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# Evercreech News

The Parish Magazine covering  
St Peter Evercreech, St Mary Chesterblade,  
St Mary & St John Lamyatt  
& St James Milton Clevedon,  
four of the six churches in the  
*Alham Vale Benefice*



September 2025

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The copy date for the  
**October 2025 Magazine is**  
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Please send items and diary dates to **[evercreech.news@gmail.com](mailto:evercreech.news@gmail.com)** or leave in the Evercreech News drawer at the back of St Peter's Church

Every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of what you find in Evercreech News, but we are reliant on people supplying correct information. We are always happy to receive your photographs, articles, comments or suggestions. Please restrict articles and reports to 350 words, notices to 100 words. If you do not regularly submit items for the magazine it is advisable to send in well before the deadline as space is limited. We reserve the right to edit any item submitted.

There are always spare copies at the back of St Peter's Church, please do take a free copy for anyone who moves into the area or who you think would like a copy.

## The Season of Creation

September 1<sup>st</sup> marks the beginning of the Season of Creation, a period of reflection and prayer for the environment. It ends on 4<sup>th</sup> October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron Saint of ecology beloved of many Christian denominations. It's an opportunity to give thanks for God's gift of creation and to renew our commitment to caring for our planet home. Throughout the month-long celebration, the world's 2.2 billion Christians come together to care for our common home.

New Creation Season service booklets have been produced for the churches in the Alham Vale Benefice showing pictures taken at Carymoor Environmental Centre. For information about Carymoor see page 32.



This and cover picture are taken from the Carymoor website.



## From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

And just like that the summer holidays are at an end...

New shoes and uniforms sit in wardrobes awaiting the autumn term. The days are still warm of course, and I have yet to put on a proper coat, but today a cardigan lies over the arm of my sofa just in case the evening grows chilly.

Most of us will look back on the summer holidays of our childhood with real affection, even when we loved our schools and teachers. The freedom the summer holidays offered was intoxicating. And like school these weeks helped to shape and form us. We lived on the edge of a small market town. At the back of our bungalow was a field and at the bottom of our drive, a green lane. Whenever my sister and I complained about being bored there was a simple solution, we could go out to play. Nature was our favourite classroom, turning over cowpats to observe the industrious dung beetles, watching wild flowers progress from bud to seed-head, and learning to identify the call of each song bird in hedgerow, tree or field. Outdoor play is so important for children's well-being and confidence which in turn supports indoor learning too.

It is one of the privileges of being a vicar that I am invited into our local schools to take collective worship and teach sessions that support the curriculum's Religious Education requirements. The two schools I visit regularly are Evercreech Primary School and Upton Noble Primary School. They are both lovely schools with a real sense of community. Through this schools' work I have become involved in something called Open the Book. It is one of my favourite things about my job. A small team of us regularly go into Upton Noble school and act out bible stories for the children - they love it and so do the teachers and staff. It's great fun and brings the stories to life. We hope to bring Open the Book to Evercreech Primary School soon as well. Watch this space...

Children bring such joy to a community and recently we have been fortunate in having an increase in the numbers of baptisms across the Benefice. If you think you might like to have your child baptised please do get in touch. We'd love to hear from you. If you are an adult thinking about baptism and confirmation equally I'd love to hear from you too.

God bless,



Rev'd. Helen Drever, Vicar of the Alham Vale Benefice



## PEOPLE NEWS

If you have news of anyone who has moved away or would like to share any life events - whether it's a birth, marriage, death, or anything else significant - we would love to hear from you. Please email: [Evercreech.news@gmail.com](mailto:Evercreech.news@gmail.com)

Are you looking to get married or have a baptism in one of the Alham Vale churches? If so please contact the Benefice Administrator Emily by email at [alhamvale@gmail.com](mailto:alhamvale@gmail.com)

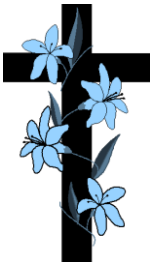


### BAPTISM

**Isobel Mary Young and Elsie Louise Young** were baptised at St Peter's Evercreech on 17<sup>th</sup> August

### WEDDING

**Susan Simpson and Nigel Sealey** were married at St James, Milton Clevedon on 23<sup>rd</sup> August.



### DEATH

Dean Mitchell Clarke, Landlord of the Bell Inn Evercreech, died on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025, aged 64 years. His funeral service was held in St Peter's Church Evercreech on 11<sup>th</sup> August.

## PEWS FOR SALE

We plan to sell some of the pews from the north Aisle of St Peter's Church soon. To register an interest please contact the Churchwardens Alison or Michele (see page 1 for contact details).

## TECHNICS ORGAN

which belonged to a member of St Peter's Church, available for a donation to charity. Enquiries through Hil Foster 830664



## Church Services in the *Alham Vale Benefice*

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

1.00 pm Funeral **Frank Brown** RIP, St Peter's Evercreech

### SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> September CREATIONTIDE 1 (Green)

9.30 am	Parish Communion	St Peter, Evercreech
9.30 am	Matins	St Mary Magdalene, Upton Noble
11.00 am	Worship for All Ages	St Mary & St James, Lamyatt
11.00 am	Parish Communion	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe

### SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> September CREATIONTIDE 2 (Green)

9.30 am	Parish Communion	St Peter, Evercreech
9.30 am	Service of the Word	St Mary Magdalene, Upton Noble
11.00 am	Worship for all ages	St James, Milton Clevedon
11.00 am	Service of the Word	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe

### SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> September CREATIONTIDE 3 (Green)

9.30 am	Parish Communion	St Peter Evercreech
9.30 am	Matins	St Mary Magdalene, Upton Noble
11.00 am	Parish Communion	St Mary & St James, Lamyatt
11.00 am	Matins or Informal Worship	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September

10.30 am	Midweek Communion	St Peter, Evercreech
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### SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> September CREATIONTIDE 4 (Green)

9.30 am	Café Church	Evercreech Village Hall
10.00 am	Parish Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Upton Noble
11.00 am	Parish Communion	St James, Milton Clevedon
4.30 pm	Harvest Festival	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe
6.00 pm	Harvest Festival	St Mary, Chesterblade

