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NORTH PERROTT

MARCH 2026

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9TH MAY 2026

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MAY FAYRE PUBLIC MEETING)

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Editorial

As I'm writing this in February, I am starting to wonder if it will ever stop raining. I'm sure it will eventually. The plans for the May Fayre in Haselbury Plucknett are in full swing and we need to have a dry event after the last two years. There is a Public meeting on the 11th March (page 33) so everyone that wishes to be involved in this much needed event can find out how to do so. All are welcome.

The maintenance day on the 14th March in the Community Orchard (page 11) is better in dry weather. The Church is having a Churchyard Work Party on the 21st March (page 12) and on the 28th and 29th March, North Perrott Cricket Club (page 13) are having what they call the Big Willis Lane Clean Up. So, let's start hoping we've had all the rain we're going to get for a few months.

I have had some wonderful historic articles submitted to me by a gentleman named Nick Ellins, the first is on page 8. This is all about a Spitfire Pilot during WW2 that once crashed into Townsend Cemetery, after narrowly missing North Perrott. Well worth a read.

All Parish Councillors have new gov.uk email addresses, their contact details have been updated and appear on page 25.

We've placed a lot of events in the back pages, if you're stuck for something to do, it's worth looking at.

The crossword is back, on page 14, answers will be in next months edition.

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: northperrottvillage@gmail.com or ring/text Helena Sturridge on 07802 964949

Haselbury Plucknett Women's Institute

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Your local WI

Please note that for the winter, when the clocks go back we will be switching to afternoon meetings from 2.30 to 4.30 so please note in your diaries that from our November 5th meeting to the March 2026 meeting it will be afternoons only.

We had a very informative meeting with the Dorset Air Ambulance this month learning how to do CPR and use the defibrillator. It wasn't as daunting as many of us imagined and well worth learning. You never know when you might need to assist - most heart attacks happen at home. There are over 300,000 out of hospital cardiac arrests and less than one in ten people survive. Statistically women have a lower chance of surviving than men so if you get the opportunity to learn, take it.

March 4th is our next meeting and we are having a floristry demonstration using cottage flowers.

Our programme will be on the North Perrott village hall website if you would like to 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.

We will also be having a stall at the Haselbury Plucknett May Fayre (9th May) if you would like to come and meet us and find out more.

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 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.

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 during the summer months from March 2026 to September 2026.

NORTH PERROTT & HASELBURY PLUCKNETT GARDEN CLUB

Our February meeting was a talk by Ian Condon outlining his journey from a basic interest in bees to becoming a qualified beekeeper in Dorset. He became involved after retirement having time on his hands and an interest in DIY. He explained his successful attempt at hive construction and capturing his first swarm and the excitement that gave. He went on to describe the many aspects of bee keeping and how he is now a prominent member of the Dorset beekeepers association.

Our March meeting will include a talk on 'improving your soil' vital to all aspects of gardening.

We welcome new members. We have some very interesting speakers booked throughout the year and it's a good way to pick up new ideas and tips for your garden from established gardeners.

Membership £12:00 per annum. Guests £2.50 (which will be refunded if you choose to join the club). Plus membership benefits.

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 you are interested in joining our club, please contact:

Ian Benfield. Chairman 01460 929027

Barbara Spence. Treasurer 01460 73847

Christine Bentley. Secretary 07788 316984

What do dentists call their x-rays?

Tooth pics



I saw an interesting looking board game at John Lewis today called "Sabotage!"

but unfortunately, someone had damaged it!



Haselbury Plucknett Primary School

The first half of the spring term has now drawn to a close, bringing a wonderfully productive few weeks in school. This shorter term often sparks a burst of energy and progress, and it has been a pleasure to see pupils across all year groups growing in confidence and showing real enthusiasm for their learning. With routines well established, the children have engaged brilliantly with every opportunity.

A highlight this term was our focus on Children's Mental Health Week. The theme, "This Is My Place," encouraged pupils to reflect on where they feel a true sense of belonging—whether at home, in school, outdoors or within a club or activity they enjoy. Our Wellbeing Ambassadors led a thoughtful whole-school assembly exploring how feeling valued and connected supports everyone's wellbeing. Their messages were warmly received by pupils and staff.

