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Evercreech News

The Parish Magazine covering
St Peter Evercreech, St Mary Chesterblade,
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four of the six churches in the
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From the Vicarage

Summer has come again, the schools will soon break up and our children and young people excitedly look forward to long golden weeks of freedom and fun. But it's not a time of leisure for all and our hard-working Somerset farmers will be out in the fields until dusk. There's silage and hay to cut and store away for a winter that under the warmth of the July sun seems strange and unfamiliar. It's a race against time and the weather, a poignant reminder of our dependency on the soil and the seasons.



The Feast of St James falls at the end of July. We will mark this day with a special service at St James' in Milton Clevedon on 26th July. This year's festivities have a twist as we combine the Feasts of St James with Lammas in the barn by the church. Lammas is a celebration of the first fruits of the harvest. St James is associated with the great pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela through the green hills of Galicia. We share much in common with this lush corner of old Celtic Spain. We are both deeply agricultural regions where rural farming communities have lived off the land for centuries, tending cattle and crops in a landscape carved by rain and devotion.

Pilgrims who walk the Camino speak of the connection that grows between the physical earth beneath their boots and the spiritual landscape of their souls. I don't think we need to travel to Spain to experience this, we can walk the pilgrim way closer to home, in Evercreech, Chesterblade, Milton Clevedon, Lamyatt and all around us. The pathways we tread here are holy ground.

We don't need to cross continents to find sacred space or a deeper connection with God. We don't even need boots, we can find them through the practice of contemplative prayer. This is the simple practice of sitting (or walking) in quiet stillness and opening our hearts to God's silent presence. In the busyness of life setting aside even ten minutes for contemplation offers an anchor for the soul. As we walk through our local fields or pause in a moment's quiet contemplation we are walking a holy path. Let's use these blessed summer weeks to slow down where we can, to appreciate the green pastures around us and to ground ourselves in the deep peace of God's restorative silence.

Helen

Revd. Helen Drever, Vicar of the Alham Vale Benefice

Church Services in the *Alham Vale Benefice*

SUNDAY 5th July FIFTH SUNDAY after TRINITY (Green)

9.30 am	Parish Communion	St Peter, Evercreech
11.00 am	Worship for all ages	St Mary & St John, Lamyatt
11.00 am	Parish Communion	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe

SUNDAY 12th July SIXTH SUNDAY after TRINITY (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	St James, Milton Clevedon
11.00 am	Matins or Informal Service	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe
4.30 pm	Praise & Pizza	St Peter, Evercreech

SUNDAY 19th July SEVENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY (Green)

9.30 am	Parish Communion	St Peter, Evercreech
11.00 am	Parish Communion	St Mary & St John, Lamyatt
11.00 am	Matins or Informal Service	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe

Thursday 23rd July

10.30 am	Midweek Communion	St Peter, Evercreech
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SUNDAY 26th July EIGHTH SUNDAY after TRINITY (Green)

ST JAMES

9.30 for 9.50 am	Café Church	Evercreech Village Hall
9.30 am	Parish Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Upton Noble
11.00 am	Patronal Communion/Lammas	St James, Milton Clevedon
11.00 am	Parish Communion	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe

SUNDAY 2nd August NINTH SUNDAY after TRINITY (Green)

9.30 am	Parish Communion	St Peter, Evercreech
11.00 am	Pet Service	St Mary & St John, Lamyatt
11.00 am	Parish Communion	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe

Helpers at St Peter, Evercreech – July 2026

Sunday 5th July Fifth Sunday after Trinity Proper 9 ZAMBIA SUNDAY <i>9.30 am Parish Communion</i>	Sidesperson	tbc
	Reading: Zechariah 9: 9-12	Cherry Lawson
	Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19,25-end	Liz Henderson
	Prayers	Anne Sear
	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Liz Henderson
	Sound	Alan Henderson
	Sacristan	Alan Henderson
	Refreshments	Hazel & Gerald Fry
Sunday 12th July Sixth Sunday after Trinity Proper 10 <i>9.30 am Parish Communion</i>	Sidesperson	Eric Deyes
	Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-13	Belinda Canning
	Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23	Peter Sear
	Prayers	Emily Simper
	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Sue Deyes
	Sound	Gerald Fry
	Sacristan	Belinda Canning
	Refreshments	Clare & Paul Robinson
Sunday 19th July Seventh Sunday after Trinity Proper 11 <i>9.30 am Parish Communion</i>	Sidesperson	Sue Kewish
	Reading: Isaiah 44: 6-8	Sue Kewish
	Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43	Wendi Davis
	Prayers	Eleanor Dawkins
	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Janet Rundle
	Sound	Eric Deyes
	Sacristan	Peter Sear
	Refreshments	Wendi & Martin Davis
Thursday 23 rd July <i>10.30 am Said Communion</i>	Sacristan	Belinda Canning
Sunday 26th July Eighth Sunday after Trinity Proper 12 <i>9.30 am Café Church</i>	Sidesperson	Willing Volunteer
	Refreshments	Hilary Foster & Geoff Hamlet

