

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
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Prayers at home for Harvest

from an ACE church member who is an acredited lay preacher and is now going forward into training to become a full Minister within the United Reform Church.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving at Harvest Time

As we come to harvest time we thank You God for all the colours and fruits harvest brings from the crops in this country and crops sent from overseas.

How rich we are in the harvest You bless us with.

We thank You God, for all who sow, cultivate and gather; for those that transport and sell the harvest crops.

Thank You God for the giving of the harvest.

Amen

Prayers of Concern and Intercession

Lord, at this harvest time in this country we are conscious that we are rich in the harvest; we pray for the hungry of the world, for those who, for lack of water or good soil, cannot grow enough to live on.

We pray for those whose crops have been devastated through floods and wars and depend on aid agencies to bring them food and clean drinking water.

We pray for those in this country who depend on food banks, people that struggle to make ends meet to feed their families and themselves.

We pray for those who use their power to help others in need, for aid agencies at home and around the world, and each individual who gives to help another, a friend or neighbour in need.

Lord, at this harvest time in this country we pray for the leaders of the world that they use their power with integrity and that they be just in making decisions for the good of all people.

Lord teach us to reject selfishness and live as Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ did in generous giving to all.

Amen

If you have any prayers you would like to see in Evercreech News please send them to evercreech.news@gmail.com or leave in the Evercreech News Drawer at the back of St Peter's Church.

From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

This month Creation Season draws to a close with the Feast of St Francis on 4th October. He is my favourite saint, and I am not alone. I found him in every list of Top Ten Saints that Google returned. But who was he?

St Francis was born in Italy circa 1181, in a place called Assisi. His father was a wealthy merchant and Francis grew up enjoying a life of ease and privilege. In fact he was renowned for wild living in his youth, spending his money on expensive



clothes, gourmet food and the finest wines. But his life wasn't all about parties and the young Francis spent time as a soldier. After fighting in a battle between Assisi and Perugia, he was taken prisoner and held ransom. This was a turning point in his life. During the long months of captivity Francis began receiving visions from God. These continued after his release when Francis heard the voice of God telling him to 'repair my church' and to live in simple poverty. At once Francis abandoned his life of luxury and became a devoted follower of Christ. At first he thought God was asking him to rebuild just the tumble down church of San Damiano, but as his understanding expanded Francis realised God wanted him to build up the wider body of Christ in Creation. To help him he founded a religious order of Friars.

Pope John Paul II made St Francis the patron saint of Ecology because of his love and care for the created world. St Francis called animals, plants and all natural forces his Brother and Sister. Through his life Francis shows us that when we are at peace with God we are better able to devote ourselves to building up that same peace with all Creation, which is inseparable from peace among peoples. In an age of environmental degradation and worrying global conflict, his is a message that can offer us hope.

St Francis isn't just a saint for concerned adults, he is a joyful figure whose delight in the natural world is infectious. His love for animals makes him a great favourite with children who enjoy tales of Francis taming a wolf, preaching to the birds and even creating the first every crib service!

There is an opportunity for people from the Bruton and Cary Deanery to find out more about St Francis on a quiet day at Hilfield Friary near Sherborne on Saturday 28th March, 2026. I would love for you to join us, do get in touch for further details.

God bless,

Revd. 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**

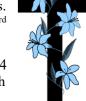
Are you looking to get married or have a baptism in one of the Alham Vale churches? If so please contact the Benefice Administrator Emily by email at alhamvale@gmail.com



Sam Phripp was baptised at St Peter's Evercreech on 14th September 2025

DEATHS

Francis (Frank) Brown, died on 6th August 2025, aged 80 years. His funeral service was held in St Peter's Church Evercreech on 3rd September followed by burial in Evercreech Cemetery.



Dennis Gordon William Hayes died on 11th August 2025, aged 94 years. His funeral service was held in St Peter's Church Evercreech on 16th September followed by burial in Evercreech Cemetery.

These We Have Loved A service of remembering. 2nd November 2025

Many of us have mourned the death of family members or friends in recent months and years. Many still grieve for someone who died many years ago. However recent or distant your loss, you



are invited to **These We Have Loved** – a service of remembering – on Sunday 2nd November at 4pm in St Peter's Church, Evercreech.

These We Have Loved is a gentle, short service, followed by tea, cake, and conversation (or a chance to sit quietly). You can light a candle. You can ask for the name of someone who has died in the past few years to be read out.

You can write names on the lists that will be in St Peter's Church from mid-October. If you prefer, you can email names to Anne at sear.a@btinternet.com with These We Have Loved in the subject line, by 31st October, please. Please remember to include the year that the person died. The date of death and their age are optional.

We look forward to welcoming you at this service.

