B we are currently in second place, and in the Division 6 our Mixed C team is also in second place behind Exwick by one point. In the Exeter and District Men's league our team has finished third in Division 6. Well done to all our teams.

Junior coaching will be starting again on Wednesday evenings in September for children from age 6 to 17 with our coach Jon Wills. Please contact Viv Baber on 07758 747193 if you are interested in finding out more or enrolling your child, or look at our website www.newtonstcyrestennisclub for all other information

Sally Baldwin

Community volunteers needed for the newly launched Road Warden Scheme

If you could spare a few hours to help, we would really appreciate any time you could offer. The Scheme is set up for local people to look after where we live.

We will be:

- ⇒ **Filling small potholes to smooth out the roads for safe use**
- ⇒ **Clearing vegetation to make it safe for footpath and road users**
- ⇒ **Clearing around drains, gulleys and ditches to prevent flooding**
- ⇒ **Directional post repairs and cleaning**

We have 3 fully trained co ordintators that will organise volunteer's time so we can match skills and ability to the jobs list. No previous experience needed as full training will be given and tools provided.

Please contact the **Parish Clerk** to register your interest

parishclerk@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk

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RECREATION GROUND CLUB

The end of August sees the four regular cricket teams disappear until next spring, making it really feel like the year is flashing by.

The Archery Group move indoors after their practice on 6th September, and the various football leagues have started to release some dates, so we have definite first matches for the four senior sides. We're still waiting for confirmation regarding the three youth sides.

The 'Yer TIS' motor bike programme returns to the Rec in September. If the bikes make a bit of noise, it's only for a couple of days and then they will be gone. The event will herald the end of the summer for us and will mean we really are into autumn schedules.

We now have all the dates for the ladies' darts fixtures. There will be only one team at the Rec this year, but we are the venue for two cup games and the Finals night. No details yet for the men's darts league or the skittles, but I'm sure I'll have them for next month.

A quick reminder that our next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Sunday 4th September.

Wendy Lewis

NEWTON RAMBLERS

Sunday 18th September

This month's walk will centre around Sandford. We will go north of the village and then cut across towards East Village returning via Upton Hellions church. The walk is around four and a half miles long with some walking up hill.

We will meet at Newton St Cyres parish hall car park at 9.30 a.m. to share cars if possible but you could also meet us for 10 a.m. at Sandford village hall car park.

All are welcome. For more information, or if you need a lift from the village, please ring Rosemary or Nigel Chambers on 01392 851400

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



Do You Remember... September?

September 1972

Newton Wonder

The new cover of the Newton Wonder has been designed by **Miss Sandy Ford**.

With the new A4 layout the cost for adverts in the NW would be 16p per inch.

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival was booked for 24th September and the Harvest Supper for 29th September at a cost of 25p for adults and 15p for children.

Women's Institute (WI)

The WI were planning to start Whist Drives.

Dancing

Old Time Dancing had started on Monday evenings.

It's A Knockout

The 'It's A Knockout' event at the Recreation Ground raised £140 and included a display of Country Dancing by the School children.

Coffee Club

At the Coffee Club, **Mr Eric Delderfield** talked about West Country Historic Houses and their Families.

"Old Newton St Cyres"

Mr Alfred Abraham of Tiverton is well known to many people in Newton. He has now given us what perhaps nobody else could give - his account of long ago NSC in print for any of us to read. "Old Newton St Cyres" published by Arthur H. Stockwell, is a very readable little book, full of all kind of fascinating bits and pieces of information. The price is 50p and is very good value.

Weddings

Two recent weddings. On 5th August **Joyce Chapple** of Half Moon Village was married to **Paul Vincent**. They are to live in Exmouth. On 11th August **Monica Arscott** of Langford married **Paul Hetherington** from London.

September 1982

The Parish Council

Footpath Number Four from Marsh Bridge to Langford is to be diverted to follow the track to the railway crossing instead of going across a meadow. An official from M.D.D.C., we heard, had walked the path and approved the change: the Parish Council hoped he didn't get too wet; the footbridge over the stream has been missing for years.

Vicarage

The new vicarage was in use.

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival date is a little earlier on 19th September followed by the Harvest Supper on 25th September.

Parish Council

At the Parish Council it was reported that there were no plans for improvements to the road at

Castlands and there could be improvements at Half Moon in 1983.

Village Contacts

The Village Contacts now have updated timetables for bus, rail and coach services.

Women's Institute (WI)

At the WI meeting **Mr Rich** from Exeter Eye Infirmary and **Sister Boxall** from the Baby Unit were

presented with cheques amounting to £77 each.

Twinning

Letters were exchanged with Rots over possible Twinning arrangements.

NSC Brownies and Guides

NSC Brownies and Guides were advertising their barbecue at threRecreation Ground.

September 1992

Gardening

Liz Mitchell continued to write her interesting articles on Gardening.

Afternoon Club

The Afternoon Club's outings this month were to Brixham and Weston-Super-Mare.

Parish Council

The Parish Council reported that Devon County Council were erecting posts on the footpath from Shuttern Bridge to Coburg.

Responsibilities clarified

Devon County Council informed the Parish Council that the road from the Beer Engine to Creedy View and New Estate was the responsibility of Mid Devon District Council.

NSC Playgroup

Lesley Cann was elected Chairperson of the Playgroup and **Karen Hammett** was secretary.

NSC Conservative Association

NSC Conservative Association held a supper party at Shobrooke House.

September 2002

Improved NSC Train Service

As reported previously, we have a slightly improved rail service now. . "Now we must use it or lose it" said John Durrant.

Best Kept Village Award

Newton St Cyres received 90 marks out of 100 and I must just quote some of the remarks that were made in the report about our village: "Despite the Crediton-Exeter road passing through the village it presents an excellent example of good maintenance and careful husbandry. No garden or property brought any discredit.

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The playing fields were immaculate as were the pavilions, tennis courts and children's playground."

Everywhere the judges went they praised the tidiness and cleanliness of the Village. Well done NSC.

Perhaps we may come near the top for a prize!

NSC Art Group

Newton St Cyres Art Group held their annual exhibition at Bernaville Nurseries.

Computer Courses

Computer courses continued to be held in the Parish Hall. **Tim Pearkes** is to be the course tutor again.

September 2012

Peter Hawksley is to take over as Editor of the Newton Wonder with effect from next month. The outgoing Editor, **Jim Enright**, said "I have enjoyed my time as Editor and look forward to remaining a regular reader and Village activist". At an exceptional meeting in August the Parish Council had no objections to the new premises licence for Quickes Farm Shop or to the felling of the two fir trees and lopping of a willow tree just off the Village green. However, the Council did make a strong objection to the proposed planning application for the two new houses in the garden of 2, New Estate.

One or two of the Highways issues were still outstanding so **Cllr Southcott** agreed to follow these up with Devon County Council.

Return of Curry Lunch

All proceeds from the Curry lunches will go towards the Parish Hall maintenance. After a gap in 2011,

we are pleased to announce that the Curry Lunch will be held on Sunday 21st October at 12.30. The Master Chef will again be **Clive Rendle** and he will prepare a range of curries. The lunch will be followed by a fun quiz with each table equipped electronically to give answers.

Bass Player Wanted

Richard Tillett was seeking someone who can play (or would like to play) a brass instrument at occasional Village events.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

From Wednesday 24th October to anticipated finish date Friday 26th October there will be a temporary prohibition of through traffic. The road affected will be Station Road, Newton St Cyres. Plot at Magnolia Cross to Morton's Cross. Restriction considered necessary to provide new water service.

Nick and Viv Henderson

FOOD LARDER

The Newton Environmental Wellbeing Group are giving away surplus produce at the Coffee Mornings in the Parish Hall. Come along on the second Saturday of the month 10.30 a.m to 12 noon.

