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Parish Council

As the Parish Council takes a holiday in August we have no Parish Council report this month. However work has not stopped and below are a couple of items from the Chair. First is the consultation on permissive footpaths and secondly an update on the work of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. All the members of the Steering group would be pleased to discuss progress and are listed at the bottom of this page.

A message from the Chair of the Parish Council

Permissive Footpaths - Consultation

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the Parish Council's consultation on the Quicke Estate's plans for its permissive footpaths. If you haven't responded yet but wish to do so, there's still time to respond. The details are in the last edition of the Wonder and in the insert contained in the Parish Council's Annual Report that we recently distributed to all households.

The Parish Council will analyse all the responses in early September and plans to discuss the outcome at its meeting in October. Late responses should be sent to Jane Hole Parish Clerk by 8th September

Graeme Barnell
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Newton St Cyres Parish Council

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Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Neighbourhood Planning Group has continued its work during the summer months. We are now planning a consultation event on 13th September for those who run local businesses and services. Invitations have been sent out and we are hoping for a good response. We'll be asking for views on the priorities for the Parish that came out of our wider Consultation event earlier in the year. To focus thought and to stimulate debate we have prepared some objectives in draft form based on the priorities from the earlier consultation event. **We thought you might like to see and comment on these objectives too. Here's the link to the document**<https://www.newtonwonder.net/neighbourhood-plan.html>
Please let me have your views to graamebarnell@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk.

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NEWTON RAMBLERS

Sunday 24th September

On Sunday 24th September the Ramblers will do a circular walk of about 4 miles from Copplestone that will take in the three hamlets of Elstone, Knowle and Coleford. The walk has a few hills, but is on lanes and footpaths through pleasant countryside. It features a number of interesting buildings with quite a few historical links. It is Walk 4 described in the 'More Tarka Line Walks' booklet.

We will meet in the Newton St Cyres Parish Hall Car Park at **9.30 am** so we can share lifts. Alternatively you can meet us at 10 am in the car park at the bottom of Bewdsley Hill in the middle of Copplestone.

All welcome. Any queries to Nigel and Rosemary Chambers on 851400.

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



SAVE THE DATE

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

Bring apples and clean bottles to take away some juice.

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

Children must be supervised by their adult.

Gill Amos

RECREATION GROUND CLUB

I have a strange feeling in my bones as I pen this month's news. This is my last report for the Newton Wonder, as I will be handing over the diary at the end of August. I've had a great time, and will miss receiving the prompt from the editor to get my thinking cap on.

As I write, September looks very quiet, but experience tells me it will change in the next few days as the football league has released its first dates, with many more to come, I'm sure.

The cricket will fade away with the last date booked in for the teams on 30th August.

The Archery group go on until 10th September, when they end their outdoor practices with an all-day event, and then move to their indoor area.

The Ladies darts season starts on Wednesday 6th September. There are no dates yet for the men's league, but I'm sure we'll get them soon. And so far nothing for the skittles league, but, again, I'm sure it won't be long till it arrives

Well, from me it's goodbye. I look forward to joining you in reading what is happening at the recreation ground.

Wendy Lewis

FOOD LARDER

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

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

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

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

Helen on behalf of NEW group.

Newton St Cyres 200 Club

August 2023

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No. 132	J Hole	£10.00
No. 32	T Snow	£10.00
No. 76	M Hazell	£10.00
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A Personal Note as the Beer Engine celebrates 40 years

As many readers will perhaps be aware, the Beer Engine was the reason for my arrival in Newton St Cyres. After working in community work in Leicester and 17 years at Exeter College, I was disillusioned with the way that the education system was moving. It has, of course, got worse. As a seasoned home brewer who wanted to provide different beers from those brewed by the small number of big brewers, I had for some time been looking at a career change.

Together with Chris Di Paolo, a longstanding friend who was about to be made redundant by the closure of the Distributive Industry Training Board, we looked for a suitable site to create what is now called a brewpub. We had a great deal of fun looking at the pubs on the market, but the Old Barn Owl at Newton St Cyres had everything we needed, in particular an area downstairs that would provide space for a small brewery. So Chris and I took over the pub on 31st January 1983. Chris and his family lived upstairs and I, with my family, continued to live at Sanford.

We found that the trade was not what we had been promised but as we had our funds arranged, with great difficulty I might add, we pressed ahead and opened a bar in the basement with the brewery visible for all. Chris was to run the pub and I the brewery. We changed the name of the pub to the Beer Engine on 31st March 1983. The opening of the new bar was to be accompanied by a grand celebration. Several local celebrities, plus the BBC and ITV and the then commercial local radio station, DevonAir, were all to be present.

However, it was Maundy Thursday and the Queen decided to distribute her Maundy money in Exeter. All the media went to the cathedral to see the Queen. However, we had a great party. Although we provided a buffet lunch and we gave away a lot of drink, the till was still operating, but our new bank manager forgot to bring any money, or his cheque book! It is interesting to recall that at that time a pint of Rail Ale was 56p and Piston Bitter was 58p.

Chris and his wife Sandra had their second baby soon after we opened, and Chris found that the life of a publican with a family was not for him. He left the business in July 1984, and I finally gave up teaching and moved with the family into the pub to run the business.

As always in pubs, it is the staff and customers together who create the atmosphere. Much of the building work and early assistance with the brewery was carried out by Alan Watson, who was joined very soon afterwards by the

young Ian Sharp, who has worked in the brewery ever since; first as assistant with me and very soon doing most of the work. Since I left the business in 2005, he has been in charge of the brewery and developed several new beers. He has become a better brewer than I ever was.



From the Daily Express of 21st February 1994

My wife Jill became involved with me and the pub in 1986 and soon her influence was felt. She had pubs in her blood. She was born in the Victoria Hotel in Weston Super Mare and spent much of her childhood growing up in licensed premises. After she had looked after me and the pub for 12 years,

we were married in 1999. Jill's advice and ideas were always on the ball and her influence was massive. She has a very personal touch when dealing with customers and a remarkable ability to remember what each one likes. Margaret, my first wife, was keen to pursue her career and had not become involved with the business.



Running the hostelry and brewing the beer left me little opportunity to develop the food side of the business, but Jill revolutionised the meals and was way ahead of the game in providing at least three home-made vegetarian dishes as well as a wide pub menu.



Many people will remember the bands that played in the downstairs bar. I had no idea that when we moved into the pub I would find myself

The pictures of the Beer Engine above were taken in the early 1990's

working as an impresario! The Beer Engine gained a reputation for its music, and this was down to the quality of the local bands. Variety was added by bands from London, the Midlands and the north that used to play at the Cornwall Coliseum, usually on a Saturday. Several would play in the pub on the Friday evening to give themselves a rehearsal. A small venue like ours couldn't pay a great deal but they had beer and slept on the bar floor.

In 2005, Mike and Jan Tutty bought the pub from us and successfully ran it with more emphasis on the food. Mike was himself a chef and he employed two more. In 2015, the current hosts, Will and Victoria Maltby, bought it.

