

NEWTOWN AND ST LEONARDS COMMUNITY BUILDER NEWSLETTER



Hello,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas... Where has the time gone?

I have recently carried out some pop up listenings in the area. At a listening I usually ask "What's it like to live here?" and "What could be better?" One of the questions I asked during a listening on Blackboy Road was "What makes a good community?" Replies included: good neighbours, welcoming faces (as suggested by a student), people caring about their environment, volunteering and local groups and activities. What would you say? At Wellingtonia Park, residents shared some ideas for their community including carol singing and a Jubilee celebration event. Thanks to Keith for providing the hot drinks.

There are lots of exciting things coming up including the Newtown Winter Warmer and a brand new social meet up "Coffee Connection" at the Mount Radford.

Community Conversation

Nigel (Chair of St Leonards Neighbourhood Association) and I will be in the Mount Radford Pub on Tuesday 23 November from 6-7pm. Please come along and share or find out what's happening locally and any ideas you may have for our community. If you are busy just drop in for a quick chat, stay for as long as you like.

Get in touch

Please get in touch if you would like to find out or share what's happening locally; if you are feeling fed up with your own company or have an idea for your street or community that you would like to discuss.

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Community News

Newtown Community Preschool

Thanks to Debbie and Jayne for this article

During October and November we've been exploring our outdoor environment and finding out about what Autumn means. We found natural materials, such as leaves, pinecones, nuts and berries and used them to make lots of seasonal art. We found out what Harvest-time means, investigating apples and vegetables from our garden, some of which we used for printing, and getting our hands into flour which we used to bake some bread.



We observed spiders and their webs in the garden and found out about special autumn days such as Hallowe'en, Bonfire night and Diwali. In the last few weeks we've been playing with our light box and learning about animals who hibernate in the autumn and playing at building dens, dressing up and pretending to be woodland animals.

We also held a Harvest Activity Session over in Belmont Park and in the Newtown Community Association hut. The sun was shining and lots of local families joined us for an afternoon of harvest themed activities along with a drink and a piece of homemade cake. Our **toddler group** has now restarted on Thursday afternoons, 1.45-3.15pm and is open to families with children from birth to preschool age and is just £1.50 per family. It is a small friendly group in a COVID secure environment. If you would be interested in joining us or would like to enquire about a preschool place please call 07794 317462 or email office@newtowncommunitypreschool.co.uk to book a space.

Exeter Scrapstore Roof Appeal

"We are over the moon to share that we've reached our stretch target of £8k. We've been kindly awarded funds from Devon County Council Community Chest and Devon and Cornwall Police Community Resilience Fund which has enabled us to reach our Crowdfunder goal."

Carol Singing with Belmont Chapel

Sunday 12 December 5pm, Carol singing around Newtown with Belmont Chapel. Everyone welcome. Meet Belmont Chapel. Song sheets provided.



Clifton Inn , Letter to Santa - Thanks to Pete for the information
From Monday, you will be able to bring your letters to Santa to the Clifton Inn where there will be a special post box. See the Christmas decorations and dance with Father Christmas . Free mince pie with tea/coffee. Pick up a festive Christmas menu.



Wildlife Book Club - Thanks to Heather for this information
Local resident Heather has started a wildlife book club. The club will meet on Thursday 25th November, 7pm at The City Gate Hotel. The first meeting will not have a book, it will just be meeting up, having a general chat about what wildlife books people have read and putting forward suggestions for the first read. This is a laid back book club. If you prefer audiobooks that's fine, if you haven't finished the book that's fine too. If you would like to attend you can contact Heather (Heather Nixon) through the Nextdoor website or contact me (Jayne) and I will pass it on.

St Sidwell Community Centre

There are lots of things on at the centre including gardening club, cookery classes and a Friday social club for the over forties. <https://stsidwells.org.uk/what-we-do/events>
The centre also serves reasonably priced breakfasts, lunches and snacks.

