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Evercreech News

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From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

In this autumnal season our hearts naturally turn toward thanksgiving as we celebrate Harvest, and mark this joyful opportunity to thank God for the food on our tables and the hard work of those who produce it.

This has been a tough summer for our farmers and many crop yields are down. We may have to budget carefully in the months ahead as food prices rise in response to global shortages. Yet few of us will really know prolonged hunger. When we look at the abundance of food around us we are reminded of the stark inequalities across the globe.

If our thanksgiving is to be genuine we will want a harvest for the world, ensuring that the earth is nurtured and that its resources are shared fairly so that no one goes hungry while others live in luxury.

Creation Season draws to a close on 4th October and the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. This much-loved saint is remembered for his deep love of the natural world and of animals, but did you know he was also a radical peace-builder? He believed that being at peace with our Creator and our neighbours is deeply connected to how we treat the environment. In a world where climate change and environmental degradation often hurt the poorest global communities hardest, his message is more urgent than ever.

To live out his creation-peace, and bring justice to our world means making conscious, everyday choices to live more simply, consume less and advocate for the wellbeing of the whole community of creation.

In a troubled world learning the arts of reconciliation, healing and the restoration of relationships must be a priority. This month's Friends of Batcombe Church event offers a master class as they host Jo Berry CBE. In 1984 Jo's father, Sir Anthony Berry MP, was killed in the Brighton Bombing. In 2000 Jo met with Patrick Magee who planted the bomb. For over twenty years they have been on a transformative journey together, seeking to build bridges for peace. There will be a screening of the award winning documentary "The Hardest Bridge" followed by a Q&A session with Jo Berry herself. Go if you can and commit yourself to a harvest of compassion, justice and peace. Jo Berry, Friday 16th October at Jubilee Hall, Batcombe, BA4 6AZ. Doors open 6.30pm, starts 7pm. Ticket Applications-glaisher@btinternet.com



Revd. Helen Drever, Vicar of the Alham Vale Benefice



Church Services in the *Alham Vale Benefice*

Saturday 3rd October

6.00 pm Harvest Festival	St Mary Magdalene, Upton Noble
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SUNDAY 4th October CREATION SEASON ST FRANCIS (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

SUNDAY 11th October TRINITY 19 (Green)

9.30 am Harvest Festival 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
11.00 am Worship for All	St James, Milton Clevedon

SUNDAY 18th October TRINITY 20 (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 22nd October

10.30 am Midweek Communion	St Peter, Evercreech
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SUNDAY 25th October LAST 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	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe
6.00 pm Harvest Festival	St James, Milton Clevedon

SUNDAY 1st November ALL SAINTS (White)

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
4.00 pm These We Have Loved	St Peter, Evercreech

Helpers at St Peter, Evercreech – October 2026

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	Wendi & Martin Davis
Sunday 11th October Harvest Festival <i>9.30 am Parish</i> <i>Communion</i>	Sidesperson	Gerald Fry
	Reading Deuteronomy 28:1-14	Mark Payne
	Gospel: Luke 12: 16-30	Eleanor Dawkins
	Prayers	Emily Simper
	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Janet Rundle
	Sound	<i>tbc</i>
	Sacristan	Belinda Canning
	Refreshments	Pam & Mark Payne
Sunday 18th October Trinity 20 Proper 24 <i>9.30 am Parish</i> <i>Communion</i>	Sidesperson	Geoff Hamlet
	Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10	Peter Sear
	Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-22	Paul Robinson
	Prayers	Sam Phripp
	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Eric Deyes
	Sound	<i>tbc</i>
	Sacristan	Peter Sear
	Refreshments	Clare & Paul Robinson
Thursday 22 nd October 10.30 am <i>Said Communion</i>	Sacristan	Alan Henderson
Sunday 25th October Last Sunday after Trinity Proper 25 <i>9.30 am Café Church</i>	Sidesperson	Willing Volunteer
	Refreshments	Hilary Foster & Meg Wallis

