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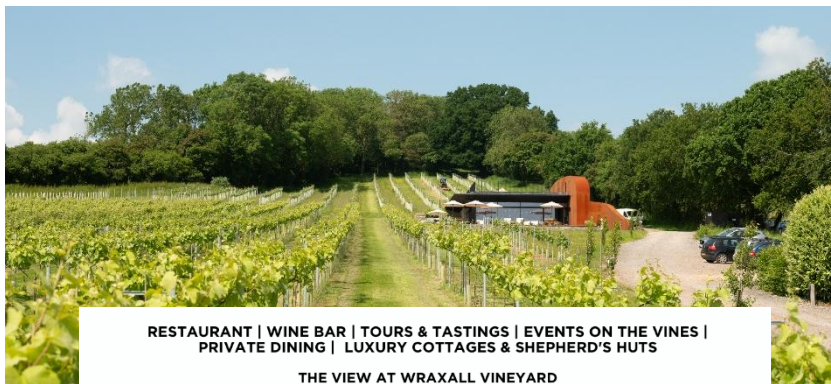


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From the Vicarage

September dawns and Creation Season begins, running until the Feast of St Francis on 4th October. At this time Christians are invited to renew our relationship with the Creator, and all of creation, through celebration and a commitment to care for our common home.

2026's theme is "Living Water", drawn from Ezekiel 47:9,12 which offers a powerful vision of hope and ecological healing. Set amid exile and loss, the image of living water flowing from God's sanctuary reveals divine healing that renews land, water, biodiversity, and human responsibility towards the whole creation.



The theme strikes deep when the land turns to tinder and wildfires ravage Europe and Britain. Our sister Mother Earth is burning and what are we to do? Surely we're called to steward the earth, not strip mine her. How can we move forward from this point with hope in our hearts?

You may remember the Transition Town movement of the 2000s. It's founder Rob Hopkins recently published a book entitled *How to fall in love with the future: A Time Traveller's guide to changing the world*. He draws our attention to the infinite number of possible futures that lie ahead of us, and asks us to use our imagination to travel to future worlds we actually want to live in. Futures we can fall in love with and build on earth.

This reminds me of these words attributed to Fr. Pedro Arrupe. *"Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in Love, in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, whom you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything"*.

For me and many others this love finds expression in the creation centred teaching of St Francis, Patron Saint of Ecology. The Franciscan Pilgrimage I mentioned last month arrives at Wells on 5th September where, at a special Choral Evensong, the pilgrims will be welcomed to the Cathedral at 5.15pm. Come and share their gift of living hope. Further details through www.spiritoffrancis.com

We also have a special guest Creation Season speaker from the Carymoor Environmental Trust's Education Team at the 9.30am St Peter's service on 13th September.

Helen

Revd. Helen Drever, Vicar of the Alham Vale Benefice

Church Services in the *Alham Vale Benefice*

SUNDAY 6th September CREATION SEASON (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

Tuesday 8th September

11.30 am	Wedding of Jessica Elizabeth Goodridge & Nicholas Charles Dolan	St Peter, Evercreech
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SUNDAY 13th September CREATION SEASON (Green)

9.30 am	Parish Communion	St Peter, Evercreech
9.30 am	Service of the Word	St Mary Magdalene, Upton Noble
11.00 am	Matins or Informal Service	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe
4.30 pm	Praise and Pizza	St Peter, Evercreech

SUNDAY 20th September CREATION SEASON (Green)

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

Thursday 24th September

10.30 am	Midweek Communion	St Peter, Evercreech
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SUNDAY 27th September CREATION SEASON (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
6.00 pm	Harvest Festival	St Mary, Chesterblade
6.00 pm	Choral Evensong	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe

SUNDAY 4th October CREATION SEASON (Green)

