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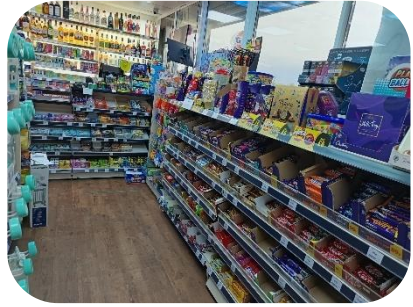
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From the Vicarage

As we step into May, the hedgerows are bursting into life, the birds are singing and there is a palpable sense of hope in the warming air. This month is often my favourite in the year; the days are stretching out with the promise of summer to come, the garden is waking up, and we are surrounded by the vibrant greens of new growth.

In the church, May brings us to the profound mystery of **Ascension Day**, an ancient Christian festival marking the transition between the resurrection at Easter and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We can read about the Ascension in Acts 1: 6-11, when Jesus meets his followers on the Mount of Olives before rising on a cloud to return to his Father, leaving us with the promise of his future return, and the gift of the Holy Spirit to come. It is a beautiful reminder that Jesus is no longer limited to one place or time, but is present with all of us, everywhere. In Acts 2 **Pentecost** follows on just ten days later and marks the day when the Holy Spirit arrived like a fresh wind to give new energy and purpose to those who follow the way of Jesus. It is often called the "birthday" of the Church.

Speaking of birthdays, I reach a personal milestone this month—I'm officially hitting the big 6-0! Reaching my 60th birthday has certainly given me pause for thought. Much like the season of Pentecost, it feels like a time for a "second wind." While my knees might creak a little more than they used to, I am mostly filled with gratitude for the sixty years of life I have enjoyed and the wonderful people and places I now get to serve here.

Just as the spring sun coaxes the plants into bloom, I find that every stage of life brings its own unique "flowering." Whether we are celebrating the birth of the Church or a personal diamond jubilee, it's a chance to look back with thanks and forward with a bit of that Pentecostal spark.

Whether you are tending to your allotment, planning a late spring break or joining us for a service, I hope you feel that sense of God's vibrant, living presence this month. And if you see me looking a little more "distinguished" than usual, you'll know why!

Every blessing,

Helen

Rev. 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



DEATHS

Marjorie Rossiter died on 27th February 2026, aged 93years. Her funeral was held at Mendip Crematorium on 31st March.

Beryl Edna Campbell died on 21st March 2026, aged 92 years. Her funeral service was held at Mendip Crematorium on 20th April.

I Have Gone

As most of you know I have been trying to sell my house and move into a retirement place for over two years. After several false starts I got a buyer. The process became very protracted but then suddenly, exchanged contracts one day, moved the next!!

As a result, I was unable to say Good Bye to everyone. I did come back for the Easter Sunday service to help out, which I had agreed to do. I was not expecting at the end of the service to receive a card and flowers, it was very kind of you.

I have enjoyed my time at St Peter's and all the people I have met there. Although everyone has been so kind to me since Helen died, it was time for me to move on to pastures new. I wish you all the best for the future, and you are most welcome to visit or phone me 07840 404280.

Andrew (Nicholls)



Melon Mission

Liz returned to Nakuru, Kenya on Easter Monday with more supplies and monetary donations from you all. A report of this visit will appear in the June Evercreech News.



Church Services in the *Alham Vale Benefice*

SUNDAY 3rd May

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (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

Saturday 9th May

1.00 pm	Wedding of Naomi Hammerton and Robin Michael Wass	St Mary, Chesterblade
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SUNDAY 10th May

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (White)

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	St James, Milton Clevedon
11.00 am	Matins or Informal Service	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe
4.30 pm	Praise and Pizza	St Peter, Evercreech

Thursday 14th May

ASCENSION DAY

7.00 pm	Deanery Ascension Service	St Mary, Bruton
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SUNDAY 17th May

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (White)

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	Matins or Informal Service	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe

SUNDAY 24th May

PENTECOST (Red)

9.30 am	Rogation Café Church	Rodmore Farm,. Evercreech
9.30 am	Parish Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Upton Noble
11.00 am	Parish Communion	St James, Milton Clevedon
11.00 am	Parish Communion	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe

Thursday 28th May

10.30 am	Midweek Communion	St Peter, Evercreech
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SUNDAY 31st May TRINITY SUNDAY (White)

9.30 am	Parish Communion	St Peter, Evercreech
9.30 am	Matins	St Mary Magdalene, Upton Noble
6.00 pm	Evensong	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe

Saturday 6th June

12.30 pm	Wedding of Emma Elizabeth Pettitt and Matthew Philip Keen	St Peter, Evercreech
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SUNDAY 7th June FIRST SUNDAY after TRINITY (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 John, Lamyatt
11.00 am	Parish Communion	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe

Helpers at St Peter, Evercreech – May 2026

Sunday 3rd May Fifth Sunday of Easter 9.30 am Parish Communion	Sidesperson	Sonia Boyle
	Reading: Acts 7: 55-end	Daphne Roach
	Gospel: John 14: 1-14	Janet Rundle
	Prayers	Eric Deyes
	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Eleanor Dawkins
	Sound	Alistair Roach
	Sacristan	Alan Henderson
	Refreshments	Paul & Clare Robinson
Sunday 10th May Sixth Sunday of Easter 9.30 am Parish Communion	Sidesperson	Sue Kewish
	Reading: Acts 17: 22-31	Sue Kewish
	Gospel: John 14: 15-21	Samuel Dawkins
	Prayers	Geoff Hamlet
	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Sue Deyes
	Sound	Gerald Fry
	Sacristan	Peter Sear
	Refreshments	Meg Wallis & Geoff Hamlet

Sunday 17th May Seventh Sunday of Easter Sunday after Ascension <i>9.30 am Parish</i> <i>Communion</i>	Sidesperson	Janet Rundle
	Reading: Acts 1: 6-14	Sam Phripp
	Gospel: John 17: 1-11	Eleanor Dawkins
	Prayers	Wendi Davis
	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Anne Sear
	Sound	Geoff Hamlet
	Sacristan	Belinda Canning
	Refreshments	Wendi & Martin Davis
Sunday 24th May Pentecost <i>9.30 am Café Church</i> Rogation at Rodmore	Sidesperson	Samual Dawkins
	Refreshments	Hilary Foster & ?
Thursday 28 th May <i>10.30 am</i> <i>Said Communion</i>	Sacristan	Peter Sear
Sunday 31st May Trinity Sunday <i>9.30 am Parish</i> <i>Communion</i>	Sidesperson	Eric Deyes
	Reading: Isaiah 40:12-17,27-end	Cherry Lawson
	Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-end	Liz Henderson
	Prayers	Sue Deyes
	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Janet Rundle
	Sound	Alan Henderson
	Sacristan	Belinda Canning
	Refreshments	Hazel & Gerald Fry
Sunday 7th June First Sunday after Trinity <i>9.30 am Parish</i> <i>Communion</i>	Sidesperson	Geoff Hamlet
	Reading: Hosea 5:15 – 6:6	Daphne Roach
	Gospel: Matthew 9: 9-13,18-26	Paul Robinson
	Prayers	Eleanor Dawkins
	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Meg Wallis
	Sound	Alistair Roach
	Sacristan	Alan Henderson
	Refreshments	Paul & Clare Robinson

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May 30th & June 6th

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Mrs H Fry

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Mrs C Lawson

Mrs S Kewish



Little Fishes

We are a relaxed, friendly group for pre-school children and babies who meet on Mondays, during termtime, in St Peter's Church at 10.00 am.

We welcome Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Carers to bring their children. We play and do simple crafts, whilst adults have a natter. Before the Easter break we enjoyed making Easter bonnets.

At 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

Royal British Legion Breakfast Club

The May Breakfast will be at 9.00 am on Saturday 16th May. If you would like to come along for some of Abby's finest mess scoff, or to pull up a sandbag and share tales of derring-do, join in light-hearted banter with your oppo's or just want some company, please let me know.



