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2021

What a year it has been. It started in lockdown, Christmas had been a disaster with the virus going wild and the government having to go back on its promise to deliver a family Christmas. Fortunately the people of these islands generally have the sense to see that vaccination is the way forward. Notwithstanding the impending, possible threats from the omicron variant. The early roll out of the vaccination programme has, it seems at the moment put us in a better place than many of our neighbours on the continent. Indeed the virus has been one of the most talked about issue of the year.

Why has this, and other deadly viruses, like ebola and earlier sars viruses, appeared? To a large extent it has to be attributed to the changes in our way of life. One of the reasons is simply as a result of the successes of technology.

Until the time of Napoleon, there were less than 1 billion people on Earth at any one time. Since the Second World War, we have been adding a billion people to the global population every 12-15 years. Our population is more than double today what it was in 1970. This has resulted in more of the world's population living in urban and suburban environments. These environments, where people move in and out of contact with each other over wide areas are breeding grounds for viruses which will take advantage of the wide range of social interaction. With the ability to communicate and share social activity across wide areas many of the traditional community links have weakened.

My Grandfather died in 1974 aged 103 and at that time I thought that the changes he had seen were greater than at any time in history or the future. He saw the beginnings of railway travel, steam ships, the postal service and then the emergence, as a clerk of the typewriter, the telephone, radio, television, the computer and ultimately man arriving on the moon. Surely the future could not beat that. But it has; the digital revolution has changed everything. What would grandad have made of my mobile phone? In medicine the changes are incredible, infant mortality has been massively reduced and modern technology and procedures have increased life expectancy. It is largely as a result of these developing technologies that scientists were able to develop vaccines to combat this deadly virus so quickly.

Community magazines like the Newton Wonder exist to help hold together local communities in the 21st century. Looking through the issues of the last year I was struck by the diversity of activity in the village and by its diversity of ideas. In this issue we learn about the activity of the residents of Sand Down Lane in seeking out the local history. Over the last few months through our series of local heroes from Ann Cordingley we have been learning of the activities of the people who do the jobs in the village that often go unnoticed. The Parish Council has an environment adviser, there is a Newton Environmental Wellbeing group, and several village residents were involved in the COP 26 activities that happened in Crediton.

I would like to thank all our readers and contributors for their support during the year. Going forward to 2022 we hope to be able to involve more of the village in our publication and website.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT ... November 2021

The meeting, held on Thursday 4th November at the Parish Hall, was attended by nine Councillors, the Parish Clerk, and our Climate Change Officer (Sue Rowell).

Climate Change

- * Four councillors, Sue Rowell and the Parish clerk attended a Zoom-based training meeting with the Mid Devon Climate and Sustainability Officer. Another meeting is scheduled for November. We hope that from this we can make some contribution to Mid Devon's work to become carbon neutral. However, as a Parish Council, we have no buildings, only one part-time employee, no vehicles, and a very limited budget. Therefore, our best contribution will be as a conduit for information between the parishioners and Mid Devon as well as supporting others who wish to take action.
- * Sue Rowell reported on Climate Emergency Citizens' Assemblies run by Devon County Council. The outcome of these assemblies is a list of priorities for the County Council for the next few years. At the top of the list was a resolution looking for funding for the improvement of insulation in existing homes. You can read more on this website: <https://www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk/devon-climate-emergency-response-group-meeting-21st-september-2021/>
- * One way to combat climate change is to plant more trees. We are fortunate to already have substantial woodland around Newton St Cyres, mostly managed by the Quicke family. However, there may be other landowners who would like to develop even small wooded areas, The Forestry Commission has published this very helpful booklet: <https://forestry.gov.scot/publications/96-the-right-tree-in-the-right-place-planning-for-forestry-and-woodlands>. It will be very helpful to anyone engaging in such a project.

Planning

- * Listed-building consent was given for the installation of solar panels on the stable roof of East Holme farm, although there has to be a separate application to permit the actual installation of the panels.
- * Permission was granted for the demolition of an agricultural building at Barn Hill Farm, followed by the erection of a dwelling on the site.
- * There was no more news about the planning application for the old school site.
- * A new development manager has been appointed for Mid Devon, and a Zoom meeting has been arranged for Councillors and Parish Clerks to get to know her.

- * The Council has initiated an application to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. As a first stage in the process, we are displaying a map of the Parish on our website, to confirm that these are indeed the Parish Boundaries. You can check on this website: <https://www.middevonparish.co.uk/newtonstcyres/neighbourhood-plan/>

The A377 and other traffic issues

- * The new crossing is currently being installed in the centre of the village. Hurrah!
 - * As requested, Belluno's have cut back their hedge.
 - * At long last, the streetlights in the centre of the village have been repaired.
 - * A grant of £1,000 has been received from Devon County Council to buy equipment for the road warden scheme. It was decided to supplement this with Parish Council money so that all the necessary equipment to repair potholes could be purchased. However, we will not be able to afford a trailer to store the equipment. The Parish Council is currently investigating secure sites for the storage of the equipment.
- 8 Damaged bollards on the pavement of School Hill were reported to be a trip hazard. The Sand Down Road sign has become obscured. The Parish Clerk is reporting these issues to Devon County Council.
- * All other road-related issues remain as before.

Other Council Business

- * The rain gauge has been checked and cleared of vegetation. The plastic guarding needs replacing, and this has reported for action under our maintenance contract.
- * The hedge on the A377 side of the allotments has been cut back. The old shed, that once contained asbestos, has been removed by the current allotment holder. Several plots remain untidy, and the Council will be writing to the allotment holders seeking to get this put right.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Parish Hall on **Thursday 2nd December 2021** at 7pm. Members of the public are welcome. However, Covid guidelines mean that the number of attendees will be limited. Alternatively, if members of the public wish issues to be raised in council meetings, they can contact councillors in the usual way. There will also be a Parish Surgery at the next Coffee Morning to be held in the Parish Hall.

RECREATION GROUND CLUB

The year is coming to an end and I'm sure we all hope the next months are less traumatic than the previous ones were.

The next three months see the youth and senior football teams complete their scheduled fixtures and it looks like they will have a full season for the first time in three years.

In December and January we will have both men's and ladies' darts – not a full season but enough to be competitive.

No news yet about the skittles but they have indicated they hope to have a programme of games to start in the New Year, so fingers crossed this does happen and the players don't lose another season.

The archery group won't return to the Rec until mid-May as they use indoor facilities during the dark months.

In December we have a family party and the Football Club have a social evening.

The committee wishes all our members, their families and friends a great Christmas and a prosperous New Year. We wish everyone good health, wealth and happiness for 2022, hoping this awful pandemic is well on the way out and we can all meet with family and friends.

Wendy Lewis

PARISH HALL CAR PARK CLOSURE 28 DECEMBER

The Parish Hall Car Park will be closed for 24 hours from 11 am on Tues 28 December as part of a policy to close for one day annually to prevent the establishment of legal rights of access by users. Please could people ensure that cars are moved to an alternative location for that period. The Hall Committee apologises for any inconvenience this will cause.

Roger Wilkins, Chairman Parish Hall Committee

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

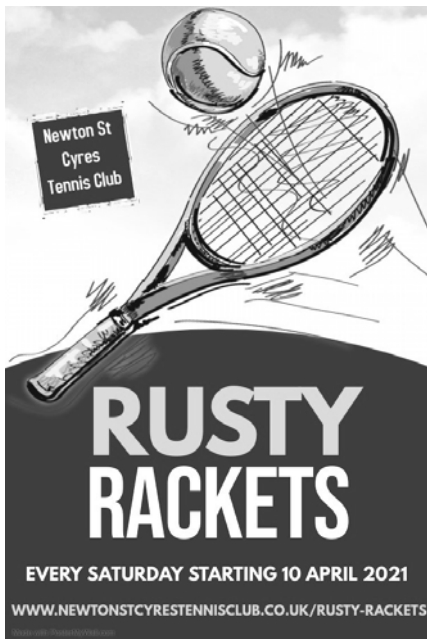
As we build up to Christmas we are all hoping it will be a bit more festive than last year! The club is celebrating Christmas with a Twelve Days of Christmas fancy dress tournament which will be fun, with a prize for the best costume. We would like to wish all readers a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2022.

For all enquiries about the club please see our website www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk.



Sally Baldwin

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Thoughts for December from Peter Cordingley

I had my Covid-19 booster jab at Lords Meadow the other Saturday. And, my word!, what a slick operation it was. Volunteers were everywhere, guiding cars to parking spots, and, inside, escorting us promptly to the right tables. And the helpers at those tables were cheerful and chatty. Even the retired GP who stuck the needle in my arm was as cheery as you like, even though, at past 3 in the afternoon, he must have seen more of humanity that day than he feels he needs ever to see again.

The question is: what happens now? Some experts believe Covid will gradually become just a routine infectious disease that no longer causes major surges in hospital admissions or deaths. Testing, vaccination and anti-virals would keep serious cases in check. In that scenario, there would be no need to reintroduce any restrictions, and with the virus in retreat throughout 2022, GDP would be restored to pre-pandemic levels. Maybe. Maybe not.