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

Helpers at St Peter, Evercreech – September 2026

Sunday 6th September Creation Season <i>9.30 am Parish 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	Alan Henderson
	Sacristan	Belinda Canning
	Refreshments	Wendi & Martin Davis
Sunday 13th September Creation Season <i>9.30 am Parish Communion</i>	Sidesperson	Janet Rundle
	Reading: Job 38: 1-18	Sue Kewish
	Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16	Anne Sear
	Prayers	Emily Simper
	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Liz Henderson
	Sound	<i>Tbc</i>
	Sacristan	Peter Sear
	Refreshments	Sue Kewish & Sonia Boyle
Sunday 20th September Creation Season <i>9.30 am Parish Communion</i>	Sidesperson	Eric Deyes
	Reading: Leviticus 25: 1-7	Samuel Dawkins
	Gospel: John 6: 1-15	Liz Henderson
	Prayers	Eleanor Dawkins
	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Geoff Hamlet
	Sound	<i>Tbc</i>
	Sacristan	Alan Henderson
	Refreshments	Pam & Mark Payne
Thursday 24th September <i>10.30 am Said Communion</i>	Sacristan	Alan Henderson
Sunday 27th September Creation Season <i>9.30 am Café Church</i>	Sidesperson	Willing Volunteer
	Refreshments	Paul & Clare Robinson

Sunday 4th October Creation Season St Francis <i>9.30 am Parish</i> <i>Communion</i>	Sidesperson	Sonia Boyle
	Reading: Galatians 6: 1-14	Belinda Canning
	Gospel: Luke 12: 22-34	Eric Deyes
	Prayers	Sue Deyes
	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Eleanor Dawkins
	Sound	<i>Tbc</i>
	Sacristan	Belinda Canning
	Refreshments	Gerald & Hazel Fry

St Peter's Church Flowers

Altar

Memorial

5th & 12th September
 19th & 26th September
 Harvest

Alison Pickford
 Mrs H Fry

Mrs R Herlock
 Mrs M Elliott

All Decorators



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!

News from Zambia

Douglas Kakoma, the parish priest of our partner church sent me photos of work progressing on the church extension.

National elections were held in Zambia on 13th August. At the time of writing I have not heard anything from St Joseph's about how these went, but the preliminary assessments from international election observers highlighted positive aspects of Election Day and the commitment of Zambian citizens to exercising their democratic rights.

Anne Sear, Link Correspondent.



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



Congratulations to **Betty Spearing** who celebrated her 99th Birthday on 2nd August 2026.

Many of us have fond memories of Betty and her late husband Colin, who was Reader at St Peter's for many years. Betty moved from Evercreech in 2001 to live near her daughter, and then to St Cecilia's Care Home in 2022. Old friends from St Peter's were very pleased to be invited to celebrate with her.

Jane, Betty's daughter, says "It was a lovely afternoon and St Cecilia's did us proud. Mum seemed to enjoy it and smiled a lot which was lovely. It was great to catch up with everyone."

Thank you

I would like to thank all my family and friends for their sympathy, support and kindness on the death of Peter my dear husband of 64 years. I am very appreciative of the 'flower' ladies, beautifully fulfilling his wish for sunflowers at his memorial.



Meg

DEATHS



Robert (Bob) Hatch died after a short illness on 20th July 2026, aged 85. His funeral service took place on 7th August at St Mary's Church, Catherston Leweston, where he was Churchwarden. The church was overflowing and a number of old friends from Evercreech attended.

Many of us remember Bob as Churchwarden at St Peter's and the very generous donation made by Bob & Jill that enabled the installation of the glass doors and cupboards at the back of St Peter's.

Have a Break returns on Tuesday 1st September.

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



Little Fishes returns on Monday 7th September.

We are a relaxed, friendly group for pre-school children and babies who meet on Mondays, during termtime, in St Peter's Church from 10.00 am – 12 noon.

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.

To find out more please contact

Hilary on 01749 830664, piccolo6054@yahoo.co.uk

Janet on 01749 830800, old-saddlery@talk21.com

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 September Breakfast will be at 9.00 am on Saturday 19th September. 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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Evercreech with Chesterblade PCC

The next PCC meeting will be on 24th September. 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 10th September.

Anne Sear (PCC Secretary)

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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)

Thank you to everyone who came along and helped and supported the **Coffee Morning** on **Saturday 8th August** which raised £328.90 for Lamyatt Church and their charity War Child.



