

VILLAGE NEWS

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HASELBURY PLUCKNETT**

AND

NORTH PERROTT

JULY 2026

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Editorial

The last few editions we have been treated to some wonderful articles by Nick Ellins on World War 2 history in the Villages. I always find it fascinating to learn the history of where I live, and these villages have a lot of history. This month, I've taken a piece from "Haselbury Plucknett, Portrait of a Village" by Mollie Rendell. The article gives an insight into the history of water supply in Haselbury Plucknett. If anyone would like to contribute historical articles, they would be greatly welcomed.

The answers to last months crossword are:

Across: 1) Barracks; 5) Scrumpy; 10) Flavour; 11) Plaintiff; 13) Evelyn; 15) Petits Pois; 18) Gnu; 19) Pedal; 20) Ado; 23) Apostrophe; 24) Amused; 26) Desecrate; 28) Undergo; 30) Adhered; 31) Vouchers

Down: 1) Buffet; 2) Ria; 3) Agony Aunt; 4) Kirk; 6) Clavicle; 7) Urn; 8) Poisonous; 9) Spreadsheet; 12) Fish; 14) Engrossed; 16) Spasmodic; 17) Up To Date; 21) Raid; 22) Add-Ons; 25) Euro; 27) Cue; 29) Rye

Ian Stewart

For my birthday I'm not sure that I should have asked for a football designed with a picture of my face on it.
I'm kicking myself



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 School: A Season of Opportunity and Inspiration

Although we are only three weeks into this half term, there is already so much to celebrate at Haselbury Plucknett School. Pupils have been immersed in a wide range of enriching experiences that bring learning to life and strengthen our sense of community.

A key highlight this term is the launch of the school's new vision, "*Let your light shine.*" This shared vision sits at the heart of school life, encouraging children to flourish, grow in character and develop confidence in who they are and what they can achieve. The whole school looks forward to celebrating this milestone during a special Vision Launch Day during June.

Creativity has also been at the forefront of learning, with pupils taking part in a dedicated Art Day exploring spiritual themes. Their thoughtful and imaginative work will be entered into the national Spirited Arts competition and shared as part of a community exhibition in the church. We hope those of you that have visited have enjoyed their creativity.

Older pupils recently took part in a mock trial hosted by Perrott Hill School, working alongside Somerset magistrate Ms Mary Ellis. In a courtroom-style setting, they took on roles such as lawyers, witnesses and court officials, gaining a valuable insight into the justice system while developing confidence and teamwork. Pupils represented the school superbly, and we are very grateful to our colleagues and the children at Perrott Hill for hosting us so warmly.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils have also proudly represented the school at the South Somerset Small Schools Cricket Festival, showing great teamwork and enthusiasm throughout.

This week, the school community came together for a successful Sports Day, filled with energy, determination and friendly competition. Pupils demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, and the ice cream van was a particular highlight for all.

We were also incredibly proud to celebrate Rosie, who won the Key Stage 1 category in the Ilminster Literary Festival story-writing competition. She attended a special prize-giving ceremony where her story was read aloud before receiving her award from Zohra Nabi, an award-winning children's author—an incredibly proud and memorable occasion.

Haselbury Plucknett School continues to thrive as a place where children are encouraged to learn, grow and shine, and we thank you for your support.

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 programme is on the North Perrott village hall website if you would like find out more of what we will 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.

We are holding a fundraising 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 WI.