Charity Christmas Trees

Each year the Lord Mayor judges the charity Christmas trees on Roman Walk in Princesshay. This year my employer Exeter Community Initiatives won! Local community groups helped to make decorations for the tree.



Make Do And Mend - St Petrocks Place Hub, Paris Street

Drop off your clothing in need of repair or come along and help with repairs at the first 'Make Do & Mend' sewing group on Tuesday 23rd November, 11-12.30pm. You can drop clothes off at St Petrocks Place Hub on Paris Street beforehand if you prefer. Opening hours are 11am to 3pm Mon to Sat.



New fortnightly meet up at the Mount Radford

Whilst chatting with local resident Janet at a recent pop up listening, the idea of Coffee Connections was conceived. All ages are welcome to come along on Tuesday mornings for a coffee and chat from 11am to 12noon starting 23 November.

You'll never be board :-)) at The Bowling Green



St Leonards Neighbourhood Association

News on the Mount Radford Lawn, Christmas Fair and lots more
<http://www.slna.org.uk/News.html>

Exeter Student Volunteers

My colleague Maisaa and I recently met with the co-presidents of Exeter Student Volunteers. The contributions students make in the community can sometimes go unnoticed. We learned about the type of projects that students are involved with including:

- Working with older people
- Environmental projects
- Homeless action
- Action After Stroke
- Food Action
- Teddy Bear Hospital - teaching children about the equipment used in hospital
- Global Touch - supporting school children for whom English is a second language
- Summer Adventure - for young carers

Salmon Pool Little Free Library

There is a new little free library based at the Tasting Room on Topsham Road. Donations of books for all ages appreciated. To stay updated, why not follow the [Facebook page?](#)



**Community Get On Board
Studio 36 Denmark Rd**

December's board is on the theme of climate change. Please send your poems, paintings, drawings and thoughts to:
gallery36exeter@gmail.com



Newtown Community Association

Winter Warmer - Saturday 18 November

The wonderful Winter Warmer is back! This year it will be held in The Bowling Green pub on Blackboy Road. The Newtown Roots Band and the Exeter Jazz Orchestra will feature. At the time of writing the details are not available but please keep an eye on the NCA FB page, website or local noticeboards for further details.

Reclaim the Night - the right for women and girls to feel safe on our streets

Thanks to Kerrie for the information

Ladies, if you live in Newtown and would like to attend Reclaim the Night on 25 November but don't want to walk there alone you don't have to because this year we are inviting you to walk with us. We will be gathering at the Newtown Community Centre from 4.30pm. Together we will walk to meet our friends at St Sidwell's and join in the workshop and Reclaim the Night walk. To let us know you are thinking of coming along or to find out more please drop Kerrie an email - manager@newtowncommunity.org.uk

Exeter Craft Hub

Exeter Craft Hub has moved from Paris Street to 31c Sidwell Street. Take a look at the workshops on offer: <https://www.facebook.com/exetercrafthub>
<https://www.exetercrafthub.com>

Qigong Thanks to Joe for the information

Mondays and Thursdays 10.30-11.30am, Newtown Community Centre, Belmont Park
Qigong is a gentle form of meditative exercise originating in China. The class is suitable for all ages and abilities. Qigong, like Tai Chi, has well documented health benefits and can improve relaxation, balance, coordination, strength, circulation and breathing. Beginners are welcome. The class costs £6 a session. You can contact Joe on 07828 602 665

Yoga

Every Friday evening 6:15-7:15pm at Newtown Community Centre, Belmont Park. Pre-booking essential, email natashayuleyoga@gmail.com to book your space.

Newtown Wildflower Gardens for the bees - Thanks to Judith for this article Great News for the bees! The 'Welcome Garden' for bees and butterflies alongside the Belmont Community Centre is completed. Both planters are once more filled with a variety of herbs, including verbena, variegated thyme, pinks, camomile, chives, basil, lemon balm, feverfew and three types of mint. We have also planted a number of perennials around the planters, so there will be an extended flowering period for pollinating insects once our wildflower planting has died down.