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October

6.00 pm	Harvest Festival & Supper	St Mary Magdalene, Upton Noble
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### SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> October CREATIONTIDE 5 (Green) ST. FRANCIS

9.30 am	Parish Communion	St Peter, Evercreech
9.30 am	Matins	St Mary Magdalene, Upton Noble
11.00 am	Parish Communion	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe
11.30 am	Harvest Festival	St Mary & St James, Lamyatt

## Helpers at St Peter, Evercreech – September 2025

<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Creationtide 1</b> <i>9.30 am Parish Communion</i>	Sidesperson	Geoff Knapman
	Reading: Genesis 1: 1-25	Daphne Roach
	Gospel: John 1: 1-5	Peter Sear
	Prayers	Janet Rundle
	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Eric Deyes
	Sound	Alistair Roach
	Sacristan	Janine Knapman
	Refreshments	Sue Kewish & Sonia Boyle
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Creationtide 2</b> <i>9.30 am Parish Communion</i>	Sidesperson	Janet Rundle
	Reading: Genesis 1:26 - 2:3	Cherry Lawson
	Gospel: John 1: 6-18	Samuel Dawkiins
	Prayers	Eleanor Dawkins
	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Geoff Hamlet
	Sound	Geoff Knapman
	Sacristan	Peter Sear
	Refreshments	Wendi & Martin Davis
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b> <b>Creationtide 3</b> <i>9.30 am Parish Communion</i>	Sidesperson	Sue Kewish
	Reading: Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31	Belinda Canning
	Gospel: Matthew 6: 19-24	Paul Robinson
	Prayers	Emily Simper
	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Andrew Nicholls
	Sound	Gerald Fry
	Sacristan	Belinda Canning
	Refreshments	Paul & Clare Robinson
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>10.30 am Said Communion</i>	Sacristan	Alan Henderson

<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September Creationtide 4</b> <i>9.30 Café Church Village Hall</i>	Sidesperson	Willing Volunteers
	Refreshments	The Fundraising Team
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October Creationtide 5 St Francis</b> <i>9.30 am Parish Communion</i>	Sidesperson	Sonia Boyle
	Reading: Galatians 6: 14-end	Lynda Nichols
	Gospel: Luke 12: 22-34	Sue Deyes
	Prayers	Eric Deyes
	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Eleanor Dawkins
	Sound	Andrew Nicholls
	Sacristan	Janine Knapman
	Refreshments	Meg Wallis & Lynda Nichols



## St Peter's Church Flowers

6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> September  
 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> September  
 6<sup>th</sup> October

### Altar

Mrs S Boyle  
 Mrs R Herlock  
 HARVEST – ALL DECORATORS

### Memorial

Mrs S Kewish  
 Hannah Sealey

## Church Clean

We are hoping that 'many hands will make light work' (together with a drink at the pub afterwards!), might encourage those who are able to help with a bit of church cleaning after the 9.30am service on Sunday 21st September at St Peter's.

This will mean that everything looks at it's best going into the autumn as well as for our concert the following week.

(NB Cleaning the brass chandeliers and replacing the candles will be left until a little nearer to Christmas)



## St Peter's Choir



We are taking a break until October when we will prepare for Advent and Christmas. More voices, **especially tenors and basses**, will be very welcome. For more details contact:

*Michael Castle*, Musical Director,  
[mcastlemusic@gmail.com](mailto:mcastlemusic@gmail.com)



## in St Peter's Church

Monthly Coffee Mornings are held in St Peter's Church. There is always Coffee and Cake, Raffle and Stalls. This is a great way to raise awareness and money for a charity, organisation or club.

The Coffee Morning on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August raised £352.76 for Safe Families. For more about Safe Families see page 21.

The Coffee Morning on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September will be raising money for Bibles and Books for Evercreech Church of England Primary School. For a report on their end of term service see page 28.

If you would like to book a Coffee Morning in St Peter's Church for your organisation, please contact Michèle Hole on **01749 830875** or [holemiche@aol.com](mailto:holemiche@aol.com)

## Little Fishes

A relaxed, friendly group for pre-school children and babies who meet on Mondays, during termtime, in St Peter's Church at 10am.



### Little Fishes returns on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

We welcome Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Carers to bring their children. We play and do simple crafts, whilst adults have a natter. Around 11 o'clock it's singing with actions to nursery rhymes. You are most welcome to join us.

*Hilary*



## Men's Breakfast

We meet on the first Saturday of each month at The Bell Inn at 8.30 am for full English Breakfast and a chat on a topic of current interest.

Further details from *Geoff* on 01749 830924  
[geoff@prestleigh.com](mailto:geoff@prestleigh.com)

## 'Have a Break'

Chat, tea and cake for all ages.

The first, second and fifth Tuesday of each month,  
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm in Evercreech Village Hall.

For more information please contact:

*Sue or Eric* on 01749 831104



## Pete's Fruit 'n' Veg



Pete's Fruit'n'Veg is up and running outside St Peter's Church. Here's how it works:-

- If you have garden produce that is surplus to your requirements, you can bring it along and put it on the table. No plants, please.
- Anyone can help themselves to produce on the table, use and enjoy it.

## Evercreech with Chesterblade PCC

The next PCC meeting will be on 9<sup>th</sup> September. If there is anything that you would like PCC to discuss, please tell a PCC member or email me.

*Anne Sear* (PCC secretary) [sear.a@btinternet.com](mailto:sear.a@btinternet.com)

## September - new term - new start

The house group meeting in Stoney Stratton will be embarking on a new theme this autumn. We're taking up a suggestion made by the group and will follow the **Exploring Pastoral Care** course. You can find more information about this on the Bath and Wells website at <https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/events-and-training/lay-courses/exploring-pastoral-care/exploring-pastoral-care>

Most, if not all, of us encounter situations where we find ourselves listening to someone who is in some kind of trouble. The Exploring Pastoral Care course will help us to hone the skills we use when meeting people who are in trouble. Some may decide to use the course as a springboard to becoming a Lay Pastoral Assistant commissioned to work in their parish or benefice and with a commendation from the Bishop.