Sunday 2nd August Ninth Sunday after Trinity Proper 13 9.30 am Parish Communion	Sidesperson	Gerald Fry
	Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-5	Daphne Roach
	Gospel: Matthew 14: 13-21	Sue Deyes
	Prayers	Eric Deyes
	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Geoff Hamlet
	Sound	Alistair Roach
	Sacristan	Alan Henderson
	Refreshments	Sue Kewish & Sonia Boyle



St Peter's Church Flowers

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July 4th Mrs J Webster
 July 11th & 18th Mrs S Kewish
 July 25th & 1st Aug. Mrs M Elliott

Memorial

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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

Thank You

to everyone who helped me celebrate my 60th birthday on 28th May with cake and bubbles after the service at St Peter's on Sunday 31st May.

Helen

Rev. Helen Drever



Poppy Bea Louise Payne was baptised at St Peter's Evercreech on 13th June 2026

WEDDING

Emma Elizabeth Pettitt and **Matthew Phillip Keen** were married at St Peter, Evercreech on 6th June 2026.





Bob and Jill Hatch celebrated their silver wedding on 20th May 2026. There was a blessing service in their church followed by lunch at Lyme Regis Golf Club.

Congratulations to **Sue and Richard Kewish** who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 25th June 2026.



DEATHS



Steven John Sheppard “Shep” died on 28th April 2026, aged 56 years. His funeral service was held at St Peter’s Evercreech on 27th May, followed by Committal at Mendip Crematorium.

Margaret Jane Jeffery died on 3rd May 2026, aged 76 years. Her funeral service was held at St Peter’s Evercreech on 1st June, followed by Committal at Mendip Crematorium.

Beryl Wendy Cannock died on 8th May 2026, aged 88 years. Her funeral service was held at Mendip Crematorium on 12th June.

Elizabeth (Liz) Mary Bowyer died on 22nd May 2026, aged 83 years. Her funeral was held at St Thomas à Becket, Pylle on 12th June, followed by interment in Pylle churchyard.

Mavis Anne Petley, *formerly of The Green Willow, Evercreech*, died on 30th May 2026, aged 89 years. Her funeral service was held at Mendip Crematorium on 16th June.

Thank you

Brian, Esther and Caroline wish to thank all our family and friends for their sympathy, support and love at this difficult time. We were so pleased to see so many people at the celebration of Margaret’s life on Monday 1st June at a wonderful service in St Peter’s Church, Evercreech.

Once again, thank you.

Brian



'Have a Break'

We 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.

For more information please contact:

Sue or Eric on 01749 831104

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



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.

The last Little Fishes before we break for the summer holidays will be on Monday 20th July. We return on Monday 7th September.

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

Hilary



Royal British Legion Breakfast Club

The July Breakfast will be at 9.00 am on Saturday 18th July. 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

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



The **Coffee Morning** on **Saturday 13th June** in aid of **Restoring Time at Evercreech Village Hall** raised the magnificent sum of £543, see the Village Hall report on page 22.

The **Coffee Morning** on **Saturday 11th July** will be raising money for



We will have the usual bric-a-brac, draw and delicious coffee, tea and cakes. For more on Happy Landings see page 27.



Join us for a fresh, alternative worship experience! Explore the Bible, deepen your faith, and encounter the Holy Spirit. With lively modern worship music, creative prayer, engaging talks, and finishing with some hot, tasty pizza! All ages welcome.

Evercreech with Chesterblade PCC

The next PCC meeting will be on 16th July. If there is anything that you would like PCC to discuss, please tell a PCC member or email me, ideally before Standing Committee meets on 2nd July.

Anne Sear (PCC Secretary)

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A Calendar for the Benefice

Do you have any photographs of your beautiful church?

A calendar featuring all the churches within our Benefice is being developed and we are seeking photographs that capture the beauty and spirit of our wonderful buildings. These can be interiors, perhaps focussing on something that is unique to your church or of a particular season. Exterior images of the church could be of the whole building in its surroundings or maybe shown in an amazing dawn light or sunset. We will definitely need one for December that gleams with the spirit of Christmas, inside or out!

