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AND

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT

MAY 2025

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Editorial

I would like to wish everyone a belated Happy Easter.

With Spring upon us and Summer around the corner, a lot of activities are taking place in our two Villages. I will do my best to ensure all details are included in this publication for you.

We have VE Day 80th Anniversary commemorations; Village Fayre in Haselbury Plucknett; a one-off talk by Laura Curtis about the V&A at North Perrott Village Hall and a Fete at the Cricket Club in the next couple of months. Hopefully the weather will be kind to all of these events this year.

Welcome to Martin Ridley, who has taken over the Cricket Club article.

Ian Stewart

NORTH PERROTT VILLAGE HALL

SECRETS OF THE MUSEUM

BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE V&A

A TALK BY LAURA CURTIS

Marketing Manager – V & A Museum

Saturday 3rd May 2025 7:30pm

£10 – includes cheese and wine

Doors and Bar open 7:00pm

Tickets from North Perrott Farm Shop

Haselbury Plucknett Women's Institute

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Your local WI

Haselbury Plucknett Women's Institute is a small friendly WI which has been welcoming ladies of all ages for 100 years. We meet once a month and enjoy a talk by informative and entertaining speakers and sometimes hold workshops or demonstrations of crafts. Tea and cake is always provided along with a small raffle.

Our W.I has a page on the North Perrott Village Hall website (www.NPVH.co.uk) where you can see our current programme of events for the rest of this year and a gallery showing what our ladies get up to. You don't have to live in Haselbury to join and if you are new to the area (Haselbury, North Perrott and beyond) being a member of Haselbury Plucknett WI gives you an opportunity to enjoy yourself and make new friends.

Our 7th May meeting is our annual AGM so there won't be a speaker but you are welcome to come to our 4th June meeting which is going to be a social evening where you could come and chat, we would love to meet you.

We are not all about jam, singing Jerusalem or making cakes and we have never done a calendar!

Contact Lesley Idle 07732 030279 or Gill Wood 01460 271134 with any queries

Haselbury Plucknett W.I meet on the first Wednesday of each month in the church of St Michael and All Angels in Haselbury at 7.30pm

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

Haselbury Plucknett Village Fayre

This years Fayre will be on the 7th June 2025. More details are on Posters and in the flyer included with last months News.

There will be the usual craft stalls; community stalls; entertainment; food; beer tent; ice cream van; tea and cake stall and children's activities.

The fayre is designed to bring the community together and provide an annual day of fun, whilst raising as much money as possible for local good causes.

The WI; The Garden Club; The Bible Christian Centre; Haselbury Plucknett School and St Michaels and All Angels Church all benefit from this day.

To help us raise as much as possible, we kindly ask for donations for various stalls:

Bottle Tombola - please see the flyer included if in Haselbury Plucknett, we will be organising door to door collections on the 20th or 22nd May. Or donations of alcohol, non-alcohol or non-consumables can be delivered to Lyndhurst, Claycastle, Haselbury Plucknett, before 8pm, on the 2nd June. Contact Georgina on 07954 440341, or Antonia on 01460 929535.

Chocolate Tombola - as above for the Bottle Tombola. We need in-date chocolate bars, boxes of chocolate etc. please.

Plant Stall - please donate any surplus plants to Barbara Spence at Pump Cottage, Claycastle, Haselbury Plucknett after the 22nd May, please call her on 01460 73847 to arrange.

Books and Toys for these stalls - please donate any books or toys in reasonable condition to Ian and June Stewart at 2 Castleton, Haselbury Plucknett from the 22nd May to 4th June. Please call 01460 391816 or just leave in the porch

China or tableware - please donate any unwanted China or tableware, these can be left in the Church Porch but please call Margaret Banham on 07484746281 or, Margaret Rendall on either 07799 753421 or 01460 73949 to let them know - any time after the 22nd May please. We have decided to not have a normal bric-a-brac stall this year. Whilst we genuinely appreciate all donations, some items donated for that stall can be less than desirable.