The course covers topics including the foundations of Christian pastoral care, listening skills, visiting, and may include dementia care, schools and young people, mental well-being and other subjects.

The course will run on Thursday evenings in Stoney Stratton and the proposed dates are:-

4<sup>th</sup> September, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November.

If you would like to take part, please contact me by email (below) or Alison Stonehouse on 01749 830193. Either of us can give you more details.

*Anne Sear* [sear.a@btinternet.com](mailto:sear.a@btinternet.com)

The **Organ and Sound** fundraising appeal will end with a concert in St Peter's Church on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September and a Celebratory Café Church in Evercreech Village Hall on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September from 9.30am, celebrating the '£10 Talents' that were distributed earlier in the year.

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## Talents - Produce

People are using their £10 'talents' given out at the beginning of the Appeal to make things, these have been offered for sale in the Church and will be available from the Church stand at the Evercreech Show on 6<sup>th</sup> September.

You can make donations to the appeal by

- visiting <https://givealittle.co/c/6THkh6j2yoFyrbTqXmTF1>
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Sort Code: 60-19-11, Account number: 46785655  
Ref: O&S Appeal
- by using the QR code



## Sponsored Cycle – 150 Miles

Theo and I have now completed 6 of our 10 bike rides as detailed in the August Parish Magazine and have cycled 100 miles of our 150 mile target. The support and sponsorship through sponsor forms and our Just Giving page (details below) has been phenomenal and we would like to thank all those who have already given to this cause.

We have completed part of the Strawberry Line (8 miles) with guest rider Freddie, The Stop Line Way (11 miles), Dorchester to Weymouth, (17 miles), The Camel Trail (37 miles) with a few guest riders, Grandma Michele, Ruth and Freddie, along with a few detours!), Pentewan Valley Trail (7 miles), and an extended Willingcott to Ilfracombe (starting at Braunton) totalling just over 20 miles).

With four rides to go with we hope to smash our target of both miles and fundraising with pledges of guest rider support and sponsorship to come. All routes available at Sustrans at [www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk). Please do keep an eye on October's Evercreech News for updates.



To sponsor us fill in the sponsorship form at the back of St Peter's, visit our Just Giving webpage or use the QR code –

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/nathan-theo-bikeride?utm\\_medium=CR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/nathan-theo-bikeride?utm_medium=CR&utm_source=CL)

*Thank you*

*Theo* (very nearly 7) and  
*Nathan* (old enough to know better!)



# FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

**22<sup>nd</sup> September – 5<sup>th</sup> October.**

## **Do it Fair this Fairtrade Fortnight**

This Fairtrade Fortnight, whoever you are, there are many simple actions you can take to make the trade system fairer – leading to a fairer world for all who rely on it. To find out more visit: [www.fairtrade.org.uk/fairtrade-fortnight-2025](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/fairtrade-fortnight-2025)

## **2025 Christmas Charities**

As is our usual custom, we plan to split all our Christmas collections 4 ways; giving to an international charity, a UK based charity and one that is close to the heart of a parishioner. St Peter's church itself is the fourth recipient.

Mollie Purse will be convening a small group to choose which charities to support this year, so if you have any ideas please contact her on 01749 830166 or [mollipurse@aol.com](mailto:mollipurse@aol.com) by the end of September at the latest.

## **The Arthur Allen Educational Trust**

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Contact Tom Stearn, Trust Secretary, on 01749 830087

or [tom\\_stearn@btinternet.com](mailto:tom_stearn@btinternet.com)

**Closing date 30<sup>th</sup> September**



## News from Lamyatt

We are getting through the year so quickly - it will soon be Chris..... but we aren't there yet! A couple of months to go.

This month our Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> September from 10.30 am - 12 noon in Lamyatt Village Hall, when the 100 club will be drawn. Last month's lucky winners were: Jean S, Sarah F and Kellie W. Although we especially invite people to join in August as that is the beginning of the new 100 club year, we would like to remind you that we welcome new members throughout the year - the more the merrier. Just email [lamyatt100@gmail.com](mailto:lamyatt100@gmail.com) for details.



The main event at this time of year is the preparations for **Harvest**. Our service this year will be on 5<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30 am. Then it will be straight on to the lunch, this year hosted by Nick and Romy at the Manor. There will be a BBQ, bar and buffet all included for £10 per head. Children under 14 free. Tickets available now. Please let us have the money by 1st October to help with planning.

Email [nickandromy@hotmail.com](mailto:nickandromy@hotmail.com) or [Jen.ern.r@outlook.com](mailto:Jen.ern.r@outlook.com).

Anyone (child or adult) like to get creative and have a little fun during September? Make something to fit in with the theme of 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' and bring to the church before the harvest service (whether staying or not). Use anything you like but DO include part of an egg box. Why an egg box? I hear you ask. No particular reason except they are readily available and I have some to put on the table shortly so can be taken and used.

*Jen Richards*

### **Lamyatt's Romano-Celtic Temple**

**A Supper Talk by**

**Neil Godfrey** D Phil Candidate Oxon

**6 pm Thursday 4th September**

**Lamyatt Village Hall**

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### **Generosity begets generosity**

In August I was privileged to dedicate the restored clock in the tower of Montacute church. It's not just any old clock. In fact, Montacute's is amongst the oldest in the country. Built in the village in around 1400, the clock is so old that it is held in place by iron wedges. At the time of its construction, the nut and the bolt wouldn't be invented for another hundred years!

The Montacute clock is an artefact that seems to generate generosity. In the 1980s the clock was restored by Humphrey Hamlin, for whom it is now named. Humphrey poured time and energy into its mechanism, preventing it from being scrapped. During the last two years, heroic efforts by the people of Montacute have led to its further restoration. All this was marked last month by a whole village gathering. The community choir sang, morris men danced, the local pub provided a hog roast, cake was dispensed in huge quantities.

Montacute is a beautiful example of how generosity begets generosity. Like a chain reaction, one act of generosity, the restoration of the clock, led to another, another and another. As a result, a whole community was brought together in celebration and joy.

