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Thoughts for November from Peter Cordingley

I have a way that nobody else on the planet has to tell when autumn is giving way to winter. The leaves turning? Not that. Morning fog? That neither. Everybody can see that. What I have is different. It's the hole in the trees on the other side of the A377 from our place.

In the spring and summer months, that hole is not there. It's filled in with new growth and is as impenetrable as everything left and right of it. But come late autumn, the hole starts to reappear as the foliage droops and drops. And then it's there again, and will be until it's not.

Every morning, I check. No hole as yet as I write, but maybe by the time these words are published, I'll be able to see through to the other side of the trees. When that happens, I know that summer (what there was of it this year) will be a memory, and soon enough autumn will follow.

But for now, there's so much to enjoy in this little Eden my wife and I dropped into a little more than two years ago after more than 40 years on the other side of the world, first in Hong Kong and then the Philippines.

In the Philippines, there are just two seasons in the year: summer is uncomfortably hot and extremely wet, and winter is uncomfortably hot and extremely dry. There is little outward sign of change anywhere. There is certainly no marker over there like that noble tree (I'm guessing oak, but I really have no idea) that stands alone, in the middle of that vast field, on the left as you drive, Exeter-bound, down the A377 at Cowley.

The tree is clinging on to its leaves at the moment, but when they're gone, its statuesque skeleton will be visible. I find that wonderful, being able to track, more or less, how lovely, strong trees grew from saplings to what they are now. In a strange way, I find the bare trees of winter more attractive than fully leafed ones.

The transition from autumn to winter changes the way everybody lives. Us too. We don't yet have the biting cold of January and February (that came as a shock to us, I can tell you!), but the food on our family table is changing. Lasagna, cottage pie, stews, apple crumble – they're back. Salads don't make much sense any more, but a mulled wine does, if only I knew how to make a good one!

I remember, in our first winter here, my wife and I used to watch in horror as the sun slipped down over the rooftops on Exeter High St at 4:30pm. We wondered where in heaven's name we had landed. And now? In the evenings, we happily close the blinds as soon as the light fades, get the log fire going and settle down to read or shout at the TV news. That's bliss. That's Newton St Cyres in autumn.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT October 2021

The meeting, held on 7th October, was attended by nine Councillors, the Parish Clerk, the Mid Devon District Councillor (Graeme Barnell), our Climate Change Officer (Sue Rowell) and two members of the public.

Climate Change Report

- Councillors were invited to attend a Zoom meeting on Tuesday 12th October to focus on the possible actions we can take as part of the climate change emergency.
- The Parish Hall has conducted a survey, with the help of Devon Communities Together, to see how energy efficiency in the Parish Hall can be improved. Several ideas have been taken forward for further investigation.
- The possibility of installing electric charging points in the Parish Hall car park and near the Rec. was investigated. Unfortunately, no suitable option was available at present. This will be re-examined at a later date.

Planning

- Planning applications for the erection of antennae on the church tower and of a roof over a silage clamp at Five Elms farms were both approved.
- The planning application for the development of the old school site has been delayed as it has been passed for independent arbitration. Some of the concerns previously expressed by the Parish have been addressed in the latest application. However, the developer has applied to have the requirement for section 106 funding (contributions to funding for community and social infrastructure required from most developments) waived.
- The Parish Council has agreed to try to formulate a 'Neighbourhood Plan'. Should we have one of these, Mid Devon will be required to take it into account when formulating its plans for housing etc. This will allow Newton St Cyres Parish to have a voice in the future development of the village. Grants are available to fund the activity and we have a potential advisor who can guide us through the process. The stages of the process are as follows:

- The Parish Council will apply to Mid Devon Council for permission to draft a Neighbourhood plan.
- A small committee will be formed to run the project. Two or three councillors will take part, but we will need two or three members of the public as well.
- A housing needs questionnaire will be sent out so that the future requirements of the Parish can be identified.
- The responses to the questionnaire will be analysed and used to form the plan.
- The plan will be circulated to parishioners for approval.
- If more than 50% of parishioners approve the plan, it will be passed to Mid Devon, who will then acknowledge it.

The Boniface Trail and the A377 Action Group

- The A377 Action Group has recently been reformulated to contain representatives from all the parishes along the A377 between Exeter and Crediton.
- A series of meetings have been arranged with Devon County Council Highways department. These are, in part, to discuss ways of mitigating the increased usage of the road as new housing is built from Crediton and beyond.
- At the first meeting, the group was informed that more trains will be running along the Tarka Line as a permanent feature. It is hoped that these will be used by commuters. However, there is no plan to increase the number of trains stopping at Newton St Cyres in the first phase.
- The funding of the Boniface Trail was also discussed. Members of the Boniface Trail committee have worked hard for some time to develop this pedestrian-cycleway between Exeter and Crediton and progress has been made. However, it is in need of substantial funding, and they are looking for support from Devon County Council. Despite meeting with general enthusiasm, money has yet to be allocated. It transpires that to achieve funding, certain standards will need to be complied with. It is now proposed that Devon Highways carry out an outline feasibility study. Even this will cost in excess of £20,000. The funding has been applied for.

Other road issues

- The bank that runs along the bottom of the gardens of New Estate was discussed. It has become very overgrown and

the mechanism for maintaining it was discussed. Graeme Barnell agreed to look at this as part of his regular inspections of areas maintained by Mid Devon later this month.

- A member of the public raised the point that pedestrians are not easily seen at night on Station Road. (Parishioners are reminded that bright or fluorescent clothing should be worn.) However, a 'pedestrians on the road' warning sign might be helpful.
- A query was raised about the progress for getting a salt bin for Kingfisher Close was raised. The Parish Clerk will chase this up.
- The hedge along the edge of the Belluno Garden is still obstructing the view of cars joining the A377 at Belluno's. This is the responsibility of the restaurant owners, and the parish clerk will write to them reminding them of this.
- Heavy usage of Langford Road continues.
- An application has been submitted for a grant to cover the cost of equipment for the road traffic wardens. This will be stored in a trailer. A suitable location for the trailer is now required.

Other Council Business

- Parishioners are warned that thieves are operating in our area. Two men in a white van took goods from a garden in West Town Road. Also, it appears that 'dognappers' may be looking to identify homes with expensive dogs.
- The asbestos has been removed from the shed on the allotments.
- The site recording and monitoring of the defibrillators has been passed by the ambulance service to another organisation.
- Newton St Cyres Football Club requested contribution for new netting and football goalposts. This will be part of a bid for more grant funding from elsewhere. It was agreed to give £200 provided there were facilities available for casual play by non-football club members who were part of the Parish.

- A report was submitted by Jock Campbell on a recent 'Building Community Resilience' meeting. Two points stand out. Over the past years, flooding in Devon has most frequently occurred in August and not in winter! Also, Newton St Cyres is one of three rapid-response catchments. This means that severe flooding is likely and likely to happen quickly after rainfall. We already know this, and we have in place a good flood warning system along the Shuttern Brook.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 4th November 2021 at 7:00pm. 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.

Liz Ouldrige

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NEWTON RAMBLERS

Sunday 21st November

8 of us, and a dog, joined the October walk along the Creedy valley. It was most enjoyable and we were blessed with a beautiful sunny day.

This month we have a walk of about 3.5 miles, mainly on footpaths, with good views, but a few hills. We will walk for a short while from the car park along the remains of the south wall of the Burgh of Crediton before taking the most moderate route up the hill to the QE School campus and then down to Salmonhutch, eastwards by the River Yeo and back into Crediton via Union Terrace.

We will meet by the entrance to St Saviours Car Park in Crediton at 10.00 a.m.

All welcome. Any queries to Roger or Jean Wilkins on 01392 851338.

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



RECREATION GROUND CLUB

November gives us darts on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, and on Saturdays we have youth football in the mornings and senior football in the afternoons.

There will be a family party on a Sunday afternoon to make up our programme for November, but that could change very quickly and we could become busy.

If the situation changes in the country, we will of course follow the guidelines of the time.

Wendy Lewis

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

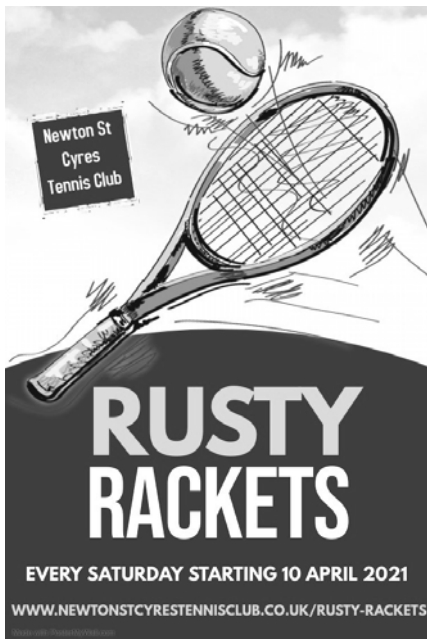
Not much to report this month. League matches continue, coaching sessions continue – both for adult and junior members – and club sessions continue. The committee has had quite a lot to deal with over the past couple of years, what with court resurfacing, new lighting, the cricket ball protection net, and of course Covid, so a period of calm may be quite welcome!