Cakes for the Tea and Cake stall will be required but the volunteers at the Church will arrange this.

Ian Stewart

St Michael & All Angels Church Fundraising Announcement - May 2025

For some years now our Church has been in need of a new roof. It is not dangerous, but the concrete tiles have reached the end of their life, and rain sometimes gets through. On a more positive note, a few years ago, we consulted on the adaptation of the internal space to make it more useable and agile for the Community, and we would now like to announce that we are formally starting to fundraise to achieve these aims.

The intention is for the Church building, at the heart of the village, to be available for a wider range of Community uses, by everyone, with activities such as:

- o Community event hire
- o Wider educational use by our Village Primary School
- o Dance, and Exercise / Wellbeing classes
- o Musical performances and Art Exhibitions
- o Craft, Wedding and Arts fayres
- o Meeting space for local clubs and societies
- o Talks

To adapt the space for Community use, remove the fixed pews and provide moveable seating, carry out improvements to the heating and lighting, and replace the roof and ceiling, we estimate could cost in excess of £250,000. The project will be a long term commitment, but by carrying it out in stages, we aim to see a benefit at each step along the way.

As well as our grass-roots events of Concerts, Coffee Mornings and raffles, our current fundraising plans include making applications to the Heritage Lottery Fund, and to Charitable Trusts that support the creation of community use spaces in churches. Such applications need significant amounts of work and preparation to improve their chances of success and we really need help from anyone in the Village with knowledge or background of this subject.

The church building belongs to the whole Village, so we are keen to establish a wider steering group for the project to bring together relevant local skills, ideas and experience with a view to fundraising, and in the longer term to be involved in managing the space. If you have ideas, and are interested to take part, please do get in touch with the Churchwardens. We welcome, (and need) your support!

Jim Farrant & Julian Brooks

St Michael's Community Orchard update – May 2025

Thank you to all who have been coming along to help with our maintenance mornings. The orchard is looking in good shape as we enter apple blossom season.

On Saturday 3rd May we are building the VE Day Beacon from 10:30 onwards. Please come along to the orchard to help. With the Haselbury Village Fayre in June, the next maintenance morning will be Saturday 12th July, 10:30-12:30. All are very welcome, please bring your own tools.

Matthew Bryant (bryant.haselbury@gmail.com)

Speedwatch Haselbury Plucknett

Speedwatch is conducted in a 20mph zone:

Speed watch Stats for March 2025.

Number of watches – 9

Vehicles monitored – 1066

Speeders Reported – 65

Highest speeder – 34

Percentage of drivers exceeding the reportable limit – 6.1%

What's the difference between ignorance and apathy?
I don't know and I don't care



Haselbury Plucknett VE Day 80th anniversary celebrations – Thursday 8th May, Community Orchard, 6:30 onwards

The organising group has put together an exciting programme for the evening – so please come along and support these celebrations in the community orchard from 6:30 onwards.

Bring a chair or a blanket to sit on.

We are delighted that the village school are involved with the event – and children will be preparing entries for a competition for a story, evacuee postcard or picture (depending on age) – and the results will be announced on the night, so if your child has taken part come along!

The programme below is provisional (and weather dependent). If it is pouring with rain we will move to the church for a more limited range of activities! Programme:

6:30: Gates open (entry free)

6:30-8:00: a fish and chip van will be present. Get there early in case they run out and bring some cash for payment!

6:30-7:15: 1940s children's games – hopscotch, sack racing and egg and spoon racing and more...

6:30-7:15: bring along your cakes for judging (for recipe see Page 9 or go to <https://ve80.com> and click on “The big bake with the WI”) There is also a competition for the best “Ugly Vegetable” – so bring along your entries for this, you can choose to decorate your vegetable if you wish!