Businesses must be constantly changing and adapting to the circumstances of the day. It's good to see Will and Vicki adapting to the changes arising from the coronavirus pandemic. Although we closed the bar downstairs in 2000, it was recently altered and re-opened, along with a tented cover for the area behind the pub.

Forgive me, I could ramble on for ever, so it is time for me to remind myself and you, readers, that 40 years is a very long time. I am looking forward to celebrating this anniversary and seeing the Beer Engine adapting and prospering in the future.

Peter Hawksley



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Blackberry Muesli

For 4 portions you will need:

8 oz (200g) blackberries

Some natural yogurt

4 tablespoonfuls rolled oats

1 generous tablespoonful Devon honey

1 eating apple - grated

a squeeze of lemon juice

Mix the oats, grated apple, and honey with enough yogurt to produce a soft creamy consistency, stir in the blackberries and lemon juice. Refrigerate overnight in a covered basin and enjoy for breakfast!

Paul Cleave

VILLAGE LUNCH

THE VILLAGE LUNCH IS OPEN TO EVERYONE
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Thursday 21st September 12:30pm

MAIN COURSES: (prices vary)

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8oz Rump Steak + Drink £11.95

8oz Sirloin Steak + Drink £13.45

Hunters Chicken, Chips & Salad £7.50

4oz Gammon Steak, Egg, Chips & Peas £7.50

Scampi, Chips, Peas & Tartare Sauce £7.25

Fish (Atlantic Cod) Chips & Peas £8.75

Mixed Vegetable Chilli, Rice & Tortilla Chips £7.75

Buttered Jacket Potato, Choice of fillings £6.95

DESSERTS: (all £2.25)

Chocolate Fudge Cake

Jam Sponge Pudding & Custard

Ice Cream Sundae

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28th July

Demonstration by
Luna North

Acrylics

We were happy to welcome Luna, who lives on Exmoor, to demonstrate some of her techniques in acrylics. She rejoices in her natural surroundings, and makes contemporary prints and paintings of the landscape, sea views, and wild flowers.

Her style is lively and fresh, using a limited palette, which ensures a balance between pastel light colours and earth colours. Flowers in the foreground are often enlarged, and perspective is of minor concern as the landscape beyond unfolds in fluid lines and shapes.

Luna uses sketches made outdoors as well as photos, but emphasised the importance of observing closely and feeling the emotion of a scene in order to retain a clear memory of it.

She communicated her enthusiasm and passion, as well as her knowledge and experience, with warmth and humour, giving us plenty of inspiration and practical advice.

Jenny Hallam

NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP

Future Events



The Church will be open again for **Heritage Open^oDays in September** and members of the History Group plan to be doing tours again. Wednesday 13th Sept and Saturday 16th Sept.

Our next meeting is in October on Wed 11th Oct. 'Down to Earth – Archaeological Aerial Survey and Excavation between the Culm and the Creedy'. Bill Horner, county archaeologist

Isobel Hepworth

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

Newton St Cyres History Group has an ever-growing library of publications. What better way to orientate and acquaint yourself with your local surroundings!

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

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



• Newton St Cyres Historical Village Walks (£1)

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

• Newton St Cyres Mining and Miners (£1)

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

The club's Sarah Statton and Jana Garnsworthy were 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 short sets were played in order to complete all the matches. Sarah and Jana played three doubles together, winning two out of three, a great result for our girls!

We had two very successful Rusty Rackets mornings, and another will be coming one soon. I already have two very rusty rackets enthusiasts coming. Will you be there? Let me know at frederiek Maddock@gmail.com.



Winners of the mini tournament
L to R: Frederiek Maddock, Sarah Statton and Tom Browne.



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On Wimbledon's final day the mini Club Tournament was a big success and a large group went to the Beer Engine to watch the Men's finals.

Our courts are being painted as I write this mid-August and will be back in action from the third week in August, so they will look fantastic and will be great to play on.

On September 17th we will have finals day of our Club Tournament from 11am to 5pm. Do pop over to meet some member and watch great tennis all at your local club.

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

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 him via our website

The Tennis Club now has a super-duper ball machine, which means you can practise all by yourself. A number of members are now trained in using the machine, so if you would like to have a go, please contact the Club.

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

The group will meet every Thursday#, except the second Thursday of each month, when the Hall is not available.

You just pay for the evenings you come - £3 for adults
; £2 for schoolchildren.

Just come on the evening, but for any further information contact Roger Wilkins – rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com

For many years the Group met on Fridays, but we are changing to Thursdays as this evening is preferred by many of our present players.

Crediton Youth Theatre

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Thoughts for September from Peter Cordingley

Maybe, like me, you were caught out the other week by workmen closing off the Station Road junction with the A377. Hallelujah!, I thought. At last! Is it true they're fixing those (expletive deleted) potholes just inside Station Road.

Wrong. It had nothing to do with that. There was some kind of water problem – I never found out what – and when that was fixed and the trucks and the workers had pushed off, the holes were still there.

I know, potholes! Why get hot under the collar about them? Like garden weeds, they'll always be with us. But those holes on Station Road are no ordinary specimens. They present a particular problem as incoming traffic is forced to squeeze to the extreme right to go around them, seriously raising the risk of a head-on collision with any vehicle exercising its right of way in the opposite direction. That's particularly tricky in the school term, when there's pretty well a constant stream of cars leaving the school. Of course, you could drive right over the potholes and associated humps, but not if you care for your suspension.

You'd think, wouldn't you, that the County Council's Highways Department, which has responsibility for road maintenance, would do something about it. But no. The problem has been there for months now (a year?), and absolutely nothing has been done. And it doesn't look as if anything will get done soon either. Why? It's apparently because the holes don't meet the council's criteria of being at least 30cm wide and 4cm deep. They don't put their boots on for anything less. Maybe, that's it, but those holes are still a serious road hazard. How about putting the tape measure back in the drawer, gents, and applying a little common sense?

But there may be good news on the way – if you believe the statements coming out of the government's Fibs Office. They're saying that Devon is to receive an extra £9.4 million from the government to help fund vital highways maintenance. A large chunk of that will go towards fixing current problems, with the balance earmarked to prevent potholes forming in the first place.

I know where I would start if I were in charge of highways maintenance around here. Not with Station Road, but with that portal to China on the lefthand side of the A377 coming in this direction, between Half Moon and Newton. That beast is big enough to have its own postal code. People living around here know it's there and steer around it. But good luck to any unwary bike or motorbike rider who gets squeezed to the left by traffic and runs into it. Finishing up in the hedge would be a blessing compared with other possible outcomes.



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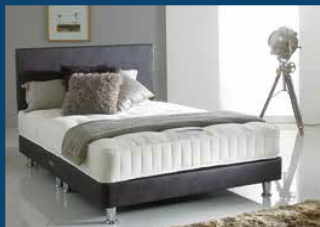


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Rally for the Relay Race

The Newton St Cyres village relay race is back for its third year on Saturday 14th October. This year we are excited to be hosting an individual children's run of approximately one third of a mile, and an adults' relay race, which will be three laps of the two-mile "Beer Engine Loop". Both runs start and finish at the Beer Engine pub, which will be open for refreshments on the day.