Sometimes, when I walk around Tesco in Crediton, I get the impression that many people share the view that the worst of the pandemic has passed and risk levels are low. There can be no other explanation for the number of people going maskless, including many of the staff. That's nuts. Just plain nuts

So, what kind of Christmas are we likely to have – a lockdown Yuletide like last year (thanks to last-minute restrictions imposed by Boris after weeks of saying there would be none) or something closer to what we normally have? Just as a precaution, I'll say that when the Prime Minister says, as he did recently, that there is "absolutely nothing to indicate that a winter lockdown is on the cards at all", then it's time to start worrying about a winter lockdown.

But let's put all that aside for the moment. Christmas is no time to go over past government screw-ups and worry about those still to come. All I will say on the pandemic-response front, after years of working with the World Health Organisation, is that if the number of cases and deaths rates continue the way they are now, then we may find ourselves wearing masks again – and well before Christmas. Let's at least hope that any restrictions don't stretch as far as working from home once more, because that will really take the tinsel out of the festive season.

I went on a walkabout at the Exeter Cathedral Christmas Market the other day. Its return is a welcome display of confidence, but beware: I don't want to show Scrooge tendencies, but that market can get seriously busy and at times is no more than a large petri dish for disease. I would never go there without a mask, no matter what the scientists tell us about the open air being relatively safe. In fact, more often than not, I wear a mask when walking on High Street. And so do members of my family. That's what comes of living in Hong Kong for 20 or so years.

Finally, spare a thought, please, for local restaurants and similar establishments. Many of them have lots of financial catching-up to do after 18 months of restrictions. So Christmas income will be vital to their future. But Covid measures and Brexit controls on immigrant workers (don't get me started!) risk making life tricky for employers. Shortages of supplies are bad enough, but are trifling problems compared with not having enough staff to man the kitchen and serve the tables.

I wish the people at the Beer Engine and Belluno a merry Christmas and a prosperous (and heathier 2022). And that goes for all of the good folk of Newton St Cyres.

NEWTON RAMBLERS

December and January

The walk for December will take place on Boxing Day

Boxing Day Walk - 26th December

We will again take the now traditional Boxing Day walk. This is not a long or arduous walk and gives us an opportunity to get out for some fresh air and walk off some of that Christmas excess! We will leave from the Newton St Cyres car park and go to the top of Sand Down Lane and then along the ridges, with a break to look down on the Creedy Valley. Descending via Oldway, we will head back along 50 yards of the A377 to join the footpath circling Tytheing Close, with a view of the centre of Newton.

Meet at the Newton St Cyres Parish Hall Car Park at 10 a.m. Please join us!

Sunday 16th January

Our walk on Sunday 16th January will start from Powderham. We will then go along the towpath of the River Exe and the Ship Canal to Topsham Lock, then across the Exminster Marshes Nature Reserve, where we hope to see plenty of birds. We will then walk back to Powderham. This is an easy flat walk of just over 5 miles.

We will meet in the Newton St Cyres Parish Hall Car Park at 9.30 am and take the minimum number of cars (covid allowing). Alternatively we will be parking along the road by Powderham church and will leave from there at 10 am.

All are welcome on either of these walks. For more information please ring Rosemary or Nigel Chambers on 01392 851400.

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



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

• Newton St Cyres Historical Village Walks (£1)

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• Newton St Cyres Mining and Miners (£1)

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

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

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)
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pomegranate seeds and watercress to finish [optional]

Slice the beetroot and red onion thinly and arrange in a serving dish. Mix the dressing and season with sea salt and freshly ground pepper. Spoon over the beetroot and onion.

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Paul Cleave

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Do You Remember...December?

December 1971

Keeping warm at St Anthony's church Cowley is proving to be a problem with the old coke fired system. The church committee has decided to install a 13 amp ring main with reflector heaters.

The parish Christmas cards are selling well, there are still some available at 15p for 6 cards.

The Grand Christmas Ball will be in the Parish Hall on 17th December. Dancing will be to Bill Greenhalgh and his music. Tickets are 40p each.

The NSC Young Farmers organised a 24 hour ploughing marathon. Pausing only to refuel and check the tractor and changing the plough points they ploughed 64 acres.

December 1981

The new tenants of the Crown and Sceptre, Peter and Rita Saunders have arrived.

The Parish Council has again commented on the lack of warning signs and poor driving through the village.

British Telecom has been granted permission to build an exchange at Tytheing Close, this was originally refused as being too prominent on the skyline.

The first village in France to be the potential twin with NSC has decided against twinning. A more likely prospect near Caen appears to be a good prospect.

December 1991

The Parish Council feels that it would be useful to ascertain the general feeling from villagers about possible changes in the village. There will be a questionnaire sent to every household in the new year.

The Council also has marker pens for anyone who wishes to give their possessions a unique identifying mark.

The Parochial Church council reports repair work in progress with the tower being repointed and various windows surrounds getting attention.

December 2001

The Twinning Circle held a wine tasting evening.

The Parish Council is considering giving every child under 16 years in the village a commemorative mug to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

Quickes opened their Farm Shop on 1st December after being shut for nearly 9 months due to the Foot and Mouth outbreak.

A planning application has been received for a phone mast to be erected at New Barn Cross.

December 2011

A sergeant and constable from the Crediton police station attended the Parish Council meeting to discuss traffic problems in the village. They advised residents to report speeding vehicles via telephone number 101 even if they do not have the vehicle details as it will highlight the extent of the problem.

The History Group heard a talk by Christine Trugger on large public clocks, which are now becoming rarer presumably because of the common use of wrist watches.

The Parish Council is asking for volunteer snow wardens during the winter months,

The village football teams now include the under 7s, hopefully to develop young players to continue to more senior teams.

Exhibition of Paintings

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Bert Jewell writes Rhymes and Ways about Gardens and Gardening December

As another year slowly winds to an end,
What memories to hold, what thoughts can we send
to our family, to our friends, some near and some far,
With the same old greeting, we ask how they are.
And what of the future, what path will they take,
depending on our leaders, the decisions they make
at meeting after meeting, as they fly round the globe,
Some leaders looking colourful in traditional robe.
But hey, it's Christmas, time for laughter and cheer,
The Queen's speech, maybe, whilst we sip our beer
Or a walk after lunch, to settle thing down,
ready for the friends we've invited around.

Not to talk about politics or how things are run,
But to pull a few crackers, enjoy the fun,
Then when day turns to night we can all rest our head
in our warm little house on a nice comfy bed.
Except those who are homeless or those that are sick,
Or all those offenders locked up in the nick,
Or those with huge debts, unable to pay,
Who will help all of those we ask as we pray

Things to do in the December garden

Firstly the extension. As I write these notes, the fitters are putting the kitchen units together and the bathroom is being gutted next, so I have to tell you that we are disappearing for a week while this is going on. We will be back by the time you read this with, we hope, a fresh bathroom and a kitchen that we can use.

Now, have you ever sat talking, sometimes shouting at the television, in response to what our politicians come out with? To help reduce climate change, they are going to reduce the number of trees that are cut down, but not just yet. Why not? Meanwhile, after making fields bigger by removing hedgerows, there is now talk of having smaller machines to help stop soil compaction, possibly using a no dig method. Some people are trying this system

in their own garden. To get good results, you will need to apply two or three inches of organic matter each year for the system to work. Worms will take this matter down into the soil. I learnt my trade turning the garden with a fork with no humps or troughs, I think I am too set in my ways to change now. With regards to planting trees, yes, I'm all for it. But newly planted trees will take a long time to achieve what the mature trees are already doing. So look after our woodlands, look after our trees. Now let's go out into the garden and see what needs doing.

If vacant soil is workable, turn it over with a fork or spade and leave it rough, this will expose any soil pests to the birds and the frost will break it down ready for the spring. Clear the last of the fallen leaves from the lawn and any that are stuck in the top of perennials. If you don't, they will harbour slugs and snails and allow fungi to develop.

Harvest Brussel sprouts, parsnips, leeks and any other crops as and when you need them. If you are one of those folk who likes to grow large onions, December is a good time to sow the seeds, under cover in cells or root trainers with plenty of light. Christmas day has long been regarded as the best time. This maybe an excuse just to avoid another game of scrabble!

This is also a good time to give the greenhouse a good clean. Clear away any dead plant material and where possible give the staging a good wash with a mild disinfectant. If you can, leave the doors open to air and dry out.

If you keep plants over winter, water them sparingly. If you have cacti or succulents, water them once a month with only a small amount. This will stop them from dehydrating which, will help them to flower next year.

Plant of the month

"*Sarcococca Hookeriana*"

This is one plant that I regret leaving in our old garden. I should have taken a root but ran out of time. The common name is Christmas Box.

It's an evergreen spreading shrub, that has tiny spider like flowers that give off such a beautiful scent, planted near the front door or in a tub on the patio (fantastic). Best in moist soil in some shade.