We are now looking ahead to an exciting March as we celebrate World Book Day across a whole week. This links perfectly with 2026 being nationally designated the "Year of Reading", offering a wonderful opportunity to champion books and nurture a love of reading. To support this, we are delighted to be working with our local independent bookshop, The Green Dragon Bookshop in Crewkerne, on a community book-donation initiative.

Parents, grandparents, friends and community members are invited to donate a high-quality book to our school libraries. To take part, simply visit the Green Dragon Bookshop (opposite Lidl), choose a book from our school's list, pay for it, and the shop will order and deliver it directly to us. Each donated book will include a personalised bookplate naming the donor. Further information is available from the bookshop on **01460 279814** or hello@greendragonbookshop.com.

Sport has remained an important part of school life this term. Although poor weather led to the postponement of the local Key Stage 2 football tournaments, new dates have now been arranged, and we hope conditions will be favourable when the matches take place. We are also pleased to share that the school has been selected for weekly cricket coaching from Somerset Cricket throughout the next half term. In brighter sporting news, our Year 2 pupils won the End Ball tournament this week, proudly bringing home a new trophy for our collection.

With spring approaching and lighter evenings on the way, we look forward to a positive and energetic half term ahead.

Lois Bowery
Executive Headteacher

North Perrott Village Hall – Chairman's Report

By the time you read this the Six Nations Rugby will nearly be over. We have shown several England matches so far and they have been well attended. Now that Alan and son have sorted out the high level projector and laptop, rugby on a big screen is good to watch.

We have also had a quiz and music night which means that I am spending time going to the Cerne Abbas brewery to procure liquid refreshment.

On the 27th of this month we have the return of the Wareham Whalers. Tickets are going quickly either at the Farm Shop or from me. On Friday 20th March we are holding the Village Hall Annual General Meeting and we hope to see everyone in the hall for a glass of wine and nibbles before the AGM starts at 7.30pm.

Pip Oxenbury

Chairman, Village Hall Committee

07778 744516

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.

Scientists got bored after watching the Earth rotate for 24 hours.
So, they called it a day



The Crewkerne Spitfire – March 12th 1942

A display within Crewkerne's Town Hall Information Centre remembers heroic Canadian fighter Pilot Frederick David Schofield and Spitfire AD189. On 12th March 1942, he baled out before his aircraft plunged into Townsend Cemetery, avoiding North Perrott by less than 7 seconds of flight time.

Frederick David Schofield was born in Winnipeg, Canada in 1921. His mother was a nurse and his father one of Canada's most important civilian architects and a major contributor to Britain and Canada's wartime air defence. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in September June 1940.

Known by his colleagues as 'Red' (because of his russet hair), he earned his wings in March 1941 and was posted to fight from England in April.

'Red' served for 50 months overseas, destroying Luftwaffe bombers and fighters in aerial combat and being shot down by Messerschmitt Bf109 and Focke Wolf 190 fighters himself. By December 1941, he was rated as "Above the average. A good squadron pilot". He fought over Britain, France, Malta, Tunisia, Libya, over the Normandy beachhead and alongside bombers crews taking the fight to Nazi Germany.

Falling in flames over France he was presumed dead, but survived. He came back through the escape lines, defying capture by the Gestapo, and requested an immediate return to duty. Combat left him badly burned across his torso, face, lips, arms, thighs and legs. He had shrapnel in his legs, chest and arm – wounds that stayed with him for life and contributed to his death, aged 82.

On March 12th 1942, 'Red' was protecting allied shipping when cloud separated him from his wingman and closed in underneath. Efforts to get home failed, and as fuel finally ran out, his only option was to use his parachute for the first time.

In 2011, the BBC, presenter Dan Snow and aviation archaeologists dug the cemetery crash site for the 'Dig WW2' series. Nothing was left for the community, and the episode only aired in Canada.

I tracked down the engine and propeller boss, fuselage parts, wartime records, the TV episode and the man rebuilding AD189 to fly again. The Town Council has committed to place a plaque at the cemetery crash site and I am now privileged to know 'Red's' son. The display in the Town Hall is my small gesture to a hero.

Nick Ellins

Haselbury Plucknett – Chairs Chat – March 2026

Hello

I don't know about you, but I have had enough of the rain, we are so far behind on the winter jobs for the garden... when will it stop?

You will see in this Village News, all the Parish Councillors have new dedicated email addresses – this is to comply with audit requirements, so if you need to contact any of the councillors, see our new addresses on the Haselbury Plucknett Parish Council contact details.