Registration for both runs is now open! Please email NSCRelayRaceHQ@gmail.com and you will be sent a link to an online registration form. Entry fee is just £2 per runner and can be paid by donating on our JustGiving page [tinyurl.com/newtonrelay23](https://www.justgiving.com/newtonrelay23). Please email NSCRelayRaceHQ@gmail.com to find out more.



The start of the adult race in 2022

Exact timings of the runs will be published shortly but the children's race will start at about 10am, followed by the adult relay race. The children's run will be for runners between the ages of 7 years and 15 years. Children will run in age categories determined by the number of entries.

The adult's relay race is for teams of three runners aged 16 years or older.

Each runner will run a two-mile course. To enter you must register a team of three. Only one form is required per team.

For the online version please include the link to the registration form https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScVkahGKWK3Qr_Jinrh6D8M2BrJjPHz10ezOWEQMuAKP13wXQ/viewform?usp=sharing

We want to bring the community together to have fun. And we want to support the Newton St Cyres community by donating the entry fees to the primary school and the arboretum.

Whether you think you are in with a chance of winning or getting a personal best or you just need a reason to get outdoors and become a bit more active, one thing is guaranteed: you will have fun. If running isn't your thing, then please do still come along and show your support. We need timekeepers, marshals and first aiders. We look forward to seeing you there.

Alissa Haward

Newton St Cyres Parish Hall Event Dates for your Diary

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Bottoms up to 40 years of the Beer Engine

Ask anyone in these parts and beyond what they know about Newton St Cyres, and they'll probably tell you it's the home of the Beer Engine. And now, in a few weeks' time, the iconic pub will be celebrating 40 years at the heart of village life. Ann Quon Cordingley has been taking a look at why the pub is such an icon.



*Will and Vicki Maltby:
"Business is good."*

It's a summer's Saturday evening at the Beer Engine and barmen Ollie and Louis are working at full tilt greeting customers. They seem to know them all by name and in many cases have got the drinks on the bar top before even being given the orders. The tables are full of people eating, drinking and chatting, both outside and in the covered area downstairs. The mood is jolly, which is as you'd expect from a pub that is loved by locals.



*Liz Spooner:
"Everybody becomes
friends here."*

Take Liz Spooner for instance. She has lived in the village most of her life and agrees it would not be the same without the Beer Engine. "It means everything to the community," she says. "I'm a single person and have always felt comfortable walking into the pub as a single female. Everybody becomes friends here and for the locals it's a big family. If you are new to the village, it doesn't take long before someone talks to you and you get introduced to everybody else."



*Laurie Harsant:
"It's where I see my friends."*

Shobrooke resident Laurie Harsant is a regular who has been coming to the pub since 1972. "It's my social hub and after my house, it's one of the most important places in the world because it's where I see my friends," he says. "I've met all of my friends here. It's special because everything here is local – the beer is brewed here, the food's exceptional, the welcome is exceptional and they have a fantastic record of hiring good staff and that's not an accident," Laurie says.

With praise like that, it's little wonder that the pub will celebrate its 40th anniversary later in September with a beer and music festival that promises to raise the roof and guarantee a grand old time for all.

The festivities will take place over a three-day weekend from 22nd to 24th September with live music, lots of festive food, an anniversary-themed brew called "Engine-40", a special lunchtime roast on the Sunday and more.

In the run-up to the big event, themed t-shirts went on sale in July to mark the landmark celebration.

"All we want is the village to attend, support and enjoy," says Will Maltby, who, along with his wife Victoria, has been running the award-winning pub for the past eight years and has seen it grow from strength to strength, despite the challenges posed by Covid.

While Will, Vicki, their staff and regulars and new customers alike will have much to celebrate, long-time residents will remember the days before the popular pub brewery existed.

Back in the early 1980s, it was known as the Barn Owl pub and was housed in a 19th-century railway inn. When it was taken over by new landlords and business partners Peter Hawksley and Chris Di Paolo, they had exciting plans for their new venture. They wanted to turn it into a pub brewery where they could brew their own beer – a concept considered revolutionary back in the days when most pubs were owned by breweries and brewing beer on premises was almost unheard of. (See Peter Hawksley's story on pages 8-10.

When the old Barn Owl pub opened its doors as the new Beer Engine on 31st March 1983, little did the partners know that their visionary brewing dreams would take the pub so far and become the secret of its success. The pub was bought by Mike and Jan Tutty in 2005 and they ran it successfully for the next ten years. Currently spending the summer in Spain they were not available for interview.

Today, 40 years later, the Beer Engine is Devon's oldest working brewery and is renowned for the quality and consistently high standard of its beers, with people travelling from far and wide to sample its offerings. So it will come as no surprise that the Beer Engine has been in the Good Beer Guide for 40 consecutive years – a feat that Will says is "unbelievable".

The pub, with its friendly atmosphere, excellent beers, consistently good food on kitchen days and high standards, has picked up even more kudos from the industry. Last year it was awarded the Rural Pub of the Year award by the Exeter and East Devon branch of CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale), a fierce advocate of good beer and traditional pubs.

pictures: Ann Quon Cordingley

Those looking to quench their thirst are spoilt for choice. “We have a portfolio of 16 of our own beers,” Will says. “Some on a permanent basis, others on a rotating seasonal basis. We always have five different beers on tap. For the celebration festival, that number will rise to 10.”

Will credits Ian Sharp, the pub’s long-serving brewer, as a key player in the Beer Engine’s success. Ian started at the pub as an assistant in 1985 and became its sole brewer in 2005. “He is the reason that the pub has gone from strength to strength and that the beer has continued to evolve and grow,” Will says proudly.

While the Beer Engine has much to celebrate, life hasn’t completely returned to the way it was before the challenges presented by Covid. “Life in this sector will never go back to normal,” says Will. “It was such a dramatic period and, combined with all the post-Covid economic issues that the world finds itself in, it will never go back.”

Adapting to the post-Covid reality has meant many businesses having to rethink their business models. In the case of the Beer Engine, it has had to scale back its meal service from seven days a week.

“Seven days a week doing lunch and dinner isn’t sustainable anymore,” Will says. “You can no longer afford to be open and not be busy. A few people in for a quiet lunch doesn’t pay the bills. With spiralling labour costs and energy bills, to name two of the massive costs that we face to open the doors, it’s more cost effective to be closed. You have to be busy, at full capacity when you are open. You need the same number of staff to feed 20 as you do 150.”

Will says that having scaled back meal services to mostly weekends has actually improved cost-effectiveness and efficiency. “We are actually more efficient as a business than we were before. We have had to really focus and work the numbers. We are much more in tune than before,” he says. “And our staff have a better-balanced lifestyle now.”

With pubs closing all across the country due the very economic problems Will has talked about, is the Beer Engine’s own future secure enough to look forward to another 40 years? “Business is good,” Will says confidently. “The pub is secure and if we have come through this, we should come through anything.”

For updates on the 40th anniversary celebrations, visit https://www.facebook.com/beerengineex5/?locale=en_GB

Do You Remember...September?

