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With the gradual easing out of lockdown, local events are once more in plan, and groups and societies are starting to meet again. There is a diary in the centre of the magazine, which gives details of some of the main events this summer. Of course, all of these arrangements are subject to change but let's hope we get to enjoy some of the fun events – from the re-opening of the Village Hall to the Evercreech Annual Village Show!

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Kingston, (for Yeovil Hospital)	-	-	0728	-	0910	1110	1210	1310	-	1640	1750	-	1100	1410	1755
Yeovil College	-	-	0729	-	0911	1111	1211	1311	-	1641	1751	-	1101	1411	1756
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Sparkford Inn	-	-	0748	-	0931	1131	1231	1331	-	1701	1811	-	1119	1431	1816
Sparkford, Church Road Turning	-	-	0750	-	0933	1133	1233	1333	-	1703	1813	-	-	1433	1818
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Chapel Cross	-	-	0752	-	0935	1135	1235	1335	-	1705	1815	-	-	1435	1820
North Cadbury	-	-	0755	-	0938	1138	1238	1338	-	1708	1818	-	-	1438	1823
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Bruton, Sunnyhill School	-	-	0820	-	-	-	-	-	1543	-	1840	-	-	-	-
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Bruton, Sunnyhill School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1605	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bruton, Sexeys School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1607	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wyke Lane Junction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1612	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lamyatt, Poplar Farm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1616	-	-	-	-	-	-
Castle Cary, OPPOSITE Railway Stn	0634	0705	-	0907	0954	1154	1254	1354	-	1724	-	0819	1135	1454	1839
Alhampton	0636	-	-	0909	0956	1156	1256	1356	1622	1726	-	0821	1137	1456	1841
Ditcheat, Bus Shelter	0639	-	-	0912	0959	1159	1259	1359	1625	1729	-	0824	1140	1459	1844
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Whitstone Road	-	-	0846	0930	1017	1217	1317	1417	-	1747	-	0842	-	1517	1902
Cannard's Grave Road	0653	0722	-	-	-	-	-	-	1643	-	-	_	1157	-	-
Shepton Mallet, Cenotaph	0656	0724	0851	0935	1022	1222	1322	1422	1648	1752	-	0847	1200	1522	1907
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Shepton Mallet, Cenotaph	-	0720	-	0750	0905	1005	1105	1305	1405	1535	-	1705	1800	0905	1205	1620	
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Cannard's Grave	-	0727	-	0752	0912		1112	1312	1412	1542	-	1712				1627	
Prestleigh (for Bath & West)	-	0729	-	0754	0914	1014	1114	1314	1414	1544	-	1714	1809	0914	1214	1629	
Evercreech, Village Hall	-	0732	-	0757	0917	1017	1117	1317	1417	1547	-	1717	1812	0917	1217		
Southwood	-	0737	-	0802	0922	1022	1122	1322	1422	1552	-	1722	1817	0922	1222	1637	193
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Castle Cary, Rail Station	-	0746	-	-	0931	1031	1131	1331	1431	-	-	1731	1826	0931	1231	1646	194
Lamyatt, Poplar Farm	-	-	-	0815	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wyke Lane Junction	-	-	-	0820	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wincanton, Southgate Road Depot		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Chapel Cross		-	0808	-	0953	1053	1153	1353		1628	1748	-	1845	0953	1253	1708	-
Sparkford, Church Road Turning		-	0810	-	0955	1055	1155	1355		1630	1750	-	1847	0955	1255	1710	-
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Mudford, Half Moon		-	0826	-	1010	1110	1210	1410		1647	1805	-	1900	1010	1310	1725	-
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EVERCREECH GREENWAY/ STRAWBERRY LINE www.thestrawberryline.org.uk

The Parish Council has been investigating the possibility of providing a safe traffic-free path for pedestrians and cyclists from Evercreech to join up with the Strawberry Line at Shepton Mallet, and from there the National Cycle Network.

It was suggested at the 'Remembering the Railway' event at the Village Hall in 2016, that part of the route could use the disused S&D railway line. This received an overwhelmingly supportive response.

If this project is to succeed, a working group needs to be formed, so **we are looking for volunteers** to work with the group, to investigate possible routes, and work with partners such as Sustrans to take it forward.

