

QUICKE'S CHRISTMAS CHEESE TASTING



To help provide inspiration for the upcoming festive season of gifting and feasting, we are holding a Christmas Cheese & Mulled Wine Evening in the Quicke's Cheese Shop and Marquee, Newton St Cyres on Thursday 17th November between 4pm-8pm (please feel free to drop in as and when convenient for you).

We will guide you through a tutored tasting of our award-winning wedges and there will also be plenty of yuletide essentials to sample - from Capreolus' magnificent charcuterie to Mrs Gill's delicious fruit cakes and much more!

Quicke's Cheese, Newton St Cyres, Exeter, EX5 5AY

Cover picture



A well wisher signs the book of condolence for the Queen at the NSC parish church which remained open until Her Late Majesty's funeral for those wishing to sign in person.

Newton St Cyres joined churches around the country to mark the passing of the Queen who died on Sept 8th,. Halcyon Pughe tolled the bell that could be heard around the village and beyond. She was originally supposed to ring the bell 96 times – once for each year of the Queen's life. However, she decided to keep ringing — and kept it up for 45 minutes, much to the appreciation of local residents. Ann Quon Cordingley took the picture.

Several of our regular contributors have this month paid their tributes to the Queen, who touched the hearts of many who would not normally describe themselves as monarchists.

Coffee Mornings

This month we have two coffee mornings. The regular monthly coffee morning will be held on the 8th Oct. at 10.30. and will be sponsored by the Parish Hall Committee. In addition on the 22nd

Oct the Friends of the Arboretum will be holding a coffee morning and it is hoped that both will be well supported.

The Neighbourhood Plan

The Steering group are working to create an initial consultation exercise whereby the views of the village can be assessed. There will be development in and around the village in the next thirty years and the best way to deal with this is to have drawn up plans which developers and planners will have to take into account. Watch out for details.

Autumn

Following a long, hot dry summer the weather has changed. Halloween and Bonfire night are the essential markers of the autumn. FANS, the school parent/teacher organisation is putting on fireworks at the Recreation Ground on Thursday 3rd November. To help with school funds sponsors are being sought.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT September 2022

The meeting, held on 8th September, was attended by eight Councillors, the Parish Clerk, the Mid Devon District Councillor Graeme Barnell, and one member of the public. Shortly before the start of the meeting, the death of Queen Elizabeth was announced. It was decided to continue with an abbreviated meeting but also to express our sadness at her death. The Parish Council issued this notice of condolence:

'Newton St Cyres Parish Council expresses our great sadness at the passing of Queen Elizabeth II who has dedicated her life to us, her people. Our sincere condolences go out to King Charles III and his wider family. The Queen ruled with love, compassion and dignity and was our longest serving and much-loved Monarch.'

Public Participation - How to become a Parish Councillor

Information was requested on the procedure for becoming a parish councillor, and this was explained by CIIr J Enright. Basically, all existing councillors will stand down after the April meeting. Anyone who wished thereafter to apply to be a Parish Councillor would need to lodge the appropriate form with Mid Devon District Council early in April. Forms will be available at parish surgeries and from the Parish Clerk. If more than nine applicants applied, then a local election would take place. It was hoped that a number of new applicants would come forward as an election, although at a small cost to our village, would ensure a diverse Council with a wide group of skills and fresh ideas. And, with the Neighbourhood Plan being finalised early in the new tenure, every councillor will need to be very actively involved. The present chairman, CIIr Jim Enright, will not be standing, and therefore a new chairman will be voted in at the May meeting.

The Old School Site

Planning permission for this development has now been granted by Mid Devon District Council. Both our Mid Devon councillor and our chair of the Parish Council spoke at the planning meeting in favour of a crossing. However, the councillors accepted the planners' recommendation that a crossing was not essential for the development to proceed and the money would go toward affordable housing with a sum of £10,000 set aside for the development of a public space within the village. Both the Council and our district councillor will continue to campaign for some sort of crossing at this point.

Neighbourhood Plans

The Parish Council has been given a grant of nearly £10,000 to formulate our neighbourhood plan. The steering group has met and is planning a number of public meetings over the next few months to gather views from all parishioners.

Please come along and have your say. This is one of the few ways we can have input into the larger-scale plans currently being drawn up by Mid Devon. Mid Devon is currently forming its own plan (more details can be found at https://www.middevon.gov.uk/residents/planning-policy/plan-mid-devon/) and this currently includes substantial housing development in the Creedy valley between Exeter and Crediton.

Resilience

We have a very active group planning for emergencies within the village. This includes a network of flood wardens who will warn residents of any imminent risk of flooding. The group currently needs a new chair. If you can help with this, please contact the Parish Clerk or Graeme Barnell, the district councillor, who is currently the chair. It is not an onerous role, but is vital to the safety of the village. Graeme is also collaborating with the owners of the woodlands that make up the catchment of the Shuttern Brook. These act as a reservoir to protect against flooding and it may be possible to enhance their rôle.

After this very dry summer, we are looking to add fire risks to our resilience plan. A complaint was received from a member of the public that it was inappropriate to let off fireworks during such dry weather, as happened shortly before the fire in farmer Browne's fields. We are passing this complaint onto the relevant organisation with our comments.

We have received a grant of £1,500 to buy walkie-talkie radios for our volunteer wardens so that action concerning an emergency, no matter what, can be better coordinated.

Road Warden Scheme

Over 100 hours of minor road repairs have now been carried out by our volunteer road wardens, led by Nick Gillon. Parishioners have contacted the Council to express their thanks, and we too are very grateful for their hard work. Another benefit from their activity has been improved communication with Devon County Council, who have now committed themselves to patching the entrance to Station Road in due course.

Environmental Issues

The wildflower areas on the village green looked great this summer. Although some parishioners had some reservations at the start of the project, feedback is now very positive. Indeed, other Councils have now cited us an example of good practice! Thanks go to the Newton Environmental Wellbeing Group (NEW) for doing such good work.

The Parish now also has a community allotment at our allotment site. Volunteers are making a start clearing the land and hope to be growing food to give away free to villagers by next year. NEW is again taking the lead in this.

Traffic Issues

The Stagecoach bus service has deteriorated to such a significant extent that it has left people stranded with no way home. We would encourage all parishioners who are experiencing problems with their service to complain using this link: https://www.stagecoachbus.com/help-and-contact/forms/feedback-form. Stagecoach receives a grant from Devon County Council to run this service and are patently not providing the required standard.