Photographs will need to be in colour and in landscape orientation, digital and high resolution (ideally 5MB but can be less), originals not screenshots. Images taken on a fairly new phone camera should be sufficiently high res. If in doubt, please submit anyway especially if it is your favourite image or collection of images of your church.

Please send photos via Dropbox using this link
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You don't need an account or log-in, just click, select your photo(s) and press upload. If you have any queries, please contact Helen Corney via treas.miltonclevedon@gmail.com

We are very excited to see what you already have in your photo libraries and encourage you to spend time with your camera at the ready in and around your church and all the churches in the Alham Vale Benefice (Batcombe, Chesterblade, Evercreech, Lamyatt, Milton Clevedon, Upton Noble). Unleash your inner photographer!

Helen Corney



Zambia Sunday – 5th July 2026

The five Anglican dioceses in Zambia and the diocese of Bath and Wells will celebrate Zambia Bath and Wells Sunday on Sunday 5th July 2026. The companion link between these dioceses has been going since 1978, and our own parish link between Evercreech and St Joseph's, Kamuchanga, began in the 1990s. Over the years a number of people from St Peter's have taken part in reciprocal visits to Zambia, including school links, and here we have hosted guests from Zambia.

Zambia Sunday gives us the opportunity to pray particularly for our link parish, and Douglas Kakoma, the parish priest, has asked that we pray especially for peace and unity ahead of national elections on 13th August. He also asks prayers for the church building project and the associated fundraising. In a recent email, he emphasised how much they value the link, saying:

“The entire family of St. Joseph's is fine. Pass my warm greetings to the entire link family in Evercreech. I am grateful because you are always in touch with us. It always makes us happy. God be with you at all.”

Anne Sear, Link Correspondent.

An Iona Service for Justice and Peace

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St. Peter's Church Choir

As St. Peter's Choir rests now for the Summer, I would like to thank them for all their tireless effort and super singing this past year. After a busy Christmas, we prepared anthems for Easter as well as 'A Prayer for Peace,' a poem written by my great-grandfather in 1948, having lost three of his sons in the First World War.

On Sunday 14th June the Choir sang two anthems; 'Lux Aeterna' (Eternal light) which I wrote for the newly-illuminated West Window of the Church, and 'O Holy Spirit breathe on me' and did a brilliant job – well done Team!

The Choir meets again on Wednesday 9th September, from 7pm in the Church and we welcome new singers. In addition to the church music, the Choir will be performing a 'Teatime Concert' at 4.00pm on Saturday 17th October



A Prayer for Peace.

Tune, Rivaulx. M.H.B., 38.

Almighty Ever-living Lord,
Who rulest all in time and space,
Thy love is law in highest heaven,
And in the kingdom of Thy grace.

So be it, Lord, in all the earth;
Give peace and truth and righteousness,
Till warring nations, East and West,
Thy truth shall know, Thy love confess.

Lord Christ, Who didst the tempest still,
Rebuke the raging of the sea,
Till all its discords, fierce and wild,
Blend in one perfect harmony.

Speak to the storms that they may sleep,
Speak to the nations till they find,
Through mutual trust and confidence,
The brotherhood of all mankind.

That ancient feuds of class and creed,
May pass, as pass all evil things;
That night, may end in promised day,
And all the good that morning brings.

Give wisdom wherein we have erred,
Let evil die and good increase;
So shall Thy Spirit's gracious power
Sew in all hearts the seed of peace.

Larkin, 1948

which will include classic songs such as 'Tea for Two,' 'Goodnight Sweetheart' and 'A Nightingale sang in Berkeley Square.' If these songs appeal to you, why not come along on Wednesdays and join us?

For more details, please contact the Choir Director, Michael Castle, on mcastlemusic@gmail.com.

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Milton Clevedon News

Redlands Farm Charity Clay Shoot 2026

Saturday 18th April 2026 saw the second annual Redlands Farm Charity Clay Shoot take place. With the cherry trees still in blossom the beautiful Park ground of Redlands Farm Evercreech, hosted over 60 competitors who took aim to prove themselves whilst raising money for Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance, St James's Church Milton Clevedon and Bristol Children's Hospital's Wallace and Gromit's Grand Appeal.



Fuelled by burgers from Denela's Bakery cooked and prepared by Batcombe Mortgage Services, drinks, delicious cakes baked by the ladies of Milton Clevedon and Westcombe, served by volunteers from the Parish, the Open and Novice entrants pitted their skills against the tricky '40 clay' trap layout, once again



designed and overseen by Brian James. Old friends caught up, new friends were made and Alham Vale Benefice Vicar, Revd Helen Drever was even spotted having a go at Lazerclay!