If you are a supporter of such a scheme, and would be willing to help bring it forward, please contact Rob Reed: **rob_reed@btinternet.com**

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- Purchase a valid parking permit online at: seasontickets.apcoa.co.uk
- Pay by using APCOA Connect (see signs for details)
- Pay on account with AutoPay www.apcoaconnect.com
- Use Late Pay if you forgot to pay. See online; charges may apply.

Pay and Display Tariffs

Mon-Fri before 10 am	£3.70
Mon-Fri after 10 am and Sat/Sun:	£2.30
Daily tickets valid to midnight.	
APCOA Connect Tariffs	
Mon-Fri before 10 am	£3.30
Mon-Fri after 10 am and Sat/Sun	£2.30
Daily tickets valid to midnight.	

STATION TAXIS

The station is served by a taxi rank or a cab office. Check availability before travelling, and pre-book if necessary. The following are mentioned on the National Rail Website www.nationalrail.co.uk/posters/CLC.pdf

Anzford Cars - 07831 249441

I.T.Cars - 07528 515722

Number 7 - **01963 351015**

They are not always in the rank outside - so book ahead.

LOCAL TAXIS

ACE Taxis - 07841 565550

Chinnock Taxis - 01749 831408

Swift Taxis - 01749 340820

BRISTOL AIRPORT

Bristol BS48 3DY Tel **0371 334 4444** www.bristolairport.co.uk

Serving the South West and Wales, Bristol Airport offers flights to over 125 destinations, including the UK, Ireland, Europe and the rest of the world. Due to the current situation, it is vital to check on the website for any changes.

<u>Car Park</u>

Passenger pick up and a choice of secure, monitored short and long stay car parks with CCTV coverage and automatic number plate recognition.

The sooner you book on-line the more you save. All car parking queries Tel: **0371 334 4450**

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BANKS

There is a Lloyds Bank at 5 High Street, Shepton Mallet - opening hours are: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 9.30 am - 2 pm, Wed 10 am - 2 pm. Sat and Sun closed.

There are no banks in Castle Cary but there is a cashpoint outside the former Barclays Bank.

There is a cash dispenser inside Evercreech Co-op.

DOCTORS' SURGERIES



THE PARK MEDICAL PARTNERSHIP EVERCREECH SURGERY

Cannards Grave Road, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5RT 01749 334383

Prestleigh Road, Evercreech, BA4 6JY 01749 830325



www.parkmedicalpractice.nhs.uk

During the Coronavirus outbreak, we have been working hard to continue to provide care safely and have made changes to the way you can contact us. Current guidance is to limit face to face contact where possible and help stop the spread of the virus. To achieve this, we have increased the use of remote consultations. These will never replace face to face appointments which will be available to all patients where appropriate. However, they can be a convenient way for people to access medical advice and treatment. We are also offering video consultations and online consultations where you can contact us directly via the internet. We encourage you to try these new methods of accessing advice which will help us to ensure that face to face appointments are there for all who need them in a safe environment.

There are two ways you can access help from the surgery:

You can telephone the surgery. Your call will be answered by one of our reception staff who will ask you some questions about the reason for your call to help them to book the right appointment for you. This could be a telephone appointment with one of our clinical team. We have a wide range of professionals offering telephone appointments including GPs, Nurse Practitioners, Physiotherapists and Practice Nurses. Additional appointments are now available on some evenings and Saturdays for people with routine problems that are not able to take a call during normal surgery hours. They may be able to resolve your problem over the telephone or they may wish to assess you further by asking you to send a photograph via our confidential system, doing a video consultation or seeing you at the surgery. The triaging clinician will talk you through this process which is easier than many people think.

You can visit our website to book a telephone appointment or complete a confidential online form. Your form will be reviewed by one of our reception team and directed to the most appropriate clinician. From this point onwards your care will be exactly the same as if you accessed via telephone. If you prefer, the initial triage consultation can be conducted via our confidential two-way messaging system.

You can order repeat prescriptions via our website or by telephoning the surgery between 11 am and 1 pm, or 3 pm and 5 pm

If you are asked to come into the surgery for a face to face appointment, measures are in place to keep you safe from infection during your visit to the surgery. Please remember to wear a face covering. At both Park and Evercreech Surgery we have an intercom at the main entrance to welcome patients attending the surgery.