Meetings with Devon County Council over their proposed support of the Boniface Trail have been less than productive. Currently they are considering a cheaper alternative to a purpose-built path, using signposted routes along "quieter lanes". This does not fulfil our requirement as they will avoid village centres and be totally unsuitable for pedestrians as well as not particularly safe for bicycles since these routes are largely used by heavy farm machinery. We will continue to campaign for the purpose-built trail.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday October 6th 2022 at 7pm. Members of the public are welcome. Alternatively, if members of the public wish issues to be raised in council meetings, they can contact councillors in the usual way. There is also a Parish Surgery at the Coffee Mornings held on the second Saturday of the month in the Parish Hall.

Liz Ouldridge

Thoughts for October from Peter Cordingley

Those of us of a certain age all know where we were when we heard the news that President Kennedy had been killed. And now we can say the same about the death of Queen Elizabeth II. As predictable as the monarch's passing was, I think we were all shocked and taken aback when the news broke on that Thursday, 8th September.

I'm not embarrassed to say that I shed a tear or two (ok, lots of tears) at that moment, as I did when I saw that wonderful, touching sketch of the Queen with Paddington Bear and the line "I've done my duties, Paddington. Take me to my husband."

Mourning in Newton St Cyres was crowned by the sound of the church bells peeling on the morning of the funeral service. A memorial service took place a few days earlier, a condolence book in the church contained many warm thoughts, and the church bell rang out 96 times for every year of Elizabeth's life. My apologies for any tributes that I have not noted here.

I'm no monarchist. Far from it. I grew up in a family that was agnostic about the royals as people, although romantic about the monarchy's role in the national story. So why is it that I felt the death of Queen Elizabeth so strongly? I'm sure the bulk of the answer to that is common to all of us. She was one of the truly great characters of modern history, a rock, loyal, devoted, feared and loved, the only monarch we had ever known, etc, etc and on and on.

But she has gone. As sad as that is, we have to move on. So the big question is "What now?" King Charles III will inherit quite an in-tray. The problem of Harry will not go away. Word has it the prince's "frank memoir", as his book is being described, will be published in time for the Christmas market. What's likely to be in it? Well, he could revisit the racism he says he and Meghan suffered at the hands of the royal household (remember the fear allegedly voiced by someone in the royal family that their infants would be dark skinned?). And, of course, he still has demons about his childhood and the treatment his mother received from the establishment. Publishers don't pay \$20 million for a book without some assurance of explosive content, so Charles might do well to fasten his royal safety belt!

But surely the biggest challenge facing the King will be the sheer size of the royal family. Who are all those people we sometimes seem crowded on the balcony on Buck House? Cousins, aunts, uncles, grandchildren three times removed? I have no idea. The King apparently confides that he knows the "firm" is bloated and, in these hard times for everyone, far too costly.

So stand by for a new, slimmed down royal family, probably of only seven people – King Charles III, Queen Consort Camilla, Prince Edward and Sophie, Countess of Wessex; The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and Cambridge; and Anne, Princess Royal. Reducing the number of royals would mean substantial financial savings, of course, and that's got to be good news for the hard-pressed public – and really good for the new King's image.

But all that lies ahead. For now, let's just cherish the memory of Elizabeth II. She promised at her coronation that she would devote her life, whether long or short, to service to the nation. Well, her life was long, extraordinarily long ... and, boy!, didn't she keep her word to serve the nation! Thank you, ma'am, from Newton St Cyres and points beyond.

Newton St Cyres Tennis Club

The LTA joins with the tennis community across Britain in paying tribute to Her Majesty the Queen, following her passing on 8 September 2022. She was a patron of the LTA for many years.

In line with national mourning guidance, we followed the advice of the LTA that recreational tennis could continue to be played during the period of mourning, and so continued our normal club sessions, junior coaching and club competitions.

If anyone would like to find out more about any of these activities, please see our website www.newtonstcyrestennisclub.co.uk, or contact our membership secretary Laura Leigh on 01647 24259.

Sally Baldwin

RECREATION GROUND CLUB

I'm trying hard to concentrate but the disturbing news about the queen gets in the way. We will all miss seeing her on important dates. We wish Charles well and will be supporting him in his new role.

Now to the reason I write this each month. We are delighted to see the return of 'Yer Tis' bike show. They will be at the Rec for three days, and we encourage everyone to join them and enjoy their food truck and their music and entertainment. It's interesting to see the variety of machines they bring with them, some very large and some much smaller. They like to introduce you to what they have brought, so come down and enjoy the weekend, 30th Sept to Oct 30th.

On Saturdays in October we will now have football youth football games in the morning and senior games every afternoon. This will be the pattern for the winter months.

I received the men's darts and the skittles dates just days after I finished last month's programme. We will have skittles on Monday and Tuesday evenings and darts on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

At the moment only two social events are booked in – a skittles evening for the archery group in October and a social evening for the football club in December. This will probably include their annual draw on the night and will give the players a chance to mingle socially.

Wendy Lewis

NEWTON RAMBLERS

Sunday 23rd October

We thought it would be nice this month to have an autumn wander through the woods and where better than our own village woodland. This will inevitably mean a hill to start with but then be comparatively flat. It is heavy land so may be muddy and appropriate footwear should be worn. This walk will be approximately four miles.

Meet in the village hall car park at 10am

All are welcome

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

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A variety of music followed by Nicholas Brown and Simon Ford's latest dramatic cantata, 'Go Goliath'

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Conducted by the composer, Nicholas Brown

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GO, GOLIATH!

SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER AT 4.30PM

Do You Remember... October?

October 1972

Newton Wonder Appointment Anne Ayre joined the Newton Wonder editorial Team

Lay-by Approved

The lay-by at Tytheing Close has been approved and will be completed "during the present financial year".

Improvements at Half Moon

Improvements to the pavement at Half Moon and the drainage work was underway.

Station Road Lighting

Poles for the lighting were going up in Station Road. The lighting will also benefit the Recreation Ground as they will be getting power for the pavilion and changing-rooms from the new power line.

Parish Council Appointments

The new Chairman for the Parish Council was Sid Gratton and Mrs Hazel Down was elected Vice Chairman.

NSC Primary School

At the school the old Alcon stoves

were being replaced by thermostatcontrolled heaters burning North Sea Gas so hopefully there would be no more fumes to contend with.

Women's Institute (WI)

At the WI meeting Mrs Dawe talked about using old plastic bottles, boxes etc.

Newton WI members to join demo at University

Under the above headline the editor couldn't resist the temptation to show what you can do with a perfectly truthful headline. The Demonstration was a Cookery one being held at the University.