Sunday 1st November ALL SAINTS <i>9.30 am Parish</i> <i>Communion</i>	Sidesperson	Sue Kewish
	Reading: Revelation 7:9-end	Sam Phripp
	Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12	Wendi Davis
	Prayers	Sue Deyes
	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Eleanor Dawkins
	Sound	<i>tbc</i>
	Sacristan	Peter Sear
	Refreshments	Gerald & Hazel Fry
<i>4.00 pm</i> <i>These We Have Loved</i>	Sidesperson	Churchwarden
	Sacristan	Peter Sear
	Sound	<i>tbc</i>
	Refreshments	<i>tbc</i>



St Peter's Church Flowers

Harvest

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Harvest Festival at St Peter's

At the Harvest Communion on 11th October St Peter's will be pleased to receive your Harvest gifts. As in previous years these will be passed on to either the Salvation Army Food Bank or Grace Harris House (fresh produce) in Shepton Mallet.



St Peter's Choir will be singing at the Harvest Festival, John Rutter's arrangement of 'All things bright and beautiful' and Michael's Castles' arrangement of 'Now the Green Blade Riseth'

St. Peter's Choir ... new singers welcome!

St. Peter's Choir meet every Wednesday from 7.00 pm in the Church and we invite all keen singers to come along and swell the throng. After the Harvest Festival on 11th October and Tea-Time Concert on Saturday 17th October (see page 12), we will be singing Christmas music!

All welcome.

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

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



WEDDING

Jessica Elizabeth Goodridge and Nicholas Charles Dolan
were married at St Peter's Evercreech on **8th September 2026**

These We Have Loved

A service of remembering Sunday 1st November 2026

Many of us have mourned the death of family members or friends in recent months and years. Many still grieve for someone who died many years ago. However recent or distant your loss, you are invited to **These We Have Loved** – a service of remembering – on Sunday 1st November at 4.00 pm in St Peter's Church, Evercreech.



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

You can write names on the lists that will be in St Peter's Church from mid-October. If you prefer, you can email names to Anne at sear.a@btinternet.com with **These We Have Loved** in the subject line, by 30th October, please. Please remember to include the year that the person died. The date of death and their age are optional.

We look forward to welcoming you at this service.

News from Zambia



I have heard recently from Douglas Kakoma, the parish priest of our link church, that all is well with was everyone there. His phone was damaged which put him out of contact for a while, but I now have his new phone number and email address, and we have been able to resume contact via WhatsApp.

Anne Sear, Link Correspondent

Towers House group

We will be starting up again on Tuesday 6th October at 7.30pm. All welcome.
For more details and directions please contact:

Alison Stonehouse at alison.jolyon@gmail.com.

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



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 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 October Breakfast will be at 9.00 am on Saturday 17th October. 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
07506 272669 email: Richard.stevens3707@gmail.com



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)

Thanks to all who helped raise the marvellous total of £274.10 for **Evercreech in Bloom** at the **September Coffee Morning** in St Peter's Church. This sum will go a long way towards floral displays around the village. Plans are already in hand to purchase some daffodil bulbs to enhance the baskets on the railings on Bruton Road in readiness for next spring.

Mollie & Michele

The **Coffee Morning** on **Saturday 10th October** will be raising money for **The Children's Society**



The Children's Society is a national charity working to transform the hopes and happiness of young people facing abuse, exploitation and

neglect. The Society supports them through their most serious life challenges and campaigns for the big social changes that will improve the lives of those who most need hope.

Please bring any boxes you have for emptying.

Janet

Evercreech with Chesterblade PCC

A report on the PCC meeting on 24th September will appear in November Evercreech News. Reports to the meeting and minutes (once agreed) will be put on the PCC notice board in the north aisle of St Peter's Church.

Anne Sear (PCC Secretary)

sear.a@btinternet.com

St Peter' Family Fun Day – Monday 31th August

The new, recently formed Events Team from St Peter's stood up to the challenge this year, organising this important day for the church and village.