7:15-7:30: presentation of prizes for the children's picture, evacuee postcard and picture competition

8:05: presentation of prizes for cake and ugly vegetable competition

9:15: communal singing of “I vow to thee my country”

9:30: lighting of the beacon

10:00: event ends

Alongside the above, through the evening there will be:

Live Music

Craft activities (with a second world war themed prize for children)

A second world war memories table – so bring along a photo or details of a story to share on the table

There is no charge for entry or any of the above activities – the only charge is for those wanting to buy fish and chips. We will be collecting donations on the night which will be divided between the Royal British Legion and the Community Orchard.

A huge thank you to all who have helped organise the evening – and a particular thank you to Derek Boles and the organisers of the Haselbury Trail Race (including Crewkerne Running Club) who have made a donation that has helped to cover the expenses of the evening.

Matthew Bryant and Jonnie Barnes-Yallowley

Ingredients:

200g self raising flour

Pinch salt

40g butter at room temperature

40g lard at room temperature (or use butter if preferred)

100g caster sugar

1 heaped tablespoon marmalade

Finely grated zest of 1 large orange plus the juice

1 tsp ground ginger

100 ml milk

1 egg

80g stem ginger (from a jar of stem ginger in syrup)

1 tsp demerara sugar or sugar nibs to sprinkle over (alternatively add 3 tbsp icing sugar to a bowl, add 1-2 tsp orange or lemon juice, stir until smooth and then drizzle over, using a spoon or piping nozzle) You will need a 7 inch round cake tin, greased and base lined with paper or reusable baking parchment. Preheat the oven to 180 degrees/350 f/gas mark 4.

Method

1. Start by prepping the stem ginger – wash under the cold tap, dry on kitchen paper and then cut into small dice and place into a bowl
2. Take 1 tbsp of the recipe's weighed self raising flour, add to the ginger and coat thoroughly. Set aside
3. In a medium sized bowl place the self-raising flour, salt, butter and lard, then rub in together as you would for pastry. The mixture needs to be looking like fine breadcrumbs
4. Add the ground ginger, sugar, zest, juice and marmalade and give a stir. Add the egg, followed by the milk, which should be added a little at a time until you achieve a soft dropping consistency. You will probably need all the milk but add it gradually just in case. If the batter is too thin the ginger will drop to the bottom of the cake whilst baking
5. Finally fold in the chopped ginger
6. Transfer to the prepared tin, then sprinkle over the demerara sugar (if using icing sugar wait until baked and cold)
7. Bake for 35-40 minutes, until the cake is golden, risen and springy to the touch
8. Leave to cool in the tin for at least 20 mins before turning out onto a wire tray to cool completely
9. Wrap in foil and store for a couple of days – but if you just cannot wait to eat it – enjoy!

A History of Glenfield Farm, Puddletown - Part 7

Time, I think, to mention the pigs. Initially the herd was started with around 20 Wessex Saddleback sows and a boar. This was the traditional breed kept in the West Country. They were black with a smart white band over the shoulder, a hardy outdoor breed, good mothers and docile. But their hardy constitutions were a result of a tough skin and an ample layer of fat. This is not what customers were looking for and as expectations rose in the 1950s, after the post war austerity, the demand was for leaner meat.

So in 1953, my father and several other pig farmers travelled to Denmark where their competitors were using the leaner white skinned Landrace breed. The visitors successfully imported some pedigree stock, established a Breed Society, and subsequently sold the offspring to other farmers. Thus my childhood memories contain many trips to livestock shows in an effort to win cups and rosettes and so advertise the quality of the pigs.

Getting pigs ready for showing was quite a task. They had to be washed before being sprinkled with fine sawdust to make them look even whiter!

When at shows, father and Don would sleep in the back of the lorry, which during the week was used to struggle up Wraxall Hill en-route to the Co-op owned abattoir at Shepton Mallet.

Once a reputation was established, my father was often called to be a judge at these shows. These trips around the country were often combined with family caravan holidays.

Occasionally, neighbouring pedigree Landrace breeders would combine for a joint show and sale on their farms. I can remember such an occasion at Glenfield complete with caterers, marquee, auctioneer, sale ring and tiered seats made of straw bales.

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].

Classified Ads:

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

Weather Notes

March was the driest month I have ever recorded.