My thanks to the marvellous gardening team, Margaret, Di, Isobel and little Anna, Steve, Nancy, Seth, Hilary and myself and to William Batty for his knowledgeable gardening advice. We have now cleared the second Wildflower Garden site, where Clifton Road joins Clifton Street. Last week we cracked it! All of the area where the shrubs grow is weeded and we've turned the soil up by the wall, a big job, as that area hasn't been touched for years. The rampant forsythia is cut back.

I intend to replant indigenous hedgerow all along the wall, including hawthorn, blackthorn, pussy willow, spindleberry, rowan, hazel and alder. Hopefully, next week we will have Good Gym to finish the clearing, then we'll be ready for planting, before the winter sets in. Anybody who wishes to help create this Wildflower Garden for the Bees, please contact Judith on: richardson.dawes@btopenworld.com. I tend to check the weather before emailing people in advance. You don't have to be a brilliant gardener, although they are most welcome, but if you'd like to get involved with this project, please do let me know. Everybody is most welcome.

Busy weeding.

Judith at Belmont Park beside the planter full of herbs.

Pruning the Forsythia.

The Clifton Street garden site after much hard work.



What's on?

To avoid disappointment, please check details with organiser before heading out.

Tuesday 23 November; 7 December; 21 December 11am-12 noon, Coffee Connection, Mount Radford, Magdalen Rd. Special offer of coffee/tea and cake for £2.99.

Tuesday 23 November, 6pm-7pm, St Leonards Community Conversation with Nigel and Jayne, Mount Radford, Magdalen Rd.

Saturday 4 December, 2-6pm St Leonards Neighbourhood Association Christmas Fair, Magdalen Rd.

Sunday 12 December, 5pm, Carol Singing around Newtown with Belmont Chapel. Everyone welcome. Meet Belmont Chapel.

Friday 17 December, 2-3pm, NCA social cafe, Belmont Park, £2 suggested donation.

Saturday 18 December, NCA Winter Warmer - The Bowling Green Pub. Keep an eye on the NCA FB page, website and local noticeboards for further information.

Christmas Services - check times/details before heading out

St Matts, Newtown <https://stmattsexeter.org>

5 December | Carols | 3pm & 6pm

12 December | Family Christingle | 10am & 3pm

24 December | Midnight Service | 11.30pm

25 December | Christmas Day Service | 10am

Belmont Chapel <https://www.belmontexeter.church>

19 December | All Together Carol Service | 10am

19 December | Traditional Carol Service | 7pm

25 December | Christmas Day Service | 10am

St Leonards Church <https://www.stleonards.church>

19 December | Casual Carols | 6.30pm

24 December | Family Carols | 4pm

24 December | Communion Service | 11.15pm

25 December | Christmas Day Service | 10.30am

New local market

Eastgate Market, Thursdays to Saturdays from 2pm-8pm on Sidwell Street and Paris Street. Traders, entertainment, workshops, food and drink. See the guide to find out more about the market and other events:

https://issuu.com/inexeter/docs/your_guide_to_christmas_in_exeter

Are you interested in trying to recruit some student volunteers? Article by Exeter Connect Local community organisations are being invited to the University of Exeter campus to meet students and talk about the volunteering opportunities available to them. This is part of a campaign called 'Connect and Discover' which is being run until 17th December.

For more information, or to talk about when your group or organisation could be featured on campus, please contact Sunday Blake: S.Blake5@exeter.ac.uk

ST LEONARDS COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Do you have any ideas for your community?
Would you like to find out or share what's
happening locally?

Come and meet Nigel, Chair of St Leonards
Neighbourhood Association and Jayne,
Community Builder in Newtown and St
Leonards

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2021 6PM - 7PM
MOUNT RADFORD, MAGDALEN ROAD**



COFFEE CONNECTION

**Meet at the Mount Radford Pub,
Magdalen Rd
Fortnightly, Tuesdays, 11am to 12noon**

Starts 23 November

**Come and chat with others
in the community**

Everyone welcome!


