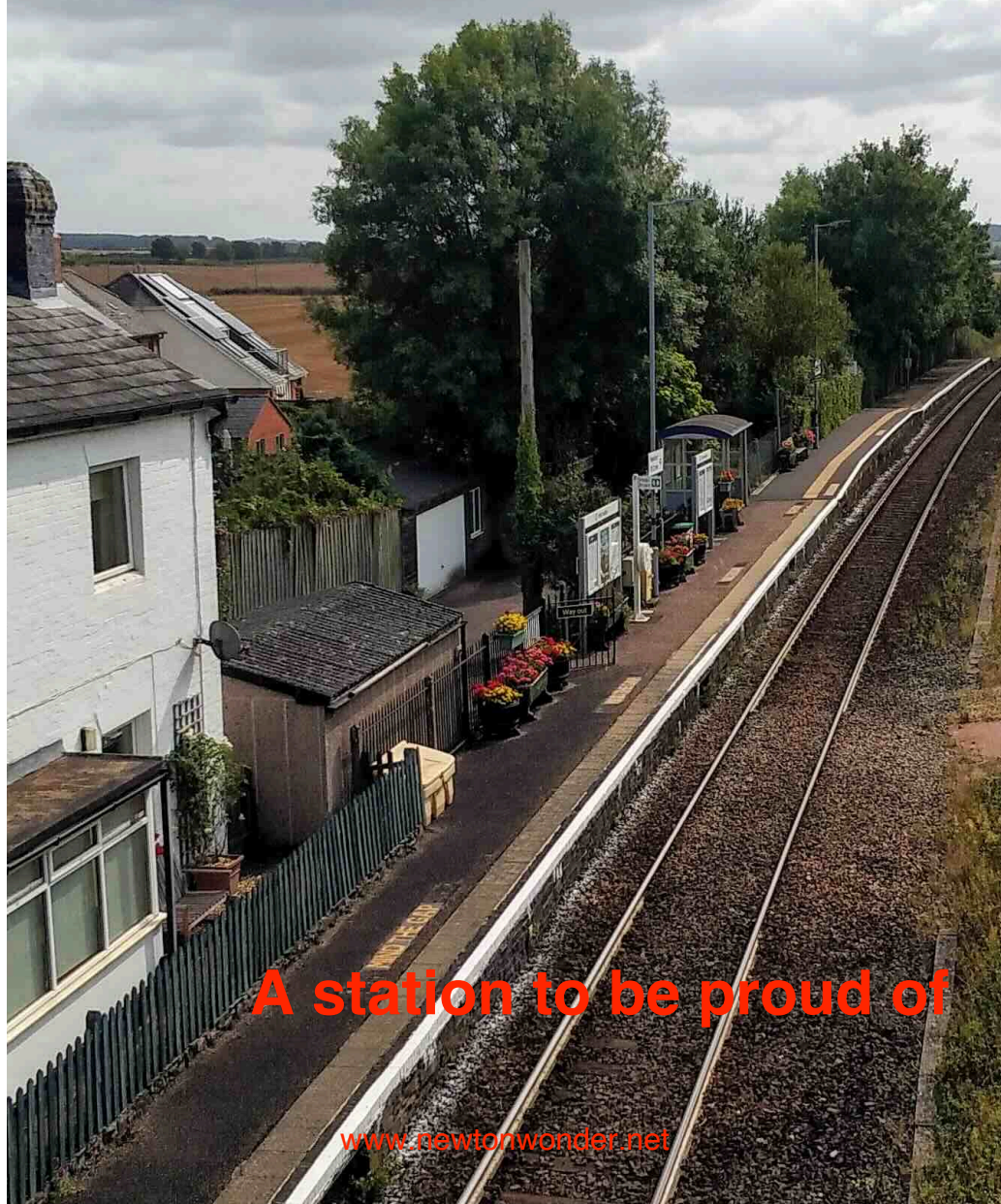


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The Station Garden

The cover picture this month shows the station garden in its summer glory. Chris Southcott, who co-ordinates the volunteers, took this picture after the garden was visited by representatives of GWR and the Tarka Rail Association. Since the covid-19 pandemic the competition for the best kept station on the Tarka line has not been held. However the sponsors came to visit during July and Chris says that the volunteers are to be congratulated on the very positive comments made by the visitors.

Walks Leaflets

The Newton Wonder has sponsored a reprint of the "Walks in Newton St Cyres" leaflet which is available in the village car park. The cost of these has risen over the years and we want to encourage people to access this information on their phones and other devices. A digital version of the walks described can be found on the Newton Wonder website www.newtonwonder.net and can be accessed via the QR code which is on the leaflet and printed alongside.



Table Tennis

will restart at

Newton St Cyres Parish Hall

on

THURSDAY 5 SEPT,

with sessions every Thursday from 7 to 9 pm.

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

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

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Do You Remember...September?

September 1974

The Church had a new red burse and veil made by Mrs Channon who lifted the very fine gold embroidery from the old material and applied it to the new. The Harvest Festival was arranged for the 29th September.

The W I Members night was an old Tyme Music Hall with Mrs Scott as M.C.

There was a new R D & E Hospital at Wonford and local residents there were getting on well. Peter Philpott and Martyn Philpott were both in the hospital following accidents which occurred on the St Cyres Players picnic.

The Skittles and Social Club held a Skittles Night in the Parish Hall.

September 1984

Stuart Martin had handed the editorship of the magazine to David Williams and a new cover for the magazine was designed by Marie Smith. The Village sign had been repainted and given a face lift.

The residents of Rots were visiting the village as part of the Twinning Exchange. NSC were hoping to regain the Royal Marines Trophy from Rots. A Car Boot Sale was organised in the Village car park in aid of Church funds.

September 1994

A letter appeared from District Councillor Jean Palk urging parishioners to return their forms with their views on the Local Government Review.

Liz Mitchell explained how to encourage garden birds in her article this month. The Parish Council had a new Clerk, Mrs Jean Goodchild. The village came second equal with Thorverton in the Best Kept Village competition.

Details appeared of Shows in Torquay and Paignton, with costs, and including coach travel to Jethro at Paignton, Pickwick – the Musical at Paignton, Cinderella on Ice at Paignton and Dick Whittington at Torquay.