In his second letter to the Church in Corinth, Paul writes of the church in Macedonia that 'their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity' (2 Cor 8:2). Having nothing, the Macedonians discovered that they could still give. In turn, their generosity enabled Paul to challenge and encourage the church in Corinth to do the same. All to help the struggling Church in Jerusalem.

As I travel around our diocese, I see this pattern of generosity begetting generosity happening in so many places. One person starts, another adds their contribution, more join in and soon we learn that together we are so much more than the sum of our parts. This is the economy of God. It's an economy that all of us are invited to join.

*Michael Beasley*, Bishop of Bath and Wells

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01458 835931 (Admin Office)

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At St Michael's we use Mass Books which contain the usual prayers said as part of the Mass but also the readings and responses for each Sunday. They are published in six volumes, covering the three year cycle; we have 100 books of each volume, all purchased with a most generous donation by an Evercreech parishioner in 2022, just months before she passed away. As recently as Advent 2024, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales revisited the text and made some minor, but annoying alterations meaning the Word from the Lectern no longer corresponded with the text in people's hands. However, once again some lovely parishioners have come forward to help; we will be able to gradually replace the books with the revised version. We give thanks for their amazing generosity and remember our benefactors, both living and dead in our prayers.

On 28<sup>th</sup> September we celebrate the feast of St Michael, our Patron. We hope for a fine, or at least dry, day as we are planning our annual barbecue in the parish garden. It is a special occasion this year as we celebrate with our new priest, Fr Mark. The event will give everyone a chance to relax and meet him informally.

*Jacky Tucker*



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**About Us:** Trotman Funeral Directors was established in 1933 by William John (Jack) Trotman and has remained a trusted part of the local community ever since. The business is still rooted in family, with Jack's grandson, John Reakes, actively involved alongside experienced funeral director Lee Fagan-D'Oris. In 2014, Trotman became part of Forsey and Son, another proud independent, family-run funeral firm. Founded in 1946 by Wilfred Albert Forsey, Forsey and Son continues to serve Somerset with professionalism, compassion, and flexibility. The company is now led by Wilfred's grandson Adrian and great-grandson Sam Forsey – the fourth generation to carry on the tradition.

As active members of both the National Society of Allied and Independent Funeral Directors (SAIF) and the National Association of Funeral Directors (NAFD), we are committed to upholding the highest standards of service, transparency, and care – values that matter more than ever in today's industry.

**The Role:** We are currently seeking casual bearers to assist with funeral duties and support our care for both the deceased and their families. This flexible and meaningful role involves working as part of a team, offering practical help at funerals and contributing to the smooth running of our services.

You may never have considered a role in the funeral profession – after all, death remains a sensitive subject in our society. But many who work in this sector find it to be deeply rewarding, flexible, and fulfilling, with the chance to make a real difference at a pivotal time in people's lives. No previous experience is necessary – just a calm, respectful manner and a willingness to support others with empathy and professionalism.



## Interested? Come Along to Our Open Morning

We'd love to meet you and answer any questions you might have over a coffee.

**Where:** Forsey and Son, Willowfields, Lowerside Lane, Glastonbury, BA6 9GY

**When:** Thursday 11th September 2025

**Time:** 10:00am

Alternatively, for more information or to express your interest, please contact:

**Sam Forsey** – [samuel@forseyandson.co.uk](mailto:samuel@forseyandson.co.uk)





## DIARY

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept.      7.00 pm    Evercreech Parish Council Meeting,  
Evercreech Village Hall
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September      First Day of Term – Evercreech Primary School  
1.00 pm    Funeral **Frank Brown** RIP, St Peter's Evercreech
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept.      8.30 am    Men's Breakfast, The Bell Inn  
10.30 am    Coffee Morning, Lamyatt Village Hall  
12 noon    Marquee opens at the Annual Village Show,  
Weston Town Playing Field
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept.      10.00 am    Little Fishes resumes, St Peter's Church
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept.      7.30 pm    Evercreech PCC Meeting  
7.30 pm    Evercreech WI, Evercreech Village Hall  
(see page 23)
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2/00 pm    Mid Somerset Flower Club,  
Evercreech Village Hall (see page 23)
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept.    10.00 am    Coffee Morning – Bibles & Books for Evercreech  
School
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept.    12 noon    Hot Potato Lunch, Evercreech Village Hall  
7.30 pm    History Society, Evercreech Village Hall  
(see page 27)
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September      *Deadline for October Evercreech News*
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept.    7.30 pm    Inter Alia, Evercreech Village Hall (see page 26)
- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September      Church Clean after 9.30 am Parish Communion
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept.    12 noon    Hot Potato Lunch, Evercreech Village Hall  
2.00 pm    Friendship Club, Evercreech Village Hall  
(see page 24)
- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept,      7.30 pm    Entente Cordiale, St Peter's Church (see page 10)
- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept.      9.30 am    Celebratory Café Church,  
Evercreech Village Hall  
6.00 pm    Harvest Festival, St Mary Chesterblade.
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October    8.30 am    Men's Breakfast, The Bell Inn  
10.30 am    Coffee Morning, Lamyatt Village Hall
- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October    11.30 am    Harvest Festival, Lamyatt



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## **EVERCREECH RELIEF IN NEED** Charity Commission Registered – 205527

A Village Charity with historical roots, administered by locally appointed trustees able to offer modest grants to village residents/families who find themselves in specific need. Application for help with a variety of items can be considered, e.g. school uniform, replacement of domestic equipment following sudden unforeseen breakdowns, storm damage, one off transport expenses e.g. hospital visits, hardship caused by recent cost of living rises.

Grants have recently been made to support the 'Have a Break' sessions at the Village Hall which are held two or three times a month and benefit a regular group of village residents.

The Trustees have moved some of their funds to the Mendip Credit Union, to not only earn interest, but also benefit local residents who receive help from this organisation.

Applications should be sent via letter or email to: The Chairman:

Dr David Lindsay, Southwell House, Shapway Lane, Evercreech BA4 6JS

**[dlandgl@btinternet.com](mailto:dlandgl@btinternet.com)**

or The Clerk: Michèle Hole, Bowns View, Weymouth Road, Evercreech BA4 6JB

**[holemiche@aol.com](mailto:holemiche@aol.com)**



## **Mendip Community Credit Union**

Your local, ethical credit union owned by our members & run for our members' benefit.