September 1973

Weddings between **Stanley Carter** and **Moiria Wheaton & Maria Palmer** and **Brian Carter** were reported.

Jackie and **Edward Brown** had a daughter.

The largest moth on the British list appeared at the Vicarage. It was a

Convolvulus Hawk with a 5" - 6" wing span.

The Football Club organised a Sponsored Walk in aid of Club funds.

The St Cyres Players had started rehearsals for 'Wanted - One Body'

September 1983

On the A377 the island pavement outside the Post Office had been re-shaped but the village were still waiting for a pedestrian refuge and bollards in the road.

An exploratory meeting about setting up a Youth Club in the village had been held and it was agreed they would meet on Friday evenings this year. The first fund raiser would be a Disco in the Hall.

The Twinning group were planning the visit by Rots and the signing of the Charters.

The Tennis Club held their 2nd American Tournament of the year and were planning a Christmas Bingo.



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September 1993

The article 'In an English Garden' was encouraging the purchase and planting of bulbs for a spring display.

The Playgroup said good-bye and good luck to **Timothy** and his mum, **Ruth** and to **Scott**.

The Dog Show and Car Boot Sale raised £325 for Cancer Research.

A flock of sheep 'invaded' Court Orchard early one Sunday morning. **P C Pink, Alan White, John Mitchell** and **Maurice Ham** managed to evict them!

The Parish Council reported that the village had scored 75 points from 100 in the Best Kept Village competition.

The Handicrafts Group achieved their goal of 100 blankets and

teddies for the Children's Hospital in Romania.

An appeal went out for anyone who knows where the set of Hand Bells may be.

The Horse and summer Show raised £3071.25 for the School, the Recreation Ground and Football and Tennis Clubs.

The recipes this month were for Runner Bean Chutney and Eccles Cakes.

The Harvest Supper was to be held in the Hall on the 10th October and an appeal was made for sweet and savoury dishes.

The Twinning group heard that Rots were bringing a bench with them for the east front of the Church.

September 2003

The Parish Hall were trying to start a Table Tennis Group.

Newton St Cyres Young Farmers presented a cheque for £1,900 to the Marie Curie Cancer Research Fund. They had also re-decorated the outside of the Hall.

Sally and Andrew Daldorph welcomed a son, **George**.

The Parish Council had received complaints about dog fouling in Pump Street, the Village Green, Station Road and at the Recreation Ground and the Dog Warden had been contacted.

David Pritchard was trying to form the Newton Ramblers Group.

September 2013



The bus shelter had been in this condition since it was hit by a lorry making a delivery to the school.

David Baker, Chairman of the Parish Council, was confident that a replacement will be in position by the end of September. Let's hope it doesn't rain too much before then.

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club had held its Annual Competition

Newton Ramblers

Jean and Roger Wilkins were advertising an easy walk of about 5 miles with no hills! This was basically Walk 5 from the Newton St Cyres Walks Leaflet with a short cut, if walkers wanted a shorter option.

Local Plan Review.

The Councillors thought that any housing development in the village should only be on small sites and preferably infill sites rather than large developments. The comment

was also made that large developments in CREDITON, COPPLESTONE etc. would result in increased traffic on the A377 and that this should be borne in mind by planners when approving developments.

NSC Station - developments.

The Council had received some good news that Network Rail were planning to install a 'Harrington Hump' on the platform which would raise the height of the platform and therefore make it easier to board and leave the trains. It was agreed that the Council should lobby for more trains to stop at NSC once this installation had taken place.

Dog Waste - again!

Bags of dog waste had been found discarded in the hedges at the Arboretum and residents are respectfully reminded that these should either be taken home with the dog owner or deposited in the dog waste bins situated around the parish.

Crown and Sceptre Win Crediton Pool League

Final Score: Rec 5, Crown and Sceptre 6.

Nick and Viv Henderson

Had a problem with holidays?

"I recently started a new job where my boss has told me I will have to work on Bank Holidays. This was never the case in my old job. Can my employer really make me work on a public holiday and should I get paid extra if I do?"

Unfortunately, when it comes to bank holidays, whether or not staff have to work is up to their employer and you don't have to be paid more if you do. The situation will vary from job to job and will depend on a number of factors such as whether your place of work is open on bank holidays, your hours of work and, crucially, what your contract of employment says.

Take a look at your contract. It may say that you will always get bank holidays off or it may say that sometimes you will be required to work them. If your place of work is open on bank holidays you may be asked to work some but if your contract clearly says that you get bank holidays off you shouldn't be asked to work them.

Your contract may say "In addition to bank and public holidays, your annual holiday entitlement is x days." This means you get public holidays off in addition to your annual leave entitlement but might not mean you are entitled to take specific days off. You may be required to work on a bank holiday in which case you should get another day off instead

Alternatively, it may say something like "Your annual holiday entitlement (inclusive of bank and public holidays) is x days." This means that you have to take bank holidays off as part of your annual leave allowance (so you'll have to book all bank holidays as paid time off) or counted as additional holiday days.

A common misunderstanding is that employers have to pay you extra when you work a bank holiday. This is not the case unless your contract specifies otherwise. Your employer needs to stand by what is in your contract of employment. In the absence of a contract, the legal default position is that your employer can tell you when you can and can't take time off. If you wish to take a bank holiday off you should request it in the usual way within your organisation. If this becomes an issue with your employer you should try and resolve it via an informal chat in the first instance and if that doesn't get you anywhere, raise a formal grievance. If you need help and advice with this, please get back to us!

CA TNMWD is available on its free, local AdviceLine on 0808 27 87 999 or you can visit our website www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk and click on 'Get Advice'.

If you would like to help people unravel their problems, which can be many and varied, complex or straightforward, why not think about volunteering with us? You would have the opportunity to meet new people, you would receive ongoing training and support and you would be making a major contribution to our local community.

Contact recruitment@ruraldevoncab.org.uk for more information!

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3. WHO is in the Picture?

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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.

Around the village in pictures

Towards a greener future

EARLY WORK has begun on the installation of solar panels on the Quicke family's Home Farm. When completed, the development will consist of 340 ground-mounted solar panels about 100 metres northwest of Newton House, but shielded from the homes there by a hedgerow and trees. The panels will measure approximately 1762mm x 1134mm each, set at 30 degree angle on an aluminium frame. At its highest point, the installation will be 2.6m above ground.



Peter Cordingley

photo: Ann Quon Cordingley



Local Celebrity Spotted

Seen here is the famous Ruben the cat. He had walked from Godolphin Cose for a drink in the Beer Engine on a Monday evening at the end of July and was spotted by the editor as he waited for his bipeds to CATch up.

More information about Ruben can be found online at:

<https://rubenthecat.co.uk/>

or on Facebook.

Peter Hawksley

Mowing the Green



Our pictures show volunteers from the Newton Environmental Wellbeing Group(N.E.W.) using scythes to mow the meadow created by the wilding of parts of the green. The green has looked lovely all through the year from the early daffodils and poppies.

Photos: Martin Taylor

The Station Gardens

The station Garden is looking lovely at this time of year. There is no competition between stations on the Tarka Line this year, but the volunteers, led by Chris Southcott have not let the standards slip.