The Recreation Ground advertised an event in the Clubhouse with Rosie, a Country and Western Singer. The Afternoon Club had a successful outing to Tavistock in spite of the rain and the Twinning Circle had a River Dart trip and a barbecue at Sherwood House.

September 2004

Sylvia West had retired after 10 years of running the 200 Club.

Jean Goodchild retired from her post as Parish Clerk.

The Young Farmers have been busy upgrading the Play Area at the Recreation Ground.

Heather Perry started her 8th year as Head of the Primary School.

Tim Pearkes started word processing Classes in the Parish Hall.

The Newton Ramblers continued with two walks in September, with a walk in Cadbury and another around the village.

September 2014

The Community Support Group had held its annual summer Garden Party .

Jacqui Ward and Simon Lovell showed off the new defibrillator which was to be installed outside the Crown and Sceptre. The Running Deer tent garnered a lot of attention where children, teenagers and adults all enjoyed taking part and asking questions on woodland based skills. There was also a miniature transport display by Geoff Jackson, as well as a steam train, which caught a great amount of attention and interest.

The Cheriton Fitzpaine Ploughing match and Produce Show which was held at Winscott Barton.

Newton St Cyres was runner up in the Best Kept village competition.

Although he had had his left leg amputated three years previous Steve Garnsworthy was looking cycle from London to Amsterdam(210 miles) and asked for sponsorship for Limb Power.

Andrew Daldorph held an organ recital in which he demonstrated the eclectic nature of his musical tastes.

Newton Ramblers

Heritage Open Day Saturday 14th September

Our walk this month takes a slightly different form as we are linking it with the Heritage Open Day events organised by the Parish Church.

The walk takes the form of a "pilgrimage" from the church in Newton St Cyres to that in Upton Pyne. The route follows a part of the St Boniface Way, which runs from Crediton to Exeter. The walk will take about an hour and a quarter with refreshments offered on arrival. Participants can then enjoy a guided tour around our neighbour's church before walking back (lifts back will be available for those who wish).

We shall leave from the church door at 1.15pm and you may like to join us for a picnic lunch in the Arboretum from 12.30 pm.

The walk is virtually flat going from the village to the river at Sweetham, along the river and up to Langford, then along Bidwell Lane and across to Upton Pyne. Suitable footwear – walking shoes/trainers – is recommended.

For more information contact Rosemary or Nigel Chambers on 01392 851400.

All are welcome.

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



Thoughts for September from Peter Cordingley

Does Newton St Cyres have room for any new homes? And if so, what kind of houses should they be, where should they go, and how many would be a reasonable number? These might seem like academic questions at the moment, but the new Labour government says it's intent on a nationwide house-building blitz – and the nimbyists had better get out of the way, because the old gently-gently approach is likely to be jettisoned.

Angela Rayner, deputy prime minister and housing minister, says the government is determined to build the 1.5m new homes over five years that it promised during the election campaign, compared with the chronic under-achievements by successive Tory governments in recent years (210,320 homes built in 2023). To do this, the minister has suggested that the government will over-rule blocking tactics such as local objections to planning proposals.

The government insists that the fact that more than 270,000 people are currently homeless in England alone shows the need for a determined response to a crisis that worsens by the year. Hard to believe, but some 126,000 children are estimated to be with no permanent home – a telling measure of how years of poor government have made life so much more difficult for so many people. Heaven only knows what the true national homeless figure is, because many people are staying temporarily with friends or family and don't show up in head counts.

We can glimpse a small window into the problem in the centre of Exeter, where rough sleepers gather near the cathedral and in other spots. Some are there by choice but many have simply fallen on hard times after unexpected life changes. These days, eviction from a privately rented home has become a top cause.

So, what does all this mean for our village? Are there any obvious spots around Newton that could take new houses without overloading the infrastructure or blighting the countryside? As far as I can make out, the government is not overly concerned about protecting the scenery and will probably push through projects when they are seen as vital to putting a roof over people's heads.

But concerns about infrastructure are likely to be taken more seriously. The first thing that springs to mind is the fact that the sole road link to Exeter, where most jobs are located, is the A377. It's little more than a country road and would be easily made impassable by as few as a couple of hundred new homes in the village. It's true that it wouldn't take much to improve the rail service, but the station is at the wrong end of the village for many people. I suppose commuters could drive to the station, but where would they park? The Beer Engine? I don't think so!

If any development is approved, there would be other needs. Perhaps another school? A decent Internet feed – at last? A new sewage plant? A bigger and better GP surgery (yes, please)? That would cost lots. So where's the money going to come from? The government says the Tories left a situation where public spending is on track to go over budget by £21.9 billion. Large – very large – budget coming. That much is obvious.

My guess is that all this means that little ol' Newton St Cyres is unlikely to show up on anyone's masterplan for a while yet. Is that a good thing or a bad thing? I'm not sure.



Last month, Newton St. Cyres Art Group members were delighted to welcome Alex Boon, Nature Journaling educator and artist, to their monthly meeting. Alex is a 'self-taught artist, writer and naturalist' who focuses on creatively recording the flora and fauna of his local surroundings and beautifully presenting these images in a realistic style in his journals.

Members were keen to ask lots of questions about the materials used and his creative processes and Alex was generous in sharing information regarding his artistic practice.

Equally interesting was Alex's journey to becoming a full-time artist, as he outlined how he has had to diversify into areas including social media and running nature journaling retreats.

Many members commented how inspired they were by his talk and will maybe try to follow his example in our next informal 'Meet to Paint' session. These talks/ demonstrations are included as part of our membership fee. If you are interested in becoming a member please do get in touch with Sue Trembath 01363 866439 / whiterose2113@gmail.com. New members are warmly welcomed.

Nicola Hussey

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Parish Hall Car Park – Charging Proposal

Our thanks to those who have responded to our proposal to initiate charging for the Parish Hall Car Park. To remind you, the core of that proposal is to allocate a number of reserved spaces (possibly 10-15) to regular users, with a suggested charge of £104 per annum. We would allocate spaces to those living adjacent to the car park, with no alternative parking, at a discounted rate of £52 per annum.

Responses have covered the whole range, from querying whether there is any problem, whether the proposed solution would work, through being generally supportive, to suggestions that a higher charge should be made. We will take these into account before coming to any decisions in the early autumn.

In the meantime, we would reiterate that we see the primary purpose of the car park as providing short-term parking for users of the Hall, of other village amenities such as the Church and Arboretum and visitors to the village generally. We also feel that regular users should bear a fair proportion of the cost of upkeep. We further agree that priority would certainly be given in any allocation to those who have no realistic alternative parking.