Dave Webber took first place in the Open Class claiming both the prize money and the glory, Kelvin Day Jr took the novice trophy home after a thrilling shoot off against Scrump, aka Stephen

Butler. Hayley Stokes was the highest scoring lady gun of the competition. 'Syd' achieved the only straight score of the day on the Pool Shoot as everyone had a great day of friendly sporting rivalry played out in the sunshine.

Supported by the generosity of our local sponsors which included, Barrow Farm, Read Agri, Mulberry, Barbers Cheese, Royal Bath and West Show, Godminster Cheese, East Somerset Railway, Bath Luxury Toilet Hire, MM&D Construction and Sportsman Gun Centre, Dorchester; the event organised by Mendip Signs, Justin Witcombe and L Sealey & Son Ltd raised in excess of £4000 for the charities.

Our sincere thanks go to all the volunteers who once again so generously gave their time and support to the event.

Lamyatt News

Shakespeare is on his way to Lamyatt!

Preparations are being made: the field is being cleared, the marquee will soon go up – its all happening. We are eagerly anticipating the arrival of The Festival Players with The Comedy of Errors on Saturday, July 4th, and The



Handlebards with Macbeth on

Thursday 9th. Both shows begin at 7pm (gates open beforehand for picnics).



So its time to get your tickets. Full details found at www.shakespeareinlamyatt.co.uk, where tickets can

also be bought. Do make the most of this opportunity to enjoy these fantastic outdoor performances and support our church and village hall.



Our usual coffee morning will also be held on Saturday, 4th July, where the 100 club will be drawn. This month there will be a special 1st prize of £100 to comply with the club and council rules. Last month's winners were John C, Helen D and Simon and Victoria L.

The produce table is up and running at the bus shelter. Although the amount of money it is bringing in is considerably behind last year's exceptional total, we would like to thank anyone who has so far popped items on there or money in the pot. This year the money will be split between the church and the charity we will be supporting this year: War Child.

Finally a date for your diary – on Sunday 2nd August at 11am, we are planning to hold a pet service at the church after several years' absence. Well-controlled and well-behaved pets are welcome. If you do, however, think your pet would cause chaos, you are also welcome to bring a picture or their favourite toy. Our pets are so much part of the family, so let's celebrate them.

Oh, and did I mention it's time to get your Shakespeare tickets.....

Jen Richards



Human flourishing for all

‘Tell me about your school days’ is a deeply illuminating question to ask. Our experience of school shapes us deeply our whole lives long. Schools mould our character and values. They develop our skills and expectations. They influence our relationships and our life chances.

Rooted in our understanding of the Bible, Christians have been involved in schooling for many centuries. In the nineteenth century, the Church of England’s National Society set up thousands of schools all around our country, established principally for the benefit of the poor. It is largely out of this heritage that our Diocese of Bath and Wells continues to have a stake in so many of Somerset’s schools today. We have 180 Church Schools, the majority of which are for primary aged children, with nine middle, upper or secondary schools and one specialist provision. Big and small, and found in all kinds of communities, our schools educate around 60% of Somerset’s primary school children.

Our schools are Church Schools, they are not faith schools. We are open to everyone, of all faiths and none. Our schools are guided by our Christian ethos, manifested in their engagement with the Bible and worship, in prayer and Christian ethics. More recently, this is expressed most fully in the Church of England’s Vision for Education. This understands our schools’ mission to be ‘deeply Christian, serving the Common Good’. Our vision embraces the spiritual, physical, intellectual, emotional, moral and social development of children and young people. Our vision is of human flourishing for all.

As bishop, I am privileged to spend lots of time in our Church Schools. The most fun I have is being grilled by young people who pose me questions about ethics and doctrine, our Church’s life and faith. I’m certainly kept on my toes! What I value most is seeing played out in our young people the four main elements of our Church’s vision - wisdom, hope, community and dignity. These commitments are reflected in the stories told in this edition of Manna. I hope you’ll enjoy reading them as they illustrate our vision for education in the schools of our diocese.

Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells

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DIARY

- Saturday 4th July 8.30 am Men's Breakfast, The Bell Inn
 10.30 am Coffee Morning, Lamyatt Village Hall
 7.00 pm "The Comedy of Errors"
 Fields by Lamyatt Village Hall (see page 13)
- Sunday 5th July 4.00 pm Iona Service, Chesterblade (see page 10)
- Tuesday 7th July 2.00 pm Have a Break, Evercreech Village Hall
 7.00 pm Evercreech Parish Council Meeting,
 Evercreech Village Hall
- Thursday 9th July 7.00 pm "Macbeth" Fields by Lamyatt Village Hall
 (see page 13)
- Saturday 11th July 10.00 am Coffee Morning for Happy Landings,
 St Peter's Church (see page 27)
- Sunday 12th July 4.30 pm Praise & Pizza, St Peter's Church (see page 8)
- Tuesday 14th July 2.00 pm Have a Break, Evercreech Village Hall
 7.30 pm Evercreech WI, Evercreech Village Hall
 (see page 21)
- Wednesday 15th July ***Deadline for August Evercreech News***
- Thursday 16th July 7.30 pm Evercreech with Chesterblade PCC Meeting
- Saturday 18th July 9.00 am RBL Breakfast, The Bell Inn Evercreech
- Tuesday 21st July 12 noon Hot Potato Lunch, Evercreech Village Hall
 Last Day of Term, Evercreech Church of England Primary School
- Tuesday 28th July 2.00 pm Friendship Club, Evercreech Village Hall
 (see page 23)
- Wednesday 29th July 4.00pm Visiting bellringers, St Peter's Church
- Saturday 1st August 8.30 am Men's Breakfast, The Bell Inn
 9.45 am Visiting bellringers, St Peter's Church
 10.30 am Coffee Morning, Lamyatt Village Hall
- Sunday 2nd August 11.00 am Pet Service, Lamyatt Church

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Chair Richard Stevens: 07506 272669 email: Richard.stevens3707@gmail.com

Evercreech Food Larder in the Car Park at the back of Evercreech Village Hall open 24 hours a day. Deborah Hogg deborah.hogg@yahoo.co.uk

Evercreech Foodsaving

evercreechfoodsaving@gmail.com Jenny Newton 07535 002279

Shepton Mallet Salvation Army Foodbank

A box at the back of St Peter's Church for donations (non-perishable items, unopened and in date please) or donate funds directly to:

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.

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The picture shows three beautiful quilts made by Margaret, Judy and Moira who attend our village workshop. These fantastic fabrics originated from the USA. They were collected from there by a Somerset person's deceased sister-in-law and brought into us.

To continue with an international theme, I was contacted in May by a lady resident in France, whose mother resident in Somerset had died and she wanted her mother's fabrics to go to charity. I gave the daughter details of our organisation and although we have not as yet managed to meet up, she was so impressed by the organisation that on her return to France she has held two market stalls in her village. So far she has made payments of £185 and £100 into our bank account. There is no equivalent organisation to us in France.

I would also like to thank the members of the Tuesday Afternoon Friendship club, who donated £99.36 to Project Linus UK at a talk I gave at Evercreech Village Hall.

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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Bishop Fiona's visit



Rev'd Helen's reflections on the visit: -

'Just after Bishop Fiona was installed at Wells Cathedral I encouraged Headteacher Sarah Hann to get in touch with Bishop Fiona and invite her to visit Evercreech Primary. Thankfully Bishop Fiona accepted the invitation and at the beginning of June came along for a whole morning at Evercreech Primary visiting the children's classrooms, joining them in their learning and leading Collective Worship. The morning was rounded off with Bishop Fiona sharing tea and cake with Sarah Hann, the Foundation Governors, Michèle Hole and myself. Bishop Fiona began her career as a primary teacher and SENCO, and also worked as a children's minister before going forward for ordination; experience which I think will serve all of us in the diocese well.'

Rogation at Rodmore

Once again it was a real pleasure to welcome over a dozen children from the school who sang beautifully at the annual Rogation celebration at Rodmore Farm. They and their families stayed afterwards for delicious refreshments in the sunshine at the farm.

Display in the School Tent at Royal Bath & West Show



Whilst on duty at the combined Church and School tent on the Main Lawn at this year's Bath and West Show it was interesting to see the school's display entitled 'Our Wonderful World' - there was work on display from both Sycamore and Holly Class and very eye catching it was too - well done to all involved in this!

Michèle Hole, Churchwarden



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Evercreech WI

In June we were entertained by one of our own, Pam Mitchell, who delighted us by telling us all about her crafty life, which started from a very early age. She showed us items and articles, and she told us of all of the societies she belongs to and showed us some beautiful lace and crochet work, as well as her portable spinning wheel.

On 14th July we are looking forward to Ken Manners who is talking about Working in an Underwater Environment. Visitors are always welcome for a small fee.

We also invite anyone to join us for a day out in Winchester on 11th August, we have hired a coach and would like to fill it, WI members free of charge, other adults just £5 per head, children free of charge, first come first served, please contact me to get your name on the list.