**What We Do:** MCCU provides simple savings and affordable loans to people who live and/or work in Mendip. We are run entirely by volunteers who take a real pride in going the extra mile to provide a fantastic service - while much of our activity is carried out online, we also provide the option of meeting up face to face.

We know that life is not always straightforward and we are always understanding when our members come to us with problems (financial and otherwise). We aim to offer the best possible deal for our members - for example, there are no penalties for paying off your loan early, renegotiating your repayments or overpaying.

**[Mendip Community Credit Union \(mendipcommunitycu.org.uk\)](http://mendipcommunitycu.org.uk)**  
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**Evercreech Food Larder** in the Car Park at the back of Evercreech Village Hall open 24 hours a day

Thanks to Peter Green's, we have a metal building housing a tall fridge and a shelf unit. This means that we can store cold and room temperature items, with Peter Green doing random drops of both sorts of food. We are so grateful for their support. They are also paying for the electricity to run the fridge so it's a real community boost for us. But we still need villagers to donate the usual items when they can. Please remember us when you do your shop. Every little helps.



*Deborah Hogg*



## Happy Foodsaving, Evercreech!

Every night a volunteer goes to the Co-op and collects bags of food that haven't been sold on time. They re-pack them into smaller bags, and take them around the village, sharing out between our Foodsavers. We have saved thousands of pounds worth of food over the years - it has all gone to good homes instead of being thrown into rubbish bins and landfill sites.

We always need volunteers who can cover occasional nights for us - if you can spare an hour or so in the evening now and then, I'd love to hear from you too. We also have space on our list for new Foodsavers - people who would be happy to accept a bag of food that's on its use-by or best-before date, to save it being wasted - do get in touch if you're interested. Thank you!

*Jenny Newton*

[evercreechfoodsaving@gmail.com](mailto:evercreechfoodsaving@gmail.com) 07535 002279



## SHEPTON MALLET SALVATION ARMY FOODBANK

There is a **box at the back of St Peter's Church** for donations (**non-perishable items, unopened and in date please**). Donations are taken to the Salvation Army once a week. You can donate funds directly to The Salvation Army in Shepton Mallet.

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tsa-community-support-000374](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tsa-community-support-000374)

**If you need to use the food bank contact Citizens Advice Somerset, Job Centre Plus, MIND, Community Council for Somerset, YMCA, Health Connections Mendip or Social Services to request a referral form.**

### Ways to contact Citizens Advice:

Call the free Adviceline on: **0808 2787842**

Monday to Friday 10.00 am to 4.00 pm,

Shepton Mallet Community Access Point: Highfield House,

Wednesday 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

Self-help using website: [www.citizensadvice Somerset.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice Somerset.org.uk)





A national Christian charity, working with families during times of struggle or difficulty and providing a friendly, supportive service, in a variety of ways. Volunteers visit families in their own homes, providing a listening ear, moral support and the benefit of acquired experience, which can make all the difference to someone who is struggling or is feeling isolated or vulnerable. Or perhaps regular contact via WhatsApp or phone provides that contact and lifeline – knowing that the Safe Families volunteer is interested in what is happening in their life and wants to be there for them.

Other volunteers offer emergency overnight accommodation to help families cope during a crisis (eg parent suddenly in hospital); and others commit to praying for the charity and the families we support. Volunteers come from all walks of life and full training and ongoing support is given. If you would like to learn more about volunteering for Safe Families please contact [dawnholmes@safefamilies.uk](mailto:dawnholmes@safefamilies.uk) or local volunteers – Clare & Paul Robinson [robinsons.2017@btinternet.com](mailto:robinsons.2017@btinternet.com) – who can talk to you more about this rewarding volunteering role.

As a charity Safe Families relies on donations – if you feel able to support with a one-off or regular financial donation please follow this link: [www.safefamilies.uk](http://www.safefamilies.uk)

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August the St Peter's monthly Coffee Morning was held in aid of **Safe Families**. The church buzzed with the sounds of chatter, music and people enjoying the homemade cakes and goodies on offer - knowing that their contributions were directly supporting families in need.

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August St Peter's welcomed **Lauren** from **Safe Families** to our morning service. Lauren spoke about the work of the charity and the desperation of families in crisis; outlining the support that volunteers offer in these situations.

Through the generosity of parishioners and visitors over the weekend we made £352.76 for **Safe Families**, enabling the much-needed support from the charity to be continued.

## Other services offering Wellbeing for Young People

<https://hubofhope.co.uk>    [www.youngsomerset.org.uk/wellbeing-support](http://www.youngsomerset.org.uk/wellbeing-support)  
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providing security and comfort to sick and traumatised babies, children and young adults through quilts.

The local group meet at The Old Stores Studio, Evercreech once a month on the second Thursday from 10.00 am to 12.30pm. We all contribute £4 towards the cost of hiring the space. All you need can be provided to make quilts in your own home in your own time, wonderful fabrics to use for children from newly born to 18 years.

This month's photo is of the quilts we shall be raffling at the Project Linus Gazebo at the Evercreech Show in September. This has been made by a very talented lady named Janet who lives in Taunton

If you have any craft, sewing, knitting books, patterns, pamphlets you no longer require, please consider giving them to us, We can sell these at craft shows to raise money for wadding and backing for quilts.

Also, if like me, you have a stash of materials you or your friends and families have bought, and you know you will not be able to use these in your lifetime. Please consider donating these to us, either to use making quilts or to sell and buy fabric of the right composition and design for children's quilts.



We can and do use recycled materials, but cannot accept these as the only storage space I have is a spare bedroom.

To find out more about Project Linus please contact me:

*Jaci Elliott* 01749 838809 [jaci.elliott@btinternet.com](mailto:jaci.elliott@btinternet.com)



## Evercreech WI

Evercreech WI picked one of the hottest days this summer to have a day out. We boarded a coach at the Village Hall and off we set to St Fagans Museum, just outside Cardiff; what a wonderful day. There is so much to see we may need to go back another day. The sun shone all day and everyone had a lovely time.