Church Services in the Alham Vale Benefice

Saturday 4 th C	October	•		
6.00 pm	Harvest Festival & Supper	St Mary Magdalene, Upton Noble		
SUNDAY 5 th October				
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 John, Lamyatt		
SUNDAY 12th	October 17th SUNDAY	Y AFTER TRINTY (Green)		
9.30 am	Harvest Communion	St Peter, Evercreech		
9.30 am	Service of the Word	St Mary Magdalene, Upton Noble		
11.00 am	Iona style Morning Worship The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe			
6.00 pm	Harvest Festival	St James, Milton Clevedon		
SUNDAY 19th October 18th SUNDAY AFTER TRINTY (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 John, Lamyatt		
11.00 am	Informal Worship	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe		
Thursday 23 rd October				
10.30 am	Midweek Communion	St Peter, Evercreech		
SUNDAY 26th October LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINTY (Green)				
9.30 am	Café Church	Evercreech Village Hall		
9.30 am	Parish Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Upton Noble		
11.00 am	Parish Communion	St James, Milton Clevedon		
6.00 pm	Choral Evensong	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe		
SUNDAY 2 nd November ALL SAINTS SUNDAY (White)				
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 John, Lamyatt		
11.00 am	Parish Communion	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe		

St Peter, Evercreech

4.00 pm These We Have Loved

Helpers at St Peter, Evercreech – October 2025

	Sidesperson	Geoff Hamlet
	Reading: Galatians 6: 14-end	Lynda Nichols
Sunday 5th October	Gospel: Luke 12: 22-34	Sue Deyes
Creationtide 5	Prayers	Emily Simper
St Francis	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Eleanor Dawkins
9.30 am Parish Communion	Sound	Geoff Knapman
Communicati	Sacristan	Janine Knapman
	Refreshments	Meg Wallis & Lynda Nichols
	Sidesperson	Gerald Fry
	Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11	Sue Kewish
Sunday 12 th October	Gospel: John 6: 25-35	Jane Neill
Harvest Communion	Prayers	Geoff Hamlet
9.30 am Parish	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Janet Rundle
Communion	Sound	Alan Henderson
	Sacristan	Alan Henderson
	Refreshments	Sue Kewish & Sonia Boyle
	Sidesperson	Andrew Nicholls
	Reading: Genesis 32:22-31	Mark Payne
Sunday 19th October	Gospel: Luke 18: 1-8	Paul Robinson
Trinity 18	Prayers	Sue Deyes
Proper 24	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Sue Deyes
9.30 am Parish Communion	Sound	Geoff Hamlet
	Sacristan	Belinda Canning
	Refreshments	Clare & Paul Robinson
Thursday 23 rd October 10.30 am Said Communion	Sacristan	Peter Sear

Sunday 26 th October Last Sunday after Trinity	Sidesperson	Willing Volunteers
9.30 Café Church Village Hall	Refreshments	Hilary Foster & Janine Knapman
	Sidesperson	Geoff Knapman
Sunday 2 nd	Reading: Ephesians 1: 11-end	Emily Simper
November	Gospel: Luke 6: 20-31	Samuel Dawkins
ALL SAINTS	Prayers	Mollie Purse
SUNDAY	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Andrew Nicholls
9.30 am Parish	Sound	Eric Deyes
Communion	Sacristan	Janine Knapman
	Refreshments	Gerald & Hazel Fry
	Sidesperson	Alison Stonehouse
4.00 pm These We	Sacristan & Sound	Alan Henderson
Have Loved	Refreshments	Belinda Canning & Pam Payne

If anyone usually on the rota is unavailable at any time in November or December please let us know.

Contact one of the Churchwardens, details on page 1.

Harvest Festival at St Peter's

At the Harvest Communion on 12th October St Peter's will be pleased to receive your Harvest gifts. As in previous years these will be passed on to either the Salvation Army Food Bank or Grace Harris House (fresh produce) in Shepton Mallet.

St Peter's Church Flowers

All Flower arrangers your help is needed. We will be decorating the Church for Harvest on Saturday 11th October. For details please contact Rose on 07876080127





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 13th September, raised £252.10 towards buying books and bibles for Evercreech Church of England Primary School. For further information see page 28.

Michèle



The next Coffee Morning on Saturday 11th October will be for The Children's Society.

The Children's Society is a national charity working to transform the hopes and happiness of young people facing abuse, exploitation and neglect. The Society supports them through their most serious life challenges and campaigns for the big social changes that will improve the lives of those who most need hope.

Please bring any boxes you have for emptying.

Janet

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

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.

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

'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

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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 themself to produce on the table, use and enjoy it.

Evercreech with Chesterblade PCC

When the PCC met on 9th September we heard the good news that the Organ and Sound fundraising appeal has almost reached its target, with the help of a grant awarded by the Church Buildings Council, and that the faculty allowing us to do the work should be granted very soon. Many thanks to all the fundraising team for their efforts.