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The main news from June is that with the generosity of individuals, hiring groups and businesses plus a St Peter's Church coffee morning we have reached our fundraising target for the new clock. We also carried out a survey at the coffee morning and had a very big vote in favour of a slightly larger illuminated clock with arabic numerals. The preferred illumination was warm white so a glow which would need a white background. Many thanks to everyone for their help with donations, effort and input to the project. We will be contacting potential suppliers again shortly and hope our planned autumn installation will be possible as long as there are no planning issues.



Freddie selling plants at the coffee morning

June sees the last of the NT Live play screenings of the current programme with Les Liaisons Dangereuses on 27th June. There are none in July and August but the National Theatre have just announced September's will be The Misanthrope. (Award-winner Sandra Oh (Killing Eve) plays the title role in this razor-sharp reimagining of Molière's classic dark comedy). We plan to show it on 26th September. If you wish to get emails with details of the plays and future dates please email evh.ntlive@gmail.com to be put on the distribution list. More plays are due for release at the beginning of November and mid January.

It's always difficult to know where people find out about events in the Hall. There are so many different outlets and each hirer has their own approaches. Our ones such as Hot Potato Lunches, NT Live plays and the annual Bingo are posted on our facebook page [@evercreechvh](https://facebook.com/evercreechvh) and onto the What's Up In Evercreech Group. We also have details on the web site www.evercreechvillagehall.org.uk as well as the traditional posters on lamp posts and in the Hall lobby. We hope we can improve the web site and posters for all hirers shortly, but any ideas where else people get to know about events please let me know. We do rely also on the village word of mouth of course!

Nic Jefferis Chair, Evercreech Village Hall

Email: chair@evercreechvillagehall.org.uk Mobile: 07810 055996

Evercreech Friendship Club

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The next meeting of Evercreech Friendship Club is on Tuesday 28th July.

Becoming a member offers FREE garden party, subsidised Christmas lunch, personal Friendship Club calendar, Birthday and Christmas card and more.

Entrance fees for 2026 remains the same just £1.50 for members and £2 for visitors. 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 includes a Raffle, Greetings Card Stall, tea and biscuits. **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



To contact the Society, please use the new form on our website:

www.evercreechshowsociety.uk (note the “UK” at the end),

We shall respond as soon as possible. The new contact form allows more than one member of the committee to respond to incoming messages so we hope this will improve communication. We have also introduced an online Membership Application Form to make it easier for those who are unable to join in person, allowing more people to support the Society and feel part of the community. We always showcase photos taken at the events we run and warmly welcome your stories and photographs from years gone by to share on the website.

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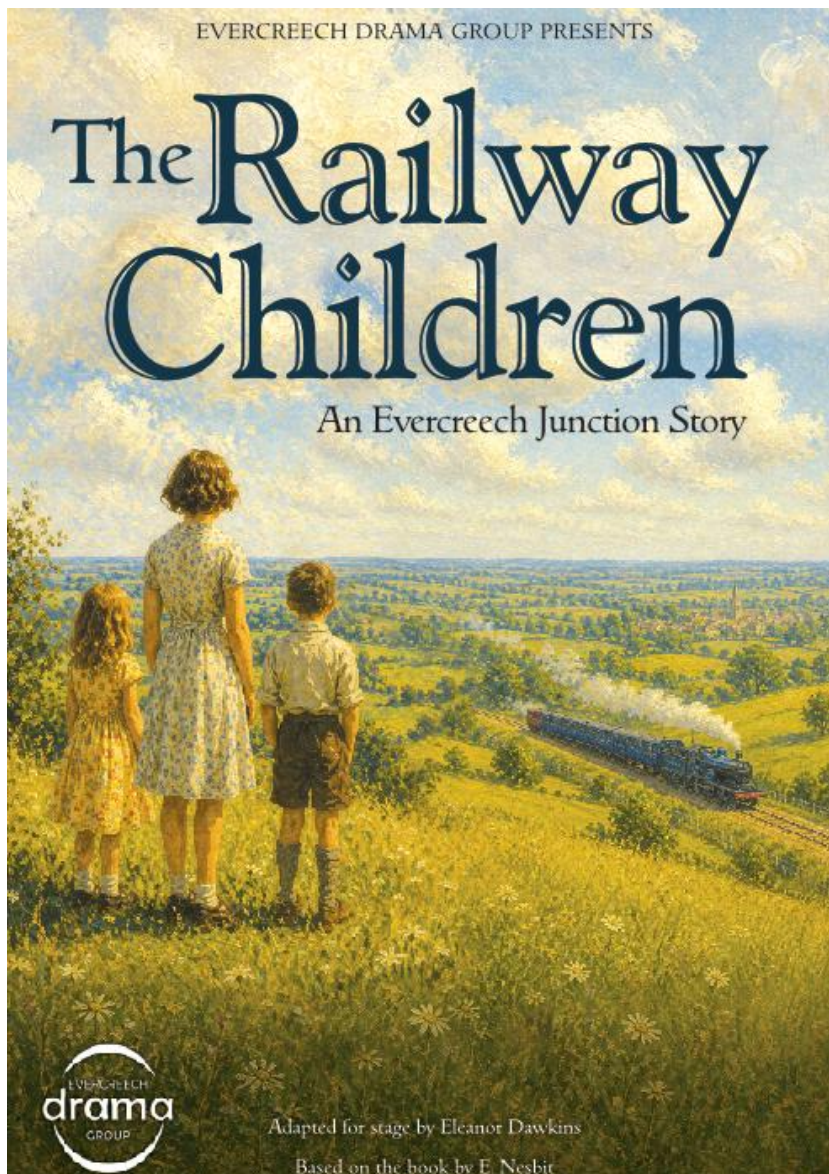
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Moira Barber