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

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

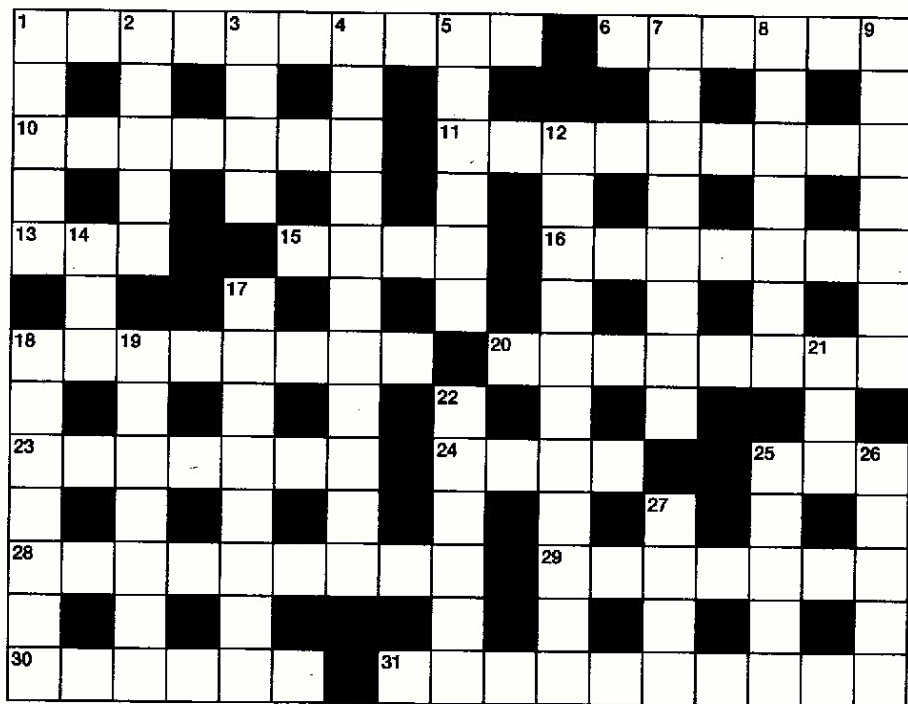
- 1** Type of insurance (5-5)
6 Restrictions (6)
10 Tuneless (7)
11 Daily publication (9)
13 Honorary title (3)
15 Monetary penalty (4)
16 Twice as much (7)
18 Replied (8)
20 Inanimate (8)
23 US state (7)
24 Broadcasts (4)
25 Zodiac sign (3)

- 28** Beeswax structure (9)
29 Abutting (7)
30 Sidestepped (6)
31 Running, managing (2,6,2)

DOWN

- 1** Crypts (5)
2 Layabout (5)
3 Extinct bird (4)
4 Group of islands (11)
5 Sore (6)
7 Makes better (8)
8 Plead with (7)

- 9** Long steps (7)
12 Attainable (6,5)
14 Tavern (3)
17 Computing unit (8)
18 Embarrassed (7)
19 Bridged (7)
21 Take to court (3)
22 Element, symbol C (6)
25 Jousting weapon (5)
26 From (3,2)
27 Couple (4)



NORTH PERROTT & HASELBURY PLUCKNETT GARDEN CLUB

Our June meeting was an enlightened talk and mini surgery on the care and cultivation of orchids presented by Howard Burnett. Howard took us through his interest in orchids and presented slides of some of the worlds many orchids. He discussed orchids brought in by members and went through any issues he found with them, most helpful.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday July 21st and will be a talk given by Judith Stewart on Bach Flower Remedies. This should be a most interesting evening.

On Saturday August 8th we will be holding our annual flower and vegetable show for members. The show is an opportunity for you to come along, meet some of 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.

The club is always looking for new members and we hope you would come along one evening and enjoy 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

A farmer was caught stealing hay from neighbours....
he has been baled until August



North Perrott Village Hall – Chairman’s Report

The teas and photo competition was a great success with Anwen Hoskyns’ photograph of her goose winning best in show. Unfortunately the goose couldn’t come to collect her prize. Thanks to Alan and Julie for sorting the photos and exhibiting them. Also all the ladies for the tea and especially Belinda for the whole occasion. Thanks to villagers for their support, I think we will do that again.

We have had the our monthly quiz in June thanks to Rob and Ester, and a music night. A few more at music night would be good.

We are now showing the England World Cup football matches on the big screen.

The bar is open so come along and enjoy the matches with friends and neighbours.

Pip Oxenbury

Chairman, Village Hall Committee

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The Haselbury Plucknett Charities

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Can we help?