The next event is on Saturday 10th September.

Donations of home grown fruit and vegetables are welcome on the day.

Helen on behalf of NEW group.

The village green



So, after almost five months, the annuals sown on the village green have finished flowering and seed heads have formed. When cutting a wildflower meadow care needs to be taken to not overly fertilise the soil, as wildflowers prefer a soil that is not too fertile. Therefore, they have been cut, manually using an assortment of hand tools including some sickles, and the residue left on the green for a couple of days to dry and help seeds sow themselves. After this the cuttings were removed and have gone to the community

allotment to turn into compost, a medium to grow food for our community. A classic example of the circular economy that our ancestors have participated in for last 10,000 years.

The seed mix sown was an 80:20 mix, grasses and perennials to flowers and we should all expect to see more changes next year and for several years afterwards as plants well suited to those conditions flourish, whilst others do not.

I hope like me you have enjoyed the floral display, awash with bees enjoying the nectar, pollinating these and other plants and providing a heartening sight and sound for us all.

Bert Jewell writes Rhymes and Ways about Gardens and Gardening

September

I'm writing this poem as the sun beats down,
The landscape now thirsty, tired and brown,
With the water butts empty, there's no rain in sight,
The temperature high, by both day and by night.

With crops in the field hardly growing at all
My harvest of potatoes disappointingly small,
There's flowers in the borders now struggling to last,
What can I do, I wonder, as I slowly walk past.

But there's fruit in abundance with currants and plums,
I don't know how many, I'm not good with sums
and blackberries in the hedgerow, succulent and sweet,
Enjoy them on your walk as nature's little treat.

Now back to the garden and the plants in distress,
The tomatoes in the greenhouse that are doing their
best
to swell and to ripen, be they yellow or red,
It's the cherries that are sweetest, or so it is said.

So is this year a one-off till the next 30 years,
Or a regular occurrence as everyone fears,
Something to get used to, preferably not,
I like it to be warm but not this darn hot.

Things to do in the September garden

So far, this has been the driest and hottest year on record, so please, when it does start to rain, don't complain, I would hate to hear someone say, Oh, not more rain. We need it, lots of it. Some deciduous trees are already losing their leaves, and some well established shrubs may not recover.

So what can we do? It's difficult to tell whether an evergreen shrub, or tree, come to that, will survive. But deciduous trees and shrubs are different. Wait until it rains.

If a plant does not respond, gently scrape away a little of the bark on a branch or twig at the top of the plant. It should be a pale green underneath. If it is brown, scrape away a little bark further down until you find the pale green colour. I would then prune the shrub down to this healthy position and wait to see if it recovers.

We have a birdbath on the patio where we often see birds drinking or bathing. This year I have been surprised at the number of wasps also drinking from the bath. Wasps make their nest from wood fibre from fences or other wooden structures. This, mixed with their saliva, is their building material, so putting out water in a shallow bowl or tray will help insects as well as birds.

Now to the garden. September is the best time to plant or move evergreens like conifers, but if your garden is like mine, I would hold off a while till it rains.

Plant spring cabbage plants to overwinter. You can also plant overwintering onion sets. Something you can plant without the need to water is spring flowering bulbs. It's important to plant them at the right depth. If the bulb is, say, 2" from top to bottom, plant it in a hole 6" deep, so three times its own depth. Shallow planted bulbs may not flower the second year. Best to leave tulip bulbs until October.

Plant of the month

Cyclamen Hederifolium

This autumn-flowering cyclamen flowers before the leaves appear and can make a show when massed together. When the leaves appear, they will have grey dots and splashes or heavy marbling and they could last all winter. They like well-drained soil in light shade.

Enjoy your gardening



NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP

History of a Hill - Views from Raddon Hill with Nick Lee and family.

About 25 lucky people were treated to an evening of historic fun and breathtaking views with Nick and Janie Lee from Uppincott Farm, while sitting on top of a Neolithic monument on Raddon Hill. Nick started by

thanking the members of his family who had made the evening possible, by cutting grass and preparing the site to accommodate a fleet of visitors' cars, and to his brother Chris for helping with research.



Nick and Janie

In the late 1980s, some aerial photos taken by Devon County Council's archaeologists revealed the outline of a massive oval, double-ditched enclosure around Beacon Down. When South West Water wanted to construct a reservoir with a metalled access track in the neighbour's field, they were required to carry out a full-scale archaeological dig. Nick was fascinated, and became a



Enjoying the history and the views

frequent visitor to the dig, curious about everything that was discovered. It turned out that the site was a rare causewayed Neolithic enclosure with a ditch and bank dating back to between 3000 and 2400BC.

The ditches were about 3m or 4m wide in places and 0.7m deep, and enclosed an area of 4.7 acres with an inner enclosure of 1.5 acres. It was used for a period of about 500 years. The function of the site isn't fully understood. it could have had a settlement, defensive, ceremonial or funerary purpose.

Little can be seen now of the ditch and bank structures, as thousands of years of cultivation have taken their toll, but parts were still visible in 1841, indicated by the hedge lines on the tithe map. All the artefacts found during the dig are in Exeter's RAM Museum. They include flint arrowheads, a scraper, hammerstones and pottery, as well as a spectacular axe head made of polished jadeite that was found at the bottom of the ditch and may have been carefully placed there as a talisman somehow to empower the structure.

The Neolithic ditch and bank structure is overlain by a later and smaller hillfort dating to the Bronze/early Iron Age (2000 to 500BC). The close association of the two types of enclosure, together with an ancient associated field system, holds information about prehistoric communities covering a period of at least 2,500 years. Flints that were found originated from Beer, and it is thought that there may have been a trading exchange of flint from the coast with deerskins from inland. A curious vertical shaft with a diameter of 5.9m was also partially excavated, which was probably the upper part of a well. This discovery held great importance in accurately dating the whole of the specified monument.

Nick has also studied in detail the 1841 tithe map of Shobrooke parish and associated tithe book (apportionments). In 1841 Uppincott Farm used to comprise four farms - Troses Uppincott, Turners Uppincott, Townsend Uppincott, Oak Farm and an area then known as Lees. Each farm was approx. 65 acres and each included some hill land, some watered meadows and some arable land. There were connecting tracks, used by each farmer to access their land, which often crossed their neighbour's land. Good relations between neighbours were crucial, but issues may well have arisen. In the parish as a whole, farm sizes at that time ranged from 3 acres to 300 acres.

Some of the field names shown on the tithe map are quite quirky - Will Pay and Maggoty Orchard, and one of the most easterly fields in the parish was called Great London! Others include Chain Stitch Orchard, Higher and Lower Wet Pigeon, and the rather ominous Knackers Hole. While Nick was speaking, a skylark sang enthusiastically above us, and Nick pointed out that several fields on the farm had the suffix Singit, with variants of Surget and Sennet. He wondered whether the name derived from the songbird. Another curiosity is a field called Coal Harbour. Why, when the sea is so far distant? Perhaps peat for

burning had been cut in this area, but David, in the audience, informed us that the name indicated a place used to hold animals before being taken to market.

In the next phase of his talk, Nick drew our attention to some of the places visible from the hilltop. Looking across to Raddon Top, he pointed out the single tree that is the last of a clump planted to commemorate the men of Thorverton who died in the Crimean War. The clump of trees nearby was planted in the mid 1990s as a replacement feature.