The day started off quite damp which delayed some of the early preparations, but thankfully this soon blew through and we were left with a sunny but slightly blustery day. The wind caused a few challenges but did not stop the fun or the activities.

Revd Helen opened the event promptly at 2.00pm and it was lovely to see families waiting to come in. The event was very well supported with a constant flow of people and it was lovely to welcome old and new faces to our family event.



There was something for everyone and as always, the bouncy slide for children, dog show and John's wonderful collection of historical photos of the village, proved a good draw. It was lovely to see the church so busy, the tea team did an amazing job keeping everyone fed and watered (or in some cases Prosecco'ed)

A big thank you goes to everyone who helped out tirelessly before and on the day – it was a great team effort and lovely to give Michèle, who has organised it the last few years, a well-earned break, – thank you Michèle. A special thanks should also go to Sam for speaking nicely to local businesses and getting wonderful raffle prizes and sponsorship.



The event raised £2200, after expenses, for the church – so a big thank you to the village for supporting a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

Alison - Churchwarden

St Peter's Sound System

The new sound system has been fitted and is up and running and I am relieved to say is a great improvement. The new panels are sleek and hardly noticeable, blending in really well with our beautiful church interior.

As with all new systems there will be a few issues to iron out and get used to. I really have to thank Alan Henderson who has done an amazing job liaising with the installer and getting to grips with understanding it.

Alan is going to offer one to one training sessions to our existing team of Sunday sound operators, and if anyone is interested in learning how to operate the system please let me know.

We will now start looking into events where we can show case the newly restored organ and the sound system.

I must thank again the amazing job of the fundraising team that worked so hard to run events to raise the money and also the generosity of everyone who gave donations towards the organ and sound appeal.

Alison - Churchwarden



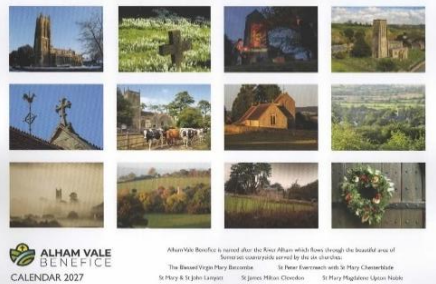
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There'll be some community singing too!

Retiring Collection to cover expenses.

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All are welcome!

Lamyatt News



As the air begins to have an autumnal feel, I am delighted to report that our produce table in the bus shelter has brought in £500. Although I don't think we will make last year's outstanding total of £700, this is a great total. So, we would like to say a big THANK YOU to all who pop coins or notes in the box or donate produce of any kind. Your support is very much appreciated.

This month our usual Coffee Morning will take place in the Lamyatt Village Hall from 10.30 till 12 on Saturday, 3rd October, when the 100 club will be drawn. September unusually saw 3 first time winners in Clemmie B, John R and Pat H, so well done to them!

The following day (Sunday 4th) will be our Harvest Festival in the church at 11am when we will be singing some of our favourite harvest hymns. All are welcome to join us for that. Those who have booked their place at the lunch will then make their way to Lamyatt Village Hall to enjoy a delicious buffet. Remember to bring some cash for the raffle (any donations of prizes welcome in advance too to Nick or Jen). Also our lovely Benefice calendars will be on sale then too - perfect for someone's Christmas present.

Jen Richards



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The Misanthrope,
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 directed by Indhu Rubasingham

Award-winner Sandra Oh (Killing Eve) plays the title role in this razor-sharp reimagining of Molière's classic dark comedy. Filmed live on stage at the National Theatre, Indhu Rubasingham directs Martin Crimp's (Cyrano de Bergerac) highly anticipated play.



