

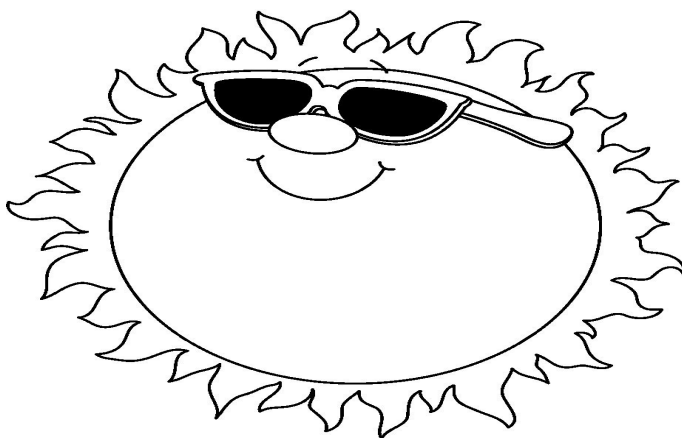
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AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2026



**Hope you enjoy the rest of the Summer. The next
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Editorial

It is always heartwarming when we ask for new volunteers and we get them come forward. On the other side, when volunteers have to stop helping, for any reason, it is always a sad occasion.

I would like to say a massive thank you to those volunteers that have stepped away from helping, your contribution has helped get this publication to every home in the two villages. Also, another massive thank you to those volunteers that have stepped forward to ensure the continuation of delivery.

This whole publication is run by volunteers, from myself, who tries to get this looking as good as I can with the editing. The volunteers that contribute articles every month. Also, June with her work with the advertising and printing. The proof reader. Everyone that collates; folds; distributes and delivers this - free of charge - to every home in the two villages - too many to name here. Without volunteers, this wouldn't exist, so thank you to you all.

July crossword answers: **Across:** 1) Third party: 6) Limits: 10) Melodic: 11) Newspaper: 13) Sir: 15) Fine: 16) Two-fold: 18) Answered: 20) Lifeless: 23) Alabama: 24) Airs: 25) Leo: 28) Honeycomb: 29) Against: 30) Dodged: 31) In Charge Of. **Down:** 1) Tombs: 2) Idler: 3) Dodo: 4) Archipelago: 5) Tender: 7) Improves: 8) Implore: 9) Strides: 12) Within Reach: 14) Inn: 17) Megabyte: 18) Abashed: 19) Spanned: 21) Sue: 22) Carbon: 25) Lance: 26) Out of: 27) Pair

Ian Stewart

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 Primary School

As we reach the end of another busy and successful school year at Haselbury Plucknett Primary School, it is hard to believe how quickly the final half term has passed.

Our Year 5 pupils enjoyed an exciting water sports day at Rockley Point, where they showed great resilience and enthusiasm while trying a range of new activities. Hazel Class also had a fantastic day at Magdalen Farm, taking part in outdoor nature experiences including river dipping and exploring the beautiful countryside.

Across the whole school, children have been working incredibly hard in preparation for this evening's performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Bible Christian Centre. Learning lines, songs, dances and stage directions has been no small task, and countless hours have gone into creating props and costumes. We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone involved – our children, staff and volunteers – for their hard work and dedication.

As another school year draws to a close, we would also like to thank the wider village community for the wonderful support you continue to show our school. We are proud to be such an important part of village life, and your encouragement and involvement make a real difference to our children.

We wish everyone a restful and enjoyable summer and look forward to welcoming children back in September for another exciting year.

Lois Bowery
Executive Headteacher

Haselbury Plucknett Women's Institute
Registered Charity no 227699 - Your local WI

Haselbury Plucknett WI meet on the first Wednesday of each month in the church of St Michael and All Angels in Haselbury at 7.30pm during the summer months from April 2026 to September 2026.

Our speaker for our July meeting were two lovely ladies who are celebrants and spoke to us about their work supporting and covering all aspects of celebrations from weddings, re-affirming vows, celebrating someone's life at their memorial ceremony and much more.

We do not have a meeting in August but you are welcome to come to our September meeting where we will be having a workshop on needle felting given by Sharon Stagg. If you are interested please could you let me or Anne Allen know before hand so we can ensure we have enough supplies. There will be a small charge for visitors.

