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The Parish Magazine covering
St Peter Evercreech, St Mary Chesterblade,
St Mary & St John Lamyatt & St James Milton Clevedon,
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From the Vicarage

August often brings an opportunity for quiet reflection, though perhaps not if you still have a young family! In the summer heat everything slows down, the burgeoning green urgency of June and July is over. The landscape is golden and the first fruits of the harvest are coming to fruition. It is a wonderful time to kick back from our busy routines, enjoy the peace of our glorious countryside, and reflect on spiritual matters.



I want to pick up on the theme of pilgrimage from last month's letter. Some of you may know that I am a novice with the Third Order of St Francis. This year is a very special year for Franciscans everywhere as we are commemorating the 800th year since the death of St Francis. The Spirit of Francis Pilgrimage is marking this event. The pilgrims set off from Alnmouth Friary in Northumberland on July 17th, and they are making their way on foot and winding their way south to a Franciscan house on Balaam St, Plaistow in London's East-end. The Pilgrimage will be passing through Somerset in early September so make sure to watch out for further details in next month's issue. A core group of pilgrims are planning to walk from start to finish, and local people are invited to join them on shorter stretches along the way. At its very heart this is a pilgrimage of peace, something our world needs desperately. Many of you will be familiar with the words of the prayer attributed St Francis, it is surely a prayer for our age:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
 where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 where there is sadness, joy.

We can practise the Lord's peace here and now in our own community; with our friends, families and neighbours. Not a moment of the time spent will be wasted. Fr. Richard Rohr tells us God's peace is not a peace imposed by power, but a peace achieved through practising justice, non-violence and radical forgiveness. Each small act of kindness we share with others this summer is a holy act. We cannot individually solve all the troubles of the world, but we can begin to build peace here one home at a time.

Helen

Revd. Helen Drever, Vicar of the Alham Vale Benefice

Church Services in the *Alham Vale Benefice*

SUNDAY 2nd August NINTH SUNDAY after TRINITY (Green)

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

SUNDAY 9th August TENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY (Green)

9.30 am	Sunday Service (not Communion)	St Peter, Evercreech
9.30 am	Matins	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

Thursday 13th August

12.00 noon	Memorial Service for	St Peter, Evercreech
	Peter Sydney Wallis RIP	

SUNDAY 16th August ELEVENTH 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

SUNDAY 23rd August TWELFTH SUNDAY after TRINITY (Green)

9.30 for 9.50 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
11.00 am	Parish Communion	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe

Thursday 27th August

10.30 am	Midweek Communion	St Peter, Evercreech
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SUNDAY 30th August THIRTEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY (Green)

9.30 am	Parish Communion	St Peter, Evercreech
9.30 am	Matins	St Mary Magdalene, Upton Noble

SUNDAY 6th September FOURTEENTH 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	St Mary & St John, Lamyatt
11.00 am	Parish Communion	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe

Helpers at St Peter, Evercreech – August 2026

Sunday 2nd August Ninth Sunday after Trinity Proper 13 <i>9.30 am Parish Communion</i>	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	Clare & Paul Robinson
Sunday 9th August Tenth Sunday after Trinity Proper 14 <i>9.30 am Sunday Service (not communion)</i>	Sidesperson	Geoff Hamlet
	Reading: 1 Kings 19: 9-18	Geoff Hamlet
	Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33	Paul Robinson
	Prayers	Anne Sear
	Sound	Eric Deyes
	Sacristan	Peter Sear
	Refreshments	Hazel & Gerald Fry
Sunday 16th August Eleventh Sunday after Trinity Proper 15 <i>9.30 am Parish Communion</i>	Sidesperson	Janet Rundle
	Reading: Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32	Sue Kewish
	Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28	Samuel Dawkins
	Prayers	Belinda Canning
	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Eleanor Dawkins
	Sound	Gerald Fry
	Sacristan	Belinda Canning
	Refreshments	Sue Kewish & Sonia Boyle
Sunday 23rd August Twelfth Sunday after Trinity Proper 16 <i>9.30 am Café Church</i>	Sidesperson	Willing Volunteer
	Refreshments	Hilary Foster & Meg Wallis
Thursday 27th August <i>10.30 am Said Communion</i>	Sacristan	Peter Sear