Richard Stevens Chair Evercreech Branch
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in St Peter's Church

Thank you to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning on 11th April. A lovely social event run by Hilary in memory of her grandson Oliver. Including donations made on Sunday 12th April, over £400 was raised for:



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The **Coffee Morning** on **Saturday 9th May** between 10.00 am and 12 noon will be in aid of **'Have a Break'**

Have a Break meet in the back room of Evercreech Village Hall on the first, second and fifth Tuesday afternoons of each month from 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm to knit, crochet, chat, read, eat cake and drink tea. Between 12 - 20 people attend. Mixing community with the church. There is no agenda for discussion or activities. It is just a good opportunity for a natter over a cup of tea.



The May Coffee Morning in St Peter's Church is to raise funds to pay towards the cost of hiring Evercreech Village Hall. Whilst our afternoons are free, there is a pot for donations, all of which help to supplement costs incurred. All donations of cake will be gratefully received.

For more information please contact:

Sue or Eric on 01749 831104



The **Coffee Morning** on **Saturday 13th June** in St Peter's Church will be in aid of **Restoring Time at Evercreech Village Hall**. To renew and replace the current non-functioning clock on the front of the hall overlooking Victoria Square.

Coffee Mornings are held in St Peter's Church, usually on the second Saturday of the month from 10 am – 12 noon. 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. 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



Palm Sunday – 29th March

The clocks had sprung forward and it was cold but that didn't stop Kiki leading her donkey Charlie Brown and a crowd of people from taking part in the annual Palm Sunday Procession.



Palm crosses were blessed at Evercreech Village Hall before, accompanied by Matthew on the guitar, we processed singing to St Peter's Church for the Palm Sunday service including an excellent dramatized Passion.

Evercreech with Chesterblade PCC

The Annual Vestry Meeting, when we elect Churchwardens, and the APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) will be held on **Thursday 7th May** at 7pm in St Peter's. This is your chance to vote and to have your say.

As well as Churchwardens, we will be electing PCC members and Deanery Synod representatives. Don't be shy – put your name forward! Nomination forms are in St Peter's, or I can send them to you.

Only people who are on the church Electoral Roll are entitled to stand for election and to vote at the APCM. If you are not already on the Electoral Roll and would like your name to be added, please contact Janet Rundle, our Electoral Roll Officer, on old-saddlery@talk21.com

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St. James', Milton Clevedon

How lovely that spring has arrived at last but after the glorious warm weather in the middle of last week, this chilly wind is a bit of a shock!

It's been fairly quiet in Milton Clevedon but there was a lovely Easter service followed by an Easter egg hunt and the rain held off. The churchyard is looking lovely after a recent mow and the cows are so enjoying being out in the fields again.

We look forward to some warmer weather, especially as it is often colder inside the church than out!



Winkie Fry

Lamyatt News

And so to May, another reasonably quiet month here in Lamyatt (with one notable exception below!).

We of course have our usual coffee morning on Saturday, 2nd May from 10.30 am till 12 noon in Lamyatt Village Hall, when the 100 Club will be drawn. Last month's lucky winners were Simone A, Ruth C and Paul F. Who will it be this month, I wonder?



The produce table is now up and ready for action at the bus shelter. For those new to the village, this is a place where you are welcome to put spare garden produce, seeds, plants, jams or other good quality items (to be removed after a week if not taken), for others to take in return for a donation in the honesty box. Can we equal last year's amazing total of £700, which went towards our church running costs? We shall see.

The exception! You still have time to buy a ticket for what promises to be a very interesting talk at **At the Chapel** in Bruton on **Thursday 7th May at 7.00 pm**. Tom Piper MBE, theatre designer, creator of the 'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red' poppy installation at the Tower of London (does anyone have one of those 888,246 ceramic poppies?) will be in conversation with fellow theatre designer, Michael Pavelka. We are so lucky to have someone of this calibre to talk to us, so do show your support. This comes under the umbrella of our Shakespeare events and any money from that and the Shakespeare performances (Comedy of Errors on 4th July and Macbeth on 9th July) will go towards the Church and Village Hall. You can find all information, together with photos from previous years, plus book tickets for all events at www.shakespeareinlamyatt.co.uk.

May looks quiet-ish, but July, well, that's another story!