Our programme is on the North Perrott village hall website if you would like find out more of what we will be up to this year. There are some great speakers and we are a very friendly small group so think about joining us. Just turn up for tea , biscuits and a friendly chat.

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 WI 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.

Contact Lesley Idle 07732 030279 or Anne Allen 07484 789470 with any queries.

(During the winter months October to March we will meet in the afternoons 2.30-4.30)

ACROSS

- 7 Repeated (6)
 9 Goods (5)
 10 Ranked player (4)
 11 Conflagration (7)
 12 Begged (7)
 13 Victory marker (7,4)
 15 Excite (5)
 18 Clemency (5)
 20 Ping-pong (5,6)
 23 Braggart (4-3)
 24 Ate
 sumptuously (7)
 25 Sacred oaths (4)
 26 Warning signal (5)
 27 More hideous (6)

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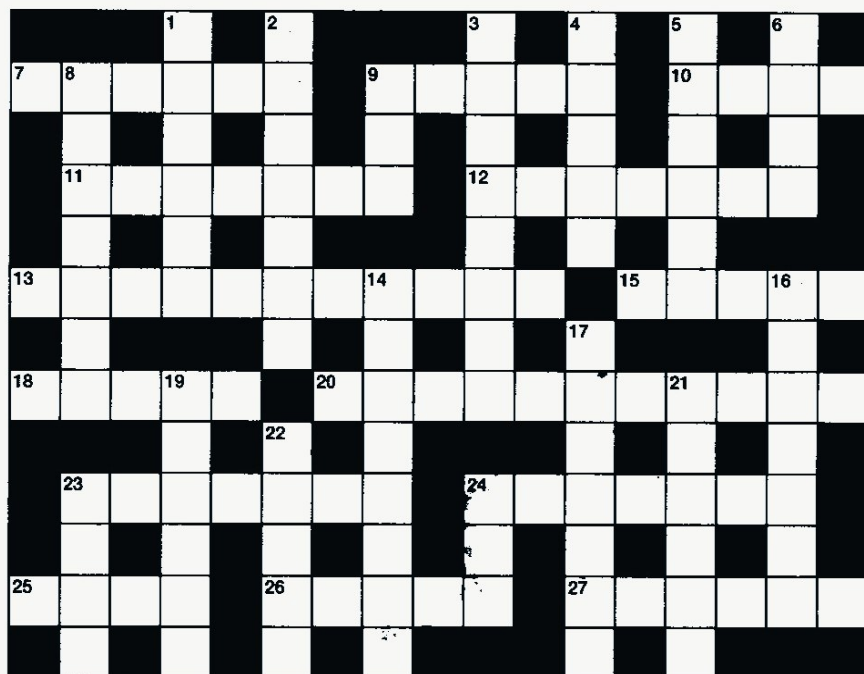
- 1 Burial casket (6)
 2 Idolising (7)
 3 Offer of
 marriage (8)
 4 Sought answers (5)
 5 Had the habit
 of (4,2)
 6 Take care of (4)
 8 Cookery (7)
 9 Person which (3)
 14 Type of high
 shoe (8)
 16 Axle (7)
 17 Layer, vein (7)
 19 Select (6)

21 Common weed (6)

22 Drink to (5)

23 Air pollution (4)

24 Marsh (3)



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My wife said she was leaving me because of my obsession with Kit-Kats.

I tried to calm her down by suggesting we have a break.



For Sale: Golden Retriever, had it for 9 months, has yet to retrieve any gold.

Should have just bought a metal detector



NORTH PERROTT & HASELBURY PLUCKNETT GARDEN CLUB

Our July meeting was a talk given by Judith Stewart about Bach Flower Remedies. These are highly diluted solutions developed by the English physician Edward Bach. Judith took us through the process of how the plant material is preserved and used to treat emotional imbalances. A most interesting talk.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday Sept 15th** and will be a talk given by Andrew Hunt about Kingston Lacy gardens through the seasons. Andrew has worked in the garden for many years rising to be head gardener. Do come along and hear Andrew's talk as this will be a really special evening.