The fabric team reported that significant work will be needed on the roof of the church in the next few years, which will obviously be expensive. More details are expected in time for the November PCC meeting.

PCC heard very positive reports about many different aspects of the church's life, including from Liz Henderson that our Safeguarding Action Plan is all up to date.

Anne Sear (PCC secretary) sear.a@btinternet.com

Exploring Pastoral Care

The house group meeting in Stoney Stratton is this autumn following 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 runs on Thursday evenings in Stoney Stratton on:-9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th October, 6th, 13th and 20th 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

Nativity Festival Weekend

This year's St Peter's Church's chosen Christmas theme for the weekend of 13th/14th December is 'Nativity'. We hope to have a variety of Nativity sets and displays in the church, with our usual Christmas Charities Coffee Morning on Saturday 13th December. More details in the November magazine, when we will have details of this year's chosen charities.



In keeping with the theme, our 2025 Christmas card reflects a picture of St Peter's own Crib Scene and these are already available to buy or order. Pick up an order form from the back of St Peter's and hand to Michèle or Carol or leave in the Evercreech News Drawer.

£1 each or 5 for £4

STOP PRESS!

There will also be a special **Christmas Concert** on the evening of 13th **December.**Details in the November Evercreech News



At the time of writing the fundraising team is busy organising the finale weekend of the Fundraising Appeal in September. A beautiful concert and special Café Church. It hardly seems any time since we launched the appeal in February and we have been so grateful in how people have responded.

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed via donations, sponsoring organ pipes or growing their talents. What a summer of activities we have had something for everyone with Jazz evenings, Pimms evenings, cream teas, BBQs and dinner parties. Others have been baking, cooking, knitting, sewing and cycling - to name but a few and we are extremely appreciative of everyone's efforts and generosity - so thank you all.

We are very confident that by the end of September we will have reached our target of £30,000, we will report our final total in the November magazine.

You can make donations to the appeal by

- visiting https://givealittle.co/c/6THkh6j2yoFyrbTqXmTF1
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 Ref: O&S Appeal
- by using the QR code



Alision & Michèle, Churchwardens

Sponsored Cycle



It was a great pleasure to be present to see Nathan and Theo finish their summer 2025 cycle challenge.

On a mainly sunny September Saturday, they completed their last ride from Bradford-on-Avon to Devizes and back, along the Kennet & Avon Canal, clocking up 24 miles to reach an incredible total of 153 miles!

Former Churchwarden Eric Deyes kindly accompanied them on the last leg. Previously they had been accompanied by friends and family members on some of the rides.

Fortified by lots of ice cream, snacks and encouragement Theo stuck to the task - an incredible achievement!

Full details of the amount they raised will be in the November magazine.

Míchèle



St Peter's Church and Evercreech Sports Club



Evercreech Bonfire and Fireworks Display



Saturday 1st November 2025 Weston Town Sports Field Look out for posters for more details



Our link with St Joseph's, in Zambia



Building work at St Joseph's

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News from Lamyatt

With the nights drawing in and the days getting colder, we are just wondering what the weather will be like for our Harvest Festival coming up at the beginning of October. All the places for our lunch have now been taken, but I'm sure there will be room in the church for anyone who wants to come along and join in singing some favourite harvest hymns. The service will start in the



church at 11.30 am on Sunday 5th (please note the change from our usual service time). Do come along - we would love to see you there.

The day before that (Saturday 4th) our regular Coffee Morning will take place in Lamyatt Village Hall from 10.30 am till 12 noon. All welcome for a chat, a cup of coffee and the 100 club draw. Last month's lucky winners were Paul F, Jen R and Bruno C. Will it be you this month? We would like to say a big thank you to our new players and all those who have renewed their annual subscription or continue to pay monthly. As you know, this is run to raise money towards the upkeep of the church and churchyard and we really do appreciate your support.

This month the table at the bus shelter will be closed down for the winter. So if you have any coins you want to get rid of, feel free to drop them in the donations box before it disappears. I will then be in a position to reveal the final total, but I can tell you now it's done very well this year!

Jen Richards



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Oscar-nominated Rosamund Pike (Gone Girl, Saltburn) is Jessica in this much-anticipated play from the team behind Prima Facie. Jessica Parks is a smart Crown 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?

Pre- performance Bar available - Cash and contactless payments. This performance has no interval.

Writer Suzie Miller and director Justin Martin re-unite following their global phenomenon, Prima Facie. This searing examination of modern motherhood and masculinity has played to sold-out audiences at the National Theatre and has received stellar reviews.