5mm of rain, (1.3inches). Long term average is 71.8mm(2.9inches).

Average max temp 11.9C, 20year average of 11.6C.

Min temp average of 5.9C, compared with LTA of 3.0C.

Recorded 7 night frosts.

A total of 130 sun hours. An average of 4.2 sun hours per day.

John Kellaway

My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo.
I had to put my foot down



Haselbury Wildlife and Habitats Group

Spring is here - but then again - maybe it isn't! The weather is all over the place so it's not surprising that our wildlife is confused. This time last year we had had house martins looking at our nest boxes - we certainly haven't this year. Most trees and shrubs have blossom and/or leaves and the blue tits are looking for any insects attracted to them to feed their young. As far as I'm aware, we only have one blue tit nest this year but we do have two wood pigeon nests. I disturbed a toad in the garden last week. It was quite annoyed and quickly buried itself again. I noted that it dug itself in back legs first. It makes sense but I don't think I'd ever thought about it before. Everywhere I walk, the blackthorn blossom is out and last week, when it was hot, the sound of insects, particularly bees, was lovely. The birdsong, too is lovely at this time of year - especially the dawn chorus. It usually starts with robins and blackbirds and then others join in.

We're all busy gardening now but please remember our wildlife and don't use weed killer or slug pellets. By not mowing closely in May we can keep our dandelions and daisies and enjoy watching the bees and other insects visit them - they need all the help they can get. A hedgehog has been seen at the hedgehog house and as it's big we're hoping it's a pregnant female! It's in a garden with plenty of foraging and protected areas where she can have her hoglets. Watch this space for updates!

Hopefully, by next month, our swifts, house martins and swallows will be back. Very few Fieldfares came this winter and those that did, left early. I just hope they are able to find countries that are more suitable for their needs and where they will be allowed to breed. It's a worrying time but we must enjoy every day that we can and seek out things that make us smile.

Alison Scott

Treated myself to some chocolate eggs for breakfast, wish I hadn't now, the omelette tasted horrible



North Perrott Village Hall—Chairmans Report

A really good Brunch was served on the 12th April when about 35 people sat down to a full English breakfast. The Hall was full of chatter and some very happy villagers left that day and we also made a profit for Village Hall funds. Thanks to everyone who came and also to the team of Village Hall volunteers who work so hard for every event.

We have arranged something a little different for our next event on the 3rd May, “Secrets of the Museum”. Laura Curtis will be talking about her role as Marketing Manager of the V&A, the world’s largest museum of applied arts, decorative arts and design. Included in the price of £10 will be cheese and a glass of wine. The bar will also be open. Tickets are selling well and it promises to be a very interesting evening.

For the 80th Anniversary of VE Day on the 8th May Rob Scott will be bringing his hot air balloon burner for a beacon glow on the field opposite the church in North Perrott. This will be visible across the valley and beyond Crewkerne.

Finally, we have booked a band for a barn dance and barbecue on 28th June.

I hope to see you all at these events.

Pip Oxenbury

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.



North Perrott Cricket Club

WELCOME BACK TO WILLIS LANE

Apart from the Grand National, the Varsity Boat Race and the London Marathon, the fourth key sign that spring has sprung and summer is on its way is the arrival of a fresh new season for North Perrott Cricket Club.

At Willis Lane, sight screens have been reassembled, wickets have been seeded and mowed, boundary fencing has been checked and painted, and the first match has been played! The men's senior XI travelled down to the Devon Coast to play Exmouth CC for a warm up pre-season friendly. We'll pass over the result (it was only a friendly after all) and focus on an exciting and challenging season ahead in the West of England Premier League.

Newly appointed skipper Jamie Salaman is expecting a real test against some strong opposition, starting with the Wellington 1st XI here at Willis Lane on 3rd May. The following weekend we have two key away games - a Premier League fixture at Butleigh on the 10th and the following day the second round of the National Village Cup against Wembdon near Bridgewater with every hope a solid performance will take us through to that 3rd round draw.