"It's a Knockout"

The profit from "It's a Knockout" came to £137.63.

Riding Lessons

These were on offer from Prince Tiddles at Court Barton during weekends for those up to 7 stone at a cost of 65p per hour.

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Harvest Festival

A Harvest Festival had been held in Cowley Church.

Walkabout

A cheque for £660 was presented to Exeter Hospicecare as a result of the Walkabout

Spring Bulbs

The Parish Council planted spring bulbs on the village green.

Vicarage fails to reach reserve

The Vicarage had been put up for sale but had failed to reach the reserve price at £58,000 at auction.

Women's Institute (WI)
Mrs Harris spoke at the WI
meeting on Value for Money
including best buys at Sainsbury's

October 1992

More Trains for NSC

It was reported that there would be more trains from Newton St Cyres. To Exeter: 8.09, 8.53, 12.33, 14.38 & 17.10. From Exeter: 8.54, 11.33, 14.03, 16.43, 17.30 & 18.21. To Barnstaple: 9.16 & 17.43. From Barnstaple: 7.15 & 16.18. Free parking is provided at the Recreation Ground.

Parish Council Reminder

The Parish Council were reminding everyone that permission was required to put signs up on the Village Green.

Police Report

There police report this month indicated that most crimes in the Village were car related and generally crime was low.

October 2002

Mark Bailey reported on his visit to Rwanda to help build shelters. Happy Birthday Reg

A party was being held for Ray Bray to celebrate his 100th birthday at the end of the month.

Parish Hall Treasurer sought
The Parish Hall were advertising for
a new Treasurer as Sandy Fleming
was retiring after 9 years in the
post.

Twinning Circle

The Twinning Circle reported on their Roadford Lake walk and picnic. There was also a pipe band, in full Scottish uniform, playing at the time.

Police Scam Warning

The police issued a warning of a scam where use of your house phone was requested, by a 'distressed' visitor, who then phoned a premium rate line at £50 a minute. The majority of this money goes into their pocket and the first thing the householder knows about it is when they get their next phone bill. And the caller hasn't committed a crime ... because the householder gave permission to use their phone!

October 2012

Newton Wonder Editorial Group

The editorial group recorded a big 'Thank you' to **Jim Enright** for all the enthusiasm and hard work that he put into the role of Editor over the past two years. **Peter Hawksley** introduced himself to readers as the new Editor though as he spent almost twenty-three years running the Beer Engine an introduction was not necessary for many.

NSC is "Best Kept Large Village" Winner

Newton St Cyres won the Best Kept Village competition for 2012 for large Villages. The judges stated "Newton St Cyres Parish Council and many members of this active community are to be congratulated on maintaining such high standards in all aspects of what makes a 'Best Kept Village'. It really is 'doing the best with what it has', in terms of the private and public buildings, the amenities, the environment, conservation and is striving to maintain a dynamic and cohesive community. It justly deserves to win the Large Village Category 2012"

Neighbourhood Health Watch
A meeting was advertised at the
Crown & Sceptre so residents could
find out more about the
Neighbourhood Health Watch idea
which it was boned will get started

Neighbourhood Health Watch idea which it was hoped will get started in Newton St Cyres.

NSC Produce Show

Following the disappointment of the cancelled Revels in July the Village rallied to make the produce show a day to remember. There were a total of 230 entries. The children's

section had 54 entries and Alice
Dowle was congratulated as she had
the most points and won the Junior
Trophy. Alice's mum Rachel won the
cup for the most adult points and
the Dowle family also won the
trophy for the family with the most
points.

Revels

There was a presentation to **Roger Wilkins** who had organised the Revels in the village since it started and is now stepping down. Roger responded by stressing the importance of the whole organising team and the wonderful way it had brought a sense of community to the village bringing people together.

NSC Youth Club

Meeting on Wednesdays fortnightly from 7pm to 9pm at the Village Hall for 10-15 year-olds.

Appeal for Plants for the Award-Winning Station

The Friends of NSC Station were seeking plants when people were splitting plants and shrubs as they had a few gaps. Despite the gaps and with a strong contribution from chocolate hollyhocks and coloured asters the display caught the judge's eye when they were judging the Stations and we managed Runner Up position.

History Group

The History Group have a busy schedule up to Christmas with Sandford Heritage Group, Mary Quicke, Ian Maxted and Nick Baker identified as speakers.

Nick and Viv Henderson



Fireworks
Thursday 3rd
November.
Newton St Cyres
Recreation Ground

Gates open at 5pm
Fireworks at 6:30pm
Adults £5 Children £2
Tickets available on the gate

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Newton St Cyres Recreation Ground Station Road, Newton St Cyres

Bert Jewell writes Rhymes and Ways about Gardens and Gardening October

Will the weather be cold, maybe snow to our knees, With wind from the East, there could be a freeze, That could last for weeks or just the odd day, When the weathermen know, I'm sure they will say.

Or could it be wet, will the rivers run fast, Watching as the leaves of autumn float past, Jostling with each other as the flow gathers pace, In just a few hours they'll be gone without trace.

And will it be windy with gales from the West, The fence round the garden, will it stand the test, and trees that struggled in the summer just past, Will the roots stand firm against the wintery blast.

Or will it be mild with rain now and then, Relief for those who have little to spend on gas and electric, even wood for the fire, Everyday it now seems that the prices are higher.

Then this time last month or even last week, As we scour the shelves for the bargains we seek, Like food for the table, a chance to stay warm, Determined to fight on whatever the storm.

Things to do in the October Garden

Firstly, a little update on our new home, well not so new. We shall soon have been here two years. How time flies. But, yes, the building work is now finished. A new fence has replaced the old panels that fell over with the slightest breeze, and we have built and planted a rockery at the back.

The way into the property used to be down some steps from the garage. These have been removed and a new path has been made through the front garden to the front door. The garden on one side of the path has been covered with small stones, and specimen plants have been added for seasonal interest, such as "Corokia Cotoneaster", also known as the wire netting plant, because of its interlacing shoots.

Now to the garden. It's a good time to tidy the flower beds and borders, lightly moving the soil, clearing weeds and cutting down spent flower stems. Any tender plants left in the garden over winter can be mulched with garden compost. Continue planting spring flowering bulbs.

For the lawn, reduce mowing as the growth slows down and clear fallen leaves to stop the grass turning yellow. Fallen leaves should also be cleared away from the crowns of plants to prevent rotting.