Our next production is now cast and rehearsals are underway.
Look out for information on how to get your tickets soon.



The Chilla Youth Club is open every Wednesday evening



We are pleased to share the youth club building with another organisation. The building will be used in the mornings during term time by an organisation called Reach, more details of their work can be found at www.reachyouth.co.uk. They are the Alternative Education Provider service for Somerset and other counties in the west. On their website they state this will enable students local to the area to access a warm, cosy, space for support, opportunities and life skills as part of their Reach sessions. This will be one to one or small groups.

Our activities have included in the last month: casual rounders, making smoothie drinks and most important practising emergency procedures. These included fire drill. Plus safe evacuation from the area, taking the young people away from the park, and assembling in the road to the rear of the building. This was essential after the dreadful murder of the three girls at a dance event in Southport.

We are continuing to get a good number of young people coming to our evenings, average attendance over 20, but this is highlighting our need for more volunteers to help with their management. We do need a trained enthusiastic youth leader, we cannot afford to pay for one. We continue to explore grant funders to make this possible for such a post.

The installation of the quiet room, and what a misnomer this is, makes supervision more essential to provide good safeguarding. The committee are meeting with our local Member of Parliament later this month to look at any possibilities of funding for this post.

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

It is with regret that I advise that Councillor Lesley Parham has stepped down from the Parish Council. Cllrs and I would like to extend our sincere thanks to Cllr Parham for her dedication and hard work on behalf of the Parish of Evercreech and the Parish Council. Cllr Parham has been a Cllr for a good number of years and embraced the role of Chairman.

We also say farewell to Julie, our Finance Office and send thanks for her hard work over numerous years.

The planning application for 40 dwellings on Prestleigh Road is currently being presented at appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. I will be attending the appeal meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council has also been able to support various village initiatives involving floral arrangements, helping to enhance the local environment.

We would like to thank all local residents for their continued support of the village's clubs and societies, particularly those who volunteer their time to enrich community life.

A reminder that there are currently two vacancies for councillors. Anyone interested in finding out more is encouraged to contact clerk@evercreech-pc.gov.uk.

Gail Wakeford - Vice Chair. Evercreech Parish Council
gail.wakeford@evercreech-pc.gov.uk



email Somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com

Website <https://www.somersetbuspartnership.co.uk/>

The Government have confirmed free bus travel for children aged from 5 to 15 in England for the month of August.

Although participation will be voluntary, work is ongoing with bus operators and local authorities to deliver the scheme. It is expected that the majority of services will be included. I will update you next month so you can take advantage of this scheme and enjoy some family days out on buses over the school holidays.

Please note the closure of Castle Cary Station Road has been extended until 31 July to allow for additional roadworks to be carried out resulting in the continued detour of both No. 1 and 667 bus services.

Sue Ehmman



The Coffee Morning in St Peter's Church on Saturday July 11th is raising money for the charity Happy Landings Animal Rescue in Pylle.

Since 1983 they have rescued and rehomed many kinds of animals including wild ones. They have a team of dedicated staff and volunteers. Their vision is to ensure that the highest level of care and rehabilitation is given to all distressed neglected and poorly treated animals that come into their care. They also aim to engage and educate others about animal care and welfare and to recognise the mutual benefits that animals and humans bring to each other.

They treat people who have to give up their pets for rehoming with non judgemental kindness. They also provide boarding facilities for cats and dogs and the money from that is used for the charity activities.