Make a note for Saturday the 24th May and the local derby when Yeovil are the visitors to Willis Lane. A busy first month also includes two more away games – Shapwick & Polden (17th) and Templecloud (31st).

Make Willis Lane your go to cricket location every Saturday in May as, when the 1st XI are away, the second XI step up with home fixtures v Purnell Firsts (10th), Bishops Hull (17th) and Shaftesbury Road Firsts (31st).

North Perrott Ladies start their season with a T20 away double header warm up friendly at Long Sutton CC on 27th April and a first league game also away at Street on 4th May. But then two interesting looking home games v Frome (18th) and Chard (25th).

Looking forward to welcoming you to our special ground (TA18 7SN)

Martin Ridley

NORTH PERROTT & HASELBURY PLUCKNETT GARDEN CLUB

For our April meeting we visited Brimsmore Garden Centre and had a lovely evening starting with tea and cakes, then a very interesting and informative talk on problem plants by Steve from Brimsmore, followed by retail therapy. Many thanks to the Gold Club and Brimsmore Garden Centre for hosting our club.

Our NEXT MEETING at the Village Hall will be held on 20th MAY. Talk by Ian Anderson - The Fall and Rise of the Otter.

24th MAY; 10:30am - COFFEE MORNING at Pump Cottage, Claycastle, Haselbury Plucknett TA18 7PE. Coffee, cakes, plants for sale and raffle. Contact Barbara if you need more information.

JUNE and JULY two NGS GARDEN VISITS have been arranged:

THURSDAY JUNE 5th 2-4pm Bembury Farm, Bembury Lane, Thornford, Sherborne DT9 6QF £12.50 per person to include tea and cake and a talk.

We could visit Black Shed flower farm in the morning in Sherborne DT9 4JX and Blackmarsh Farm Cafe (next to Black Shed) for lunch.

THURSDAY JULY 3rd 2-4pm Old Rectory, Pulham, Dorchester DT2 7EA £12 per person to include tea and cake and a guided tour

If you are interested in either visit please contact Barbara
brspence@hotmail.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you all throughout the year. We have some very interesting speakers booked for the coming months.

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

Note:

Meetings are usually held on 3rd Tuesday of the month at North Perrott Village Hall, Middle Street,

North Perrott, except in December which will be the 2nd Tuesday in December. The hall opens at 7pm for 7:30pm start.