Every story honoured

In August I had the immense privilege of meeting Lynette Richards-Lorde who came to Flourish House with her daughter Chrissy Richards-Levi and Susann Savidge, Chair of Somerset African Caribbean Network. Hearing Lynette's story of faith, courage, and public service was a joyful and humbling experience. She came to Taunton, aged just 19, in 1959 in answer to an invitation from the British government to come to the UK to work in the NHS. Initially training as a nurse at Musgrove Park

Hospital in Taunton, Lynette then became a midwife and, during a distinguished career in hospitals across the UK, became the UK's first Black divisional nursing officer for midwifery. And it all started right here in Somerset!

You can read more about Lynette's story on the diocesan website but, for me, the most moving part about meeting Lynette was seeing how extraordinarily humble she is, and what a great impact she has had on the lives not just of the mothers she helped during pregnancy and delivery, but on British society as a whole.

October is Black History Month. It's easy to think it's solely about learning more of the history of Black people across the world, and that's an important part of it. But more than that, it's about acknowledging and celebrating the history of those of Global Majority Heritage who have played, and continue to play, an integral part in British society and churches for centuries. Black History Month teaches us all more about our collective story.

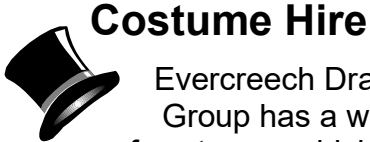
Rt Revd Tim Wambunya, Bishop of Wolverhampton, invites us all, however we mark Black History Month, to allow our celebrations to, "help us become more truly intercultural communities, where every story is honoured, every gift welcomed, and every person cherished in Christ."

We'd love to hear about your plans to do just that, wherever you are across our diocese.

Fiona Gibson, Bishop of Taunton

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

Saturday 3 rd October	8.30 am	Men's Breakfast, The Bell Inn
	10.30 am	Coffee Morning, Lamyatt Village Hall
	4.00 pm	Visiting Ringers, St Peter's Church
	7.30 pm	'The Misanthrope' Evercreech Village Hall (see page 26)
Sunday 4 th October	11.00 am	Harvest Festival, Lamyatt
	4.00 pm	Iona Creation Service, Ansford (see page 12)
Tuesday 6 th October	2.00 pm	Have a Break, Evercreech Village Hall
	7.00 pm	Evercreech Parish Council Meeting, Evercreech Village Hall
	7.30 pm	House Group, The Towers, (see page 8)
Saturday 10 th October	10.00 am	Coffee Morning for The Children's Society, St Peter's Church (see page 9)
Sunday 11 th October	9.30 am	Harvest Festival, St Peter's Church
Tuesday 13 th October	2.00 pm	Have a Break, Evercreech Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Evercreech WI Evercreech Village Hall (see page 19)
Wednesday 14 th October		<i>Deadline for November Evercreech News</i>
	2.00 pm	Flower Club, Evercreech Village Hall (see page 23)
Saturday 17 th October	9.00 am	RBL Breakfast, The Bell Inn Evercreech
	4.00 pm	Tea-Time Choir Concert, St Peter's Church (see page 12)
Tuesday 20 th October	12 noon	Hot Potato Lunch, Evercreech Village Hall
Thursday 22 nd , Friday 23 rd , Saturday 24 th October		
	7.30 pm	The Railway Children, Evercreech Village Hall (see page 25)
Tuesday 27 th October	2.00 pm	Friendship Club, Evercreech Village Hall (see page 21)
Sunday 1 st November	4.00 pm	These We Have Loved, St Peter's Church



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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:

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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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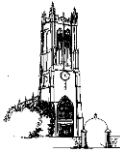
The Children returned to school on Monday 7th September.

Welcoming 17 new children into the Reception Class.

Half term will be from 26th – 30th October.

Term ends on Friday 18th December.

**Evercreech Church of England Primary School and
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**St Peter's Church and
Evercreech Sports Club**

Evercreech

Bonfire and Fireworks Display

Saturday 7th November 2026

Weston Town Sports Field

Look out for posters for more details



Evercreech WI

We had the pleasure of meeting Caroline Dawney in September, who told us all about her life as a nun and what it was like during her training, then how she realised that she wanted to be a mother so left the order, but this gave her a good basis for life and she was able to continue her service to God in another way. She went on to get married and had a son who is now a doctor. She was a delight and we all enjoyed her talk.