We would still welcome any further comments/suggestions regarding this proposal before we come to a final decision. Please send them to rosemary_chambers@yahoo.co.uk (or c/o Parish Hall, West Town, Newton St Cyres, Exeter EX5 5BW) by 15th September.

Nigel Chambers

Chairman Parish Hall Committee

Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The draw for August took place at the Coffee Morning on 10 August and the winners were:

No. 4	M Wootton	£50.00
No. 204	C Lethbridge	£10.00
No. 172	L Mitchell	£10.00
No. 132	J Hole	£10.00
No. 54	A Haward	£10.00

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For a closer look see our website:-www.newtonwonder.net

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.

Newton St Cyres toddler group

Come along and join us every Wednesday in term time, lots of great toys to play with. Stories to enjoy, craft session and activities to try.

It is great family fun.

Our family sessions are £2 a time and run from 9:15 - 11:15 am. The price includes a drink and a snack.

We would love you to join us at Newton St Cyres Primary School



see our facebook page
Newton Nappies

This year, Newton St Cyres opens its calendar 2025 to budding photographers across the community of Newton St Cyres to submit their best shots from around the community.

We want to see a snapshot of village life and beauty. The theme of the calendar is **"Life in the Village"**.

We want people to buy the calendar and have the whole experience of life within the community and need you to take pictures of our landscapes, wildlife, people working on the land, businesses and more.

Pictures can be posted to <https://www.facebook.com/thenewtonwonder/> or <https://www.instagram.com/thenewtonwonder/>

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Newton St Cyres Tennis Club



Juliet Daniel from Newton St Cyres Tennis Club was selected to represent Devon Over-35 Ladies in the County Cup on the famous grass courts in Eastbourne. The conditions were tricky, with high winds and rain showers, which meant that on the second day short sets were played in order to complete all the matches.

The team played five single and five double matches every day against three different counties in Division 6B. The last day was scorching. Good news – they were promoted to the next division 5A, which was a great achievement.



Left to right, Harriet Dewinton, Juliet Daniel, Nicky Trewin, Sally Rana, Susie Hill.

On 15th September, we will have finals' day of our Club Tournament from 10am to 5 pm. Do pop over to meet some members and watch great tennis all at your local club. Many members joined the Club Tournament this year and there were already close fought matches. It will be good tennis on the finals' day

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

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

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

We hope to see you at the Finals' day or on the court.

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Frederieck Maddock



Blackberry vinegar

I discovered this recipe in a vintage cookery book. It produces a rich blackberry vinegar ideal for salads and especially beetroot.

1lb (500g) blackberries,

1 pint (500ml) malt vinegar

1lb [500g] granulated sugar for each pint [500ml] of juice

Place the blackberries in a glass preserving jar and add the vinegar. Seal and leave for one week. Squeeze the blackberry mixture and strain the liquid through a fine strainer into a saucepan. Bring to boil and add the sugar, stirring well to dissolve it. Boil for ten minutes then pour into sterilised jars or bottles and seal. This keeps well.

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Newton St Cyres



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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)**

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

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

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

- **Newton St Cyres & the A377 (£5)**

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

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

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NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP



We will be beginning our autumn programme with our involvement with the Heritage Open Days in September. These are on Wednesday the 11th and Saturday the 14th of September in the mornings of those days, here in our Grade 1 Listed church. (10-12) noon. The Group will be providing guides to explain some of the history of the church and some of the village history as indicated by the memorials to notable families of the village in past times.

On the Saturday, as part of the Heritage Open Days theme of 'Routes, Networks and Connections', there will be a 'pilgrimage to' the church at Upton Pyne, along the river and across the fields. This was a well used route as far as Langford, judging by the number of complaints about the bridges. Langford to Upton Pyne is not very far, just Bidwell Lane and one field to cross. The Ramblers Group will, lead leaving at 1.15pm from the church porch. (If you are visiting the church in the morning, how about bringing a picnic lunch and eating it in the arboretum, just behind the churchyard). You will be welcomed at Upton Pyne church by Lisa and friends, with tea and cake! Upton Pyne church is open for the Heritage afternoon on the 14th September.

Our church stands in a prominent position on the now A377, and has done so for the last 1,000 years, now the scenic route to North Devon, but in earlier times it was the main highway. Many villagers worked to look after the travellers and their horses. There were inns, wheelwrights, blacksmiths, and a harness maker. The group have just published their eighth booklet which will be newly available, 'Newton St Cyres and the A377', at £5 a copy. This booklet aims to give some explanation of the current road situation and how this has occurred. (Copies will be available on the 11th and 14th Sept in the church).

On both days there will be a very small exhibition, of the church in the last 200 years and another of some of the changes to the adjacent highway.

All visitors are very welcome and if you are able to let Christine know, we would appreciate an idea of numbers to expect in advance. Christine's phone number; 01392 8519888 or text 07773038689

See also the poster for the Heritage Open Days on page 33 of this Newton Wonder.

We will begin our programme of monthly lecture evenings on:

October 9th John Salvatore will tell us about the Romans in Exeter

November 13th Kate Osborn will speak on " The Middling Sort in Elizabethan Exeter"

Our meetings are held on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm in the village hall, unless otherwise stated. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided. The cost is £3. Everyone is welcome. There is no special membership, no annual charge. Come as often as you like, we hope very often! Please let us know if you have a special interest and we may be able to find a speaker for the future.

Jean Wilkins 01392 851337

Our Church and the Village



South door showing older (Saxon?) doorway

The church occupies a strategic location – on the main route from Exeter to North Devon, and half way from Exeter to Crediton, the Bishop's episcopal seat before it was moved to Exeter in 1050. From its high promontory, it has presided over the village for centuries, looked up to by most inhabitants, and by travellers approaching from the south-east. On some Sundays and special days its bells have carried sweetly to the whole of the parish.

This church was always intended to reach out – to impress, inspire and inform. But it has itself been changed by things witnessed over the years, and many of the significant issues and events affecting past village life are

reflected in its fabric and fixtures.