Sunday 30th August Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity Proper 17 <i>9.30 am Parish</i> <i>Communion</i>	Sidesperson	Eric Deyes
	Reading: Romans 12: 9-end	Sam Phripp
	Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-end	Anne Sear
	Prayers	Janet Rundle
	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Meg Wallis
	Sound	Alan Henderson
	Sacristan	Alan Henderson
	Refreshments	Anne Sear & Geoff Hamlet
Sunday 6th September Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity Proper 18 <i>9.30 am Parish</i> <i>Communion</i>	Sidesperson	Sue Kewish
	Reading: Job 37:14-24	Cherry Lawson
	Gospel: Matthew 8: 23-27	Peter Sear
	Prayers	Wendi Davis
	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Sue Deyes
	Sound	<i>tba</i>
	Sacristan	Belinda Canning
	Refreshments	Wendi & Martin Davis



St Peter's Church Flowers

	Altar	Memorial
1 st August	Mrs M Elliott	Mrs H Fry
8 th & 15 th August	Mrs S Boyle	Virginia Moser
22 nd & 29 th August	Mrs R Herlock	Mrs R Herlock

**St Peter's Church will be closed from
Tuesday 18th August until the end of that week
for the installation of the new sound system.**

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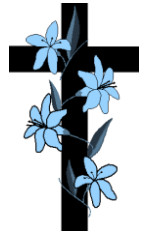


Arabella Anita Statham was baptised at St Peter's Evercreech on 28th June 2026

DEATHS

Philip Sealey died on 15th June 2026, aged 96 years. His funeral was held at Watchet Methodist Church on 14th July, followed by interment in Milton Clevedon churchyard on 15th July.

Peter Sydney Wallis died on 9th July 2026, aged 89. There will be a memorial service in St Peter's Evercreech at 12 noon on Thursday 13th August.



Farewell



David and Gill Lindsay would like to say farewell to our many wonderful Evercreech friends, some of whom we may have missed seeing in the last-minute rush of moving. We lived in the village for 54 years, so it is a real wrench to leave, but we are very lucky that our son and his family welcome us to live near them in Lechlade on the river Thames in Gloucestershire.

We may not have a landline phone, but will be keeping our email address dlandgl@btinternet.com and would welcome any messages from old friends.

Warm wishes to you all,

Gill and David

Pete's Fruit 'n' Veg



St Peter's produce barrow, aka Pete's Fruit'n'Veg, is now outside Evercreech church, helping to avoid landfill.

- * If you have garden produce that is surplus to your requirements, you can bring it along and put it on the barrow. No plants, please.
- * If you can use anything that's on the barrow, take it and enjoy!

Have a Break is taking a break in August, returning on Tuesday 1st September. Have a good summer break.

For more information please contact:

Sue or Eric on 01749 831104



Little Fishes are taking a break for the summer holidays. We return on Monday 7th September.

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 August Breakfast will be at 9.00 am on Saturday 15th August. 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**](mailto:holemiche@aol.com)

The **Coffee Morning** on **Saturday 11th July** raised £224.35 for



The **Coffee Morning** on **Saturday 8th August** will be raising money for **Lamyatt Church** and their charity **War Child** see page 14.



Family Fun Day
Bank Holiday Monday, 31st August
2.00 – 4.30 pm
in and around St Peter's church.
Mostly all the usual attractions
but perhaps some new ones!



Evercreech with Chesterblade PCC

The PCC met on 16th July with a very full agenda. We welcomed Martin Davis and Julia de Salis (the new Chapel Warden for Chesterblade) to PCC. Alison updated us on the work to replace the sound system, which is scheduled to begin on 18th August. The work is expected to take five days, during which time the church will be closed. It will not affect the service on Sunday 23rd, which will be Café Church in the Village Hall.

Also in August, work on the benefice calendar should be finalised, so look out for copies for sale at the end of the month – they will make good Christmas presents. Look out, too, for information about Fun Day, our Events Coordinating Team and our PCC legacy policy.

Anne Sear (PCC Secretary)

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The future of Evercreech News

After more years than she can remember, Carol will be retiring at the end of this year. Now is a good time to think about sharing the load.

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

The job splits into a few categories:

- Advertising: most advertisers have an advert for the calendar year,
- Church information: services, rotas, people news etc.
- Village information: Village Hall, School, Parish Council, Clubs etc
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If you feel you would like to get involved in any of these please contact evercreech.news@gmail.com or speak to Carol or one of the Churchwardens.



A Calendar for the Benefice

Many Thanks to everyone who has submitted pictures for the Benefice Calendar. Each Church is now going through them and choosing those to be used.