Have a great Christmas. And enjoy your gardening.

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Demonstration by Richard Thorn in inks and watercolour

29thOctober

Richard Thorn is well-known and admired for his watercolours, which magically capture natural light in rural settings and we were keen to see how he achieves this.

Richard worked from a photo he'd taken and a simple charcoal sketch of the same river scene which he'd done in advance, to establish tones. He also used some liquid graphite. (The charcoal is absorbed by ink and paint to create interesting effects, so there are no ugly pencil lines which can't be removed.) He prefers Arches paper, but it's very expensive, so a heavy smooth-surfaced watercolour paper will do.

The painting was built up carefully with washes, spattering, stippling, flicking and brushwork, to create a hazy background and middle ground of woodland with sunlight filtering through onto patches of grass and foliage, and the river, and deep areas of shadow. With each wash, he considered tone, texture and colour.

His style was very loose until details were added, after considerable time. Getting stuck on details can kill a painting. Dark areas such as tree trunks, rocks and shadows were intensified to help the brightly-lit areas stand out.

We were inspired to try this method for ourselves (necessitating some prior expenditure on materials!) and look forward to the upcoming workshop with Richard in December.

Jenny Hallam

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NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP

We were very lucky to have two fine Saturday afternoons in October for walking and talking in Sand Down Lane. Altogether, around 30 folks attended, with residents or former ones helping by telling their stories or giving information they had researched. Both walks became pleasant community events.



We started by the main road to consider the School House built by the county in 1927 for the headmaster. There was a problem with building lines and the construction was delayed. It may be noticed that the resulting house is of narrow depth. The first long-term headmaster, Frank Bellman, served from around 1880 until he retired in 1925, an amazing 45 years. He lived at Mount Pleasant. During WW2, Mr. PJ Voaden was in residence in a difficult time when the number of children was doubled by the evacuees from London. Reg Mear was the last headmaster to live in the School House, where he stayed with his family until he built the bungalow opposite in the mid 1970s. Interestingly, both Reg and Frank Bellman lived well into their 90s.

The Police House, a near neighbour and survivor from the days of the village policeman, was built around the same time. Initially, in 1922, the police had hoped to reserve one of the new council houses to be built at Sweetham. However the Rural District and Parish Councils felt they had more deserving families, but importantly, they wanted the village policeman to be living near the main road as traffic control was such a big part of his job. The last village policeman died in the mid 1950's although the police continued to use the house for staff for some while.

Christine Fraser and Ann Mitchell then took over to relate the stories from Glebelands House and Glebelands Villas.

Ann told the story of the big Hookway family who lived at No. 1 Glebeland Villas from the mid-1930s until the mid 1950s and ran Glebelands Tea House.

Christine then described how the Down family came to own and live in Glebelands House and how they used the land:

A family story by Anne Mitchell

Wilfred and Dorothy Hookway married in 1927 and settled in Exmouth, where Wilfred was a Commercial Traveller in the woollen trade. He travelled regularly to the Channel Islands, until he was made redundant in the 1930s slump.

In 1935 they came to live in Newton St Cyres with their six children, and Dorothy opened Glebelands Tea House, which was very successful. She then had three more children. The cafe catered for many regulars, including the Exeter Ramblers Group, and offered Sunday lunches for business people from Exeter. There was a good bus service every 30 minutes between Exeter and Crediton – No 7 for 7p return.

The cafe was open every day of the year except Christmas Day, with a special set cream tea consisting of bread and butter, sandwiches, scones and cakes for 1/6p. Everything, including the bread, was home made. Service was on starched white tablecloths with the best china and cutlery. In the summer the tables were taken into the garden. The three daughters Barbara, Pamela and Anne were all roped in to help with the cafe and look after their younger brothers – by this time Frank, Gilbert, Michael (his twin Derek died), David, Ian, and Peter. Dorothy was also adept at knitting, crochet, tatting and embroidery, which was another sideline. She also belonged to the Women's Institute Learners Guild, which was very active at that time.

During the spring of 1944 there were many American troops in the area, some of whom brought their steaks for Dorothy to cook. Their large vehicles were parked around and sometimes found the narrow roads difficult, taking chunks out of the brown painted cob cottages in the village. Sometimes they would bring their girlfriends in the evening. As may be imagined, they were popular with the Hookway boys, with their gifts of sweets and chewing gum.

After Dorothy's untimely death in 1951 at 44 years of age, the cafe was closed. Anne was the only daughter still at home and the younger boys lived there for some years. Her father died in 1957. She had married Dennis Mitchell in 1956. He lived at Cecil Park, Langford (which is now Langford Park Nursing Home) and his family had cider orchards, dairy and poultry. They lived there for the next 23 years, until 1979, when they built a bungalow, Creedy Down, at Langford.

Anne and Dennis moved to the village at Sand Down Lane in 1993, where Dennis died in 1997. He was a very keen church and cinema organist and had an organ that lit up and changed colours (as in the cinema) in his home at Cecil Park. Anne now lives at Woodlands in the village.

They have two children, Susan and Philip. Susan is married to John Down from Chulmleigh and they have three daughters, Sophie, Lucy and Hannah. Philip lived in Japan for 15 years, teaching, and is at the moment living with Anne. Most of the family have stayed and live locally in Devon.

Anne, who stood before No1 Glebelands Villas to tell her story, is still out and about and busy at 91. She had to be reminded to tell everyone that the house has had quite a big extension since the Hookways lived there. It had been a very small house to accommodate such a large family, with the main room as a cafe.



Glebelands villas. The right-hand villa was the Hookway residence

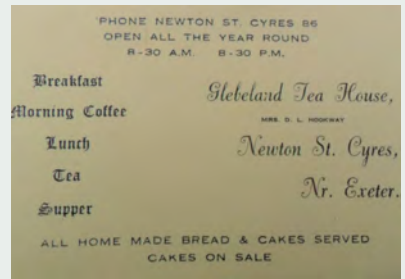


Photo of service bell and business card

Christine Fraser then described how the Down Family came to live in Glebelands House and how they used the land.

GLEBELANDS HOUSE and GLEBELANDS VILLAS were built by Charles Batting of Cullompton in 1926 and would have been considered to be quite well appointed, both soon having both electricity and running water. The latter was from a large tank at the top of the grazing field fed from the well at the bottom of the field via a pumping station. However, it was not until the 1990s that the three properties were connected to mains water. Mains water came to Newton St Cyres in the 1950s but the tank remains as a reminder that previously, properties had their own individual arrangements for water supply, often from shared wells but also from small reservoirs.

Nick Down's grandfather, Charles Down (a dairyman), and his wife Winifred nee Cole, purchased the three properties and fields by auction in 1930 and then lived at No. 1

Glebelands Villas until 1935. Then Wilfred and Dorothy Hookway of Exmouth moved into No. 1 with six of their 9 children, and ran The Glebelands Tea House.

Norman Down, Nick Down's father, inherited No. 2 Glebelands Villas (and Glebelands House) in 1954 and cultivated his market garden on the adjoining field, supplying his shop at 33 Sidwell Street Exeter.

GLEBELANDS HOUSE: This had been let to a Captain Knapman. Norman Down and his family moved into the house in 1958 and there set up his poultry business at the side of the house. The property is now owned and occupied by Nick and Yasmin Down.



To the south of Glebelands House along the lane edge of the field remain two concrete steps, all that is left of Charles Down's summer house, a wooden bungalow that later provided a temporary home for several families in turn.

The summer house and the water tank

Our next stop was at Manesty, home of David and Brenda Valence.

David greeted the party by welcoming us to the bungalow where Mrs Thatcher once had lunch. David's account:

The name Manesty came from Manesty woods near Derwent Water, Cumbria. Dan and Jean Cook moved to Devon from Cumbria when Dan was appointed as an Education Officer with the county and they lived in the School House. He then bought nearly half an acre of land from the Quikes and had Manesty built in 1957. Dan became Chief Education Officer for Devon and during his time here, Margaret Thatcher, as Minister of Education, paid a visit to Exeter University, Newton St Cyres school and subsequently came to Manesty for lunch, along with Reg Mear, headmaster, Friday 4th July 1971.

We bought Manesty from Dan Cook and moved in on 4th October 1990 from Woodlands, having lived there for over 23 years. At that time, there was no mention of the triple ditch located on the site and it was probably not known locally. The first reference we now have was in 1975 from an aerial survey by Cambridge University following a very dry summer. It seems to be one-sided only through Manesty garden but parts showed a triple ditch around an area in the field at the back, extending to over half an acre.



Diagram showing the plan of the ditches as shown by aerial photos (Devon Historic Environment Record)

We obtained planning for a dwelling in the lower part of the garden, which was built during 2006/7. This was when we first knew of the triple ditch, and part of the planning conditions was a 'dig' within the area being excavated only. This lasted for four whole days, and we were obliged to pay £1,000 for the cost.