Parts of the church building probably date back to Saxon times. The first recorded vicar of the present church was appointed in 1264, but there was almost certainly an earlier church on the site. Built as a Catholic church when many of the congregation were illiterate, the interior walls were probably brightly coloured, depicting biblical scenes for guiding the congregation. There is a stoup for holy water, a piscina for washing communion vessels – and some amusing roof bosses including a papal head, three hares, a sow with piglets and a fine fellow with his tongue sticking out.

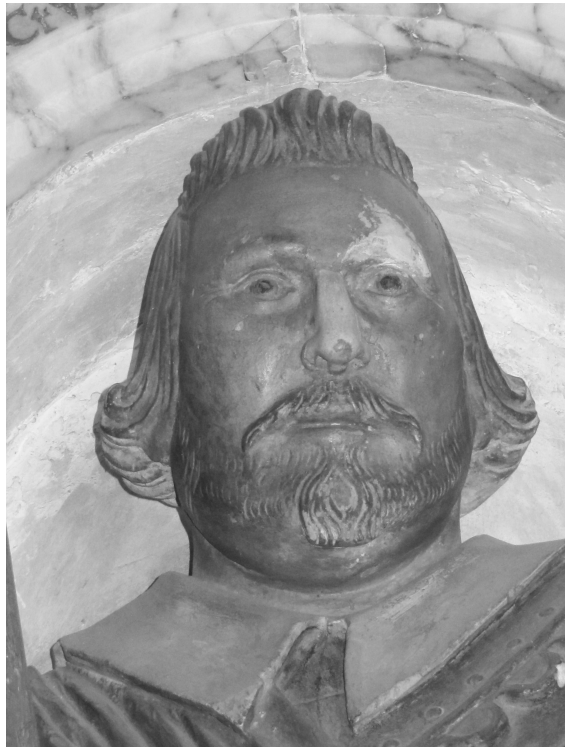


Funeral hatchment of John Quicke Esq (1724-1776)

When Henry VIII and his even more enthusiastic son Edward VI 'dissolved' the monasteries and reformed the English Church in the 1500s, they swept away a whole system of church governance at even a local level. Our church lost its rude screen and loft above, leaving doors that lead nowhere. Its brightly coloured walls were concealed, and empty niches hint at missing statues and icons.

The Dissolution also created opportunities, and enabled the Northcote family, wealthy wool merchants of Crediton, to buy most of the land in the village from the Crown in 1557. Some 15 years later, they sold half to the Quickes. For almost the next 200 years these two families were the main patrons of the church, choosing the vicar and paying most of the repair bills (through the tithe system). The Northcotes transferred their allegiance to the Church of Our Lady at Upton Pyne after moving to Pynes House soon after 1732.

There are several graves and monuments of the Northcotes and Quickes, occupying distinct areas of the church. A striking alabaster monument celebrating five generations of Northcotes was erected in 1637 by Sir John Northcote, the 1st Baronet (of Hayne, on the north side of the River Creedy) in memory of his father. Both the 1st baronet and his father are shown wearing armour, and both were active in the local trained bands, a precursor of the regular army. Though knighted by Charles I, the 1st Baronet led a regiment of 1,200 men for Parliament during the Civil War. Newton St Cyres was much affected by the Civil War, as several waves of armies swept to and fro across the area, causing mayhem and consuming the villagers' vital food stocks. Some Parliamentarians on horseback even raided the church, emptying the poor box and stealing a Communion cup.



*Close up of John Northcote JP (1570-1632),
from Northcote memorial*

On the wall of the north aisle are four hatchments (funeral placards) that commemorate the passing of successive John Quickes between 1729 and 1859.

Several of these gentlemen married heiresses and their fortunes enabled the Quicques to buy the second half of Newton Manor land from the Northcotes, build their own mansion (the predecessor of Newton House) and probably a new vicarage (now Glebe House).

On the south wall is a rare Coat of Arms of James II, dating to 1685. James reigned for just three years and was an unpopular king – so why is it here? Probably because of a significant wedding that took place here in 1685, when Andrew Quicke married Dorothy Northcote. Dorothy had relatives in James' Court, so it might have been deemed politic to show loyalty by displaying the up-to-date Coat of Arms.

As expected for a building of its age, the church has been extended and remodelled many times during its life – most notably with addition of the north aisle during the 1400s. The bright and airy feel of the church interior today reflects partly its avoidance of a Victorian makeover, but also a sympathetic restoration in around 1913 by Edward Harbottle, architect to Exeter Cathedral. He retained the pale plastered walls and ceiling, installed light oak pews, removed galleries and resisted cluttering the chancel with choir stalls.

The church reminds us too of tragedies – of the villagers who lost their lives in the two World Wars – through a stunning stained glass window and a wooden memorial tablet. The churchyard reads like a 'Who's Who' of village families, and many names are still around today. The church has witnessed their baptisms, marriages and funerals.

Throughout the centuries of its existence, the church has been a place of worship, lifestyle tuition, celebration and entertainment, quiet reflection and consolation. It still is; and its role is expanding. It is cherished today as a place to meet and communicate with God - but also as the hub of an increasingly secular community.

Do come along and get better acquainted – with the church, and with each other!

Midge Kelly

Chris the bee man

Anyone finding a honey bee swarm that you would like collected.

Please contact Chris on

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Newton St Cyres Gardening Club

While writing this, it is hard to know what the September weather will bring. The days will be shortening in length, but there may still be an Indian Summer giving heat. Hopefully we will still be harvesting produce including raspberries, apples, grapes, tomatoes and peppers.



Pampas grass

Last September, on a visit to Lyme Regis, I saw this amazing display of Pampas grass, *Cortaderia selloana*, in a front garden. As many of you will know, this is a large ornamental grass, forming large, compact tufts of rough-edged leaves. In summer dense silvery flower panicles emerge on the strong stems. It can grow to 4 metres in height in 2-5 years, and can spread up to 2.5 metres. It was traditionally grown as a specimen in the middle of a

lawn, but it also looks good grown in a shrub border, among herbaceous perennials. In a large garden it can look spectacular when planted in informal drifts among trees, and it makes a good intruder-proof boundary, due to the sharp-edged evergreen leaves. They grow best in well-drained soil in full sun, and should be tidied annually, either in late winter or early spring, to keep them free from 'debris'. However, as I have pointed out, the leaf edges are extremely sharp, so do wear gloves for protection. If you wish, the plumes can be cut and dried for flower arranging, but they also look beautiful if left in the garden when the frosts come in the winter. If this is too large for your garden, then there is a smaller, shorter variety – *Cortaderia selloana* Tiny Pampa which only reaches 2ft in height. These young plants, typically one or two years old, will flower prolifically for six to eight weeks and grow well in containers as the plumes are much lower in the foliage. When checking, I found that Thompson and Morgan had these on sale on their website, from £14.99. This smaller variety flowers slightly earlier.

