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April One Year on

Last April we were just starting out on the journey which turned out to be a pandemic of epic proportions. My colleague, Peter Cordingley wrote: "There is a way through this, and it is by all of us working together and looking out for those among us who are most at risk. Oh, and let's not forget to wash our hands!" We had no idea that a year later we would be saying the same thing but adding the need to keep to social distancing and the need to keep up the roll-out of the vaccine and not forget to wash our hands. Since then we have had three lockdowns and had permanent restrictions on travel, work, recreation, holidays and most importantly, who, where and when we can meet family and friends.

The response of the village

Village life has suffered: the Parish Hall has been closed for most of the year. Social events which are such an important part of the village, the coffee mornings, the plays and concerts and the regular events in the Hall have all been much missed. Especially hard has been the lack of opportunity for there to be any team sports. The Recreation Club has been reporting very little activity, although there should be some progress as we start April; the tennis courts should have reopened on 29th March and Wendy is reporting the restart of football and the other activities at the Club.

It has been difficult for people to communicate with one another. Some groups have found ways of getting around if not beating the problem. The History Group, with other local history groups have been sharing Zoom meetings and members of the Garden Club have been sharing details of their lockdown projects in the Newton Wonder.

The Parish Council has taken to video to hold its monthly meetings and has been able to continue with its business. The Annual Parish Meeting this year was held by Zoom and it was attended by 35 people including Margaret Squires, our County Councillor, Graeme Barnell our Mid Devon representative and 22 members of the public. The Chairman's report is included in this edition but unfortunately the guest speaker, James Anstee (Devon County Council Road Safety Manager) who was to speak on road safety in the parish was unable to join us because of technical difficulties with his broadband connection. The chairman paraphrased what he thought was going to be said and this was followed by lively discussion which can be seen in the minutes (obviously not yet approved) which are available on www.newtonwonder.net.

It is too early yet to get excited about the roadmap out of lockdown, there is the possibility of a third wave as is engulfing much of Europe, but let's hope that soon we will be able to meet our families and friends.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT March 2021

The meeting, held on Zoom on Thursday 4th March, was attended by eight Councillors, the Parish Clerk, the Mid Devon District Councillor, Graeme Barnell, the Devon County Councillor, Margaret Squires, and two members of the public.

The Parish Council extended their sympathy to the Quicke family on learning of the recent death of Prue Quicke. She was a much-liked parishioner and will be fondly remembered.

Highways Issues

Many of the existing minor highways issues remain unresolved, despite our Devon County Councillor's efforts to bring them to the attention of the Highways department. However, there is one piece of good news. Several volunteers are prepared to become Community Road Wardens. This will enable them to fill in some of the minor potholes on the smaller roads. They will be provided with materials to do this but must undertake safety training before they can start work. The training was suspended for a year because of the Covid pandemic, but will resume shortly. The council will put forward their names as soon as possible.

We also have news about the footpath from the lay-by to the bus stop as Half Moon. DCC have been in contact with the brewery and they seem to be planning for something to be constructed at some point.

The final approval for the Puffin Crossing in the village centre was due to have been given by the time this article is published. Although a little delayed because of the pandemic, it should be in place for the start of the autumn term.

A request was submitted from a member of the public for the paving to be dropped by the bus stop at Tything Close to allow pedestrians with mobility problems easier access to crossing the road. The problems with crossing the road at this point were discussed and the council will be seeking some sort of solution as part of the planning stipulations for the development of the new school site.

Some street lights in the centre of the village appear not to be working. We were reminded that non-working lights can be reported on the DCC website on this page: <https://www.lightsonindevon.co.uk/Public/ReportFault.aspx>

The speeding of traffic on the A377 was briefly discussed but as this will be discussed more fully at the upcoming Annual Parish Meeting, details will be included in the report for that meeting.

Pollution Monitor

There is a pollution monitor measuring nitrogen dioxide levels in the village centre. This is a pollutant produced by road traffic and can adversely affect human health. Levels of nitrogen dioxide are said to be concerning if they average in excess of 40 µg/m³ measured over a 12-month period. We recently received the levels for 2020. In no month last year did they exceed this value, although the values in January, November and December were in the mid to high 30s. Considering that the Covid pandemic reduced traffic throughout the year, we need to keep a close eye on this over the next months.

Village Centre Telephone Box

The village centre telephone box has become a dumping ground for old books. Books have been piled up on the floor and left in stacks outside the box. Consequently, most of the donated books have become ruined by damp and have to be discarded. Also access to the defibrillator is impaired. The main purpose of this telephone box is to store the defibrillator and so residents are requested not to leave any more books at this site.

Other Parish news

- A new bench made from recycled plastic was selected to replace the existing rotten wooden bench near West Town Road. This has been funded by a grant from DCC.
- The water depth markers have been replaced at Langford Bridge.
- New signs have been made for the resilience sheds, giving up to date contact numbers in case of emergencies.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be by Zoom on Thursday 1st April 2021 at 7pm. Should any member of the public wish to attend, they should contact the chairman of the council, Jim Enright, on jimenright@newtonstcyrus-pc.gov.uk before 6pm on the day of the meeting. Alternatively, if members of the public wish issues to be raised in council meetings, they can contact councillors in the usual way.

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April monthly meeting

April 21st Prof Peter Edwards "Death of Venice?"

Meetings are usually on the third Wednesday of the month, at the Boniface Centre in Crediton, but we have been forced to go "virtual" during these challenging times. Monthly presentations are via zoom and a link is sent out shortly beforehand. There are also remote quiz challenges.

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Newton St Cyres Parish Council

Chairman`s Annual Report – March 2021

It has been a very strange year for us all.

The Parish Council was planning its 2020 Annual Parish Meeting for the Parish Hall on 2nd April. But the country was put into lockdown and our meeting was postponed. Since then, the Parish Council has become quite adept at Zoom, although it does highlight the problem the village has with broadband.

Well, here we are in March 2021 and our combined 2020 and 2021 Annual Parish Meeting is being held via Zoom.

So, what are the highlights of the past two years? The most prominent was the re-surfacing of the A377. It was badly pot-holed and well overdue judging by the attention it received. Regrettably, problems of increasing traffic usage and speeding still blight the A377. We have been in talks with Devon County Council and Devon & Cornwall Constabulary, but little meaningful progress has been made, with the exception, of course, of the proposed village centre crossing. We will continue to press our case, together with strong support from local residents who live by the main road.

James Anstee, who is the Devon County Council Road Safety Manager, was due to address residents by Zoom at the Annual Parish Meeting on 11th March but had to cancel at the last minute due to broadband issues he was facing. Nevertheless, with over 30 concerned residents logged in, the Zoom meeting went ahead, and the questions raised have been passed on to James for a response.

We also still have problems with large trucks, tractors and trailers using Langford Road, a narrow lane totally unsuitable to such use. We do, of course, accept that we live in a farming community and there will always be tractors and trailers at certain times of the year. These are part of the fabric of our community.

However, we are now suffering from the increasing industrialisation of farmland for use as warehousing, distribution and Anaerobic Digestion Lagoons, without suitable access routes. Here again we are being supported by local residents in our attempt to get Devon County Council Highways to accept their responsibility to their electorate and protect our rural lanes.

Cllr. Damien Hodge, in his role as Neighbourhood Watch Officer, took on the additional work of co-ordinating the Parish Council efforts to support residents affected by the lockdown. He is still performing this role and we offer well deserved thanks on behalf of our community.

We held a successful Community Fair, which brought together local groups and potential volunteers and this will be repeated in future years.

The Parish Council has received a grant for the purchase of PPE to be stored at the Parish Hall and at the Recreation Ground for emergency use as both are classed as Evacuation Centres.

Realising that both of these community facilities have suffered from enforced closure during the past year, the Parish Council has budgeted additional grants to offer some extra support over the coming year.

Cllr. Paul Taylor and his committee have made progress with the Boniface Trail, which is now firmly in the sights of Devon County Council. The first stage will be a Feasibility Study, to be carried out within a five-year period, which hopefully will then be approved and added to the county budget.

The Greater Exeter Plan proposed building 1,200 dwellings in the Sweetham and Tytheing areas of Newton St Cyres. Fortunately, GESP has now been withdrawn, but the danger still lurks. A new Mid Devon Plan is being formulated with requests for suitable development land to be put forward by landowners. Rest assured that the Parish Council will keep you informed by holding public meetings as required.

As everybody knows, the village Post Office closed and it took some months to make arrangements for the service we now receive in the Village Hall twice weekly. But it does work well.

The long-expected village-centre pedestrian crossing is expected to be built in the summer of this year. Thanks go to Cllr. Roger Cashmore for the design.

We still pursue “school” signs on Station Road, a pathway from the bus stop to the lay-by in Half Moon, and a crossing point for Tytheing and Sand Down Lane.

Our plans to progress a Community Land Trust were put on hold until meetings could take place. A CLT would enable the Parish Council to join together with a developer and build social housing to rent to villagers. We hope to start progress on this when the restrictions on meeting face to face come to an end.

A separate project centred around a village community shop and Post Office has been suggested. This too was put on hold but will hopefully be dusted off and further investigated.

I must thank my fellow Parish Councillors, all of whom take on individual responsibilities in addition to their collective responsibilities.

Also our hard-working clerk, Jane, and our District Councillor, Graeme Barnell, and County Councillor Margaret Squires, for all the hard work put in over the past two years.