Details of where to purchase the finished calendar will be published in the September Parish Magazines.

Helen Corney

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News from Zambia

This year Zambia Bath and Wells Sunday 2026 took place on Sunday 5th July. In St Peter's we marked it by singing *We are Marching / Siyahamba* as the final hymn. We also included prayer requests from St Joseph's, Kamuchanga in the intercessions.



The five Anglican dioceses in Zambia and the diocese of Bath and Wells have had a companion link since 1978, and our own parish link began in the 1990s, and is one of the stronger links in the diocese. Over the years a number of people from St Peter's have visited Zambia, and here we have hosted guests from Zambia. Sadly, visa restrictions have made it increasingly difficult in recent years to host visitors from Zambia in the UK.

Douglas Kakoma, parish priest of our link church, sent greetings to all of us at St Peter's, and told me about a fundraising event involving Zambian dishes, with proceeds going to the Church construction project.

Anne Sear, Link Correspondent.

St. Peter's Church Choir

St. Peter's Choir is now resting for the Summer.

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 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.

Lamyatt News

July was full of activity in Lamyatt. Fields were prepped - on the hottest days of the year - and made ready for our Shakespeare events. The Festival Players performed *The Comedy of Errors*, then a few days later The HandleBards gave us their interpretation of *Macbeth* to the enjoyment of those watching, with much audience participation and hilarity. Not to mention two events put on by Lamyatt Village Hall - Lamyatt's Own Copy Cats and a skittles evening. We are grateful to all our wonderful Shakespeare sponsors and those who toiled to make it happen, to Milton Clevedon for their marquee, and any who came along to support and enjoy. Next year – *Romeo and Juliet*!



The Comedy of Errors

Now to August, there will be the usual Coffee Morning on Saturday 1st, when the 100 club will be drawn. Last month's winners were Simone A, Kate R and Sarah F. This month our licence will be renewed and I will be contacting anyone who makes a single payment for the whole year, with their renewal details. We especially

welcome new members at this time. The cost is £5 per month and the prizes £50, £30 and £20 with the occasional enhanced top prize to ensure we comply with the club and council rules. If you would like more information or to join, please email lamyatt100@gmail.com.

All proceeds to the church.

Our first Pet Service in several years will be on Sunday, 2nd August at 11am in the church. Any well-behaved and well-controlled pets (otherwise it could be chaos!) will be more than welcome. Or of course you could bring a photo of your pet or their favourite toy, or simply come along anyway. Bring your Giant African Land Snail, snake or parrot and make my day!

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Jen Richards



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What we treasure reveals where our heart really is

This month, the Church will mark the feast of St Laurence. If my calculations are correct, there are seven churches dedicated to St Laurence/Lawrence in our Diocese of Bath & Wells, so happy patronal festival to all of them!

We don't know a lot about Laurence, but what we do know is impressive. He was a deacon martyred by the Romans in a particularly violent way, during a time of brutal persecution of Christians.

It's said that the Emperor ordered him to hand over all the treasure of the Church. He refused. But not in the way you might think. When he was asked to gather and display all the treasure of the Church, he called together the poor of the city to pray. And when the soldiers came to collect the treasure, and found only the poorest of the poor, Laurence declared, "These are the treasures of the Church." For that defiance in the face of tyranny, he was killed.

Laurence's worldview was in complete contrast to that of the ruling powers. Where they saw the poor as worthless and to be despised, he saw them as precious. He valued people above possessions in a way the authorities found baffling, maybe even threatening.

Jesus famously taught that what we treasure reveals where our heart really is.

In our society there are so many competing demands for our hearts and minds. It can be hard to work out where to place our loyalty. If you were asked to gather all your treasure, I wonder what you'd bring, and what that would reveal? If we analysed how we spend our money as individuals, PCCs, and a Diocesan Board of Finance - the body that manages the assets and finances of our diocese - what would that show about our priorities?

Those are provocative questions to ask, and tricky to answer. But in an area where St Laurence is so honoured, maybe we should try.