For the past few years, cut Pampas grass plumes have been an indoor design trend. However, when Pampas grass is mentioned on Gardeners' Question Time (BBC Radio 4), it always brings a laugh to the panel as, in earlier years in London, the planting of Pampas grass was a subtle indication of the owners being 'swingers'. It was reported back in 2017 that sales plummeted after this became well known, but sales have now increased again and none of us should read anything into the fact that these may be growing in nearby gardens!

A-Z of Rose Growing – Peter Beales Roses (continued)

J – John Innes: John Innes No3 compost, to be precise – because that's what gardeners should fill large pots with when planting roses into containers. This loam-based growing medium is formulated for plants that will sit in containers for many years. Specialist rose composts mix 70% John Innes No. 3 with 30% multi-purpose compost or dried manure. Avoid planting into only multipurpose or rose compost, which are designed to be used for up to six months and will become compacted and depleted in nutrients.

K – the symbol for potassium: Look at any plant food and the packaging will state the NPK rating. K stands for potassium (also called potash) and high levels of K in fertilisers will encourage abundant flowering. Tomato food is rich in potassium and works wonders on roses growing in containers. Give summer displays a boost by feeding roses in pots with tomato food once the flowering season is underway.

L – Label: Every rose is different, so check the label before buying for the mature height and spread to make sure you have enough space. By leaving 60cm between floribunda and hybrid tea rose bushes, plants will have room to grow without becoming overcrowded, and you'll have easy access, to dead-head, prune and weed. Shrubs should be planted further apart.

Jobs for September

- * Sow winter salads. Lamb's Lettuce, Mizuna & Rocket can be sown now in a sheltered spot or cold frame/greenhouse ready to cut in autumn & winter.
- * Clear fallen leaves and store in a separate enclosed area to create leaf mould. If you have insufficient room to create this, specific bags for their storage can be purchased from garden centres.
- * If you are looking to replace a boundary fence, maybe consider planting a hedge instead. This will provide shelter for birds and other wildlife. Hedges will also absorb noise, capture pollution, mitigate flooding and make better windbreaks than fences.
- * Take lots of cuttings from flowering shrubs. Once established, you can then use these in different areas of your garden or give them to friends. This is also a good way to ensure you still have your favourite plants, should you lose any of the originals over winter.
- * Plan your Christmas flowers. Buy 'forced' or 'prepared' hyacinth bulbs or Paperwhite narcissi and either plant in pots, or you can still buy the glass vases specifically designed for this. If using these vases, you can place some pebbles or glass beads in the bottom 1/3 of the vase and then add water. Place the bulb on the top of the vase with the pointed end at the top and the base of the bulb just above the water level. Keep the water levels topped up but do not let the base of the bulb sit in water. This then allows the roots to grow downwards into the water. The hyacinths should flower within 10–12 weeks and Paperwhite narcissi in 6–8 weeks

What's On?

- * **Friday 6 Sept & Saturday 7 Sept NGS Open Gardens Pounds, Hemyock, Cullompton, Devon, EX15 3QS.** Open 1pm–4pm Admission £5. Cottage garden of lawns, colourful borders and roses, set within low flint walls with distant views. Slate paths lead through an acer grove to a swimming pool, amid scented borders. Beyond lies a traditional ridge and furrow orchard, with a rose hedge, where apple, pear, plum and cherries grow among ornamental trees. Further on, an area of raised beds combines vegetables with flowers for cutting.
- * **Saturday 7 September Hospiscare Open Garden Southey Farm, Sampford Courtenay, Okehampton, EX20 2TE** Open 9am–3.30pm The gardens at Southey Farm were started in 2005 after the son of the original owner bought the place. He continued to work in London while laying paths and planting trees. Highlights include a box maze, a Japanese Garden, a Cottage Garden, a Tropical Garden and more than 100 different varieties of holly. Admission By donation
Parking: Parking for around 10 cars available in the farmyard.
Refreshments: Tea and coffee
Wheelchair Access: Most of the garden is accessible by wheelchair or mobility scooter
Dogs: Yes
Toilets: Yes
- * **Saturday 7 September Plant Heritage Autumn Plant Fair RHS Rosemoor** 10am–3pm normal admission charges apply. “As the one of the key planting seasons arrives, now is your chance to find something really special for your garden. Under the Plant Heritage banner, this is an opportunity to find more unusual or even rare tree, shrub and perennial varieties, all carefully nurtured by local nurseries who don't normally sell direct to the public. If you cannot find what you are looking for, you can be assured one of the exhibitors will be able to tell you where to find it. If you are a keen gardener or plant collector, this event is guaranteed to inspire you!”
Exhibitors include – Adventurous Plants | BioCentric Planting Design and Nursery | Dolton Designs | FnF Trading Co – Garden Pots and Tools | Gardeners Delight Nursery | Japonica Plants | Marwood Hill Gardens | Mikes Hostas | Millwood Plants | Piccolo Plants | Taw Valley Organics | Triffids
- * **Wednesday 2 October. 7.30pm. Newton St Cyres Gardening Club ‘An evening with Toby Buckland’** Talking about his top favourite plants and answering your questions. Tickets £10 from Nicola 01392 851985

Happy Gardening

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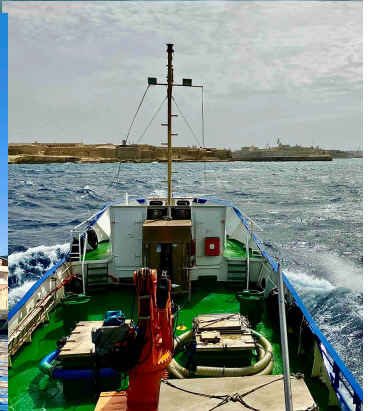
NON-MEMBERS ARE VERY WELCOME TO JOIN US AT ANY OF THESE EVENTS

Where's Whalley?

Many of our readers will know Sean Whalley. He came to live in West Town as a child. Inspired by his father's love of sailing Sean developed an enthusiasm for the sea and on leaving school he joined P&O as a cadet; his sailing career was launched. Based back in West Town, possibly described as an old sea dog, Sean takes jobs commanding commercial boats all over the world.

