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Editorial

I hope everyone is still enjoying your Village News. It gives me hope to see new and different articles being submitted every month alongside the regular updates. It helps keep the publication as fresh as possible and informative as possible. If you feel you have something to contribute, I am more than happy to include any informative articles.

There are new adverts in the middle, and some adverts have new contact details, so, please take the time to look through them. These advertisers are our only source of income so we can provide this publication free to your door, via the wonderful volunteers that make sure that happens. As always, if you would like to volunteer please let us know.

Ian Stewart

Haselbury Plucknett celebrations for the 80th anniversary of VE Day – Thursday 8th May

**Meeting in the Beaumont Room, Haselbury Church – Weds 12th March
at 7:15**

There will be a meeting in the church on Wednesday 12th March at 7:15pm to discuss and plan the Haselbury celebrations for the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Please come along and support this.

We are planning to have an event in the community orchard with a beacon, music, lit BBQs for people to bring their own food and some games for children. It has also been suggested we should have competitions for a VE Day cake and the best 1940s outfit! But we will need some volunteers to organise this and help on the night.

So come along to the meeting to get involved, give your ideas and lend a hand. If you want to help but cannot come to the meeting drop me an email.

Matthew Bryant (bryant.haselbury@gmail.com)

Your local WI
Haselbury Plucknett Women's Institute
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GORGEOUS GOATS! The WI speaker on Wednesday 3rd March at 2pm is Nick King, who will tell us about his Goats of the Gorge. Cleopatra may have bathed in ass's milk, but goat's milk is better by far for the complexion. Nick will tell us about his goats and the skincare products he makes from their milk. He will have samples for sale, so bring some cash if you're coming. Beaumont Room, St Michael's Church, Haselbury.

OPEN MEETING. On Wednesday 2nd April, our meeting reverts to 7.30pm. It's our annual Open Meeting, which means that anyone can attend, men included. Anna Reed will tell us about her Life with Owls and will bring some of her feathered friends with her. We hope that many of our fellow villagers will join us. St Michael's Church, Haselbury.

CENTENARY CONCERT. On Saturday 26th April, Haselbury WI will be celebrating its hundredth birthday with a concert given by tenor Gregory Steward. Tickets are £10. Gregory will be singing songs from popular shows and some light classical favourites. It promises to be a most enjoyable evening. There will be refreshments in the form of tea, coffee and cake, as well as a licenced bar. There will also be a classy raffle, as befits a centenarian institute. Please come along and join the party in St Michael's Church, Haselbury. Tickets are available at North Perrott Farm Shop, or from Gill Wood, 07414 588515.

Our February meeting introduced members to graphology – and we found out more about ourselves and our neighbours than we really wanted to know. For information about the WI, contact Gill on 07414 588515 or Lesley on 07732 030279.

The Haselbury Plucknett Charities

Registered Charity No.201573

Brrrr! Are you feeling the cold? Do you live in Haselbury?

Are you missing your winter fuel allowance?

As we all know, the Government has changed winter fuel allowances for pensioners. In view of the changes, some people on small pensions, and not entitled to certain state benefits, may struggle with heating bills this winter.

They may also struggle with other essential household requirements.

Do you live in Haselbury Plucknett and fall into this category? Brrrr!

We may be able to help you.

The Haselbury Charities are three old charities set up to support those who find themselves in severe financial difficulties.

We are a small charity with only a small amount to give out each year.

We aim to give grants where the need is greatest and we will consider all genuine applications.

Applications should be submitted in writing to:

The Secretary to the Trustees, Globe Farm,

North Street, Haselbury Plucknett, TA18 7RP.

ROLL UP for a ROLL UP

South Perrott Short Mat Bowls Club is happy to welcome new members. The club meets on Mondays from 7.00 p.m. to 9.00p.m. in South Perrott village hall DT8 3HS. Each session cost is only £2 per person which includes light refreshments, free use of club bowls and initial coaching if required. For more information please contact our secretary Doreen on 01935 891431.

News from Haselbury Plucknett Primary School

As we begin 2025, the first half of the spring term has been filled with exciting activities, learning, and achievements.