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Saturday 1 st 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 2 nd August	11.00 am	Pet Service, Lamyatt Church
	4.00 pm	Wild Church, Iona Service, Castle Cary (see page 11)
Tuesday 4 th August	7.00 pm	Evercreech Parish Council Meeting, Evercreech Village Hall
Saturday 8 th August	10.00 am	Coffee Morning for Lamyatt Church & War Child, St Peter's Church (see page 14)
Tuesday 11 th August	9.00 am	Evercreech WI Outing leaves Evercreech Village Hall (see page 23)
Wednesday 12 th August	12 noon	Flower Club outing leaves Evercreech Village Hall (see page 29)
Saturday 15 th August	9.00 am	RBL Breakfast, The Bell Inn Evercreech
Wednesday 19 th August	<i>Deadline for September Evercreech News</i>	
Tuesday 25 th August	2.00 pm	Friendship Club Annual Garden Party (see page 23)
Monday 31 st August	2.00 pm	Fun Day in and around St Peter's Church (see page 9)
Tuesday 1 st September	2.00 pm	Have a Break, Evercreech Village Hall
Friday 4 th September	7.00 pm	Les Liaisons Dangereues, Lamyatt Village Hall (see page 14)
Saturday 5 th September	8.30 am	Men's Breakfast, The Bell Inn
	10.30 am	Coffee Morning, Lamyatt Village Hall
	12 noon	Evercreech Show, Weston Town Playing Field (see page 27)
Monday 7 th September	10.00 am	Little Fishes return after Summer Break St Peter's Church

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Shepton Mallet Salvation Army Foodbank

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Other services offering Wellbeing for Young People

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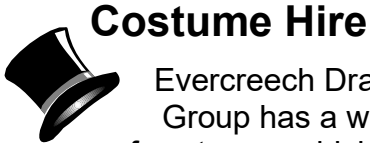
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A Busy and Inspiring Summer Term at Evercreech C of E Primary School

The final weeks of the summer term have been filled with exciting learning opportunities, sporting achievements and memorable experiences for the children of Evercreech Primary School. One of the highlights was the Holly Class visit to the Egg Theatre, where pupils enjoyed a wonderfully imaginative performance inspired by plants. It was a fantastic opportunity to experience live theatre and develop an appreciation of the arts. The younger pupils have worked incredibly hard in completing their Phonics Screening Check, while Year 4 children showed determination and resilience during their National Multiplication Check. The school are immensely proud of the positive attitude shown by all the pupils, who approached these important milestones with confidence and perseverance.

Environmental awareness has been a major focus during the school's participation in The Great Big Green Week. Children explored how we can all care for our planet through poetry, artwork, junk modelling, recycling projects and discussions about reducing waste and saving energy. They also enjoyed a live online session with wildlife presenter Steve Backshall, learning about conservation and the importance of protecting our natural world. Families also supported the school's Walk to School Challenge and Book, Uniform and Toy Swap, helping to promote healthier lifestyles while reducing waste within our community.



*Sporting opportunities at
Ansford Athletics*

Sport has featured prominently throughout the term. Sports Days were blessed with fine weather and saw children demonstrating not only determination and competitive spirit, but also excellent sportsmanship as they encouraged one another and celebrated each other's successes. Additional opportunities through tennis coaching, swimming lessons and inter-school sporting events have helped pupils develop confidence, teamwork and a love of physical activity. The school was also

delighted to welcome Olympic bob sleigher Leon Greenwood, who inspired pupils with his story of dedication, resilience and perseverance. His fitness workshops challenged children to do their very best while reinforcing the importance of believing in themselves.

Learning beyond the classroom has continued to enrich the curriculum. Year 4 travelled to the Tutankhamun Exhibition in Dorchester, bringing their Ancient Egypt studies vividly to life. Year 2 enjoyed a fascinating visit to Palette & Pasture,



Year 2 visit to Palette and Pasture.

learning about farming, food production and even trying their hand at making gelato. Year 5 explored Victorian Crime and Punishment during an engaging visit to Shepton Mallet Prison, while Year 1 visited Weymouth Beach and Sandworld, combining geography and history through hands-on exploration of the coastline. Year 3 visited Whatley Quarry providing inspiring links to geography and Year 6 visited Wookey Hole.

The School have also joined St Peter's Church in some special events. Sycamore Class had a wonderful visit to finalise their learning about different features of churches. Reverend Helen, and Churchwardens Michèle and Alison helped the children learn about baptism, the lectern, pulpit, chancel and altar.

The children at Acorns have been celebrating 'All about me', Who I am and what makes me, me! They also looked at the world they live in, exploring different environments around the world as well as their home-towns and villages. They also had some exciting arrivals - baby caterpillars! The children have enjoyed watching them grow, make their cocoons and emerge into beautiful butterflies which were then released into the garden.