St Peter's Choir



We will be starting to prepare for Advent and Christmas at the beginning of November. More voices, **especially tenors and basses**, will be very welcome. For more details contact:

Michael Castle, Musical Director, mcastlemusic@gmail.com





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For or against: slavery and salvation

Much of our world operates around the challenge to be 'for' or 'against'. And generally, it is easier to be against things than for them! Look at the tendencies of the media, politics and religious disputes. On October 18, Anti-Slavery Day, people across the UK will recommit themselves to the fight against modern slavery and human trafficking, one of the great evils of our time. Like William Wilberforce and what we now call historic slavery, we need to fight against the oppression and exploitation of our sisters and brothers

today. Abolition is the proper aim of being anti or against.

And the challenge is growing with:

- More vulnerable people susceptible to false promises
- Increasingly flexible working arrangements which gives space for criminal agencies to provide goods and services based on exploitation and slave labour
- Police and prevention resources being ever overstretched
- And our own insatiable appetite for cheap products

There is much we need to learn to oppose and abolish. But, in facing these almost overwhelming challenges we must not neglect what is primary for our Christian witness, the call to notice, reach out, rescue and restore. The call to love, to be for those who are hidden, neglected, hurting and ignored.

In Anti-Slavery Week, give time to thinking how you or your church or home group could better learn how to contribute to the fight against modern slavery. The Clewer Initiative has some amazing resources to help us open our eyes and assist the authorities and reach out towards victims. But, alongside these prayers and practices, consider how you could go the extra mile in the way of the Good Samaritan. Going beyond the indifference of the priest and the Levite, too busy to stop, notice, reach out, rescue; rather how can we better contribute to establishing systems like the partnership between the Good Samaritan and the innkeeper—systems to provide care and the basis of restoring proper health and opportunities to those whose cries represent the voice of Jesus for those willing to listen.

Be against modern slavery this October, but more, be for those who need our friendship and our partnership.

Bishop Alastair Redfern, Honorary Assistant Bishop

Visit www.clewer.org.uk for Modern Slavery resources



22nd September – 5th 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

Support the 2025 Real Advent Calendar



The Real Advent Calendar is the UK's only Fairtrade calendar which comes with a free 24 page Christmas story-activity book and which supports charitable causes.

The 2025 calendar has a new design. There is a Fairtrade chocolate and a line of the Christmas story behind each of the windows. The free book has a page for every day of Advent expanding on the Christmas story and includes some fun challenges. No other calendar enables parents and children to experience the Christmas story

for 24 days and be challenged to do some good in the season of Advent.

Tastes good and does good

Money raised from the sale of this year's calendar will help Fairtrade farmers receive a fair price for their goods and a Fairtrade premium to spend on the priorities of their communities ranging from solar panels and fresh water to teaching resources. Profits will also help The Funzi and Bodo Trust provide care for mums and babies in Africa.

Churches, schools and groups can buy direct from www.realadvent.co.uk and take advantage of a free delivery offer by coming together to buy a case. Calendars cost £5.95 each or can be bought in cases of 18 for £89.10 (£4.95 each). Calendars are not available at Supermarkets but can also be bought from Eden and similar organisations.



Saturday 4th October 8.30 am Men's Breakfast, The Bell Inn 10.30 am Coffee Morning, Lamyatt Village Hall Sunday 5th October 11.30 am Harvest Festival, Lamyatt Tuesday 7th October 2.00 pm Have a Break, Evercreech Village Hall 7.00 pm Evercreech Parish Council Meeting, Evercreech Village Hall Wednesday 8th October 2.00 pm Mid Somerset Flower Club, Evercreech Village Hall (see page 23) Friday 10th October 7.30 pm Drama Group Two Plays & Supper Evercreech Village Hall (see page 30) Saturday 11th October 10.00 am Coffee Morning – Children's Society St Peter's Church 7.30 pm Drama Group Two Plays & Supper Evercreech Village Hall (see page 30) Sunday 12th October 9.30 am Harvest Festival, St Peter's Church Tuesday 14th October 2.00 pm Have a Break, Evercreech Village Hall 7.30 pm Evercreech WI, Evercreech Village Hall (see page 23) Deadline for November Evercreech News Wednesday 15th October Tuesday 21st October 12 noon Hot Potato Lunch, Evercreech Village Hall 7.30 pm History Society, Evercreech Village Hall (see page 27) Sunday 26th October 3.00 pm 'Mrs. Warren's Profession', Evercreech Village Hall (see page 26) Tuesday 28th October 2.00 pm Friendship Club, Evercreech Village Hall (see page 24) Saturday 1st Nov. 8.30 am Men's Breakfast, The Bell Inn 10.30 am Coffee Morning, Lamyatt Village Hall

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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

or The Clerk: Michèle Hole, Bowns View, Weymouth Road, Evercreech BA4 6JB 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) info@mendipcommunitycu.org.uk FREEPHONE 0800 6226036

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*





SHEPTON MALLET SALVATION ARMY FOODBANK

There is a **box at the back of St Peter's Church** for donations (**non-perishable items, unopened and <u>in date</u> 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

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.citizensadvicesomerset.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 or local volunteers — Clare & Paul Robinson 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

Other services offering Wellbeing for Young People



www.hubofhope.co.uk

www.youngsomerset.org.uk/wellbeing-support





www.somersetbigtent.org.uk





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.