With reference to the 325 houses application between Crewkerne and Misterton, this has now been delayed, and the developer has been asked to re-submit the application. Interestingly, the runoff down to Wool Gardens left their access road flooded and the surface water run off would be a lot worse if this application was granted. Regular updates can be found on the Crewkerne & Neighbourhood Crisis page on Facebook.

Over the next few weeks, hopefully, we will all be able to appreciate the huge number of bulbs that have been planted along the side of the new footpath and in the wildflower area in the Park. Huge thanks to all the people who planted them. A lot more will be planted later this year along the side of the new footpath.

One last request... please... the potholes in the roads are getting worse by the week, please, if you are aware of any in the village, please report them on the Somerset Council website.

Thanks, and regards

Hugh

Haselbury Wildlife and Habitats Group

It has rained every day this year (at the time of writing), HP has been cut off, houses and garages flooded and NP was even worse. This is climate change and we need to accept it but mitigate disasters where we can. Having said that, the water mostly recedes very quickly which tells us that the systems are working, they just can't cope with such a large volume of water in such little time. It was good to see the community spirit in action as neighbours helped each other out.

However, the snowdrops and daffodils didn't seem to mind it at all and were still there, unchanged, when the water receded.

Last weekend, in the torrential rain, the WHG worked on Small Brook on Claycastle. We dug out some reeds which were narrowing the Brook and put the risings in a dip further along to act as a natural filter for water running off the road into the Brook. We have done this before and it does not slow down the run off. We will be finishing it before the end of February as this is when the water voles start using it again.

We will be undertaking a dormouse box survey shortly, before they come out of hibernation, to see if any boxes were used last year and by what!

Alison Scott

THANKING YOU FOR YOUR HELP

Sadly, the need for help for refugees continues indefinitely and the kindness of those who donate clothing etc. is helping enormously; all is appreciated. Wintry conditions continue so Raft (Refugee aid from Taunton) is requesting unwanted clean warm washable clothing and suitable footwear for adults, teenagers, children and babies, all sizes. There is always a shortage of new underwear for children, mainly pants of all sizes. And any unwanted large suitcases with wheels will be welcomed.

Raft is also financially supporting a charity, Lighthouse Relief in Lesbos and mainland Greece, where large camps have remained in existence for up to ten years since Syrians began fleeing Assad's war. By selling items online Raft can raise money to enable the charity to continue its work, and also to help pay their own rent. They would be grateful for any unwanted clothing or footwear, smart, fashionable, vintage, or an unwanted gift. I will accept or, if necessary, collect donations and deliver them to Taunton?

With thanks,

Geraldine Downey 01460 271358

St Michael's Community Orchard update – March maintenance morning, Saturday 14th March

This month's maintenance morning is on Saturday 14th March.

Come along between 10:30 and 12:30 to help look after the orchard. It's a lovely time of year to be outside in the orchard environment, and to meet up with others and chat whilst doing some light exercise!

All are very welcome – from age 1 to 101. Bring tools to help clear around the trees, do some pruning and tidying of the boundaries.

We stop for coffee, hot chocolate or tea, and cake – and community orchard cider is available to all supporters of the orchard.

For any more information on the orchard and how to be involved please get in touch (bryant.haselbury@gmail.com).

Matthew Bryant

Postage Stamps and Bottle Tops,

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 or leave them at the Church in a waterproof package.

The plastic tops from milk containers are also particularly suitable for re-processing, and Margaret has been acting as a local collector on behalf of the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance for a number of years.

Green, Red, Blue and the new all-purpose Clear tops are equally suitable, but only those from milk containers, please.

Washed and cleaned tops can be given directly to Margaret at 51 New Close, or left, [in a tied plastic bag please], on the seat in the Church porch. Thank you

St Michael and All Angels Church, Haselbury Plucknett

Churchyard Work Party Morning

Saturday 21st March

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 dug for spring planting, downpipe gullies to be cleared of moss, ivy to come off the walls and some grave areas to be tidied up before the grass starts to grow again.

Plenty of tea and coffee to keep you warm, 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

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].