*Photos:
Denise Watkiss*



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NEWTON WEATHER

This month’s report covers the period from mid-June, when I took over from Ravi, until the end of July.

During this period the highest MONTHLY temperatures were 29.8 on 25th June, and 28.3 on 25th July.

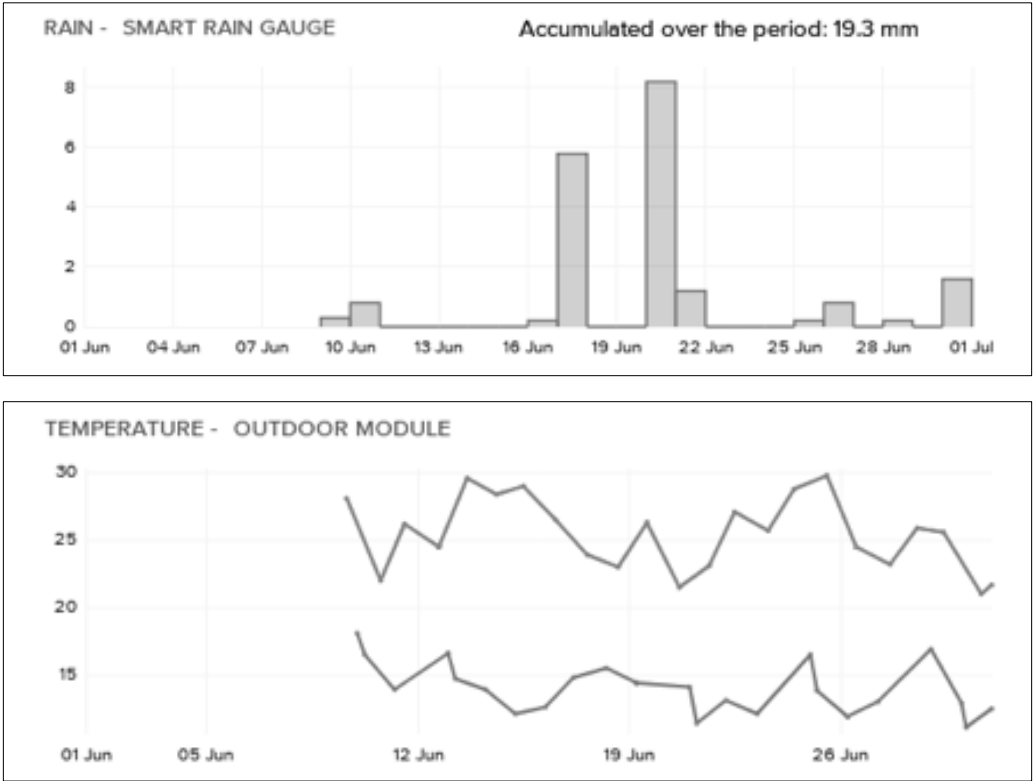
The lowest MONTHLY temperatures were 11.1 on 30th June and 7.4 on 26th July.

The wettest MONTHLY days were 20th June at 8.2mm and 4th July at 14.8mm.

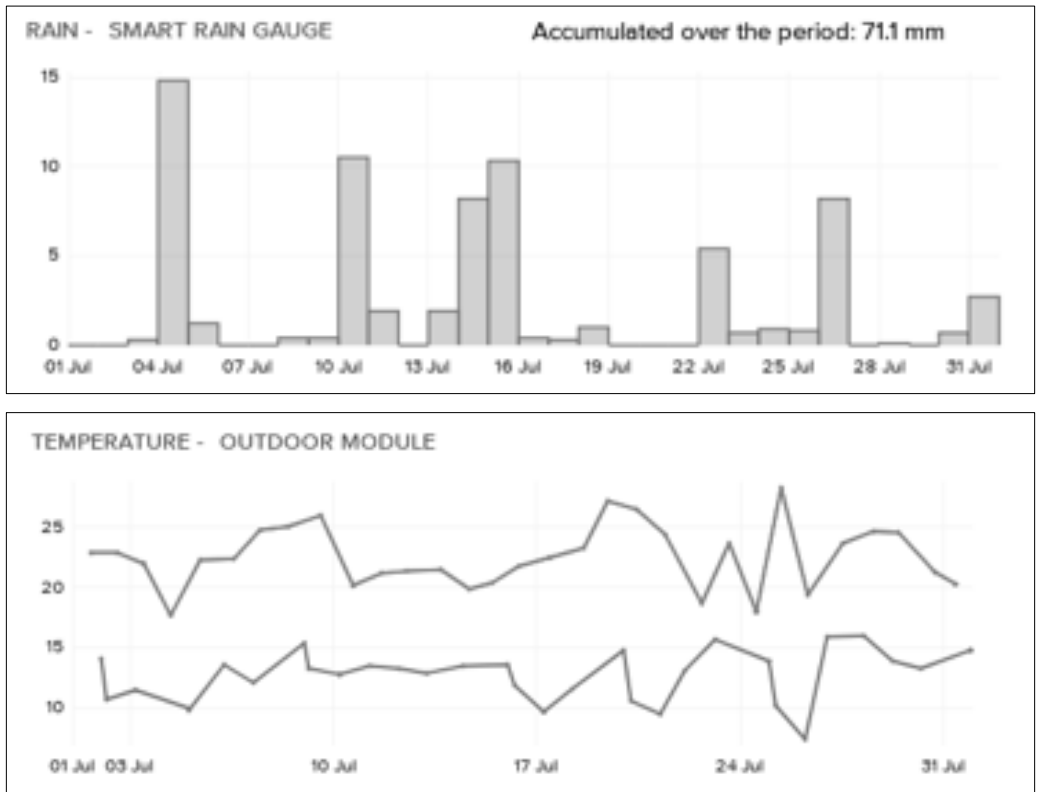
The sunniest MONTHLY days were 5th June 22.1kWh and 7th July 22.4kWh.

The daily rainfall & maximum(red)/minimum(blue) temperature readings are shown below for:

June 2023



July 2023



From the middle of July, I erected the Anemometer that Ravi had not previously used. I can therefore give daily windspeed details in future reports.

The maximum speed in July was 12mph on 24th July.

My thanks to Ravi for his past work on the weather records. I now hold full details of rain and temperatures going back to 1996. The sterling work of James Walters over many years has thus been preserved.

Any suggestions for the 3 monthly weather reports are welcomed! Please send to the NW Editor.

Until my next report I hope everyone manages to get out & about exploring. Remember “there is no such thing as bad weather just inadequate clothing”.

Rob Crane

September on the Farm



I'm looking forward to the Great British Cheddar Challenge. Designed by inspirational restaurateur and cheese retailer James Grant of 2 Pound St, it's putting six of the classic clothbound small batch cheeses up against each other in a blind tasting. This will be judged by some amazing cheese industry gurus at the Slow Food

Event CHEESE, where half a million Italians and the world's cheeserati meet up to taste and discover some of the world's best cheeses over the weekend of 15th to 18th September in the Slow Food base in the little Italian hill town of Bra.