The dig and report by Devon County Historic Record showed the ditch at that point to be around 5 metres wide at the top and 2.8 metres deep with a 0.4 metre flat bottom. Exposure was over a distance of 6 metres. A small number of finds were recorded which covered a vast period of time:

Two lithic flakes, worked stone from the Paleolithic period, a sherd of late-prehistoric pottery, and within the footprint, but in the plough soil of the field behind, a rim sherd from a second-century Roman flagon.



Photos of excavation site

This was not the only prehistoric site revealed during aerial surveys in the 1970s and 1980s in the large field called Sandown between the lane and Ford and Hayne farms. In contrast to the site at Manesty, which has a fabulous view of the surrounding countryside, there has also appeared a site of single-ditched interlocking enclosures on a lower north-east-facing slope just to the south west of Ford Farm. These have not been excavated and appear on the Devon Historic Environment Map as Bronze Age to Iron Age.

NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP

ZOOM MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Friday Dec. 12th Paul Cleave will speak on Food at Christmas: an Historical Perspective

Friday Jan. 14th Tony Gale will tell us about Copplestone Cross

These meetings are convened by Crediton Library using their zoom subscription and are at 4pm on the second Friday of the month. Roger Wilkins holds a list of those interested in receiving these talks, to whom he sends out details when he receives them from the library. If you would like to be included email Roger on; rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com

If the time is impossible for you, you may be interested to know that the talk will appear on Crediton Library's U tube site a few days later.

Once again we are having to miss our Christmas party, however we wish all our local history lovers a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Gardening Club Coffee Morning 27th November



Pictures from Peter Hawksley

At the Gardening Club coffee morning there were a variety of stalls including bric-a-brac, tombola and Men in Sheds were there with their products.

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Newton St Cyres Gardening Club

Christmas is not far away and we have all gone through yet another unusual year. Our gardens and plants have been a great source of enjoyment (and work) and have kept us occupied, when life is so uncertain.

Last December I wrote about colourful planters, Christmas trees and leaf mould. This year I will be looking at Christmas wreaths, amaryllis, hollies and dogwoods. The start of November was very mild, with plenty of sunshine and many butterflies and bees still visiting our gardens. There was still lots of colour from flowering plants, and plants that will continue to give us colour include the hollies.



Although often associated only with Christmas because of their berries, hollies are actually very varied and tolerant. There are many varieties, ranging from those that can make a lovely hedge, those with small leaves that can be an alternative to box such as *Ilex crenata* (dwarf pagoda), and those that can be grown as small trees or larger specimen trees. Where we lived previously, we planted a small holly which now, 11 years on, is a beautiful tree that I still enjoy seeing whenever I go back and walk past it.

The glossy leaves of hollies can be dark green, variegated with cream or yellow margins or even with a hint of blue such as *Ilex x meserveae* commonly known as meserve holly or blue holly, including blue princess, blue angel and blue prince. These are evergreen hybrid hollies that typically grow to 6'-8' tall. *Ilex aquifolium* (ferox argentea) is also known as the hedgehog holly due to its having some of the most prickly leaves, with 'ferox' meaning fierce!

If you are growing hollies for their berries, you need to ensure that you plant a female that can be pollinated. Most hollies are unisexual, so pollen from a male tree must be carried to the female tree in order to produce fruit.

According to folklore, a profusion of berries was a sign of a hard winter to come. However, as it is the spring weather that determines pollination, and sun and warmth in early autumn that ripen the berries, it is pure coincidence if a hard winter follows!

The bright red berries are much loved by birds such as blackbirds, thrushes, redwings and fieldfares. They can strip the berries from the branches very rapidly, as they are full of sugars and protein. It should be remembered though, that to humans, the berries are very toxic as they are a strong emetic. A leaflet produced by the RHS for the Holly Trail at Rosemoor can be viewed and downloaded from their website. It provides useful information about the varieties. <https://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/pdf/roosemoor/holly-trail-leaflet.pdf>

A winter-flowering houseplant, providing a splash of colour, that makes an appearance for sale almost everywhere as Christmas approaches is amaryllis. Although the true amaryllis *amaryllis belladonna* is a native of South Africa, those usually sold are actually of the genus *hippeastrum* and are native to South America. With tall stems and large trumpet-shaped flowers, amaryllis come in a wide range of colours.



Each stem will normally give several flowers and some bulbs produce more than one stem. They are often sold as gifts with the growing medium and pot included, together with full growing instructions. Alternatively, you can select your choice of bulb and flower colour(s) and plant between six and eight weeks before you want them to flower. Use a pot only slightly larger than the bulb, and a general compost covering only 2/3 of the bulb. Keep the soil moist, watering from the top, but do not let the

pot sit in a saucer of water. A temperature of 20°-25°C will start the growing process (an airing cupboard is ideal, if you have one) and, once sprouted, they can be moved to a bright warm spot. To ensure that the stems remain straight they should be turned regularly, and fed every 10 days. A standard tomato fertiliser will encourage growth. It is still important to keep the soil moist and to keep the blooms lasting longer, but you can move them to a cooler location.

Dogwoods cornus also provide wonderful winter colour to the garden, and they can have yellow, red or orange stems. *Cornus sanguinea* have amazing deep red stems that are stunning in the winter light. They are generally vigorous plants that can mature into large shrubs. The best colour is from the stems, which grew earlier in the same year. Advice on pruning/coppicing: Prune hard in the spring back to two or three pairs of buds to keep the shrub a manageable size, and to encourage lots of colourful stems. However, newly planted cornus should be left for the first two years to establish, before coppicing. Annual pruning will result in the formation of a base (known as a stool) with many shoots growing from it. This should be regularly checked for any overcrowding or dead sections, which should be removed.



Cornus alba 'Sibirica'.

Homemade Christmas wreaths are a great way to decorate your home. It is also great fun seeking out all of the foraged items that will make up your own unique design. I have just provided an outline guide below from my memory of a course I attended a couple of years ago. More detailed instructions can be found on any of the YouTube tutorials, or you can book onto a course being held locally.

Avoiding the use of plastics, you will need a flat wire wreath frame (14"), some straw, florists binding wire and an assortment of berries, leaves, stems/sprigs of evergreen leaves, ivy etc. When collecting, ensure that you still leave plenty of berries and seedheads for wildlife. Holly has traditionally been used as a decoration for homes as it was thought that the prickly leaves around the entrance of a house would stop 'evil forces' entering.

This year there seems to be a profusion of traveller's joy - old man's beard, which also looks really good in a Christmas wreath. Although sphagnum moss was usually the base for the wreath, many people now use straw as a more environmentally friendly product. Another alternative is a frame made from hazel or willow sticks. There are also concerns on using florist foam, as recent research showed that this is a huge source of harmful micro-plastics, with particles being washed down drains and into rivers.

Here you go:

- Using the wire, build up the base of straw onto the frame, ensuring it is well covered and secured.
- Make a wire loop and attach securely to the frame at the top. This will be used to hang the wreath.
- Make about 15 'bunches' of greenery with whatever you have foraged. You may wish to include fragranced foliage such as rosemary, eucalyptus and bay. Each bunch should be slightly fanned to give longer sections on the outside of the frame, when attached.
- Wire each bunch together and then attach to the frame facing in the same direction, overlapping them to cover the base of the previous bunch.
- The foliage covered frame is then ready for you to 'decorate' with your choice of berries, rosehips, cones, dried fruit slices, cinnamon sticks etc. Cones need to be open, in order to wire them prior to attaching to the wreath
- You can form a bow from fabric ribbon or hessian, which you then attach with wire at the top or the base of the wreath.
- Finally, if you have used straw as your base, you can soak the completed wreath to ensure that the bunches of greenery stay really fresh.
- Display by fixing to your front door so that you and your visitors can admire your work!



Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for reading these monthly articles and we hope that we will be able to start up meetings of the Gardening Club again in spring 2022.

Nicola Baker

Christmas Fayre

The church was able to organise its Christmas Fayre on Saturday November 20th. This successful event was the first for two years because of the pandemic.



Pictures from Ann Quon Cordingley and Margaret Tucker



December and January at Crediton Arts Centre

The busy winter at the Arts Centre continues with Living Room Theatre's final performances of their tour of *All Is Mended*, their two-person adaptation of A Midsummer Night's dream set in a care home. There are performances on Friday 3rd December at 7.30pm, and Saturday 4th December at 2.30 and 7.30pm. For the matinee performance, the company will be joined by the elders whose voices they recorded for the show, who will be performing their parts live. This show has toured in outdoor venues and village halls since September, and this is a final chance to see a wonderful piece of theatre.



Friday 10th December sees the return of our *Big Christmas Quiz* at 7.30pm, with the inimitable Pat Laver leading the festive silliness and brain-bending. Tickets for all these shows are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/creditonartscentre

On New Year's Eve we will be opening the Arts Centre doors for another *Live Lounge @ Studio 1*, with live music from local musicians, the legendary Arts Centre Bar, and a chance to meet and socialise in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The festivities start at 8pm and go on until 2022.



And on Saturday 8 January at 11am we have a special family treat with the return of Boo to a Goose Theatre with their new show *Shipwreck Sam*. With shows designed specifically for pre-school and reception children, the company were awarded the Pop-Up Theatre of the Year award from Prestige Awards South West in 2020.