Cut tall stems of Buddleia, Lavatera and H T or cluster roses down by about half to stop wind rock. This will loosen the roots by making a hole around the base of the stem. Leave the main pruning until March.

Continue to harvest vegetable crops as they become ready. Once the crops have finished and the ground cleared, rough turn it, allowing the winter to break it down, so it will work a lot easier next spring.

If you like overwintering broad beans, plant the seed towards the end of the month in cells or small pots. Grow them in a cold frame or cold greenhouse and plant out when large enough to handle. If the plants become too leggy, you could lose them to black leg.

Plant of the month

"Euonymus, Red Cascade"

We grew one of these in the garden of our old house. The leaves turn crimson in autumn. When they fall, the dangling bunches of lobed red fruit is revealed. They will grow in most soil except waterlogged soil. Grows to about 8' high in sun or light shade.



Enjoy your gardening

Volunteer Needed

After more than 20 years dealing with the advertisers in the Newton Wonder Richard Nichols thinks its time someone younger took over. If you would like to be involved in the Newton Wonder we would love to hear from you. Just email editor@newtonwonder.net.

NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP

Stairways to the Stars: The Golden Age of Cinemas in Devon

Jon Bell talked to us on Friday 11th March, in the Crediton Library Zoom lecture series. He had arranged a wonderful background to his opening screen, showing the organ at the Gaumont Cinema, Exeter, in 1939, and playing a sound clip of the music. He began by explaining that although the console was damaged in the Exeter Blitz, the pipes survived and are now in a Lincolnshire Museum on a similar console. The cinema organ was a key part of the audience experience and organists were celebrities.

Jon is a Red Coat Guide and has an interest in film and cinema. He is also a member of the Devon and Exeter Institution. He was very interested when one of the librarians found a large folder of cinema memorabilia at the back of a drawer there, about 25 years ago. This was part of the archive collected by Gordon Chapman, who thoroughly researched the subject and in 2000 published his book, 'Devon at the Cinema'. Jon and his friends from their cinema club arranged an exhibition and presentation with the material, which was the genesis of the talk he gave us.

The golden age of the cinemas ran from the early buildings of the 1920s, to the super cinemas of the 1930s, and then over time to their decline in the 1960s. In 1922 there was a good spread of cinemas in the centres of Plymouth, Torbay and Exeter. Crediton had one, and there were a few scattered along the north coast towns. They were usually small premises, run by a local entrepreneur. The Picture House in Paignton, though, is thought to be the oldest purpose-built cinema in Europe, built around 1909 and described as The Electric Bioscopic Exhibition Centre, because the word 'cinema' had not yet been coined.

It was a favourite with Agatha Christie, who had reserved seats for her and her butler. The building has recently received a grant for its restoration. Exeter had its first cinema only a year later, the Empire Electric on the High Street next to St Lawrence Church. Jon told us about the first cinemas in Teignmouth, Topsham, Tiverton, and Torquay along with the stories of how they were built and the characters that ran them. The tiny family run one in Ottery St Mary has a blue plaque, which is unusual. Many other small enterprises are now forgotten.

By the mid-1930s, the big distributors were beginning to arrive and chains such as The Gaumont and The Odeon were building cinemas in the major towns such as Barnstaple, Plymouth and Exeter. The lavish Art Deco interiors were often controversial at the time, enabling people to escape into the glamorous world of Hollywood. Some of the managers of these cinemas would go to elaborate lengths to advertise and promote films, advertising with newspaper spreads, crosswords and props, such as obtaining a monkey to encourage attendance at a Tarzan film (the manager of the ABC in Torquay).

The question of safety in cinemas, with the highly inflammable nitrate film stock, was always an important issue. The worst ever theatre fire in England happened in Exeter in 1887, when the Theatre Royal burned down with the loss of 186 lives, and people's minds were also affected by the destruction by fire in 1919 of the Victoria Hall, in Queen Street, Exeter, which was used to show films and where moving pictures had been shown in the city for the very first time in 1896. The Cinematographic Act of 1909 was passed to enable building inspections and safety checks by the local authority to try to prevent loss of life from fires. Nevertheless, there was a constant threat: fire destroyed the Totnes cinema in 1944. The Act also enabled local authorities to censor the films which were shown locally, but there was no unified system and films banned in one cinema might be shown at another.

The rise of Hollywood throughout this period was a phenomenon. In 1914, 25% of films shown in British cinemas were British made, but by the 1920s that had dropped to 5%. There was concern about this and another Cinematographic Act was passed to ensure that more British films were shown. Unfortunately, the films tended to be not very good and were nicknamed 'quota quickies' because they had been rapidly put together to fulfil the need created by the new Act.

Nevertheless, there were exceptions and Michael Powell emerged as a talented British director at this time, as did Alexander Korda, as well as stars like Gracie Fields and Will Hayes. Documentaries were made, a famous example being 'The Night Mail' made by the Post Office Film Unit.

The 1930s was the golden age of the cinema. The high standard of the luxurious and glamorous buildings attracted huge audiences, largely working-class people, many of them women. Normally their lives were hard-working and they served others. The cinema was a place to escape to, and people would go five times a week. The outbreak of war in 1939



Harold Balaam, the organist at the Exeter Gaumont, in 1936

changed this. All places of entertainment were closed initially but were re-opened after a few weeks. Morale needed to be considered, and as long as the blackout was followed, cinemas remained open for the duration.

However, the bombing of Plymouth and Exeter destroyed 10 cinemas. The war altered the content and style of film making, with more documentary techniques being used, and with propaganda

films and inspirational stories used to boost morale. Jon told

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an interesting story of how, during the war, the Gaumont cinema chain moved its entire financial operation to Crediton. A large house was bought, many staff moved there, and the takings from the whole country were brought here by train for accounting, though no trace of this enterprise remains.

After the war, many cinemas ran Saturday Clubs for children. The Odeon ran The Mickey Mouse Club, with its own song, part of which ran 'Join the Mickey Mouse Club, this will be our song, Every Saturday morning at the O-De-On'. These clubs were very popular and well-attended.

The 1950s and 1960s saw the arrival of television, and cinemas chains could not compete with the new medium. Attendance figures fell rapidly from their peak in 1946, and have remained at a relatively low level ever since. Inevitably, cinemas closed all over the country, first the smaller ones and then the larger ones. The buildings, however, survived for a long time, finding alternative uses, but still retaining many of their original features both inside and out. Decorations remain under the false ceiling of the Ilfracombe cinema, sometimes a projection room has been left with all its equipment. The Crediton Palace cinema building still exists.