We always welcome new members, so for any information please check out our website www.newtonstcyrestenniscub.co.uk or talk to our membership secretary Laura Leigh on 01647 24259.

Sally Baldwin

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Beer Engine Cricket Club



After a Covid-affected 2020 season where we managed only a few games, it was a delight to have a full season of fixtures this year. Our thanks go to all at the Rec for booking and preparing the ground so that we could run around with varying degrees of speed and elegance, with some of us even able to stop the ball from crossing the boundary. This tended to fall to our new recruits, brought into the team as a result of a “youth policy”, consisting of Max Gillard, Josh Davey and Bailey Carbines. They added athletic flair to a somewhat wheezy squad.

We won a few, lost a few and only one match was cancelled due to the weather – predictably, against the Met Office. Half centuries were

scored by Mike Barlow, Bailey Carbines, Tim Gilbert, Ian Gillard, Bruce Kerry and Paul Sandys, with John Slater winning the duck race. Paul Sandys also took the most wickets. Well done, all.

Our AGM was held at the Beer Engine on 8th October to reflect on the season past and plan for the next.

Our captain, Bruce Kerry gave an entertaining recap of all the dropped catches, idiotic run-outs, bowling howlers and devilish precision and batting acts of sheer brilliance over the year. Sadly, he also has decided to let someone else have the ‘thrill’ of getting 11 of us to play cricket in the same place at the same time and for the same side, so Ian Gillard has stepped in.

We couldn’t remember quite how many years Bruce has done the job for, but he probably started in the early noughties, so a long time. We thanked Bruce in the appropriate way by cheering and quaffing copious draughts of Hop-Flavoured Fun Juice.

Our Fixtures Sec, Mike Stradling, had provided us with the usual high standard of opposition. Our thanks went out to Mike for 14 years of giving us the opportunity to arrive in the right place, at the right time to play this crazy game. As Mike too has decided to let someone else have the fun of being Fixtures Sec, Paul Sandys was duly elected. We thanked Mike in our usual rowdy beer-affected way.

We were fortunate in having enough money to convert some of our reserves into liquid assets, and so were able to provide a small pot of beer tokens to use on the night. Our treasurer also acts as our Stats master, and in order to stop all the claims and counter claims of batting and bowling excellence, he has produced yearly tables of just such data. The forlorn hope that this would stop the arguments were just that! Our thanks went out to Tim Gilbert for his solid performances with bat, ball, tables and spreadsheets.

Steve Jones is to continue as Chairman, as he can't seem to do much else these days, and the Fines masters role is to be taken on by our 'youth policy', of Max, Josh and Bailey; good luck, lads. Life Presidents are to be our Sponsors and Spiritual Guides, Will and Victoria Maltby, for another year.

AOB:

1. The 2022 tour is going to be against the Ibiza cricket club, from 21st to 28th September.
2. Shirts. There was a general feeling that new shirts and caps are required, and Paul S is to look into designs and cost.

That's it, folks. Keep your bats dry, and it's only 24 weeks until nets.

TG & SJ

Newton St Cyres 200 Club

The draw for September took place at the Coffee morning on Saturday 9th October and the winners were:

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If anyone would like a number just let me know. There are a few spares

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A little milk, and 1oz (25g) butter

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Add paprika or curry powder, tomato puree and stock.
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Paul Cleave

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Newton Nappies

From our District Councillor

Our District Councillor, Graeme Barnell is chair of the A377 Action Group which consists of County and District Councillors for the localities between Crediton and Exeter that are adjacent to the A377 together with the Chairs of the local Parish Councils and the Mayor of Crediton.

Councillor Barnell sends us this report on the meeting of the Action Group held on Tuesday 28th September 2021 via Zoom. The meeting was in two parts; the first was an.....

Update on local railway plans

A meeting of the A377 Action Group was held on Tuesday 28th September via Zoom

Present: Graeme Barnell (MDDC Councillor Newbrooke Ward, Chair), Jim Enright (Chair NSC PC), Liz Brookes-Hocking (Mayor of Crediton and CTC), Margaret Squires (DCC Councillor Taw and Mid Exe and Sandford PC), Sara Randall-Johnson (DCC Councillor, Broadclyst), Frank Letch (MDDC Councillor and CTC), Jamie Kemp (EDDC Councillor Exe Valley), Michelle Woodgates (DCC Senior Highway Development Management Officer), Jamie Hulland (DCC Transportation Strategy & Road Safety Manager), Christian Irwin (Network Rail Industry Programme Director SW), Jane Hole (Parish Clerk NSC)

Rail Service Improvements

Christian Irwin from Network Rail updated the meeting as follows:

The government have invested £40million into re-opening the Okehampton line, which will run Mondays to Sundays. This is part of a national £500 million investment to restore lost railways and will be the first one in the country to reopen by the end of this year. At first, trains will be two hourly in each direction and all calling at Crediton. By next May, line speed improvement work will be completed and that will allow trains to run every hour. The opening date for the line will be announced shortly. Currently, test trains are running every day.

Were there any other stations between Crediton and Okehampton that will be re-opened? Christian explained that the funding is to open the Crediton to Okehampton line only. However, it's hoped that that a Western Development Transport hub that could be accessed from the A30, may be opened at some point in the future, although no funding has been identified. Current plans allow for extra stations to be added, if possible, in the future.

Historically, there are three other old stations: Bow, which is in private ownership and unlikely to ever reopen; North Tawton, which is closed and in private ownership – although there a possibility that at some point in the future it could be considered for reopening; and Sampford Courtenay, unlikely to be considered for re-opening due to its locality and accessibility issues. Yeoford Station on the Tarka line could be considered for remodelling in the distant future.

It was hoped that the extra trains would help with overcrowding, and DCC were keen to provide a timetable as soon as possible so the new service could be promoted.

Once the new service is up and running and demand can be assessed, consideration can be given to more stops at less well-used stations. However, a balance is needed between, on the one hand, shorter journey times and attracting commuters, and, on the other hand, introducing more stops and increasing journey times and potentially losing commuters.

With regard to more trains stopping at Newton St Cyres on the Tarka line, Great Western Railways would need to be consulted. Funding has been obtained to upgrade level crossings on the Tarka line, which would allow greater speeds and improved journey times. This work will be completed over the next five to 10 years. Once completed, consideration could be given to the timetable.

The driving force for any change has to be a case for economic development, and rail providers are working with local authorities and taking into account such issues as housing, etc. Jamie **Hulland** [?] noted that anything that supports sustainable carbon reduction and helps housing issues is welcomed in the current climate.

Were there plans to link the Dartmoor and Tarka lines into the proposed Devon metro scheme? Christian said this would be developed in stages. The railways in the South West are the busiest in the country and there is a strong and bold vision for the next 10 years, but this will require funding.

Park and ride facilities in Crediton: It was noted that the current car park was small. Frank Letch had received several complaints that the car park was being used as a dumping ground and some camping was going on. He asked if these issues could be resolved by DCC, who own the land.

Were they any plans to electrify lines? Christian said this was a long term ambition for the main line but not for branch lines. (Now referred to as a decarbonisation strategy).

Christian agreed to come to another meeting early next year to provide an update. He was thanked for his attendance.

Action points:

- Christian to find out if Network Rails Business plan/Strategic plan for the Okehampton and Tarka lines can be shared with the group
- DCC to address the management issues affecting the car park at Crediton Station
- Jamie to confirm that DCC will fund a feasibility study for the Crediton-to-Exeter cycleway and the timescale
- Jamie to circulate his presentation
- Jane Hole to organise next meeting for late November.
- Next meeting to update on cycleway and will address issues about the A377 itself (both Michelle Woodgates and Jamie Hulland agreed to attend)

The Action Group meets every two months and at the next meeting will be addressing key issues relating to the road and its impact on local communities. It will be attended by officers of the DCC Highways Dept.

See the next page for part 2, the A377 Action Group's discussions on the Crediton-to-Exeter Cycleway

Crediton-to-Exeter Cycleway

At the A377 Action Group held on Tuesday 28th September, consideration was given to the feasibility of the Crediton-to-Exeter Cycleway, which would run through Newton St Cyres.

MDDC Councillor Graeme Barnell noted that although the cycleway was in the DCC forward plan, no funding was allocated. Jamie Hulland, County Council Transportation Strategy & Road Safety Manager, reported that, following a review of plans submitted by the Boniface Association, serious issues had been identified that currently rule out adoption of the proposed route.