If Interested in joining our club please contact :-

Ian Benfield. Chairman 01460 929027

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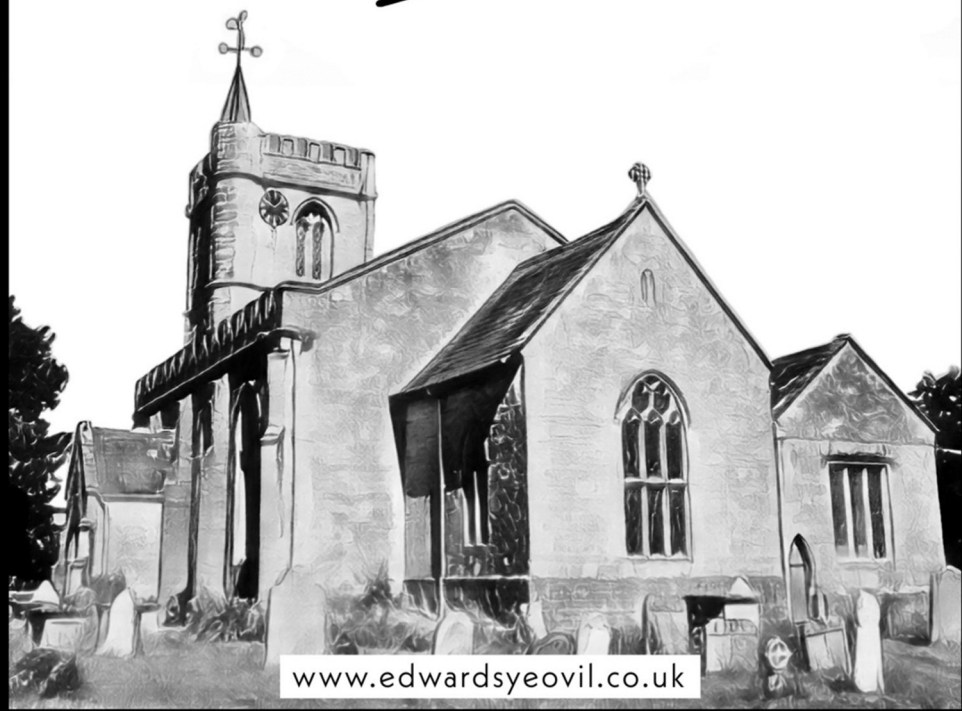
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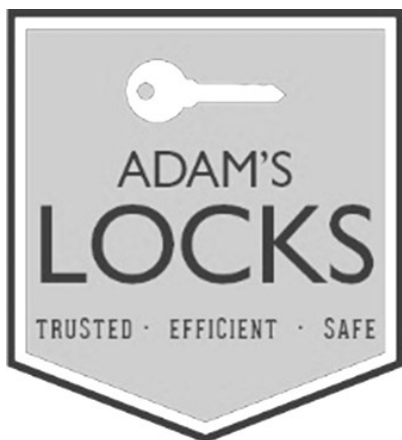
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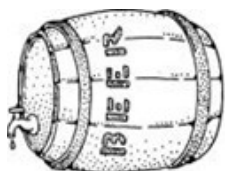
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TO COMMEMORATE

THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF V.E. DAY

FROM 12.30pm. A GARDEN PARTY WITH BUFFETT & LIVE MUSICAL

TRIBUTE TO THE ERA.

ENTRANCE BY ADVANCED TICKET @ £12.50.

PLEASE RING PUB TO ORDER TICKETS

(We will hold the entire event inside if weather bad)

WEDNESDAY 14th MAY – FUN CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT 8pm

teams of 4- £2.50 per person- winning team chooses charity for donation.

Please come along and join us even if you haven't got a team.

Regular event 1st Tuesday monthly ACOUSTIC MUSIC

from 8pm Play, sing or watch – bring your own instruments

4th Thursday monthly – GAMES NIGHT –COME AND PLAY BOARD GAMES

from 8pm

North Perrott Parish Council

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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.

Maybe if we start telling people their brain is an app, they'll want to use it



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Bi-monthly meeting of North Perrott Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on: Tuesday 6th May 2025, 7.00pm. This meeting will be our Annual Parish meeting and our Annual Parish Council Meeting

I used to think I was indecisive. But now I'm not so sure



If you don't pay your exorcist, do you get repossessed?



Haselbury Plucknett Parish Council Meeting 14th of April

Present: Cllrs W Hunt (Vice-Chair), J Farrant, L Deer, R Bourne, A Scott, M Bryant, C. Cllr M Hewitson and L Gibbons (Parish Clerk). Members of the Public: None. Apologies for absence: S. CLLR. O Patrick, Cllrs H Williams, M Wroe and M Rendall