The new year will see much more from the Arts Centre, with performances from the wonderful folk duo Suthering, plus Scratchworks Theatre, Townsend Productions, Red Dragonfly and more, as well as the installation of our new cinema sound system.

Crediton Arts Centre would like to wish everyone a very jolly yuletide and festive season, and all the best luck for 2022 and better times.

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Newton's Unsung Heroes

The history of Newton St Cyres dates back to at least the 11th century, providing researchers and the plain curious with a fascinating window into the past. Among their number are the ceaselessly inquisitive members of the Newton St Cyres History Group, unpaid enthusiasts who carry out research, organise walks and talks and turn out engrossing publications about the village they are proud to call home. They talked to Ann Quon Cordingley, who also took the photos.

Young Sarah Wilkins came home excitedly with a school project. "It was something that you sometimes dread with 10-year-olds," recalls Jean Wilkins. "It was to write about the history of our own house."

Jean knew that their home on Sand Down Lane was 400 years old, but that's about all, so she and Sarah set about learning more. "We found some old people to talk to, went to the West Country Studies Library in Exeter and the Record Office, and Sarah wrote a nice little essay for school," says Jean.



Today, 40 years later, Jean Wilkins is widely regarded as the oracle of local historical knowledge. So it is not surprising that she is chairperson of the Newton St Cyres History Group committee, a small and enthusiastic team of local residents, all retired, with a clear passion for history and storytelling.

Besides Jean, there's her husband Roger, a former agricultural scientist, Lynda Pearce, a former civil servant, and Isobel Hepworth, a former history teacher. All have been involved since the group was started in 2010, each contributing their efforts to various aspects of its work.

Some might think that history is a dry subject. But not when this group is talking about their work. They organise talks and exhibits, conduct research, produce publications and organise activities such as walks and outings – all around issues of local historical interest.

As chairperson, Jean fixes up speakers through her personal contacts and extensive network of history groups, including Cridton U3A, the Devon History Society and, more

recently, the Crediton Area History Zoom. A former information scientist and librarian for Devon County Council, Jean studied botany at Reading University, where she and Roger met as students. They married and moved to Newton St Cyres 40 years ago.

As a history teacher, Isobel Hepworth was a natural for the group. She moved from Otterton Village in East Devon in 1984 and wanted to do something for the village as she was about to retire, so she got involved in the history group. "I was working in the library service and before that I was a history teacher. I did a degree in history. So it was right up my alley, although I had never done local history."

Isobel has the task of taking notes at all the talks and doing the write-ups for the Newton Wonder. Amazingly, she is on write-up number 102. "Isobel is very talented in the write-up of the talks and they are a fantastic record," says Roger. "Quite often people come and say I got more out of reading Isabel's report than I got listening to the talk at the meeting. It's a real skill."



Lynda Pearce grew up in Exeter and used to pass through Newton on the school bus to and from Crediton, where she went to school. She never dreamed that she would ever live in NSC, but has been here now for 30 years. Her husband was a friend of Devon author Peter Thomas, from whom she developed an interest in collecting old postcards and photographs. Lynda offers the group what she describes as a different perspective as a keen collector of visual history. "I was surprised when Jean asked me to join," says Lynda. "I knew she wanted to get other people to help, but I kept saying that my views on history are very different to the other members of the committee because I am more interested in recent history such as the people-oriented history and pictures."

It is because of her unique interests that Lynda has been invaluable when it comes to organising the group's photo exhibitions in the Parish Hall, among others.

If it takes a village to raise a child, as the African proverb goes, then in 1999 it took a village to put together a book of historical photographs of NSC life. “A group of about eight or nine of us produced a book for the millennium which entailed collecting old photographs, mainly from villagers who lived here a long time. They wanted their photographs to be in this book and we had amazing cooperation from them,” recalls Jean, who says looking through photographs brought the village together.

Roger thinks the millennium book exercise may have also whetted locals’ interest in history because a few years later the Parish Council held a public consultation, followed by a comprehensive questionnaire seeking residents’ views on all aspects of village life and how it should develop in future. The result was the Newton St Cyres Parish Plan, published in 2008, which contained the findings of the questionnaire. Among them was the suggestion that respondents would be interested in a history society, if one were set up.

“I was heavily involved in the parish plan exercise, so I had an interest in contributing to the follow-up recommendations that were made in that plan,” says Roger. “That encouraged me to get involved in the formation of the history group. Since we started, my main contribution has been looking after the money, and we are still solvent,” he chuckles.

The group does not charge a membership fee. “We don’t have a membership where you need a little card and you pay £10 a year or whatever. Anybody can come to any of our meetings if they want to,” says Jean.

The group’s core activity is monthly talks by guest speakers held during the winter months in the Parish Hall, where £2 covers the hiring of the hall and speakers’ expenses, as well as a cup of tea for visitors. “These meetings normally attract around 30 people, depending on weather and topic,” says Roger.

However, due to Covid, face-to-face gathering have been suspended and talks are held via Zoom. To facilitate the Zoom talks, the group has joined with other organisations, including the Crediton Library, which uploads the talks onto their YouTube site. While Zoom has helped reach wider audiences, the group is conscious that some people don’t have access to Zoom.

To overcome this, they have organised other types of events, including walks and photo exhibitions. Last month, a walk in Sand Down Lane proved to be so popular, it was held twice. “Fortunately, I know quite a lot about the history of Sand Down Lane because I live there,” says Jean. “It was lovely because we had three other people come and say ‘Oh, I hear you’re doing this walk about Sand Down Lane, can I help? One of them had only lived there for two and a half years. But she went around asking neighbours what they knew about their houses, and she spoke as well.’”

The group has found that topics with the highest local content are the most popular, rather than academic subjects. “The more local the topic, the more you get real involvement with people talking about their own experiences, their memories of the village, people they knew and what used to happen, and that’s really lovely. That’s one of the most rewarding things,” says Jean.

The group learned early on that people don’t like to be talked at, they want to be involved. “We had people bringing stuff they’d dug up in their gardens, people with metal detectors who had found stuff and could talk about it. And we have had photography sessions with interesting things about people’s houses, deeds and things. So from the beginning, we’ve tried to be more than just educational; we try to involve people.”

Lynda recalled making a presentation using pictures of Newton St Cyres that she and Jean had compiled. Lynda was very conscious she was speaking to a group of long-time villagers. “I’d only been here about 20 years compared to people in my audience who had been born and lived here for many decades, so I was thinking, ‘Gosh, what am I going to say since I don’t know much about the depth of my pictures. But when I was showing pictures of pre-war maypole dancing in the village a lady said ‘That’s me, that’s me! I was eight years old at the time.’ It was just amazing. I didn’t need to worry because people joined in very happily and I learned far more than I actually gave out to people.



Another facet of the group’s work is research and publications. The decision to publish is decided at committee meetings based on interest or research that someone in the group has been doing and whether it would attract wider interest. Jean’s research led to the publication of “Newton St Cyres and the Civil War 1642-46” about the hardship endured by those in the village during this period 400 years ago.

The group speaks fondly of the late Brian Please, who lived in the village for six years and quickly became involved in the history group because of his interest in mining as his house overlooked the fields where manganese mining took place in the old days. Brian had a knack for seeing potential in material and turning it into finished written products.

Regrettably, Brian passed away suddenly in August. “We lost a lot of skill in Brian and desperately need some more help. We need someone younger who is good at doing things on computers,” says Jean.

Jean gets a lot of requests for information either directly or from someone in the village who passes the query on. And if she’s not available, they might contact Peter Hawksley, another knowledgeable long-time resident and – full disclosure – editor of this magazine.

A recent request came from a man whose parents had grown up in the village. He asked whether Jean had pictures of the house his grandparents had lived in. Jean knew fellow group member Midge Kelly was doing research in the Sweetham area, where the grandparents had lived. Midge was able to give the man a beautiful picture of an oak tree that his great grandfather had planted in 1932. "He was very, very pleased," says Jean.

It's the unexpected connections that intrigue and delight the group the most. Jean tells the story of an American from Iowa who contacted the group, asking if they could trace the house where his family had lived in the 18th century. "We were able to send him maps of the property when they had lived here," says Jean. "When he visited, we were able to pinpoint the house because the records here are very good. He was so pleased."

Why do these amateur historians spend so much time doing what they do? "I've just been wondering that," says Jean. "It's hard work, but you do get rewards. For instance, it's people coming up to me with little bits of information, because you know they've listened to you when you spoke. That is a rewarding thing."

Says Roger: "It's partly the personal satisfaction, learning things about where you live, the community that you love and lived in for 40 years."

RHS Rosemoor - Glow 2021

Bigger -and better than before, this year's Glow will be the longest ever, with an extended route through the Lower Woodland Walk. The Rose Gardens, Winter Garden, Lake and Cool Gardens which will all be lit up with festive colour and sparkle.