The **Coffee Morning** on **Saturday 12th September** will be raising money for '**Evercreech in Bloom**'. Many people will have seen and enjoyed the community floral displays around the village this summer, which have been planted and watered by village residents. Whilst the Parish Council do have some funding to offer for this, there is always more that could be done (spring bulbs perhaps) and the **Coffee Morning** will go towards replenishing funds.

The '**Evercreech in Bloom**' initiative goes back to when the then Mendip District Council organised a Villages in Bloom competition, in which Evercreech had some successes under the leadership of Mollie Purse MBE. Although that competition no longer exists, it doesn't mean that we don't want our village to be enhanced by flowers and bulbs.

2026 Christmas Charities

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

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

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Candles in St Peter's Prayer Corner

You might have noticed that recently there have not been any tea lights left for reflective prayer and remembrance in the Prayer Corner. Unfortunately, we had an incident where they were placed in different parts of the church and left lit - obviously creating a fire risk. Sadly, and on the advice of our insurers, we have made the difficult decision to not have any naked flames left unattended in the church. Please bear with us while we find a suitable alternative and we apologise for any upset this decision has caused.

Alison Stonehouse, Churchwarden

2027 Benefice Calendar

Thank you to everyone who submitted photographs in response to our plea for material for this new venture. We had many great views to choose from and hope we have struck a good balance in those that have been included in the calendar. They will be produced locally by St Andrew's Press in Wells to a high standard, featuring photographs from every church in the Benefice.



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BENEFICE

We are very pleased to announce that from the end of August the calendars will be available to buy for £10 each (or 3 for £25) and are hoping that they will be available to buy at both the Evercreech and Batcombe Bank Holiday weekend events and after that in all the parishes at Coffee Mornings, church services and at other events and venues.

Perhaps a good Christmas present for friends and family near and far?

For further information please contact:

Michèle Hole holemiche@aol.com Tel 01749 830875



Sunday 13th September
4.30 pm

St Peter's Church, Evercreech

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.

St. Peter's Church Choir

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.



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News from St James Milton Clevedon

Our combined Patronal Festival and Lammas Day came too late in July to report on in last month's News, so here we are a month later.

As Revd Helen said in her introduction to the July magazine, "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."

Having suffered in the heat for most of the month, the day dawned cool and windy after a sprinkle of the promised rain and we were a little concerned about the service being in a barn. The wind nearly blew Meredith away while he valiantly played in its path; his music needed firmly



clipping in its place. Revd Helen stood as firm as possible demonstrating all the qualities of the pilgrims who make their way to Santiago de Compostela. It was, however, a beautiful and joyful service. We each received a scallop shell for St James; wine from Galicia and bread from Westcombe were blessed for Communion. All the hymns were uplifting and sung with gusto. Meredith's beautiful rendering of a Gigue by Thomas Arne (he of 'Rule Britannia') concluded the service and he received much deserved applause from all the congregation. In all, it was indeed a festival.

Afterwards, we shared contributions of cheese and bread from Westcombe, cider (and wine) from Galicia and Somerset. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped with setting up and clearing away. Watch this space for next year.

We are now looking forward to a service led by the Iona Community on Sunday 6th September at 4pm (see page 12), and already thinking about our Harvest Evensong & Supper on Sunday 25th October.

Helen Corney

Lamyatt News

At the beginning of August, we held our first Pet Service since 2022. In attendance we had 10 perfectly behaved dogs. Usually, at one point they all form their own spontaneous choir and we have to wait a few seconds before all calms down, but not this time, making it a joy and a delight to lead in celebration of our companion animals. Wonderful!



Photo by Ginny Mason

September will be back to our normal routine with the usual Coffee Morning in Lamyatt Village Hall on Saturday, 5th from 10.30 am until 12 noon. The 100 club will be drawn, last month's winners were Nick and Romy S, John C and Ruth C. The 100 club year now starts again with some new members and some who have decided not to continue. So it's time to say a general big THANK YOU to all who took part last year and those who will this year. Your help keeps the doors open, the roof on and the music playing!