We had a stall at the Evercreech Show Society September Show, this raised an amazing £155 towards the costs of fabrics for quilts. In addition the **Woolly Wednesday** Group which meets at the Old Stores Studio in term time, met in members homes in the school holiday period. Those attending made contributions to Project Linus, another £145 was made towards our costs.

In the month of August 141 quilts and 52 blankets were distributed across the county of Somerset. In September deliveries will be made to the Evercreech School groups for use in their pastoral care areas.

A first delivery will be made to the unit in Bath working with survivors of domestic abuse for the children who come to this unit, a precious gift at this crucial time to keep forever.

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 raising money to 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:

Jací Ellíott 01749 838809 jaci.elliott@btinternet.com

Evercreech WI

Evercreech WI welcomed Revd. Richard Neill, the son of one of our members. He gave a very amusing and upbeat account of how he became a vicar with a little pop quiz on TV vicars and their effect on our perception of what a vicar is and does. He then went on to tell us all of the work he and vicars like him, really do.



Tuesday 14th October sees us busy making items to sell at the Christmas fayre in November, so this should be both busy and enjoyable. Please feel free to join us, this would be an ideal opportunity to get to know us. We meet at 7.30 pm in Evercreech Village Hall and serve tea/coffee and biscuits!

Maxine Clinton (President) 07939 082521 clintonmaxine@gmail.com



Mid-Somerset Flower Club

The next meeting will be in Evercreech Village Hall on Wednesday, 8th October at 2.00 pm, doors open at 1.30 pm. The speaker is Pam Lewis, National Demonstrator, not to be missed. Theme: Autumn Opulence. Competition: Nature's Mosaic with, as usual, delicious home-made cakes and tea.

For information please contact:

Rose Herlock 0787 6080127 and Margaret Elliott 01749 830209



TALKING CAFE

www.healthconnectionsmendip.org mendip.healthconnections@nhs.net 01373 468 368

Living and feeling better can start with a simple step – connecting.

Health Connections is your GP practice social prescribing and health coaching team. Health Connections Mendip started the first UK **Talking Café** in 2013. Talking Cafés are a place to meet new people, make friends and chat to a Health Connector about the support Health Connections can offer. We can also let you know about activities, support groups and services in your community. We have weekly Talking Cafés across Mendip including:

Evercreech Village Hall: Thursdays 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm

Evercreech Friendship Club

"50 Years of making friends"

50 years of Evercreech Friendship Club. **50 years** of making friends in the village of Evercreech. Every month something different, professional presentations, music, comedians, magic, games and great parties. Then bouncing back from "Covid", good or bad weather, we are there!



This month on 28th October we celebrate our 50th

Birthday, a celebration not to be missed. Entrance fee just £1.50 for members and £2 for visitors. Advantages of being a member includes free garden party entrance, subsidised Christmas lunch, free yearly calendar, Birthday and Christmas card, concession on P&V day coach trips, and more.

So 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 include 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 one of the following:

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

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.

Tuesday 4th November: Bess of Hardwick and Hardwick Hall. Dr Gillian White will examine Bess's story, her rising status, her association with Mary Queen of Scots, her many husbands and her royal aspirations. She will also look at Hardwick Hall, a fine example of Elizabethan creativity, magnificence and pride.



Evercreech Village Hall Victoria Square, Evercreech BA4 6JP

www.evercreechvillagehall.org.uk bookings@evercreechvillagehall.org.uk

Run by the Community for the Community Charity Number 304538

We welcomed back more of our regular hirers in September and it was also great to have so many people for the Hot Potato Lunch. As well as it being a great time to meet and chat it does help the Hall cover some of its costs which seem to always go one way. Please suggest to others who haven't been and you think might enjoy it to come and try it out. They are on the third Tuesday each month with the October one on the 21st. There is a marvellous team of volunteers who cook, prepare, serve and clear up and to whom we are very grateful. Once or twice a year we may not put one on due to volunteers having holidays and will post details on What's Up in Evercreech Facebook group and the Village Hall page. We also must thank Edward Porter who creates our distinctive posters.