I had a horrible dream last night that I had to make 1000 pancakes

I was tossing and turning all night long

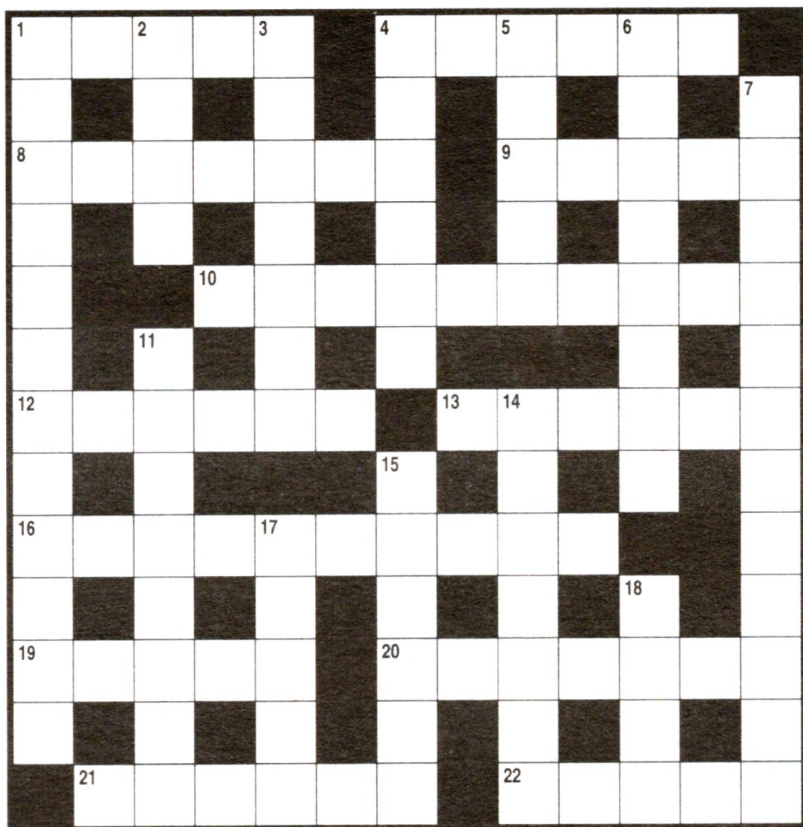


Latest News from Willis Lane – home of North Perrott CC

THE BIG WILLIS LANE CLEAN UP (S)

As promised last month dates for the Big Willis Lane Wash and Brush Up have been set – part of an ECB initiative to have club cricket grounds across the country spick and span for the start of what will surely be the glorious summer of 2026. Make sure the weekend of Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th March is on the calendar. Its not just the playing wicket and the field and boundary areas that need attention but viewing areas, seating, side screens, the outdoor nets plus of course the pavilion itself. Willis Lane like the rest of Somerset has just struggled through the worst winter for years so much to do. Paint brushes, mowers, hammers, electric drills will all be taken out of winter hibernation for the annual assault!! If you have a little time to spare last weekend in March just turn up at Willis Lane and join the NPCC maintenance crew. And the big clean up continues inside the pavilion with the club seeking a part time cleaner to ensure the building is in good shape to cope with the rigours of the cricket season and the arrival of teams from all over the county. The committee calculates we need someone for 8 hours a week; timings to be agreed, except must include Mondays after the rigours of a cricketing weekend. Contact Julian on chairman@northperrottcc.net And talking of the rigours of a cricketing weekend – fixtures have been announced for both the first and 2nd XIs – a sure sign that spring really is on the way.

The men's first XI starts with a tough home fixture at Willis Lane against Frome CC on 2nd May; with a tough local derby the following week at Chard and back at Willis Lane on the 16th for the home game versus Wembdon. As announced last month, former skipper Sam Rowsell has been drawn back to Willis Lane to lead the lads in their second season back in the West of England League. 'It was a great effort all round last season to maintain our WEPL status and this year will be an even tougher challenge with some strong teams both dropping down and coming up into our league.' Although the team will clock up a few more miles travelling around the county, Sam believes the league offers the chance to play on some first-class wickets. "My biggest challenge is to keep the lads together and motivated and continue to develop our reputation as a club from one of Somerset's smallest villages that punches above its weight." The second XI will be aiming to do the same; their season starts at Kilminster & Stourton on the 2nd May followed by a very tasty first home fixture v Wincanton on the 9th. The seconds struggled with player availability last summer but Skipper Monty Bult is hoping to continue the policy of providing development opportunities for some of our young, rising stars. Quick reminder that the weekend of 28th March is also the date for our valuable fund-raising Easter Bingo event in the pavilion. Doors open 6.30 and eyes down at 7 on the dot!