Jen Richards



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Called to care

By Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells

I heard about one of the earliest scientists to get involved in climate change research. When he began, the researcher said, he'd believed that if we could just get the science right, all the challenges could be resolved. The best information would

enable humankind to find the right technologies and take the right actions to bring climate change under control. Twenty-five years on, the scientist said, he'd realised he'd got it all wrong. What we need to sort out, he said, is the human heart. We know what to do to address the climate emergency. Our challenge is that we're all too liable to place the actions we need to take into the 'too difficult' box, or just deny there's a problem altogether.

Yet whether we like it or not, the climate emergency is a reality that is advancing upon us. It's seen in rising sea levels and increased freak weather. Talk to our brothers and sisters in Zambia and they'll tell you that the climate emergency is upon them now in increased droughts and floods. Last year the National Emergency Briefing on the Climate and Nature Crisis saw leading experts brief an audience of over 1,200 politicians and leaders from business, culture, faith, sport and the media. The Briefing outlined the implications of climate breakdown for health, food systems, national security and the economy. If you've not seen it please can I encourage you to find out where you can watch it.

I invite us all to think too about the next steps we can take to address an issue we'd probably rather ignore. The Church of England has set the bold target of becoming Carbon Net Zero by 2030. Our churches can make a difference in local communities towards achieving this ambitious goal. I urge you to fill out your church's Carbon Footprint return, sign up to achieve an A Rocha Eco Church Award, make whatever difference you can where you are. Such actions are a sign of us turning around – metanoia as the New Testament puts it – away from denial of what's wrong towards putting things right. Our actions can be signs of the change in heart that all of us need to make.

+ Michael

Manna, the monthly Diocesan newsletter, is available in electronic form, to request a copy please contact evercreech.news@gmail.com

Easter greetings and news from Zambia

I sent Easter greetings on behalf of all at St Peter's to our link parish and to Joseph Mwenya, and they sent Easter greetings to us at St Peter's. Douglas Kakoma, the parish priest of St Joseph's, says that they had a combined Palm Sunday walk with six denominations. He has also sent thanks for the magazine, and says, "God be with you all."

Douglas Kakoma told me that he watched the installation service of the new Archbishop of Canterbury, during which Albert Chama, formerly bishop of Northern Diocese in Zambia and now Archbishop of the Province of Central Africa, led a prayer in the Bemba language which is spoken in the Copperbelt region.



I have received photos showing the progress that St Joseph's are making on building the extension to St Joseph's.



The building on the left with the red roof is the toilet block. Some years ago we sent some money to help build that. The bit that sticks out from the main building is the vestry. The bit that sticks out on the right, in shadow, is the entrance porch.

Anne Sear, Link Correspondent.

Praise & Pizza
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Evercreech Surgery

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Patient Participation Group (PPG)

The Patient Participation Group is a group of individuals who meet with the Practice Manager once every 4-6 weeks. GP Practices are contractually obliged to have a PPG, our role is to help facilitate communication between Practice and Patients. We also help when appropriate, for example, at the annual flu clinics and with digital access. It's a really interesting volunteering role as we hear what's happening in the practice and can suggest ideas to help aid communication. It is not is a forum for complaints, we aim to be proactive. We do listen to fellow patients and their concerns and can bring their issues to the PPG committee meetings.

We really need more members to help on the committee. It's very rewarding and we're a nice bunch of people! It's also not too onerous and the meetings run for an hour. No particular skills are required, just an interest in helping the practice operate as well as it can. If you are interested in volunteering or would like a chat about the role, please contact me:

Sheila Astley

Patient Participation Group Chair

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Evercreech History Society

www.evercreechhistorysociety.org.uk

The History Society committee were extremely sorry April's meeting had to be cancelled. This would have concluded our current programme, but we do have a planned meeting later in the year.

It was the intention at that meeting to thank Gill and Liz for their 30 years commitment to the Society. However, as that was not possible, the committee made a small presentation to Gill and Liz which we hope will provide fond memories of their connection with the village.

We are sure you would like to wish Gill and Liz all the best for the future.

Val Bath Secretary

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End of the spring term - It was a busy and joyful few weeks in the run up to the Easter holidays filled with learning, celebration, and community spirit.