The Haselbury Charities are three old charities set up to support those in the parish in particular need. Although our annual income is small, we try to help wherever we can. In these times of increased costs of living you might find yourself struggling with heating/electric bills. If you live in Haselbury and find yourself in difficulty, ask us. We may be able to help.

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History of Haselbury Plucknett - Water

Until the middle of the 20th century, a feature of the village was a large pond (Horse Pond) which was situated opposite the Church. The heavy farm horses were taken there each day to drink and a withy bed adorned its edges.

In Lord Portman's time (1907) the state of the pond was reputed to be dangerous; the Parish Council decided to ask Mr John Willy (tenant) "to get the fencing extended several yards further than at present".

The pond was filled in as recently as 1953. An old well in the vicinity (marked on the Ordnance Survey Map of 1930 as an antiquity) served the nearby cottages. The water was also used for christenings at the church. New houses now stand on the site of the pond.

Another well known Well "Rebecca's Well" which is to be found to the west of Claycastle farm house, is still operational. Its water is exceptionally cold and it has never been known to run dry.

Before there was a general water supply in the village water could always be drawn from "Rebecca's Well" when other Wells were dry.

Newspaper headlines were made when an old Well was being cleared out in the garden of "The Old House" in North Street. Charles Osborne, with an assistant was cleaning out the Well on July 23rd 1951 when something shiny on the side of the bucket being lowered to him caught his eye. It proved to be a gold coin which he put in his pocket. Later he heard a jingling noise and on searching the bottom of the Well, he brought to light many more gold coins; 80 sovereigns; 197 half sovereigns and a 2½d piece. The date of the coins ranged from 1850 - 1918.

Mr C. Osborne contacted the owner of the property, John Hamilton Mansfield, and the coins were handed to the Police. Many people had lived there whose descendants appealed on their behalf but without success. This find was produced in court in Yeovil and the verdict was recorded as treasure trove and the property of the King: when the coroner returned the verdict he said he thought it the only possible one they could have found. The royal prerogative did extend a clemency to the finder which resulted in him receiving a good reward.

Before the installations of pumps, the villagers drew their water from Wells which were in plentiful supply. But at the beginning of the 20th Century, Lord Portman financed the installation of pumps with keys, one pump serving a number of dwellings. They were placed at strategic positions throughout the village and one which has survived can still be seen at "Pump Cottage" in Claycastle.

Taken from "Haselbury Plucknett, Portrait of a Village" by Mollie Rendell

Haselbury Plucknett Chairs Chat – July 2026

Hello all

So easy to know that summer has started – weather colder and rain... The problem with this is that everything in the garden is growing too fast which leads me to ask for your help. If you have a property with a hedge by the pavement or the road, please can you make sure its kept tidy and not overhanging the pavement or the road. Also, dog walkers, if you have a pair of secateurs, your help keeping the hedges trimmed around the footpath gates would really be appreciated.

The paths along Puddletown have all been cleared by the Ranger so that it is safer for children's buggies, the Ranger also keeps the footpaths tidy. All the green spaces are maintained by the Parish Council contractor and during a meeting I had with the Chair of another Parish Council, he made the comment of how well kept the village looked.

We are waiting for dates for the new signage for Puddletown and the drainage work for the junction of North Street and the A30 but not expecting either to be completed until later in the year.

The revised outline plans for the 345 houses opposite the station in Crewkerne have still not been released. The Crewkerne & Neighbourhood Crisis team have regular updates on Facebook, and I continue to attend the review meetings. I will let you know of any developments.

If you have a holiday booked – enjoy yourselves...

Thanks

Hugh Williams

I never ride in limousines because I hate long car journeys



Haselbury Wildlife and Habitats Group

There has been a lot of traffic recently, on social media, about the horrors of hemlock, so I thought I'd write about the differences between various umbellifers. We do need to bear in mind that these plants have always been amongst us. In fact there are fewer now than when I was a child.

Cow Parsley / Queen Anne's Lace - the stems are green, slightly hairy, finely grooved and when cut, are D shaped. The leaves are triangular and fern like, quite delicate and when crushed the plant smells of parsley or carrot. It flowers in May, making it the first of the umbellifers to attract insects.