There will be no meeting in August but on **Saturday August 8th** we will be holding our annual flower and vegetable show. Entries are for members only but the show is an opportunity for you to come along, meet the club members and see what they have been growing in their gardens and perhaps even inspire you to join the club. The show is held in the **North Perrott village hall** and doors open at **2pm** so make a date in your diary. There will be a special open entry for children to submit a 'garden on a plate' so do encourage any young gardeners to have a go.

The club is always keen to welcome new members so do come along one evening and enjoy listening to one of the varied speakers we invite throughout the year. Membership is £12 per annum or you could come along as a guest for £2.50 per session.

Meetings are held on the **3rd Tuesday** of the month in the North Perrott Village Hall, Middle Street, North Perrott, except in December when it will be the 2nd Tuesday.

The Hall opens at 7pm for 7.30 start.

If you are interested in joining or looking for further information, please contact:-

Ian Benfield. Chair 01460 929027

Barbara Spence. Treasurer 01460 73847

Christine Bentley. Secretary 07788 316984

North Perrott Village Hall – Chairman’s Report

I suppose I must write about the World Cup as we were showing some of the matches in the Village Hall. I am not a fan of the round ball but I thought England played best when they played France for third place. However, it was good to see the England rugby team beat Argentina in the Nations Championship match in the proper shaped ball game.

We had a Village Hall team in the six-a-side cricket tournament at Perrott Hill School. Considering that most of them had not played cricket for a number of years our Village Hall team, put together less than a week before the matches, came a very valiant last but it was nice to see them and the various teams having fun together. Thank you to Will Silk, the new Headmaster for organising the day and for the donation to the Hall. Thanks also to Julie for the draw prizes. A great afternoon for players and spectators.

The July Quiz was run to support Marla’s trip to Africa. As usual it was well attended. Thank you to Marla and her family for the Quiz and to all the people who helped and ran the bar.

Pip Oxenbury

Chairman, Village Hall Committee

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Please remember that franked Postage Stamps are processed by several Charities for fund-raising. Margaret Rendall is able to take these and pass them on. This can include complete stamp collections that sometimes contain hidden gems that the specialist sorters in the Charities can identify. Please deliver the stamps to Margaret 51 New Close, or leave, [in a tied plastic bag please], on the seat in the Church porch.

Thank you

REBECCA'S WELL



The recent edition of the Village News featured extracts from Mollie Rendell's booklet regarding the community's historical water supply. This serves as an introduction to the Wildlife & Habitats Group's initiative to restore Rebecca's Well, which is situated on Council property on a public footpath off Claycastle.

Although historically categorised as a well, the site is technically a spring that rises within

Small Brook and feeds into a brick catchment area. Geologically, the spring emerges at the junction of impermeable Fullers Earth clay and water-retaining Bridport Sands. Positioned at a topographical low point near Small Brook, it serves as an exceptionally reliable water source that is not known to have ever run dry.

The historical designation as a "well" suggests the likely presence of a bucket mechanism for drawing water. The above sketch represents a conceptual reconstruction based on an analysis of the existing derelict structure. Furthermore, the project involves the excavation and restoration of stone steps leading from the footpath, which are currently submerged or overgrown.

The Wildlife Group welcomes contributions from anyone possessing relevant historical information or specialized skills that could assist in the restoration process. Please send any info to wdghunt@gmail.com.

Haselbury Plucknett Chairs Chat – August / September

Hello all

Summer has arrived... along with the sunshine, but the garden is now so dry... can we have a little rain please?

I wanted to thank all who are helping keep the overgrowth of the gates on the footpaths open and for all who have cut back their hedges over hanging the highways and pavements – it all helps – thank you.

The new not suitable for HGV signs to keep HGV traffic from using Swan Hill and Puddletown have been installed, let's hope this reduces the larger lorries from using this short cut. We have also been advised that the drainage work to alleviate the flooding at the junction of the A3066 and the A30 is scheduled for November.

I would also like to thank all who were involved in the organisation of the folk concert at the Church to help raise funds for the roof – especially the “Chief Maggott” it was an excellent evening – thanks to all.

As you will be aware, this edition of the Village news covers August and September. For those going away on holiday – have a great time.

Thanks, and Regards.

Hugh Williams

Yesterday was awful! First, I got into fight with a man dressed as Shakespeare, then I almost choked on a German sausage...
It just went from bard to wurst



Haselbury Wildlife and Habitats Group

I don't know if we'll have had any rain by the time you read this but at the moment everything is absolutely parched. My 'lawn' is completely brown and I feel as if I'm walking on cornflakes!