And there is Cllr. Liz Ouldrige, our Press Officer, who keeps the village informed through the very successful Newton Wonder, produced by that local stalwart, Peter Hawksley, and his team.

What would we do without the Parish Hall, the Recreation Ground and the Arboretum, run so successfully by their volunteer Chairmen and Committees?

And of course, the very many Volunteers, mostly working behind the scenes, but who make a very significant contribution to village life.

Well done and thanks to you all.

And now we come to the Community Volunteer of the Year Award. We had decided to whom this honour was to be bestowed but the cancellation of the Annual Parish Meeting delayed the announcement, until now.

I am happy to tell you that the winners for 2020 and 2021 are Daphne and Tom Clague. As it is a joint award, and it covers two years, it does seem appropriate. Congratulations go to you both. Your efforts on behalf of our community stretch over many years and are very much appreciated by us all.

And finally, the Parish Council does now meet the criteria for application for the Local Council Award Scheme – Quality Level - and this will be pursued in the coming year.

With the vaccination program well under way, it does look as though the mid and latter part of this year will see a return to near normal.

How great that will be for us all. Take Care.

Jim Enright, Chairman Newton St Cyres Parish Council

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From Graeme Barnell our Mid Devon District Councillor

"Boniface Cycle Trail-latest from the County Council"

i have received the letter below from Devon County Council. You can see from the letter that there has been some recent progress. Our local Boniface Trail Group has done valuable work with the County Council in assessing the local route for the trail that the Group have agreed with John Quicke as landowner. However we desperately need County Council funding to carry out a feasibility study along the whole of the route between Crediton and Exeter. This would result in a costed Business Case that is required before the County Council will consider spending the money we need to build the path.

Dear Graeme,

Apologies for the delay in responding. As I've mentioned previously, we took a Cabinet paper last April, which committed a 2 year capital programme and so there is currently no capital funding available to progress the Boniface Trail. The earliest we could therefore realistically find any funding to progress this route is during 2022/23; however, there remains a lot of competition for a very limited pot of capital funding - you may be interested in the Active Travel Scrutiny report I presented last month ([Active Travel report.pdf \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/active-travel-report.pdf)), which describes the County priorities. The report also picks up on the latest changes to Design Guidance from Government.

As you are aware, in lieu of any capital funding, I used some of our revenue funding to enable technical resource from Anjumn's team to review some of the work undertaken to date and provide some feedback on the opportunities and challenges to make it a suitable path, accessible for all. The land agreement is still with our property consultants being reviewed and we're waiting feedback on that but I gather these were some of the key observations from the walk through (between Newton St Cyres and Quickes):

- It would need construction of a 20 to 30m span bridge over Shutterton Brook
- A section of wall (approx. 4m long) would need removing in Station Road
- Numerous Trees/Hedges/Foliage needing removal
- 2 sections of the route would exceed the 1:20 gradient guidance
- The route isn't particularly direct, however there is potential to possibly improve this.
- Officers advised that DCC would have to consider the impact on Ecology, the Landscape, Trees, etc, as this would be extensive.
- For a shared, multi-use path a bound surface would be required with a minimum width of 3.0m with at least a 0.5m to 1.0m verge on both sides of the trail and a gradient suitable for all users.

Kind regards,

Jamie Hulland

Transportation Strategy & Road Safety Manager

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We need a definite commitment from the County Council to fund this work in 2022/23. I can sense the need for a local petition to the County Council Does anyone fancy organising one??

"Okehampton services return this year"

Below is a statement from Network Rail and GWR.

We're really pleased to let you know that the Government has today announced £40.5m of funding to enable services to recommence between Exeter and Okehampton later this year.

The Dartmoor line was closed almost 50 years ago; but returning regular, daily services to this line has been a long-held ambition of ours and was the most sought-after additional routes in our most recent franchise consultation.

We're grateful to you; our partners and supporters; through your relentless campaigning we are turning this aspiration into a reality.

Since the beginning of 2020 we've been carrying out detailed investigations to understand what infrastructure and railway control system improvements are needed; and now that the green light has been received and investigations have been completed, we'll start immediately to undertake a range of ahead of fully reopening the railway to passengers.

A service will initially run every two hours from the autumn, increasing to an hourly service towards the end of 2022. This will benefit students heading to colleges in Exeter as well as tourists travelling in the other direction towards Okehampton for Dartmoor, easing congestion on local roads.

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Devon CPRE, the local branch of the countryside charity, campaigns to protect Devon's countryside and communities. While we champion high-quality affordable homes built in the right places, preferably on brownfield land, we aim to support our members in opposing unsuitable development.

2021 started with a flurry of calls from members in Mid Devon] asking for our help with planning applications in their local area - including yours!

To support our charity in this core work, we use an experienced, independent consultant, who lives locally. In recent years, she has been instrumental in helping Devon CPRE become a respected consultee in the planning process by producing strong objections to unsuitable development proposals — a service we offer free of charge to our members and member organisations.

Another benefit of becoming a member is access to our regular Planning Workshops, which we tailor to the needs of town and parish councils. For obvious reasons, in 2020 these had to be delivered virtually, but in 2021 we hope we will once again be able to get members together to discuss key planning issues and how they can influence the outcome of individual proposals in their neighbourhood.

In recent years we have also commissioned two independent reports to assess Devon's real housing needs — as opposed to the number of new homes the government tells us we need to build here to meet national housing targets.

Our charity takes an active role in all matters relating to the environment and the countryside in Devon, collaborating with communities, holding the government to account, taking part in consultations around proposed new planning reforms, and working in close partnership with other organisations with similar interests.

By joining Devon CPRE you too can support a beautiful, thriving countryside for all. To find out about becoming a member and supporting us, visit www.devoncpre.org.uk



The Crediton Heart Project

A New Challenge for the New Year

Join the Crediton Heart Project Team

Are you looking for a new challenge in 2021? How about joining the Crediton Heart Project, the local charity that created the Crediton In&Around community website? We are looking for enthusiastic people to help us develop this unique resource and work on other projects that will help keep the heart in Crediton and the surrounding villages.

Do you have experience in website management, social media or advertising? Or do you have expertise in building development or planning? In the medium to long term, we hope to fund and build a new facility or repurpose an existing building, with room for community activities, cinema, theatre, events and small business units.

In 2019 we commissioned a Feasibility Study, which you can read on our website. You can also take a look at our Project Plan and see what is involved. In a Covid world there is great uncertainty, a lot to think about and some re-assessment to do. We are all moving into uncharted territory.

Perhaps there are innovative solutions that would help our communities in the short term. A temporary structure to host events in a safe way, mobile touring facilities or resources to support local groups to put on events. Working with local partners is essential. Do you know about fundraising, consultation and publicity? Could you help develop these ideas?

We are looking for trustees to join our board and help run the charity. We are also keen to recruit associates to our various working groups. If you feel enthusiastic about our projects and want to turn the challenge of Covid into an opportunity, please contact our Chair, Rosemary Stephenson, to arrange a chat. rosemary@creditonheart.org

More details about these posts can be found on our website
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RECREATION GROUND CLUB

I'm sure that, like me, you're hoping we're seeing the start of better news for grassroots sport. We now have a few dates in the diary and it gives us some positivity going forward.

Six football teams play their home games at the Rec. The four senior sides play in two different leagues – one in quite a high amateur league. This league has divided its divisions into mini-leagues in the hope that they can complete the 20/21 season. They have released dates from 3rd April to 22nd May to achieve this.

The other three senior sides play in the same league but in different divisions. This league is in the process of collating available teams (not all teams are willing to complete the season). They hope to confirm the revised divisions after 15th April, so we are waiting for their decision before having any dates to work with. But with this in mind, teams are to start training on 30th March so they are ready to play once the league releases the dates.

The remaining two teams play in a youth league. So far there is no news on their plans. An option is that they may not continue with the league fixtures, and play friendlies to make sure the boys get some games.

As the cricket teams basically play friendly games, they are governed by lockdown rules when then can play. We do have one side that plays in a league, and its dates have been released. They are from 15th May to 21st August at the Rec on Saturdays.

The tennis club plans to open the courts from 22nd March, and the archery folk are finalising a plan to start on 18th May, providing they have sufficient numbers to justify opening the equipment.

Let's hope the lockdown pathway goes to plan, with no more restrictions, and a summer of being free at last.

The indoor sports normally finish from the end of March to mid-April, so we're not expecting the season to be finished. But we're relatively confident the 21/22 seasons for both the darts and skittles will be back in September. So at least that's something to look forward to.

Looking forward to confirming that some cricket and football will have been played by the time I write for next month's edition, and that the tennis and archery people have made progress with their plans.

Wendy Lewis

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

We were very pleased to hear that the tennis courts were able to open again on 29th March. I think I speak for many when I say this last lockdown felt like a long, hard slog, and I hope that all readers have emerged from it ok, and in good physical and mental health.