Raddon Top is actually the remains of an extinct volcano, dating back to the Permian age, some 285 million years ago. Devon at that time was closer to the equator and featured several volcanoes in the area that is now Exeter (Rougemont Castle in Exeter is built on a volcanic vent). There are several remnant volcanoes nearby, including Killerton (where lava flows in an old quarry have been turned into a rock garden and volcanic rock used to build the nearby chapel) and Posbury Clump. The rocks formed from the Raddon volcanic lava are softer, and full of air pockets. It is these that are used as a local building material. Thorverton stone has been quarried since the 12th century from Raddon Court, and is used in part of the barn wall at Uppincott, as well as Stoke Canon bridge and can be found in the Roman City Wall in Exeter. Killerton volcano was more active than Raddon and the lava has produced a paler and harder stone. It is present in Thirteen Acre Sennet field and can seriously damage farm machinery.

Nick told us fascinating tales of sites visible from Raddon, but I'll be selective because of space! So here's one about Waddles Down, the big telecoms mast visible on the hills behind Newton St Cyres. One fine day Mr and Mrs Dyer, the church organist in the 1960s and 70s, and their friends, Mr and Mrs Perriam, were on a picnic close to the tower. Suddenly the police appeared and told them they couldn't picnic there as it was a top-secret site. Why? A member of the audience mentioned it could have been because there was a nuclear bunker up there (now filled in) for use by people deemed particularly 'necessary'!

And do you know why Whitestone/Whitstone has its name? Nick tells us that it was named after an ancient route used to transport salt from the salt pans of the Teign Estuary to Crediton.

Finally, Yes Tor on Dartmoor can be seen clearly from Raddon. There are many fine gate posts of Dartmoor granite on the Lee's family farm and, apparently, their presence is thought to be down to Mr WC Cleave, who combined the four farms of Uppincott, bought other land near by and created a large estate in the parish. It is thought that it was he who probably had the gateposts brought back from Dartmoor.

There was a trade in cider produced around Crediton and Tedburn St Mary, particularly Grays Cider. This was taken to Dartmoor, unloaded and sold or

exchanged. The wagons making the return trip from Dartmoor were loaded with granite gateposts - the French prisoners of war who built Dartmoor Prison at Princetown are believed to have benefited from the trade!

Thank you, Nick and Janie, for a memorable evening.

Midge Kelly

NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP

We now have our meetings for the autumn booked. They are as follows:

Wednesday 12th October 'How Significance and Impact Assessment are used in the Planning System for Historic Buildings with some local examples' - Nils White

These assessments enable the owners of historic buildings to better understand how to appreciate their heritage significance and to manage change.

Wednesday 9th November 'How We Took to Cider' - Michael Gee

Wednesday 7th December 'Christmas Traditions and Folklore in Devon' - Mark Norman

All meetings are in Newton St Cyres Village Hall beginning at 7.30pm. There is no special membership and everyone is welcome. £2 with tea and biscuits.

How well do you know your village?

Can you answer the following questions:-

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

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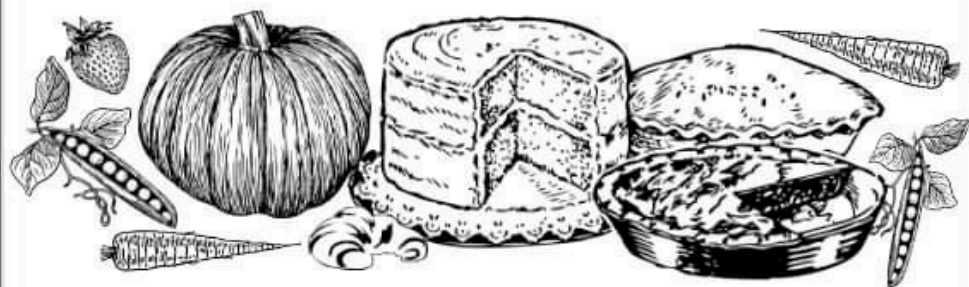
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On the Home Page you will find this picture and a link to all the quiz photos so far and an easy form to submit your answers.

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Ploughing Match & Produce Show



Sunday 18th of September

**Ratcliffe Farm, Thorverton,
EX5 5PN**

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Our village faces a flood risk

There is growing concern about flooding in the village following the recent prolonged dry conditions – and it may put those living in flood-prone areas at risk during heavy downpours.

This summer's dry conditions have also led to concerns about potential fire hazards from activities such as fireworks, BBQs and carelessness. The recent fire to almost 20 acres of local farmer Richard Brown's wheat fields where the cause is still unknown, has shown how vulnerable the countryside is to potential risks. With the recent rains providing some relief from the summer drought, residents living along Shuttern Brook and Small Brook are especially vulnerable to their properties flooding should water levels rise dangerously following heavy rainfall.

"Shuttern Brook is the chief flood risk in the parish," warns Graeme Barnell, chair of the parish Flood Response Network, which monitors rain conditions and provides emergency action to mitigate flooding. "There are others but most of the flood risk in the parish comes from small brooks like Shuttern Brook, which is the biggest of them."

Flooding occurs when persistent rain raises the water table and farmland and woodland can no longer act as a sponge, causing the water to run off. "But it could also happen if there are very dry conditions and the water runs off very rapidly," Graeme explains.

Hugh Manson, a resident who lives by Shuttern Brook, is acutely aware of the risks of flooding. "If brooks, ditches and so on aren't kept clear because the ground has been so hard recently, the water will not penetrate the ground, and will simply run off the top into whatever the lowest point is below the water. That is usually a brook, gully, or stream. So, I would suggest that people are diligent about even clearing the drains outside their house," he says. "I make a point of clearing any debris in the brook in order for it not to get wedged under the bridge just down from me," he says.

Not all residents are as vigilant. "Obviously, if you walk around the area, you notice that further upstream nobody does anything at all, and the brook is full of logs, trees and all sorts of things," Hugh says.



During one recent walk along the Shuttern Brook, Sue Rowell was concerned to find to find quantities of garden waste dumped into the brook at several points along West Town Road. With water levels running at record lows, she is concerned about the impact on water quality and the brook's inhabitants. "This is bad

Garden rubbish in the Shuttern Brook

for water quality and fauna as it takes oxygen and adds nutrients," she says.



The Shuttern Brook at West Town

So whose responsibility is it to keep local water courses clear? If you assume it is the Parish Council, you would be wrong, and this is a common misunderstanding that Graeme Barnell wants to correct. "The Parish Council is not responsible for clearing rubbish in the brook. It's the riparian owners," says Graeme. "The responsibility for clearing all water courses of obstructions is first and foremost that of the riparian owners, meaning the owner of the land that borders the brook or stream," he says. "So, every owner on Woodlands



Graeme beside the brook at Belluno

has a responsibility to make sure their bit of stream is clear of obstacles.”

If it is a big river like the Creedy, then the Environmental Agency has the responsibility to make sure that the riparian owner keeps it clear. But if they don't, then the EA will step in, says Graeme.

Responsibility for keeping Shuttern Brook clear of debris is complicated, Graeme says, because it runs through woodland and farmland as well as the village, and has a mixture of owner occupiers, renters, some 50-50, and some of the road is the responsibility of the Highways Department. The largest riparian owner is the Quicke estate, which borders most of the brook and which Graeme credits for taking seriously their responsibility of shifting major obstacles. However, along some of its length, as the brook enters the village, Graeme says it is the owner occupiers who are responsible. “They have to make sure they don't dump stuff in the stream and that they clear obstructions,” he says.

“It's very important to keep reinforcing this message because somehow people think it's someone else's responsibility, and it's not. We have to say 'No, no, happy to work with you to clear it, but it's your responsibility to sort it,’” he says.

The local flood network, which was formed just before the big floods of 2014, saw considerable flooding as brooks became swollen and burst their banks. At one stage the A377 flooded, and the village was cut off for days.