Sycamore Class visit to St Peters Church

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Creativity has continued to flourish across the school. The annual Evercreech's Got Talent competition showcased an impressive range of musical, dramatic and sporting performances. Several finalists went on to represent the school at the PPAT Trust Grand Final in Yeovil. Congratulations to all our talented performers who represented the school with such confidence and enthusiasm. A production of Wonka at the end of term held in the school hall by Year 6 pupils further showcased the talent, flair and ability within the school.



Outdoor learning in the warm weather.

The warm weather also provided opportunities to take learning outdoors. Children explored mathematical concepts through practical water activities, created artwork inspired by nature, played cooperative games and enjoyed shared stories in the sunshine. Even during the hottest days, the school ensured pupils remained comfortable, with air-conditioned classrooms and welcome ice-lolly treats for everyone.

As the academic year draws to a close, transition activities have helped prepare children for the next stage of their education. Pupils enjoyed

meeting their new teachers during Step-Up Afternoon, new Reception children attended their first settling-in sessions, and Year 6 visited their secondary schools as they prepare for an exciting new chapter. The Year 6 pupils came together in St Peter's Church for their retreat and a vibrant Leaver's Service held on the last day of term which provided time to reflect on achievements, memories and prepare for their next steps with prayer and praise.

The school community also has exciting news from the PTFA. Their application to the Tesco Fruit & Veg Grants Programme has been shortlisted for a customer vote in Tesco Shepton Mallet stores from August until the end of November. If you are shopping there during this time, please consider voting for Evercreech Primary School. The funding will help provide additional opportunities and resources for the children, with every vote making a real difference.

As another successful year comes to an end, the staff, governors, pupils and families can look back with pride on a term full of learning, achievement and community spirit. Evercreech Primary School continues to provide children with a rich and varied education, creating opportunities that inspire curiosity, build confidence and encourage every child to flourish.

Reflecting on the year Mrs Jacqueline Jefferies, Assistant Headteacher said:

As we come to the end of another academic year, we celebrate our successes and think of the change that is fast approaching all of our children, whether that be new classes and teachers, or new schools. We wish everyone in our village community a lovely summer and know that we will continue to work together for the benefit of all the children in our care.

Nathan Hole, Foundation Governor.

Evercreech WI

We really enjoyed a talk by Ken Manners in July, we learnt of the perils of working under the water and some of the fantastic machines that are used nowadays on the oil rigs and generally for underwater work. Really impressive and informative.



There is no meeting in August as we are having our annual day out. This year we are going to explore Winchester, for those of you that have booked a seat on the coach, please be at Evercreech Village Hall at 8.45 am on Tuesday 11th August to enable the coach to leave at 9am prompt.

We are looking for women to join us as our numbers are dwindling, come along and see what we are all about, we meet on the second Tuesday of each month in Evercreech Village Hall, meetings start at 7.30pm. Any woman can join and you get three free visits to make up your mind if it suits you, it would be great to see you. We have been going for 102 years so we want to keep going, but we need your help.

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



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It's party time again for the Friendship Club on Tuesday 25th August at 2pm when we hold our Annual Garden Party in a wonderful flower decked garden setting, yes it is cream teas on the lawn including a small **“bring and buy”** stall with sunshine on order!!

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 and Grace's excellent home-made cakes. As usual tea and biscuits will also be on-hand! So why not spend an afternoon socialising with friends. Just £1.50 for members and £2 for visitors, **who knows you may also win a raffle prize!**

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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 the last month delivery was made of a quilt for each child who attended the Yeovil Opportunity Group playgroup for SEN children. This is the only playgroup of its type in Somerset and each child receives a quilt to celebrate their onward journey to primary school.

In addition, deliveries were made to Ups and Down, a group supporting parents of newborn Downs syndrome babies; Baby Basics, for mothers in need referred by social or medical services; eight primary schools in Wells to be used by their ELSA's (Emotional Learning Support Assistants)

I recently used social media to access foster families in Somerset as other communication methods had failed. I am pleased to say the response has been tremendous so more quilts for vulnerable children.

Just a reminder we can always donate to a child who is ill or in crisis, or is being brave in dealing with a long term condition. The quilt will be given to the nominator to give to the child, maintaining confidentiality for the family.