We started the term with our whole school welly walk to the local orchard. The children embraced the fresh air, exploring the natural world and enjoying the opportunity to connect with their surroundings. It was a wonderful way to start the year on a positive and active note!

Children's Mental Health Week was another key focus, where we engaged in activities promoting well-being and resilience. From mindfulness sessions to creative expression, our pupils explored ways to look after their mental health and support one another.

For Safer Internet Day, children took part in discussions and workshops about staying safe online. With the digital world becoming ever more present in our lives, these conversations are vital in equipping our pupils with the knowledge to navigate the internet safely and responsibly.

Our history curriculum came alive with fantastic field trips! Classes visited Dawes Twineworks to learn about traditional rope-making industries and Shepton Mallet Prison to explore historical justice systems. These hands-on experiences sparked curiosity and brought history to life in a meaningful way.

We are also incredibly proud of our Key Stage 2 football teams, one of whom triumphed in a tournament against local primary schools! Their teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship were outstanding—congratulations to all who took part!

As we look ahead to brighter days in March, we are eager to begin our next gardening season, with pupils getting ready to prepare and care for our school garden. We are also looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, where children can immerse themselves in the magic of stories, and Science Week, which promises exciting experiments and discoveries.

A big thank you to our staff, parents, and community - especially our wonderful volunteers - for their continued support. Here's to another enriching and inspiring half-term ahead!

Lois Bowery
Executive Headteacher

Haselbury Plucknett Chairs Chat

What a delight to walk around the village this morning, with finally some sunshine, it makes such a difference. Great to see the snow drops in the Community orchard planted by the Perrott Hill School children a couple of years ago.

Unfortunately, yes, the rain came back on Sunday 26th Jan, I have only ever seen rain like that in the tropics. I attended a meeting in Ilminster hosted by our MP Adam Dance. Adam had also invited Somerset Council, The Environment Agency, Wessex Water and Somerset Rivers Authority. You will not be surprised to hear there was a lively debate. By contrast of Chard, Ilminster and South Petherton, Haselbury wasn't nearly as badly affected and although we had the flooding late on the Sunday Night, by the Monday morning, it had all cleared with the exception of the Junction of North Street / A30. Somerset Council have agreed to a CCTV survey of this junction and the area around Brook Farmhouse. The consensus of the meeting is that all Parish Councils will need to have plans as the flooding seems to be an annual event now.

One of the challenges is that under the current Highways regulations, only SC can close roads and advise of floods – clearly common sense needs to be applied. At our next meeting, we will discuss further options that we can undertake. There were a number of comments that some people just ignore all signs and drive through, often at speed – please – having your house flooded is bad enough without people causing additional stress from inconsiderate motorists.

I am looking forward to the warmer weather and will be arranging a village spring clean in April – hopefully you can spare an hour to help.

Keep safe

Hugh Williams

Community Orchard update – March 2025

It's a lovely time of year as we move towards spring and you can see things starting to grown in the orchard.

Most of the cider apples come into blossom later than eating apples – so it will be late April and into May before we get a good display of blossom. That way they generally miss any late frosts.

Traditionally, Somerset cider makers live in fear of St Dunstan's Day (19th May). St Dunstan is a famous Anglo-Saxon saint who was born near Glastonbury, and went onto become the Archbishop of Canterbury. Earlier in his life he was the Abbot at Glastonbury, and had the task of re-building the monastery and Abbey. The monks brewed and sold great quantities of beer the proceeds of which helped with the re-building, and the legend tells that, to support the sale of beer, St Dunstan made a bargain with the Devil that resulted in a frost being sent to damage the cider apple crop in the days around 19th May. Whether or not it's a true story it only goes to show that cider from Somerset had a fine reputation over 1,000 years ago!

Our next maintenance mornings are:

Saturday 1st March – 10:30-12:30

Saturday 5th April – 10:30-12:30

We are likely to be tidying the orchard boundaries – so please bring suitable tools. Supervised children are very welcome, and we stop for cake and a drink. Community orchard cider is available to supporters of the orchard.

On Saturday 3rd May we will need help in the orchard to build the VE Day beacon, again meeting at 10:30.

For any information about the community orchard please get in touch.