- The plan is limited in scope. It covers a restricted part of the required route between Crediton and Exeter. DCC would only be interested if a realistic route that connects Crediton with Exeter can be identified and that the route presents a feasible proposition financially, in terms of construction, including land acquisition or long lease
- The 25-year lease that was signed in 2020 between the landowner and the Boniface Association would not be sufficient as DCC would need a minimum of 99 years.
- The Boniface Association agreement does not allow land to be sub-let to other parties, so DCC could not deliver or maintain a cycle path on the basis of the lease .
- The Boniface Association agreement involves the removal of
 - A section of wall (approx. 4m long) in Station Road
 - Numerous Trees/Hedges/Foliage
- Two sections of the Boniface Association route would exceed the 1:20 gradient guidance for cycleways.
- The Boniface Association route isn't sufficiently direct, however there is potential to possibly improve this.
- The impact of the Boniface Association route on ecology is likely to be significant

Two recent documents, "Gear Change" and "Cycle Infrastructure Design", now formed the basis of cycleway design and these laid down strict design criteria, including the need for coherent, safe, direct, comfortable and attractive designs. The current proposed route does not meet all the necessary criteria. It was also noted that any proposed cycleway would need to connect places of interest and facilities between Crediton and Exeter, as well the attractions of Crediton and Exeter themselves.

DCC were currently engaged in working on identified priority cycle trails, which meant that resources including funding and design teams were fully occupied. No capital funding would be available until 2023 at the earliest. However Jamie is hopeful that he may be able to identify the money required to ask outside consultants to carry out for an initial outline feasibility study. This would establish whether or not an Exeter-to-Crediton cycleway is a realistic possibility, especially given the geo-spacial challenges and issues of land ownership.

Jamie agreed to report back to the next meeting of this group in November on whether this study can proceed and, if so, by when.



Demonstration in Oils by Hester Berry

Hester Berry lives with her family in north Devon. She is very much in demand by art groups and on residential courses.

She prefers to work from photographs on her phone, as the image gives a true representation of the colours, and is back-lit. She works on Ampersand boards coated with a mix of paint which gives a warm golden hue. The scene she painted today was a view from St Agnes, on the Isles of Scilly, with boulders and rocks in the foreground and sea beyond.

Working from dark to light, she concentrated on the tonal changes in the boulders first, then worked on the sea, and finished with the sky. She mixes paint with a palette knife and a wide variety of colours, making sure to harmonise the painting by using the same colours in different places. She often used a palette knife to apply the paint followed by broad strokes with a flat brush, with amazing results.

Gill Fitzpatrick

Exhibition of Paintings

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Do You Remember...November?

November 1971

The harvest supper was attended by over 80 people, the catering team laid on a superb spread. John Durrant held a quiz show of colour slides taken from the air of various parts of the county.

Instead of practicing the church ringers spent the evening cleaning the belfry, as well as oiling and tightening the various nuts and bolts.

Mr and Mrs Jack Mitchell will be leaving the Crown and Sceptre shortly to run a retail business in Exeter. It seems the brewery is more interested in getting in maximum profit from rent and driving away the best tenants.

Mr Jim Pedley MBE of the TGWU will head a panel of shop stewards to answer questions from the public at a meeting in QE school Crediton.

November 1981

The new headmaster at the school, Mr John Marshall, would like to form a parent/teacher association with the aim of helping the school, parents and the community keep in touch.

It would appear a rare phenomenon of "ball lightning" hit the village with a very bright ball of blue fire, witnessed by residents of Court Orchard.

Local sleuths are requested to identify Mr Rupert Bing. This gentleman has written to the Department for Employment to commend the policy of General Pinochet of Chile. Mr Bing is apparently chairman of the campaign for a cleaner world and is resident in the village.

November 1991

The Coffee Morning in aid of church funds will be held in the vicarage. As popularity in this event is dwindling it is suggested that the vicarage be used only occasionally.

The Crown and Sceptre are now doing take away meals at midday until 2pm and from 6pm until 11 in the evening.

The St Cyres Players will be presenting "Christmas Crackers" in the parish hall on 13th and 14th December.

Several houses in the village have had the level of radon gas inside properties measured. All have reported levels well below the level when action needs to be taken.

The Tennis Club has the return of the senior singles tournament, with all the matches being on the same day.

November 2001

Bonfire Night will be celebrated at the recreation ground on Saturday 3rd November.

The school is searching for an artist to help design backdrops for the Christmas production of Alice in Wonderland.

The post office is hanging on to some lost property that has been handed into the shop, a mobile phone, an umbrella and a car key on a leather fob await claiming.

The "Big Packed Lunch" held last month was very successful. Mums and Dads were amazed at the children's dancing. There were a lot of laughs at the Puppet Party.

November 2011

Wild boar have now become established in woodlands around the village. Walkers are reminded to keep to recognised paths and keep dogs on a lead.

The Parish Council has obtained data regarding the speed of vehicles through the village. It was noted that speed was appreciably reduced when the Community Speed Watch team were active.

The Best Kept Village judges were present at Newton St Cyres and gave a fair but positive report, praising the efforts in many areas and offering advice where more attention was needed. The village was strongly recommended to progress to the third round of the competition.

Volunteer Wanted:

The Newton Wonder needs help with putting together the very popular "Do You Remember.....? page. If you would like to help with this task which generally does not take up too much time please contact the editor on 01392 851269 or editor@newtonwonder.net.

NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP

The successful Crediton Area History Zoom (CAHZOOM) talks resumed this autumn, hosted by Mark Norman at Crediton Library. The first meeting was held at 4pm on Friday 8th October, where the speaker was John Salvatore. He is now the Historic Environment Officer in Plymouth but has worked for English Heritage and Exeter Archaeology. His PhD thesis was in Roman military archaeology, and he delivered an excellent presentation on the 'Roman Military Bath-House at Exeter'.



Four Roman legions invaded Britain in AD 43, on the orders of the Emperor Claudius. Vespasian, who was to be a future emperor, led the Second Legion Augusta and it is in the written accounts of his campaigns that we are told of the legion fighting along the south coast, on the Isle of Wight and at Maiden Castle. Although it is unlikely that Vespasian himself came to Exeter, the inference is that the Second Legion Augusta arrived here in around AD55 and started to build a large fortress. The numbers involved are astonishing. There would have been about 6,000 legionaries, an equivalent number of auxiliaries, and then the camp followers, tradesmen and workers. Probably something like 20,000 people arrived in the area.

The legionaries were experienced builders, and soon the infrastructure of the Roman occupation took shape, with roads and outlying forts. Topsham was established as the port to bring in goods from the rest of the empire, and a road led up to Exeter, with buildings along it. A civilian settlement at the St Loyes site has been recently excavated, and it had large defensive ditches as it would have been important to protect Exeter's connection with its port.

Excavations in the 1970s and 1980s at the Guildhall and in front of the Cathedral revealed the position of the fortress and its buildings. Roman fortresses were built to a standard pattern, with barracks, around the perimeter and in the centre the *fabrica* or bronze works, the granary, the bath house and the *principia*, which was the central administration block, which housed the commander's quarters, the money chests and the legionary eagle standard. There would have been a hospital, but this is almost certainly underneath the present cathedral building. The buildings were made of wood and plaster, with red clay tile roofs.

The bath house is in front of the cathedral, and was excavated in the early 1970s. The large Victorian church of St Mary Major then stood beside the cathedral, and cars were parked all around the area. The church was demolished, and the plan was to make an underground car park to improve the area at west front of the cathedral, but the discovery of the bath house prevented this.

It is a very significant building, without question the first stone building in the southwest. The huge and imposing Temple of Claudius at Colchester is the only other early stone building dating from this time, and that was destroyed in the Boudiccan rebellion of 60-61AD. The Exeter bathhouse was a large and sumptuous construction. It had three sections, the *caldarium*, the *tepidarium* and the *frigidarium*, or the hot, warm and cold rooms, as well as changing rooms, a swimming pool, plunge pools and an exercise area, though this has not yet been found. The *caldarium* was heated by a hypocaust system. The floor was built on *pilae*, stacks of tiles, and two furnaces, one on each side of the room, heated the air below to warm the room above, and could be ducted through the building. The Exeter bathhouse had glass windows, painted plaster walls and tessellated floors. A section of a large Purbeck marble basin was found. An aqueduct, probably wooden, brought in some 70,000 gallons of water a day from the wells at St Sidwells to supply the baths. This luxurious amenity was a major investment in the morale of the legionaries who would have had slaves to help to clean the dirt and sweat from their bodies by using oils and a metal *strigil* or scraper.

Only about five years after the Second Augusta started building, Boudicca led the Iceni tribe in a serious rebellion against Roman rule. Colchester and London were sacked and burned, and all four of the Roman legions were ordered to march to fight her. Two of the legions were fighting in Wales, and it seems that the Commander of the Second Augusta and his Second were in Wales as well.

The Camp Prefect was left in charge in Exeter, and he disobeyed the orders. John Salvatore pointed out that in hindsight this was a good decision, as the rebellion was defeated without the Second Augusta. Furthermore, it was probably wise to keep the Topsham port safe and stop the southwestern tribes from rising in sympathy with Boudicca. However, his disobedience meant that his only option was to fall upon his sword. The Twentieth Legion and the Fourteenth Legion were rewarded with battle honours, Valeria Victrix and Martia Victrix, but the Second Augusta was not.