At our next meeting, on Tuesday 9th September, 7.30pm in Evercreech Village Hall we are keen to welcome The Revd. Richard Neill, who is talking about his 30 years of parish Ministry.

We always welcome visitors, (for a small fee) any woman wanting to visit can do so free of charge, to check us out with a view to becoming a member.

*Maxine Clinton* (President) 07939 082521 [clintonmaxine@gmail.com](mailto:clintonmaxine@gmail.com)



## Mid-Somerset Flower Club

The next meeting will be in Evercreech Village Hall on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00 pm, doors open at 1.30. It will be nice to see old friends and make new ones after our summer break. Our demonstrator is Angie Blackwell, her theme 'Glorious Floral Harvest', the Competition 'Your Design' (*Foliage only*). We look forward to seeing you and hope that

many of you will participate in the Competition.

For information please contact:

Rose Herlock 0787 6080127 and Margaret Elliott 01749 830209



## TALKING CAFE

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**Evercreech Village Hall: Thursday 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm**

## Evercreech Friendship Club

***"Where Friends are Made"***

***And visitors always welcome!***



We continue our 50 years of Evercreech Friendship Club with our meeting on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Entrance fee just £1.50 for members and £2 for visitors. Advantages of being a member include subsidised Christmas lunch, free yearly calendar, Birthday and Christmas card, concessions on P&V day coach trips, and more. Our 50<sup>th</sup> year is going to be extra special including the not to be missed half century Birthday Party in October!

If you are over **55** and would like to join our club you would be most welcome. Meetings start at 2pm in the Village Hall and includes a Raffle, Greetings Card Stall, tea and biscuits, and who knows for this year *"maybe something special?"* ***Visitors are always welcome!***

**God Bless and KEEP SAFE!!**

For more information please contact:

*Edward Porter (Chairman) 830015 or Freda Boyce (Secretary) 830703*



## The Arts Society Mendip

Our new season of talks starts in October and will run through to July 2026. Talks begin at 11.00am in Croscombe Village Hall (and usually simultaneously via Zoom – a link will be sent to members and guests). Guests are welcome (up to a maximum of 3 lectures in a season) for £10. More information, details of membership and our full programme are available on our website - [www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk](http://www.theartssocietymendip.org.uk)

**Tuesday 7th October: Palmyra: Bride of the desert.** Dr Paul Roberts will examine Palmyra's meteoric rise and its dramatic fall, its rediscovery by English lords, its influence on art and architecture, and then its desecration by Isis, but he will finish with the hope that beautiful Palmyra will rise again.

## Evercreech Short Mat Bowling Club

We meet in Evercreech Village Hall on Wednesday evenings at 7.00 pm, and Thursday afternoons from 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm. You will be made very welcome. Membership is £10 per year plus adults £2.75 & juniors £1 per session to play.

For more information about Evercreech Short Mat Bowling Club please contact: Dawn & Andy Church 831004, Irene Cleverden 01749 346838.



**Evercreech Village Hall  
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[bookings@evercreechvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:bookings@evercreechvillagehall.org.uk)

*Run by the Community for the Community Charity Number 304538*

During a quiet August with less regular bookings the Hall was still in demand for two weddings. They both had amazing transformations for their receptions. Another bit of good news is that we have managed to replace the troubling amplifier and identified the reason for failure. The new one is very similar to use and provided just as clear if not clearer sound on setting up. With that safely installed we are ready for a season of screenings.

We have decided on a change to the screening programme compared to last year. Rather than films every month which have been difficult to select and quite often people have seen in cinemas we have gone for monthly National Theatre Live showings. We have also varied the days to see what works best for Evercreech audiences. So far, we have booked 4 titles

1. 18<sup>th</sup> September – Inter Alia,
2. 26<sup>th</sup> October – Mrs Warrens’s Profession,
3. 29th November - The Fifth Step,
4. 24<sup>th</sup> January - Hamlet.

The first **Inter Alia** stars Rosamund Pike and will be screened on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September** at 7.30pm (see details page 26). Details of the programme and plays are on our website at [www.evercreechvillagehall.org.uk/ntlive](http://www.evercreechvillagehall.org.uk/ntlive) and as events on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/evercreechvh](http://www.facebook.com/evercreechvh). There will be more plays from February through to July next year. We will be reviewing if there are any popular films that could be shown in addition. Suggestions on an email as always please.

You will, of course, have the **Hot Potato Lunch** already in your calendar for Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

*Nic Jefferis* Chair, Evercreech Village Hall

Email: [chair@evercreechvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:chair@evercreechvillagehall.org.uk) Mobile: 07810 055996



## EVERCREECH VILLAGE HALL NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE

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*Telegraph*

On **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm** Evercreech Village Hall Films will be screening **Inter Alia** as recorded LIVE from the National Theatre. *Running time approx. 1hrs 45 mins.*

**Inter Alia**, a new play by Suzie Miller. Oscar-nominated Rosamund Pike (*Gone Girl, Saltburn*) is Jessica in the much-anticipated next play from the team behind *Prima Facie*.

Jessica Parks is a smart Crown Court Judge at the top of her career. Behind the robe, she is a karaoke fiend, a loving wife and a supportive parent. When an event threatens to throw her life completely off balance, can she hold her family upright?

**Writer Suzie Miller** and **director Justin Martin** reunite following their global phenomenon *Prima Facie*, with this searing examination of modern motherhood and masculinity.

Join us for a relaxing evening with refreshments available at the bar, and comfortable cabaret style seating. Doors open 7pm, feature starting at 7.30pm. Tickets £10. Certificate 15, must be accompanied by an adult. For further information and to book please see [www.evercreechvillagehall.org.uk/ntlive](http://www.evercreechvillagehall.org.uk/ntlive) or scan the below QR code with your camera which will take you straight to the Village Hall information and booking page. Tickets available also on the door.