Chaired by Graeme, the flood network is a group of volunteers who can be called out during an emergency to mitigate flooding and help householders protect their houses and clear flooded areas. With funding provided by the County and Parish Councils, they have the sheds and equipment to tackle emergencies. Three resilience sheds are in strategic locations around the village – behind the Parish Hall, the Recreation Club and in Smallbrook. The sheds are owned by the Parish Council and are stocked with a range of equipment such as aqua sacks, shovels, lanterns and road signs.

A rain gauge located in a field in West Town acts as a warning system that sends messages to the group once a certain level of rainfall is reached. While the group has tested the equipment, they haven't had to use it in a real flooding situation yet. Critically, the group is waiting for training promised by the County Council. “We want to be very clear about our roles and the safety issues involved, so training is very important,” says Graeme. “We haven't had proper training for many years, so we are looking forward to it.” Importantly, the flood network forms part of the larger Community Resilience Plan that identifies potential hazards and how to respond to them.

Flooding is the most common and widespread natural hazard in the UK, according to the Environment Agency (EA). Following serious flash flooding in Boscastle, Cornwall, in 2003 which caused immense damage, the EA identified a number of communities with the same geographic characteristics as Boscastle that were vulnerable to flash flooding – steep valleys and a stream running through the middle of the community-wide catchment area. NSC has been identified as a rapid catchment area. “That means we have a particular designation, and have to be aware that in certain circumstances we could have very serious flooding. We’ve never seen that, but given climate change, if for example, we had one inch of rain followed a few hours later by three inches of rain, then bam!, we would have very serious problems,” says Graeme.

Earlier this year the Environment Agency identified 49 households in the village that are at risk of serious flooding. It sent letters urging occupants to take precautions to protect their properties. According to Graeme, there was little or no response.

“So my main message is for people who live near streams to take individual responsibility to keep them clear of debris. And to alert their neighbours to make sure they do too. It is the responsibility of the riparian owner to clear the stream. Don’t dump rubbish into the stream, and if you need help, contact us at the flood network.”

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Having experienced such a hot, dry July and August, it is good to look at which plants still retained their beauty. Of these, the grasses are some of my favourites for continuing to provide autumn and winter interest. **Ornamental Grasses** seem to be rather 'Marmite-like' in that people either love them or hate them. However with such a variety of colours, heights and seed heads, there has to be a place in your garden where their graceful movements can add to your overall planting scheme! Ornamental grasses can be divided into two climate groups:-

- **Warm**, which includes *Miscanthus*, *Panicum* and *Pennisetum*. These grow quickly in warm temperatures and are often drought tolerant. When temperatures are below their preferred range, they will become dormant.
- **Cool**, which includes *Festuca*, *Melica*, *Carex*, *Calamagrostis*, and *Stipa*. These grow well in lower temperatures and can become dormant in the summer heat and drought.



Grasses at Rosemoor

RHS Rosemoor has a good selection of ornamental grasses that are planted to create a stunning display of their own. Fescues (*Festuca*) come in a variety of colours - grey, green, blue and turquoise - and grow to heights of 6ins-24ins. Feather



*Miscanthus
sinensis*



Stipa gigantea

grasses (*Stipa*) are so named as they have a very fine 'texture' and grow up to 2ft. I have one planted in an old sink and it has readily self-seeded in nearby areas and paving around the sink. Purple moor grass (*Molinia caerulea*) gives excellent autumn colour and grows to 2ft-6ft, with the subspecies *arundinacea* growing to 8ft. Reed grasses (*Calamagrostis*) have tall stems with straw-coloured flowerheads and cope well in our winters.

Grasses should generally be left until the spring before cutting them back, as they continue to be attractive through the winter, and the existing growth will provide both natural protection for the plant and a hiding place for a variety of insects. Some varieties of *Miscanthus* are extremely strong and can tolerate the weight of snow without losing their shape. When you do cut back, many varieties can have extremely sharp leaves, so take care not to cut into any new growth. The cuttings can be left in a convenient area ready for use by nesting birds and other wildlife.

Ornamental grasses need very little ongoing care and new plants can be established by division or by seed sowing. The RHS provide the following advice on the time of year for the division of established grasses: "Late winter or early spring for Cool varieties and late spring for the Warm varieties."

If you wish to grow new grasses from seed, their advice is "Cut well-developed flowerheads just before the seeds are fully ripe. Put the whole seedhead in a large paper bag, bring indoors and allow the seeds to ripen naturally. Sow the seeds in autumn at a temperature of 10°C (50°F), or store them cool and dry over winter and sow in spring".

Jobs for September include:-

- Hanging baskets. Continue to deadhead, water & feed to keep them looking good and continue flowering.
- Finish feeding shrubs in containers as any late new growth will be susceptible to frost
- Leave the heads on mophead and lacecap hydrangeas, as the old flowers will give protection from winter frosts.
- Continue harvesting autumn raspberries
- Tip-prune shoots on gooseberry bushes

continued

What's On in September?