In AD75, the legion left Exeter for Caerleon in South Wales; the Welsh tribes were troublesome whereas the southwest was peaceful. An intriguing find at Caerleon is the tombstone of a veteran of the Second Augusta who lived to be 100 and so may well have served at the Exeter fortress. There are no inscribed tombstones from the military period in Exeter and it is likely that all burials were cremations.

Within a few years, the splendid stone bathhouse was converted into a *basilica*, the standard administrative centre of a Roman city. The hypocaust was filled in and steps built up to the entrance. These steps were revealed after nearly 2,000 years, when the first excavation trench was dug in 1971. A forum was built in front of the basilica, and this was the centre of Isca Dumnoniorum, the city that became Exeter. The city walls were built in about AD200, some 150 years after the fortress, and enclosed a much larger area.

Many will be aware of the periodic efforts to put the bath house remains on public display. This was always the intention but at the end of the original excavations in 1974, the economic difficulties of the 1970s made it impossible. The bathhouse was covered by sand till better times came but despite several attempts it has not yet happened. There are financial considerations, the need to protect the appearance of the west front of the cathedral, and the matter of the English Heritage listing of the steps on the processional way from the war memorial. John Salvatore is confident that one day the bath house will be displayed.

After some interesting questions and discussion, the zoom talk was closed, and a recording of it can be seen on the Crediton Library You Tube site, for those who missed the event or would like to hear it again. A final tantalising remark from John Salvatore was that there certainly should be a Roman fort at Crediton. He was clear that the villa at Fordton and the road system mean that there must have been one!

Jean Wilkins

HISTORY GROUP EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

Friday 12th November 4pm

' History on Lundy Island'

Simon Dell will speak by Zoom to a small group of local Societies. We will send booking details, when they are available, to those on our standard distribution list. If you are not on this list, please contact Roger Wilkins (rogerwilkins1@btinternet.com) for the booking details. This will be an interesting talk from an excellent speaker.

Saturday 13th November

There is a coffee morning in the Parish Hall from 10.30 to 12.00 organised by the Church. The Group will put on display a small exhibit showing the Court Barton Water Power Scheme and aerial photographs showing the prehistoric sites in lower Sand Down Lane.

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USE OF PARISH HALL CAR PARK BY CONTRACTORS

Many of you will already have seen that part of the far end of the car park has been made into a safe compound for use by the contractors working on the installation of the pedestrian crossing in the centre of the village.

In view of the importance of the crossing for the village, we agreed to provide this help for the contractor. The work is scheduled to be completed by the end of the first week in December.

I apologise to users of the Hall and other car park users for the extra pressure that this will put on parking spaces. Priority for the remaining spaces must be given to users of the Hall. It would be appreciated if others can make alternative arrangements if at all possible.

Roger Wilkins, Chairman Parish Hall Committee

Bert Jewell writes Rhymes and Ways about Gardens and Gardening

November

The warm days of summer now a thing of the past,
With the cold days of winter approaching quite fast,
There'll be wind, there'll be rain, there might even be snow,
The temperature could drop to an all-time low.

So when you wake in the morning, your lawn may be white,
The cobwebs in the bushes will be glistening and bright,
But as the sun gently rises, the frost will retreat,
taking with it the patterns of those tiny feet.

That walked through your garden while you were asleep,
In and out of the bushes and the compost heap,
Like that of the robin with its eye to the ground,
There may be a worm that is tasty and round.

Or those of the pigeons as they eye up your greens,
Determined to eat them by whatever means,
and those of the squirrels, now who'd have thought that
as they dig up the bulbs, that are juicy and fat.

And as the berries on the holly turn from orange to red,
The hedgehog sleeping soundly in its own little bed,
made of leaves and twigs that it's gathered around
somewhere in a corner, out of sight out of sound.

Things to do in the November garden

Firstly, my apologies for missing the October edition. Margaret and I are busy doing things in our new extension and trying to sort out the garden so we can do some permanent planting (trees and shrubs) and growing plants for the flower towers in the town.

Regarding the extension, the roof is now on so the place is waterproof, all windows and outside doors are fitted, and most of the walls have been plastered. All being well, it will be finished by Christmas.

Now let's see what we can do in the garden. Have you recently planted a tree or a shrub in the wrong place? If you have, November is a good time to move it, while it is dormant. Find the right spot and take out a planting hole large enough to take a good measure of compost in the bottom and the root ball of the plant you are moving. Give the hole a good soaking and then gently lift out the tree or shrub with as much soil as possible. Plant it in the new position at the same depth as it was before. Firm it well and give a good watering.

You can do this with perennials as well. Last chance for planting spring flowering bulbs. Planted any later may mean the flower stems are short, or they do not flower at all. Lawns are looking forward to having a rest, but if the weather stays warm, the grass may well continue to grow. If you have to cut it, raise the deck, if it is wet or frosty, keep off or it could become a mess.

If possible, take insider any plants that are slightly tender, or protect them in the garden with horticultural fleece.

Some people say you should lift carrots and parsnips and store them in trays in the shed or garage. To be honest, I leave mine in the garden until needed. I think parsnips taste better after frost anyway.

If you like garlic, now is a good time to plant individual cloves by pushing them into well prepared ground so that just the tip is showing, 4" to 6" apart in straight rows will make it easier to control weeds with a hoe.

Continue to rough turn soil in the veg garden as soon as it becomes vacant.

Plant of the month

"Gaultheria, Procumbens"

This is a low-growing shrub that will fit in well with skimmias or winter heathers. Small, white bell-shaped flowers early in the season are nothing to write home about, but the large red berries are. It berries from November to March. They can look like small gobstoppers. They grow best in lime-free soil and will tolerate shade.



Enjoy your gardening!

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Saturday 13th November is a special show with internationally renowned David Heathfield entitled *Around the World in 88 Tales*, featuring stories from Gaza, Korea, Cameroon and beyond. David will also be running a storytelling workshop in the afternoon called *Anyone Can Tell a Story*, with a discount available for the evening show for all workshop attendees.

On Friday 19th November East Street Films will show a wonderful double bill of 'Horse Feathers' and 'Duck Soup', two of the funniest early Marx Brothers films, with wine and soft drinks available.

Friday 26th November sees the return of the amazing Pip Utton with his one-man show *Dickens*. Last seen with his tour-de-force show *Adolf*, Utton is a master of personation and insight into the character of his subject. This is definitely a not-to-be-missed opportunity.

All tickets are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk. More details can be found on the Arts Centre website www.creditonartscentre.org



Pip Utton as Dickens

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Newton St Cyres Gardening Club

We will be in November when you read this, and I still cannot believe the year has gone by so quickly. I hope that you will have achieved many of your gardening goals, and will have already started to make plans for 2022!

Jobs we can be doing during November include:

- Protect containers, plants and their roots from frost damage with several layers of bubble wrap, and raise them onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging over winter
- Collect fallen leaves from lawns to allow more light onto the grass. Grass will continue to grow if the temperature is above 7° so you may still need to carry out a last cut on a fine day on a higher blade setting
- Check tree ties and stakes as they may need to be loosened due to growth or replaced if they have started to rot
- Clean out bird boxes to encourage birds to use them for winter roosts and make it more likely that they will be used for nesting in the spring. The boxes can be sterilised using boiling water but do not use any cleaning chemicals
- Before lighting bonfires, check them for hedgehogs or toads.
- If you have used barley-straw bales to reduce pond algae, these can now be removed. Ensure that you leave the bales by the pond for at least a day, to allow invertebrates to escape!

On a recent visit to Rosemoor, I spotted a Medlar tree (*Mespilus germanica*) . We had had one where we lived before moving to the village, and I was always fascinated by them. A native of Iran, it was popular in Britain from the Tudors to the Victorians. It flowers in late spring - so avoid frost pockets - and prefers an open sunny spot, which leads to beautiful autumn leaf colour. The fruits have an unusual appearance and should be picked as late as possible, but before the first frosts. They should then be left to

*Medlar*

soften (bletted) to make them palatable. They can be eaten raw with cheese, as a jelly with game, or made into a Medlar cheese. However I was told they were best with double cream and demerara sugar. Do try it if you can!

The autumn colours seemed to be later this year, but the hedgerows have had lots of blackberries, sloes and rosehips. Although more usually propagated via budding or from cuttings, it is possible to grow roses

from the seeds within the hips. However they will not come 'true to type' if grown this way. Earlier in the year I said about deadheading to encourage continued flowering, but in order to get the beautiful rosehips which can be red, orange or even a dark purple colour, you will need to leave some spent blooms. I am sure we all have childhood memories of using the hairs as itching powder, or being given rosehip syrup. The following recipe for Rosehip syrup is from River Cottage and requires 1kg rosehips, trimmed and washed. Double-straining ensures that the tiny, irritant hairs found inside rosehips are removed from the syrup.