I have been a volunteer with them for several years and have adopted cats from them and used the kennel and cattery facilities.

We would love to see you at the Coffee Morning for cakes and drinks, with a raffle and bric a brac stall.

Belinda



Mid-Somerset Flower Club

There is no meeting in July. On Wednesday 12th August a trip to the garden of Pam Lewis, a national flower arranger, followed by afternoon tea and a flower demonstration. We depart at 12 noon from Evercreech Village Hall, the bus is full but if anyone would like to go they could follow the bus by car.

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Despite enormous global profits, Amazon continues to face serious questions over the amount of tax it pays, poor employment practices, and its impact on local businesses and the environment.

Tax can be a tool for paying for the services we need to flourish as a society and to tackle inequality. But Amazon doesn't pay its taxes fairly or transparently. Amazon's tax avoidance is estimated to cost the UK hundreds of millions (at least) every year.”

So the Just Money movement has launched a campaign called *Challenge Amazon – Break the Habit, Fix the Rules*. You can find more information on the Just Money Movement website:

[Challenge Amazon: Break the Habit, Fix the Rules - JustMoney Movement](#)

and if you wish, you can join me in signing the pledge to break the habit, reduce reliance on Amazon where possible and choose ethical, local, and sustainable alternatives.

Anne Sear

Wanted: Editor for Evercreech News

Evercreech News is currently going from strength to strength. New local adverts, more local information, new subscribers.

After more years than she can remember, Carol will be retiring at the end of this year. Now is a good time for a new editor to work with Carol for a smooth handover.

For more information please contact evercreech.news@gmail.com or speak to Carol or one of the Churchwardens.

Time to Make Hay

For those of us who love wildflowers, painful decisions are needed in July and August as this is the time to cut our wildflower meadows, whether in the churchyard or elsewhere. Meadows are left to grow long for 3 to 4 months during the spring and summer and then cut with scythe or strimmer and raked up. The difficulty arises in that there are always lovely flowers still there when the cut comes, and it is hard to cut them down.



To help with this dilemma, remember that we are copying traditional hay-making, which takes place when grass is still green, vigorous and full of nutrients for stock to eat, but also when the weather is likely to be dry enough to make hay successfully.

But what about the seeds, dropping to the ground for next year's flowers? If we cut down flowers, maybe there won't be seeds? Actually, most species within a traditional meadow are perennial, so they continue to grow from year to year regardless of seeding. This explains why the wildflowers persist in short mown grass in churchyards, providing the grass cuttings are removed so the soil doesn't become too rich for them.

An exception to this is Yellow Rattle which is an annual so grows each year anew from seed. This flowers early and drops its seed in June or early July so won't be lost from the sward by cutting from mid-July onwards.

If you can't bear to cut down late flowering species such as scabious, then leave these patches for later, but do aim to have other meadow areas cut, raked and ready for the autumn fungi by mid-August if you can.



**ILOS New Energy UK Ltd
are holding a
public consultation event
in Evercreech Village Hall,
3pm – 7pm Tuesday 30th June
to display plans for a
solar proposal at Rodmore Farm, BA4 6JP.**

We will be displaying plans and hope that anyone who is interested, or has any questions or comments will be able to come along and chat to the team.

Everyone is welcome.



What do you think Somerset should look like in the future?

Somerset Council is inviting residents and businesses to have their say on how Somerset could change in future.

The Local Plan is relevant to everyone, guiding where and how change happens across towns, villages and the countryside over the next 20 years. There is more information on

www.somerset.gov.uk/planning-buildings-and-land/somerset-local-plan.

Councillor Mike Rigby, Somerset Council's Lead Member for Economic Development, Planning and Assets, said: "Please get involved in the consultation – we want to hear from people how they would like Somerset to evolve.

"This is just the first step in development of the Local Plan. People's thoughts will help ensure we build a Plan covering the right issues, around a Vision that people can get behind and focus new development in the right places. It's important to stress that this consultation is not about specific sites, and no sites are proposed at this stage."

The consultation will run until Friday 24th July 2026. Government advice is that the consultation should last for at least 21 days. Somerset Council's consultation will run for 35 days.

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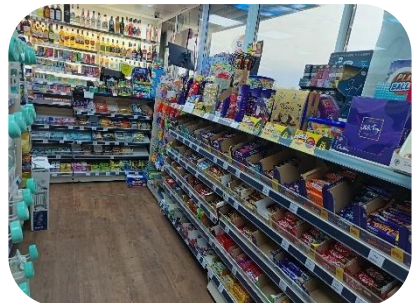
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