- **10th September 10am-3pm - RHS Rosemoor Plant Heritage Autumn Plant Fair.**
Explore a wide variety of rare and unusual trees, shrubs and perennials from local nurseries, many of which are not generally open to the public. All for sale under the Plant Heritage banner. Nurseries exhibitors at the plant fair: Millwood Plants, Triffids Nursery, Japonica Plants, Marwood Hill Gardens, Tor Gardens, Taw Valley Organics, Strete Gate Camellias, Dolton Designs and Nick Lock Plants. **Also on 10th September** at 11am & 2.30pm there will be a talk outside the Rosemoor garden centre, about Spring Bulbs
- **23rd-25th September 9am-6pm - RHS Malvern Autumn Show**
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- **NGS Open Gardens** - full details of these, and other gardens, can be found at <https://ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/>
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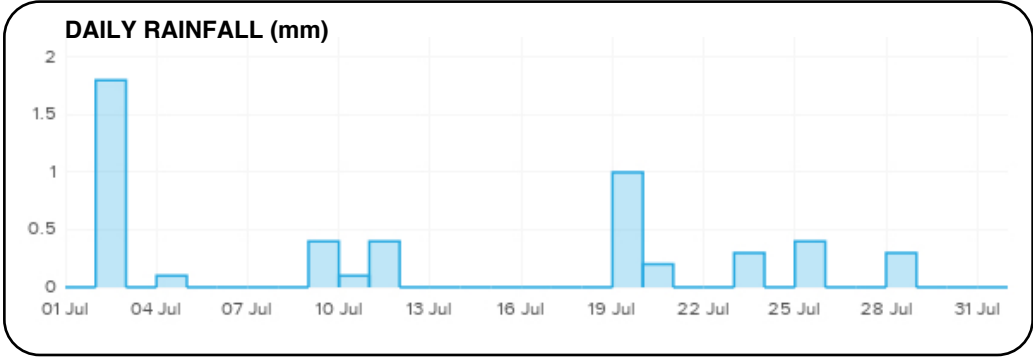
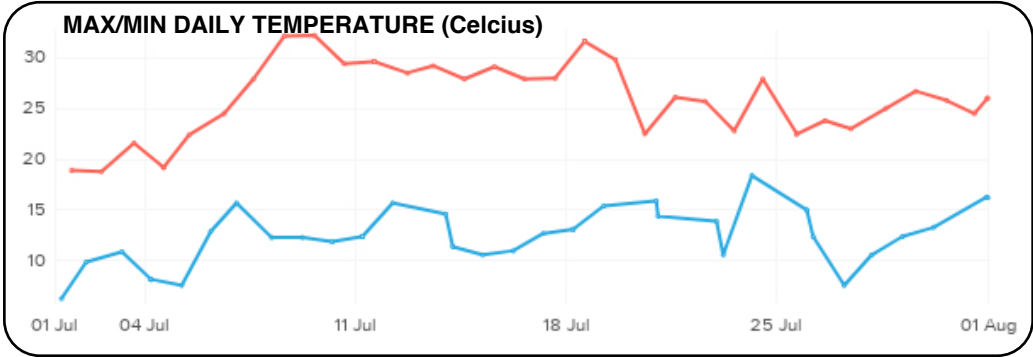
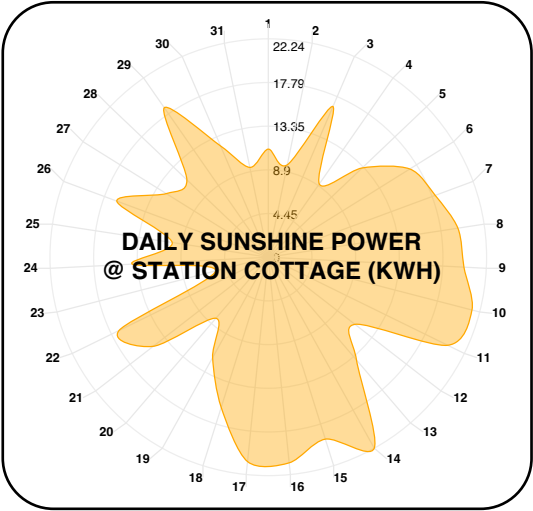
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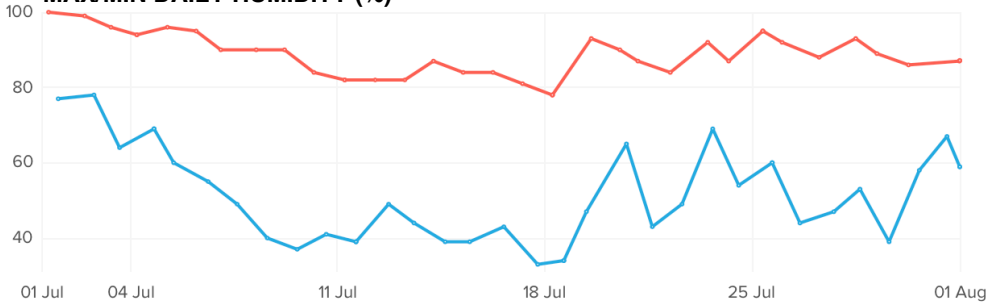
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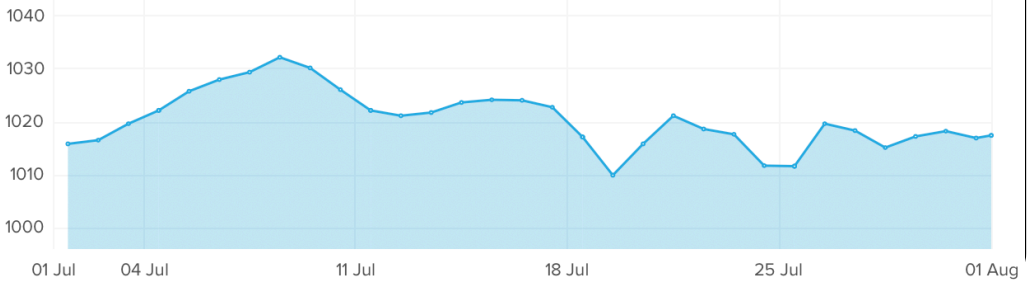
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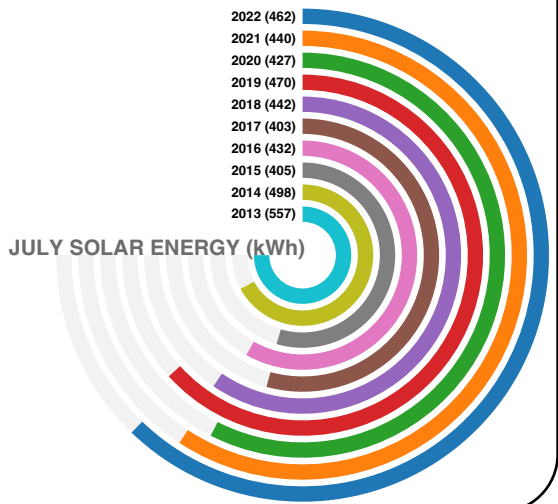
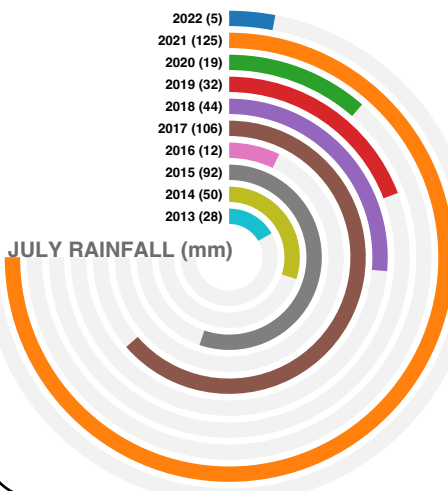
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September on the Farm

NATURE

I write this before rain has had a chance to slake the thirst of the soil. The drier land pastures are completely ochre in colour, the river meadows a little more green, the elms already deciding it's autumn, hedgerows dry almost to a crisp. Birds gather round the water troughs, and the river is low. There is more rain in the forecast for this month, but it won't bring back the growth that's lost.



August on the farm

Hotter drier summers are a prediction of climate change that seems already upon us. The other prediction is warmer, wetter winters. Individual seasons won't follow the pattern, and it feels like the weather is changing faster than we expected and already is coming in lumps rather than our maritime pattern of alternating weather.

The land is still dry. It was terrifying to see the fire in our neighbour, the Browne's, field. That could so easily have been us. We are still scared of fire. We are particularly worried about sky lanterns – pretty in the sky, but terrifying when they hit the ground. We're also worried about campfires and barbecues, particularly in the woods, with the ground tinder dry and where fire can hide for weeks before it breaks out.

ARABLE

The crops in the barn showed the drought with slightly less plump grains than we had hoped, but the yields were OK. The crops had been looking very even all the way through the growing season, each plant and ear in place; enough grain was in the ear before the dry weather hit. We will put some of the arable land into fast-growing grass for early spring, to replace the winter fodder that we are feeding the cows now. The maize is looking happier after the hot summer, its preferred weather. We'd hoped to do without it, but that looks too risky. We want to keep our resilience to dry weather. We will look after the soil it grows on by using animal manure and getting a crop of wheat growing after we harvest this month to avoid bare soil over winter.

COWS

We're topping up the young heifers with hay while we wait for the grass to grow. The old farmers say cattle do well in a dry summer, and we hope that's so. We have a little more leeway now; our future milk cows will mostly come from the spring herd. The spring-grown heifers grow better than the autumn-born animals. They enjoy two summers of grazing before they get in calf. That gives the less well-grown ones the chance to catch up with those few extra months to get to the right size to calve comfortably into the autumn herd.

Cows are enjoying the cooler weather and hoping for the grass to freshen up. The river meadows never completely gave up growing and are coming back faster for the freshly calved autumn cows. The spring cows have been on brown pasture, and are keen on going into fields just for a change of scenery. We hope to see some grass growing back this month. We even fed the cows some potatoes to keep them going when the grass disappeared. It will be interesting to see the impact on the cheese. There is no effect on the curd in the vat.

DAIRY

The milk is a little lower from the hot summer. We'll see how the autumn cows' milk is this month. It's lovely to be in the refreshed dairy after its annual deep clean and maintenance. The cooler weather is easier, too for the heavy work of making cheese.

GREAT TASTE AWARDS

We are really proud of our Great Taste Awards results this year. We won two stars for Mature Cheddar, Vintage Cheddar, and Lady Prue Butter, and one star for our Hard Goats' Cheese. I have judged at these awards (not our cheese!) and I know the care they are judged with and excellent feedback we as producers receive. Stars really mean something about the quality of the product.