*Rosehips*

- Roughly chop the rosehips in a food processor in batches, then transfer to a large saucepan with 1.25 litres water.
- Bring to the boil, then turn the heat down and simmer for around 15 minutes.

Strain through a double layer of muslin, letting the pulp sit for a good half hour so that all the juice passes through. Wash out the muslin, or cut a fresh piece, fold to double it and pass the strained juice through it again.

- Measure the rosehip juice into a large saucepan and add 325g sugar to every 500ml
- Heat slowly, stirring, until the sugar has dissolved, then bring to the boil and boil for 3 minutes, skimming off any scum if necessary.
- Decant immediately into the sterilised bottles and seal. Label when the bottles have cooled completely.
- Use within 4 months and refrigerate once opened.

Try it for breakfast trickled over porridge, on pancakes, or use it to sweeten plain yoghurt.

We have had some beautifully warm sunny days in October, which has meant that there have still been lots of butterflies and dragonflies in the garden. Earlier in the year I included a note about the Big Butterfly Count. The results of this count have now been published and confirm that the decline of butterflies and day-flying moths is continuing. On average, people counted nine butterflies or moths per count, which is down from 11 in 2020.

Whilst some species are undergoing long-term decline, it is thought that this year's unusual spring and early summer weather

had a big impact on butterfly and moths. Scientists are worried for the future of these insects, with more extreme weather events due to climate change predicted in the future.

Two of the species that were particularly low in number this year were the peacock and the small tortoiseshell butterflies. The peacock was recorded at its lowest numbers since 2012, whilst the small tortoiseshell had its third worst summer, and the data shows that it is undergoing significant long-term decline.

The table 'top 5' of the 21 species recorded this year, is given below, and is shown ranked in species abundance, followed by the average per count (% change from 2020). Full results can be found at <https://www.discoverwildlife.com/news/results-big-butterfly-count-2021>

1. Small white: 252,151 - 1.88 (-5%)
2. Large white: 229,218 - 1.71 (-16%)
3. Meadow brown: 197,060 - 1.47 (33%)
4. Gatekeeper: 133,726 - 0.99 (-30%)
5. Red admiral: 75,394 - 0.56 (-10%)

TOTAL number recorded 1,238,405 - 9.21 (-14%)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Saturday 27th November - Gardening Cub Coffee morning 10:30-12 noon in the Parish Hall. Plants, produce, craft stalls, raffle bric-a-brac & books.
- Men in Sheds - selling refurbished and renovated tools & garden equipment and rustic garden/allotment items (Bird boxes, Planters etc.) made from donated recycled

materials. These would make ideal Christmas presents and help support this local group. NSC Environmental & Wellbeing Group and Friends of the Churchyard will also be at the event and will be available to chat through the Parish Ecological Map and future plans and initiatives. They would love to know what ecological areas you especially love and value, as part of the community.

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.



RHS member prices: Adults £7.95; family guests £7.95;
children (5-16) £3.95; children under 5 free

Non-member prices: Adults £12.95 (£7.95 ticket + £5 entry);
children (5-16) £6.95 (£3.95 ticket + £3 entry); children under 5
free

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

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Newton's Unsung Heroes

Our series on Newton St Cyres volunteers working behind the scenes continues with a trip up to the top of St Cyr and St Julitta to meet the church's volunteer bell ringers. And a motley group of enthusiasts they are too. Words and pictures by Ann Quon Cordingley.

It's Monday evening and the sound of church bells echoes across the rooftops of Newton St Cyres. Up in the church bell tower, Mark Bertam is calling out to eight bell ringers who are pulling on lengths of thick rope.

"One to two, one to four, three to two," Mark shouts. It is practice night and Mark, the session's group leader, is calling out the changes. "Each bell has a number, and you call two bells that follow each other. There are lots of combinations of peals," he says.

Normally, Monday night practices are held in Stoke Canon, where Mark is the tower captain, but tonight they are in Newton St Cyres. "This is the most accessible tower where we don't have to go up a small spiral staircase to get to the room where we ring," Mark says.

There are about 4,000 churches with bells in Britain, and of these, 400 are in Devon alone. "We have more churches with bells than any other county in the country," says Mark. Bell ringers, called campanologists, number about 40,000 throughout the country.

Tonight's group is a motley gathering of enthusiasts who come from further afield than just Newton St Cyres. There's an antique restorer from Exeter, an accounts manager from

Tedburn St Mary, a family counsellor from Brampford Speke, an agricultural manager from Cadeleigh, and an environmental science student from Thorverton, among others. All of them ring bells for the joy and satisfaction it gives them.



Mary Quicke

Mary Quicke is the parish church's tower captain – and her passion for ringing is clear. "It's a lot of fun. It's social, musical and ancient," she says. As tower captain, her role is to organise bell-ringing practices, ensure the bells are in good ringing condition and, occasionally, find new recruits.

A few in the group have just started, while others, like Mark, have been ringing for most of their lives. "I have been doing this for 45-plus years," he says. "I started when I was 11 or 12 years old. Nobody in my family was a ringer, only me. There was an advert in the local church magazine and I turned up. I haven't stopped since."

Halcyon Pughe is one of the newcomers. “I’m an L-plate learner and have been learning for about two months,” she says. A retired nurse and midwife who moved to Newton St Cyres from Exeter two years ago, she breeds, shows and judges wirehaired dachshunds as a hobby. She joined the group at the behest of a very persuasive Mary Quicke. “She said, ‘you would love to learn to ring bells, wouldn’t you?’ and I said, ‘as long as I don’t have to be musical, that’s fine.’ And now I love it, just love it, it’s great.”



Halcyon Pughe

Simon Tempest Brown is also new to bell ringing and a Quicke recruit. “I was a chorister for most of my childhood, so bell ringing was never something I considered doing,” says Simon, who lives in Thorverton and is studying environmental science. “I’m kind of hooked really. Bell ringing is under threat because people are no longer taking it up as a hobby. It’s one of those aspects of country life that I want to see continue.”

For Juliet Bell, who supports families with young children who are struggling to cope, it is the history of bell ringing that appeals. “It’s a tradition that’s been pretty much unchanged for centuries,” she says. “We are doing something that has been going on for 600 years.”

“Some of the bells we ring are centuries old,” says Jenny Codling who has been ringing bells for over 20 years and is tower vice-captain at Tedburn St Mary, where she lives. She is partner to Mark and works as an accounts manager in Exeter.

At Stoke Canon, the bells date back to as early as 1641, while Newton St Cyres’ are from as early as 1733. “In St Petrocks in Exeter they are 500 to 600 years old, and you can still ring them,” says Mark.

Church bells are described as the soundtrack of historic and momentous occasions, calling people to worship, to celebrate, to wed, to mourn, to battle, and in times of crisis, to come together.

“When my mother and sister-in-law died, I was just so happy to be able to come in and toll the bell,” says Mary Quicke. “When the Duke of Edinburgh died, I came in and tolled the bell 99 times. I think it’s great that I can make that contribution to the community. And there’s the mischievous thing of naffing off the atheists. If people are really anti-church and think the bells are horrible, that just amuses me.”



Wedding Bells

Church bells are associated with weddings. At Newton St Cyres, if the wedding is for a couple the church doesn't know, then there will be a fee, which is used for the upkeep of the bells, not for the bellringers, who are volunteers. "We have to make sure the bells are in a fit state to be rung, so we do a bit of bell maintenance, or what I call bell yoga," says Mary.

Bell ringing has also become a way of socialising and bringing people together. "I love that side of it," says Jenny. "We all enjoy it and we all enjoy socialising and getting together. After 20 years or so, it's become my way of life. I just look forward to ringing bells wherever I can."

When lockdown forced the closure of churches, bell ringing and practice came to a halt. But with lockdown lifted, things are picking up. "We're getting back into it, practicing and learning again," says Mary. It may take some time, but she is determined to get back to the pre-Covid schedule. "My aim is to get the bells rung for the four Sundays of the month at Newton St Cyres, Thorverton, Brampford Speke and Stoke Canon," she said.

Mary started learning the art of bell ringing at the age of 12 at the parish church. "The vicar was the very distinguished bell ringer, John G M Scott, who has written textbooks about Devon bells. Bell ringing was a very male thing back then and he was very keen his daughter, Rebecca, should do it. So I started learning with her. I stopped learning at the age of 15 because I was a very stropky teenager. But I came back to it 43 years later."

That's because Pita Burt, the secretary of the parish church, got talking to her about the bells. That inspired her. "There was this extraordinarily ancient craft which has been going on pretty much in the same way since the 15th century. It's sociable and requires a minimum level of musicality. It's quite physical which is enjoyable, and it's got its intellectual bit. It's an ancient craft that must not die on my watch."

In the old days, all towers would have their own group of bell ringers. But with not enough ringers to go around, they started ringing in other churches. Newton St Cyres is part of the Netherexe parishes, a community of 10 churches in the Diocese of Exeter, that serves Brampford Speke, Cadbury, Newton St Cyres, Rewe with Netherexe, Stoke Canon

with Huxham, Thorverton and Upton Pyne.