Jon finished his talk with a song, written by him, about the old cinemas, called 'Stairway to the Stars'

.Isobel Hepworth

How well do you know your village?

·Can you answer the following questions?:-

- 1. WHEN was the picture taken?
 - 2. WHERE was it taken?
 - 3. WHO is in the Picture?

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For a closer look see our website:-www.newtonwonder.net
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and an easy form to submit your answers.

NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP

We have been busy in September preparing for the Exeter Heritage Open Day in the church. It has been interesting revising the older material and learning new information. For instance, many of us knew little about the bells until Mary circulated a most comprehensive report from a voluntary group. The Quicke hatchments became so much more interesting after we had learnt a little about heraldry and could begin to interpret them. Isobel is the expert there.

What are the stories behind the James 2nd Coat of Arms and the Northcote Memorial, both of which are rare examples of their kind? We now know a bit more about them.

Graeme has been really interested in the architecture and the phases of building the church. I even found myself looking into the stresses involved with barrel roofs, in a very minor way, I hasten to add, as I have no expertise whatever.

Something that has surprised some of us is the many little reminders that this building was a Medieval Catholic Church, the bosses in particular.

Altogether it has made us realise how lucky we are in this village to have such a light, airy building that escaped the Victorian makeover and was then so sensitively restored in the 20th century.

MEETINGS FOR THE AUTUMN

Wednesday 12th October: 'How Significance and Impact Assessment are used in the Planning System, with some local examples'. Nils White

These assessments enable the owners of historic buildings to better understand and appreciate their heritage and significance and to manage change. Nils has much first-hand experience of making these assessments.

Wednesday 9th November: 'How We Took to Cider'. Michael Gee

Have you wondered how the traditionally ale-drinking British took to cider? Michael is an expert on the history of orchards and has written a book on the subject

Wednesday 7th December: 'Christmas Traditions and Folklore in Devon'. Mark Norman

Mark is one of the Crediton Librarians and is starting up a folklore section there. He is also enlarging the local history section and has been displaying and scanning some of the material from Reg Mear's collection.

Isobel Hepworth



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Newton St Cyres Gardening Club

Remembering Her Majesty the Queen

As I write this, we remember how Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was the longest serving Royal Patron of the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), from 1952 to 2022. She had attended the Chelsea Flower Show for over 80 years, her first visit being when she was only 10 years old.

The RHS learned that Princess Elizabeth had started planting a small garden of her own at the Royal Lodge, and to encourage this interest the RHS sent her tickets to Chelsea. This led to her making regular visits to the show, where she toured the gardens on the Monday before the show opened to the public – after the judging, but before the medals were announced – so that she did not know which gardens had won medals. Although having mobility issues, the Queen still attended Chelsea this year, when she toured the festival using a buggy, dubbed the Queenmobile.

To mark her Platinum Jubilee, a bespoke floral sculptural portrait was created by florist Simon Lycett. The silhouette was covered on both sides with an assortment of native British-grown tree branches, and the inner shelves held 70 terracotta pots, each planted with Lily of the Valley, which was a favourite of the Queen and which she had in her Coronation bouquet.

Simon Armitage, the Poet Laureate, has written the poem 'Floral Tribute' to mark the death of the Queen, where he uses the metaphor of the Lily of the Valley.

Evening will come, however determined the late afternoon,
Limes and oaks in their last green flush, pearled in September mist.
I have conjured a lily to light these hours, a token of thanks,
Zones and auras of soft glare framing the brilliant globes.
A promise made and kept for life - that was your gift Because of which, here is a gift in return, glovewort to some,
Each shining bonnet guarded by stern lance-like leaves.
The country loaded its whole self into your slender hands,
Hands that can rest, now, relieved of a century's weight.

Evening has come. Rain on the black lochs and dark Munros. Lily of the Valley, a namesake almost, a favourite flower Interlaced with your famous bouquets, the restrained Zeal and forceful grace of its lanterns, each inflorescence A silent bell disguising a singular voice. A blurred new day Breaks uncrowned on remote peaks and public parks, and Everything turns on these luminous petals and deep roots, This lily that thrives between spire and tree, whose brightness Holds and glows beyond the life and border of its bloom.



Floral tributes outside Exeter cathedral

the first tree of the initiative planted in the grounds of Windsor Castle by the Queen and our new King Charles III, at that time the Prince of Wales

I have not been able to travel to London, but my godson sent photos of the flowers that had been left at Buckingham Palace and transferred to Green Park. There have also been many floral tributes at Exeter Cathedral.

Nicola Baker

The nationwide tree planting initiative, created to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, has been extended to the end of March 2023. The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) was due to conclude in December this year. However, as the official tree planting season in the UK is from October to March, the OGC Patron King Charles III has extended the scheme for another three months to give people the opportunity to plant trees to honour Her Majesty. Over a million trees were planted during the first planting season of October 2021-March 2022, with



Floral tributes at Green Park

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Community allotment project to provide free food

It's a first for Newton St Cyres – a community allotment where everybody can lend a hand to produce food for the village. Ann Quon Cordingley has been talking to the people involved in the project.

A new allotment has been set up by the Parish Council and the Newton Environmental Wellbeing Group (NEW) to provide free produce to local villagers by next year, as well as a place for locals to relax and enjoy the beauty of nature.

Situated in the village allotments site off the A377, the 8,000 sq ft community allotment will grow food for the village, with areas dedicated to promoting biodiversity, with wildlife ponds, wildflower and patio areas for locals to enjoy the environs.

"It's not just about gardening," says Parish Councillor, Liz Ouldridge, "It's about being involved in the environment."

The project is led by NEW after the idea came out of the Community Forum held last April. "One of the top things we heard from the attendees was to grow local food," says NEW's Dave Harris.

With that in mind, NEW approached the Parish Council, which oversees the village allotments, for a site. They were in luck. "The allotments are quite well used but there was a site at one end that was not being cultivated," says Liz, who is responsible for the village allotments. Normally, each allotment rents for £20 a year, but the Parish Council offered NEW a block of four rent-free. In return, produce is to be grown for free to parishioners.

After a plan was approved by the Parish Council in July, things moved quickly, with the plot handed over last month and work to cultivate the site already underway. "We've already planted some lettuce and started preparing 18 beds for growing," says Dave.

The plan is to grow food in a way that encourages biodiversity. There will be no use of chemicals and the group will use the 'no dig' method of gardening.