On 13th October we are going to have a social evening, with soup and chatter, which we are all very much looking forward to, it is a good chance to reacquaint and support each other.

Maxine Clinton (President)

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Open every Wednesday evening

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

Evercreech Youth Club continues to welcome local young people each week, and we are pleased to have around 15 regular young people attending our sessions.

A huge thank you to The Bell Inn and our wonderful local community for their generosity and support. We were delighted to receive our new cooker for the Youth Club this week! This will make such a difference to our kitchen and give our young people the opportunity to cook, learn new skills and enjoy food together. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who contributed and helped make this possible.

We recently had a fantastic day at the Evercreech Show, where we had the opportunity to meet members of our local community, spread the word about the Youth Club and talk about the importance of having a safe and welcoming space for young people in our village. We are delighted to have raised **£85**, which will go towards helping us continue to provide activities and opportunities for our young people. A huge thank you to everyone who supported us.



However, we are still desperately in need of more committee members and volunteers. The Youth Club is run by volunteers, and without enough people to help, it becomes increasingly difficult for us to continue opening every week and provide the level of support and activities that our young people deserve.

If you think you could help, or would simply like to find out more, please get in touch. Every bit of support makes a real difference and helps us keep the Youth Club going for local young people.

For any more information please contact our Secretary Jess on 07891176291

Thank you to everyone who continues to support Evercreech Youth Club. ❤️

News from Yeovil Street Pastors



In July, we had a table again at the Yeovil Together Festival. We had some good discussions and it's always great to raise awareness of what we do locally in Yeovil, and also of Street Pastor initiatives nationally and internationally. We've been operating for 17 years now and often get people who have lived locally for years who haven't heard of us.

We have some talks booked – which is one of the ways we are blessed with new people joining us as Street or Prayer Pastors. You just have to be over 18 years old and have been going to church for a year or more. If you wish to know more, have a chat with Eric over coffee after the service at St Peter's or email us at the address below.

With love and God's blessings to each of you, from

Eric (Chair), *Chris* (Co-ordinator) and all of us at Yeovil Street Pastors

yeovil@streetpastors.org.uk



Evercreech Friendship Club

**Happy Birthday Friendship Club
51 years and still going strong!**

Happy Birthday to the Friendship Club, started in 1975. We celebrate our 51st year on October 27th. So its cakes and calories on order, and that odd cup of tea! Accompanied once more by our favourite, Meredith, on the keyboard, a meeting not to be missed!

If you are over 55 and would like to join our club you would be most welcome. Meetings start at 2pm in Evercreech Village Hall and include a Raffle, Greetings Card Stall and Grace's excellent home-made cakes. 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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<https://citizensadvice Somerset.org.uk/crisis-resilience-fund/> If someone is unable to apply online or needs help, they can call 0808 278 7842 and select option 3.



www.evercreechshow.uk

A Cracking Day Out: The Evercreech Village Show 2026

What a day it was. On Saturday 5th September the sun put in a proper appearance, the field filled up, and the Evercreech Village Show gave us one of its best years yet.

Well over 300 of you came along, and the atmosphere from start to finish was quite simply fantastic. The show tent was bursting, with more than 450 entries across the classes — vegetables polished to within an inch of their lives, flowers in every colour going, baking that had people lingering rather longer than was strictly necessary, jams, photography, handicrafts and a wonderful display of children's art. The standard was high, the competition was friendly, and the judges had their work cut out.

Outside, the tug of war once again drew a big crowd and the loudest cheering. It has become one of those fixtures that people plan their afternoon around, and this year was no exception — shoes dug in, faces red, and a fair bit of heaving.

New for this year was the live music stage, and it proved a real hit. Alongside it, the open mic gave local voices a turn in the spotlight, and the beer tent run by the Bell Inn kept everyone comfortably refreshed. Add to that a great range of food stalls and a brilliant line-up of stallholders, and there was plenty to keep everyone happily occupied for hours.