He sent us these pictures of his last ship and asks if we know where in the world he is – and what he and the 'Salmo Salar' are doing.

Send your answers to editor@newtonwonder.net





Bert Jewell writes Rhymes and Ways about Gardens and Gardening September

I try not to let my political views, my religious views or my views on the state of the country interfere with my thoughts for family, for friends or with my passion for plants and gardening in general, but sometimes something happens, like the stabbing of innocent children enjoying themselves at a dance class.

I found myself writing, not about hardy autumn flowering cyclamen bringing colour to that shady area, but writing a prayer, or maybe more of a questionnaire. It goes like this:

Oh, Lord, were you there when the children cried ,
Oh, Lord, were you there as the teacher tried
to shield them from the danger, her life on the line,
Maybe hoping and praying that all would be fine.

Oh, Lord, were you there for the ambulance crew,
Oh, Lord, were you there for the fire service who
are made up of parents and grandparents proud
of children like those who were screaming so loud.

And, Lord, were you there for the police that day,
Travelling with them as they made their way
To scenes they'll remember, never to forget,
The horror that faced them, the horror that they met.

So, Lord, bring peace to those in your care,
To those that feel broken, help them to share
with family, with friends, their suffering their pain,
Help us to make sure this never happens again. Amen

The reports of that day are still fresh in my mind, and I often think of those children, other children and of course our own grandchildren as I go about my daily tasks, like deadheading and feeding the hanging baskets, tubs and containers. These are important things to do if you want the display to last well into autumn.

Deadheading will prevent the plant from producing a seed, so it will carry on flowering until it reaches its goal. Feeding is also important as the nutrients in most compost only lasts for about six weeks. After that, the compost becomes just something to fill a pot.

The simplest way to feed baskets and containers is to use tomato food. This is high in potash, ideal for flowers and fruit. Dilute and use as recommended on the container.

If you are looking to have a smart lawn next year, start as soon as the hot, dry weather comes to an end. Spike any compacted areas to help with drainage and apply autumn lawn feed. This is a low nitrogen feed that will toughen up the grass ready for winter. Make sure rain is forecast within a couple of days after application, or you will need to water it in with a hose pipe. Don't use any leftover feed from the spring. This will be high in nitrogen.

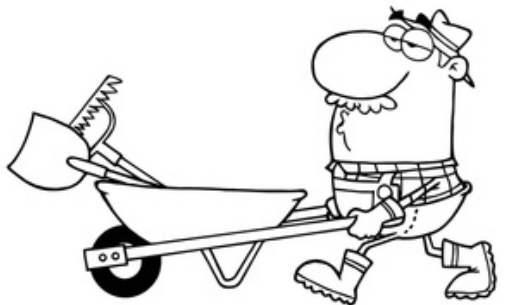
Now, like it or not, it's time to think about the spring. Do I need any more daffodils? How about a few tulips or maybe some alliums? There are hundreds of varieties to choose from. If your garden is exposed, choose short-stemmed varieties, like "Narcissus Tete -a Tete", "Jetfire" or "February Gold".

If it's tulips you are after, why not try some of the species varieties. These are short stemmed and can be left in the ground to spread. If the soil is heavy, add some grit to the planting hole. One last thing – if a bulb measures 2" from top to bottom, the planting hole should be 6" deep.

Plant of the month

It has to be "Cyclamen Hederifolium".

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Wed 18 Sept 9.00am	Killerton - Countryside Explorer			NO		nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/devon/killerton/events
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Sat 28 Sept 1.30pm	Introduction to the History of Tiverton			YES		tivertonmuseum.org.uk/events
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A project to save our native crayfish, which are only found in the Creedy and Culm in Devon, is about to start with a new investigation to try to pinpoint exactly where some of this sediment may be coming from. The idea is that samples of sediment will be taken by volunteers as references. Then sediment traps will be placed at selected points in the river and with expertise from Environment Agency, the potential source can be identified.

Further work can then be undertaken to reduce and possibly stop sediment entering the river. This project is due to start in September and we are looking for volunteers to help. Training is to start in September/October. Please contact the project manager, james@jamesmaben.co.uk , if you are interested in joining this worthwhile effort.

Sue Rowell



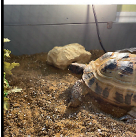
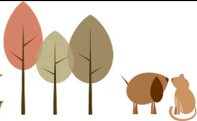
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September on the Farm

Autumn is calling

Summer wilts its way out. The landscape looks weary, all bleached arable stubble and grass seed heads. Tree leaves are dark green and hang heavy and ragged after a season's work. Autumn dances in all her rich bounty. Blackberries hang in the hedgerows. The orchards are full of apples and pears, weighting the branches down. The maize cobs look inviting to scrumpers – sadly for them, the cobs are starchy not sweet. I had someone complain to me that they've stolen maize cobs out of our field thinking they were sweetcorn and they were upset they weren't sweet!

Songbirds are still mostly silent, just male and female robins singing their beautiful divorce melodies as they establish territories of their own after raising their families, chiffchaffs chiff-chaffing away, pigeons enjoying the remains of our crops, buzzards with their noisy calls and the odd goshawk. These birds became rare because they sit in trees and scream at you as you go past, ideal targets for gamekeepers. We love them because they are one of the few birds who effectively catch grey squirrels, swooping through dense woodland to snatch them off the branch. Grey squirrels are very damaging to broadleaved woodlands, stripping the leaders, which means the trees will never grow straight enough for timber, just firewood.

We harvest the maize: stem (for some reason known as 'stover'), leaves and cobs all making a nutritious feed that is half a cereal supplement, with enormous forage harvesters that take eight rows at a time in a mighty feat of horsepower. When I think about horsepower and farm machinery, I always imagine 200 or whatever ghostly horses leaping in front of the machines, noses flaring and manes and tails feathering.

We are also seeding a lot of diverse swards (as the grassy surface is known) to grass, clover and a rich selection of other species. This last year, horrid for crops, has persuaded us to grow more grassland for cattle: better to graze crops direct and cut out all the horsepower, or have silage or hay available. The diverse swards give more even grass growth, better nutrition for cows, much less need for added fertiliser, better soil structure and drought resilience than grass on its own, and is more interesting for the cows to eat.