- Items for escalation to our District/County Councillors: Further concerns were raised about the lack of reinstatement of the hedge and trees that were removed from the property in Church Lane. MH will look into this again.
 - Planning: Planning Applications received after publication of agenda: 25/00802/HOU - Dragonwood, North Street - Erection of a single storey rear extension. A resolution was passed, unanimously, to support this application. Decisions received: 23/02093/FUL – Brook Farmhouse, North Street – Conversion of an existing Cart Shed and part of Stable Building with Link Extension to form a new two bed dwelling house and change use of land to the rear from agricultural to domestic garden – Application permitted with conditions.
 - The Park: Safety checks: Five inspection reports for the previous period have been disseminated to councillors. There are no known issues.
 - Road and Footpaths: Roads and Highways: Nothing new to report. We have not been given a new date for the postponed jetting work at Brook Farmhouse. Footpath Working Group Update: Nothing new to report. We are still waiting for updates from the Diocese regarding the permissive route through the Churchyard, to avoid the standing stones.
 - Village Matters: Village Maintenance: We are still waiting for a response from Halcyon regarding Ranger service costings. We will use the scope of work drawn up by WH to enquire about other local options for employing someone to carry out this work. VE Day Celebrations: Will take place on the 8th May. It is planned to include a visiting fish and chip van, live music, craft activities and the lighting of a beacon. Money raised will be split between the Community Orchard and the Royal British Legion.
 - Matters to report: Somerset Council have confirmed that the cost of emptying our bins will be £1690 + vat. (Litter bin - Village Green and 2x Recreation Park + Dog bin x2 Recreation Park, once a week, @ £6.50 each) AS advised us that she has a new volunteer willing to undertake regular water quality testing. The results will be reported to the Council. We need to purchase more testing strips. AS will arrange this.
 - Items for next meeting: Updating of the Village plan. Adoption of Frog Lane
- Next Meeting Date: 12/05/2025 at the Beaumont Room in the Church at 7:00pm. This will be our Annual Parish Meeting and our Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings in the Village Parishes

As noted in the last couple of editions of the Village News, the Electoral Rolls of our two Parish Churches, St Michael and All Angels in Haselbury Plucknett and St Martins in North Perrott are scheduled for renewal this year, 2025, being the sixth anniversary of the last renewal.

Residents in the Parishes whose names are on the New Electoral Roll are entitled to take part in the business of the Annual Parochial Church Meetings, (APCM), and to have their say in any discussions that take place there.

Importantly, however, Parish Churches have been at the heart of local village communities for hundreds of years, and the meetings are open to all Villagers regardless of whether they are regular members of the congregation or not, and all are welcome to attend and observe the proceedings.

Our business is quite straightforward and comprises receiving reports from the Parochial Church Council on the general activities of the Parish, a report on the financial accounts of the Parish and a report on the condition of our wonderful old buildings. You will find us to be a friendly bunch so do come along if you are interested.

In Haselbury Plucknett our APCM takes place, in St Michael and All Angels Church, after our Family Service on Sunday 18th May. The Service starts at 10.30am, so after a break for coffee, we should be underway by 11.30am.

In North Perrott our APCM takes place, in St Martins Church, on Thursday 29th May with the meeting starting at 6.00pm.

We look forward to seeing you

The Churchwardens



Village Church Services for May 2025



Date	Haselbury Plucknett St Michael and All Angels	North Perrott St Martin's
Sunday 4th May Easter 3	10.30am Holy Communion CW	9.00am Holy Communion CW
Sunday 11th May Easter 4	10.30am Holy Communion BCP	
Sunday 18th May Easter 5	10.30am Family Service to be followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting	9.00am Holy Communion BCP
Sunday 25th May Easter 6	10.30am Holy Communion CW	
Thursday 29 th May Ascension Day	10.00am Communion for Ascension Day Combined Benefice service at All Saints Merriott Followed by refreshments at the Rectory	

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Thought for the month

“Ne’er cast a clout till May is out” is how the old saying goes. But as a small boy, I never understood why you could start hitting people in June! Misunderstandings happen.

Perhaps, like me, you have been singing along to a song for years until someone points out that the lyrics are completely different to what you thought. You probably know that the group Starship “built this city on rock and roll”... not “on sausage rolls”.

These are just a cause for amusement, or teasing by friends, but it is sometimes crucially important to hear things accurately - like directions to somewhere or what to do in an emergency.

May 29th is Ascension Day. Forty days after Easter, it commemorates Jesus ascending into heaven. Knowing this was going to happen, I think that he would have chosen his words carefully and tried to make sure that his friends and followers understood.

He told them to stay in Jerusalem and wait for “what my Father promised” - which was the coming of the Holy Spirit. This they did and the church was born on Pentecost, 10 days later.