I am not a person who likes the heat so I'm usually the first to complain but nearly everyone I meet is complaining about it now!

We are finding it difficult but spare a thought for our wildlife who are really struggling. The soil is baked hard meaning that hedgehogs, moles, foxes and badgers cannot dig for the worms which are the mainstay of their diet. Birds cannot find enough insects to keep their chicks hydrated.

There did seem to be a lot of butterflies and bees around but their numbers are dropping as the flowers and plants that they use to feed and to lay eggs on shrivel up. It's more than a little worrying. Thankfully, people are watering some garden plants and keeping bird baths full (and clean) which can be a real help. As animals weaken, their resistance to illness, fleas and ticks drops and they become weaker still, resulting in the deaths of many. If this sounds grim, it's because it is. Climate change affects us all and those that can adapt will survive but I fear much of our wildlife will become more threatened as time goes on. I remember the summer of 1976 - it was hot and lasted until September but it was not as hot as it has been lately. I agree that the climate is changing naturally but we (humankind) are causing it to change more quickly. Back in the 1800s it was known and more recently Carl Sagan has written papers and books about climate change and he died in 1996! Being aware and lobbying our MPs will certainly help but in the meantime we must try to manage our gardens with a thought for wildlife and their needs.

Leave seed heads, messy corners and trees and hedges as habitats for all our wildlife, endangered or not - they all need our help.

Alison

When I found out I was holding the taser the wrong way,
I was stunned



St Michael's Community Orchard update

There's no maintenance morning in August, but in September we will start harvesting apples.

Please come along and support the following events:

Saturday 26th September – apple picking, 10:30-12:30. Come along and help pick apples for cider making. There will be eating and cooking apples to pick in the orchard too that you can take away with you. Community orchard cider is available to all helpers. Bring bags if you want to take away apples, and for picking up cider apples bring a bucket, something to kneel on and some gloves if you wish.

Sunday 4th October – 2-5pm, cider making and afternoon teas at Swan House. Come along and see a traditional straw cider cheese being made and have some afternoon tea in the garden or in the cider shed if wet. There will be a display of cider apples and a small press available if you want to bring your own apples along to make apple juice (bring some bottles or empty milk containers to take the juice away). This event raises money for the community orchard to pay the church for the use of the field, so please come along and support it. All are very welcome, and please tell your friends!

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

Matthew Bryant (bryant.haselbury@gmail.com)

Welcome to Haselbury Plucknett

For many years St Michael's 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].

SUMMER STRUGGLES AT WILLIS LANE

While the 1st XI are having a tough time in the West of England League (more of which later), no such problems in the several cup competitions, the latest being the hotly contested WEPL Terry Mockridge T20 Shield for which we can now claim a semi-final place and in very dramatic fashion – winning by just 5 runs in a match that went right down to the proverbial wire.

The lads needed to hold their nerve right through to the final over. The omens were good from the start though after winning the toss and our batsmen posting a competitive 168-3 from their 20 overs. The innings was built around a superb unbeaten 73 from ‘old dependable’ George Retter, who anchored the innings from start to finish with nine fours and two sixes. He was brilliantly supported by Richard Frost, whose fluent 59 from just 41 balls kept the scoreboard moving.

In reply North Curry came out firing and looked well placed but with our struggles in the league at the back of their mind, the Perrott Boys refused to let the game slip away.

Sam Rowsell was the pick of the attack with outstanding figures of 4-37, while Micky Downing claimed 2-22. All this was ably supported by sharp fielding and crucial catches including an outstanding diving catch by Malinga, our overseas player, that really helped change the game’s momentum.

Our bowlers kept the pressure on the Curry batsmen, the fielders held their composure and we finally dismissed the visitors for 163, sealing a memorable five-run victory and a place in the next round.