We'll grow enough wheat and barley to feed and bed our animals, and to use up the fertility that animals provide. It's that lovely ancient cycle of alternating animal and crop farming. I've been counting earthworms in the soil for Global Farm Metric, a way of comparing farms across many metrics across the world, and it is striking how denuded our arable-only fields are of earthworms. If you grow only crops every year in a field, the soil gets really unhappy. Counting the earthworms started to show reasons why that might be so. Every time you cultivate a field and stir up the soil, you are disrupting the whole ecosystem of the soil. We need at least some animal farming to keep our soils right.

Calving is in full swing in the autumn herd. As I write this, the first calf was born. The hot weather is making the heavily pregnant cows fed up. We get this autumn herd to calve at this time of year to eat the autumn flush of grass. In September, the weather will cool for that last hot and heavy part of pregnancy. Once lightened of their loads, the cows have a spring in their step. Their calves are soon happily accepting milk from humans and enjoying their new herd mates, skipping around their pens almost for the enjoyment of living and hearing the rustle of clean straw. It takes them about 24 hours to forgive us for separating them from mum.

We keep the babies inside to grow strong over winter. When they are very young, their coats are fluffy and not very waterproof and it's easy for them to get chilled in the cold and wet, and not grow, or worse, fall sick.



Burying the cheese

We developed Affineur of the Year with Academy of Cheese, where contestants mature ours and five other people's cheese in the best way they can think of. It's sparked a renaissance in creativity about maturing cheese in this country, and even piquing the interest of the French. We got inspired to compete with another version of our cheese, not just matured in our store. We have buried a cheese from the competition vat in a sealed chestnut wood box in the ground. We've equipped the box with a light and a webcam and we will be inspecting and screening it as we go along. Follow our cheese on its own YouTube channel...

We are making cheese with the spring calvers' milk at the beginning of the month. We will bring the autumn calvers' milk in when their milk settles down. I prefer not to make cheese from late lactation milk. It is too fatty to make the best cheese. Human milk gets less fatty as lactation progresses, I noticed. Not so with cows.

We are settling into making cheese in our shiny cheese dairy, freshly spring (summer) cleaned last month in our annual spruce up, doing the things you can't do when there is cheese overnight in the presses, like scrub the high ceiling and the tops of the walls.



Checking out the light and the camera

Mary Quicke



Reflections on our Service

In September, Citizens Advice will be celebrating 85 years of providing free, confidential, non-judgmental advice to anyone who needs it regardless of personal circumstances.

The nature of advice people has sought has moved with the times through World War 2, post war changes, the 'swinging' sixties, and the changing social and economic changes throughout each decade thereafter. Sometimes geography played a big part in the nature of problems that people have asked for help with. For example, during times of industrial unrest there have been marked contrasts to the problems experienced by people in urban, industrial areas compared to people in rural and farming communities.

More recently, the gap between these areas has closed. The cost of living crisis is impacting on people countrywide and people and families across the country are sharing the challenges of coping with rising energy costs and spiralling bills in general.

At this time of year families are also having to deal with issues brought about as children go back to school or change schools altogether. Trying to fund the cost of new school uniforms on top of meeting day to day living expenses puts an additional strain on family budgets that are already stretched.

Family holidays can no longer be taken for granted and keeping children active and engaged throughout the summer break is challenging on many levels. It can also cost money.

One of the first things that we do at CA TNMWD is run a benefits check to see if additional funding is available and if so, advise on how best to go about claiming it and, if needed, helping with that claim.

Schools, by and large, are far better in touch now and many have excellent arrangements in place selling second hand uniforms. Recognising that just about everyone is feeling the pinch one way or another, increasingly people are reaching out for whatever help they can get –hopefully without shame or embarrassment.

Here at CA TNMWD, we listen to people's problems – often a big step helping people to move forward. Sometimes people can find their own way having accessed information on our website:(www.citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk),but we also recognise the fact that people very often need the reassurance of

personal help, reassurance and guidance whether that be via our AdviceLine 0808 2787 999 or via a face to face meeting. The problems may have changed over 85 years, but the fundamental ethos remains the same.

If you would like to join us helping people across our area, we would love to hear from you. All our volunteers have full training and ongoing support so take the first step and email recruitment@citizensadviceetnmwd.org.uk and see where it takes you!

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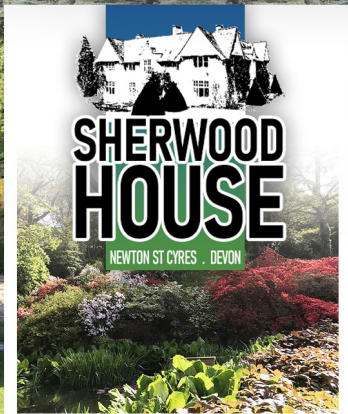
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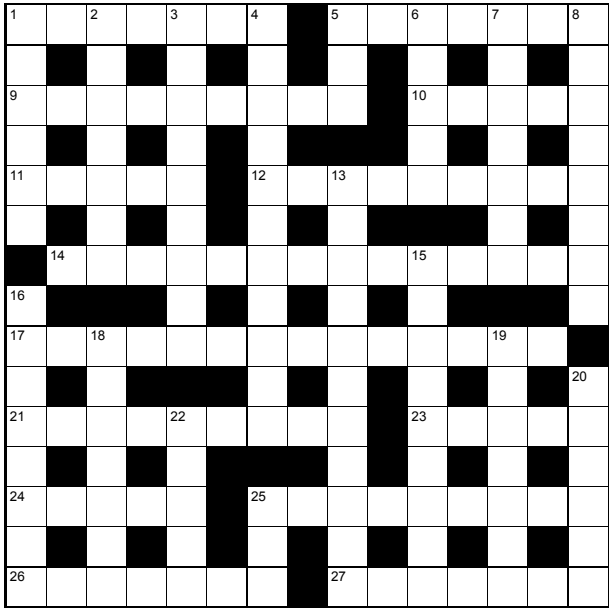
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Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 River makes camp too unsafe? (7)
- 5 Breaking law's base and you get bird (7)
- 9 What vigilant people pay for treatment (9)
- 10 Woman shortly to become nurse (5)
- 11 Landlord entertains student composer (5)
- 12 Commander-in-chief takes a moment to show scar (9)
- 14 Parisienne's the very best? (5,2,2,5)
- 17 He's one I singled out to behave stubbornly (3,2,4,5)
- 21 New local bar visited by English and Spanish gentleman (9)
- 23 Go in for some decadent erotica (5)
- 24 Agree with account (5)
- 25 Poisonous mixture of drinks? (9)
- 26 Gave nag a seat? (7)
- 27 Get shot of data Lee falsified (3,4)