CHEESE SHOP

The Cheese Shop has been really busy sending off Celebration Cakes – a cheese tower with ours and others' cheeses, great for all the parties people are catching up with. At the other end of the scale, we are also busy with our letterbox cheese: smaller pieces, perfect for gifts or smaller households that will go through a letterbox. We've added a new letterbox cheese hamper to the range – our Vegetarian Taster Letterbox, containing our five vegetarian cheeses: Goat, Oak Smoked Goats, Elderflower, Devonshire Red and Double Devon. They are available in our shop and online at www.quickes.co.uk

We've also got our AlpenCheddar back in the counter in the Cheese Shop: it's a funky aroma, great for melting on potatoes.

RECIPE

These Elderflower cheese potato croquettes are the perfect dish to serve as part of a summer tapas or as a side to a summer BBQ. They're super crispy on the outside and soft, fluffy, cheesy, and with a hint of Elderflower. Start your summer off in style!

INGREDIENTS

3	large potato's peeled.
100g	Elderflower cheese finely grated
	Salt and pepper for seasoning

METHOD

1. Put the peeled potatoes in a saucepan and boil for 6 mins. You need them to still be uncooked in the middle.
2. Drain and leave to cool for 10 mins or until cold enough to handle
3. Coarse-grate the potato
4. In a bowl add half of the Quicke's Elderflower cheese to the grated potato and season with Cornish salt and pepper.
5. Mix until the grated Elderflower cheese is evenly spread.
6. Shape the mixture into a small cylinder. Put on a lined baking tray.
7. Repeat until all the mixture is made into little cylinders.
8. Lightly spray and put in the oven for 20-25 mins until golden, turning once halfway or put in the air fryer and cook for 15 mins at 200 degrees.
9. Once golden brown, remove from the oven and place on a wooden board. Sprinkle the remaining Elderflower cheese and serve immediately.

Mary Quicke

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COUNTY EVENTS

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Tavistock Walk - Morning or Afternoon Wednesday 21 September 2022.
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NFWI

WI Day Baking Class with the Cake Lady of Oxford.

Sarah Jones will be running a WI Day themed baking class on Wednesday 14 September 2022 at 6pm on Zoom.

Our next meeting will be held in the village hall on **Wednesday 14th September** at 2.30 p.m. and the speaker will be **Norman Maudsley** on "Iceland". Please note that this talk will be held in the afternoon and not as originally planned for the evening.

Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. February, March, October, November and December meetings will be held in the afternoons in the Village Hall at 2.30 p.m. April to September meetings in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome for a nominal sum of £4.

Further information on our Institute can be obtained from Molly Luxton on 841270 or visit the DFWI website www.devon.thewi.org.uk



VILLAGE LUNCH

**Thursday 15th September,
12:30 for 12:45pm**

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MAIN COURSES:

Hunters Chicken , with bacon & cheese, chips & Salad	£7.50
4oz Gammon Steak , fried egg, peas, chips & ½ tomato	£7.50
Scampi, 6 Whitby whole tail , chips, peas & tartare sauce	£7.25
Hand-battered Atlantic Cod , chips, peas & tartare sauce	£8.75
Crispy Chicken BBQ Melt Baguette , bacon & cheese	£7.10
Vegetable & Lentil Chilli , pilau rice & nachos (VE)	£7.75

DESSERTS: (ALL £2)

Chocolate Fudge Cake with ice cream
Jam Sponge Pudding with custard
Ice Cream Sundae with raspberry sauce

To book, please ring **VIV or NICK HENDERSON** 851350
by Sunday 11th Sept. with Names & Menu Choices

From Citizen's Advice



There cannot be a single person who has not had a conversation about the cost of living crisis which seems to be escalating at an alarming rate and this month's question is typical of the thousands of requests we get each month asking for help and advice.

"The cost of energy and food is so high now. With the kids home from school for the summer, I'm having to pay more for lunches and snacks. I'm worried about how I'll put food on the table. I'm on a prepayment meter and I'm really scared we're going to be left without any gas or electric if I can't top up. What can I do?"

As a prepayment meter customer, your energy supplier will be able to give you temporary credit if you can't afford to top up your meter. They might add this to your meter automatically, but if they don't, you can call them and ask them to do this.

If you run out of temporary credit, speak to your supplier and explain your situation. They may give you extra temporary credit if you are struggling with living costs. If you're disabled, have a long term health condition or you have children under 5 you may also qualify to get extra credit. You'll have to pay back anything extra you get, but you can agree how to do this in a way you can afford.

CA TNMWD are working with Devon County Council to manage an Energy Relief Scheme and it could be that you qualify for fuel vouchers. We also have a specially trained Energy Advice Team who will provide free, confidential and informed advice. Either visit www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk click on 'Get Advice' then go to the Energy tab. Alternatively, ring our free, local AdviceLine on 0808 27 87 999. You may like to consider having a Smart Meter installed (at no cost to you) and this is something else our team can advise on.

There is more government support coming in October to help with energy bills including a £400 payment. With a prepayment meter you will be given vouchers in the first week of each month from October.

If you pay council tax and are in bands A-D you may have already received a payment of £150 which is being automatically

credited by local councils. If you haven't and you qualify, check out your council's website and see how you go about making a claim.

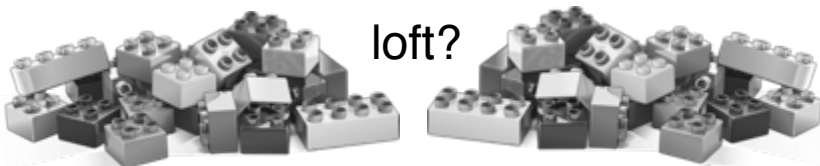
You may find it useful to check out www.citizensadvice.org.uk where we have benefits calculators you can use online to assess whether you are eligible to claim anything and there is also advice on how to reduce living costs and other ways to increase your income.

School holidays put additional pressures on everyone's budget. Contact your local council to see if there is extra support available to help you over the holiday period. At CA TNMWD we can also help you get a referral for a food bank voucher. You are by no means the only person in your situation so just reach out to us for help. www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk or 0808 27 87 999.

If you are reading this and thinking that you would like to be able to help people like this, email recruitment@ruraldevoncab.org.uk and find out about volunteering opportunities with us. We give ongoing training and support and you would be helping us to meet the ever increasing demands on our services!

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How to report a pothole and why

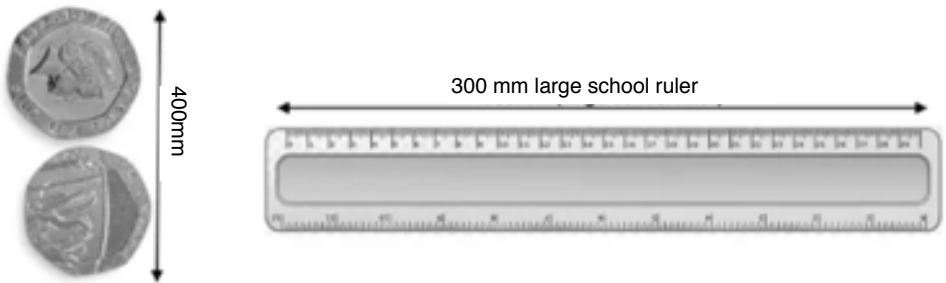
You may have read in the August edition that the Parish Council has now launched the Road Warden Scheme with some village volunteers. And I hope you have seen some progress where we have been trialling these repairs on the road alongside the golf course between Camps Bridge and Shute Cross.

This trial has been very successful and now we are confident that the repairs will hold effectively, we are ready to move to areas closer to the village centre. So this where we need your help in reporting issues you have seen on our roads.