Then one for the diary - our Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 4th October, so please keep that clear. After the service at 11, there will be lunch in the Village Hall. Full details will come round shortly. It is always a special event with great food and good value.

Jen Richards



Evercreech WI

We were blessed with a beautiful day for our annual day out in August, the start of the 5th heatwave this year. We were joined by some members of Witham Friary WI and some villagers (to fill the coach). Off we went for a lovely day out in Winchester, a truly fascinating city full of history and legend.

On Tuesday 8th September we are going to be entertained by Caroline Dawnay, who will tell us about her life as a nun. Visitors are always welcome for a small fee.

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month in Evercreech Village Hall, meetings start at 7.30pm.

Maxine Clinton (President)

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Called to care for God's earth

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' (Genesis 1:26).

These words come from the account of creation found in Genesis Chapter 1. I'm often asked about this text. Is it true? How do I square its words with my understanding of science? Do I believe this is how the world was made?

I don't think Genesis 1 is a literal account, a description offered in the style of a David Attenborough documentary. Rather I suggest that this account is so stuffed with truth that it's hard for us to deal with. Truth that's not about factual deception but that's about meaning, purpose and value. Genesis 1 asks 'How do we understand the world?' and 'How should we live in it?'

Take for example the words 'have dominion' to be found in Genesis 1:26 given above. These words, an interpretation of the Hebrew word *radah*, have been understood very differently.

Some would say that 'have dominion', *radah*, has been understood as harsh domination, treading down, and using raw force; a justification for treating the non-human world as an expendable resource for human consumption that has led to our destruction of so much of the natural world around us.

Others suggest that the true meaning of *radah* is service and care. This sees 'have dominion' as a call not to crush, but to protect, nurture, and provide justice. This view sees humankind invited to act as deputies for God, called to cultivate the earth responsibly while preserving its health and flourishing.

Arguments about the interpretation of a Hebrew word may seem specialist. But how we read one of the most important passages of the Bible can shape our whole world view. Service and care or domination and destruction? These differing ideas lie at the very heart of the arguments we have about how humankind should treat our earthly home that God has gifted us. What steps will we take, however small, to protect it?

Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells

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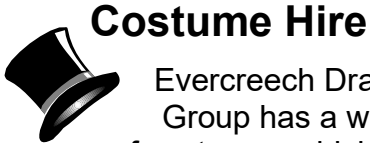
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DIARY

- Tuesday 1st September 2.00 pm Have a Break, Evercreech Village Hall
7.00 pm Evercreech Parish Council Meeting,
Evercreech Village Hall
- Friday 4th September 7.00 pm Les Liaisons Dangereuses,
Lamyatt Village Hall
- Saturday 5th 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 22)
4.00 pm Visiting Ringers, St Peter's Church
- Sunday 6th September 4.00 pm Iona Pilgrimage Service, Milton Clevedon
(see page 12)
- Monday 7th September 10.00 am Little Fishes return after Summer Break
St Peter's Church
- Tuesday 8th September 2.00 pm Have a Break, Evercreech Village Hall
7.30 pm Evercreech WI Evercreech Village Hall
(see page 14)
- Wednesday 9th September 2.00 pm Flower Club, Evercreech Village Hall
(see page 30)
- Saturday 12th September 10.00 am Coffee Morning for Evercreech in Bloom,
St Peter's Church (see page 9)
- Tuesday 15th September 12 noon Hot Potato Lunch, Evercreech Village Hall
- Wednesday 16th September ***Deadline for October Evercreech News***
- Saturday 19th September 9.00 am RBL Breakfast, The Bell Inn Evercreech
- Tuesday 22nd September 2.00 pm Friendship Club, Evercreech Village Hall
(see page 22)
- Tuesday 29th September 2.00 pm Have a Break, Evercreech Village Hall
- Saturday 3rd October 8.30 am Men's Breakfast, The Bell Inn
10.30 am Coffee Morning, Lamyatt Village Hall
7.30 pm 'The Misanthrope' Evercreech Village Hall
(see page 26)



Costume Hire

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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:

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Melon Mission CIC



Since January, I have made three trips to Nakuru (with a number of other new and returning volunteers). Our partnership project with Melon Mission School continues to flourish and develop. The school makes good use of all the resources, equipment, funds and ideas that we leave them - it is always heartening to be greeted by pupils who are keen to show us what they have made or accomplished since we last visited. Achieving this kind of sustainable change is vital.