"No dig means you don't use shovels or spades," says Dave. "If you prepare a no-dig bed, for instance, first you need to stop the weeds coming through. So you suppress the weeds by laying cardboard over the area. Then you put down compost, after which you can effectively plant right away. The compost adds nutrients to the soil and you can plant whenever you want." No dig also saves about 40% in labour. "You also have 31% less impact on global heating because when you dig, you release carbon. If you don't dig, you don't disturb it."

Although NEW is spearheading the project, both Dave and Liz are hoping it will attract as much community involvement as possible and encourage volunteers to come forward. Gardening skills are not a requirement.



Liz Ouldridge and Dave Harris

"There are those of us [in NEW] who have some skills and are happy to pass these on," says Dave. "We are happy for volunteers to learn, and that's people of all ages. It would be great to have young people learning to grow their own food, as this is going to become increasingly important. If you've got some time and you want to come up and do something, by all means, do so.

Besides volunteering, there are other ways to help. Donations of spare seeds and plants or growing extra plants and basic gardening tools and equipment would be welcome – but nothing electrical as there is no electricity at the site. There is space on site for parking.

NEW has not looked into funding yet and has so far relied on the goodwill of its own network of friends and contacts. "I'm hoping that the more people we can get involved, the bigger our network becomes and the more we can source things," says Dave.



Work in progress at the Allotment - lettuces growing already!

"If nothing else, people can donate a bit of money," says Liz. "People may not have the skills or time, but if they have a spare bit of money, they could certainly support the project in that way."

not without its challenges, water being a key issue. "We've secured one large water

The project is

container that we will bring to the site, and I have two water butts that I will bring there. A summer house and a shed are already there," says Dave.

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As the allotment is on open farmland, isn't there the risk of produce being eaten by the local wildlife? While there are fences around the allotment, "when you are a gardener, you don't want the rabbits to take everything, but you accept a certain amount will be lost to them," says Dave.

Most importantly, the first year will be key to getting the allotment up and running and will need the village's full support if it is to start providing free food for parishioners by next year.

"It's an excellent project, otherwise the council wouldn't be supporting it," says Liz. "This sort of thing enhances the community tremendously, and if we do this, Newton St Cyres is going to be a pleasanter place to live in. So take part and make it pleasant for yourself."

Says Dave: "As a community, we can pull together and start making our contribution to the climate, biodiversity and the cost of living. We can come together and say, 'we can't solve everything, but there are things we can do'. And they will make us feel better once we start doing them, and they are great for our wellbeing."

To find out more, contact David Harris at daveharris1968@gmail.com

To the editor

Dear Peter,

As a former resident of the parish and former member of the Editorial Team of the Newton Wonder may I congratulate you on an excellent magazine which we still enjoy reading each month.

I was always of the opinion that the magazine was to keep it's readers informed on the happenings that affected the parish and not personal opinions of life in general. In what are now difficult times they are two ways that we can ensure we come through the other side.

We can take the negative approach when we can find fault with everything around us and frighten everyone to death or perhaps we can be constructive and see the good things in life and have positive ideas on how we can get through these difficult times.

I have always been of the opinion the positive approach to life we see you through and you are a much happier person.

Keep up the good work and I raise a glass to a future where the positive outweighs the negative.

David Baker

Former Resident and past Parish Council Chairman

To the editor

Imagine our surprise on reading this article in the September edition of this magazine, to find a picture, which we immediately recognised, was taken of the Shuttern Brook outside our property. The picture subtitled "Garden rubbish in the Shuttern Brook" was actually showing the results of my seasonal efforts to clear the summer growth from the brook not garden waste.

We would like to reassure village people who read this article, that it was not as stated "quantities of garden waste dumped into the brook", it was seasonal reed and weed growth and it is not permanently left in the stream. It had been allowed to grow all summer to encourage the wild flowers and insects and annually I cut it back to aid the flow of the water. I rake the cuttings into a pile on a dry patch of the stream bottom (this year there were three such piles), allow it to dry for a couple of days and then remove it into our garden for disposal in our garden waste bin.

The person who took the picture, as I understand, first sent the photo to the Parish Council and the picture was then used in this article. Regarding her concern about the water quality, I can assure her that as soon as it rains and the stream starts to move the quality will improve.

No one we know living in West Town Road would dispose of garden waste in the stream and any large tree trunk or debris washed down is removed. It is just not beneficial for residents to leave any obstruction in the stream and those of us who are riparian owners are all aware of our responsibilities.

Flooding from the various brooks that surround the area, is a very serious possibility but to misrepresent parts of an article about the subject is alarmist and of no help to anyone.

Clive and Mary Wootton 4 Meadowlands, West Town Road.

The article was written and published to emphasise the importance to everyone, not just those living along the banks of the local rivers and streams, of the need to maintain the free flow of water in order to limit the danger of flooding. After such a long period of hot, dry weather it was neither alarmist nor inaccurate to draw attention to the fact that the possibility of flash flooding was very high. The article did exactly that.

Peter Hawksley Editor

NEWTON ST CYRES CHURCH - ON TOP OF THE WORLD!

Mark Lian (age 11) was one of 20 local visitors who had the special guided tour to the top of the Church tower. The climb in the narrow tower was 75 steps with an explanation of the 8 church bells on the way up.

And here are some of Mark's photographs taken on 17 September. Thanks, Mark!



Top door entrance from tower onto the roof



Fascinating view of the 8 bells on the way to the top



Centre of the village

The tower tours were part of the Heritage Open Days events and It is hoped to repeat the Church tours next summer.





October on the Farm

NATURE

The year turns. Night encroaches at both ends of the day. Leaves change colour, not the untimely changes of our overheated summer, but the ones that belong to this season. A mix of rain and shine have restored the landscape to the beautiful and familiar autumn patchwork of grass and newly cultivated fields, hedges, hills and wood.

I was sitting gazing at the tapestry of trees ahead of me and a little fallow hind sped past me silently. She didn't veer to one side or the other: the wind was blowing my scent away from her. I guess she is firing up for the wild excess of the rut, thinking more about next year's life than this year's danger.

There is an air of quiet busyness of creatures making their preparations for the winter ahead. Squirrels strip the nut trees, pointedly taking my cultivated hazels, filberts and cobnuts first. In the sun, bees hang heavy on autumn flowers. Flies feast on the remains of hedgerow blackberries. Fruit on trees ripens. Catch each one at the perfect time if you can. The wasps tell you when they are delicious, taking star shaped nibbles out of apples. Avoid sharing an apple with a wasp.