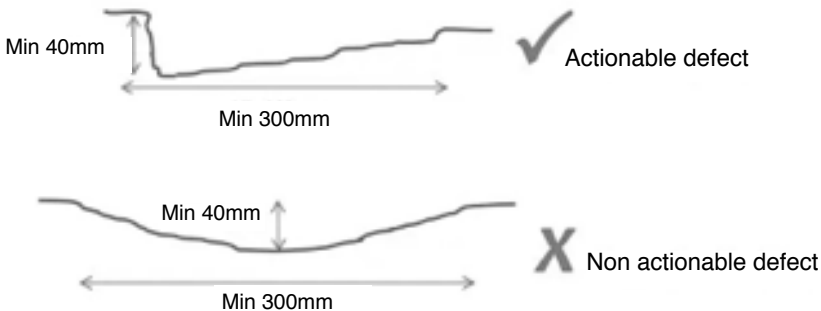
How the Devon County Highways system works

On its 'Report a Pothole' webpage the council says:

"Please take note of the following guidance before you report a pothole. We will not ignore any reports. However, we do have to prioritise our funding on safety and we cannot afford to fix all the problems that are reported to us. We will repair potholes that have a 40mm (4cm) vertical edge and are 300 mm (30cm) wide."



Please see the images below which illustrate a pothole with a vertical edge



So you can understand that Highways only carry out repairs that meet certain criteria that are deemed to be a hazard to road users. Whether we agree with these criteria or not, they are what they are, and we want to try and pick up any repairs that fall outside of this guidance. Our approach to potholes is more along

the lines of "if we can repair it when it is smaller, it may never grow to become a hazard"! So don't be shy on reporting anything you see that does not measure up to the Highways criteria. We will do our best to repair it.

We hope this explains things in a little more detail and you will feel able to help with either reporting an issue to us directly, or even volunteering a few hours a month to help our community to get things looking the way we want.

Please report systems using our online form at <https://bit.ly/3tb17CW> or use the QR code below. You can also find this form link on the Parish Council web page:- <https://www.middevonparish.co.uk/newtonstcyres>, the Newton Wonder web site:- <https://www.newtonwonder.net>, or, if you prefer to fill in a form, you can find some at the Post Office.



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This pudding has 3 layers; apple puree, crisp sugary breadcrumbs, and whipped cream.

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Breadcrumb layer: add 4oz (100g) wholemeal breadcrumbs to 1oz (25g) melted butter, and 2 oz (50g) caster sugar in a frying pan and fry lightly until golden brown.

When cool, place the puree in a serving bowl, cover with the cooled breadcrumbs and finish with a layer of whipped cream. Decorate with grated chocolate!

Paul Cleave

Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The draw for August took place at the Coffee Morning on the 13 August .
The winners were:

No. 150	P Coates	£50.00
No. 164	W Lewis	£10.00
No. 200	A Dowle	£10.00
No. 15	M Snow	£10.00
No. 143	R Chambers	£10.00

We have donated £1,250.23 towards the fabric of the Parish Church from last years 200 takings.

All numbers for this year have now been sold.

The Club is registered through the Mid Devon District Council Licensing Department as a Small Society Lottery under the Gambling Act 2005

Jane

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Warhorse 10

Sunday 18th September 2022 at 11am.

Stunning run with cracking views of Dartmoor.

Race starts and finishes in the beautiful village of Iddesleigh and will include some private land; 90% will be on the road.

Online entries via webscorer.

**For more info, please visit our Facebook page, Warhorse 10.
Supporting DEC Ukraine and MIND.**

**Huge thanks to all who supported this event last year. As a result,
we were able to donate £2,500 to the North Devon Hospice.**

Around the Parish



This young Green Woodpecker visited the editor's garden on 18th August



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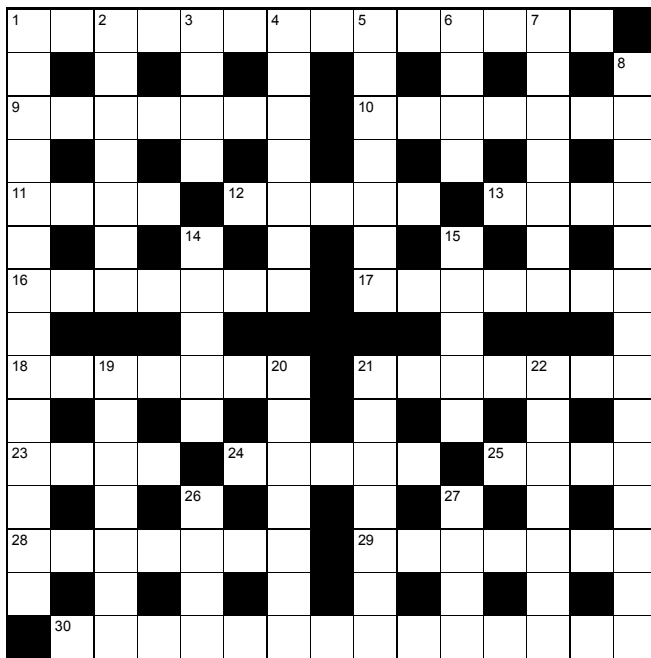
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Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Mostly training and skill show how easily something can be done (14)
- 9 Admires new weapon (7)
- 10 Company chief ordered to get a small house (7)
- 11 A fool rejected Turner perhaps (4)
- 12 Transaction includes black fur (5)
- 13 Endlessly show respect by going down on one? (4)
- 16 Cut head off...cut head off exotic flower first (7)
- 17 Get together for prayer (7)
- 18 A very short dance? (3-4)
- 21 The weather worried Tim and Alec (7)
- 23 Transport for vagrant mostly (4)
- 24 Embargo on nobleman (5)
- 25 God whose reflection is seen in canal (4)
- 28 Spoke but spoke indistinctly first off (7)
- 29 He worked with vicar to keep records (7)
- 30 Deborah started changing act (5,3,6)

Set by Alberich

DOWN

- 1 Launch sailing vessel and celebrate lavishly (4,3,4,3)
- 2 Composition by an Italian poet (7)
- 3 Melt some of the path away (4)
- 4 Announcer on the radio for match (7)
- 5 Rustic leaders of British union get tummy ache (7)
- 6 Permit takes time for Latvian (4)
- 7 Apprentice from Aintree messed up (7)
- 8 Again advanced smaller sum to head, showing persistence (14)
- 14 Damp has to destroy finally (5)
- 15 The King lives – that's crazy! (5)
- 19 One demands former thespian (7)
- 20 I put lad off with praise (7)
- 21 Piece of music for choir at end of performance (7)
- 22 Studio is refurbished late – that's right (7)
- 26 River associated with a waste product (4)
- 27 Copy Spain and Switzerland, love (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 the August 2022 Cryptic Crossword

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Newton St Cyres

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The churchyard's happy diners

The churchyard has now mainly been cut in order to avoid last year's problems, when dry weather was followed by a wet growing spell and a riot of undergrowth, creating a mower's nightmare. A few patches of wild flowers (primarily yarrow, knapweed and pignut) have been left for insects.

A couple of surveys show that butterflies lots of hedge browns, fritillary (pearl bordered?), holly blue, gatekeepers, whites and marbled whites - and honey bees, buff tailed and yellow bees and carder bees are all enjoying the dining opportunities. Thank you to Liz Mary, who left a note of what she had seen and posted photos on her Instagram. [lizmaryphotographydevon](https://www.instagram.com/lizmaryphotographydevon).