In the Gospel of Matthew we are told that the last words of Jesus to his disciples were - “I am with you always, to the end of the age”. Now this might seem like a strange thing to say when you are about to disappear into heaven and never be seen again. But as Christians we believe that it is true: that in a very real, if difficult to understand way, Jesus is indeed still always with us. He lives within our hearts, and as the old hymn puts it “He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way”.

Ian Stobart

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



(Closed on Friday 30th May during School Half Term holiday)



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! **(Closed on Bank Holiday Mondays 5th & 26th May)**



Contact Paula Harris for more details: 07807446106



Oasis Coffee Shop



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Bible Christian Centre

Haselbury Plucknett

Minister: Pastor Andrew Harris – Tel: 01935 864414
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www.biblechristiancentre.com

Services for May2025...

Sunday 4th May	10:30am Café Church Fun with the family, with games, songs, coffee and CREA'8 children's group.
Sundays 11th, 18th, & 25th May	10:30am Family celebration & worship with CREA'8 children's group. Communion on 11th & 25th May
Wednesdays	10:30am Morning devotion with Communion
Thursdays 1st, 15th & 29th May	7:30pm Bible Study
Fridays	10am - Prayer meeting

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

“The Lord will guard you and He is by your side”.
(Psalm 121:5)



PILATES

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Sharon Smith. Fridays from 11am
Contact Sharon for details: 07715301782



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FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday 3rd May

Secrets of the Museum

Laura Curtis will be giving a talk about the V&A Museum and her role as Marketing Manager and what goes into the planning and organisation of exhibitions at the V&A

Doors open 7pm, talk starting at 7.30pm

£10 (to include cheese and wine)

Tickets available at the Farm Shop

Thursday 8th May

The 80th Anniversary of VE Day

will be commemorated with a

hot air balloon burner glow in Church Lane, North Perrott

Gather on the Village Green from 9pm

to walk to the field opposite the Church

for the glow at 9.30pm

Saturday 28th June

Barn Dance and Barbecue

Featuring a local band with caller Pip Oxenbury

Tickets on sale soon

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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**in Hardington Mandeville Village Hall on
Thursday 22nd May.**

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



Sunday 11th May 2025

Lyme Regis May Fete

12:30 to 16:00

Anning Road Playing Field, Lyme Regis, DT7 3EB

Entertainment and displays in the arena will be provided by Lyme Regis Majorettes and others.

Fun for the kids, lots of things to keep the kids happy including bouncy castle, bungee trampolines, carousel ride, face painting, henna tattoos and hair braiding.

Local groups & organisations

Lots of stalls from local clubs, groups and charitable organisations to raise awareness and showcase their talents.

Food & drink including a licensed bar

Thursday 15th May 2025

7:30pm to 9:30pm

HMS Heron Volunteer Band Concert

Martock Church

Church Street

Martock

TA12 6JL

Tickets : £12 or £10 at guardianstickets@gmail.com , 07547 213992 ,
Martock Gallery , Martock Newsagent

<https://www.hmsheronband.co.uk/http://www.martockonline.co.uk/events>

Saturday 24th May 2025

09:00 to 13:00

Crewkerne Farmers Market

Falkland Square, Crewkerne

10th May 2025 – 10:45 to 3pm

Royal British Legion VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebration

Family Fun at Severalls War Memorial Green, Severalls Park Ave,
Crewkerne, TA18 8DW

Tea, Coffee and Cakes, Scouts Burger Bar and numerous Stalls

Adults and Children's 40's Fancy Dress Competition

Music by the Phoenix Band, singing by the Poppettes

Short service and wreath laying conducted by the branch Chaplin,
Rev Andrew

22nd May 2025

Volunteer Day with Crewkerne Town Council Groundsmen

10:00 to 12:00

Info at:

[https://www.discovercrewkernep.org.uk/event/volunteer-days-3/
towncouncil@crewkernep-tc.gov.uk](https://www.discovercrewkernep.org.uk/event/volunteer-days-3/towncouncil@crewkernep-tc.gov.uk)

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20th May 2025