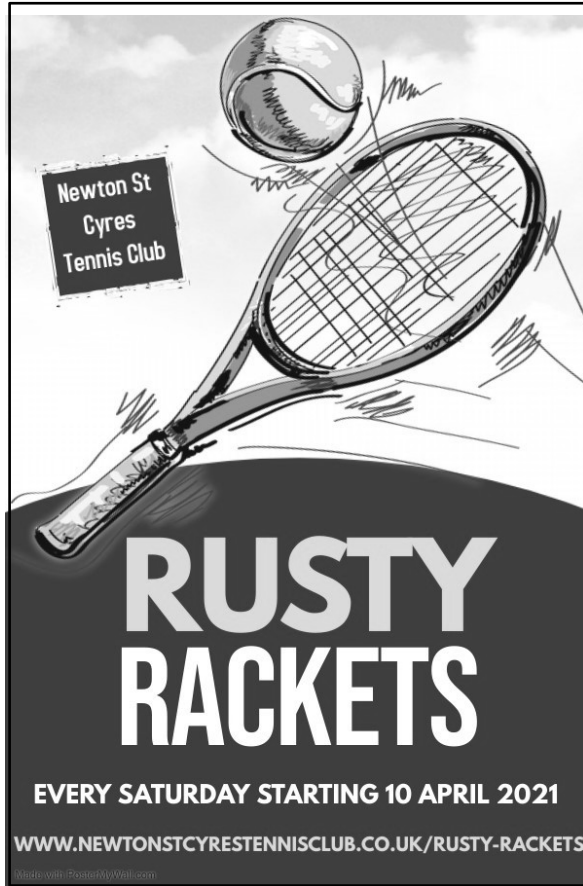
To celebrate our reopening and to encourage more people to start playing at the club we are starting a 'Rusty Rackets' session for those who would like to return to tennis but feel worried that they are out of practice or not good enough for a club session. It will be on Saturday mornings, from 9 until 10 am, and run by our coach Jon Wills, who will be there to facilitate play and give you tips on what you need to work on.

Numbers will be a maximum of six people per session on two courts and the cost will be £8 per person. For those wishing to stay on for an extra hour for more tuition Jon will be available on a single court for another two hours at a price to be arranged with him, depending on numbers. The sessions will start on Saturday 10th April, and will continue depending on demand, with the exceptions of Saturdays 17 April, 15 May, 12 June and 10 July. You will need to book yourself into each session in advance. Anyone who is interested should please contact Jon Wills, email: jrw23@hotmail.com, [tel. 07555 595747](tel:07555595747) or Laura Leigh, email: winstodehouse@gmail.com, tel. 01647 24259

We had to hold our AGM by Zoom this year – not such fun as accompanied by a meal and a drink at the Stables, but the business got done.

Our junior coaching sessions will resume in the summer term. Please contact Laura Leigh on the above number if you are interested.

In the meantime, let's hope for a good summer and an end to Covid restrictions.



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Newton St Cyres 200 Club

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Jane
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Bert Jewell writes Rhymes and Ways about Gardens and Gardening April

With April showers falling on freshly tilled ground,
Gently watering the seeds, some flat and some round,
and some looking more like fine grains of sand,
There's some even smaller, like dust in your hand.

There's some that are nobbly and some long and thin,
and some I over-winter in an old biscuit tin.
There's others with parasols that float through the air,
Merrily travelling to goodness knows where.

To start a new life, well that is the plan,
not bothering at all about where they might land.
It could be your garden, or a pot by the door,
If left undisturbed it will make thousands more.

Now back to our gardens and seeds we have sown,
Could this be the year that we don't have a moan
about how things are doing, is everything all right,
or is it so bad, there's not a green shoot in sight.

But gardening is like that, as all of you know,
Sometimes you just wonder why you bother to sow
the seeds you've collected, some flat and some round,
As the showers keep on falling on the freshly tilled ground.

Things to do in the April garden

Firstly I must tell you where we are with our new garden. The two very large conifers in the rear garden, one a blue cedar (*Atlantica*), a beautiful specimen tree for a large park or estate, not for a town garden. The other was an un-pruned *leylandii*. These have been dismantled and taken away. We have left about 8ft of trunk still standing. The idea is to build a frame for climbers such as clematis, roses or for training a *pyracantha*.

Our new greenhouse has arrived, together with an 8ft cold frame. A wildlife survey had to be carried out before the council would accept our application to extend the bungalow, to check that we had no bats or nesting birds in the roof. It was all clear.

Now, working between the showers, this can be a busy month. Let's start with the lawn. It has been fairly wet over the last couple of months and compacted lawns may well be mossy. I know that we are all moving away from herbicides and pesticides, but moss on the lawn is where I make an exception. As I have said before, simply raking it spreads it. The lawn in our new garden is 50% moss, so it will in time be laid again on well prepared soil, with plenty of drainage.

So if your lawn is mossy, treat the cause. Find a friendly moss killer and treat infected areas. Leave until the moss turns black, then rake out with a metal rake and make some deep holes in these patches with a garden fork and brush in sharp sand. Then feed the lawn with a high nitrogen slow-release lawn food, which will keep the lawn looking good all summer.

The daffs have looked great this spring, but are now sadly coming to an end. Dead head by cutting the old flower off just below the seed pod, leaving the stem to become a leaf taking goodness back down to the bulb. Believe it or not, now is the best time to feed all spring-flowering bulbs. Find a potash feed that you can mix with water, pop it into a watering can with a fine rose and water over and around the planted areas. Do it two or three times at fortnightly intervals. Try not to cut the leaves off too soon. If you can, leave them for six weeks.

Don't be in too much of a hurry to plant out your summer bedding, remembering that plants from garden centres have been grown in controlled conditions. Plant them out too soon and they could just sit in your garden or container doing nothing other than looking miserable.

In the veg garden you can sow sprouts, calabrese, summer cabbage, cauliflower and beetroot. Look out for flea beetle on radish, turnips and rocket. You can also sow broad beans and early peas.

Plant of the month

"Ribes Sanguineum" - Flowering Currant.

I remember when I was a child, my father had a hedge of flowering currant and while it was in flower it was full of bumble bees.

They are not fussy about soil conditions but like sun or light shade. They can be clipped after flowering to maintain shape and size.

Enjoy your gardening





NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY

GROUP

How much do you know about the past in Newton St Cyres?



Newton St Cyres History Group has an ever-growing library of publications. What better way to occupy your hours during this continued period of isolation and social distancing!

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

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NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP



Mark Norman, from Crediton Library, usually hosts the online meetings for the Crediton Area History Zoom Meetings, but on Friday 12th February he was our speaker as well, in his role as a folklore author and researcher.

Mark runs The Folklore Podcast www.folklorepodcast.com, which has a book club, a library and archive, and runs podcasts on folklore. He has specialised in the Black Dog stories and sightings and written a book on this subject.

His subject on this occasion was The Folklore of Thomas Becket and his West Country Murderers. His first image was of the Church of St Thomas of Canterbury in Lapford, as an example of the many local links. As Mark commented, most people know the story of the murder of Thomas Becket. He was ordained as Archbishop of Canterbury in 1162. He and King Henry II were close friends and Becket had already acted as Chancellor for Henry for seven years.

Henry had assumed that Becket would support him in his efforts to strengthen royal power against that of the Church, particularly the Pope in Rome. But Becket felt morally unable to do this, and the rift between the two men grew. Becket was exiled, then reconciled with the king and returned to Canterbury. Matters did not improve and in 1170, Henry is said to have lost his temper, and tradition says that he uttered the famous words, 'Who will rid me of this turbulent priest?' In fact, this is almost certainly inaccurate, but whatever he did say, four knights decided to travel to Canterbury to kill Thomas Becket.

The knights were Reginald FitzUrse, Hugh de Morville, William de Tracy and Richard le Breton. They initially asked Becket to go to see the king, but when he refused, they took their swords and attacked him in the cathedral. The eyewitness accounts describe a brutal attack, the sword wounds to Becket's head causing his blood and brains to mingle on the floor.

Having briefly summarised the events, Mark then turned his attention to the folklore and stories which rapidly grew up after Becket's martyrdom. He was canonised only 27 months later and his shrine became one of the holiest and most popular in England. It was to Canterbury that Chaucer's pilgrims were wending their way over 200 years later, but people had been visiting the shrine in increasing numbers since the martyrdom, for prayers and healing, and often buying the pilgrim badges that were sold as mementos.

Miracles were soon attributed to the saint, and William of Canterbury, who had witnessed the murder, collected these in a book. Stained-glass windows in the cathedral also illustrate some of them. Petronella of Polesworth was apparently cured of epilepsy, Richard Sunieve of leprosy, and Henry of Fordwich of some form of mental illness. The rope and sticks with which Henry had been restrained were left at the shrine after his cure and became items of faith. However, William of Canterbury took a medical attitude to the miracles, looking at them from a rational point of view rather than that of many church scholars, who were inclined to attribute diseases to demons and cures to saints.

This is illustrated in his account of the cure of an infant named Augustine, who had a wasting disease, but was cured after being dedicated to St Thomas. An impaired child was considered shameful and a popular explanation was that there had been a substitution, and the child was a

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changeling. This was repudiated by William. Even he, though, thought that the fact that Augustine's parents were unmarried, and his father was a priest, meant that the child was illicit and sinful. Folklore was often used, Mark pointed out, as a comment on morality.

The intriguing story of Kentish Longtails is also linked to Becket. He is said to have been involved in an altercation when riding through the village of Strood in Kent. This resulted in a man named Robert de Broc cutting off the tail of his horse, whereupon Thomas Becket cursed the inhabitants of Strood by saying that their descendants would always be born with tails. There was an existing belief in Medieval Europe that all Englishmen were born with tails, but the Kentish Longtails myth refers specifically to Becket.