Hemlock is a little later. It's stem is smooth and hairless with pink or purple blotches or streaks. When cut, the stems are hollow and round and if crushed it smells mouselike and pretty horrible. The leaves are hairless and more glossy. This plant is toxic if eaten.

Hogweed stems start pink / purple and then become green. The leaves are flatter and not very fern like. This plant becomes quite big (not enormous as in Giant Hogweed). It can cause a painful rash if picked, especially if the sun is shining. So it is best to avoid handling Hemlock or Hogweed without gloves.

Having explained these differences I would like to list some of the plants we have in our gardens which are also toxic.

Fox glove, lords and ladies (cuckoo pint), daffodils, tulips, tomato plants, rhododendrons, bluebells, lily of the valley, hydrangea, larkspur, laburnum, mistletoe, spindle berries and holly berries. There are many more but no one is calling for them all to be eradicated. We just need to teach our children not to pick or eat anything without asking an adult first, be that in the garden or out and about.

Hornets - they also get a lot of bad press! Our own European hornet is a beautiful insect. It is very large, full bodied and has a yellow or brown face. It has dark legs and when flying it sounds like a drone! The Asian hornet on the other hand, is smaller with a thinner body and has yellow legs. So many of our European hornets are killed by people mistaking them for Asian hornets, so please, if in doubt leave them alone.

Lastly - fledglings. Many young birds leave the nest unable to fly. The parents continue to feed them and know where they are. If you see one - leave it alone unless it's in danger, in which case move it to safety nearby. It's such a busy time of year for people, plants and animals so let's try to be kind to everything!

Alison

St Michael's Community Orchard update – July 2026

Our next maintenance is on:

Saturday 11th July – 10:30-12:30

Come along and lend a hand in the orchard. We always stop for cake and refreshments, and all are very welcome, including supervised children.

We will be clearing around the bases of the younger trees, tidying the orchard boundaries (including cutting back brambles and nettles) and clearing the path down to the lower field.

Bring your own tools, gloves and something to kneel on if you wish.

Thank you to all those who came to the last morning – and I know some people have been doing some tidying and cutting back between maintenance mornings, which is much appreciated.

It's the season of village fairs and agricultural shows and this year I entered some community orchard cider in the British Cider Championships held as part of the Royal Bath and West Show, and we won a silver award for two of the ciders. Community orchard cider is always available for supporters of the orchard!

For any more information about the 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].

North Perrott CC: Latest from Willis Lane – the Field of Dreams

CAN WE DISCOVER A LORD OF THE REALM?

Incredible as it may seem, 60 years ago last month Lord Botham of Ravensworth began playing cricket for Westland CC under 10s in the Junior Somerset League. Ian Botham continued to play for Westland until being selected for the Somerset CC Under 15s at the age of 13. The rest is history. Is there a future Lord of the Manor to be found just 8 miles down the road at Willis Lane? There's every chance as some 50 youngsters are to be found on Friday afternoons at Willis Lane enjoying the coaching sessions run by Alex Richards and his team. Like Ian Botham in his young days at Westland, our Under 10s are clocking up the runs:

292 for 4 to beat Dorchester CC by 82 runs. A week earlier they beat their opposite numbers from Sherborne CC scoring 170 for 6, winning by 4 wickets.

But we have two under 10 XIs and on the same day they scored no less than 340 for 1 to beat Ilminster CC by 9 wickets – would that England's batsmen could set such a target! And then there's our Under 12s who recently notched up 310 for 3 to beat Ilton by 7 wickets.

Our men are struggling in the West of England League but against some tough opposition. Taunton CC came to Willis Lane on top form scoring 223 to beat us by 118 runs. This was followed by a narrow and frustrating loss at Templecombe CC where our score of 205 left us just 7 runs short.

As HP&NP goes to press, we are due to welcome the above-mentioned Westland CC to Willis Lane – now known as Yeovil CC!! Our last game in June is at Bridgwater CC who are bidding for promotion. Keep 11th July free as we welcome our local rivals Chard CC.