Our National Theatre Live kicked off with Inter Alia starring Rosamund Pike which went down very well with all those who came. This was a trial for a weekday evening and the next one, Bernard Shaw's Mrs Warren's Profession, will be a matinée on Sunday 26th October. (Details on page 26). November and January screenings will be on Saturday evenings. If you come to the screenings please tell us what would be your preferences for days / timings for the future.

We are hoping to hear in October if our application to the Co-Op Local Community Fund for help with replacing the clock on the front of the Hall has been successful. Once we know we will be looking for your involvement for some additional fundraising and selection of it. Fingers crossed.

Nic Jefferis Chair, Evercreech Village Hall Email: chair@evercreechvillagehall.org.uk Mobile: 07810 055996



MID-SOMERSET BRANCH

contact the Secretary on 01458 224057 or rafa.midsomerset@gmail.com



EVERCREECH VILLAGE HALL NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE

"Run by the community for the community" Charity Number 304538



Mrs Warren's Profession

'Imelda Staunton in formidable form' *Guardian*

'An extraordinary tour de force' WhatsOnStage

On <u>Sunday 26th October at 3pm</u> Evercreech Village Hall will be screening a matinée performance of **Mrs Warrens Profession** by Bernard Shaw and directed by Dominic Cooke. This performance will be screened as recorded LIVE from the West End. *Running time approx. 2 Hours including interval.*

Five-time Olivier Award winner Imelda Staunton (*The Crown*) joins forces with her real-life daughter Bessie Carter (*Bridgerton*) for the very first time, playing mother and daughter in Bernard Shaw's incendiary moral classic.

Vivie Warren is a woman ahead of her time. Her mother, however, is a product of that old patriarchal order. Exploiting it has earned Mrs. Warren a fortune – but at what cost?

Filmed live from the West End, this new production reunites Staunton with director Dominic Cooke (*Follies*, *Good*), exploring the clash between morality and independence, traditions and progress.

Join us for a relaxing afternoon with refreshments available at the bar, and comfortable cabaret style seating. Doors open 2.30pm, feature starting at 3pm. Tickets £10. Certificate 12,

For further information and to book please see www.evercreechvillagehall.org.uk/ntlive or scan the QR code which will take you straight to the Village Hall information and booking page. Tickets also available on the door.



Shepton Mallet Library

2 Market Place, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5AZ

Opening hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30 am – 5.00 pm

Saturday: 9.30 am – 1.30 pm Closed Wednesday and Sunday



Evercreech History Society

www.evercreechhistorysociety.org.uk

Tuesday, 21st October at 7.30 p.m. Evercreech Village Hall Ben Hodgson – The Extraordinary Life of Sir Ralph Hopton of Evercreech

Ben, one of our committee members, has extensively researched the life of Sir Ralph Hopton. He was baptised at St Peter's Evercreech. Educated at a local grammar school, possibly King's School, Bruton.

Ben will outline some of Sir Ralph's achievements, a man of great honour, integrity and piety. He became the King's General in the West, saved Queen Elizabeth of Bohemia from capture after the battle of the White Mountain, and was imprisoned in the Tower of London for objecting to Parliament censuring the King.

The evening promises a fascinating insight into this English politician, military officer and peer.

The cost is £3.00 per person (cash only please). We will have our book table displaying the various publications of local interest for you to purchase.

Val Bath (Secretary)



<u>www.evercreechshowsociety.uk</u> <u>www.facebook.com/evercreechshowsociety/</u> Membership enquires: <u>lynda65nichols@gmail.com</u> or <u>evercreechshow@aol.com</u>

A **BIG** thank you to all who attended, exhibited and helped at the 2025 show. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

We have an urgent need for new officers, as the show might **not** happen next year if nobody comes forward.

Volunteers are always welcome. If you would like to help at events organised by the Show Society, let us know by the contacts above or contact Andy Lee at andrewarlee@googlemail.com

Date for your diary:

Saturday 29^{th} November: Christmas Fayre, Evercreech Village Hall

Helen Jenkins (Secretary)



Evercreech Church of England Primary School

Paradise Crescent, Evercreech, Somerset, BA4 6EH Tel: 01749 830447

www.evercreechprimary.co.uk office@evercreech.ppat365.org

Thanks to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning in St Peter's Church on 13th September. This raised £252.10 towards buying bibles for this year's Reception Class at Evercreech Church of England Primary School. St Peter's have committed to providing bibles for children to use throughout their primary school lives.

Last year we did this by individual donations from the congregations and hence trying another way to fund them this year. Remaining funds will be put towards buying other books for the school.

Michèle Hole, Churchwarden

PPAT

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

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.

The Chilla Youth Club is open every Wednesday evening



We welcome two new volunteers, Paul and Clare. As the administration of DBS takes some time, they will be making their first evening with us soon. We hope they will enjoy working with this enthusiastic group of young people.