While bell ringers from Netherexe parishes will ring at each other's churches, they also ring outside the group and help each other out. "Chris Roe comes from Cadeleigh, which is not part of Netherexe, so I help him at Cadeleigh and he helps me out," says Mary.

"If there is a special occasion like a wedding, then every member of that tower who can ring will, and if they can't, they will get someone from a neighbouring tower to help out," says Chris Roe, who runs an agricultural contracting business and is the tower captain in Cadeleigh.

He is also proof that you don't have to have a musical touch to ring bells. "I'm not musical but I've always wanted to play a musical instrument – this is the nearest I can get to doing it," said Chris. "What I find most satisfying is hearing the bells ringing well and you can hear them hum. It's a lovely, lovely sound. And when it goes wrong, it's horrible."



Jenny Codling

Jenny and Mark don't play any instruments either. "You learn technique. It's repetition," says Mark. Both keen bell ringers, they have taken several bell ringing courses and share their knowledge with others.

There are different styles of bell ringing, with the most common being 'rounds', where bells are rung repeatedly in sequence, and 'call changes', where bells are called by a leader to ring in a different order. Like scones, jam and clotted cream, Devon has its own style of call changes. "It's called Devon call changes, which is unique to Devon and we are very good at it," says Mark.

"We learn patterns," says Jenny. "That's how we ring the bells. We usually have a caller who will call where the bells have got to go – behind each other or in front of each other."

To keep things interesting, the group came up with a call change called 'vegetable stew', where each bell is named after a vegetable instead of a number. "Number one might be potato, number two might be tomato. And it makes you concentrate, so rather than getting used to the numbers, we call it differently. It makes it fun, and if it goes wrong, that's a vegetable stew," says Mark.

On average, with practice once a week, it takes about six months to learn the basics and ring in a group. "You've got to take the bell up, then you've got to control it, then rest it and then there are things like bringing the bell down so that it's down at rest," says Halcyon. "So all those things we've got to achieve before we can be included as part of a group."

“We just let everyone take their own time,” says Jenny. “There is no pressure. We aren’t forcing people to be able to ring quickly. Everyone goes at their own pace. Some people learn a lot quicker, some people take ages, but it really doesn’t matter. Simon was saying he hopes to be ringing by Christmas and he probably will, as will Halcyon and Juliet.”

While you don’t have to be musical, bell ringing is physically demanding. “You need upper body strength, and you need technique and rhythm,” says Halcyon. The bells at NSC weigh anywhere from a quarter to two thirds of a ton, so having some strength does help. But technique is what really counts. “You are controlling a massively heavy bell and it’s a technique that I think as learners you begin to appreciate. It’s mastering that, and then you get to a stage where you get to be included in a group, and that is absolutely wonderful.”

Not all bells sound the same, according to Eric Henley who lives in St Thomas and is a bell ringer of 51 years, “some bells are easier to ring.” “It’s funny, but if the bells are heavier, say over a ton, they are actually easier to ring than lighter bells. Not because of the weight but because they are more reliable in the way the rope comes down.”



Mark Bertram

You don’t have to be religious to be a bell ringer. “It’s a group of people who gather and come and do it for fun,” says Mark. “There is a religious aspect to it, of course, but you don’t have to be religious. In fact, many bell ringers who ring on Sundays don’t stay for the service and slip out the back door.”

If anything, bell ringers have a reputation for having fun and being mischievous, and this group is no exception. They enjoy each other’s company and go on outings together, as well as with other groups. On one outing, they took the steam engine from Buckfastleigh to Totnes. “We got on the train at Buckfastleigh and went to Totnes and rang the bells there. Then we came back to Staverton and rang the bells there and then back to Buckfastleigh on the steam train and rang the bells at the church there. It was wonderful,” says Jenny.

It seems you are never too old to be a bell ringer. One-time Newton St Cyres resident Reg Bray was famous for ringing until the age of 102, having learned the art during the First World War. He appeared in the Guinness Book of Records as the oldest active bell ringer, and longest serving ringer at any tower for more than 90 years.

Will any in the current group be ringing until Reg’s ripe old age? “This is my life,” says Mark. “I wouldn’t know what to do if I didn’t have this. I will be doing this until I die.”

Says Mary: “What I really want is not to be the last captain of this tower, and that we aren’t the last generation of bell ringers.”



*Back row: Mark Bertram;
2nd row left to right: Juliet Bell, Simon Tempest Brown, Ed Sanders, Eric Henley,
Sandy Harrison, Jenny Codling, Russ Cummings;
Front row: Sheila Jefferies, Mary Quicke, Halcyon Pughe, Colin Prentice, Chris Roe*



The Coffee Morning in support of the Arboretum on Saturday October 9th was a great success.

Running for a good cause

Twenty-one runners, plus assorted fans and friends, were on hand at the Beer Engine on Saturday 9th October for a festive fundraiser for the primary school's PTA. The Beer Engine's genial host, Will (and shorts), delivered some tips before the runners set off, some enthusiastically and some looking as if they



The start of the race

would prefer to be having lunch in the pub.

The runners were split up into teams, with each member doing a two-mile loop from the pub, up Lake Lane, past the golf club and back to the pub. Those with long memories said the collapsed state of some of the finishers reminded them a lot of Roger Bannister when he

broke the four-minute mile all those years ago - though Bannister's 3mins 59.4 secs was never seriously challenged on this occasion!

The results: Fastest female: Alissa Howard. Fastest male: Simon Rickard. Fastest team: Chaffinch -



The winning team



Individual Winners

Sophie Dunn, Ollie Tremlett and Dan Howarth. Most out-of-it finisher: the Beer Engine's Vicki Maltby.

A total of £770 was raised towards the school's outdoor shelter and classroom. Next fundraiser: Fireworks at the Rec on 4th November.



Vicki Maltby

Mah Jong Club



The village Mah Jong Club has finally restarted after lockdown. When I announced a restart date, I was a little anxious that we would not have sufficient numbers to make it a viable proposition. I needn't have worried; back you all came and we have now had two meetings with an average of 12.

I have been running a beginners group within the meeting and we look to be able to have a good turnout each session. We normally meet on the last Thursday

of each month at 2pm in the Club Room of the Village Hall. All equipment provided and tuition given. What a great way to get the brain active again in a fun and easy to learn way.

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St Andrew's in Ashburton named CPRE Devon's Best Churchyard

St Andrew's in Ashburton (Teignbridge) has been named winner of this year's Devon CPRE 'Best Churchyard' award. Head judge and CPRE Trustee Ivan Buxton said: "Ashburton stood out this year. It's amazing what they've done, and it was evident how hard everyone has worked. We were pleasantly surprised by the ingenuity and innovation employed to embrace the challenges posed by the pandemic and to provide facilities for adults and children alike."



The main aims of the competition are to encourage the use and upkeep of churchyards so that they are welcoming to people and are wildlife friendly. During the pandemic, Devon's residents have appreciated the green spaces around their churches like never before. In some places, they have been the only public space for people to exercise and be at one with nature during Lockdown.



Grass composting in the Arboretum

In Newton St Cyres the Churchyard has had its last but one mow of the year. The long grass has been cut and a band of eight of us gathered to rake the sweet smelling hay into huge termite-shaped mounds, dotted around the Churchyard. These were gathered into builders' sacks and dragged or barrowed to a vast pile for composting. Happily the Arboretum offered to host the pile, for which we were very grateful. Many thanks to all who took part.

Lessons have been learned. A wet August caused a lot of strong new growth to come up under the grass and flowers that were dying back. As a result mowing was difficult. Simon did an amazing job, but it was hard work. A rethink for next year. Now for the Winter jobs...

November on the Farm



NATURE

I'm hoping for a golden autumn to set us up for the winter. A bit of cold will colour the leaves, and some brightness to show them off: that's my perfect autumn. The fallow bucks have stopped roaring in the woods, the successful ones' semen safely stored in the females till they choose to conceive: clever does! The last riches of autumn hang brightly on the hedgerows, or lie in ruins on the ground, catch as catch can, sloes, hips, haws and crab apples. Life hunkers down for the lean months ahead: the dark days of winter and the hungry days of early spring, when the light returns before the warmth.

Young ravens wheel in the sky, making their ancient croak, as they play in their teenage gangs before they pair for life at the end of their first winter. I love to watch their acrobatics. Though they fly heavily, it looks like they enjoy their mastery of the air, rolling and furling their wings, daring each other to more extreme manoeuvres, like children skateboarding. Their parents call at us when we walk through their territory.

These descendants of dinosaurs let us know we may have, perhaps temporarily, usurped their dominion across the globe, and this bit of woodland is theirs. It's lovely to see these brightest of birds, darkest in plumage, once so rare, thriving in our woods.