Matthew Bryant (bryant.haselbury@gmail.com)

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3 small acers, lovely colour in Spring - £60 each: 01460 74332, buyer collects

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Fridge in working order £25 - 01460 74332, buyer collects

If you are a resident of Haselbury Plucknett or North Perrott and would like to place a classified ad in next months Village News, please email it to vneditor2@gmail.com. A maximum of 2 lines of script, no names or addresses, just contact details. Entries must be received by the 20th of the month to be entered in the following months village news

Speedwatch Haselbury Plucknett

Speedwatch is carried out in a 20mph zone:

Speed watch Stats for January 2025. Number of watches – 5

Vehicles monitored – 400

Speeders Reported – 28

Highest speeder – 41

Percentage of drivers exceeding the reportable limit – 7%.

The low number of watches is due to the continuing decline in the size of the Speed watch team. The high-end speeder of 41mph was also the subject of a separate near-miss report

A History of Glenfield Farm, Puddletown Part 6.

In the last issue we mentioned Alfred Champion who was in charge of the poultry. I imagine he left us when father decided to stop keeping hens and one reason for this was the closure of the egg grading and packing enterprise in Misterton. The site is now a collection of houses in what is appropriately named Packers Way.

Another important member of the team must be introduced. Don Jenkins was the son of a plumber from Portishead. Don was a keen swimmer, cyclist and later a motorbike enthusiast. As a boy, he was in the church choir and played the piano well. In his parents eyes he was probably a bit of a 'tear away'. But the advent of war gave him the opportunity to leave his boring factory job in Bristol and join the Air Force as ground crew maintaining Lancaster bombers. His job was to check and repair radios, batteries and electrics in readiness for the next sortie. This experience was to prove useful when applying for a job on a pig farm!

At the end of the war various training schemes were set up by the government to help returning forces back into civilian employment. Not wishing to return to factory work, Don chose a brief introduction to agriculture on a farm at North Cadbury. Following that he applied for a job with my father here at Glenfield Farm. But I believe the interview was less about agricultural skills and more about their common interest in crystal sets, short wave radio and electronics! Don got the job! Initially he lived in lodgings in East Chinnock but within a year he was living with his new wife Sally, in a caravan on the farm. Soon my father had provided a tied bungalow. It was only last year, aged 102, that he moved to a care home.

Roger White

Welcome to Haselbury Plucknett

For many years St Michael and All Angels Church have produced a Welcome Booklet for new Residents in Haselbury Plucknett. If you have recently moved into the village or know of anyone who has and would like a copy, please contact Margaret Rendall, [51 New Close, 01460 73949].

Raise a cup of coffee and help to raise the roof. Saturday 15th March

Our lovely church of St Michael and All Angels is in the middle of the village of Haselbury Plucknett, and we hope that, this year, we will pick up on the plans that we had, -before 'Covid',- to make alterations to the internal layout, create a more useable space for a variety of activities and put the building at the heart of what we do in the village.

As well as the changes that we want to start on this year, 2025 is also a year for our 'Quinquennial Inspection', the five-yearly survey of the building that we have to undertake to ensure it remains in good order for generations to come.

The last report in 2020 identified that the roof covering to the nave of the church has reached the end of its life and needs to be replaced, so the 2025 report will certainly move this item to the top of the 'to do' list.

Unfortunately the cost of building materials has risen significantly, and work that was just about affordable when we had initial quotes before Covid is now beyond our present means.

However we should take encouragement from what has been achieved in the past.....

When the timber Victorian 'Queen Post Truss' roof of the nave was found to be unsafe in 1966, the only replacement that could be afforded was a steel structure more suited to a farmer's barn than a place of worship, which is why we still have the 1960s style commercial office ceiling tiles to hide it! The drawings and records that are kept in the Somerset Archives show that the roof was even going to be covered in corrugated steel sheets to save a little more money. Taking a big step of faith, the Parochial Church Council asked the Engineer and Architect to design the steel trusses to have the ability to carry the weight of a slated or tiled roof in the hope that the money could be found in the future. It was, and that tiled roof has served well for nearly 60 years!