After a difficult start, the 2nd XI is having some success in Division 4 of the Somerset League, beating the Purnell CC 1st XI with an impressive total of 290 for 7 including a memorable century of 143 by Mark Mounde. Most of the seconds fixtures are against the 1st XIs of some significant village teams.

A mixed season so far but with so many youngsters turning up regularly at Willis Lane the challenge is to keep 'em coming!!

Martin

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Thank you

I asked my physio what I could do about a frozen shoulder,
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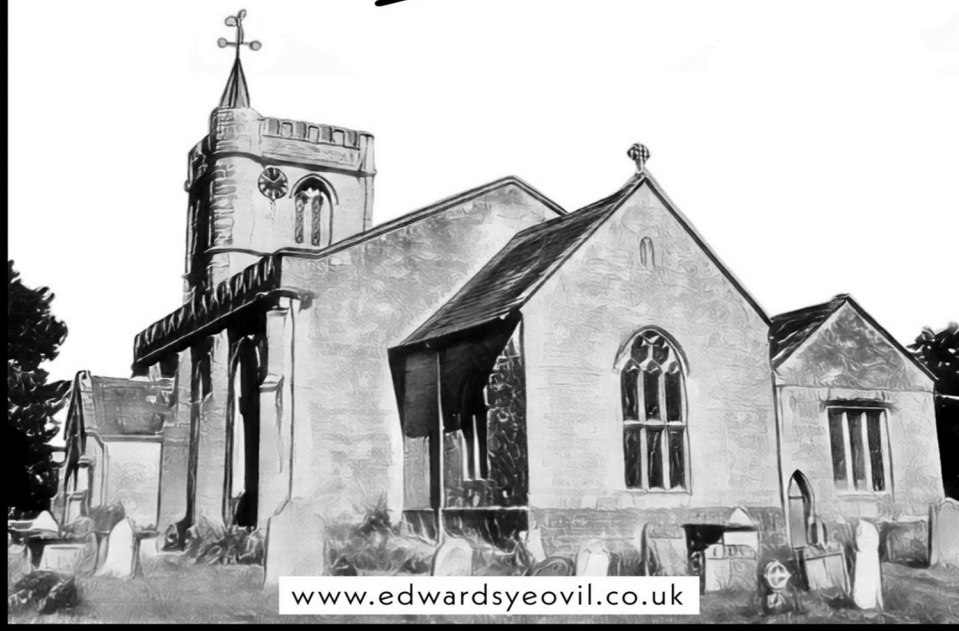
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North Perrott Parish Council meets bi-monthly on the first Tuesday in Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept and November at 7.30pm in the Hoskyns Memorial Hall. Agendas and minutes are published on the website and village notice board.

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North Perrott Annual Parish Meeting

**Next meeting date: 7th July 2026, 7:30pm at the
Hoskyns Memorial Hall**

Haselbury Plucknett Parish Council Meeting Minutes of the meeting held Monday 8th June 2026, 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs H Williams, L Deer, J Farrant, M Wroe, R Bourne, M Rendall, A Scott, and L Gibbons (Parish Clerk)

Open Session: Thanks were offered to everyone who took part in the Village litter pick.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs W Hunt and M Bryant and S Cllr M Hewittson.

Items for escalation to our District/County Councillors: Thanks were offered to Somerset Council who cleared the tree that fell on the A3066 very quickly. We would like the signage and bollards that have been abandoned there, to be collected.

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. There was a report from the public about some possible drugs paraphernalia abandoned near the park, however, a search of the area did not locate it.

Roads and Highways: Some very good news from A Barron (SC Traffic Management) who has confirmed that the signage work is now programmed for August or possibly earlier according to the contractor's works management system. This will include: - the installation of advisory "Unsuitable for HGVs" road warning signs at the North Perrott Road and Yeovil Road junctions respectively with the Puddletown/Swan Hill Road; as well as erecting "Tractors Turning" signboards on the A30 near to the farm entrance.