Science Week concluded with an exciting Space Dome experience, sparking curiosity throughout the school. Pupils also took part in health and wellbeing workshops, learning about the importance of exercise, sleep, and healthy habits in a fun and engaging way. Younger children enjoyed a drama workshop with staff from Westlands Entertainment Complex, building confidence and creativity.

Across the school, pupils have been working hard on their end-of-term assessments, showing great determination and positivity. Alongside this, a range of enriching activities has taken place. Mulberry Class enjoyed a memorable visit to Bath City Farm, while Holly Class explored the outdoors at Carymoor, both returning full of enthusiasm and stories to share. Finally, Year 5 and 6 pupils returned from a wonderful residential visit to Barton Hall, packed with adventure and unforgettable experiences.

Holly Class marked Mothering Sunday with a special tea party, where children shared songs, prayers, and pictures with their mums and special guests, followed by a cream tea. It was a lovely occasion, enjoyed by all.



*Holly Class
Mothering Sunday Tea party*

A highlight for many was the fantastic Year 3 and 4 production of *Jack and the Beanstalk*, which showcased the children's hard work and talent to an appreciative audience of family and friends.

Acorns Pre-school continue to explore changes in the environment around them and are keeping a close eye on the flowers and vegetables they have planted.

Both Acorns and Evercreech Primary School came together to support charitable causes, raising £133 for Red Nose Day and an additional £180 through the sale of red noses. The PTFA Easter Bingo was another great success, raising over £800 to support school activities and trips.

Nathan Hole, Foundation Governor



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.

In April I delivered quilts and blankets to the children's wards at Yeovil and Musgrove hospitals and the neonatal unit at Musgrove hospital.

The photo is one which created real joy amongst the Project Linus sewing community, it was a large delivery of fabric scraps (weighing 36kg) from the charity Fairy Pyjamas, who make hospital gowns and pyjamas for children who have long term conditions and are frequent inpatients on the wards. They send me the 'left overs'. This was their first delivery to Yeovil, I hope the children have fun matching the quilts to their gowns.

Just a reminder we can always donate to a child who is ill or in crisis, this will be done without identifying the family.

To find out more about Project Linus please contact me:



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Mid-Somerset Flower Club

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 13th May, at 2.00 pm in Evercreech Village Hall, doors open 1.30 pm. The demonstration is by Lucille Street entitled "Village Life". Competition: "From Land and Sea" to include a piece of driftwood or similar. We will have our usual tea and delicious home made cakes.

Tickets are available for our Open Evening on Friday June 12th, 6.30 for 7.15 pm.

For more information please contact Rose Herlock 07876 080127

Evercreech Friendship Club

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May already, how times seems to fly, still, warmer weather on the horizon “we hope”. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 26th May.

Visitors are always welcome for just £2 (a taster in case you would like to join!). If you are a member you get “goodies” worth over £15. If you are over 55 and would like to join our club you would be most welcome. Meetings start at 2pm in Evercreech Village Hall and include a Raffle, Greetings Card Stall, tea and biscuits.

God Bless and KEEP SAFE!!

For more information please contact one of the following:

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



Evercreech WI

Evercreech WI held its AGM in April and our President, tried to shake things up by getting members’ input to remember the past programme and create ideas for the future, as well as running through our activities during the year and handing out annual prizes, we finished the evening after supper with a variation on “pass the parcel” which was fun.

On 12th May we have a speaker, Naomi O’Neil, who is talking about a subject that women know well, “changes resulting from the menopause”, it will be interesting and hopefully informative. As usual visitors are very welcome for a small fee.

You are all invited to join us on our outing to Winchester this year on 11th August, the coach will leave Evercreech Village Hall at 9.00 am, the cost is £18 per head, good value and no parking to worry about. Spaces are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

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Run by the Community for the Community Charity Number 304538

The Hall held its AGM on 1st of April and the main points raised were about its purpose, financial results and the campaign to replace the clock. The Chair's report looked at the context of the Hall as a Charity and emphasised the range of community activities taking place which are in keeping with its stated aims for public benefit. These activities comprise both regular group meetings and one off social and family celebratory events.

The Committee is very thankful for the help of volunteers in fundraising so that the Hall can maintain its facilities and keep hiring charges as low as possible. The fundraising helped to overcome a reduction in hiring income in 2025 providing an increase to the financial reserves in spite of high equipment replacement and insurance costs.