We need to do the same again, and hope that you will join us for coffee and cake on Saturday 15th March from 10.30am to start off our fund-raising work. Our church belongs to everyone in the village, so do come along, especially if you have ideas that could help to raise the roof!



Haselbury Wildlife and Habitats Group

The arrival of spring in our village is not far off, and it promises to be a transformative event—a gentle yet profound awakening that breathes new life into the landscape and its inhabitants. After the long, grey, and particularly wet months of this winter, we eagerly anticipate the renewal that spring brings. The Wildlife and Habitats Group (WHG) has been busy conducting sessions at Small Brook, Rebecca’s Well, and the recreational park, working to preserve wildlife habitat and enhance the natural beauty of our village. At Small Brook, along Claycastle, the flow of water is often hindered by vegetation. The Group works diligently within the constraints of our resources to keep it clear, adhering to environmental laws that restrict such activities to the months of November through February.

Rebecca’s Well, a lesser known but historically significant feature of the village, dates to at least medieval times. This perennial spring, encircled by brickwork to capture its fresh water, has never been known to dry up.

Recent WHG efforts have exposed the brickwork and cleared surrounding silt, allowing the Springwater to run clear once more. Repairs to the brickwork are planned once period-matching bricks are sourced. The area around Rebecca’s Well, which had been littered with debris after January’s flooding, was cleaned up during our session on February 16th.

In the wildflower area, the spring bulbs we planted are beginning to bloom, adding a splash of colour to the landscape. We aim to further enhance this area by introducing additional shrubs and a few silver birch trees, chosen for their manageable growth to prevent overgrowth and maintain the natural balance of the environment. Unfortunately, we’ve had to delineate the area with wooden stakes due to damage caused by motorcycles or quad bikes.

While we are occasionally approached with concerns outside our remit, it’s important to note that all our activities are conducted under the auspices of the Parish Council or, in the case of waterways, the County Ecologist.

Issues such as flooding or general village maintenance fall outside our scope. As spring progresses, the village green, recreational park, Frog Lane and Haselbury Firs, will transform from muted browns and greys into a vibrant tapestry of blooming bulbs by March. Spring in our village is more than just a change in the weather; it is a celebration of resilience and continuity. It reminds us of the enduring rhythms of nature and the promise of new beginnings. In this timeless cycle, the arrival of spring is not just a season—it is a reaffirmation of life itself.

William DG Hunt

North Perrott Village Hall—Chairmans Report

The community has now owned the Village Hall for one hundred years thanks to the generosity of the Hoskyns family. We felt we had to celebrate that with a party and your village hall committee did it in fine style. Belinda has yet again provided fantastic food and the hall was magnificently decorated by Julie, both of them assisted by the hard working committee members. This was finished off by brilliant music from the Topsy Swing Band.

The hall was packed, the drinks flowed and we all had a great time.

Coming up soon we have a charity concert with Wareham Whalers, a shanty group, on 15th March with all ticket money going to support the Lifeboats. There will be a bar. Tickets £10 from me or the Farm Shop. Also coming up is the Village Hall AGM on Friday 21st March. Come and join us for a glass of wine and nibbles and find out about the running of the hall.

Hope to see you all at future events.

Pip Oxenbury

Chairman, Village Hall Committee

I'm so stressed I'm going potholing.
I usually cave under pressure



New Arrivals - North Perrott

If you are a new resident in North Perrott you might like a copy of the Parish Council's Village Welcome Pack.

Let us know by emailing: northperrottville@gmail.com or ring/text Helena Sturridge on 07802 964949



North Perrott Cricket Club

Skittles Night takes place in the pavilion on Thursday nights from 7.30pm until Thursday 10th April and spectators are welcome to come along and join in the fun from the comfort of our well-stocked bar. A Mother's Day afternoon tea will be served in the pavilion from 1-4pm on Saturday 8th March for all those who would like to treat their nearest and dearest. A special offer of £25 for two will include: assorted sandwiches, herby sausage rolls, bacon and cheese fold over, lemon meringue tarts, raspberry cheesecake, brownies, double chocolate strawberries, and scones served with jam and cream. Early booking is recommended and please contact Mel at chalewkee@yahoo.co.uk to book your table.