This was some compensation for a hot and hard summer in the West of England Premier – bottom of the league currently despite some creditable performances including a tight two wicket win in the local derby v Chard CC. But losses by 8 wickets to Wembdon, and a 44 run loss at Frome CC have kept us facing the risk of relegation. The lads may be down but they’re not out and clocked up an impressive 236 against Bridgwater 2nds; sadly though the Bridgwater batting proved too much we still lost by 4 wickets. But the future still looks very bright as both the Under 10s and Under 12s continue to clock up convincing high scoring wins, including posting 436 in a 70 run victory against Beaminster in the Under 12 Cup. Not to be outdone the Under 10s clocked up 294 for 7 in their convincing win against Ilton CC. Off the field Barry Retter was the big £150 winner in the six monthly Super Draw. Other winners included Stephanie Bird and John Hammond. Phil Munden’s your man if you would like to support the club by joining our 100 Club.

Martin

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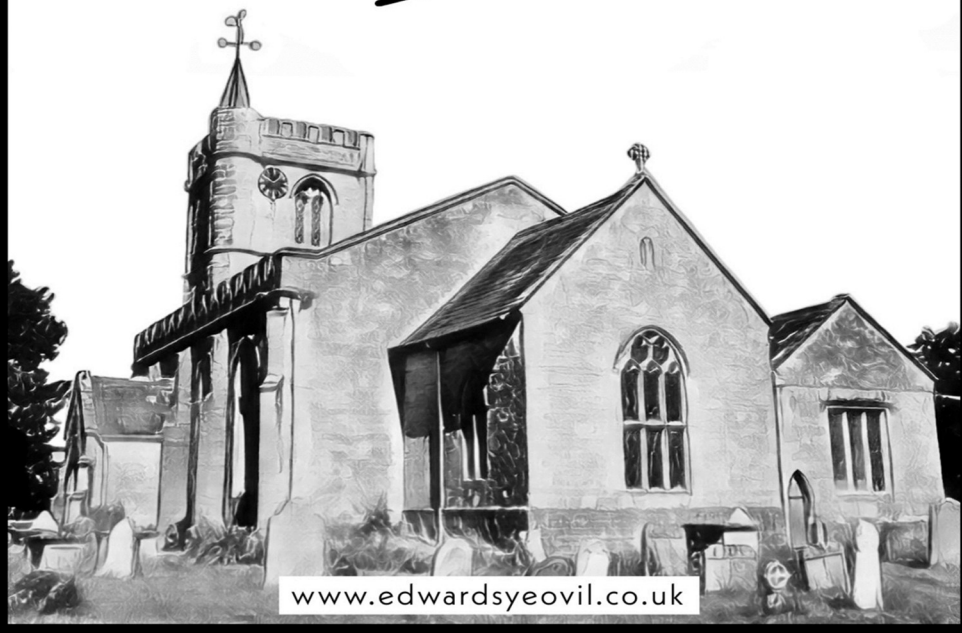
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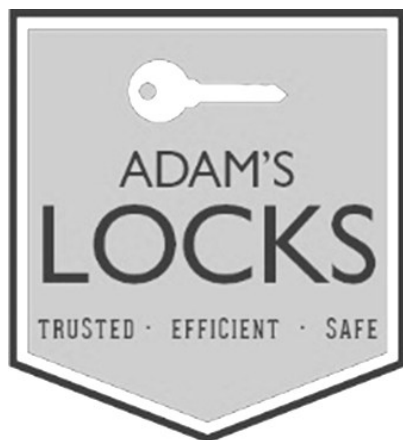
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North Perrott Parish Council meets bi-monthly on the first Tuesday in Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept and November at 7.30pm in the Hoskyns Memorial Hall. Agendas and minutes are published on the website and village notice board.

Haselbury Plucknett Parish Council

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North Perrott Parish Council Meeting

Extracts from the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th July 2026, 7.30pm at the Hoskyns Memorial Hall, North Perrott. Present: Cllr's J Hoskyns (Chairman), B Reader, J Hall, T Winder and L Gibbons (Parish Clerk). Members of the Public: Four

Public Open Forum: Thanks were offered for placing the SID and the horse warning signs at the Haselbury end of the village. Nevertheless, the speed of traffic entering the village was raised as a concern. When riding or walking along this stretch of road, it feels very dangerous. Getting the village gate installed was raised as well as getting the Police to carry out speed checks. Cllr Hoskyns advised that we do have a Speedwatch group in the village and more members are always welcome. The 20mph hour will be put in place towards the end of the year. This is described in previous minutes. A further question was raised about the lack of bridle ways in the village. Does anyone have any knowledge of historical bridle ways that could be reinstated. Cllr Hoskyns advised that the historic map of footpaths does not show any routes that have been lost. There have never been any bridle ways in North Perrott. The stile on Pill Head Lane was raised. The member of the public felt that this was dangerous and would like this replaced by a gate. (See 14. Below).