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## Evercreech History Society

[www.evercreechhistorysociety.org.uk](http://www.evercreechhistorysociety.org.uk)

**Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September- 7.30 pm**  
**Jonathan Holt – Somerset Follies**

The Evercreech History Society winter programme commences on September 16<sup>th</sup> with a talk on Somerset Follies by Jonathan Holt. The county is full of these curious buildings which take many forms however, Jonathan, with over 30 years of explorations around the county, brings together the very best of curious and fascinating buildings. He will concentrate on follies within a 25 miles radius, some rarely seen as on private properties, but with the aid of his stunning photographs we will have the opportunity to see some of these.

The meeting will take place in Evercreech Village Hall, commencing at 7.30 pm. The cost is £3.00 per person (cash only please)

*Val Bath* (Secretary)



[www.evercreechshowsociety.uk](http://www.evercreechshowsociety.uk)

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Membership enquires: [lynda65nichols@gmail.com](mailto:lynda65nichols@gmail.com) or [evercreechshow@aol.com](mailto:evercreechshow@aol.com)

### EVERCREECH SHOW

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – 5pm to 8pm for entry forms,**  
**please note new location Back Room, Evercreech Village Hall.**

**Show Day - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Weston Town Playing Fields**

Marquee and Field open at 12 noon, there will be a selection of food and drink stalls, so please come and have lunch. Look round the stalls and marquee to see if your exhibits have won, take part in the wheelbarrow races, wellie wanging, lots of other games and a full programme of entertainment.

Admission: a bargain £2:50 for adults, kids free for the afternoon.

Members remember your membership card for free admission

We are in **urgent** need of new committee members and volunteers are always welcome, please contact Andy Lee at [andrewarlee@googlemail.com](mailto:andrewarlee@googlemail.com)

### **Date for your diary:**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November: Christmas Fayre, Evercreech Village Hall

*Helen Jenkins* (Secretary)



## Evercreech Church of England Primary School

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[office@evercreech.ppat365.org](mailto:office@evercreech.ppat365.org)

### Leavers Service 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

The chiming bells of St Peter's church greeted pupils and staff of the school as they walked down from Paradise Crescent to celebrate those leaving the school this year; parents and families of the Leavers were welcomed too, many sitting in the galleries, whilst the Year 6 Leavers sat in the chancel facing the rest of the school.

The Year 6 pupils had put a lot of thought into the songs they performed themselves, which included some beautiful solos. They all came forward during the service to share memories of their time at the school, lead prayers and give their thanks.

Rev'd Helen gave a very meaningful talk based on 1 Corinthians 12, "One body but many parts", at times addressing her remarks directly to the Leavers.

The Leavers were presented with bibles by Mrs Jefferies and Mrs Evans and there were handshakes and hugs as pupils came forward one by one. Two members of staff who were also leaving the school were thanked by Headteacher Mrs Sarah Hann and presented with cards and gifts.

The occasion was very uplifting - the church was filled with the whole school singing together beautifully during the service, to wish their fellow pupils every best opportunity on the next stage of their school journey.

The Coffee Morning in St Peter's Church on 13<sup>th</sup> September will be raising money to buy Bibles and Books for the school. Please come along and support them.



*Year 6 pupils on a trip to The Somerset Museum in Taunton*

*Michèle Hole, Churchwarden*



**Evercreech Church of England Primary School and  
Acorns Preschool, part of PPAT Education**

*Preston Primary Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.*





The PTFA is a friendly group of parents, staff members and friends of the school and preschool who organise social events to help to raise crucial funds for projects which are not included in the school's budget. Visit our Facebook page for information regarding our planned events:

<https://www.facebook.com/EvercreechPrimarySchoolPTFA/>

or send us an email: [p.t.a.evercreech@gmail.com](mailto:p.t.a.evercreech@gmail.com)

## The Chilla Youth Club is open every Wednesday evening



The Youth Club continues to grow its membership although the older members are slower in returning. Without a doubt, they will return with the colder darker evenings.

We have been awarded a substantial grant from Somerset Community Foundation which will be used to establish a better craft area. In addition, we have received a grant from Tesco. With these two grants we can recover the floors in several rooms, redecorate and buy much needed furniture and appliances. It is so good to see in a time when youth clubs across the country are closing we go forward with enthusiasm.

We welcome two new volunteers, Paul and Claire. Hope they will enjoy working with this enthusiastic group of young people.

**In our new Chilla Building we meet on a Wednesday Evening, the times are:**

- 8-11 year olds from 6.30pm to 8pm
- 12-16 year olds from 8 pm to 9.30 pm.

Cost each session £2 per person

For more information please call Vikki on 07853 853221

*Jaci Elliott*

## Calling all youngsters who love Skate sports

Take the bus to Shepton for the annual Skate Jam and enjoy a day of workshops and competitions. It is happening on Saturday 6 September at West Shepton Skate Park, from 10am-4pm. There will be demonstrations and competitions with prizes. Professionals will be on hand to coach skating, scootering and BMXing. All ages and abilities welcome.

*Sue Ehmann, Somerset Bus Partnership*



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Ticket includes supper. Bar available.



## ART STUDIO & VENUE: WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

The Old Stores Studio, High Street, Evercreech, Somerset, BA4 6HZ.

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Booking site: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/theoldstoresstudio>

The Old Stores Studio CIC is a nonprofit art and craft studio and registered learning centre. As well as professional artist and maker led workshops, courses, events and exhibitions, we work in partnership with Somerset Council and DfE to deliver a FREE and low-cost creative learning programme and regular FREE donation only groups that run in the studio in **term time**:

Sunday/Monday

Closed

Tuesday 9am - 12pm & 12.30-2.30pm Bring Your Baby Art & Craft Sessions

Wednesday 10am - 12pm Drop in Craft and Textile Group

Thursday 10am - 1pm Project LINUS (2nd Thursday of each month) Quilting  
7-9pm Evening Courses\*

Friday Daytime and Evening Courses and Workshops\*

Saturday Daytime Courses and Workshops\*

\* We have a wide range of creative learning opportunities on offer including printmaking, pottery and ceramics, stained glass, drawing, painting, jewellery making, textiles, floristry, traditional crafts, candle making, aromatherapy body product making and much much more.