The fun carried on into the evening with our Hoedown, which was every bit as lively as it sounds. The band had the crowd up and dancing, the Bell provided the food, and our own homespun version of hog racing produced a good deal of laughter. It rounded off the day perfectly.

None of this happens by itself. The Evercreech Show Society would like to say an enormous thank you to everyone who played a part: the entrants who filled the tent, the stallholders who supported us so well, the volunteers who set up, stewarded, served, judged and cleared away, the show committee who worked away quietly for months beforehand, and every single person who turned up on the day. You are what makes the show what it is.

Here's to next year (Our 50th!) — and if you have ever fancied entering a class or helping out, consider this your nudge. That marrow isn't going to show itself."

Andrew Lee



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I would like to use this month's entry in Evercreech News, to emphasise that we can supply quilts to individual children (up to the age of 18), they do not need to be referred by an 'official' organisation.

Examples of such in the past

- A child who has a member of their immediate family in intensive, cancer or palliative care
- A child who is grieving after the loss of an immediate member of their family
- A child who is bravely struggling with a long-term medical condition and has not been given a quilt in a medical setting
- A child struggling with a mental health issue

I will pass on the quilt to the person who suggests the gift, I do not need to identify the child, maintaining anonymity. Please contact me:

Jaci Elliott 01749 838809 jaci.elliott@btinternet.com

Mid-Somerset Flower Club

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 14th October, at 2.00 pm in Evercreech Village Hall, doors open 1.30 pm. The demonstration is by Fleur White, theme "‘Tis the season". Competition: "A Basket of Plenty" summer is gone, no flowers. We hope to see old friends and new. There will be delicious home made cake and tea for all to enjoy. Don't miss our friendly atmosphere.



For further information please contact

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September appeared to get off to a slow autumnal start for the Hall and certain awaited deliveries did not appear.

Firstly the clock was delayed by that "massive" Bank Holiday and we only just got the Artwork to approve two weeks in. It'll be clear and easily readable to match the Evercreech Village Hall sign style and font. It is in production so hopefully delivery at the beginning of October. It's now a question of organising the electrician, access and of course the brass band for the switch on ceremony. Next month's Evercreech News will hopefully have the scoop of when; as well as Facebook.

On the subject of giving people information about events, another delayed delivery finally arrived and was installed. We hope you will notice just inside the main doors of the Hall a big green notice board. (It would not have that name if you didn't!) I know it's amazing to think, but not everyone follows Facebook to see what's up at the Village Hall so we are going to offer space to our regular hirers so they can ensure they can put posters with details of their activities, events and how to get in touch. Hopefully, as well, there will be space for specific events happening that week. I'm not sure we can give the poles a rest from posters and staples yet though.

As ever the Hall was buzzing with conversations at the baked potato lunch and we were able to celebrate Gerald Burridge's 85th birthday with a bit of help from his daughter Sharon helping everyone with the 'enormous' cost of desserts. So popular we ran out of custard! We missed some of you so hope to see you on Tuesday 20th October, as if you would forget! If you might be interested in joining the team to help the delivery for a free lunch, please let me know.

Our National Theatre Live season starts with The Misanthrope. Please check your diaries as we had to change the date from the 26th September to 3rd October due to the projectionist's holiday. Next up after that is a Sunday matinée of Golden Boy on 15th November. Details as always on our web page

www.evercreechvillagehall.org.uk/ntlive.

We hope in October to share with you the new online booking system. Our trials have raised a few questions both about the capability of the system and our process for using it, but are generally going well.

Nic Jefferis Chair, Evercreech Village Hall

Email: chair@evercreechvillagehall.org.uk

Mobile: 07810 055996

Evercreech Drama Group

It's Sunday 6th March 1966 and the last train to ever run on the Somerset and Dorset Joint Railway line is due. On the platform of Evercreech Junction, three siblings have reunited to wave one final time. Whilst waiting, they recount their childhood memories of the railway and the adventures they had 36 years before, when their lives were turned upside down and they became 'The Railway Children'.