He is the unofficial patron saint of English brewers, and one story behind this association is that, as a young man in 1142, he was made priest in the church of Bramfield, near Hertford. Apparently he made beer from the vicarage pond, which is still called Becket's Pool. Using local pond water for brewing was common practice at the time. Furthermore, on a diplomatic mission to France in 1158, Becket took two carts "laden solely with iron-bound barrels of ale" as a gift to the French. It was also said that Ralph of Hatfield and his wife were brewing beer but the fermentation failed until a phial of St Thomas' blood was lowered into it. He is even said to have turned water into wine in the presence of the pope.

Mark now turned his attention to the West Country. William FitzUrse and William de Tracy both came from the south west. FitzUrse held property in Somerset, and de Tracy estates in Devon. Bovey Tracey and Nymet Tracey are named after his family. Both men are said to have built or rebuilt and dedicated churches in Devon and Somerset to St Thomas as penance for their part in the murder. It is, however, very difficult to substantiate most of these claims.

A local legend says that the four murderers fled to a remote corner of north Somerset and founded an abbey. In fact, William de Courtney, who was a grandson of FitzUrse, founded Woodspring Priory in 1210, dedicated to St Thomas and others. A reliquary found in the church in nearby Kewstoke, and now in the museum of Somerset, contained a decayed wooden cup said to have held the blood of the martyr. Sourton Church near Okehampton is certainly dedicated to St Thomas but this dedication seems to date from 1742. Nevertheless, tradition says that descendants of FitzUrse and de Tracy built the church in the 14th century to help to clear their names and salve their consciences.

William de Tracy is said to have founded the church at Nymet Tracey in atonement, and also the church of St Peter, Paul & Thomas in Bovey Tracey. Once again, though, there is no evidence to support this tradition.

The de Tracys held lands near Barnstaple and there is a legend that de Tracy's ghost haunts Woolacombe Sands. His penance is to spin endless ropes of sand which are then burned by a black dog with fire in his mouth. He is said to have hidden out at Crockern Cave near Morteohoe, and then lived out his banishment in a farmhouse there. He did come to the West Country because he is known to have confessed his crime to Bartholomew, Bishop of Exeter. However, the tomb at Morteohoe dedicated to William de Tracy is more likely that of a 14th century priest of the same name. There is a saying in Gloucestershire, where his family also held lands, that 'All the de Tracys have the wind in their faces', which is a reference to the tradition that de Tracy went to Rome, and was sent on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, but the winds of heaven always blew him back so he could not reach the city. Another legend says he died in Italy of a disease that caused the flesh to decay on his bones, but it seems that he did return to England and lived on.

Our thanks go to Mark for his talk in which, as he said, he showed us how traditional stories and legends can fit into the factual historical framework. It was most interesting to learn how the murder of Thomas Becket had such local links, and how the consequences of the crime resonated through West Country places.



The Miraculous Cure of 'Mad Henry of Fordwich' at the Shrine of St Thomas Becket: Trinity Chapel, Canterbury Cathedral.

Isobel Hepworth

Newton St Cyres in World War 2

I am preparing a report on how World War 2 affected life in Newton St Cyres and our villagers. This will be published by the History Group and I will give a talk in the Hall (after covid restrictions are relaxed!).

I was not born at the outbreak of war and didn't move to the village until 1982, so this will be based mainly on written accounts, including newspaper reports, the school logbook and the 'vicar's book'. Also, Jean and I have talked with a number of residents who were here during the war. Their first-hand experiences provided valuable insights.

If you have any family stories or anecdotes about life in our village during the war or the experience of our villagers who were in the armed forces, I would love to hear them – just give a ring or send an email.

Thanks for your help.

Roger Wilkins

NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP ZOOM TALKS

We are now part of CAHZoom with 3 other local groups. We join together to enjoy history presentations. Two have been held already and they have proved to be very popular. Crediton Library do a really good job of hosting these meetings for which we are very grateful. All the speakers have given their services free so there are no charges involved.

To join us it is first necessary to download zoom onto your laptop. This is not difficult, find the site using your browser and go ahead.

The next step is to obtain a ticket through Eventbrite, The appropriate link is sent to Roger Wilkins in plenty of time. Roger has a long list of people to whom he regularly passes these links as they come in. If you would like to join these talks please contact him by phone 01392 851337 or email rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com.

Once you have reserved a ticket from Eventbrite (using Roger's link) they automatically send you the direct connection to the meeting on the appropriate day. All you have to do then is click the blue address and you will find yourself in the waiting room ready to be admitted to the presentation. It is best to join the meeting early as it takes a little while admitting everyone. Sometimes the meeting address appears in grey. If this happens look directly underneath and you will find a meeting ID and passcode. Open zoom on your screen, press the join option and you will be able to put in the ID and code. You will then be admitted.

CAHZOOM TALKS FOR SPRING 2021

APRIL 9	ST LAWRENCE CHAPEL CREDITON: ANCIENT AND (RELATIVELY) MODERN	TONY GALE
MAY14	DEVON IN THE 1920's - A FORGOTTEN DECADE ?	JULIA NEVILLE

All meetings are on Fridays at 4pm hosted by Crediton Library



Prue Quicke 1928-2021

An appreciation by her daughter, Mary Quicke

Prue Quicke had been an art student at Chelsea Poly and the Royal College of Art when she came to Newton St Cyres in 1953 to marry John Quicke. Her father was a distinguished naval officer, keen to improve the standing of the engineering branch of the Royal Navy.

She produced six children, coinciding with the Baby Boom. A pioneer of healthy eating, Prue made her own bread, keeping bees and developing a vegetable garden that supplied the family with a wide variety of unusual fruit and vegetables. She was a hands-on mother, committed to the cause of state education.

The couple lived at Newton House, where they restored the Arboretum after its wartime decay. In 1968 they moved to Sherwood, where they restored and developed a stunning 17-acre garden with plant collections of national importance.

Prue set up and ran the cheese business on the farm in 1973, remaining active in the business until the end of her life. She also supported John in his agricultural politics, where he was instrumental in developing the thinking that led to government funding of farmers to produce environmental benefits, now a EU-wide policy. John received a knighthood for this work. She didn't appreciate her associated title of Lady Prue.

Prue was first chair of Newton's twinning with the French town of Rots, and was involved in the governance of Newton St Cyres Primary School and Queen Elizabeth's School in Crediton. She supported many village activities, running fetes at Newton House and charity and educational events at Sherwood. Outside the village, she was a Greenham Common protester and created Farmers For a Nuclear Free Future. She was a trustee of Dartington Hall for many years.

Prue had a full spiritual life, attending services for many years with the nuns at Posbury, exploring the works of Gurdjieff, Jung, and eastern traditions, including transcendental meditation and Sai Baba.

She returned to her art as her children grew, holding several exhibitions. She also developed a career as an illustrator of greetings cards and children's books. She referred to Sherwood garden as 'my big sculpture', with attention to colour and form of plants still apparent in the garden.

Prue moved away from Sherwood soon after John's death in 2009, living in Exmouth and Crediton, before coming to Bailey Farm, where she died peacefully on 4th March.

She had been told by her art teachers, who included Henry Moore and Graham Sutherland, that she was receiving the training to do anything she liked. She took that to heart, subsequently achieving anything she felt inspired by and that she felt would make a difference. She is much missed by friends, family and all those whose lives she touched.

The family are very appreciative of all the cards and good wishes we have received.

Newton St Cyres Gardening Club

March gave us a mix of weather, with some beautiful warm sunny days and other days when the skies darkened and we made a quick dash to shelter before the hailstones! As we approach April, we hope for longer, warmer, days to fit in all of those gardening tasks! The primroses are now a mass of flowers and I'm happy to report that those I moved to the banks are looking good. The Grape Hyacinths *Muscari*, which will spread quickly, are now displaying their recognisable bright blue flower spikes.



Muscari

Although we all like visiting garden centres and purchasing a new plant for a special place in our gardens, now is an ideal time to increase your plant numbers, by simply taking cuttings or dividing existing plants.

Pelargoniums take very easily from cuttings and this can be done from April through to late summer. When cutting the original plant back to give a good shape, the cuttings can be used to create new plants. Strip the lower leaves and make a clean cut below a node using a sharp knife. As they are prone to rot, it is best to put up to four cuttings into a pot of gritty well-draining compost. Water them in and put them somewhere warm – you may choose to use a heated mat, and keep the cuttings dry but the compost moist. Those that take will soon show signs of growth.



Pulmonarias are really useful ground-cover plants, they have sprays of small bell-like white, pink or blue flowers, which have already started appearing. The oval leaves are often mottled with silver or sometimes entirely silver, and keep flowering through to late autumn. They tolerate most soils, as long as they don't dry out excessively. They prefer light shade, although once established can tolerate more sun.

The flowers can change colour as they mature, so you will often see pink and blue flowers at the same time on the same plant. They also offer bees a useful source of nectar at this time of the year. They can be divided by cutting sections from the original clump, ensuring each cutting has several roots and leaves. Remove the older leaves from these and cut back any roots that are too long. Pot each cutting in multi-purpose compost and water in well. These can then be grown on in a cold frame or a sheltered spot in the garden.

Many of us will have plants that are in containers, either because we don't have sufficient space in the garden, or we just haven't found 'the right place' for it yet! If you do have long-term container plants, the compost will lose structure over time and the restricted plant roots will be searching for nutrients and water.

Newly established and fast growing plants will need re-potting every one to three years. It is best to repot in early spring as the signs of new growth appear, increasing the pot by one or two sizes. Any larger an increase in pot size can actually hinder new growth. Tease out the congested roots, and where there are very thick roots, these can be cut back by one third to fit the new pot size. Use soil-based fresh compost and plant to the same depth as before, leaving 1 inch below the rim of the pot for watering. If your containerised plant is too large to re-pot, an annual top-dressing of fresh compost should be added together with a slow-release fertiliser.