JF is waiting for the next SRA grant application window to open for us to apply for funding for flood alleviation work at Brook Farmhouse.

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. JF is still working on this.

Adoption of Frog Lane: JF is continuing to collect evidence for this application.

Items for next meeting:

Next Meeting Date: 13/07/2026 at the Beaumont Room in the Church at 7:00pm

Bible Christian Centre

Haselbury Plucknett, TA18 7QX

Minister: Pastor Andrew Harris – Tel: 01935 864414

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

www.biblechristiancentre.com

Services for July 2026....

<i>Sunday 5th July</i>	10:30am The Oasis. Relax at The Oasis with tea, coffee, cakes, craft and space for children to play. With ELEV8 kids' group for 8-13yrs with Lego building. 4pm Family Celebration and worship and teaching.
<i>Sundays 12th, 19th & 26th July</i>	10:30am Family celebration & worship with CREA'8 & ELEV'8 kids' groups. Communion on: 12th & 26th July
<i>Wednesdays</i>	10:30am Morning devotion with Communion
<i>Thursdays 9th & 23rd July</i>	7:30pm Bible Study
<i>Fridays</i>	10am - Prayer meeting

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

'But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.'

(John 4:14)



I said to my wife I'm really interested in learning more about Ancient Greece. That's good news she said. You can start cleaning the oven in the morning!



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

(Last Splat & Fusion before Summer Hols -17th July)



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! **(Last Wrigglers before Summer Hols- 13th July)**

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Haselbury Plucknett, TA18

The Oasis
First Sunday of the month
@ 10am
Starting 2nd Nov

Come and relax at
The Oasis with tea,
coffee, cakes and
space for children
to play

With....
ELEV8
Kids' group for 8-13yrs

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VILLAGE SERVICES FOR JULY

DATE	HASELBURY St Michael and All Angels	NORTH PERROTT St Martin's
5th July <i>5th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.30 am Holy Communion CW	9.00 am Holy Communion CW
12th July <i>6th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.30 am Holy Communion BCP	
19th July <i>7th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.30 am Family Service	9.00 am Holy Communion BCP
26th July <i>8th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.30 am Holy Communion CW	

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Rectors: Revs. Julia and Bob Hicks, The Rectory, Church Street, Merriott: 01460 76406

Curiosity about Christianity 2026

Bob and I recently attended a Diocesan clergy day with a focus on young people's curiosity about Christianity. The speakers were from the Bible Society and Youth for Christ.

You may have read about the 'Quiet Revival' and a report that indicated significant church growth between 2018 and 2025, led by young people. You may also have read that YouGov have since apologised for their data, which they say was corrupted.

However, there is a range of evidence, statistic and anecdote, which shows a growing openness to spirituality, including Christianity. For example:

- ☐ More young people are talking about their faith in the media, including sportspeople and musicians.
- ☐ Bible sales in the UK rose by 106% in volume between 2019 and 2025, the highest increase on record and the highest in any genre.
- ☐ More people are doing Google searches for the bible than for Harry Potter! (As you can imagine, online searches can lead to both helpful and deeply unhelpful material).
- ☐ There is a significant increase in the numbers of young people being baptised and confirmed in churches across Europe.
- ☐ Young people are turning up at some churches, wanting to join in and to ask questions.

The view of the presenters (both young women) is that there is a hunger for learning, belonging, spiritual practice and ritual. The younger generation are not looking to be entertained or given easy answers - they want to fully engage. In a challenging and over-stimulating world, many are drawn to quieter spiritual practices, including prayer.

This is a big cultural shift! It seems that there is a growing openness to God, where we might have found apathy in the past. More people are searching for meaning, love and peace.

It is not yet entirely clear what we do with this information! Perhaps it is time to change our assumptions about what other people feel about faith. It would be good to pray for the young people in our families and communities. We need to ask God how we can be open and welcoming to everyone who is curious. And we probably need to prepare for some surprising encounters and conversations!