We were pleased to have been able to show the NT Live: "All My Sons" which had just won two Olivier Awards and hope those who came enjoyed the revival of Arthur Miller's play. You may also have heard that Rosamund Pike won Best Actress for "Inter Alia" that we started the season with in September. Although not literally "live plays", for £10 and easily reached locally in the Hall, it's not a bad way to see such talent and major productions. If you have missed them so far, come and try out "Playboy of the Western World" on Saturday 30th May. (see page 24).

The campaign to replace the clock on the Village Hall is proceeding with donations to date of over 60% of the target. In discussion at the AGM, the need for a potentially illuminated front was raised as not necessary. No decisions have been taken yet and when we have reached the target we will ensure there is a clear proposal, based on affordability and in keeping with the conservation area, put up for public comment.



The Coffee Morning in St Peter's Church on Saturday 13th June will be in aid of the clock. To contribute you can **scan the QR code** which will take you to our JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/restoring-time-at-evercreech-village-hall>

You can also donate by contacting the Village Hall Treasurer, Richard Kewish at:
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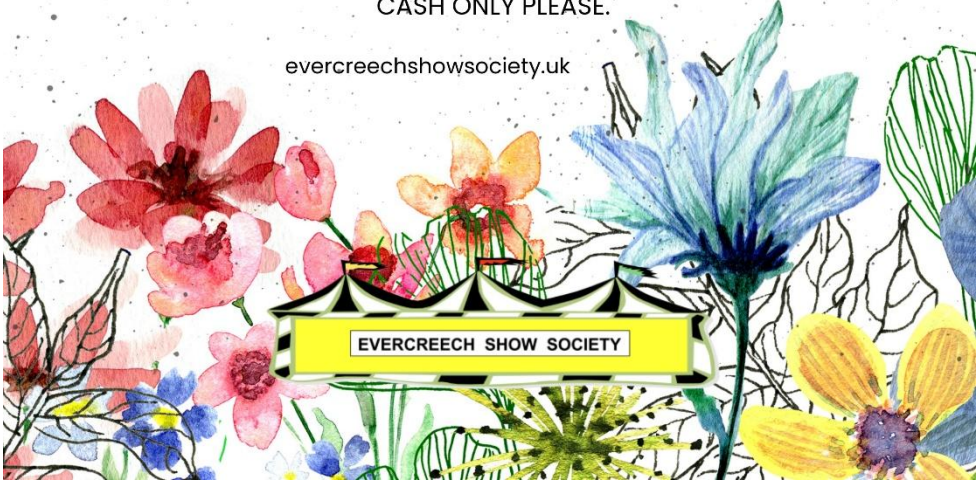
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Evercreech Drama Group

2026 dates for your diary:



Family Quiz Evening

Saturday 20th June - Evercreech Village Hall

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Teams of 6, Adults £2, children free.

Bar and Raffle

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The Railway is returning to Evercreech!

22nd - 24th October

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Look out for details of auditions coming soon.

If you are interested in any aspect of what we do, either on stage or behind the scenes then don't hesitate to contact our Chairman Greg Jessop on 01749 831122 or via email evercreechdg@gmail.com to find out more.



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During this time Nos.1 and 667 buses will not serve Station Road, Ansford Hill and Cumnock Road. Closest alternative stops are Churchfields or Castle Cary Horsepond. Buses will operate in the opposite direction on Churchfield Drive.

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The Playboy of the Western World