January's legends

A, Our fast-medium South African-born bowler who qualified as a domestic cricketer through his mother's passport was the indefatigable Tim Groenewald who retired from First Class cricket in 2021 at the age of 37 after undergoing knee surgery. B, Our hard hitting left hander who arrived at the County Ground from Oxford University and the Minor Counties was Simon Ecclestone. C, Our hefty and at times irascible left arm orthodox spinner and boundary hitter who came to the West Country from Derbyshire in 2000 was the redoubtable Ian Blackwell. Now a First-Class umpire in the County Championship Ian appeared on a former player's podcast in 2023.

February's legends

A new month and another trio of Somerset legends for you to unpick! Can you unravel the three anagrams below to reveal: A, A tall left arm spinner and right-hand bat who followed in his father's footsteps by playing for Gloucestershire for the lion's share of his career. Following a lone season for Somerset in 1991 he saw out his playing days with Championship new boys Durham. B, A left-handed batsman whose breakthrough season came in 2020 with three centuries in the Bob Willis Trophy. He has been a regular in the top order ever since making his debut in the Big Bash for the Hobart Hurricanes in 2021 and in the Hundred in 2022 with the Manchester Originals. C, An aggressive middle order batsman with movie star looks who became a regular in 1959 and was awarded his cap in 1962. His occasional right arm seam bowling earned him 195 scalps in a First-Class career which ended in 1966.

A, NVYGERAE

B, YNMOBMAL

C, HGTMEREA

Will Silk

NORTH PERROTT & HASELBURY PLUCKNETT GARDEN CLUB

Our February meeting was hosted by Sally Morgan who gave a very interesting talk on Climate Friendly Gardens.

Our next meeting will be held on March 18th at North Perrott Village Hall. Middle Street, North Perrott. Our speaker for the evening will be Martin Young – Ornamental Trees.

Raffle will take place at the end of the evening,

New members are very welcome. Membership £12:00 per annum. Guests £2.50 (which will be refunded if you choose to join the club). Discount cards for local garden centres.

All meetings are held on 3rd Tuesday of the month.
The hall is opened at 7pm for 7:30pm start.

If Interested please contact :-

Ian Benfield. Chairman 01460 929027

Barbara.Spence. Treasurer 01460 73847

Gail Case. Speakers 07480 531598

Christine Bentley. Secretary 07788 316984

Frances Gearing. Committee Member 07810 340324

Weather Notes

Slightly warmer Jan than usual. 0.1C above normal.

Min Ave of 1.9c, 0.6C cooler than normal, with 8 frosts.

Very wet with 205.5mm(8ins). Normal of 99.0mm(3.9ins)

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John Kellaway

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North Perrott Parish Council meets bi-monthly on the first Tuesday in Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept and November at 7.30pm in the Hoskyns Memorial Hall. Agendas and minutes are published on the website and village notice board.

My Wife and I made a New Years resolution never to go to bed angry with each other.
We've been up since the 4th January.



Haselbury Plucknett Parish Council

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Bi-monthly meeting of North Perrott Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th March 2025, 7.30pm at the Hoskyns Memorial Hall, North Perrott.

Present: Cllr's J Hoskyns (Chairman), T Winder (Vice-Chair), B Reader, J Hall, J Bradley, S Cllr M Hewitson and L Gibbons (Parish Clerk).

Apologies for Absence: S Cllr O Patrick

• Planning:

Planning applications:

24/02684/FUL Windmill Stables, Trindlewell Lane – Construction of an agricultural storage building, yard and access track.

25/00187/FUL Grey Abbey Farm, Pipplepen Lane to Downclose Lane – To put in a new 14 foot gateway to access agricultural land.