Revd Julia

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NORTH PERROTT
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FUTURE EVENTS

Wednesday 8th July

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

Thursday 9th July

Music Night

7.30pm start

Saturday 18th July

Games Night

7.30 onwards

Bar Open

Saturday 17th October

Craft Fair

in conjunction with Apple Weekend

Saturday 31st October

80s Disco

This is a change of date from
June edition of the Village News

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

Charity and local Events in and around the two Villages

NORTH DOWN ORCHARD

Haselbury Plucknett Crewkerne TA18 7PL

Live Music and Events

Friday 3rd July 18:00—23:00 The Tracks Band

Saturday 4th July 19:00 - 23:00 Rough & Ready

Sunday 5th July 14:00 - 18:00 Vintage and Classic Car Meet

Music The Wessex Big Bank

Friday 10th July 18:00 - 23:00 The Cooltones

Friday 17th July 18:00 - 23:00 The Game Larder

Saturday 18th July 18:00 - 23:00 Moonshine Hillbillies

Friday 24th July 18:00 - 23:00 D – State

Saturday 25th July 18:00 - 23:00 Martin and Brooke

Friday 31st July 18:00 - 23:00 Roadstars

24th and 25th July Loose Nuts Car Event

Wadham School PTFA Summer Fair

Ashland's Road, Crewkerne

Saturday 4th July 2026 - 10:00 to 14:00

Stalls; activities; food and drink

Crewkerne and District u3a T@2s

Henhayes Centre South Street, Crewkerne, Somerset TA18 8DA

6th July 2026 1:45pm to 3.30pm

Enjoy an engaging speaker and refreshments, entry is £2. Nick King will talk about his work at Cheddar Gorge. He will explain how 'The Goats of the Gorge' grew into the present business. He will bring along many of the 'cruelty free' products for sale and samples to try.

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NORTH PERROTT FETE - SUNDAY 28th JUNE from 12pm to 4pm at the North Perrott Cricket Ground.

Enquiries to Georgina Hoskyns 01460 72883 georgina222@uwclub.net

'THE ENGLISH GARDEN' -

TUESDAY 18th AUGUST in the Hoskyns Memorial Hall,
North Perrott at 10am.

AN INSPIRING FLORAL DEMONSTRATION using Summer garden flowers by Angie Blackwell of Cottage Flowers, Ilminster. Angie is well known for her imaginative floral creations and has a wealth of interesting tips and ideas to pass on to us.

Bring your friends at 10am for coffee, cake and a chat
before the demonstration at 11am.

Tickets £10 from Georgina 01460 72883 georgina222@uwclub.net
or the North Perrott Farm Shop 01460 77090.

Proceeds to St Martin's Church www.northperrottchurch.co.uk

St Wulfrics Folk Club presents:



Raise the Roof Fund - Folk Concert- Saturday 18th July 2026

St Michael and All Angels Church, Haselbury Plucknett,
Somerset TA18 7RE

An evening with **Maggotts Diversions**, 6 local musicians with a wide range of traditional music at their fingertips. Expect slip jigs, reels, shanties, airs, polkas, jigs, bourrées, rants and songs.

Instruments include, english concertina, fiddles, guitar, accordion, melodeon, hurdy gurdy, shruti box, penny whistle, bodhrán and church bell!

Licensed bar, refreshments

Proceeds to go towards the Raise the Roof fund.

£10 in advance, £12 on the door.

Please support this special evening of entertainment

Doors open 6.30, concert starts at 7.30

Tickets available from St Michael's congregation and North Perrott Farm Shop and online at: <https://handsontv.co.uk/live-session/19>

Bincombe Summer Bash

Saturday 25th July 2026

10am to 4pm

Fun, friendly, free entry and fantastic

Enjoy the weather, meet friends and take part in activities

Bincombe Beeches Nature Reserve, TA18 1BA

Crewkerne Farmers' Market

Saturday 25th July

09:00 to 13:00

Falkland Square, Crewkerne

Over 16 stalls

Hardington Village Street Fayre

Saturday 4th July 12 to 4pm

Free Parking & Free Entry

Craft & Food Stalls

Live Music & Entertainment

Dog Show



Well (with gold coins)

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