We also work with a group of parents and guardians whose children have significant and complex needs. The social workers at Melon Mission now support these families (with funding from us) and they have also started to form a support network for each other. We visited group member Jane (a single mum) and her son Shakrabin in their home. They had been unable to attend our group therapy session because Jane was unwell due to uncontrolled type 1 diabetes. Jane's daughters (aged 7 and 11) were caring for her and their severely disabled brother as best they could. We were heartened to hear that other Mums from our group had been visiting and helping out with the household chores.

All members of the Guardians (special needs) Group were also very excited and grateful to receive personal gifts and letters from members of St Peter's congregation in July. It was a privilege to be able to deliver these thoughtful and generous presents.

We are also pleased to announce that in January this year, Melon Mission CIC was established. This is a UK based not-for-profit community interest company, raising funds to support and develop the work of Melon Mission Charity School.

Liz Henderson





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Year 6 pupils from Oak Class, together with other members of the school and staff, were greeted by the bells of St Peter's Church as they arrived there for the last time as primary school pupils on 21st July, the final day of the summer term.

Many family members were present, watching from the galleries, to hear their memories, prayers and listen to them sing beautifully.

Rev'd Helen talked about 1 Corinthians 12 'One body but many parts' in her Reflection and Mrs Hann gave some words of wisdom too.

Pupils were presented with bibles and tokens and with every good wish for their futures. Three members of staff who are leaving were also

presented with gifts and good wishes.

Next term starts on Monday 7th September.

Michèle Hole, Churchwarden

The Chilla Youth Club is open every Wednesday evening



We continue to meet in the school holidays, numbers are low and the heatwave has caused us to close early and also with a lack of volunteers we had to cancel a second evening.

We have spent more time playing board games sitting down near the fan. One evening did coincide with the partial eclipse and with the help of a parent we watched this through a pin hole in one piece of paper, projected onto another. Thank you Jade, We were gifted an oven which never worked. We have been given a new oven to replace it, this will be of so much use in our future evenings and events.

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



Evercreech Friendship Club

"Where friends are made"

And visitors always welcome!

On 22nd September we welcome back Steve Darby the author of "All Change for Upton Park" who will talk about his eventful life.

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!**

God Bless and KEEP SAFE!!

For more information, please contact one of the following:

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



www.evercreechshow.uk

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 o War, Welly Wanging, GoGo Games for Kids, an Inflatable Obstacle course, Beat the Goalie, 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.

This year the After Show Party will be a **Hoedown at the Show Ground**, tickets £15 available from **The Bell** from 6pm on Fridays.

We hope to see you there!

Moir Barber





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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.



The photo shows 5 baby jackets knitted by an experienced knitter and her pupil. These will go to Baby Basics, a national charity with the Somerset base in Ilminster. They produce a Moses basket filled with bedding, clothes and toiletries for mothers, in desperate need, referred by social or medical services. The knitted jackets are officially outside the remit of Project Linus UK, but knitters respond to the need.

This month deliveries were made to Yeovil Hospital Children's Ward, where they needed more small quilts for very young children and babies. Also to Musgrove Hospital, a large delivery to be used in the Children's Ward and also the Beacon Centre for children receiving cancer treatment, I have made contact with social workers in the county and am beginning to send out quilts and blankets to the workers for vulnerable children.

So far this year over 850 quilts and blankets have been delivered; a wonderful effort by all those who produce this amazing work

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.

To find out more about Project Linus please contact me:

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While August was a quiet month for the Hall, the team is still planning and working on projects. The clock has been selected and ordered. More details when delivery and installation are confirmed.