Across

1. Device for securing lines on vessels (5)
4. Sample of cloth (6)
8. Department distributing wages (7)
9. Flash (5)
10. Hour for the evening meal (6,4)
12. Lent out (6)
13. Desert in Africa (6)
16. Cotton knit pullover (10)
19. Altogether (2,3)
20. Quickly (2,5)
21. Reading aids (6)
22. Leniency (5)

Down

1. Favouring private ownership (12)
2. Irish singer (4)
3. Be unfaithful to (3-4)
4. Salty (6)
5. Be a sign of (5)
6. Mixture of elements (8)
7. Vitally (12)
11. Someone with the same moniker as another (8)
14. First Biblical patriarch (7)
15. Church singing groups (6)
17. Road taxes (5)
18. Munich's river (4)

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The Haselbury Plucknett Charities

Registered Charity No 201573

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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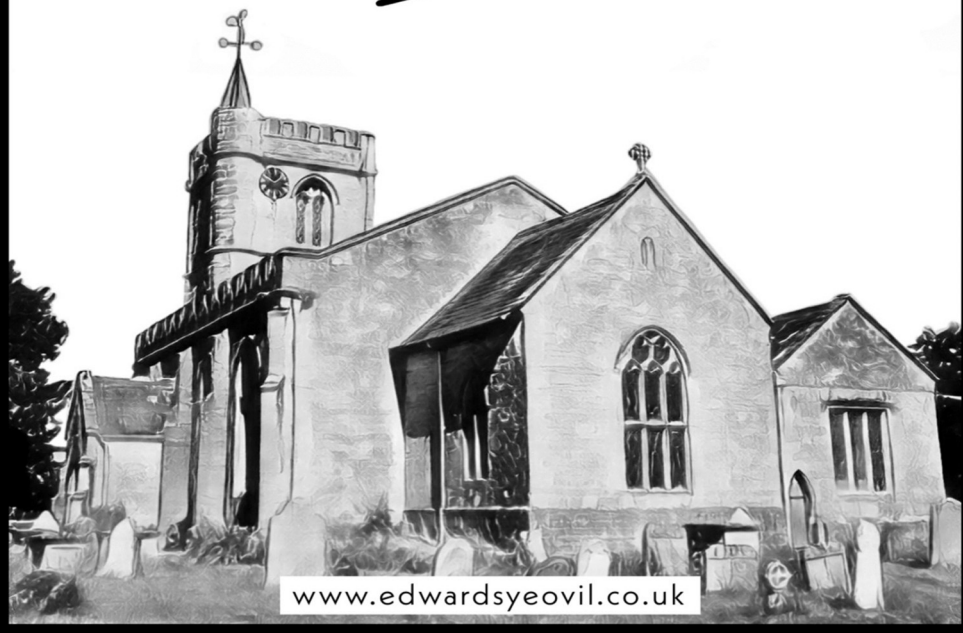
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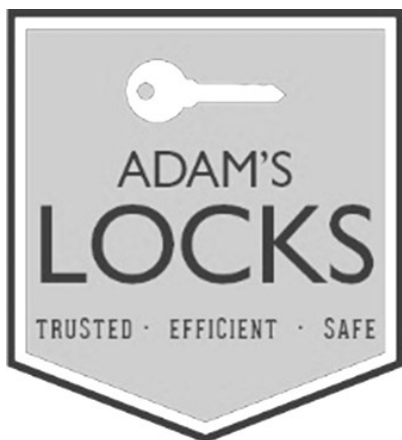
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North Perrott Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on:
Tuesday 3rd March 2026, 7.30pm

Haselbury Plucknett Parish Council Meeting 9th February 2026, 7.00pm

Open Session: The May Fair will take place on the 9th May this year.

County/District Councillors Report: As circulated. HW expressed our disappointment at our comments regarding the proposed sewage system for the planning application 25/02586/S73 - Land OS 6400 Part, Claycastle being ignored. The inability of County authorities to close the A3066 during recent flooding was raised. This resulted in traffic chaos and significant property damage caused by a reversing HGV. **LCN:** Chris Booth our new LCN Link Officer attended our meeting. He discussed his role so far. The main issues he is dealing with are flooding, planning and roads and highways.