The junction onto Willis Lane is another area of concern. There is a mirror, but this only helps a little. Cllr Hoskyns advised that there have been a number of possible solutions rejected over many years, but we do not have a better solution currently. Any ideas are welcome.

Footpaths: We will ask R Strange, our footpath warden if he can get a gate installed at Pilhead Lane, to replace the stile, with the help of a working party.

Matters to report / Correspondence: ElanCity have written to us regarding a SID extended warrantee offer this will be considered at September's meeting. Perrott Hill will be carrying out a volunteer charity community day on Friday 16th October. They are looking for jobs in North Perrott that need completing. Action - Cllr Hoskins will publicise this. Democratic Services have contacted us regarding the change in the law that means that Councillors are no longer required to publish their addresses, if they choose not to. All Councillors present agreed that they were happy to continue to do this.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on: Tuesday 1st September 2026, 7.30pm.

Haselbury Plucknett Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 13th July 2026, 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs H Williams, L Deer, J Farrant, M Wroe, R Bourne, M Rendall, A Scott, W Hunt and M Bryant, S Cllr M Hewittson and L Gibbons (Parish Clerk)

LCN: HW attended the last LCN meeting. Key points discussed included: Reports that the finances of the Council are getting better very slowly. Confirmation that Planning Enforcement is not a statutory requirement for the Council, although they are taking this seriously and prioritising larger breaches. **Planning Applications** received after publication of agenda: 26/01465/HOU and 26/01466/LBC - Internal and external alterations to the rear lean-to extension, including removal of internal partition walls, installation of bi-fold doors and two conservation Rooflights + Listed Building Consent: Tinkers North Street Haselbury Plucknett Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7RJ. Cllrs voted unanimously to support this application. Decisions received: 26/00221/FUL - Land Off Claycastle Lane, TA18 7PE – Proposed erection of a polytunnel and an agricultural storage building – Application permitted with conditions. **The Park:** Safety checks: The five inspection reports for the previous reporting period have been disseminated to councillors by WH. There are no significant outstanding issues. WH advised that the park equipment needs to be pressure washed during the summer; options will be explored to do this. **Roads and Highways:** Some very pleasing news from L Norman (SC Highways) that the drainage improvement work at the A30/A3066 (North Street) junction is scheduled to begin in November. The “Unsuitable for HGVs” road warning signs at the North Perrott Road and Yeovil Road junctions respectively with the Puddletown/Swan Hill road (C5479) have been installed. Footpath Working Group Update: As the church is a listed building and within a conservation area, Somerset Council have informed us that they want a full listed planning consent application for the new diverted paths around the squeeze stones. **Village Hall Update:** The Trust has been wound up. The Charity Commission has agreed that the money remaining can be split between the North Perrott Village Hall and the Haselbury Church. These both provide meeting places for parishioners, in the absence of a new hall for Haselbury.

Matters to report: We were contacted by a resident, commenting that the trough in Puddletown was looking a little neglected. This included an offer of help and of potential sponsorship to fund the purchase of additional plants from Edwards Estate Agents. LG to contact them to discuss this. Perrott Hill will be carrying out a volunteer charity community day on Friday 16th October. Bulb planting along the new footpath was suggested and agreed with a £100 budget. We received a complaint from the residents concerned about a huge increase in tractor traffic through the village in recent weeks, especially late at night. HW will write to Coombe Farm to pass on these concerns. **Next Meeting Date: 14/09/2026 at the Beaumont Room in the Church at 7:00pm**

Bible Christian Centre

Haselbury Plucknett, TA18 7QX

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Services for August & September 2026....