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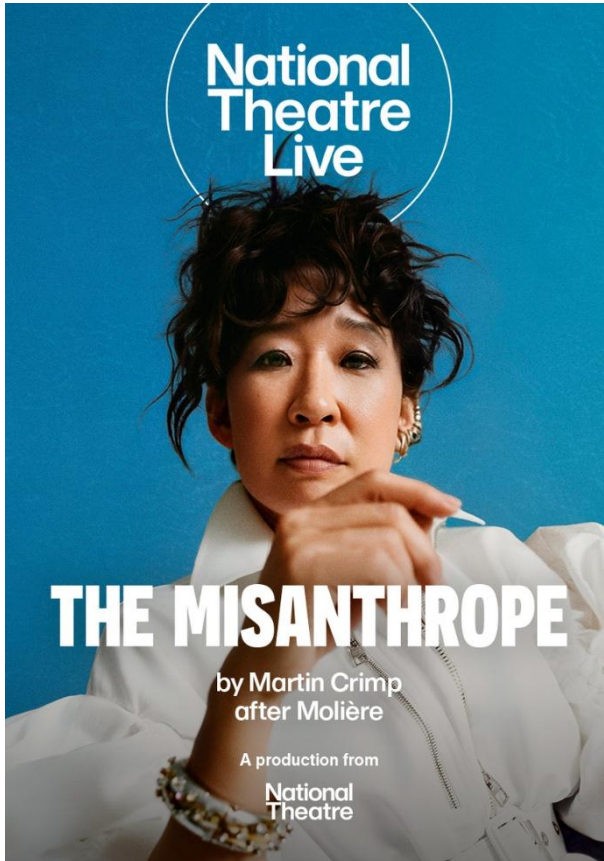
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Parish Council Update

I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer weather — it certainly has been a warm one! We hope you have all had the opportunity to enjoy the sunshine and make the most of the summer months. Summer is traditionally a quieter time for Councillors, but this year has been quite the opposite, with plenty happening around the village.

Evercreech Village Show - Congratulations to the Show Society - what a brilliant show, the committee members and volunteers must be so pleased. It was great to see so many entries and villagers attending and enjoying the activities in the brilliant summer sunshine - clearly saying how much the Village Show means to Evercreech - looking forward to the 2027 Show.

Anti-Social Behaviour - Anti-Social Behaviour has been a serious issue - affecting every area of the village but especially the Millennium Gardens.

Millennium Gardens - Unfortunately, the Millennium Gardens have recently been affected by some anti-social behaviour. Several measures and trials have been undertaken to minimise this, but sadly some plants and trees have been vandalised. This is extremely upsetting for everyone who has worked hard to create and maintain these beautiful gardens for the enjoyment of our whole community. We would therefore ask parents and carers to please be mindful of where young people are spending their time in the village and, where possible, to ensure they know what they are doing and where they are.

If anyone has any information regarding the damage or vandalism to the gardens, we would be grateful if you could contact the Parish Council Clerk **in confidence** at clerk@evercreech-pc.gov.uk.

Further pruning of trees and shrubs will be taking place shortly as part of the ongoing maintenance of the gardens.

Catch the Bus Month - September marked Catch the Bus Month — a great opportunity to make use of our local bus services. Where possible, please consider leaving the car at home and catching the bus. Supporting our local services helps demonstrate that they are valued and needed within our community. Bus timetables can be found on the Parish Council website at www.evercreech-pc.gov.uk.