- **20mph Speed Limit:** J Hoskyns is waiting for costings from L Norman (S Council). We should receive them shortly.
- **Village Gateway:** This will be carried out in the spring when the weather improves. The new gate will be built later this year.
- **Highways Update:** We have been notified of concerns about the condition of Downclose Lane. These have been reported to S Council. The deeper potholes have been filled, but none of the other issues have been fixed. Potholes have been reported in Willis Lane. There is also a large pothole opposite the entrance to Stonehaven barns, this is subsidence resulting from works carried out by Wessex water. They have been asked to carry out corrective action.
- **Footpaths:** Nothing new to report.
- **Assets of Community Value:** P Oxenbury is going to further our application for the Manor Arms. LG to forward the initial application. He will review this application and investigate what other information could be included.
- **Restrictive Weight Limit:** J Hall suggested that we could still submit a report giving the structural and/or environmental reasons why we believe that North Perrott should have a restrictive weight limit. She will attend the Haselbury Plucknett Parish Council meeting on the 13th January to try to gain their support.
- **Village Maintenance:** J Hoskyns has removed many tons of leaves from the roads and pavements. He will continue to do this regularly. TW raised the issue of the Solar Farm planning conditions. We need to keep a close eye on whether conditions are met.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on: Tuesday 6th May 2025, 7.00pm

Haselbury Plucknett Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 10th February 2025, 7.00pm at The Beaumont Room in the Church, Haselbury Plucknett

Present: Cllrs H Williams (Chair), W Hunt (Vice-Chair), J Farrant, M Rendall, L Deer, M Wroe, R Bourne, A Scott, M Bryant and L Gibbons (Parish Clerk) Members of the Public: One.

Open Session: Recent flooding near Mistletoe Cottage / Pump Cottage in Claycastle Lane was raised. LCN: HW attended the recent meeting. Issues discussed were blocked gullies, potholes and flooding, all of which are of major concern to everyone present. No solutions have yet been offered. The highways and transport group gave a short presentation. Still waiting for details of the Chapter 8 training and associated costs. Items for escalation to our District/County Councillors: Flooding issues, Restrictive weight limit. Damaged post by the pond, opposite Bay Tree Farm. **The Park:** Safety checks: WH advised there are no critical safety issues. There was a report of motorcycles in Park which have left a considerable amount of tyre damage. There has also been a build-up of beer and lager cans in the quiet area of the park. WH suggested that the PC conduct a social media campaign to raise awareness of the inappropriate activities in the park. This will also be reported to the police. **Roads and Highways:** MW began by expressing our thanks to A Barron (Traffic Management) for the white lining in the village; and to L Norman and his Highway team for the repair of the various potholes along North Street. We have been advised that a CCTV survey will be undertaken at the junction of the A30 together with the gullies around Brook Farmhouse. We continue to monitor the flooding on the access road to the park, but establishing ownership is proving extremely difficult. **Footpath Working Group Update:** JF met with the vicar to discuss the route of the proposed permissive footpath and the dog leg around the standing stones. This will be put to the PCC at their meeting later this week. **Village Maintenance:** HW has spoken to KM Dike (Halcon) to discuss their ability to provide additional services. Further discussions will take place. The fence marking the pond opposite Bay Tree Farm has been hit and knocked over by a vehicle.

Restrictive Weight Limit: Whilst Cllrs are supportive of this idea in principle, MH has agreed to discuss this at a higher level to find out if there is any chance that this would be taken seriously if taken further. We will wait for his response before making a final response to NPPC. **Matters to report:** We were advised about a tree overhanging the access road to the park. The concern is that delivery or emergency vehicles would not be able to access properties in the lane. MB agreed to visit the owners and ask them to take action to cut it back. A meeting to discuss VE day celebrations to be held on the 8th May is to be held. The date will be publicised. Volunteers are being sought. The next meeting is 10/03/2025 at the Beaumont Room in the Church at 7:00pm all are welcome

The Electoral Roll of Parish Churches, 2025 update

As noted in the February issue of the Village News, our two village Parish Churches of St Michael and All Angels and St Martins will be renewing their respective Church Electoral Rolls this year, 2025. The dates for notification, application, completion and publication of the Roll have to follow a prescribed timetable in order that the work is completed in good time for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

The APCM dates have now been fixed for both Parishes, and the Electoral Roll Officers will shortly start the process of contacting those whose names are on the existing rolls and publishing the dates by when new Applications must be made. Formal announcements are also made in Church on a couple of Sundays preceding the important dates.