It will be the best cheese parties all in one place! The judges will be Marcus Brigstocke, comedian and cheese judge, Hubert The Cheese Concierge from America, and Shane Holland, Slow Food lead in the UK.

Everyone knows cheddar. It's Britain's favourite cheese, but clothbound, small-batch handmade rinded cheddar makes up less than 1% of cheddar, so that as a nation we are forgetting what authentic cheddar is.

Our most common complaints are from those who have bought a piece of our cheese and eaten the rind, not expecting it. People find handmade cheddar expensive compared to industrial versions. They don't realise the work that goes into making handmade cheese, with all its taste of place and uniqueness with the milk of just one farm, hand cheddared and cloth bound. All of that gives complex, savoury cheeses with a more brittle texture that release flavour in layers. Increasingly, industrial (made in a plastic bag by machines and computers) cheddars use Swiss starters that give a sweet candy note – a flavour that is simple and one-hit, and very little conversation with the place that they are made.

Handmade cheddar makers don't help themselves. If we were Parmesan or Comte makers, we would all have agreed a protocol of who is in and who is out, rule that with a rod of iron and shout about what we do to the world. There is no designation that all those

who make these wonderful cheeses can agree on. Should it be raw milk? What about most of us in areas where bovine TB is rife? Should you use lard as a primary coating. What about vegetarians and those with a religious dislike of lard? Deal with cheese mite, that corollary of natural rind with plasticcoat? I tried to bring a group of us together several years ago, and it was like herding cats. Put it down to Anglo-Saxon independence or bloody-mindedness, a desire to do it my way rather than subsume into a group and lose any self-determination even if that means that as a group we do less well.

We've just gained the Product of Designated Origin (PDO) accreditation for our cheddar. In the past I have been a holdout, not made my way. And I can hardly complain about the non-joining nature of cheddar makers if I don't join the accreditation we do have. Westcountry Farmhouse Cheddar defines several things – that our cheese is made in the four southwest counties of England, is hand cheddared, is made in a specific way, with some milk from the farm, and with a characteristic flavour. So I'm delighted to announce we have now achieved PDO accreditation for our cheese.

It's wonderful that James Grant, celebrating the restoration of his palate after a devastating year of not tasting after a diagnosis of neck cancer, is choosing to celebrate one of most distinguished and easily overlooked British foods.

Slow Food celebrates food that is endangered in the race to industrialise our food system. It celebrates foods that are good to eat, clean for the environment, and fair to all participants in the food system. It finds the middle path between gastronomy, which can be self-indulgent and elitist, and ecological concerns, which can be hair-shirted and give boring or highly processed foods, and instead celebrates eco-gastronomy: great food, mindful of the environment. It's lovely that Shane Holland, UK guardian of those commitments, chooses to highlight handmade clothbound cheddar.

And a big part of the Great British Cheddar Challenge is the 'People's Choice'. You will be able to order the set of six cheeses from participating retailers and they will arrive anonymised in time for the online final screened from Bra. Marcus Brigstocke will host each of the cheesemakers as they tell us about what they do and he'll ask questions. Then the cheeses will be judged while you are tasting the cheeses at home (already around 1000 people have signed up for the tasting boxes, 6 x 100-150g of glorious handmade cheddars, in all their myriad differences). The judges will come to their favourite, and so will you at home, and we'll find out who and what tickles the judges and your palates most.

For details of participating cheeses and how to order your tasting box, and to get your link to take part in the judging, please visit No 2 Pound Street's website (<https://2poundstreet.com>).

Join us at 7pm UK time on Saturday 16th September on Zoom!

Mary Quicke

Newton St Cyres Gardening Club

Plums and Damsons seemed to have done really well this year, producing very heavy crops. The winds in August brought down a lot of apples, although there are still plenty left on the trees. Blackberries seem to fill the hedgerows earlier each year, and the masses of Elderflowers have led to lots of Elderberries. I heard James Lambert of Lyme Bay Winery talking to Toby Buckland on the radio, where they discussed the correlation between a successful year for Elderflowers and good fruit on their vines for wine making.

I have been looking at plants which have done particularly well this year in our garden and decided to put a spotlight on **Heuchera**. Their common name is Coral Bells, and there are several hundred cultivars. They are really useful hardy evergreen foliage plants that are ideal for pots, borders and under-planting.

They come in a huge range of colours from pinks, reds, ambers, browns, lime greens, yellows, silvery purple and near-black, so whatever your planting scheme, there will be a suitable variety. They are from the Saxifragaceae family and are related to Astilbe, Bergenia and Rodgersia.

They like well-drained fertile soil in light shade or sun, but if in full hot, bright sun some varieties may scorch. Paler-leaved varieties are best suited to full shade. Once established, they are drought tolerant, so can withstand dry periods. They form compact mounds and can be propagated by dividing the clumps, and removing the side crowns. They have tall slender stems of small white, pink or red flowers, which bees love, and have also been crossed with closely related Tierellas (Foam flower) to give **Heucherellas**.

If you go to any of the many flower shows, you are likely to see displays from Heucheraholics, based in the New Forest. Their website at <https://www.heucheraholics.co.uk/> gives an indication of why so many gardeners do become 'addicted'. They have Open Days on the following dates, if you fancy a visit: Saturday 9th September, Sunday 10th September, Saturday 30th September and Sunday 1st October. 10am-4pm all days. Full details on their website.

After nearly eight years here, we saw our first **hedgehog** in our garden. No doubt many of you also have them in your garden, so I thought I would include a little about how to provide a good habitat for them, along with tips on feeding them. This information is taken from www.sttiggywinkles.org.uk

- Do leave some areas of wilderness where the hedgehogs can snuffle for insects.
- Do install, in a quiet part of the garden, a hedgehog house.
- Do look to see if your hedgehog is limping or appears to be injured, or in late autumn look out for underweight hedgehogs

- Don't leave black sacks lying around.
- Don't use slug pellets or other chemicals. they may poison hedgehogs and other animals.
- Don't light a bonfire without checking for hedgehogs or other wild animals.
- Don't fork over compost heaps in case hedgehogs or other animals have taken up residence.
- Don't spray hedgehogs with dog or cat flea sprays. It will be detrimental to the hedgehog.



What should I feed a hedgehog?

Hedgehogs are insectivores, so the best diet is the bugs and grubs in your garden, which will also help keep the 'pests' down. Therefore, the best way to feed hedgehogs would actually be to encourage more insects into your garden.

However, to encourage them in to your garden you could offer a 'top-up' meal of a good meaty-based diet. We recommend **a small dish of any meat flavour dog or cat food, plus a handful of dog or cat biscuits to keep their teeth healthy.** Feeding hedgehogs in your garden should only be a supplement to their natural diet, or to help them during the harder winter months, so it is important to not offer too much of any one type of food.

Hedgehogs are lactose intolerant, so milk can make them very ill and should never be offered. Instead, put out a shallow dish of fresh water each night. Hedgehogs are active during the night, so the best time to put out food is just after dusk, when they are starting to search for food. The autumn and winter months are the most important for them to find food to put on enough weight before hibernation, so always make sure you put out food at this time of year.