Sunday 2nd August Sunday 6th Sept	10:30am The Oasis. Relax at The Oasis with tea, coffee, cakes, craft and space for children of all ages to play. With ELEV8 kids' group for 8-13yrs with Lego building. 4pm Family Celebration and worship and teaching.
Sundays 9th 16th 23rd 31st August	10:30am Family celebration & worship with CREA'8 & ELEV'8 children's groups. (No CREA'8 or ELEV'8 on 9th August) Communion on: 9th & 23rd Aug, 13th & 27th Sept
Sundays 13th, 20th, 27th Sept	
Wednesdays	10:30am Morning devotion with Communion
Thursdays 6th & 20th Aug	7:30pm Bible Study
Thursdays 3rd & 17th Sept	
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.
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matt 11:28-29)



BREAKING NEWS: British gas has signed up the Chuckle Brothers.
To meter you



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

SPLAT & Fusion are closed during Summer holidays until **11th September**



Little Wrigglers



Our baby & toddler group is open on Mondays at 10am-11am in
term time, with great toys, a singing time and our Oasis Coffee shop.
Free entry! Wrigglers is closed during Summer holidays. Wrigglers returns
on **Monday 7th Sept.**

Contact Paula Harris for
07807446106



more details:

Haselbury Plucknett, TA18

New beauty product: James Bond Anti-wrinkle Cream –
it's for your eyes only



VILLAGE SERVICES FOR AUGUST

DATE	HASELBURY St Michael and All Angels	NORTH PERROTT St Martin's
2nd August <i>9th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.30 am Holy Communion CW	9.00 am Holy Communion CW
9th August <i>10th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.30 am Holy Communion BCP	
16th August <i>11th Sunday after Trinity</i> Giving Sunday	10.30 am Family Service	9.00 am Holy Communion BCP
23rd August <i>12th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.30 am Holy Communion CW	
30th August <i>13th Sunday after Trinity</i> Celebrating Generosity	10.30 am Benefice Communion HASELBURY PLUCKNETT	

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VILLAGE SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

DATE	HASELBURY St Michael and All Angels	NORTH PERROTT St Martin's
6 th September <i>14th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.30 am Holy Communion CW	9.00 am Holy Communion CW
13 th September <i>15th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.30 am Morning Prayer	
20 th September <i>16th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.30 am Family Service	5.00 pm Pet Service
27 th September <i>17th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.30 am Holy Communion CW	

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To Church in Kazakhstan

Horse milk cheese balls have a strong salty flavour. I have recently returned from Kazakhstan, where I led a team visiting a church in Rudny in the northwest of the country. The team was recruited by Teresa Parish, an Australian friend of ours and fulltime Pastor, now living in San Francisco. She met the Kazakh Pastor, Zhenya, at a conference. I visited last year to support the church's summer camp for children and their day to day ministry serving the poor and homeless with clothes and food.

Our team consisted of: myself; Alice and Jon from California and Rachel from Florida. Together we supported the church's children's camp, which hosted about 36 children and 18 adults, including a few from another small Kazakh church. The camp offered a wonderful break in Burabay, an area of beautiful lakes and granite hills in landlocked Kazakhstan. The children's delight in daily swims, climbing "the mountain", and enjoying food cooked outdoors in a huge woodfired cauldron by Dad Velodya was a joy to witness. As the only Brit, I felt some trepidation leading this part of the mission, especially with people younger than my own children, yet the church members were amazed at how quickly we bonded. Jon taught ball skills to many, and evenings spent barbecuing hot dogs and marshmallows were a highlight.

Kazakh winters run from October to April, with snow, biting winds, and temperatures down to -30°C . With a three month summer holidays, this break traveling by an 11 hour overnight train trip was, for most, their only holiday. Team and church were united in blessing and loving the children, ensuring they enjoyed themselves, learned about the Holy Spirit, and grew in faith. Rachel picked up Russian remarkably quickly, and we all became adept at Google Translate. Yet language often felt secondary. Fun, games, miming stories, and praying together transcended words and built strong relationships. These were foundational in learning more of God's love for all of us. I rejoice that we shared such fellowship with our friends in the church in Rudny, united in Jesus. We were supported by over 25 people in the UK and US who prayed regularly; Zhenya felt those prayers in the camp's smooth running. I'm planning to return next year.