Over 40 people attended the screening of the People's Emergency Briefing film on 20th August. This was followed by a discussion including representatives from Somerset Council, Reimagining the Levels and Sustainable Food Somerset. While frightening and very relevant to this year's series of heatwaves it highlighted the need to act as a community and to increase the pressure on national politicians to recognise it as an emergency like COVID. Further details on nebriefing.org

The Hot Potato Lunch volunteers have had their rest but look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 15th September. As announced last month we are having to deal with increased costs and hope you won't be too disappointed to pay an extra £1 for a main course and dessert. We will also be able to take card payments, banks are charging more and more for paying in and providing cash. All profits go to the Hall and allows us to keep hiring charges lower for the community.

One major project is our trialling of a system called Hallmaster over the next two months. This provides a fuller picture of the Main Hall and Back Room availability online, allowing people to see and request a booking more easily with less need for calls and emails to our hard-working Booking Secretary. No, we are not replacing Janet with AI but it would take her less time to deal with one offs and recurring bookings. It can also provide monthly invoicing at the push of a button with more information about dates, times and costs of hirings. Individuals and groups would be able to see all their bookings and history online. More details will be coming once we have evaluated and if we decide to go ahead.

The Committee is keen to help hirers promote their activities, groups and events in the Hall. The clash of banners on the outside is clearly showing that there is a need to go beyond "What's Up In Evercreech" page on Facebook. Hopefully by the time this is published we will have installed a new noticeboard in the outer lobby.

Our next National Theatre Live screening on 3rd October is "The Misanthrope" with Sandra Oh starring in a modern revival of the play by Moliere. See page 26.

Nic Jefferis Chair, Evercreech Village Hall

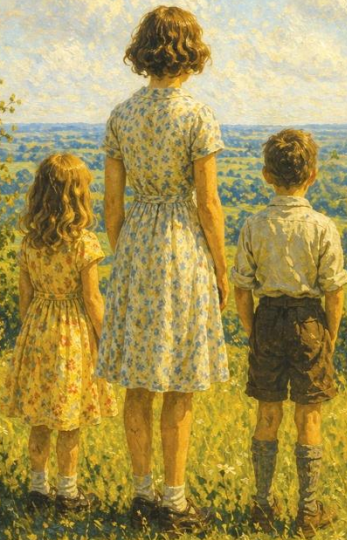
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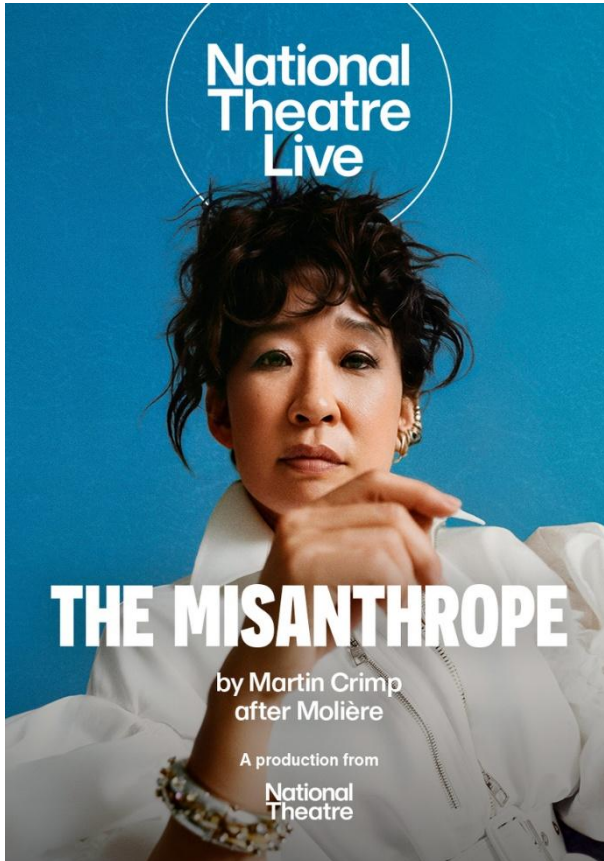
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Refreshments available from the bar.



Evercreech Parish Council - News from the Parish:

We would like to thank the WI who kindly arranged for the 'book swap' phone box on Prestleigh Road to be repaired/renovated. In the middle of another heatwave, we are checking our village Grit Bins, topping up for winter. Good news, it appears that the street lights on Prestleigh Road are now all working.