In addition, **The British Hedgehog Preservation Society** is urging people to stop offering **mealworms**, as the high phosphate levels in theses worms are sapping hedgehogs of calcium and reducing the strength of their bones. Mealworms are also highly addictive.

Jobs for September

- Plant autumn onion sets 1” deep 2-4” apart
- Put up netting to protect leafy vegetable crops to prevent bird damage
- Plant prepared hyacinths for Christmas flowering
- Net ponds before the leaves start to fall
- Reduce shade in the greenhouse, to maximise the sun ripening tomatoes and peppers
- Watering in the greenhouse is best done in the mornings, as dampness during the colder nights could cause fungal problems
- Prune summer flowering jasmine by cutting back to a strong new sideshoot below the flowered stem

What's On in September?

- **RHS Rosemoor – Plant Heritage Autumn Plant Fair. Saturday 9th September 10am-3pm.** Explore a wide variety of rare and unusual trees, shrubs and perennials from local nurseries at RHS Garden Rosemoor's Plant Heritage Autumn Plant Fair, many of which are not generally open to the public (all for sale under the Plant Heritage banner)
- **RHS Rosemoor – The Great Hobby Weekend. Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th September 10am-4pm** Discover some of the nation's favourite pastimes at RHS Garden Rosemoor, from rambling, gardening and photography to a chance to discover birdwatching. Try your hand at axe throwing, see miniature models, and shop a whole range of crafts and activities to do at home. A hobby is a great way to be active, engage with a new community or enrich your mental health. As an environmental charity, the RHS understand the importance of getting outdoor in nature for your whole wellbeing. This whole weekend is the perfect chance to try a multitude of activities before you find your favourite.
- **Upton Pyne & District Garden Club. Monday 18th September 7.30pm** Upton Pyne Village Hall. Paul Rendell will be speaking on **‘Secret Wildlife on Dartmoor’**
- **Crediton Garden Club. Tuesday 26th September 7pm** Crediton Library. Jo Hynes will be speaking on **Cyclamen in the Wild and Cultivation**

Newton St Cyres Gardening Club's next meeting will be **Wednesday 25th October**, when Dr Chris Lee will be speaking about Garden and Rural Birds, including some interesting and amazing facts. This will take place in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Happy Gardening

Nicola Baker

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Bert Jewell writes Rhymes and Ways about Gardens and Gardening September

Do trees seem to wave as you pass them by?
The breeze through the branches, could that be a sigh,
A leaf gently falling, could that be a tear,
has someone told them that autumn is near.

When their clothes will change colour, some beautiful to see,
Like the Oak in the countryside, windswept and free
and the beech in the hedgerow, leathery and brown,
It could be the spring till they fall to the ground.

Now the Birch is a tree that you could wash, just the trunk maybe
will it be worth it, should we try it and see,
As the leaves start to change, not to brown like the Oak,
but a rich golden yellow, like a royal cloak.

Sorbus or Rowan, Whitebeam or Mountain Ash,
From spring right thro' to autumn, they really cut a dash,
Showing off with flowers around the month of May,
Their leaves were sometimes hung outside to drive the witch away.

Now autumn wouldn't be autumn if the leaves they didn't fall,
Like those upon the Lucombe Oak, so shiny yet so small,
So when we're next out walking, let's find a vacant seat,
and watch the path get covered, the leaves around our feet.

Things to do in the September garden

First, my apologies for a shortened version of Rhymes and Things. Both Margaret and I are recovering from Covid 19. It's our first encounter, not nice.

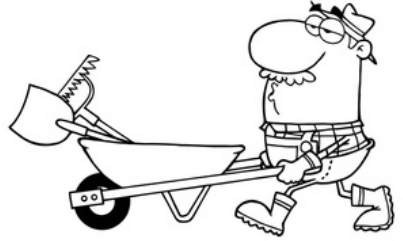
Springtime in the garden when new growth is all around is my favourite time of year, but autumn has to be up there too, when all the new spring growth starts to prepare for the harsh days ahead. The growth on perennials will wither and die, staying in place to protect the crown, trees will slow down, so their leaves are no longer needed, as the leaves die chlorophyll breaks down and become colourless, other colours within the leaf are then revealed. Trees rich in sugar content could have the best Autumn colour.

Plant of the month

"Callicarpa Bodnineri"

This is another of those shrubs that just sits there doing very little for what seems like forever, then, as if from nowhere, violet/purple berries appear along with leaves that are turning orange and red, well worth the wait.

Enjoy your gardening.



Newton St Cyres

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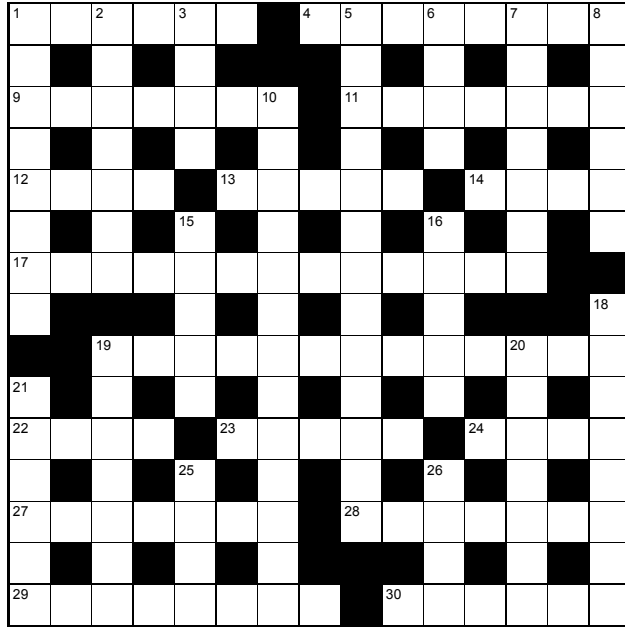
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Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Flexible tree possibly includes one (6)
- 4 Delightful prince (8)
- 9 Spa got alternative power as temporary measure (7)
- 11 Giving away nothing but obsolete vessel (7)
- 12 Neat tequila is drunk initially – why, you say? (4)
- 13 Turner that can be viewed from both sides (5)
- 14 Gave birth to dull person (4)
- 17 Part of the Caribbean populated by chaste women? (6,7)
- 19 50 invest in city carelessly and without thinking (13)
- 22 Publicity fellows turned up first (4)
- 23 Surprisingly nitre is unreactive (5)
- 24 Most put up with him (4)
- 27 Ilona staggered across road first perhaps (7)
- 28 Some electricity is present (7)
- 29 Law a yob broke outside university city in Africa (8)
- 30 Glamorous former lover with old nervous habit (6)

DOWN

- 1 Optimistic for certain (8)
- 2 Working as a monk is? (2,5)
- 3 Close for the evening mostly (4)
- 5 Run on flower power? (13)
- 6 Gather some mature apricots (4)
- 7 Sinful rascal promises to pay (7)
- 8 Look, a goose! (6)
- 10 Supply given to friend for the time being (13)
- 15 Drunk gives gratuities at start of year (5)
- 16 One accepting fine is unsuitable (5)
- 18 Python broadcast I see sounded mesmerising (8)
- 19 Unbeliever elected by Castro (7)
- 20 Ask earnestly for new net rate (7)
- 21 Pal somehow gets round doctor, showing confidence (6)
- 25 Be aware of speaker's refusal (4)
- 26 Vintage unknown – that's the essential point (4)

Set by Alberich

Sudoku

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

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Solution to August 2023 Cryptic Crossword

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Many readers will recall that last year the Newton St Cyres Church Community Association held consultation events in the Parish Hall to explore ways in which the village church could be used for other community or cultural activities alongside religious and festival services.