Janet Dinsmore

HOSKYNS MEMORIAL HALL
NORTH PERROTT
Registered Charity 1029582

FUTURE EVENTS

Thursday 13th August

Music Night

7.30pm start

Wednesday 19th August

Quiz

Doors and Bar Open 7.30pm Quiz starts at 8pm

Teams of up to 4 £3.50 per person

Booking recommended on the WhatsApp Village Social Page

Please note this is the 3rd Wednesday of the month not the usual 2nd

Saturday 17th October

The Village Hall Craft Fair

from 11am to 4pm

in association with North Perrott Apple Weekend

Light refreshments will be available throughout the day

Saturday 31st October

80s Disco

with DJ Robson James

From 7.30pm till late

It is Halloween so Fancy Dress is optional

Tickets £10 from North Perrott Farm Shop to include finger buffet

The bar will be open

Saturday 12th December

Christmas Dinner

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

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Our thanks go to everyone from North Perrott, the Cricket Club, Haselbury and Hamstone Vets who helped in any way to make the North Perrott Church and Cricket Club Fete the success it was. We are very grateful !

'THE SUMMER GARDEN' - TUESDAY 18th AUGUST AT 10am

in the Hoskyns Memorial Hall, North Perrott.

A COFFEE MORNING AND FLORAL DEMONSTRATION by Angie Blackwell of Cottage Flowers, Ilminster

Bring your friends to coffee, homemade cake and a chat followed at 11am by an inspiring floral demonstration using Summer garden flowers.

Angie is well known for her imaginative ideas and will have many useful tips to pass on to us.

Tickets - adults £10 under 18's £5

from G. Hoskyns 01460 72883 georgina222@uwclub.net

or J.Falkiner 01460 74657 or the North Perrott Farm Shop.

Proceeds to help fund new toilet facilities for the church.

Merriott Benefice

You and Your Pets are invited to

Pet Service

Sunday 20th September 3pm

North Perrott Church

Refreshments available afterwards

North Down Orchard

Haselbury Plucknett TA18 7PL

Vintage and Classic Car Meet 14.00—18:00

Sunday 2nd August - Live music from The woodhouse

Sunday 06 September - Live music from The Swing Trio

Live Music from 18:00 - 23:00

Friday 7th August - The Ancestors

Friday 14th August - Dogz Royal

Saturday 15th August—Robot Wars

Friday 21st August - Unknown Identity

Friday 28th August - Summer Affair

Saturday 29th August - Brock

Saturday 5th September - Rum Blossoms

Friday 18th September - Super Blue Moon

Saturday 19th September - Oconee Bell

Friday 25th September - Colbalt Blue

Crewkerne Flower Show

Organised By Crewkerne Garden Club

Saturday 15th August

To be held at the

Henhayes Centre

Open to the Public 11.15 am—2pm

Admission .50p—Raffle

Refreshments available

Schedules are available from Henhayes Centre and Town Hall

All enquiries to Club Secretary 0146074290

St Michael and All Angels Church, Haselbury Plucknett

Churchyard Autumn Work Party Morning

Saturday 19th September 2026

9.30am -12.30pm

Could you spare the morning, an hour, or even half an hour to help tidy up some of the outside areas of the building and the churchyard in Haselbury Plucknett?

There are some borders to be cleared now that the summer flowering has finished, the ground between the large memorials at the front of the Church building to be weeded, the wildflower area to be cut down now that the seeds have set, downpipe gullies to be cleared of moss, and, as usual, ivy to come off the walls. There are also some grave areas to be tidied up where the grass is inaccessible for a large mower.

Bring your own tools for whatever tasks you would like to tackle together with strong gloves.

Plenty of tea and coffee to keep you refreshed, and as always at St Michaels, - there will be cake!

If you would like to know more, please contact the Churchwardens Julian, jbrooks976@gmail.com or Jim, jim.farrant@btopenworld.com

Haselbury Plucknett Women's Institute

Fund raising Bingo evening

We are holding a Bingo evening open to everyone on Saturday 19th September at North Perrott Village Hall. Doors open at 6.30pm for 7pm start and tickets for this event are £10.00 which will entitle you to a 10 game bingo card on the night, lovely prizes for each line and house win.

Tickets will be available from the Farm shop in mid August. There will also be a raffle.

We will be running a licensed bar with tea, coffee and cake also available before the games and during the interval so please support us by participating and offers of donations of cakes or nice raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated.

It will be a fun evening and will help us raise funds for our W.I

Please contact Doreen on 07710 990117 for any further details or offers of cakes or raffle prizes.

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