As the weather warms, it is wonderful to see the beautiful blossom on Spring flowering trees. What were bare branches suddenly burst into life. If you are considering adding a spring flowering tree to your garden you will need to consider the location. It is best if you can avoid an exposed area - as strong winds can strip the blossom, and also avoid areas which are prone to late frosts.



Malus transitoria

Cherries: *Prunus* are probably top of the list but it is worth doing your research first as some have beautiful orange-red leaves in autumn, in addition to the pretty blossom. Other possibilities include a crab apple, such as *Malus transitoria*, which also provides amber coloured fruit, and rowans like *Sorbus aucuparia* with their flat white heads of flowers. Rowans also provide a great source of food for the birds which love the fruits. However, my favourite is the *Amelanchier* from the rose family, with a blossom of small dainty flowers that attract bees and other pollinators, against coppery pink leaves in spring.

Amelanchier



At the time of writing, the honey bees are now busy collecting pollen from the heathers *Ericas*, as our crocuses have finished flowering. The other afternoon the plants were alive with their activity and buzzing! In addition, there were several bumblebees on the heathers. I think they were buff-tailed as they had a hint of yellow hairs on their tails.

There are 24 species of bumblebee in the U.K, five of the most common are:-

- Red-tailed (*Bombus lapidarius*)
- Common carder (*Bombus pascuorum*)
- White-tailed (*Bombus lucorum*)
- Buff-tailed (*Bombus terrestris*)
- Tree (*Bombus hypnorum*)



Bumblebee on heather

Most people love bumblebees, due to their large, furry, and charismatic appearance. They are well-known for their meandering, “bumbling” flight, and their distinctive buzz - which is where their Latin name *Bombus* (meaning “booming”) originates.

Bumblebees need different types of vegetation for nesting, foraging, mating & hibernating, so it is good to have areas of thick grass. Last year a colony of tree bumblebees selected one of our bird boxes in which to nest.

Hedgehogs - if you are fortunate to have hedgehogs visiting your garden, you can help them during their travels by creating a ‘hedgehog highway’. This can be done by cutting 5” x 5” hole in the base of your fencing. This allows them to travel further when searching for food or a mate

Birds -By April the breeding season is well under way and you will probably wake up to the dawn chorus most mornings. Keep bird feeders well stocked. Safe bird foods include wildbird seed mixes, black sunflower seeds, mild grated cheese; sultanas, raisins and currants, pinhead oatmeal; fresh soft fruit such as apples and pears, and mealworms. Fat balls provide plenty of energy for birds to keep their strength up during the breeding season.

This morning we had a sparrowhawk land in our garden - hoping for a takeaway meal of one of the birds at the feeders. On this occasion they were unsuccessful. Sadly I was unable to get a good photo.

National Gardening Week (taken from the RHS website) The country’s biggest annual celebration of gardening will take place from Monday 26 April to Sunday 2 May 2021. Check back soon to find out the theme for this year and how you can get involved.

Enjoy your gardening

Nicola Baker

Mystery Stone explained



Further to Chris Southcott's piece in the last edition about the CB stone in Station Road, there is a similar stone in Langford Road, currently in a field entrance on the left-hand side of the road approaching Langford Bridge. Sadly it was dislodged from its original position and damaged by HGV traffic 12 months ago.

I believe that the initials CB stand for County Bridge. When the Turnpike Trusts were set up in the 18th century, the trusts became responsible for the improvement and upkeep of roads under their jurisdiction. The trust would be able to charge a toll fee for the use of the road and all monies raised would be invested back into the upkeep of the road.

However, the maintenance of the major bridges and a stretch of road either side of the bridge was the responsibility of the County

Council and my understanding is that these stones marked the boundary of the council's responsibility. Another of these stones can be found near the bridge over the river Yeo at Salmonhutch, just outside Crediton.

A friend of mine, Maurice Daniel has researched boundary and marker stones throughout Devon and with his permission I append a link to his webpage which readers may find interesting, together with another link to other stones within Newton St Cyres.

Maurice and I initially set out to photograph and record the ancient stone crosses on Dartmoor, which can be found at <http://www.dartmoor-crosses.org.uk>

Further reading:

Devon Marker Stones http://www.dartmoor-crosses.org.uk/Devon_Marker_Stones/DMS_Home.htm

Newton St Cyres Marker Stones http://www.dartmoor-crosses.org.uk/Devon_Marker_Stones/MD_NewtonStCyres.htm

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Project 2 in Lockdown



Harris Timber team ready to start work

We visited Frank, socially distanced, of course, at his workshop, looked at an example greenhouse and chose the timber. Frank visited us and we showed him the plot, our rough sketch and measurements. He left knowing what we wanted and sent us a quote. Happy with the price, we asked him to proceed. When Frank had all the timber for the base and raised bed, he and his team, Steve and Tom, arrived with the materials on the lorry.

The first job was to cut back the edge



Work on the raised bed



Julie laying membrane pre path laying.

Pond completed, we sat back to enjoy the view. The next garden project idea started to form - how about a greenhouse? Thus our second lockdown project began.

We researched different design ideas and manufacturers and decided we would prefer to design our own greenhouse and ask a local builder to make it for us. Frank Pinfold, who lives in Half Moon and owns Harris Timber, had already built Roger's workshop for us so we contacted him and were delighted to hear that he was still able to work during the lockdown.

of the existing decking so that the greenhouse sat square on the plot. Next the foundations were dug. Knowing this was going to happen, we had deliberately only membraned and gravelled the pond end of our new path. As expected a large pile of soil was dug out and stored on the unfinished path.

The next stage involved laying out the base and raised bed on our drive to check measurements before carrying each piece of timber up two flights of steps and into the back garden. The base and raised bed started to take shape. Once completed, most of the pile of soil was transferred into the new raised bed.

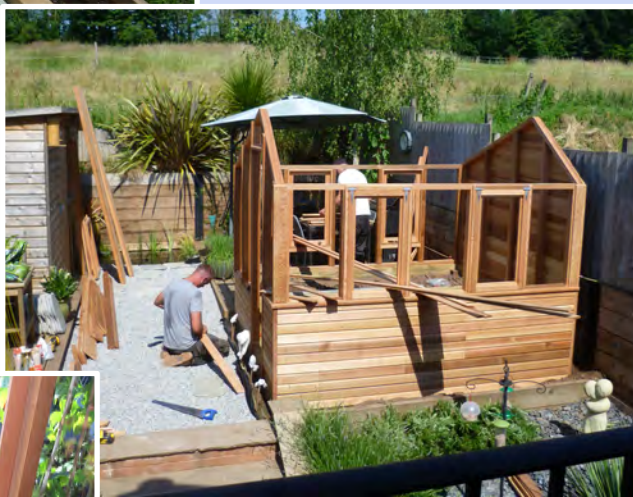


Will and Roger laying slabs

and his team returned once again with all the materials on the lorry. They had arrived on one of the hottest days of the year. The pond must have looked inviting!

We carried trug loads of the remaining soil down to the front garden and into our trailer. We marked it up as “free topsoil” with free delivery available. It was soon snapped up by a neighbour who also had a garden project in progress.

Now that the base of the greenhouse was installed, Frank was able to take precise measurements ready to make the panels back at his workshop. After a few weeks, the panels and glass were ready. Frank



Greenhouse frame going up

The frame panels were carried up to the back garden and construction began. Frank, Steve and Tom remained professional throughout the day while working in the exceptional heat. A constant supply of tea and glasses of water was maintained throughout the day.

Once the frame was secure, the glass was installed, including two automatic opening roof windows. The structure finally looked like a greenhouse when the workbench and shelf were installed. Frank and his team worked tirelessly and produced exceptional carpentry to provide us with a bespoke greenhouse that exceeded our expectations. They left the site clean and tidy and left us ready to start planting.



First plants - tomatoes and french beans.



Greenhouse, pond and path completed

We completed laying the membrane and gravel on the path, added stepping-stone slabs interspersed with plants including sedum and hostas. Roger and Will built an arch between the greenhouse and workshop ready for growing a honeysuckle and jasmine. Pond, greenhouse and back garden complete, we sat back, once again, to enjoy the view. The second lockdown came and our next garden project idea took shape - the front garden bed needed some attention!

Julie Furniss

The first plants to go into the raised beds were tomatoes, French beans, a cucumber and courgette plant. These were followed by seeds including salad leaves, carrots and beetroot as well as herb plants. Our greenhouse soon became productive.



Our pot of gold!

Country Walks in Newton St Cyres

COUNTRY WALKS in NEWTON ST CYRES

This leaflet details six circular walks in the parish of Newton St Cyres. The walks vary in length from 1.25 to 7.2 miles and are all of easy to moderate difficulty, mostly on public footpaths.



The production of the first edition of this leaflet was funded by a grant to the Newton St Cyres Parish Council from the Big Lottery Fund Awards for All programme. This revised edition is funded by the Newton Wonder.

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Our thanks to the Newton Ramblers for an updated account of six circular walks starting in the parish and varying in length from just over a mile to seven miles. It is available from the dispenser in the Parish Hall car park or can also be downloaded from www.newtonwonder.net, where it is in the Newton Ramblers section, accessed from Community Groups.