23 Nov; 7 Dec; 21 Dec; 4 Jan

 
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NEWTOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SOCIAL CAFE

Third Friday of the month
Next cafe: 17 December 2-3pm

Newtown Community Centre, Belmont Park
Entry via the rear of building
£2 suggested donation
<https://newtowncommunity.org.uk>
Contact: Su, 01392 272793



The fabulous Magdalen Road, Exeter

Christmas Fair

Saturday December 4th 2021
2pm to 6pm


There will be food, drink,
live entertainment,
presents to buy, music, hot wine,
fantastic shops and much jollity.

all in the middle of the road!

 St Leonards Neighbourhood Association
www.slna.org.uk  Exeter
City Council

MAKE DO AND MEND

Tuesday, 23rd November 11-12.30pm




At Petrock's Place
19 Paris Street
EX1 2JB

Join our new friendly circular fashion group

- Bring your own sewing project or your own clothes that need repairing
- Help repair clothes that customers want repairing.

Free event. Donations to St Petrock's



Contact Lucy: lucy@stpetrocks.org.uk to book a place.

CENTRAL EXETER WI

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
7.30PM ST JAMES PARK

We are a friendly mixed age group. If you would like to make new friends, listen to inspiring speakers, learn new skills and have fun then why not come along in the new year to try us out?

Contact: centralexeter@devonwi.org.uk

The WI (Women's Institute) is open to all women aged 18 plus

 CentralExeterWI 

Exeter Connect

Free online training & events for Exeter's community groups and organisations.

Writing Winning Grant Applications

Thursday 18th November, 10.30am - 1pm

Learn the tricks of the trade to help your grant application really stand out.

[Find out more and sign up.](#)

Meet the Funders

Wednesday 24th November, 2 - 4pm

Meet some key local funders and start to build that all-important relationship with them.

[Find out more and sign up.](#)

Recruiting to and Diversifying Your Board

Wednesday 1st December, 3.30 - 5pm

Join our discussion forum to share top tips and good practice surrounding the all-important issue of growing, sustaining and diversifying your board.

[Find out more and sign up.](#)

Introduction to Legal Structures

Wednesday 8th December, 1.30 - 4pm

Find out more about the legal structures available to community organisations, and how to decide how to formally set up your new project.

[Find out more and sign up.](#)

Please email info@exeterconnect.org.uk to find out more.

www.exeterconnect.org

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for pottery, woodwork, papier mache, cards
come to studio 36!!
36 Denmark Rd, Exeter, EX1 1SE
on Nov. 28th 11am-4pm
open studio and stalls
covid cautionary measures taken
work by Ardyn Griffin, Clive Hurman, Steven Bramble, Veronica Gosling
www.studio36exeter.co.uk 01392 256 206

Remade

Making visible the invisible



This project is part funded by the European Social Fund



What is ReMade?

ReMade is one of the projects run by local charity, Exeter Community Initiatives and is part of our wider Urban Skills Work.

www.eci.org.uk



What do we do?

It is a new project providing opportunities for people through delivering training and support in upcycling, re-using and reclaiming materials to create products for sale or for personal use.

Skills you'll learn

- Upcycling
- Hands on practical skills
- How to paint
- How to use tools
- Woodwork



European Union
European
Social Fund

Who is ReMade for?

Our project is aimed at people who are in the broadest sense in recovery and who want to develop skills that could lead to further training or employment/self-employment.

We are currently funded by the European Social Fund (ESF) so to be eligible you will need to provide evidence that you are unemployed or economically inactive. If you are unsure about your eligibility please contact Jane for a chat.



Who is teaching?

The practical element of the project will be delivered in collaboration with CoCreate

Wood for Good
Flipped and Vintage
through a mixture of themed learning sessions and supported open sessions.

We will also be able to draw on their expertise in areas such as learning about all the steps needed to be able to sell items through on-line shops and through other markets.

How will the project work?

ECI's Project Worker will work with each participant to create Personal Development Plans.

Throughout the life of the project time will be spent between the workshop and other activities that will support each participants development needs.



How to find out more:

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