We have been awarded a substantial grant from Somerset Community Foundation, this has been used to establish a better craft area. We have ordered tables, chairs, cupboards, heaters, white boards, cork boards and table lamps. In addition we have been given a very robust paper storage unit which take up to A2 sheets. Flooring in the kitchen, toilet and craft areas will be installed shortly.

With the darker evenings we are looking to install external lights to make exit at the end of the sessions as safe as possible in an open park area.

It is so good to see that, in a time when youth clubs across the country are closing, we go forward with enthusiasm.

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

Jací Ellíott



www.wilfswood.wordpress.com wilfswood@gmail.com Evercreech Drama Group presents

Two Plays and supper

Evercreech Village Hall

10 & 11 October





An evening of one-act plays with food served in between.

Doors open at 7pm, performance starts at 7:30pm.

Tickets £12.50 available from Melita's Hair Salon, Oxford St.

Ticket includes supper. Bar available.



ART STUDIO & VENUE: WORKSHOPS & EVENTS
The Old Stores Studio, High Street, Evercreech, Somerset, BA4 6HZ.

Tel: 01749 830498 Email: theoldstoresstudio@gmail.com
https://www.instagram.com/theoldstoresstudio/
https://www.facebook.com/theoldstoresstudio/

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.



Educating children, families and adults about our wonderful natural world, and encouraging care for our environment is one of our key aims.

We are offering a range of funded courses through **Step up Somerset**. There is a lovely three-day Green Workout course suitable for anyone who wants to spend more time outdoors, learning rural skills whilst



spending time in a relaxing environment. There are also a wide variety of willow weaving courses, hedge laying, scything, Wild Tots and Wildflower ID courses.



Carymoor can also offer therapeutic volunteering opportunities for anyone who would benefit from spending time in a supportive environment whilst helping to support our charity. Volunteers can choose from a wide range of activities such as tending to our wildflower garden, monitoring wildlife, or helping create and maintain habitats for wildlife.

There is so much going on at Carymoor — why not have a look at our website to see what we do. www.carymoor.org.uk

Evercreech Parish Council

The Village Cross / Preaching Stone: You may have noticed someone removing the top of the cross. This is to allow access and get the right size stone ordered, which can then be worked on prior to being on site. Hopefully there will not be too much disruption for the nearby residents as the repair work progresses.

It was good to see the weather held out for the Village Show again this year. I wasn't able to spend a lot of time there, but am encouraged by the number of people attending. The Show society are looking for volunteers.

Also in need of volunteer work is the Strawberry Line. Several sections of the line are yet to be cleared, If this is something you would be interested in, getting involved with or organising a working group, please let me know.

Illegal parking is continuing in the village, blocking residents access, on yellow lines in front of junctions etc if you witness any, can you please report it.

We currently have a vacancy for a co-opted councillor, if this is something that interests you? Feel free to contact the Clerk or myself for further information. If you feel you could support the village another way, there are various mechanisms for getting involved. Or indeed if you have ideas, we would welcome your input. Please contact the Clerk at clerk@evercreech-pc.gov.uk.

Do come along to meetings which usually take place on the first Tuesday each month, the next meeting is on Tuesday 7th October in Evercreech Village Hall.

Lesley Parham Chair Evercreech Parish Council lesley.parham@evercreech-pc.gov.uk

Somerset Bus Partnership

email <u>Somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com</u>
Website https://www.somersetbuspartnership.co.uk/

I hope you managed at least one bus journey during September's Catch The Bus Month and enjoyed it. There's nothing stopping you doing the same or more in October.

Perhaps you are already thinking about buying and creating gifts for Christmas? The Hive in Shepton is full of craft supplies along with a tempting café menu. They also run classes and groups, so why not go in and enquire. Or maybe you are experiencing IT problems with your mobile, laptop or tablet? Shepton Library holds a weekly drop-in Digital Cafe on Thursdays between 2pm-4pm. Hop on the bus and get some free expert technical help.

By travelling by bus - you will be helping reduce pollution and congestion, zero spend on fuel, no parking charges, plus a chance to relax and enjoy the scenery with fellow passengers. You know it makes sense.

Sue Ehmann



Keen Gardeners Sought by Hospice!

We hope you may have managed to visit some of the beautiful gardens that have opened their gates for us this summer - it has been a hugely successful season, raising over £27,000 for your local hospice.

St Margaret's Hospice has been serving the Somerset Community for 45 years, providing free compassionate clinical and supportive care to people facing life limiting illness and their families in Somerset.