Planning: Planning Applications: 26/00088/HOU, East Cross House, Yeovil Rd - Detached double garage with inbuilt secure store and workshop. Cllrs agreed, unanimously, to support this application.

The Park: Safety checks: The four inspection reports for the previous reporting period have been disseminated to councillors by WH. There are no significant outstanding issues. The Ranger is planning to install the new fence at the park on the 14th February. **Road and Footpaths:** Roads and Highways: There was horrendous rain on Tuesday 27 January 2026. This was the second time this winter that we have had serious flooding issues in the village. On investigation and with the help of the Flood Team made up of local residents this is the current state of play: - A30/A3066 junction Our records show it was flooded ten times last year. This year our Flood Team colleague was happy to report that the water disappeared quickly. Brook Farm House Our records show it flooded ten times last year. This year was similar to A30/A3066 (above) as CCTV cameras were also used to investigate. Fairview House Records show ten instances of flooding last year. This year, one car was stranded as a result of driving through the floodwater in the dark. Claycastle/North Perrott Road Our records show that though there has been flooding in the past at these locations the impact was much reduced last year. Park Access Road Our records show that there is always flooding on this road principally because there are no gullies and ownership of the land is still unresolved. The rear of one house on Puddletown was unfortunately affected but the floodwater does drain away into two of the nearby gullies on this road. Castleton flooded at the bottom end of the cul-de-sac and at least three residents were affected as a result of water ingress through the air bricks.

Matters to report: Our website has been migrated, and each Councillor has been provided with a dedicated 'gov.uk' e-mail address in order to meet the new Audit requirements. All Councillors have set up their new e-mail accounts. The new addresses will be used from now for all Council communication.

Next Meeting Date: 09/03/2026 at the Beaumont Room in the Church at 7:00pm

VILLAGE SERVICES FOR MARCH

DATE	HASELBURY St Michael and All Angels	NORTH PERROTT St Martin's
1st March <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	10.30 am Holy Communion CW	9.00 am Holy Communion CW
8th March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	10.30 am Benefice Communion MERRIOTT Visit of Bishop Michael	
15th March <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	10.30 am Mothering Sunday Service	9.00 am Holy Communion BCP
22nd March <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	10.30 am Holy Communion CW	
29th March <i>Palm Sunday</i>	10.30 am Benefice Palm Sunday Communion Hinton St. George	

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

Reflections from Mark Bunting, Lay Worship Assistant

As the Village News reaches many whom I may not yet have met across the Benefice, it seems right to briefly introduce myself. I am one of two Lay Worship Assistants in the Benefice as well as Churchwarden at All Saints Merriott. The Lay Worship Assistant role is something like a “Lay Reader Lite,” allowing me, under diocesan licence, to lead parts of services and offer reflections. It is a ministry I felt called to, even if in stepping into it I have surprised myself.

Over the past year I have led Easter Sunrise and Harvest Festival services at ARK, Advent services in Dinnington and Lopen, Family Services in Haselbury, Morning Prayer in Merriott and Hinton, and, with a deep sense of responsibility, the Remembrance Sunday service in North Perrott. I also help lead the monthly Benefice Praise Service in Merriott’s Tithe Barn on the first Sunday evening.

This calling has strengthened my sense of purpose and deepened my relationship with God.

In every church I have visited, I have also been struck by the tireless dedication of those who serve their own churches through worship, preparation, and quiet acts of love. When I speak of “church,” I include our friends at ARK—faithful people walking humbly with God and ensuring that everything offered is prepared with care and devotion.

I know that in small worshipping communities it can be difficult to find people who feel called to serve, yet I encourage everyone to consider what God may be inviting you to do. There are many ways to share the Gospel, not all of them on a Sunday, and some from the comfort of your own home. Pray, listen, and be open to God’s prompting.

As 2 Corinthians 9:7 reminds us, God loves a cheerful giver.

May we all give cheerfully in His service.

SPLAT Kids Club



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

FUSION Youth Café

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

Contact Paula Harris for more details: 07807446106



Little Wrigglers



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

Contact Paula Harris for more details: 07807446106



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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Services for March 2026....