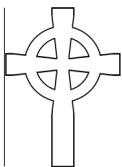
Residents in each Parish, who are 16 years of age or older, baptized, and members of the Church of England, are entitled to have their names added to the Electoral Roll so that their views and their voices can be heard at the Annual Parochial Church Meetings. The numbers on the Roll also form an important part of the way in which the financial contributions that we make to the Diocese, known as the Benefice Share, are calculated for the remuneration of our own Clergy, the wider work of the Church in our Deanery and Diocese and the support of Parishes who are struggling. It is important that the Electoral Roll is representative of the numbers who take an active part in the Church Community.

Please contact your Electoral Roll Officer, [Sue Nelson, 72382, in Haselbury Plucknett, or Joanna Falkiner, 76457, in North Perrott] if you need any further information at this stage.

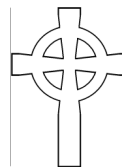
The Churchwardens.

Did you know that 5 out of 4 people can't do Maths?





Village Church Services for March 2025



Date	Haselbury Plucknett St Michael's and All Angels	North Perrott St Martin's
Sunday 2nd March Next before Lent	10.30am Holy Communion CW	9.00am Holy Communion CW
Wednesday 5 th March Ash Wednesday	7.30pm Benefice Holy Communion with ashing	
Sunday 9th March Lent 1	10.30am Holy Communion BCP	
Sunday 16th March Lent 2	10.30am Family Service	9.00am Holy Communion BCP
Sunday 23rd March Lent 3	10.30am Holy Communion CW	
Sunday 30th March Lent 4	10.30am Benefice All age communion All Saint's Merriott	10.30am Benefice All age communion All Saint's Merriott

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Local Minister

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Thought for the month—March 2025

I pruned my roses last week (it is mid-February as I write this). When the correct time to do this seems to depend on who you ask. There are as many opinions as there are gardeners it seems. A friend who grew fantastic roses was adamant that Boxing Day was when to prune - although I wonder whether this is really just an excuse to get out of family events he doesn't like.

Pruning is a job I really enjoy. Removing dead and weak branches. Shaping the bush. Carefully deciding which bud to cut above. Standing back and admiring your handiwork. Although I look at the rose bushes now and they look like a bunch of sticks! And yet I know that the buds will sprout, they will grow, get leaves and then flowers and that the work done now will mean more and better flowers later in the year.

I don't know if roses think anything about being pruned. But if you are like me, you may feel at times that bits are being cut off you in some way. And that can be hard. You can't do what you used to, or our circumstances have changed and we do not feel as involved as we once were.

A different friend, an elderly lady, became virtually house bound as she got older. However, she said that this gave her more time to think and pray for others. She did have a remarkable gift of being a 'glass-half-full' person! But she did demonstrate to me that despite being cut back, green shoots of life were still there.

So, if you are feeling like my roses are looking currently - a bit gaunt and stick-like - do know and remember that God loves you, spring is in the air and new leaves and sweet-smelling flowers may come.

Ian Stobart

Somebody told me I had my shoes on the wrong feet.
I said, they're the only feet I've got.



Bible Christian Centre

Haselbury Plucknett

Minister: Pastor Andrew Harris – Tel: 01935 864414

Admin: Paula Harris – Tel. 01460 73147 or 01935 864414

www.biblechristiancentre.com

Services for March 2025...

Sunday 2nd March	10:30am Café Church Fun with the family, with games, songs, coffee & cake and CREA'8 children's group
Sundays 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th March	10:30am Family celebration & worship with CREA'8 children's group. Communion on: 9th & 23rd March
Wednesdays	10:30am Morning devotion with Communion
Thursdays 6th & 20th March	7:30pm Bible Study
Friday 7th March	2:30pm World Day of Prayer
Fridays	10am - Prayer meeting

For more details please visit our website: www.biblechristiancentre.com

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

(Matthew 11:28)



PILATES

A relaxed group for all abilities, run by qualified instructor

Sharon Smith. Fridays from 11am

Contact Sharon for details: 07715301782



SPLAT Kids club

Friday nights of fun for children of School
Year groups R-4. Games, songs, stories and more
from 6:30-7:30pm, every Friday in term time.
50p entry.