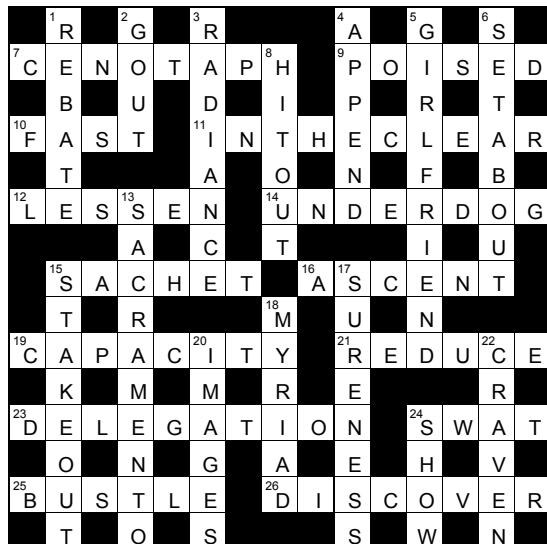
DOWN

- 1 Very good and fruity (6)
- 2 Nominal head of section abandons altruist sadly (7)
- 3 Very small chap is old American fighter (9)
- 4 Company events said to be happening at the same time (11)
- 5 Number's up for boy (3)
- 6 A daughter likely to conform (5)
- 7 Left to set fire to coal (7)
- 8 Anyhow we delay taking on Liberal with a squint (8)
- 13 Refrigeration spoils oldest cargo (4,7)
- 15 Most intelligent 150 with the height of ambition (9)
- 16 Teaches US cadet manoeuvres around end of June (8)
- 18 After onset of gangrene sailor lost blood and talked incoherently (7)
- 19 I rant madly, trapped in the French toilet (7)
- 20 Mate runs into addict (6)
- 22 Trusty leaders of local organisation backed non-professional (5)
- 25 Unhappy taking part in crusade (3)

Set by Alberich

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Solution to August 2024 Cryptic Crossword



The Parish Church of St Cyr and St Julitta



The Season of Mists and Mellow Fruitfulness...

While we hope that there are still many warm and sunny days to come over the next month or so, there is no doubt that we are entering that most wonderful of seasons – autumn. Even in the middle of August, as I write these few lines, I can see some leaves are turning a glorious golden colour, apples are ripening nicely on our trees, and even the brambles – with which we fight a constant battle – are providing a little peace-offering of some delicious blackberries.

I know that for many people spring is their ‘season’, as it were, full of promise and new growth, of lengthening days and hints of warmth. But, autumn, for me is just such an incredible season – a sense of completion all around, of a job well done, with harvests gathered in, fruit and vegetables aplenty. A time for celebration. And of planning for the future, with thoughts already turning to next year’s crops.

But before thinking too far ahead, take a little time to wander and enjoy the lanes around our villages; take in the sights and smells as the hedgerows and fields abound with their cornucopia of blackberries and hazelnuts, sloes and elderflower, rosehips and mushrooms – a veritable feast, with the promise, too, of much fine wine and gin. The gifts of creation are all around and, for me, a constant reminder of the bountiful promises of God’s extravagance.

And of course, the churches will soon be filled with these wonderful gifts and more, as we celebrate Harvest, give thanks for all that we have and all that the world around us provides. Please keep an eye out for a harvest service in a church near you in September or October – for posters and notices, and perhaps

even a quick search on our website. It would be great to see you there.

For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat – Matthew ch35v35

But even as we celebrate the abundance all around us, we are also reminded, on the news, online and in the papers, that there are too many in this country and around the world who struggle to put a meal on the table, who struggle to find enough to eat. As Christians, the verse from Matthew resonates deeply and so, in many of our churches there are already collection boxes for the various local food support programmes, including Lucy's Larder in Thorverton, CHAT collection boxes in Cadbury and Stoke Canon.

But on the 29th September, at our mission community service at Brampford Speke, we will welcome Chris Roe, as he talks with us about a food aid programme undertaken through Barnabas Aid. Called "food.gives" – an International Food Bank - the campaign seeks to provide food to countries around the world that are struggling because of war, persecution, famine or other challenges. Since its launch in 2021 – at the height of the pandemic – it has shipped thousands of tonnes of food to many different places, including Ukraine, Tonga, Eswatini, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, providing food and other essential life-saving supplies to millions of people. The churches will seek to support 'food.gives' through a regular collection of clearly identified foodstuffs – generally dried foods such as rice and lentils, which won't detract from our local projects. Your support for this would be gratefully appreciated.

Do, though, enjoy this autumnal season and give thanks for all that we have.

All blessings

Tim

Upton Pyne Church Heritage Day

Saturday 14th September, 2-4.30pm

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SERVICES & INFORMATION SEPTEMBER 2024

The Netherexe Parishes - A community of Anglican churches in Devon

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

Sunday 1 September

11:15 am	Harvest Festival Service	Cadbury
05:00 pm	Communion	Stoke Canon

Sunday 8 September

09:30 am	Communion & Baptism	Thorverton
10:30 am	Communion by Extension	Upton Pyne

Sunday 15 September

09:15 am	Baptism & Bubble Church	Thorverton
10:00 am	Harvest Service	Stoke Canon
10:30 am	Communion & Harvest Service	Brampford Speke
11:15 am	Communion	Cadbury
02:30 pm	Harvest Service	Netherexe

Sunday 22 September

09:30 am	Communion	Newton St Cyres
10:00 am	Harvest Service	Thorverton
11:00 am	Harvest Service	Huxham
11:15 am	Communion	Rewe

Sunday 29 September

10:00 am	Mission Community Service	Brampford Speke
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Sunday 6 October

10:30 am	Harvest Service	Upton Pyne
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Sunday 13 October

11:00 am	Harvest Service	Newton St Cyres
11:15 am	Café Church & Harvest Service	Rewe

Every Tuesday at 6:00pm we gather for prayer in Rewe Church

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

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

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

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

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Nigel Chambers, Chairman, Hall Management Committee

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