We will carry on trying to follow the diocese advice and guidelines on encouraging a wildlife haven in parts of the churchyard. They have put a short video on YouTube, which makes good watching.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9dCtKlyKz2w>

Friends of the Churchyard

The Parish Church of St Cyr and St Julitta



SERVICES & INFORMATION SEPTEMBER 2022

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

Sunday 4 September Trinity 14

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Thorverton	KR
10:00 am	Morning Worship	Stoke Canon	Lay Led
10:00 am	Coffee & Conversation	Brampford Speke	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	Cadbury	TC

Sunday 11 September Trinity 15

11:15 am	Holy Communion	Upton Pyne	TC
11:15 am	Café Church	Rewe	Lay Led

Sunday 18 September Trinity 16

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Brampford Speke	GC
11:15 am	Harvest Service	Cadbury	TC
03:00 pm	Harvest Service	Netherexe	TC
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	Stoke Canon	MSS

Sunday 25 September Trinity 17

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Newton St Cyres	TC
10:00 am	Messy Church	Stoke Canon	Lay Led
10:00 am	Harvest Service	Upton Pyne	Lay Led
11:15 am	Harvest Service & Lunch	Thorverton	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	Rewe	TC
03:00 pm	Baptism Service	Brampford Speke	TC

Tuesday 27 September

09:00 am	Chattertots	Thorverton	Lay Led
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Evening Prayer: Every Tuesday 6:00 pm in Rewe Church

This information will also be available via our website at www.netherexe.org see "Please Note" section of the homepage.

Who's Who? Abbreviations Key

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

Revd Tim Collins Rector Tel: 01392 860767 tim.collins@netherexe.org

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Mr Peter Shepherd [Administrator]
Monday & Wednesday [09:00 – 13:00]
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Sweet memories

A plethora of puddings! A smorgasbord of sweets! A delectation of desserts! And what they all added up to was one very sweetly successful afternoon in the Rectory Garden, at Thorverton, on 7th August.

The trees in the garden provided the perfect shade on a hot sunny day for the gathering of over 50 people to enjoy a culinary feast, a chance to sample an amazing variety of puddings. Whether a classic summer pudding or apple crumble, home-made ice-cream, sponges and black forest gâteau, choux pastry and cream - oh, so much wonderful cream: runny, clotted and whipped; and then there were the trifles and junket and lemon meringue pie; or whether it was a chance to savour something different - “Chariots of Fire”, an amazing blend of cherries, ginger, orange zest and brandy, or poached peaches, almond frangipane tart, lemon paradise, or any number of other delicious, calorific delights. There was definitely something on offer to tickle any tastebuds - well, the sweet tastebuds, anyway.

Seconds, thirds and fourths were very much the order of the day! All accompanied by refreshing, cold juices, or that summer staple of a tall glass of Pimm’s! The chattering with old friends and new continued all afternoon, and provided a great opportunity for Mary and I to get to know people from across the parishes a little better. A truly joy-filled occasion!

But none of this would have been possible without the support of the many people who helped with gazebos and parasols, chairs and crockery; and the end-of-day tasks of clearing up and tidying away.

So, a huge, great big thank-you to each and everyone who contributed to make it just such an enjoyable afternoon. And perhaps the first of many such occasions in the Rectory Garden.

All blessings

Tim

Revd Tim Collins
Priest-in-Charge
Netherexe Mission Community

Strange Times

September is traditionally a month of largesse, fecundity, harvest and the gathering of fruits in readiness for winter. It is a generous, abundant time when nature seems to enfold us in a loving embrace and assure us that all is well and there will be feasting ahead.

This year it feels more frugal. Many crops have already been harvested, but yields are down and although there is fruit to be picked, it is smaller, wizened and quickly over-ripe. Trees look relieved to have produced any fruits at all and are now dropping leaves, dry as crisps and giving up for the year. Flowers fade quickly and the grass is a brown crackling carpet.

Of course, there is an upside, especially if you love a Mediterranean climate, BBQs and have access to a pool, but our country is not really adapted to such temperatures and now we are officially in a drought with warnings of wild fires, the danger of reservoirs running dry and dire predictions of the likelihood that this will be a recurring situation due to climate change caused by mankind's industrial activities, pollution and our sheer numbers.

On a global scale, economies and world markets are struggling with various woes, not least the war in Ukraine, so that this winter could be truly terrifying for millions of people who will struggle to heat their homes, run their cars or simply feed their families. Frankly, watching the news these days requires at least a PG rating to avoid being traumatised as the doom-mongers relish informing us of any number of ghastly events over which we have no control and no ability to plan for.

We look expectantly at our government to solve all these problems, rather than ourselves, but they are similarly stymied by factors beyond their control.

How far we have come from the years of pandemic when we were tempted to eat out with reduced bills and petrol was cheaper than any of us had seen for a decade. Didn't we all learn vital lessons about priorities, helping our neighbours, making sacrifices? So why are we being punished further, and where is God in all this? Is he with us? Is he even listening?

A teenager asked me the other day: Do you think religion will still be around in another 50 years? Absolutely yes, I replied. But where does that answer come from? Is it faith or a refusal to face facts?

There are times in all our lives when we ask the question which even Jesus asked on the cross, in the extremity of his suffering - Father, why have you forsaken me?

Job, a character from the Old Testament, was a good man who loved God, but Satan argued with God that the only reason he was a believer was because his life was happy and going well. God allowed Job to be stripped of everything he loved in his life to test whether he would still be true to him. Well, Job was, despite the enormous sufferings he endured and despite getting quite angry with God for apparently deserting him until, finally, he was rewarded with seven times more reasons for happiness than he had lost. The story is an attempt to explore the fact of human suffering, particularly when it happens to apparently good and innocent people. It is a problem which Christians, indeed most people, find the hardest to reconcile with a loving God.

Times like these, when life throws any number of hardships at you, can seem like a cruel and undeserved reward for trying to do the right thing, but Job needed to learn that his Godliness was tinged with self-righteousness - an expectation of things going well for him. We are fortunate in so many respects for the comfortable lives we live and have come to expect. Perhaps these times will not turn out to be so bad, but if they do, we will rally and face the problems as people did before.

During the last war and the years of recovery afterwards, people report that some of the best of mankind came to the fore. During rationing, our nation's health regarding diet was the best it has ever been. Community spirit and kindness were uppermost in people's minds. People lived with far less and thus made the most of every resource. In times of plenty, we see greed, selfishness and flagrant waste. Ironically, if we are all desperate to save fuel this year, we will help reduce our impact on climate change.

Yes, we will complain and blame the Government, the climate, the war, outside influences and God. But we have to carry on, trust in our friends, offer others our support, hold on to our values and, if that includes faith in God, hold fast to that above all else and examine what further lessons we can learn about our relationship with him and where he wants to lead us. Above all, remember that we will emerge stronger, more resilient and that God is with us, believer or not, all the way.

Gail Whalley

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A WEEK IN THE PARISH HALL

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If you wish to book the Hall or learn more about the facilities, please contact our Bookings Secretary, Mary Long (marylong@btinternet.com ; 01392 851624).

Roger Wilkins, Chairman, Hall Management Committee

Monday (weekly)	Keep Fit "Stefacise"	9.30 - 10.30am	Stephanie Bending	07709 346428	bendinghall@gmail.com
Monday (weekly)	Gentle Keep Fit	10.45 - 11.30am	Stephanie Bending	07709 346428	bendinghall@gmail.com
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 (Twice per month)	Mah Jong	2.00 pm	Geoff Jackson	01392 851551	megalops@btinternet.com
Thursday (weekly, except 2 nd in month))	Ballroom dancing	Evening	Wendy Richards	07949 141800	wendy@dancetwexeter.co.uk
Thursday (2 nd in month)	Exe Valley Bird Club	7.00 pm	Kevin Smaldon	07710 427817	kevin.smaldon@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
Friday (weekly)	Table tennis	7.15 pm	Roger Wilkins	01392 851337	rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com
Saturday (second in month)	Coffee morning (for Church and other organisations)	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

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