FUSION Youth Café

A space to come and chill for young people from School Years 5-13, with board games, table-top games and a tuck shop. Every Friday 8-9pm, term time only.



Contact Paula Harris for more details: 07807446106



Little Wrigglers

Our baby & toddler group is open on Mondays 10am - 11:30am in
term time with great toys, a singing time and our Oasis Coffee
shop. Free entry!



Contact Paula Harris for more details: 07807446106



Oasis Coffee Shop

Speciality coffees and teas, delicious, homemade cakes, tray bakes,
savoury scones, toast and toasted teacakes.

Photocopying and laminating service available.

Open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am – 12noon.



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NORTH PERROTT
Registered Charity 1029582

FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday 15th March

A concert to raise funds for the RNLI
featuring

The Wareham Whalers

a group of Shanty Singers and Story Tellers

Bar open

Doors open 7.30 and concert begins at 8pm

Tickets £10 from North Perrott Farm Shop
or Pip Oxenbury on 01460 73308

Friday 21st March at 7pm

Village Hall Annual General Meeting

This is your chance to have your say about
the running of the Village Hall and perhaps
you would like to join the Management Committee

Wine and nibbles will be served

Saturday 12th April

Start off your weekend with **Brunch**

Served from 11am

Weekly Coffee Mornings

every Monday 10.30am – 12 noon excluding Bank Holidays
Everyone Welcome – Come in for a Chat and Coffee and Biscuits

The Village Hall is available for everyone in the two villages.
If you are looking for a venue for a party, reception or other event
please contact Lesley on 07732 030279 to make a booking
or to arrange for someone to show you around.

The Village Hall website: Northperrottvillagehall.co.uk

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(12A)

Thelma Post is a feisty 93 year old grandmother who is conned by a phone scammer pretending to be her grandson.

She sets out on a treacherous quest across Los Angeles to reclaim what was taken from her.

**in Hardington Mandeville Village Hall on
Thursday 20th March.**

Afternoon Performance at 2:00pm

Coffee, tea and cake available, doors open 1:30 pm

Evening Performance at 7:30pm

Licensed bar available, doors open 7.00 pm

Tickets: £5.00 in advance from Springfield Stores
(01935 862363) or on the door

Visit our website at: www.Hardington.net



Pop up cafe- lunch and pud
Bringing the community together!
Wish your village had a cafe?
Somewhere to meet friends for lunch?

Enjoy a monthly lunch
Haselbury Plucknett Bible Christian Centre
Thursday 13th March
11.30-2pm

Join us as we serve you coffee, light lunches and puddings. PLEASE
BOOK IN ADVANCE, phone or text us on 07487782730

We have a small children's area and menu to cater for all.

Event being run by Traditional Cakes & Bakes by Denise, small local
registered business, insured and 5* hygiene rating.
Looking forward to seeing you

Firefighters Car Wash

15th March 2025 9.00am till 2.00pm
Taking place at Crewkerne Fire Station
In aid of the Firefighters Charity

Crewkerne Banking Hub

Making Life a Little Easier
Drop-in Session at the Town Hall,
Local Information Centre

Wednesday 26 March 10am to 1pm

Debbie Crow from Cash Access UK will be available to talk about
the services available in the Hub and explain how this new
service will bring access to cash and basic banking to Crewkerne

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NORTH PERROTT CHURCH & CRICKET CLUB FETE – SUNDAY 6TH JULY 2025 FROM 12pm to 4pm

Please note this date and join us for a fun filled day!

The Dog Show will return by popular demand and there will be more details in the following months.

Bookings are being taken for visiting Stalls.

We are a small organising group, badly in need of more support. If you would be able to offer some help setting up or manning a Stall for part of the day or assisting us in advance of the Fete we would be extremely grateful. If anyone would like to join our small organising committee please get in touch for more information.

Any new ideas would be welcome!

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I would like to wish Barbara Gilbert all the best in her new home, she will be seriously missed in the Village and leaves a large hole that needs to be filled. We urgently need someone to take over distribution of the Village News in Haselbury. If you can spare a few hours every month, then please contact me - 01460 391816 or vneditor2@gmail.com **Ian Stewart**

The deadline for submission of articles and adverts for the next edition is the
20th March 2025