The results, published in the Newton Wonder, showed a range of ideas:

- Exhibitions: artwork, ceramics, photography (90%)
- Cultural events: choir, theatre, music (87%)
- Craft Activities and get-together activities and classes (52%)
- Information Hub: church guides and tours, local walks, Health & wellbeing (46%)

And in response to the question: What other facilities and services do you think the church building could offer as well as its spiritual services:

- Café and light refreshments (74%)
- Broadband with wifi access (62%)
- Library (religious publications and local history) (54%)
- Collection point for Foodbank (45%)

SO WHAT NEXT?

Plans have been drawn up by architect Mark Ledgard for new facilities in the church:

1. Disabled Toilet
2. Servery
3. Exhibition Gallery

We've collectively made a great start on the activities; we've prioritised the 3 projects above, and now would like to share the plans and have your views.

(Tom Langdon-Davies, Chair of the NSCCCA)

The Parish Church of St Cyr and St Julitta



New Beginnings

September, for students of all ages, generally involves some sort of new beginning. Primary School children may face a new teacher or a new classroom, while those who have spent the last school year in Year 6 will be meeting the challenge of a very different situation at their new Secondary School. Older students may be off to university or to their first role in the workplace, perhaps leaving home for the first time.

These are exciting times but challenging too and sometimes traumatic for parents as well. Leaving the security of a village Primary School after six or seven years, where you know, and are known by, everyone, to attend a large Secondary School where you feel invisible, can feel daunting. As a Primary School headteacher in my working life, I regularly saw both parents and children in floods of tears on the last day of their summer term at our school. And yet, that particular 'new beginning', that dreaded transition from Primary to Secondary, quickly fades into the past once September is underway.

In the Netherexe Mission Community, we are fortunate to have four good village Primary Schools. I know how well they know and understand the children in their care and how the Year 6 teachers will have supported those children through their SATs in preparation for their 'new beginning'. So, I was very moved by a letter I found online, written several years ago by the headteacher of a Primary School in Lancashire to her pupils, following their SATs tests. It speaks volumes about recognising and valuing the whole person, a lesson for us all. I have amended it slightly, but these are her words:

“We are concerned that these tests do not always assess all of what it is that makes each of you special and unique. The people who create these tests and score them do not know each of you the way your teachers do, the way I do and certainly not the way your families do.

They do not know that many of you speak two languages. They do not know that you can play a musical instrument or that you can dance or paint a picture. They do not know that your friends count on you to be there for them or that your laughter can brighten the dreariest day.

They do not know that you write poetry or songs, participate in sports, wonder about the future, or that sometimes you take care of a little brother or sister. They do not know that you have travelled to a really neat place or that you know how to tell a great story or that you really love spending time with special family members and friends. They do not know that you can be trustworthy, kind and thoughtful, and that you try, every day, to be your very best ... the scores you get will tell you something, but they will not tell you everything.

So enjoy your results and be very proud of them, but remember that there are many ways of being smart.”

The children who received this letter will be at University or at work now (this was written in 2014), but I hope these letters will have helped them to not only recognise their own strengths and talents, but also to encourage others to recognise theirs.

My Christian belief means that every new day is a ‘new beginning’ – a chance to do better, a chance to begin again, a new time of freedom and forgiveness, God-purposed and blessed by Him, full of opportunities. How about this for a morning prayer:-

Thank you, God, for opportunity.
Here is a new day, untouched by my hand, but held in yours.
I need you, and you have chosen to need me.
Together, we can bring to fruition some of life’s endless possibilities.
Thank you, God.

Michael Forster

‘Take the first step in faith. You don’t have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.’
(Martin Luther King Jr)

Gwynneth Keehner

An English Summer Afternoon

The weather was kind (well, mostly); the people had gathered; and the tables were laden! What a wonderful afternoon of chilling and chatting and eating was had! About 80 people gathered in the Rectory Garden at Thorverton, bringing with them a whole smorgasbord of puddings from the classic to the experimental, from the relatively healthy to the deliciously decadent!



What can be more England in summer than strawberries and cream, fruit trifle and summer pudding? And alongside this, a cornucopia of cream-filled delights, mountains of meringues and lip-smacking flavours – baklavas, roulades and streusels; oranges and almonds steeped in lashings of alcohol; apricot cake and treacle tart. And who would have thought that a combination of pistachios, Nice biscuits and coffee could taste so amazing!

All of these delicious desserts helped down with that essential summer accompaniment of Pimms (or coffee or tea for those more genteel folk).

This was an afternoon

when calories didn't count, when sugar levels were extremely high, and no one minded just how many different puddings one could consume in an afternoon. And even when the inevitable little shower arrived, no one moved from their seats, no one stopped eating, no one stopped chatting – 'It's ok, it'll quickly pass' – and it did! Spirits definitely not dampened!

But such a wonderful, relaxed afternoon wouldn't be possible without a huge amount of preparation and support – so deep and grateful thanks go to Karen, Tina and Michael, Lorraine and Pete, Nick and Judy, and Beverley. And, of course, many thanks to all who contributed a pudding and their presence to such a wonderful afternoon.

And who knows what 2024 will bring!

Rev'd Tim Collins



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09:30 am	Holy Communion	Thorverton	KR
10:00 am	Morning Worship	Stoke Canon	Lay Led
06:00 pm	Hymns & Pimms Service	Cadbury	Lay Led

Monday 4 September

09:00 am	Chattertots	Thorverton	Lay Led
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Sunday 10 September Trinity 15

10:30am	Holy Communion	Upton Pyne	GC
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Sunday 17 September Trinity 16

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Bramford Speke	TC
09:30 am	Choral Morning Prayer	Thorverton	Lay Led
10:00 am	Messy Church	Stoke Canon	Lay Led
10:30 am	Harvest Service	Upton Pyne	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	Cadbury	KR
05:00 pm	Holy Communion	Stoke Canon	MSS

Sunday 24 September Trinity 17

09:30 am	Holy Communion	Newton St Cyres	TC
11:15 am	Holy Communion	Rewe	TC

Thursday 28 September

06:00 pm	Evensong [BCP]	Netherexe	Revd Ben Rabjohns
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We also have a calendar for services & latest events are under "news".

Who's Who? Abbreviations Key

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Roger Furniss Chairman, Hall Management Committee

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Friday (weekly)	Table tennis	7.00 pm	Roger Wilkins	01392 851337	rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com
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			Others Roger Wilkins	01392 851337	rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com
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