ARABLE

The open autumn gave us a chance to get the crops into the ground, and the new shoots are peeping like shot silk through the soil in that miraculous promise of the renewal of life next year. Stop a moment and wonder at the stately dance of our planet around the sun, turning and bowing as it goes, making our seasons. Take that thought one click out: our arm of the galaxy whirls around at unimaginable speeds. One-click further out and see us speeding away from our Big Bang origins even faster. Somehow, among all those bleak and brutal forces, we have a home on our beautiful blue world that nurtures us and supports our existence.

Of course, that thought doesn't get the work done to persuade natural processes to feed us. That takes people working to encourage the microverse of the soil, to nurture the grass and other roots that grow the plants that feed the cows, that feed the rumen bugs that make the nutrients that make the milk that we harvest. Then we ask the starter bugs to sour the milk, and rennet to cut the protein to set the milk. We remove the whey and pile the curds, cut and salt them, and form them into cheese. We cloth them and put them to store for the enzymes to get to work to mature the cheese, and for the microflora of the store to create our distinctive flavours.

Each step takes human work and judgement, in a stewardship of processes that we have no possibility of understanding fully. It's a glorious and mind-boggling complexity as impenetrable as the galactic scale, although we humans have a say in how it goes if we engage in it.

COWS

So we make the judgements and set the fences to graze the animals, bring them in and feed and bed them in the barn when the soil gets too tender. We feed the calves, the next generation of cows. We, and the older cows, train the new heifers to milk, kindly, so they see us as providing a service. We make our cheese, hand-made, requiring strength and endurance. We make the rind, and care for the cheese, mature, select and cut it to grace your table. We hope you find it's worth what it has taken to produce it, wondrously all the way from our origins in deep time.

MARY'S CHRISTMAS CAKE

Stir-up Sunday is upon us. Let me share my favourite crystallised fruit Christmas cake recipe, a sugar-rich feast to zing the mind in another way. I crystallise some of the fruit and the mixed peel myself, and you can buy it if you don't have the time or the space to dry it.

Soak all the dried fruit you fancy overnight in as little water as you need: apricots, mangoes, pineapple and peaches are particularly successful. Stew briefly. Put fruit and liquid in the smallest flat dish they will sit in one layer. Peel lemons, oranges, tangerines, and grapefruit if you like your mixed peel slightly more bitter. Chop finely. Boil in two changes of water till translucent and tender. Drain, rinse in cold water and take out as much moisture as you can. Use a separate flat dish.

Add lots of castor sugar to the dishes, leave in a warm dry place or oven at 50C and add sugar every few hours, moving with a flat implement, until it won't absorb any more. Dry until it's the texture you want. If keeping for some time, you may need to freeze. I treat Angelica stalks in the same way, and you need to have done that in the spring.

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Increase the crystalized peel, glaze cherries from 4 to 6oz (110 to 170g). Take out the dark fruit, currants and raisins and use your crystalized fruit, including crystallised ginger and angelica. Swap out the cinnamon and mixed spice for ½ to 1 tsp of vanilla essence, and cream this with the Quicke's butter. Use golden syrup instead of black treacle. You end up with a golden cake that zings with fruit and delicious butter.

I feed it a little cognac once a week till Christmas to set off the sweetness. It is lovely with a slice of Quicke's Vintage or Smoked Cheddar to provide some savoury and sharp or smokey notes.

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We look forward to seeing you

Steve Knightley at the Parish Hall

The Parish Hall was the venue for the first indoor live music event in the village since February 2020. It was wonderful to see villagers, friends and fans of Steve Knightley gathering together in anticipation of a wonderful evening of music. We had endeavoured to make the Hall a safe space, with the necessary Covid measures in place, but without spoiling the atmosphere of a live event.

I confess that seeing everyone gathered together was a very emotional moment for me. It had been such a long time, with gigs being via Zoom until that evening. My husband Michael and I had first seen Steve perform with Phil Beer, as Show of Hands, when supporting Ralph McTell in Exeter back in 1993. So it was great to welcome him back to Newton St Cyres, for a second time, on a solo tour.

The evening was a mix of songs from his back catalogue, together with some new material, starting with the last song he had performed before lockdown, 'You'll Get By'. Originally written for anyone going through difficulties in their lives, the song took on a whole new importance as we all got locked away. Throughout the evening, he engaged with the audience and gave an insight into how he writes these songs. From the themes and stories which form the basis, to the final lyrics and music which really draw you in.

The audience were encouraged to join him in singing songs that have become West Country 'anthems', such as Cousin Jack, The Dive and Longdog. Such lyrics led to Steve and Phil being voted Greatest Devonians in 2006, in a poll run by Devon County Council as part of the celebration of Devon's cultural heritage. They were also awarded an Honorary Doctorate, with Miranda Sykes, by Plymouth University in 2015 for services to music.

Steve concluded with a newer song, 'Best One Yet' a – rousing festival song, that resonated with all those who had found the events around Covid so difficult. It reflected on memories of good times lost and better times to come. For those of us at the event, it was the perfect way to end the evening and look forward to future live music events, and better times for us, and musicians, who have themselves gone through challenging times.

*I gotta feeling this year
Is gonna be the best one yet
So let's go
Get out in the green fields
To let the music flow.*

Nicola Baker





BRAMPFORD SPEKE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The talk by David Ramsden on The Barn Owl Trust which was to have taken place in October, has been postponed until next month. Anyone interested in attending will be very welcome.

COUNTY EVENTS

The Bideford walk which had to be postponed last year finally took place. 28 WI members from many parts of the county met on the Quay for a guided walk with local historian Peter Christie. along the quay into the little back streets that had historically been the hub of the town and its importance as a port. Warehousing was everywhere with a rope factory, where the employees of the time walked backwards along this tiny street plaiting the huge ropes as they went. Peter's knowledge of the town brought everything to life.

As life is moving forward to the "new normal" we are busy planning events for 2022. Our first event is a bird watching trip with Stuart Line cruises on 2nd March 2022. Later in the year we are hoping to run a Storytelling event around a rural theme and in the late Summer or early Autumn a trip to Occombe Farm.

Great News. "Les Miserables" is coming to the Plymouth Theatre Royal. We are planning to go to the Matinee 26th May 2022.

DFWI Carol concert December 7th.

Our next meeting will be held in the village hall on 10th November 2021 at 2.30 p.m. The speaker will be David Ramsden from the Barn Owl Trust.

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

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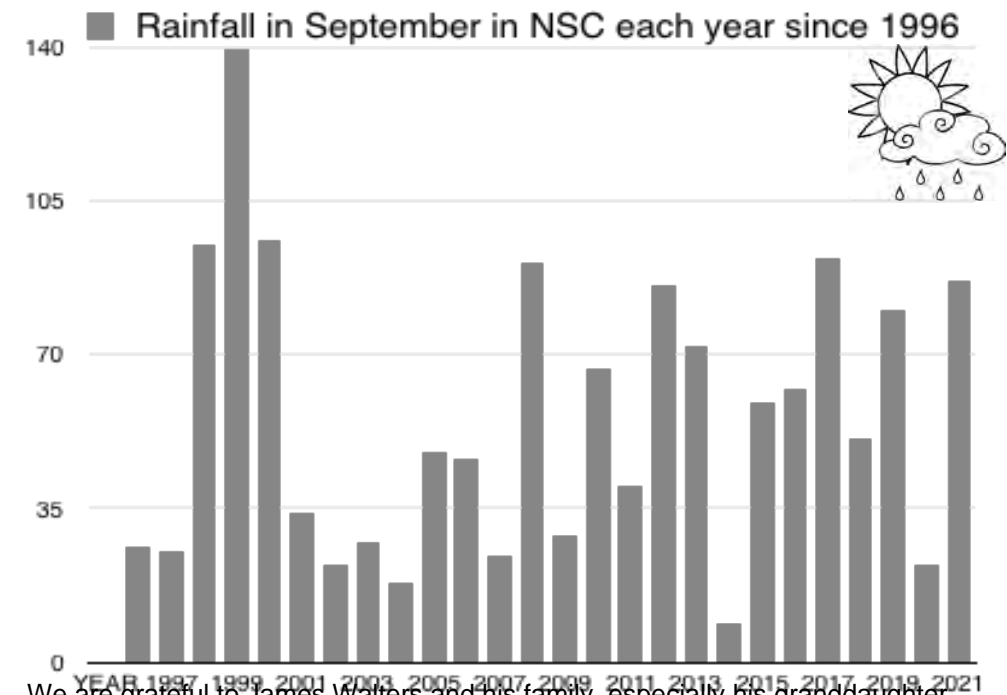
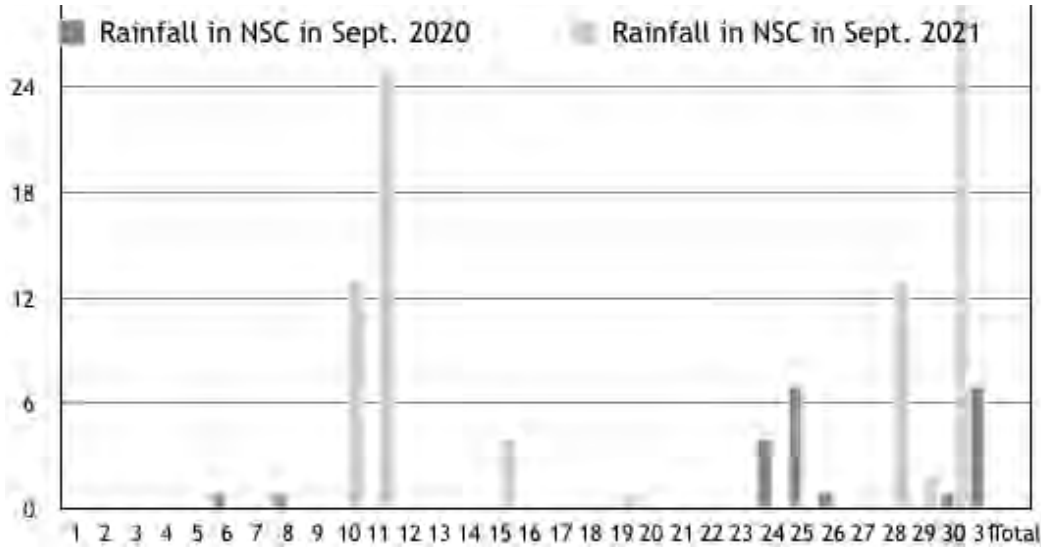
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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