Dates: Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays until 18th December; then Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays only from 20th-30th December

Times: 4.30pm to 8.30pm. Last entry to the garden 7.30pm

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December on the Farm



What a year it's been! Now smart people are saying to expect a pandemic not once a century but rather more often, given the way people are pressing into the wild places of the world. It really is time now to value the miraculous and unknowable complexity that keeps our blue planet a nurturing home to people. On the farm we are working out how we can maintain and enhance our biodiversity, at the same time as reducing our greenhouse gas emissions.

Our land is about half woodland. My father planted trees from the 1950's onwards, and they are now gracious, mature, cathedral-like, great columns reaching up into the sky. The plan when they were planted had been to start felling all in an area and plant again. Now we see that the mature trees are starting to grow little seedlings. We can maintain the forest cover, and selectively harvest trees, leaving mother trees to nurture their young, Avatar-like. (The film was based on real scientific research about how trees maintain communication through an underground mycorrhizal network). That way, the forest keeps gaining carbon at its peak rate.

The other part of the woodland is biodiverse ancient woodland, hedges and oak coppice planted after the dropping of tariff barriers and opening up of the American prairies made farming on much of the farm uneconomic. Rewilding happened on a massive scale. My father, as a little boy in the 1920's, spoke to an

old man, who as a boy in the 1870's had led the horses that sowed the acorns across the parts of the land no longer worth farming. We manage some of that land and thin the oaks to make a crop of timber or firewood. Unmanaged woodlands don't take carbon out of the air; it's in a steady state of growing and decaying. Both are richly biodiverse. For beauty and biodiversity reasons, we are happy not to crop it fully.

Our grassland, the heart of our farming, makes a rich ecosystem of roots and associated life that grows the herbage the cattle eat, and which they manure as they graze. The organic matter increases in the soil under grass. Some of our pastures are more lightly grazed and biodiverse, in orchards and in wetter corners. The woodland margins are beautiful and biodiverse.

We grow crops on land that has had a restorative grassland break. The crop uses organic matter made by the grassland roots to grow, saving artificial fertiliser. Arable cropping on its own is hard on soils, harvesting organic matter, and over time reducing their structure and ability to grow crops.

The animals can't graze in the depths of winter, and outwintering is harsh on soils and people. The straw we grow beds the animals and the crops feed them. We sell some to buy cow feed. Cow feed is largely made out of the kind of wheat and barley we grow here, not suitable for bread or flour (not enough protein in it, with our damp climate), plus residues from human food (pulp from pressing sugar beet, husks from refining flour and cornmeal, and what's left after crushing seeds for oil). We sow or leave some areas for wildlife: seeds to feed wild birds over winter, margins round fields and hedges to make wildlife lanes across the landscape. We are working with the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group to work out how best to balance making a living, sensible working for people and animals, storing carbon, and biodiversity.

Ruminant animals eat the fibre we can't digest. It's the bugs in their rumens that do the digesting and produce methane along the way. That's our biggest contribution to global warming. Our woodland sequesters half of that, making our milk about the same carbon intensity as rice milk. Improvements in soil organic matter mean we reduced our greenhouse gas emissions by 2% last year. To get to net zero by 2030, which is our aim, we must do 10%+ a year.

We are working out what is the best balance of added feed and yield to optimise carbon. We are demanding our feed company provide feeds which don't reduce yield for the methane produced. We also don't want the cows to be producing other harmful gases. Feeding seaweed, which looked promising, might have the animals produce methyl bromide. That harms the ozone layer as well as being very heating. We are using the Envirocow breeding index to reduce carbon intensity of future generations of animals. At the moment that is largely efficiency: amount of milk for size of cow and length of life (to dilute methane from the rearing phase).

We'll capture some methane from cow poo to fuel our cheese dairy and a bit more solar PV. We need the scientists to breed differences in how animals' rumens work. More than that, scientists have to tell us the best balance in the whole system of soil, plants, animals, people, wildlife and use of fossil fuels. That's very complex. We can't wait for that work to happen. We must take action now, and keep our eyes wide open when greater understanding or clever bits of kit change the calculation. I'll let you know as we develop our plans.

We are still making cheese as fast as we can to satisfy demand. We are making more small 1.8kg cheese to replace the ones we are selling. They make a spectacular gift and a show-stopping addition to any festive feast. We are packing cheese up as fast as we can for Christmas cheeseboards. And we need to do all the work to have next year's cheeses made, cared for and matured. I'm so grateful for all the support we've received from round the world, from individuals and from the businesses that love our cheese. So let's all, please, work to build back better as we balance great food and the environment.

On the days of Christmas I feast on carp, goose, and ham in the evening. Lunch is piling onto the table our cheeseboard, cured fish (I make a mean gravad lax), cured meats, preserved and fermented vegetables, a great sourdough bread and salad with the last roses from the garden. My favourite cheeseboard rotates, with a Tunworth or Baron Bigod, a Colston Basset Stilton or Barkham Blue and fresh cheese from White Lake. For Christmas, I have a good wedge of our Vintage Cheddar hit the buttery umami spot, and Alpencheddar for the stinky hit. I love those delicate bone dry white or pink fizzes from Sharpsham. They cut through the salt, fat and protein of lunch, and light enough to encourage an afternoon walk with the family in the watery sunlight of Christmas.

GRAVAD LAX RECIPE

Get a good chunk of mid salmon, filleted, with both sides. I leave the skin on: it holds better when slicing. Mix (for 1.5kg fish, scale up with the weight of the fish) 1 heaped tablespoon of sea-salt, a dessert spoon of honey, a heaped teaspoon of roughly crushed black pepper and a good tablespoon of cognac. Rub the salt mix on one side of the skin. Lay the fish in the smallest dish that will hold it, rub half the salt mix on the inside surfaces of the fish. Press the two sides of the fish together with fresh or dried dill between them. Rub the remaining salt mix on the top surface. Cover with silver foil. Put on that a heavy plate that can weigh down on the fish as the moisture comes out. That's important: if it's not weighted, the fish becomes unpleasantly salty.

Put in the fridge for at least 36 hours, turning the fish over every 12 hours. When you want to eat it, remove from the curing mix, which you discard. Scrape the

pepper and dill off. Slice thinly, eat as part of your preserved food feasting. It lasts for several days, as long as smoked salmon if you need it too: I wrap it in the salmon skin to stop it drying out too much.

Cheese Box Christmas opening times

During December the Cheese Box will be open 9am till 1pm Saturday 4th, 11th and 18th of December.

Christmas Eve Open 10am till 1pm.

Closed until January 4th. Then back to 10am till 4pm Monday-Friday

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mary Quicke

Santa's run returns to Rosemoor for children's hospice

Children's Hospice South West's spectacular Santas on the Run Goes Freestyle will be returning to RHS Garden Rosemoor this December. After being held virtually last year due to the pandemic, organisers hope an army of fun runners and walkers will be back at Rosemoor, raising cheer in their festive gear on Sunday, December 5.

"Our supporters did us proud during the pandemic, raising thousands of pounds across the region by taking part in virtual Santa runs with their families and friends at home," said CHSW fundraiser Emma Perry. "While people will still be able to do a Santa run at home if they prefer, we hope as many people as possible will join us at Rosemoor. Our fun 2k course is suitable for all ages and abilities and there will be plenty of festive treats to enjoy along the way."

To enable social distancing in the village and on the start line, there will be two start times, at 11.30am and 2pm.

Santa suits are not being provided this year in order to help reduce the impact on the environment, and the registration fee has been reduced to £10 per adult, £5 per child (under twos are free).

"People really enjoyed the freestyle element of last year's virtual event, so we're encouraging people to do the same at Rosemoor and be as creative as they like with their own festive costumes," said Emma. "Whether you want to sleigh it like Santa, rock it like Rudolph, sock it like a snowman or twinkle like a Christmas tree, we can't wait to see everyone's festive outfits. There will be prizes for the best!

"There will also be a Santa's grotto, making it a brilliant festive family day out – the perfect way to get everyone in the mood for Christmas and help raise a few pounds for your local children's hospice."

CHSW, which was founded in 1991 and is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, supports more than 500 families across the Southwest. The charity provides respite, emergency, end-of-life and bereavement care and support for the whole family at Little Bridge House and its other two hospices in St Austell and Bristol.

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Schedule 1 - Minimum biosecurity measures applying to all keepers

- Keep domestic ducks and geese separate from other poultry.
- Ensure the areas where birds are kept are unattractive to wild birds, for example by netting ponds, and by removing wild bird food sources.
- Feed and water their birds in enclosed areas to discourage wild birds.
- Minimise movement into and out of bird enclosures.
- Cleanse and disinfect footwear and keep areas where birds live clean and tidy.
- Reduce any existing contamination by cleansing and disinfecting concrete areas and fencing off wet or boggy areas.
- Keep free ranging birds within fenced areas, and ponds, watercourses and permanent standing water must be fenced off (except in specific circumstances, e.g., zoo birds).