We are already looking ahead to Summer 2026 – and we're on the hunt for more glorious gardens to join the line-up! All gardens are welcome – big or small. Visitors love to see spaces they can draw inspiration from, so while large country gardens make for a wonderful day out, a beautiful English back garden can be just as inspiring (sometimes even more so!). We welcome all outdoor spaces – allotments, school or church gardens, woodlands, farms... we love an eclectic mix to offer our visitors

If you're worried your garden might be too small, why not ask your neighbours to join in with you, or perhaps hold a small garden party, or plant sale? We would be delighted to hear from you if you would like to take part, have any questions regarding our support for the gardens taking part, or have any ideas of your own.

Holly Hackett,

Community Partnerships Fundraiser & Glorious Garden Coordinator holly.hackett@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk 01935 709493



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Friday 17th October 2025 **SANTOSH**

(Dir. Sandhya Suri / 2025 / 128 mins / 15)

A gripping thriller set in rural northern India. With superb performances from the two leading actors; a young Hindu widow Santosh (Shahana Goswami) reluctantly takes on her late husband's job as a police constable and is thrown into the violent world of Indian law enforcement. When a teenage airl is found murdered and a Muslim boy suspected, Santosh is pulled into the case under the command of the feminist Inspector Sharma (Sunita Rajwar). As the case develops both women have to confront their place within a corrupt system and Santosh's personal ethics are painfully challenged by the realities of her world.

BBFC Insight: very strong language, strong violence, sexual violence references

Hindi with subtitles

Free parking ~ Wheelchair access Hearing loop ~ Licensed bar

For further information please contact Bee Smith: 07971 789389 or batcombefilmsociety@googlemail.com



SHEPTON MONTAGUE FILM NIGHTS

(in association with SOMERSET MOVIOLA, www.moviola.org)

St Peter's Church, Shepton Montague. Thursday 9th October at 7.30pm Doors open 7.00pm for drinks & snacks. **Director: Steven Soderbergh**

BLACK BAG (2025/93 minutes/15)

National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) agent George Woodhouse (Michael Fassbender) faces a challenging assignment. There's a mole in the agency with plans to activate a destructive cyber worm called Severus. George is tasked with identifying the mole. His list of five suspects includes four of his agency friends and colleagues at the NCSC, with the fifth being his beloved wife Kathryn St. Jean (Cate Blanchett).

Tickets: £7.00 (£3.50 for under 15)

pay on the door with card or at the bar with cash All proceeds go towards St Peter's Church

It is advisable to bring a cushion! We look forward to welcoming you. For more information, contact Sarah Maude 01749 812149

sarahjmaude@btinternet.com

The copy date for the November 2025 Magazine is WEDNESDAY 15th October

Please send items and diary dates to **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.

Evercreech News provides an important link between the church and the wider community. If you would you like to be involved in gathering information and the preparation of the magazine please contact evercreech.news@gmail.com

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THE BELL INN

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A friendly, family run village pub, serving delicious homemade food. The Bell Inn has a great selection of ales, ciders, wines & cocktails that you can enjoy in our beer garden or in front of the fire.

Breakfast Served Mon - Sat: 9 - 11am, Sunday: 9 - 10am

Food Served Mon - Sat: 12 - 9pm, Sunday: 12 - 4pm Bar Open All Day, Everyday Sunday Carvery Courtyard & Garden with Beautiful Views

Daily Menu & Specials Board

Senior Citizens eat every Thursday from £8.50

Ensuite B&B Rooms

Skittle Alley & Function Room

Outdoor Bar & Catering Available

Free Wifi
Bar Open All Day, Everyday
rd & Garden with Beautiful Views
Dog Friendly
Electric Vehicle Charging Points

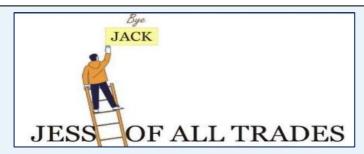


Seasoned Logs For Sale



Hardwood Burns Well

Delivered Locally Call Chris on 07581 189073



We offer:

- Highly nutritious mushroom compost, well-rotted horse manure and woodchip available for delivery. "Efficient, amazing quality, highly recommend"
- Car cleaning (inside and out) at the following prices:

Cars - £40 4x4s - £50

Please contact **Jess** and **Charlotte** on **07724 455128**

MOT BAY OPEN AT

EVERCREECH MOTOR SERVICES

Unit 19, Leighton Lane Industrial Estate, Evercreech BA4 6LQ







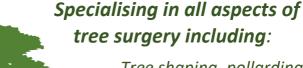
We also:

Supply and fit tyres and exhausts Full diagnostics Laser 4 wheel alignments (tracking) All vehicle servicing and repairs Air conditioning Welding

Courtesy cars available

Collection and delivery of vehicles from home or work within 5 mile radius

Tel: 01749 830348





- Tree shaping, pollarding and felling
- Stump removal
- Garden clearance

Fully insured, NPTC qualified National Certificate in Arboriculture

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