**Newton St. Cyres Church's
Service of Remembrance
will be held on November 14th
at 10.50 a.m.**

Coffee and Chat
in Church
November 7th
10.30

Private Prayer
The Church is now OPEN
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Remember, remember ... that Christmas is coming

November has become the month for remembering. We remember that Christmas is coming, and we had better do something about it. We also remember our history and those who have died to keep us a sovereign nation. Remembrance Sunday on the 14th is there 'lest we forget'; our past, our story, who we are, the values of our country, but mostly 'lest we forget' our hope for the future. All remembering involves looking back and looking forward.

I had an unusual experience this autumn. A retired RCMP officer bought a WWI Canadian uniform on eBay. The name of the soldier was still in the uniform, so he was able to uncover what this man had done in the Great War and to track down his descendants. The soldier was my grandfather. He had emigrated to Canada at 18 but signed up when war broke out aged 23. He survived the war but died before I was born. My uncle gathered the family and the RCMP officer brought the uniform and gave a presentation about my grandfather's journey through WWI. I was not there but thanks to modern technology, I saw a recording of it.

I was struck by a photo of my cousin at the event. She is younger than me and had never met her grandfather either. In the photo she is hugging the mannequin on which the uniform was displayed. She was hugging her grandfather. This photo explains remembering to me. It was not re-enacting an action she had done before. It was imagining what she would do if they had been alive at the same time and doing it in the present.

The slogan 'lest we forget' goes beyond remembering the important events and the people from the past. It implies that we remember for the sake of the future. We imagine ourselves with previous generations to allow their experience to affect our actions today.

This is what we are doing every time we join with our neighbours in Holy Communion. We remember what Jesus did, as if we were there at the Last Supper with him. We imagine/remember ourselves there, so that we can live in the present with Jesus. The Christian hope for the future is founded on what happened at the cross. We dare not forget.

As I said, in November we also remember that Christmas is coming. Advent begins on November 28th. Our villages will have lots of celebrations (hopefully) including carol services when we will hear those words from John's Gospel, 'In him was life!' We remember so that we can know life in its fullness which gives us hope for the future. How is your remembering affecting your life today?

Rev. Julia Hocking

SERVICES & INFORMATION NOVEMBER 2021

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

Please note these services are proposed for November 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

Sunday 7 November 3rd Sunday before Advent

| | | | | |
|----------|--------------------|------|-----------------|---------|
| 09:30 am | Holy Communion | [CW] | Thorverton | JH |
| 10:00 am | Reflective Service | | Stoke Canon | Lay Led |
| 10:30 am | Coffee & Chat | | Newton St Cyres | Lay Led |

Thursday 11 November Armistice Day

| | | | | |
|----------|------------------------|--|--|----|
| 10:50 am | Armistice Day Service* | | Rewe War Memorial, Green Lane, Rewe | JH |
| 10:50 am | Armistice Day Service* | | Thorverton War Memorial, Thorverton Churchyard | LF |

**Please note these are Open Air Services, please dress accordingly*

Sunday 14 November Remembrance Sunday

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| 10:00 am | Remembrance Service | | Thorverton | JH |
| | | | <i>Joint with Royal British Legion</i> | |
| 10:15 am | Remembrance Service | | Stoke Canon | Lay Led |
| | | | <i>Joint with Huxham</i> | |
| 10:50 am | All Age Remembrance Service | | Rewe | Lay Led |
| 10:50 am | Remembrance Service/Holy Communion [CW] | | Upton Pyne | GC |
| | | | <i>Joint with Brampford Speke</i> | |
| 10:50 am | Remembrance Service | | Newton St Cyres | LF |
| 06:00 pm | Remembering Service | | Cadbury | Lay Led |

Sunday 21 November Sunday before Advent

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|----------|----------------|------|-----------------|-----|
| 09:30 am | Open Door | | Zoom/TBC* | LF |
| 09:30 am | Holy Communion | [CW] | Brampford Speke | GC |
| 11:15 am | Holy Communion | [CW] | Cadbury | KR |
| 05:00 pm | Holy Communion | [CW] | Stoke Canon | MSS |

Sunday 28 November Advent 1

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| 09:30 am | Holy Communion with Baptism | [CW] | Newton St Cyres | TL |
| 10:00 am | Messy Church | | Stoke Canon | Lay Led |
| 11:15 am | Holy Communion by Extension | | Rewe | LF |
| 11:15 am | Service of the Word & Baptism | | Cadbury | JH |

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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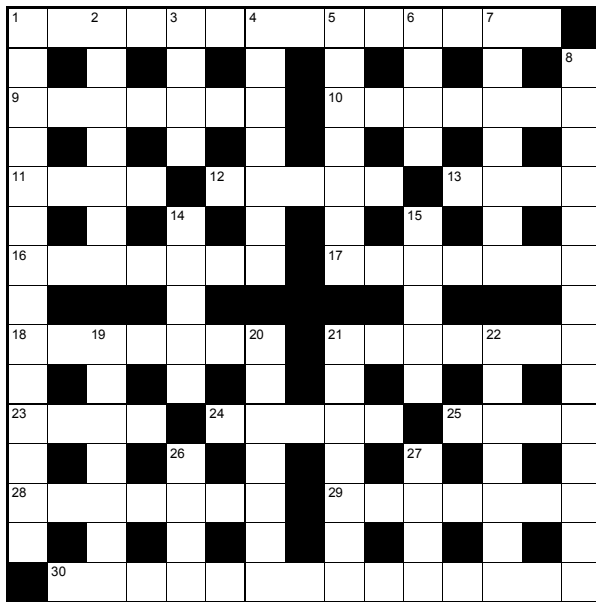
Who's Who? Abbreviations Key

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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 |
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Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Hot on health, Uri could be sanctimonious (6-4)
- 9 Earns roughly a pound for the team (7)
- 10 One responsible for hospital cuts? (7)
- 11 Dines on lamb and beef, perhaps, but no starter (4)
- 12 Passage is a tissue of lies (5)
- 13 See daughter at opening of exhibition (4)
- 16 Awful ordeal involving Penny's cat (7)
- 17 Hemingway for example is said to be serious (7)
- 18 British equestrian sport is stimulating (7)
- 21 Very full, having bolted a stew (7)
- 23 Doctor I perceive at first as ineffectual type (4)
- 24 I wander back to find New Zealander (5)
- 25 One who ruled in bygone Rome (4)
- 28 Not good to move out the country, an Islamic one (7)
- 29 I'm following Milan team for the meantime (7)
- 30 Ben hid tatty newspaper that's out of date (6,3,5)

DOWN

- 1 Stars and models have them? (8,6)
- 2 So hotel failed in African country (7)
- 3 English cricket side initially stagnated for ages (4)
- 4 Agreed everyone's bound to go outside (7)
- 5 Jack's new love is free from blame (7)
- 6 Sounds like rush or weed (4)
- 7 What 10 Across does for work (7)
- 8 Quotes could provide varied comments (8,6)
- 14 First off, wrongly naming street urchin (5)
- 15 Think anxiously of offspring (5)
- 19 Annie is foolishly idiotic (7)
- 20 Leader of Indian state gives permission to proceed (2-5)
- 21 To polish with running water is hard (7)
- 22 Those people will accept alternative energy principle (7)
- 26 One boy raised by painter (4)
- 27 A flier is up to no good (2,2)

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Solution to the October 2021 Cryptic Crossword

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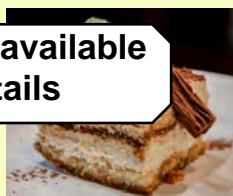
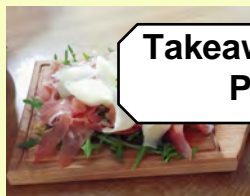
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