<i>Sunday 1st March</i>	10am The Oasis. Relax at The Oasis with tea, coffee, cakes and space for children to play. With ELEV8 kids' group for 8-13yrs. 3:30pm Family Celebration and worship and teaching.
<i>Sundays 8th, 15th & 22nd March</i>	10:30am Family celebration & worship with CREA'8 children's group. Communion on: 8th & 22nd March
<i>Wednesdays</i>	10:30am Morning devotion with Communion
<i>Thursdays 5th & 19th March</i>	7:30pm Bible Study
<i>Fridays</i>	10am - Prayer meeting
<i>Saturday 14th March</i>	7pm, Cinema night Refreshments available to buy. Free entry

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

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

(Matthew 11:28)



Why did you decide to become an Editor?



Well, to cut a long story short.....

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NORTH PERROTT

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FUTURE EVENTS

Wednesday 11th March

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 12th March

Music Night

7.30pm start

Friday 20th March

Village Hall Annual General Meeting

7 for 7.30pm start

Wine and nibbles will be served

All Welcome

Saturday 21st March

Games Night

7.30 for 8pm start

Bar Open

Friday 27th March

Shanties and Strange Stories

A concert by the Wareham Whalers

Raising money for the RNLI and PLANETS Charities

Doors open and bar available from 7.30pm Concert begins at 8pm

Tickets £12 available from North Perrott Farm Shop

and Pip Oxenbury on 01460 73308

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.

**Haselbury Plucknett May Fayre
Public Meeting**

Wednesday 11th March 2026

7.30 pm

at St Michael and All Angels Church, Church Lane

CAN YOU HELP

**We need people to help
with setting up and helping on stalls on the day**

**The Village May Fayre is a community event that can only take place
with the support of the community**

**The May Fayre this year will be held on the
9th May 2026**

**LIVE PROFESSIONAL THEATRE
AT MISTERTON VILLAGE HALL**

adaptation of Jane Austen's

PRIDE & PREJUDICE

Sunday 29th March

Performed by professional theatre company VOX

**The production presents "Pride & Prejudice" as you have never seen
it before, bringing Austen's world to life with quick-change magic
and a whole lot of wit, romance and theatrical invention - fast,
funny, and performed by just two actors.**

Expect an afternoon of theatre, comedy and community.

Doors open at 2.30 pm for 3pm start.

Tickets are available from

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/voxtheatre>

Booking early is advised, due to limited seating.

Car Boot Sale

Sunday 1st March 2026

1pm to 4pm

Yeovil Show Ground

Two Towers Lane, Barwick, Yeovil, BA22 9TA

North Perrott Cricket Club



Spring Bingo



Saturday 28th March

Great Prizes to be won

Doors Open 6:30pm Eyes down 7:00pm

Bar and Light Refreshments Available

For more information ring Vera on 0146073734

Crewkerne Repair Hub

Come along and our volunteer repairers will help fix your stuff for free

Every 2nd & 4th Saturday

The Open Doors Hub, No 2 West St Crewkerne

No appointment required jess@opendoors.somerset.org.uk

Harmony Singing Workshop and Concert

With

Lester Simpson of Coope, Boyes & Simpson

The Speedwell Hall Crewkerne TA18 YHY

Sunday 22nd March

Workshop 2pm to 5 pm

Learn Traditional and Contemporary Folk songs in 3 & 4 Part Harmony

All taught by ear - no need to read music

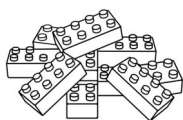
Evening Concert 7.30pm to 9.30pm, Doors open 7pm

Workshop tickets £12.00 — Concert tickets £12.00

Combined Workshop and Evening tickets £20.00

Advanced booking essential 07877 206124 or

Email meg.rose@btintenet.com



EASTER STORY

Family Lego challenge

Easter Sunday 5th April @ 10am-12 noon

Refreshments available

Toy area with space for little ones to play!

Bible Christian Centre,

Swan Hill, Haselbury Plucknett, TA18 7QX

HOLLYWOOD IN HARDINGTON
in association with
SOMERSET MOVIOLA
proudly presents
Downton Abbey The Grand Finale (PG)

The cinematic return of the global phenomenon follows the Crawley family and their staff as they enter the 1930s. As the beloved cast of characters navigates how to lead Downton Abbey into the future, they must embrace change and welcome a new chapter.

in Hardington Mandeville Village Hall on
Thursday 19th March.

Afternoon Performance at 2:00pm
Coffee, tea and cake available, doors open 1:30 pm

Evening Performance at 7:30pm
Licensed bar available, doors open 7.00 pm

Tickets: £5.00 in advance from Springfield Stores
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