Schedule 2 –Enhanced biosecurity measures for premises with over 500 poultry or other captive birds

Keepers with more than 500 birds will need to restrict access for non-essential people on their sites, workers will need to change clothing and footwear before entering bird enclosures and site vehicles will need to be cleaned and disinfected regularly to limit the risk of the disease spreading.

Full details of what is required can be found on the government website:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1030990/aipz-declaration.pdf

To assist all bird keepers in complying with the new rules, the [biosecurity guidance and self-assessment checklists](#) have been updated and all the latest information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu#biosecurity>

Remember that if you have poultry it is your responsibility to keep updated on any outbreaks and an easy way to do this is to sign up for text notifications - register with the [APHA alerts service](#).



Free Support to Help Farmers Navigate the Agricultural Transition

Business Information Point are providing free, tailored one to one advice,

webinars, and business skills development workshops to help farmers and land managers navigate the changes brought about by the Agricultural Transition.

Between 2021 and 2027, the government will gradually reduce and then stop Direct Payments. Instead, farmers will be supported to improve the environment, improve animal health and welfare, and reduce carbon emissions.

The move away from Direct Payments will be a big change for some farmers, so they will happen over a 7-year transition period to give time to plan and adjust. The Future Farming Resilience Fund has been funded by Defra to allow us to support farmers and land managers with this transition.

The support is free and available from September 2021 to February 2022 to any farmer or land manager currently in receipt of BPS payments and we can support farmers throughout Devon and Somerset.

Initially we are running several free, local workshops to discuss the changes coming through the transition and look at new funding options, as well as planning strategies for the future, such as diversification and productivity improvements.

The workshops we are running locally are:

- Thursday 16th December Devon Young Farmers Club, Devon Rural Hub, Amory Building Cheriton Bishop EX6 6JH 7.00 – 9.30 pm

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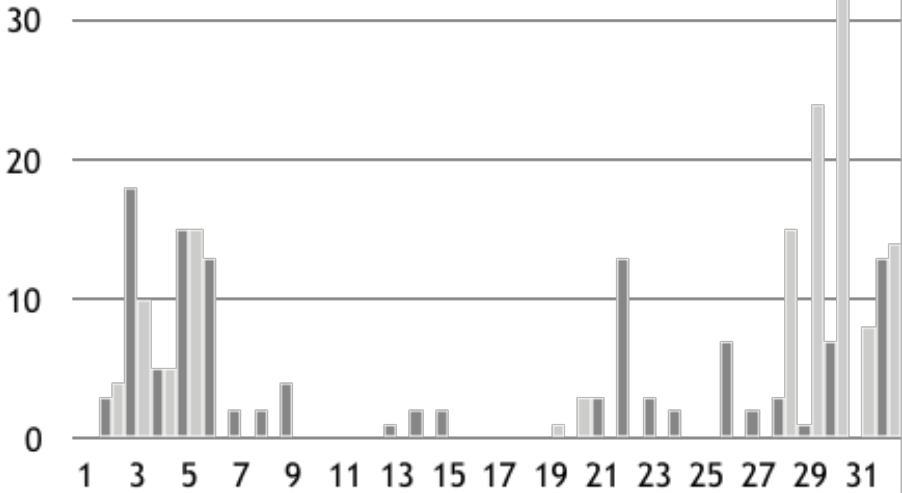
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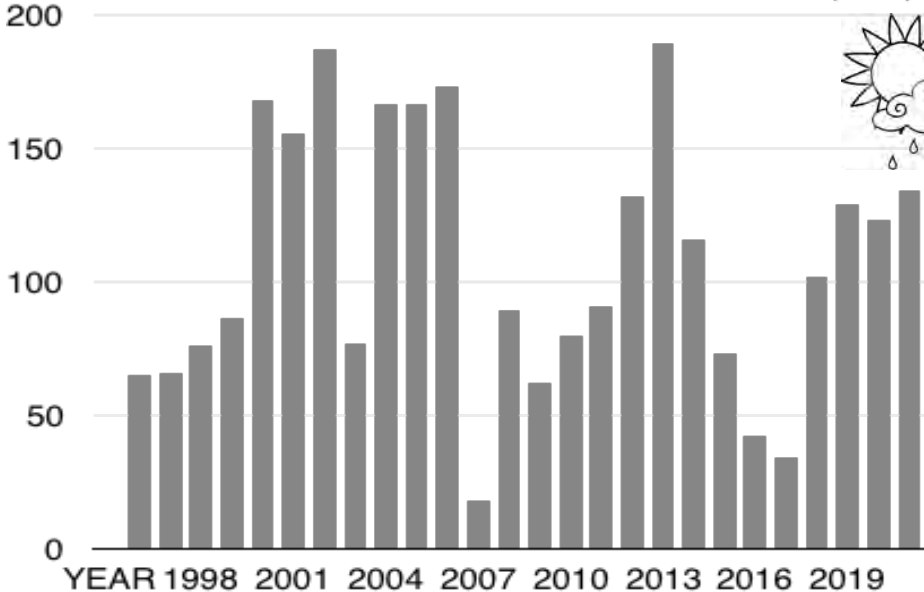
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■ Rainfall in NSC in October 2020
■ Rainfall in NSC in October 2021



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We are grateful to James Walters and his family, especially his granddaughter Alice for providing us with regular details of the rainfall in Newton St Cyres.

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Will the ostrich become extinct?

Food chains have been disrupted by the lack of HGV drivers. Our food is not always available where we would once have expected it to be. But this is also true of the food chains in the natural world. Most of us have an aversion to certain insects or creepy crawlies, but the truth is we actually depend on them. Not directly perhaps, but each one makes a contribution to the balance of nature. Whether we are omnivores, vegetarians or vegans, we cannot escape the fact that we are dependent on things lower down the food chain. We ourselves are actually at the top, but still we easily forget and our heads are buried in the sand.

We are also very wasteful with so much of what we consume, whether to eat or use. We discard items when we are bored with them or have too much and it is wasted. In order to fulfil our greedy appetites for new and fashionable goods, we take from the environment without a thought. If a forest is destroyed in one part of the world to produce items for richer appetites, then we are often unaware. Or perhaps it is easier to keep our heads down and buried in the sand.

We are nearly at the end of the second year of Covid-19 hanging over us. Getting back to normal is a long slow process, but we hear 'no one is safe until everyone is safe'. Helping the developing world to catch up is essential, but we are keeping our heads buried in the sand because we want to be safe. We went from food shortages to petrol shortages because of greed. Yet again we are putting our heads in the sand.

I remember, as a child, seeing mention that Prince Charles was probably slightly soft in the head because he talked to his plants. In truth, his understanding of the way the world worked gave him a determination to put into practice many things which people thought bizarre. He no doubt was influenced by his father. He was one of those who set up the World Wildlife Fund, as he saw the writing on the wall for many species of animals that were dwindling, while the majority of us kept our heads buried in the sand.

The climate was seen to be another problem which was developing. Many people thought it was just hysteria. Al Gore was ridiculed for his film to bring our awareness of the massive changes in our climate. Most just kept their heads down and firmly buried in the sand.

Today it is the younger generation who are picking up on the problems. Greta Thunberg was angry and took time out from her studies in order to travel widely to give her perspective on the debate. Governments talked about it at the United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP 26, which took place in Glasgow. Lots of talking, but people want to see action. Even the Queen was overheard to comment on that. Will the meeting prove to have been yet another gathering for a certain species of ostrich?

This Advent, as we contemplate the Christmas festivities, can we find a way to make sure that we are not one of the ostriches with our head in the sand? Can we make a difference, think outside the box and do a lot better for our planet?

Do we need to eat until we cannot move, or receive presents which we don't want? Could our resources be better spent?

Rev'd Julia Dallen

Private Prayer
The Church is now OPEN
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SERVICES & INFORMATION DECEMBER 2021

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

Sunday 5 December Advent 2

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Thorverton	KR
10:00 am	Toy Service		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
03:00 pm	Christingle		Rewe	Lay Led

Sunday 12 Advent 3

09:30 am	Morning Prayer and Advent Reflection		Thorverton	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Upton Pyne	JH
05:00 pm	Carol Service		Huxham	Lay Led

Sunday 19 December Advent 4

09:30 am	Open Door		Zoom/TBC*	LF
09:30 am	Morning Prayer and Advent Reflection		Thorverton	Lay Led
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Bramford Speke	GC
03:00 pm	Six Sleeps to Christmas		Thorverton	Lay Led
04:00 pm	Nativity Pageant		Upton Pyne	Lay Led
05:00 pm	Carol Service		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
05:00 pm	Carol Service		Rewe	Lay Led
06:00 pm	Carol Service		Cadbury	Lay Led & GC
06:30 pm	Carol Service		Newton St Cyres	TL

Tuesday 21 December Advent 4

06:00 pm	Carol Service <i>[outdoors, weather permitting]</i>		Bramford Speke	Lay Led
07:00 pm	Carol Service		Thorverton	Lay Led
07:00 pm	Carol Service		Netherexe	Lay Led