We wish to thank the Newton Wonder for funding this new edition and editor Peter Hawksley for help in preparing the leaflet for printing.

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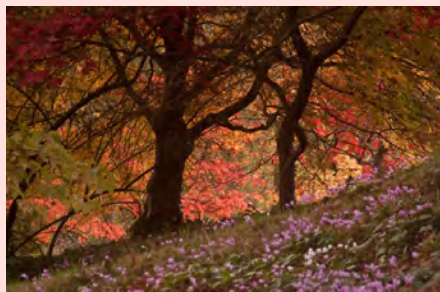
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NEWS FROM MOON RIDGE FARM



It has been a busy few weeks, with the days gradually getting longer and the promise of better weather to come. Everything seems a little brighter on the farm. Each morning the birdsong has increased dramatically; and members of our wildfowl collection are in full swing, displaying and bickering as they defend their territories. A few species have already begun to lay, including the black swans, which continue to sit 'tight' through whatever the weather throws their way.

The wallabies have been continually active lately and the females seem to be all carrying joeys. They are at the cute stage now when their little faces appear out of the pouches blinking into the sunlight. I expect our keen-eyed footpath walkers may have noticed these little bundles. We sell the wallabies only when they are fully weaned and completely self-sufficient. You cannot imagine the number of people wanting to bottle-rear joeys (this is only done if the mother abandons her offspring) We have never had to do this here, thankfully.



We have had four nice strong litters of piglets, born in the last few weeks, all safely snuggled up in their sheds. It is great to see instinct take over and watch the sows drag their bedding together to make their nest ready for farrowing. Throw a little hay in or straw and they will happily pick it up and add it to their beds. Since farrowing they continue to do this, ensuring their litter stay above the concrete on a nice deep bed. The sows are very protective, and it is a good job they are so diligent as getting too close to new mums can be hazardous. It has got to be better than farrowing crates and concrete slates. We have just had a pig done for sausages and we made our own bacon in brine and used our own yacon syrup instead of sugar. Delicious!



At the time of writing, avian flu restrictions are still in place, meaning the domestic poultry still must remain under cover for the time being something they and us are getting very tired of! By the time you read this, it's likely the restrictions will have been lifted. Though the chickens do not seem to mind being housebound, given the wet and windy weather over the past week or so, the geese and ducks would much prefer to be out whatever the weather.

Wherever possible, we like to give the breeding ducks and geese swimming water. This is quite a challenge when they are shut in a shed as they tend to make everywhere saturated. We have a system of automatic baths and they have to take turns, but you do feel for them as the geese, especially, are grazers and love to roam - something our sheds cannot mimic. It is all worth the effort with egg production and fertility much better when they have bath water!

We seem to be setting more and more eggs each week and now fertility is improving all the time. We hatch quail all year around, but the chickens, ducks and geese are seasonal. Eggs are in the incubators now, along with the first of this year's guinea fowl. The rheas and peafowl I would not expect until May.

We hatch every two weeks, alternately quail and then the others. The quail stay in the same sheds until they mature and are sold (6-8 weeks of age), while the ducks, geese and chicks move from the brooder areas (when off heat) to larger rearing sheds to acclimatise to the outside while they 'feather up'.

April 2021

While still young and vulnerable to predators, they are in protected 'arks' with covered outside areas. Once past this stage, they have the freedom to run out in the paddock. Although they are still easy prey for some species, we do our best to protect them. Once hardy and feathered, they then (under normal circumstances) return to the selling area of the farm, where our visiting customers can choose their favorite characters. Some go to our network of resellers across the country and others are delivered to individual customers via our door-to-door delivery service. This is a national service supplying across the British Isles.

This season's first batch of point-of-lay chickens are in now and selling super-fast via our click and collect service (no door-to-door deliveries at present and no walk-in customers just yet because of Covid and avian flu.) We can be open as we supply essentials (feed and bedding). However, to protect everyone, we prefer a click and collect service. Although all online, this is not a faceless service and we can still advise and help customers on collection or over the phone / by email. We are hoping this year will be more manageable than the last!

We have just put down extra quail for egg production in the hope that as the country opens and the hospitality section comes out of hibernation, the demands will return. We have certainly seen an increase in enquiries over the last month with eggs going to the London market doubling in the last few weeks (although still well down on pre-Covid levels) and a new wholesaler coming on board up in Newcastle . Our friends in the Isles of Scilly and Channel Islands are gearing up for a return to tourism as well.

The December goats all sold very quickly and have gone off to their new homes, which has freed up the shed space for the sheep. Lambing is getting close and the ewes are looking heavy , with any luck, the grass will begin to get just ahead of them in the next few weeks as the lambs never grow or look better than when out on fresh spring grass. Coming from a shepherding background it's good to be able to pass on the skills and knowledge to my kids and the team here. Megan covers the early mornings and Will the final night check, with our team here only too happy to spend time 'under cover' in the lambing shed when the weather is not so great !

We have been busy over the last few weeks putting 'roots in the ground' with walnuts, chestnuts, almonds and cobnuts, as well as persimmons, robinia, sea buckthorn, cherries , apples and pears. All have



gone in heavily mulched and guarded from rabbits and livestock. We have also made up some 'Airprune' seed boxes and planted a lot of seeds and cuttings so we hope to have a good supply of saplings to plant out next year.

With the weather warming and drying up and the days becoming longer, with the Covid and avian flu restrictions lifting shortly (fingers crossed), we can feel hopeful for the rest of the year.

We will still continue our click-and-collect service as this is a preferred system for many people and the effort and cost involved in adapting our website and systems to enable mean it would be silly to abandon it now. However, as soon as we feel it is appropriate, we will open our doors to the public again.

Our little business has survived despite being completely shut for our busiest period last spring. We have managed to adapt very quickly to a new way of selling, seeking out new markets and ways of selling. We have also retained our employee levels without any grants or money from the government, as we fell though the gaps of the grant system. It was and continues to be tight at times, so thank you to all our customers near and far who have continued to support us. We are really looking forward to seeing you during the year ahead. There is light at the end of the tunnel.



A last note: Our goose eggs are proving a Sunday favourite here, with soft-boiled eggs and 'soldiers' a big hit. Seven minutes on a rolling boil (Delia says 9) and you have a delight. We have been enjoying ours with grilled halloumi and crispy streaky bacon for a little added indulgence!

Kate Anstey



Find the Defibrillator

Books all over the place

Councillor Steve Parker sent in this picture of the old telephone box in the centre of the village. It appears that people have been clearing out and just dumped books in the old phone box.

Should the box be just for the defibrillator or does the community want a book exchange?

Let us know what you think.

April on the Farm



Nature

April is the cruelest month, the poet said. It's full of new life and new beginnings. That's hard for the old and the sick, whose sap does not rise, nor their hearts leap with the new life. My mother died last month. She was happy to go, and her last view was of the trees coming to life and the birds at the feeders we put outside her window. Alongside being an artist and mother of 6 children, she reintroduced cheese on the farm, built the cheese dairy in the early 70's and ran it till I came back to the farm in the mid 80's. All of our values come from my mother and father, and they live on in how we operate every day.

This spring is so beautiful and poignant. Sun and rain drive growth, every day noticeably longer than the last. The leaves unfurl, the blackthorn blossoms, the hedgerow more riotous with each successive day. The birds get busy with their broods, carrying food back to the nest to feed their insistent chicks. The woodland floor explodes with wild garlic, then bluebells. We'd love your photographs for our Spring Photo Competition, check it out on our website www.quickes.co.uk.

Arable

On the farm, the spring barley we drilled last month emerges, the leaves contrasting with the soil like shot silk. We spread slurry and manure. The slurry comes from our lagoon, diluted with rainwater. It sinks into the ground, nutrients feeding the plant roots to grow the leaves that feed the animals in that lovely perpetual motion machine. Grass grows, shyly early in the month, then gathers pace as the soil temperature warm up, until it outstrips the hungry mouths of cattle. The pasture turns from shortage to plenty in nature's magical bounty.

Cows

As the weather warms, we send the younger animals out to graze. The newborn calves need milk and a little protection from the elements, but even they nibble the tender shoots, gaining the appetite for their lifetime feed. They explore and play, inviting games when you turn up. Sit down and they'll come and sniff you. Run and they'll follow, leaping and kicking for the sheer joy of being alive.

Their mothers are settling into milking fed by the delicious grass. They go out hungry after milking, graze for a couple of hours, lay down and ruminate sociably with their friends, get up to spread manure, catch a few more mouthfuls of grass, sit down again, must be time for milking, amble back to the parlour for a milk and a snack, out to the field again, have an evening meal, have a snooze, perhaps a midnight feast if you are peckish, a bit more sleep and digesting, then in for morning milking. This gentle routine is broken up every 21 days by the urgent desire for a bull. All the spring cows have had their calf, and nature urgently requires them to fill the gap. We deny them the chance until their bodies have had some time to recover next month. The cows are frisky, flirting and practicing with each other.

Dairy

Their milk is frisky, telling the story of the pastures in the gentle grass-fed aromas that rise from the vats of warm milk, and then from the cheese as we taste it. We've been doing a little work on how the flavours of our cheese unfold over time, in our Flavour Mapping Project. The video about our Flavour Mapping Project is on our website. Just as the flavour of our cheese alters from the heart of the cheese to under the rind, it alters over time on your palate. We've had a lot of fun distinguishing which flavours come up when. It's a characteristic of all handmade foods that you get this unfolding of flavour on your palate.