Our learning and participation programme is suitable for all levels of experience and we look forward to welcoming you here soon. Everyone is welcome! We are applying to work in partnership to deliver an inclusive adult learning provision from September 2025 again and hope to deliver many free and low cost creative workshops, groups, courses and events next academic year again. See our website, booking site and blackboard in our studio window for more information.

## Carymoor Environmental Centre

Dimmer Lane, Castle Cary BA7 7NR

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Carymoor Environmental Trust is an environmental education and nature conservation charity, providing inspirational outdoor learning for schools and community groups.

The Trust was founded in 1996 by Hamish Craig, who many will remember worshipped at St Peter's with his wife Jill. The Conservation and biodiversity area in the corner of St Peter's Churchyard is named Hamish's Patch in memory of Hamish and Jill.



The Centre is located near the closed landfill site at Dimmer, near Castle Cary. The site provides a powerful comparison between the newly created nature reserve and a working waste site, which includes a Waste Transfer Station operated by Viridor, a compost operation run by Biffa, and landfill gas generation and pollution control by Valencia Waste Management.

Through their education programmes and demonstrations of renewable energy and sustainable buildings, the centre has developed a reputation that exemplifies environmental good practice.

To find out more about Carymoor, including how you can get involved, please visit [www.carymoor.org.uk](http://www.carymoor.org.uk).



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## News from Yeovil Street Pastors

The Mercury and Pegasus Scout troop, who were raising funds for Yeovil Street Pastors to earn their fund raising badge, raised £590 for us. This was a combination of sponsorship for a 5K run, and a very enjoyable events evening, totally organised by the scouts themselves, at the end of June, which raised the rest. They presented this to us at the end of the evening, and we gave them a framed thank you citation. A great deal of thanks should go to the Scout leaders, for enthusing the children to support us, and their support as they did so.



The High Sheriff of Somerset, Mrs Janet Montgomery paid a visit to Yeovil Street Pastors at our Base, and was very interested in what we do, and wished the team well, before they went out on patrol.

Towards the end of July three of us from YSP, joined the Yeovil Crime Reduction Team patrolling around Yeovil during the day. The problems in Yeovil town centre are many and varied. If our numbers increase, we could possibly have a day time presence as well.

If you want any more information about Street Pastors. I will always be happy to talk to you about it, or you can contact us at [yeovil@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:yeovil@streetpastors.org.uk).

*Eric Deyes*

## Evercreech Parish Council

### An update on the Village Cross/Preaching Stone

An inspection was made which indicated several campaigns of repairs over the years and suggested embedded ironwork was installed as part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century repair to the upper part of the Cross. If moisture gets into open joints, this causes corrosion of the iron, causing it to expand, which exerts pressure on the surrounding masonry, leading to cracking and ultimately the loss of material. The end of the western arm to the upper carved cross has been lost, but this appears historic and likely due to weathering and/or a poorer quality stone seam.

Overall, the cross and upper shaft are in poor order and require dismantling to facilitate thorough repair. Embedded ironwork may be the cause of problems and if discovered this will be carefully removed and replacements installed in high grade stainless steel, following current best practice. The lower sections of the shaft and base are generally stable but require repointing and local repair.

Areas of poor surface condition will be “shelter coated” with a suitable limewash to slow down the rate of deterioration whilst retaining the masonry profiles. Following best conservation practice, lost material will not be replaced unless considered to be causing accelerated deterioration to adjacent areas.

The repairs are being undertaken by specialist stonemasons and are due to start the week starting 22<sup>nd</sup> September, the work will take 4-6 weeks to complete. Please contact me with any questions.

*Lesley Parham* Chair Evercreech Parish Council

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September is “Catch The Bus Month” so dust off your bus pass (or apply for one via Somerset website if you are eligible on disability grounds or over state pension age, see [Concessionary bus passes](#)). The pass is valid across England from 9.30am to 11pm Monday to Friday, and any time weekends and public holidays.

Do you go to the markets regularly at Cary or Shepton for fresh goods? Why not take the bus? Give it a try, each extra passenger will help save our vital bus service. Check the No.1 timetable, and track the bus on [bustimes.org](http://bustimes.org). Please note, there are no timetable changes on South West Coaches No.1 or 667 routes.

Have you seen the lovely new mural in the bus shelter outside our village surgery? It will certainly lift spirits when waiting for a bus on gloomy days.

I shall be at the Evercreech Show on 6 September, please come and talk buses.

*Sue Ehmman*



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It's 1942 and Richard Jenkins (Harry Lawtey) is at school in Port Talbot, caught between the pressures of an alcoholic father, a devastating war, and his own ambitions. A new opportunity beckons when Richard's natural talent for drama catches the attention of his teacher, Philip Burton (Toby Jones). The young man thrives under Philip's strict tutelage and the guidance of a kindly landlady, Ma Smith (Lesley Manville). But as the acting world comes within Richard's reach, the burden of his past risks holding him back forever.

**Tickets: £7.00 (£3.50 for under 15)**

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It is advisable to bring a cushion! We look forward to welcoming you.

For more information, contact Sarah Maude 01749 812149

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**We like to think that Evercreech News provides an important link between the church and the wider community.**

**Would you like to be involved in gathering information and the preparation of the magazine for printing?**

**Our current Editor Carol Searle would appreciate some help, perhaps with a view to eventually handing over to someone.**

**Carol is away for some 5 – 6 weeks in the autumn and although she can produce the magazine while away, help is needed to collect the magazines from the printers and prepare the bundles for the distributors.**

**If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact Carol on 07732 783190 or [evercreech.news@gmail.com](mailto:evercreech.news@gmail.com)**

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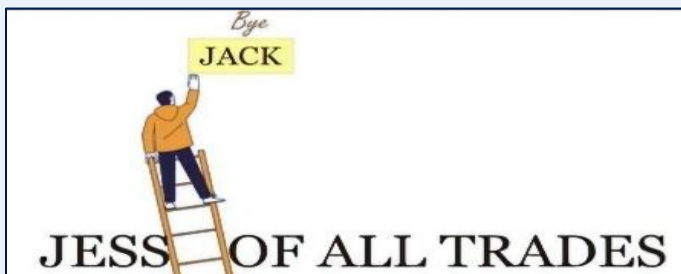
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