Thursday 23 December Advent 4

07:00 pm	Celebrate Christmas in Words and Music		Thorverton	Lay Led
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Friday 24 December Christmas Eve

03:00 pm	Crib Service		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
04:00 pm	Crib Service		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:00 pm	Holy Communion	[CW]	Stoke Canon	JH
11:30 pm	Holy Communion	[CW]	Newton St Cyres	TL

Saturday 25 December Christmas Day

10:00 am	Informal Service		Thorverton	Lay Led
10:00 am	Informal Service		Rewe	Lay Led
10:00 am	Family Service		Bramford Speke	Lay Led
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Huxham	JH
10:00 am	Informal Service		Cadbury	Lay Led

Sunday 26 December Christmas 1

10:30 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Newton St Cyres	David Francis
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Abbreviations: CW = Common Worship BCP = Book of Common Prayer

Evening Prayer: Every Tuesday 6:00 pm in Rewe Church

Some Churches are still operating on a booking system for Covid safety. Please make every effort to contact the following people if you wish to attend services at the following churches:

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Stoke Canon	Valerie Mills	01392 841659	valeriehandfordmills@gmail.com
Netherexe	Helen	07970 551094	

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SERVICES & INFORMATION JANUARY 2022

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

Sunday 2 January Christmas 2

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Thorverton	JH
10:00 am	Informal Gathering		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
10:30 am	Coffee & Chat		Newton St Cyres	Lay Led
11:15 am	Informal Service		Cadbury	Lay Led

Sunday 9 January Epiphany 1

11:15 am	Informal Service		Rewe	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Upton Pyne	GC

Sunday 16 January Epiphany 2

09:30 am	Open Door		Zoom/TBC*	LF
09:30 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Brampford Speke	JH
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Cadbury	JH
05:00 pm	Holy Communion by Extension	[CW]	Stoke Canon	LF

Sunday 23 January Epiphany 3

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Newton St Cyres	JH
10:00 am	Messy Church		Stoke Canon	Lay Led
11:15 am	Holy Communion		Rewe	MSS

Sunday 30 January Epiphany 4

10:00 am	Mission Community Service		Thorverton	Lay Led & JH
	Holy Communion	[CW]		

Abbreviations: CW = Common Worship BCP = Book of Common Prayer

Evening Prayer: Every Tuesday 6:00 pm in Rewe Church**Some Churches are still operating on a booking system for Covid safety. Please make every effort to contact the following people if you wish to attend services at the following churches: -**

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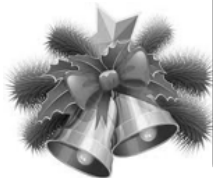
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JH	Revd Julia Hocking	LF	Laura Ford
TL	Revd Tony Lane	KR	Revd Preb Kathy Roberts
GC	Revd Preb Graham Cotter	MSS	Revd's Michael & Sharon Simpson
SN	Sheila Newton [Reader]	TBC	To be confirmed.

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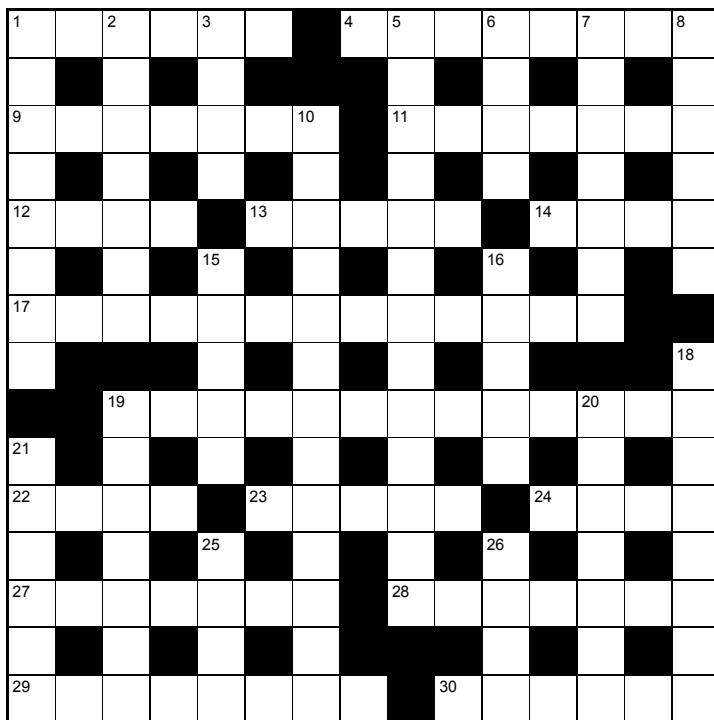
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CHURCH CHRISTMAS DIARY
December
Carol Service - 19th at 6.30 pm
Crib Service - 24th at 3.00 pm
Midnight Mass - 24th at 11.30 pm
Holy Communion - 26th at 9.30 am



Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Attempt to go after friend is worthless (6)
- 4 It's a blue shift, and appropriate (8)
- 9 Perhaps Caesar heard of royal dynasty (7)
- 11 Senior member performed, restraining desire (7)
- 12 Animal returned for grass (4)
- 13 Races off in alarm (5)
- 14 Staff morale's initially excellent (4)
- 17 Disgraced boxer may be found here? (2,3,8)
- 19 Pleasant chief is upset by insult (4,2,3,4)
- 22 Captain found in America habitually (4)
- 23 Southern island offers diving (5)
- 24 Right time for anger (4)
- 27 I am finished with old way of painting (7)
- 28 English bird on a lake is unchanging (7)
- 29 Film director achieves success, acquiring second franchise finally (8)
- 30 Newspaper boss tried zero changes (6)

DOWN

- 1 Picture of parrot ruined it (8)
- 2 Constant unit of brightness? (7)
- 3 Smuggled dollars chiefly and another currency (4)
- 5 But leader then goes off to get very drunk (5,3,5)
- 6 Starts to think of yearly Shakespeare plays (4)
- 7 Pop group takes a long time to wrap up (7)
- 8 French pupil joins northern team (6)
- 10 Award for winner getting first clue in this puzzle? (8,5)
- 15 Vehicle carrying Ed Wood (5)
- 16 Poet establishing university in port (5)
- 18 Be derisive about healthy retailer (8)
- 19 Fluid for cleaning locks (7)
- 20 Opposed to renovation of Santiago mostly (7)
- 21 One bear's suffering from disease (6)
- 25 Goddess lives twice (4)
- 26 It's crazy taking drug with alcoholic drink (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.

				3				1
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3	1		7		5			
7				9	3	5		
		2				1		
		5	4	2				8
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	8	3						
4				6				

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Solution to the November 2021 Cryptic Crossword

1	O	R	P	H	A	N	4	A	G	E		6	W	E	A	K	
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	G		R		N		W		T		T		L		E		
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	E		E		I		B		I		25	B		R		H	
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Do you need any help in these times?

You are not alone

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A WEEK IN THE PARISH HALL

The Hall is open and we would welcome further bookings. There are though a few restrictions, particularly a limit to numbers in the Main Hall to 60 and in the Club Room to 20. For enquiries and bookings, please contact Mary Long (01392 851624; maryglong@btinternet.com).

Regular events that have restarted are indicated below, together with contact details. We are expecting other regular activities to restart shortly.

Tuesday (weekly)	Line dancing	7.30 pm	Paula Benford	01392 210830	pbenford45@gmail.com
Tuesday (fortnightly)	Young Farmers Club	8.00 pm	Katie Davie	07706 760500	kmdavie@gmail.com
Wednesday (monthly)	History Group	7.30 pm	Jean Wilkins	01392 851337	jeanwilkins1@btinternet.com
Thursday (monthly)	Mah Jong	2.00 pm	Geoff Jackson	01392 851551	megalops@btinternet.com
Thursday (weekly, except 2 nd in month)	Ballroom dancing	Evening	Wendy Richards	07949 141800	wendy@dancetwexeter.co.uk
Thursday (2 nd in month)	Exe Valley Bird Club	7.00 pm	Kevin Smaldon	07710 427817	kevin.smaldon@btinternet.com
Thursday (monthly)	Parish Council	7.00 pm	Jane Hole	01392 851148	parishclerk@newtonstcyres-pc.gov.uk
Friday (some weeks)	Art class	10.30 am	Sue Rose	01363 772284	suerose9@hotmail.com
Friday (weekly)	Table tennis	7.15 pm	Roger Wilkins	01392 851337	rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com
Saturday (second in month)	Coffee morning (for Church and other organisations)	10.30 am	Church Sue Browne	01392 851460	suecbrowne@gmail.com
			Others Roger Wilkins	01392 851337	rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com
Saturday (some months)	Model train group	2.00 pm	Ann Feetham	01392 215837	annfeetham@virginmedia.com

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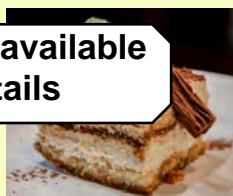
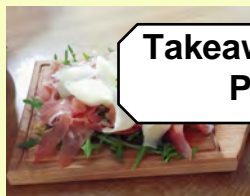
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