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22nd July saw the Village Hall Committee meet with Restoring Time at Evercreech Village Hall or "the Clock" on the agenda. We have been back to suppliers for quotes and designs around the survey parameters of slightly larger diameter with arabic numerals on a warm white illuminated face and will announce the decision and timescales when we can. It has been great to have the Community support and thanks to individuals, organisations and local businesses for their donations.

I'm not sure Hot Potato Lunch is quite the term needed to attract people in the current weather but after the one on Tuesday 21st July the team are having a break from their and the hall kitchens for August. The next one will be on the third Tuesday of September which is the 15th. Unfortunately our costs have gone up and to continue to value the team's effort on behalf of the hall, we will be raising prices of the lunch to £5 and dessert to £2. This is the first rise for two years and hopefully continues to be affordable. In addition we will be able to take payments by card to make it easier and to stop the need to have a security guard for the Treasurer depositing cash!

We will have National Theatre Live's updated version of **The Misanthrope** starring Sandra Oh at the end of September / beginning of October with the date still to be confirmed. Please visit our website NTLive page

www.evercreechvillagehall.org.uk/ntlive

for details. We don't want to clash with our own Evercreech Drama Group's production of "The Railway Children" in October.

Wishing everyone happy summer holidays and we look forward to seeing you in the Hall again soon.

Nic Jefferis

Chair, Evercreech Village Hall

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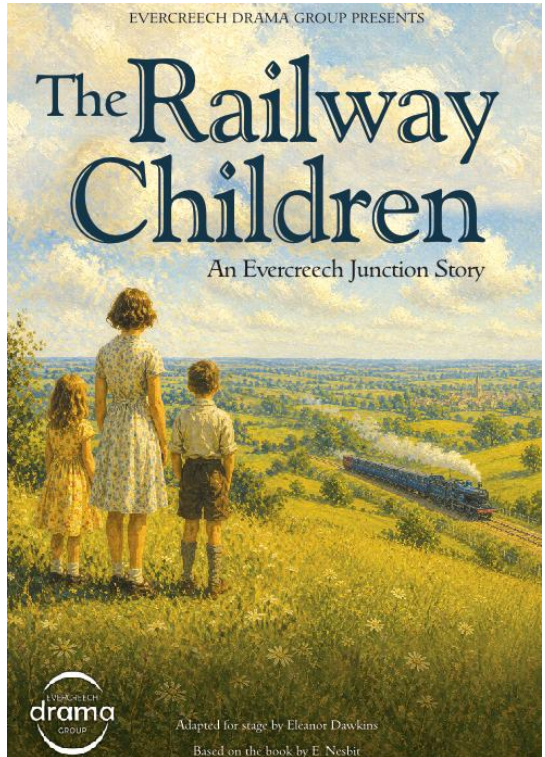


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Bats that aren't in the Belfry!

Bats do not roost in the belfry ... too much noise! They usually use different roosts through the seasons. Bats need nursery roosts for the young, winter roosts to hibernate and also temporary roosts to digest their food and to sleep in during the daytime.

Why not have a quiet sit in the churchyard at the end of the day, look to see if any swifts are swirling around the churchyard and then wait to see if any bats appear. Bats can fly long distances to forage for food so, even if you don't have roosting bats in your churchyard they may well come visiting.



Evercreech Show
Saturday 5th September 2026,
12 noon to 4.30 pm

The event schedule for this year's Show is shaping up to be one of the best yet! Enjoy live bands, open mic sessions, Fun Science for Kids, wheelbarrow races, tug of war, welly wanging, GoGo Games for Kids, an inflatable obstacle course, Beat the Goalie (channel your inner Harry Kane or Jude Bellingham), classic vehicles, a petting zoo, competitions, market stalls, and delicious food from our local Pizza Rocket, with refreshments served by the wonderful Bell Inn Beer Tent. We are also pleased to announce the return of the **After Show Party**, so put the date in your diary. More details will follow.

In addition to performances by the Black River Rats, we will be celebrating the fantastic musical talent our community has to offer with a series of open mic sessions. So, if you are—or know of—any local performers who would like to take to the stage, please visit www.evercreechshowsociety.uk and head to The Show page to find out more.

We're also inviting all those lockdown bakers, crafters, homemade winemakers, photographers and gardeners to dust off their mixing bowls, bottles and jars, dig out those cameras, and rescue the craft box from the back of the wardrobe to Showcase Your Talent. More information, together with a class entry form, can be found in the downloadable Show Schedule on The Show page of our website. Taking part is all about having fun and enjoying a great community event—and who knows, you may even go home with a trophy!