Highways will be erecting disabled parking and parking restriction signs outside Co-op shortly. Hoping this will help the congestion around Victoria Square, please do take note as I am sure Traffic Wardens will be seen in the village.

A big thank you to our Clerk and Cllr Sellar for all their hard work liaising with our new supplier. The new Evercreech Parish Council Website is now live, looks brilliant and easier to navigate, please take a moment to have a look.

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: 1 September 2026, 7.00 pm, Evercreech Village Hall.

Gail Wakeford - Chair. Evercreech Parish Council
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You probably know about the new 567 RailLink bus connecting Glastonbury and Street through villages to Castle Cary Station and think it isn't relevant to Evercreech residents, but you'd be wrong! Firstly, it runs 7 DAYS A WEEK, and is a most pleasant journey from Castle Cary Horsepond to Clark's Village or Glastonbury. Either drive and park for free in Millbrook Gardens Car Park (as I did) or take the No.1 bus from Evercreech. Please note some 567s don't come into town from the station however the last two weekday South West Coaches 667s from the Horsepond have been extended beyond Street and now travel to Glastonbury and return back into Cary town centre.



Find all bus information including stops and times plus vehicle tracking on bustimes.org. If you go to Glastonbury there's also the circular Tor Bus 196 service. It runs daily 9-5 until 30th September and if you don't fancy climbing the Tor or walking back into town, no problem - just stay on the bus.

Finally, I hope to see you at Evercreech Show on 5th September where I will be promoting "Catch The Bus Month". I'd love to know if you've been on any of my trip suggestions, and how you got on. Like many of you, I'm a car driver but enjoy the completely different view you get from a bus which isn't possible when sitting behind a steering wheel. **Why don't you try it too?**

Sue Ehmman

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We are a nonprofit community interest arts organisation based in the heart of Evercreech, for the local community and beyond. We deliver art, craft and creative learning for all ages and abilities, promoting wellbeing, skill-building and creative community connection at the studio and offsite by arrangement.

Our regular groups at the studio include:



BRING YOUR BABY (BYB) Art & Craft every Tuesday in term time, 10am–12pm or 12.30–2.30pm

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For up-to-date programme details, check our website and social media and the blackboard in our window... or pop in any time we're open. Everyone is welcome!



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Filmed live on stage at the National Theatre, Indhu Rubasingham directs Martin Crimp's (*Cyrano de Bergerac*) highly anticipated play.



Mid-Somerset Flower Club

Our August trip to Pam Lewis' garden in Wiltshire was a very enjoyable afternoon. Pam Lewis is a national flower arranger. We looked around her garden and then had a delicious afternoon tea followed by an excellent flower arrangement demonstration from Pam Lewis. Several who went on the trip went home with one of the arrangements which Pam had made, a super end to a very interesting trip enjoyed by everyone.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 9th September, at 2.00 pm in Evercreech Village Hall, doors open 1.30 pm. The demonstration is by Leslie Hunt, entitled "A Lifetime in Hospitality". Competition: "A Basket of Joy" We will have our usual tea and delicious home made cakes.

For further information please contact Rose 07876080127
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Round Basket	2 day course	16 th & 17 th February	£135 per person
Foraging Basket	2 day course	2 nd & 3 rd April	£135 per person
Laundry Basket with Catalan Base	2 day course	9 th & 10 th April	£150 per person

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There will also be Community learning courses funded by Somerset Council. These will be available to book via Step up Somerset website.



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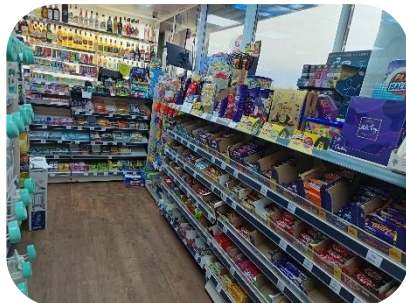
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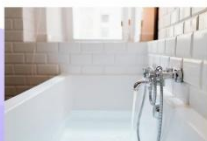
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