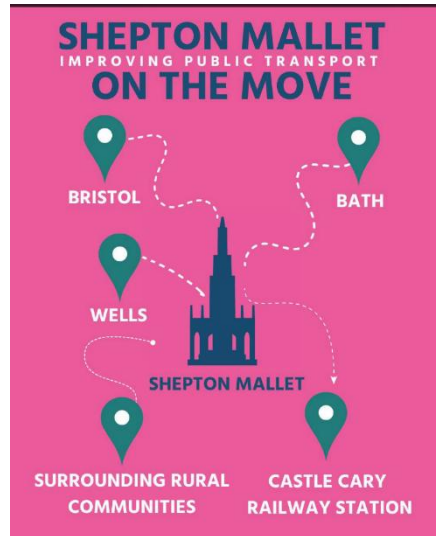
War Memorial - Work has now begun on the **partial cleaning of the War Memorial at the Cemetery**, in preparation for this year's Remembrance Service. We look forward to seeing the memorial looking its best as our community comes together to remember and honour those who served.

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

It's 60 years since the Somerset and Dorset Railway ceased. Evercreech and many other rural communities are now more isolated than when I was growing up here. At that time we had a direct route to Bristol from Shepton, a double-decker school bus to Bruton via Wyke (replacing the lost train service) and I recall Batcombe even had a market day bus to Shepton! All 3 examples axed - I'm sure you can think of more.

Shepton Mallet Town Council is aware of the extremely limited transport options not only for their residents but particularly people living in the surrounding villages. It is working on improving public transport to address

- the poor connectivity to local and major hospitals and rail stations
- widening educational and work opportunities
- combatting youth and elderly isolation and so improve mental health
- tackling the near-zero access to entertainment and leisure venues at weekends and evenings



Unfortunately all too often decision makers don't understand rural public transport problems so please urge your parish and county councillors to get involved and work together to improve our local bus services for a better future.

Sue Ehlmann



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Helping Local Communities Build Resilience

Since being appointed in May as Somerset Council's Executive member with responsibility for community resilience, I have heard from many people that information on flooding, extreme weather, grants and training can be difficult to keep track of. To help address this, I have put together the **Somerset Community Resilience Action Calendar**, bringing key information, events and deadlines together in one accessible format.

The calendar is designed to give parish councils, community groups and residents a simple guide to actions that can help communities become better prepared and more resilient. As well as highlighting grants, training opportunities, flood awareness activities and emerging risks such as drought and wildfire, it also shares examples of the excellent work already being carried out by communities across Somerset, helping to inspire and encourage others.

The calendar is updated regularly, with most suggested actions taking less than ten minutes to complete. The latest edition can be viewed at www.claire.sully.com. Alternatively, email me and request a copy.

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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, **WOOLLY WEDS** – drop-in craft skill-share and social group, every Wednesday in term time, 10am–12pm, **PROJECT LINUS quilting** – 2nd Thursday of the month, 10am–12pm, **RED DRESS EMBROIDERY Sessions** with Kirstie Macleod– varied Thursdays in term time, 10am–1pm, **HOME ED courses** – Thursdays in term time, 1–3pm, run by professional tutors with a focus on SEND support.

We also run workshops and courses, in the evenings and on weekends. 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!



We had a wonderful time celebrating our 30th Anniversary with a very successful Open day on the 8th August. Thank you to everyone who visited to find out more about us.

The new term has begun and we are fully booked for school groups in September and October which is wonderful news. We welcome over 3,000 children and 500 adults here each year for environmental education days.

October half term will see us running a one day Go Wild holiday club for 7-11 year olds. We also run ad-hoc days for home educated families. Please get in touch if you are interested in these.

Somerset Council are once again funding a programme of rural craft courses which we are running throughout the year. We have lovely willow weaving classes, a 3 day Green Workout, Introduction to Hedge laying, and two workshops identifying British wildflowers. These can all be booked via the Step up Somerset website.

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Carymoor Environmental Trust



Sarah Dyke MP, with staff and Chair of Trustees Chrisi Kennedy, along with an anniversary bench made by volunteer John (seated).

Credit: Mendip Times

For more information about Carymoor, our events, courses or volunteering opportunities please visit www.carymoor.org.uk



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