We're also looking for owners to bring along their pride and joy to our Classic Vehicle display. We know there are many people locally with amazing classic cars, agricultural vehicles, fire engines and motorbikes, so why not join us in celebrating all things automotive and agricultural? Visit our website to find out more.

www.evercreechshow.uk

Finally, if you haven't already done so, please return any cups or awards from last year to the Show Secretary:

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Mo  ra Barber

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

In the last month we have been led in a safeguarding update by Dan (the lead at Reach}. He also stayed for a short while and talked to some of our young people.

We had to cancel two evening meetings in the last month, one because of the excessive heat and the other the lack of volunteers to meet our safeguarding standards

Hopefully our efforts to produce a qualified youth leader will soon produce results.

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. In September the older children in our early start session will be moving on to our senior session, coinciding with their move to senior schools.

In our new Chilla Building we meet on a Wednesday Evening. We continue to meet during the school holidays as usual.

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





Mid-Somerset Flower Club

On Wednesday 12th August we are going on 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 anyone else can join us by coming by car.

For further information please contact Rose 07876080127
or Margaret 01749 830209

Evercreech Parish Council

At the Parish Council Meeting on 7th July 2026 the following were duly voted in:

Chair - Councillor Gail Wakeford
Vice Chair - Councillor Roy Williams

News from the Parish:

We would like to welcome Sue Hill as our new Responsible Finance Officer, I am sure she will be a great addition to the Team.

We were pleased to see so many people attend the Parish Council meeting to voice their views on The Greencore Full Planning Application. The Council and village appreciate and fully recognise the site needs developing, however felt this plan was not suitable for a rural village, therefore the Council voted to refuse this application.

Cleaning of the War Memorial at the Cemetery has been agreed and hopefully will be completed in time for Remembrance Sunday.

We also have agreed a Grant application from Evercreech Primary School for double-sided free-standing character signs to promote road safety and parking awareness.

A new supplier for our Website and email hosting has been found, going live shortly.

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.

Date of next meeting: 4th August 2026, 7.00 pm, Evercreech Village Hall.

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

Somerset Bus Partnership

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As I reported last month, this August children between 5 and 15 years of age can travel for free by bus. Local providers South West Coaches and First Bus will be participating. However at the time of writing Libra and FromeBus are yet to confirm. Schools have broken up so start planning your bus trips for wherever you are spending your summer holidays either near to home or elsewhere in England.

Once again the ongoing roadworks at Station Road Castle Cary resulting in bus diversions have been further extended until 14th August.

If you really fancy a change from buses, there's a little-known bonus for anyone carrying a valid Concessionary Bus Travel card, a one-third discount off the normal rail fare! This is **ONLY FOR JOURNEYS BETWEEN WESTBURY AND WEYMOUTH**, so why not take the train to the seaside or spend a day exploring Dorchester.

Sue Ehmman



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For more information, contact

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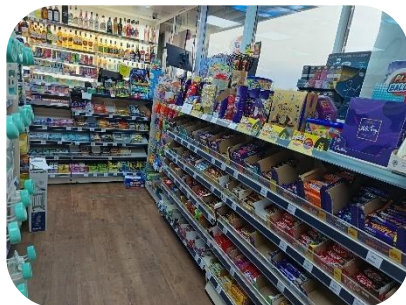
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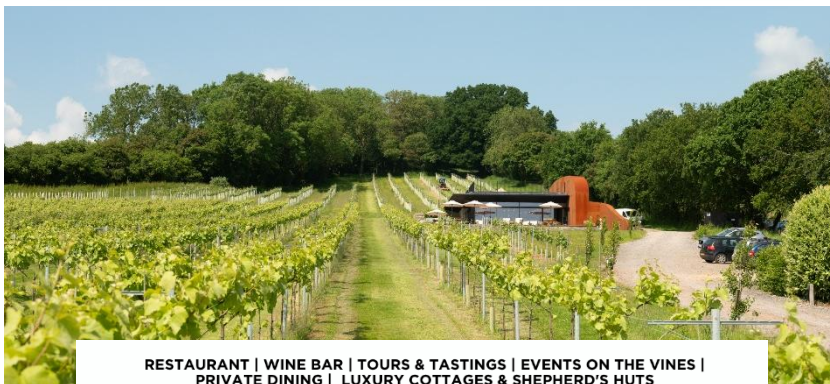


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