We sow winter crops, wheat, barley and oats and grass and clover. The gaping cracks in the soil are just filling now. Seedlings emerge in lines across the field, verdant and vivid against the bright red soils, shimmering like shot silk. Some grass and clover will be there for two years and will restore our arable fields closer to their pristine state. Some is fast growing to replace what we didn't grow in the drought. We'll harvest as soon as we can in spring, and follow on with spring barley.

GRASS

The grass had another spring in the damp warmth, perfect temperature for animal and plants. It is young and soft and going through the cows quickly (keep alert in the parlour). We'll provide a little straw for them to nibble to slow it all down a bit.

COWS

The autumn cows are settling into milking: the grass now is why we calve them in August, to make best use of this lovely autumn grass. Their daughters are enjoying exploring the farm. We are all hoping for a beautiful open autumn. It's lovely, and we want to make our precious winter feed that we fed so much of in the drought.

CHEESE DAIRY

People like the temperature much better too, even if we are in wellies and wear waterproofs. There's no such thing as wrong weather, just wrong clothes. In the cheese dairy, the heavy work is not so hard when the temperature isn't crazy.



The cheese missed the grass feeding in summer. We taste the cheese first at three months old, sticking a cheese iron through the cloth and rind into the centre to bring out a core to share. We discuss flavour, texture, aroma and appearance. We record, decide any adjustments to make, and start to choose who will receive the cheese. We could see the firmer textures when we were winter feeding in the drought. Those cheeses will take a little longer to mature and open up in flavour. We will smoke some, as the flavours won't fight with the oak smoke. In the cheese dairy now, with the autumn flush of grass, the curd is a little softer, giving notice of more yielding, melting flavours to come.

Tony Rowe is our master store man. He came to the farm when he was a young boy, with his mother Val, who made butter and ice cream, packed cheese and served in the shop. His father Barry made cheese and managed the cheese dairy for many years. Tony has worked here for 37 years with two short breaks. He takes care of all the cheese almost from its birth through maturing, grading to getting it packed up and sent to customers.

He is one of our hidden heroes, knowing our cheese stock, all those months of preserved sunshine, like the back of his hand. This month he is supervising our cheese being sent to the far corners of the world for Christmas (and Thanksgiving), making sure it gets to shipping containers in time. For him, Christmas has already started.

If you want to get Christmas under control too, you might consider checking our Online Shop. We can send gifts large and small, either a selection we've chosen or one you

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choose. You might consider maturing one of our clothbound little yourself. The Affineur of the Year competition showed the cheeses do take on the microflora of their store: keep your cheese in in cool dry place and find out what your microflora tastes like.

RECIPE

For Halloween, I will be enjoying our Double Devonshire – a gentle orange colour from annatto seeds, with a subtle creamy gentle sharp and nutty flavour. It pairs beautifully with some tasty little chestnut-flavoured potimarron squashes I've grown. I like this pancake mix baked with it. So ...

- Thinly slice one squash (a butternut squash will do) with a small onion.
- Whisk up 3 eggs, 40mls olive oil, 30mls milk, 50mls double cream, a sprig of chopped rosemary and clove of garlic.
- Add 120g self-raising flour and 100g grated Double Devonshire to squash and onions, and mix to combine. Pour the liquids in and mix well. Season.
- Put in an oven proof dish and bake in preheated oven for 30 minutes at 175C till cooked through and golden brown on top.

AUTUMN WALK

For a lovely autumn walk after your recipe, start where Marsh Lane forks from Riscombe Hill by East Holme, walk past Bakers, follow the track left through the gate into Tally Field to avoid the marshiest bit of Marsh Lane, right to the beautiful field with the stream (Coombe Park), follow the hedge line and cross the little footbridge into the woods (Coombleland Copse).

I love this beech-lined path peeping into the field. Cross over the stream into Lane End and come out under Venny Cleave.

Turn right up to Northridge Cross, admiring the view across the Shuttern and Creedy valleys.

You've got a choice: walk down Crooklake Hill for a tree-enclosed leaf-wading walk (turn right at Woodley Cross and down Riscombe Hill to the start). For a lovely view and a shorter walk, drop through the gate into Bonny Quay and down the public footpath through Pope Down across the stream into Westholme Field, across to South Allers and up until you join the road at Riscombe Hill. 2-2 ½ miles, some slopes, wellies advised, not suitable for wheelchairs.

Date for the diary

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We are delighted this year to be joined by former BBC Spotlight presenter Justin Leigh as our compère and British Soprano Cheryl Enever as our soloist. We have so far raised in excess of £110,000 for FORCE and hope to raise at least another £15,000 with our event this year..

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CPRE bids farewell to Her Majesty the Queen

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Since becoming our patron 70 years ago, the Queen has taken a keen interest in the charity's work, sending regular messages of support and encouragement. Throughout this time, she demonstrated her unequivocal love for the British countryside, helping CPRE celebrate its 80th birthday and other significant occasions. On such visits, she was always keen to spend as much time as possible chatting to our volunteers about their local countryside and the rural issues that impacted their lives.

Now we hope her successor, King Charles III, will take on her mantle as a champion of the countryside. His mother's love of the Great Outdoors runs deep in the veins of our new King, who loved the family's annual holidays at Balmoral and enjoyed a rural lifestyle at his own country estate in Gloucestershire. He has long been interested in farming and other aspects of rural life and was ahead of the curve in championing organic farming practices.

As King in waiting, Prince Charles showed an acute awareness of the importance of the environment and good planning – interests that bode well for a campaigning environmental charity like ours.

As Charles III begins his reign, our new Prime Minister, Liz Truss, takes up her term of office. We look to her to make good on her words during the leadership hustings when she was reported as saying she did not favour fields of solar panels. However, we are not overly optimistic her leadership will make a big impact on issues like solar farming because our trust in the government has recently been dented – yet again!

In June, former DEFRA Minister George Eustice declared that protected farmland included fields graded "3b and above". This gave us hope in our fight against solar farms on productive agricultural land in Devon, much of which is graded 3b. Mr Eustice has since admitted he got it wrong. The upshot is that much of the land that is earmarked for industrial-scale solar arrays will not enjoy the protection Mr Eustice led us to believe it does.

But let's set all that aside temporarily as Devon CPRE joins the nation in mourning the death of our longest-reigning monarch. We bid you a fond farewell, Your Majesty.

If you would like to help Devon CPRE protect the countryside for future generations, find out more at www.devoncpre.org.uk

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The start of a school year can be tough for many people whose budgets are stretched, especially now so you are by no means alone in your worries. The good news is that there is help available.