We're indebted to the Academy of Cheese in its Structured Approach to Tasting for encouraging us to think more deeply about the flavours that arise in cheese. If you want to explore more about all things cheesy, we are running online Academy of Cheese Level 1 courses. It's the opportunity to taste and find out about 25 different cheeses. There are more details on our website. The courses are now being studied in 49 different countries. Love of cheese is global!

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Recipe

I love this recipe inspired by Delicious magazine for hot cross buns toasted with bacon and Quicke's Mature Cheddar.

- Grill bacon rashers.
- Grill the cut surface of halved hot cross buns, ideally without candied peel.
- Put a slice of Quicke's Mature Cheddar in each bun, and grate more cheddar over the top, grill till the cheese is melted.
- Pop the bacon back in each bun.
- Enjoy for an Easter snack.

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NEWTON RAMBLERS

Sadly, we have once again had to abandon the Newton Ramblers walk for April but if possible we are hoping to be able to organise one for May.

We normally meet on the third Sunday of the month.

When the situation improves, please ring Nigel or Rosemary Chambers on 01392 851400 to find out when the next walk is taking place and where we will meet.

Take care, and we hope to see you again soon.



Newton Environmental Well-being Group

On the verge of calamity

Across Devon, roadside verges and green spaces serve as vital sanctuaries for wildflowers, pollinating insects, reptiles, amphibians and small mammals. And there are some great success stories of communities helping to manage green infrastructure to support bio-diversity and enhance community well-being.

Sadly, however, since the 1930's, 97% of the UK's wildflower meadows have been lost or modified. This loss of habitat has meant our pollinating insects have suffered steep declines and 87 species of wildflower are threatened with extinction.

Appropriate management of our green infrastructure is essential. Without this, wildflowers can be lost through too frequent cutting, or outcompeted by vigorous coarse grasses.

You are invited to join us on Zoom for what promises to be an informative presentation and an opportunity to explore steps we might take to enhance the bio-diversity of our green spaces.

Life on the Verge

A presentation & discussion facilitated by Tom Whitlock ACIEEM, an ecologist with Devon County Council.

Thursday 22nd April, 7pm–8.30pm.

Hosted by Newton Environmental Well-being Group (aka N.E.W.)

See you there.ZOOM Meeting Link:

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Zoom Meeting ID: 898 8112 4795

Or email Andrew.broadhead4u@gmail.com

Coming: a Medicinal Garden at St Nicholas Priory

Originally founded in 1087, St Nicholas Priory is Exeter's oldest building and has a rich history from Benedictine monastery to city museum.

In 2018 Exeter Historic Buildings Trust acquired the priory from Exeter City Council. With the assistance of the National Heritage Lottery Fund, the Trust repaired and reopened the buildings and established a busy programme of tours, performances and events.

Last summer we turned our attention to improving the garden, which we wanted to reflect the priory's history and monastic origins. Working with our dedicated team of garden volunteers, we decided to establish a modern medicinal garden, which would echo both the monastic and Tudor history of the priory.



Medicinal, or 'physick', gardens were common to monasteries for treating the ailments of the community, while Tudor gardens made extensive use of herbs for culinary, medicinal and decorative purposes. Once complete, it will be one of only two such gardens in Devon and Cornwall, and we are excited about the new ways it will allow us to interpret medical, garden and monastic history. The

Trust has secured a grant from the Finnis-Scott Foundation for the work, which will be starting as soon as lockdown eases. We are always looking for new volunteers at the priory and we are especially keen encourage gardeners to join us.

We are also excited to welcome visitors back this Easter for outside tours of the priory and its environs. Our popular outside tours with resume on 4th April and will run every Sunday throughout the spring. All tours will of course be socially-distanced, with small tour groups of five people plus one of our knowledgeable guides. For more information about tours or to contact us about volunteering opportunities, visit our website at www.nicholaspriory.com

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Do You Remember... April

April 1971

Complaints were raised at the Parish Council meeting regarding the loss of the village policeman, who has now been replaced by Panda car patrols.

The Court orchard bungalows will soon be ready for the first tenants.

The parish litter collector reports that up to five sacks of rubbish are picked up each week.

The church clock is now running full-time. The next job is to fix the strike and fit a new hammer.

The school now has 124 children on the roll. The top juniors are off to Paignton Zoo for a week's project work under the Whitly Trust.

The Newton St Cyres football club reports the team finishing in the first five. However some extra support at the Saturday matches would be welcome.

April 1981

Over 30 people attended the annual Parish Meeting. The Half Moon improvement scheme is now completed.

The Council's plan for an extension of the speed limit towards Home Farm has been refused by Highways, although supported at District and County level.

The problem with water in Sand Down Lane has not been solved, and is in fact getting worse.

The main road was blocked for three hours when a waste-paper lorry turned on its side, blocking the road.

After sufficient interest was shown in re-forming the Twinning Group, a meeting will be held in the near future.

The formal opening of the new Recreation Ground club house was performed by Mr Hawkins, chairman of Mid Devon DC.

April 1991

The Parish Council has launched a Neighbourhood Watch scheme for the village. Although most of the areas are covered, volunteers are still required for West Town and the station area.

Arrangements are in hand to run a flower festival this year. It will be combined with an art exhibition on 4th, 5th and 6th of July.

A 24-hour darts marathon took place at the Recreation Ground club house in aid of the play equipment fund.

April 2001

On the Farm notes the arrival of foot and mouth disease in the country. A hot, dry summer is needed to help ensure the virus dies out. Walkers are thanked for their forbearance while footpaths and arable fields are closed. Foot and mouth has also affected the football programmes at the recreation ground.

The school has received news from the Department for Education that they have won the School Achievement Award. This is given to schools that have substantially improved their results between 1997 and 2000.

April 2011

The subject of wild boar in the village was raised at the Parish Council meeting. Advice is to be sought from DEFRA.

The Newton St Cyres Youth Club has a meeting in the Parish Hall every Wednesday evening from 7pm to 9pm.

Liz Fiddock and Liz Mitchell are delighted to record two of their Shelties won top prizes at Crufts dog show.

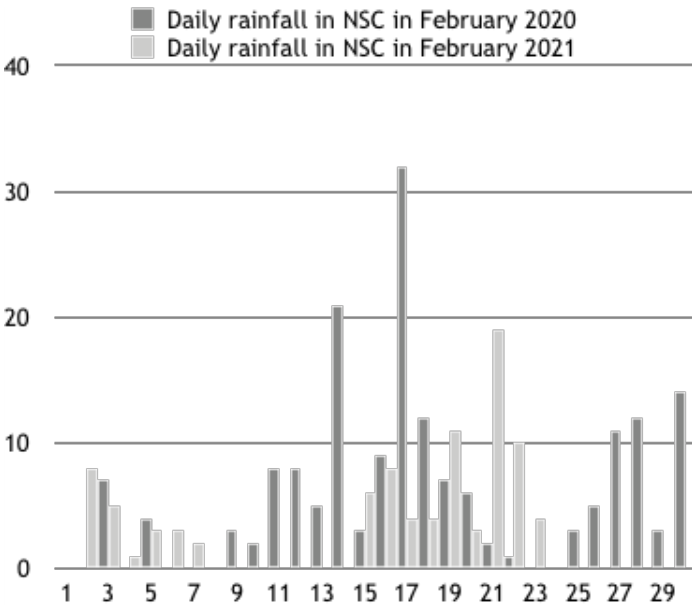
The team of litter pickers in the parish were congratulated on their efforts making the village look a lot cleaner and tidier.

The Recreation Ground now has a very active time with many football matches and the start of cricket practice.

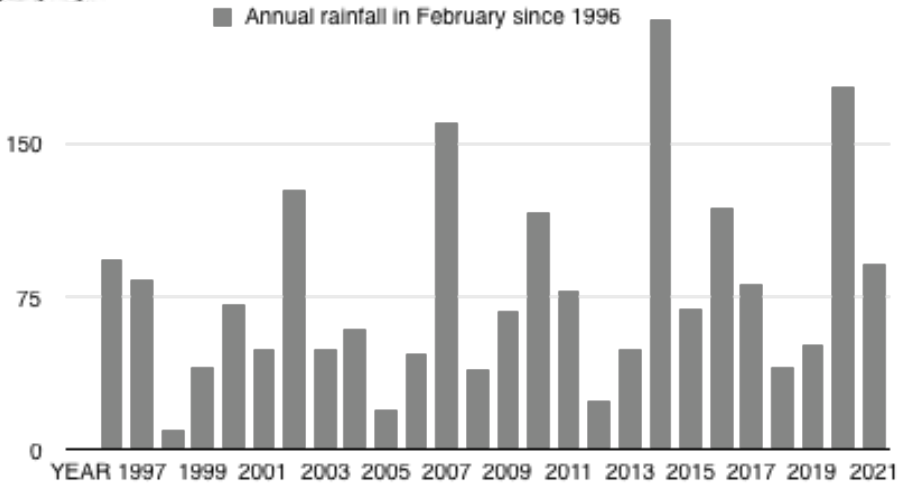
Mr John Quicke wrote an informed article on wild boar and offered advice on keeping clear of them and keeping dogs under control at all times.

The Weather

in Newton St Cyres



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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Netherexe

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Thorverton

Sundays 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

[Except for 4 April due to a Service]

NB: Church closed weekdays due to building work

Upton Pyne

Remains closed at this time.