by John Millington Sygne

Directed by Caitríona McLaughlin

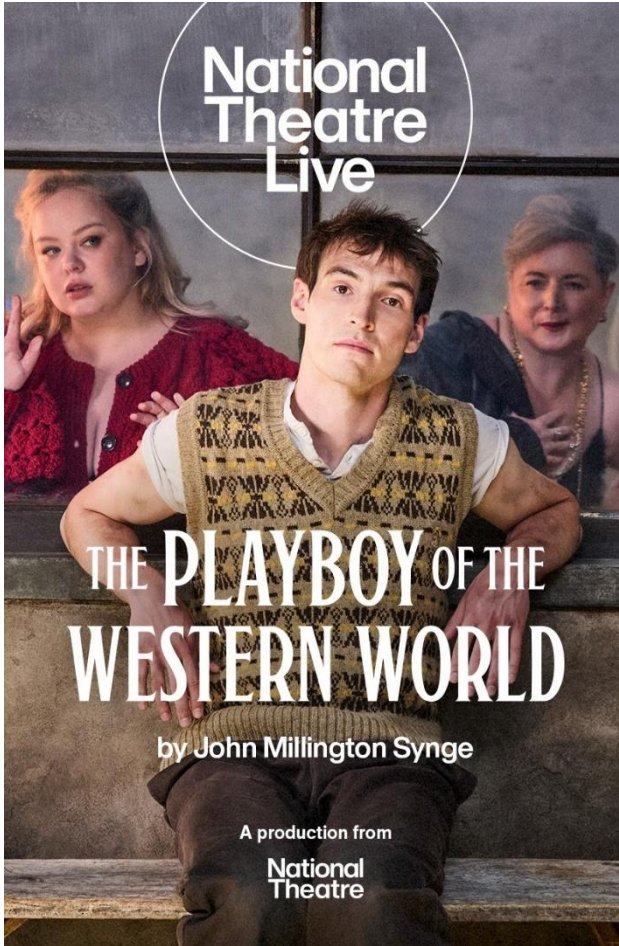
Evercreech Village Hall

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For further information and to book please see

www.evercreechvillagehall.org.uk/ntlive

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Tickets also available on the door. Cash or card accepted

Bar Available



The Chilla Youth Club is open every Wednesday evening



In the last month the numbers coming to the Chilla have been varied, from a few to over 20, the light evenings are very welcome, to allow the greater number to practice rounders outside. We celebrated Easter by decorating foam eggs and making Easter cards.

We also started some early gardening, as can be seen from the photo, we made “snails” from rolled bubble wrap stuffed with compost and have planted various varieties of runner beans, peas and courgettes. It is our aim to plant them in pots on the south side of the building.



We are looking ahead to September when the older members of the group will be meeting later in the evening, the need for volunteers is going to be increased.

With so much going on, it's so good we have volunteers, but we do need a trained enthusiastic youth leader, we cannot afford to pay for one. Unfortunately grant providers are not keen to provide salary for such a post. We still need more volunteers, with the installation of the quiet room this makes supervision more essential to provide good safeguarding.

At the same time we are delighted to offer a safe space where a lot of non organised things happen, just as essential as the organised activities. Where else can they go to make a lot of noise and talk with their friends?

It is so good to see 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, times are:

- 8-11 year olds from 6.00pm to 7.30pm
- 12-16 year olds from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm.

Cost each session £2 per person

For more information please call Vikki on 07853 853221

Jaci Elliott

Evercreech Parish Council

Chairmanship Announcement

I'm pleased to share that my fellow Councillors have voted for me to continue as Chair for this year. I accepted the role with gratitude and look forward to the support of my Vice Chair, Councillor Wakeford.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 14th May at 6:30 pm in Evercreech Village Hall. All residents are invited to attend. This meeting provides an opportunity for residents to meet Councillors and learn about the activities and achievements of different groups within the village over the past year.

Community Improvements

The Parish Council has recently installed a new dog waste bin at the Millennium Gardens. We kindly ask everyone to handle the lid carefully when using this facility. Additionally, a new litter bin will soon be installed at Weston Town Sports Club, helping to keep the area clean and tidy.

Council Vacancy

The Parish Council currently has a vacancy for a Councillor. If you are interested in joining us and contributing to the future of the village, please contact clerk@evercreech-pc.gov.uk as your first step.

The next full council meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th May at 7pm in Evercreech Village Hall.

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



Brimstone, the original Butter Fly

May is a lovely month to look for butterflies, several of our native species are on the wing at this time of year including the striking yellow Brimstone. It is thought that the name butterfly comes from this large, yellow beauty, literally Butter Fly! When you see one flying it is highly visible but actually it can be well camouflaged too; have a look at the shape of the brimstone's wing and you will see that it closely resembles a leaf. When at rest they can disappear amongst foliage.



Brimstone butterfly credit Roger Wasley

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

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