A good place to start is the Citizens Advice website www.citizensadvice.org.uk where there is lots of information on the support you may be able to get for school related costs. If you're claiming benefits it's worth checking if you can get extra help for things like school lunches, transport and uniforms. If you are not claiming benefits it may be helpful to use our benefits calculator to see if you are, in fact, entitled to make a claim. At Citizens Advice Torridge, North, Mid & West Devon (CA TNMWD) we can also advise on this and help you to claim if necessary. Simply ring our local, free AdviceLine on 0808 27 87 999 or visit our website www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk and click on 'Get Advice.' Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals if you are claiming benefits. For older children you can apply for free school meals if you claim certain types of benefits; the full list is on the Citizens Advice website but it includes Universal Credit, Child Tax Credit and Income Support.

You mentioned you are worried about transport costs. For children aged 5 to 16 your local education authority might be able to offer free or discounted transport if you're not able to walk to the school. Contact them directly to find out how they can support you. Your local education authority might also be able to help you with activity and school uniform costs if you are on a low income. You're probably considered to be on a low income if you get means tested benefits like Universal Credit or Housing Benefit. There are also some local charitable schemes that can help – check with your school as they will usually know if these kinds of schemes are in your area. Schools can also sometimes advise on finding cheap or free second hand uniforms.

If your child is disabled or has a health condition you can also claim Disability Living Allowance which is not means tested.

A lot of people are feeling the squeeze at the moment, but it is important to remember that help is available. Remember, CA TNMWD can be contacted on their free, local AdviceLine 0808 27 87 999 or access our website to search for information to help you. www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk

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September 2022

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Allow to cool, then rub through a sieve to remove the onion, tomato skins and seeds. Return the puree to a saucepan and simmer for a further 5 minutes, season with salt and freshly ground black pepper. This can be frozen and used in stews, casseroles, and with pasta dishes.

Paul Cleave

Around the Village



This wasps' nest has taken over the birds nesting box in the Station Garden



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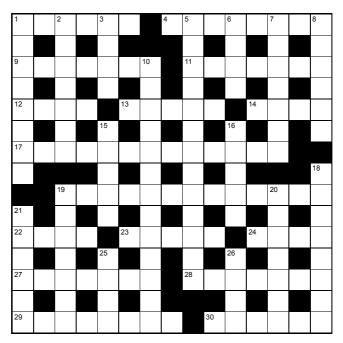
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Cryptic Crossword



ACROSS

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

Set by Alberich

DOWN

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

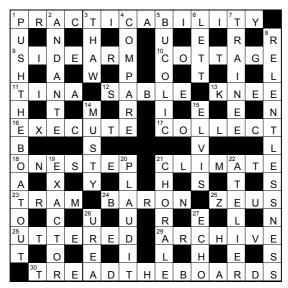
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Solution to September 2022 Cryptic Crossword



Food for thought

Since the outbreak of Covid in 2020, I've got into the habit of listening to radio news throughout the day. In place of music, to which I used to listen a lot and which offered a degree of balm to the soul, I find I have become irresistibly drawn to hearing about the succession of crises that have beset us.

Despite the best efforts of those who deliver the news to present it with a new slant, it changes little during the day, even week or month. So one ends up listening to a recycling of events that serves only to exacerbate and perpetuate the gloom. At the time of writing this, there has been the energy crisis, with dire predictions of the impact it would have. Apprehension was not helped during the summer by a political vacuum that left the problem hanging in the air without any clear plan to address it.

Faced with a situation that looks not only to be inevitable but beyond our individual control or power to do anything about it, it is easy to fall into a state of complete resignation, rather like the proverbial rabbit caught in the headlights, waiting for others to deliver us. What may lift a person out of this paralysis is not self-absorption but an awareness of others and their needs. Covid, the war in Ukraine and the rise in energy and other prices have created challenges closer to home than have been known in the lifetime of most of us. In response to the needs these have created, people have been prompted to act. To do what they can, even if only in a small way, to provide help to those facing difficulty.

One illustration of this has been a growth in the number of food banks and community larders. Larger organisations like the Churches Housing Action Team (CHAT) based in Tiverton have existed for some time, but smaller food banks, larders or similar ventures have been popping up in many villages in the last couple of years.

In Thorverton, at the end of 2020, seeing the financial and practical challenges people might be experiencing as a result of Covid, a young person called Lucy was motivated to do something. As part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award, a scheme which encourages young people to undertake service in their community, she had the idea of making a box of food freely available.

The Covid 19 Group, CHAT and the Church came together to support her in this venture and so "Lucy's Larder" was started. At the time it was seen as a response to a situation that was not expected to last. Lucy ran it for the first 3 months. Since then, others have taken it on, buying food and other useful household items, adding to and looking after the boxes, which are kept in the church porch. The porch was offered as an ideal location – open during the day, under cover, adjacent to a path that runs through the churchyard and relatively private. Almost two years on, the boxes are still there and, judging by the rate with which they require replenishing, they are no less needed.

Lucy's Larder and other similar ventures can be no short-term fix. The difficulties an increasing number of people are facing, in our villages as much as in towns and cities, are

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with us for the foreseeable future. They require a greater and national response. However, in its small and local way, Lucy's Larder was set up and has been kept going through the action of individuals and the generosity of those people and organisations that have made donations of money and contents for the boxes. It has shown how, when faced with a need, individuals and local bodies – political, social and religious – may be moved to action in a community, working together to try and make a difference.

When Jesus instructed his disciple Simon Peter to "feed my sheep", he was referring not only to the need to provide spiritual food to those he and his fellow disciples were to look after. A shepherd tends his flock in a much wider and more tangible sense. Before he spoke, Jesus had prepared for his disciples a breakfast of fish and bread. He was fully aware their physical needs had to be met as well. For me, fulfilling the good news Jesus brought that God's Kingdom was coming on Earth is not only about addressing spiritual hunger. Lucy's Larder and other such ventures, sadly needed though they may be, are a practical expression of the good news in response to dark times.

Peter Colebrook

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Sunday 9 October Trinity 17

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Tuesday 11 October Trinity 17

07:00 pm Re-dedication of Bells Cadbury TC/Bishop Robert

Sunday 16 October Trinity 18

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Sunday 23 October Last Sunday after Trinity

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Sunday 30 October 4th Sunday before Advent

11:15 am Mission Community Service/Holy Communion Rewe TC & JH

Tuesday 25 October

09:00 am Chattertots Thorverton Lay Led

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Who's Who? Abbreviations Key

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