**Please note that a face covering should be worn
when entering our church buildings.**

Newton St Cyres Church

EASTER SUNDAY

4th April 2021

If the situation allows we hope to hold

Holy Communion

at 10.00 am

Covid conditions apply

Please bring a mask and book a place with:

Sue Browne – 01392 851410

Meanwhile

PRIVATE PRAYER

continues every Wednesday

2-4 pm

Leave no one behind

Most, if not all of us, look forward to spring. If we're not the types who enjoy the heat of the summer, spring is perfect: longer days, brighter weather and new growth in our gardens and the countryside. How much more so this year: the strong hope that we can get out and see our friends and families we have missed so much, a vaccine to help protect us from the pandemic and a chance to visit or take part in many of the things that have been restricted.

Easter is celebrated in churches across our country in the spring. The new life visible in the world around us reflected in the new life offered to us by the resurrection of Jesus.

The celebration of Easter, however, is preceded by the pain of Good Friday. For many, there will be no euphoria when the lockdown ends: loved ones have been lost to Covid-19 or other illnesses without the opportunity for a proper funeral to mourn or to seek solace in the company of friends and family; jobs have been lost, bills have mounted up and there is the possibility of losing one's home. Time at school, college and university has been lost and with it career aspirations and further education places.

For those who will emerge from this last year relatively unscathed, our responsibility is to reflect on how it is for those who are less fortunate. Our celebration of Easter each year is a remembrance not only of Jesus's resurrection but of the life that he lived before he died as a pattern for our own: a life concerned with the poor, the sick and the disadvantaged. They remain with us, bowed down by the consequences of the pandemic and lockdown.

Things will be different in the future. The future might involve working from home more often. It seems very likely that our high streets will change: many well-known brands have closed their doors and we might see more community outlets and individual shops. The government has promised a greater emphasis on protecting the environment.

Once when Jesus was dining at a friend's house, a woman anointed him with an expensive perfume. The disciples were cross at the waste. Jesus told them 'You will always have the poor with you but you will not always have me'. His words are as true today as when he rebuked his disciples. Many of our neighbours living in our villages will struggle with the future, with the 'new normal'. As we blink in the sunlight and soak up the opportunities that will shortly be available to us let us remember those who are in need of our care and thought. As we race to visit the people and places we have been longing for, may we not leave behind those who need our consideration, a kind word, an invitation for coffee or a hug.

SERVICES & INFORMATION APRIL 2021

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

Please note these services are proposed for April 2021 and

may change due to Government Restrictions and COVID-19 tiering.

Please check for current information by visiting our website at www.netherexe.org

Friday 2 April Good Friday

10:00 am	Good Friday Drama	Zoom Telephone Service#	Stoke Canon
11:15 am	Contemplative Service	Cadbury	Lay Led
12:00 pm	Reflective Service	Newton St Cyres	TL

Sunday 4 April Easter Day

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Thorverton	JH
10:00 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Newton St Cyres	TL
10:00 am	Open Air Family Service✦		Bramford Speke	Lay Led
11:00 am	Private Prayer & Contemplation✦		Netherexe	Open until 4:00 pm
11:15 am	Family Service		Rewe	Lay Led & LF
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Stoke Canon	MSS
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Upton Pyne	GC
11:15 am	Family Service		Cadbury	Lay Led
05:00 pm	Afternoon Worship		Zoom/Telephone Service#	JH & TL

Sunday 11 April Easter 2

11:15 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Cadbury	GC
05:00 pm	Afternoon Worship		Zoom/Telephone Service#	LF & GC

Sunday 18 April Easter 3

09:30 am	Open Door		Zoom/Telephone Service*	LF
11:15 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Stoke Canon	JH
05:00 pm	Afternoon Worship		Zoom/Telephone Service#	JH & KR

Sunday 25 April Easter 4

09:30 am	Holy Communion	[CW]	Newton St Cyres	TL
11:15 am	Communion by Extension		Rewe	LF
05:00 pm	Afternoon Worship		Zoom/Telephone Service#	LF & TL

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

If you wish to attend a church service, you must book in advance by contacting:

Cadbury	Libby Price	01392 860257	libby@prices7.com
Newton St Cyres	Sue Browne	01392 851460	suecbrowne@gmail.com
Rewe	Sheila Newton	01392 860082	rewe.nativity@gmail.com
Stoke Canon	Valerie Mills	01392 841659	valeriehandfordmills@gmail.com
Thorverton	Royston Kershaw	01392 860419	thorvertoncw@gmail.com
Upton Pyne	Christine Cotter	01392 841025	cotterchrisie@gmail.com

Places at services are strictly limited. If you turn up at a church without booking, you may be turned away.

Afternoon Worship will continue by Zoom and telephone at 5:00 pm. To join by Zoom, click the link on your computer:

Afternoon Worship: <https://zoom.us/j/96051498892?pwd=dno0R05teVpFa1NmRWpxaHBjZ0prZz09>
To join by telephone: **Ring 0203 481 5237, Meeting ID 960 5149 8892# Password 591980**

* Open Door: <https://zoom.us/j/92093317053?pwd=bjhzGGRrSTQ2TW9sODEFWU2dLU204QT09>
To join by telephone: **Ring 0203 901 7895 Meeting ID: 920 9331 7053 Passcode: 117621**

✦ No booking required for open air services or private contemplation, but social distancing should be observed.

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

Who's Who? Abbreviations Key

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

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Mr Peter Shepherd [Administrator]
Monday & Wednesday [09:30 – 13:30]
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Correspondence: The Netherexe Parishes, Church Office, St Mary Magdalene Church, Stoke Canon, Exeter, EX5 4AS.

Newton St Cyres toddler group

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

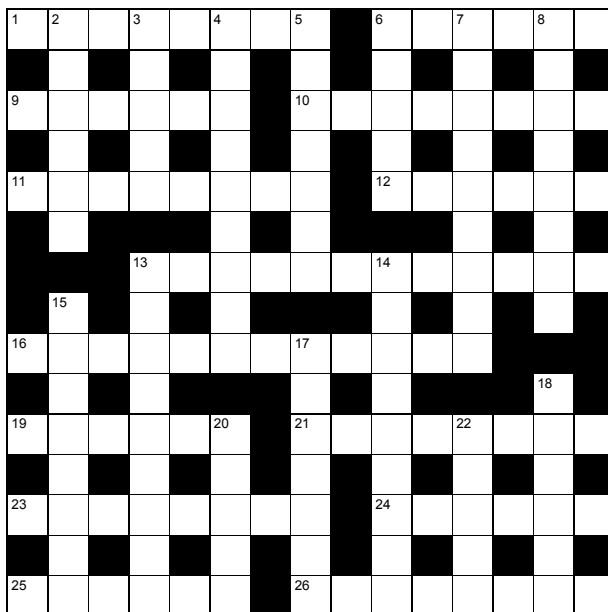
Our family sessions are £2 a time and run from 9:30–11:30am. The price includes a drink and a snack.

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



Contact:
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or see our facebook page
Newton Nappies

Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 One keeps characters apart when depressed (5-3)
- 6 Glaring error in his rag (6)
- 9 Son gets conned, say – that’s harsh (6)
- 10 Courtesy shown by Greek character to girl by railway (8)
- 11 Elected party fast becomes lazy (8)
- 12 Jack has to fetch Mark (6)
- 13 Determined bachelor paid attention (6-6)
- 16 Unexpectedly unable to get Sky? (3,2,3,4)
- 19 Company fellow is powerful (6)
- 21 Cut price record released around start of November (8)
- 23 Inexperienced worker ruined green bin (8)
- 24 Some mathematicians we reckon will provide the solution (6)
- 25 Seize east wing (6)
- 26 Still current late in the day (8)

Set by Alberich

DOWN

- 2 Powerful omen seer ultimately missed (6)
- 3 Feature old material (5)
- 4 Fathead identifies tree (9)
- 5 Reading affects literacy mostly (7)
- 6 Good material for dressing flash (5)
- 7 Again sort out bottom oven (9)
- 8 Thus Catholic monarch doubled as enchanter (8)
- 13 Herons lie scattered by the coast (9)
- 14 Married sort’s given fish and a soft drink (4-5)
- 15 Swede perhaps wants purée...no, a stew (8)
- 17 Second goal gets Rose excited (7)
- 18 Really popular act (6)
- 20 Stretched for time (5)
- 22 Notes frenzied attack (5)

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.

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

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Solution to the March 2021 Cryptic Crossword

1	M		2	S		3	M			4	C		5	C		6	F
7	P	E	N	C	H	A	N	T		9	A	N	O	R	A	K	
	N		R		R			10	H	A	M		N		C		
11	B	A	K	E	L	I	T	E		12	P	U	T	T	E	R	
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13	L	E	A	N	T	O		15	T	E	R	R	I	F	I	C	
		Y						A					T		F		
	16	G	R	A	N	D	I	L	O	18	Q	U	E	N	T		
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	I		E			27	A	D	O		I		G		I		
28	K	N	I	G	H	T		29	B	R	O	T	H	E	R	S	
	G		O		E					N		T		S			

WHO'S WHO IN THE VILLAGE

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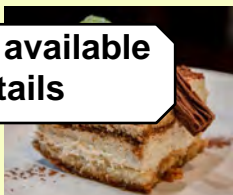
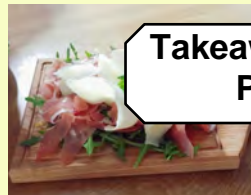
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