GROVE HOUSE SURGERY

www.grovehousesurgerv.nhs.uk West Shepton, Shepton Mallet Somerset BA4 5UH Appointments: 01749 342863 Urgent Calls: 01749 342314

Surgery Opening Hours: Monday 8.00 am - 6.30 pmTuesday 7.30 am - 7.00 pm Wednesday 8.00 am - 7.00 pm 8.00 am - 6.30 pm Thursday Friday 8.00 am - 6.30 pmTelephone lines open Monday – Friday 8.00 am – 6.30 pm

MILLBROOK SURGERY (Castle Cary)

www.millbrook-surgery.nhs.uk Millbrook Gardens, Castle Cary, BA7 7EE Tel: 01963 350210 Surgery Opening Hours: Monday - Friday 8.00 am - 6.30 pm, except Tuesday: 7.30 am - 6.30 pm.

BRUTON SURGERY

www.brutonsurgery.nhs.uk Patwell Lane, Bruton, BA10 0EG Tel: 01749 812310 Surgery Opening Hours: Monday - Friday 8.00 am - 6.30 pm



VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR

Evercreech has a defibrillator outside the Village Hall which has public access.

In the event of an emergency after phoning for an ambulance you will be given the code to use the nearest defibrillator. The defibrillator will "talk" you through how to use it whilst you wait for the ambulance.

<u>NHS 111</u>

NHS 111 is a service to make it easier for you to access local NHS healthcare services. Call 111 if:

- You need medical help fast but it's not a 999 call.
- You think you need to go to <u>A&E</u> or need another NHS urgent care service.
- You don't know who to call.
- You need health information or reassurance about what to do next.

For immediate, life-threatening emergencies, continue to <u>call 999</u>.

NHS 111 - How does it work?

The NHS 111 service is staffed by a team of fully trained advisers, supported by experienced nurses. They will ask you questions to assess your symptoms, then give you the healthcare advice you need or direct you straightaway to the local service that can help you best. If a health professional has given you a specific phone number to call when you are concerned about your condition, continue to use that number.

From 6.30 pm each evening until 8 am the next morning, at weekends and on Bank Holidays the NHS 111 Service covers for all doctors. If you need medical help at these times please phone <u>111.</u> The NHS 111 Service CANNOT take prescription requests, make surgery appointments or give results.

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NURSING CARE

Within the Surgery setting there are Nurse Practitioners, Registered Nurses and Health Care Assistants who between them provide skilled nursing care to the practice population.

Nurse Practitioners are registered nurses who have undertaken an additional degree in autonomous practice, enabling them to assess, treat and prescribe for a range of illnesses and conditions.

Practice Nurses provide skilled nursing care within the Surgery. The many areas they cover include

Monitoring of:

Diabetes, Vascular heart disease, Blood pressure, Asthma, COPD and Epilepsy.

Also

Health Promotion and Screening, Wound Management, Travel Advice and Vaccinations, Cervical Smears, Child Vaccinations, Contraceptive Advice and monitoring.

Health Care Assistants are qualified to carry out:

Blood pressure readings,
Hearing Tests,
Chaperoning,
by the Practice Nurse),
Health Promotion.

DISTRICT NURSE

The District Nurse provides skilled nursing care for people living at home in the community by offering advice and information, treatment and support.

Walkie Talkie Dog Sitter

The District Nurse:

- is a qualified registered nurse who has undertaken further training to plan, assess and provide skilled nursing care to patients who are in their homes and have been referred by their GP;
- leads a team of nursing staff and ensures that the care provided is properly planned and delivered.

NEW ADVERTISERS!

Would you like to tell local people about your local business?

EDIS is delivered to over 1,000 homes in Evercreech and surrounding areas twice each year.

Contact the EDIS Team by 13 September 2021 (see cover page) to find out more about advertising in these pages.

SHEPTON MALLET COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

https://www.somersetft.nhs.uk/

Bucklers Way, Old Wells Road, Shepton Mallet BA4 4PG Tel: 01749 342931

Fosse Ward - 01749 341101

In-patient beds and Ambulatory Care Unit Visiting 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm

Ambulatory Service

Referrals from health care professionals only Contact: **01749 341104** Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm. Saturday, Sunday and bank holidays 9 am to 1 pm.

Minor Injuries Unit

www.somersetft.nhs.uk/minor-injury-units/ Open 7 days a week from 8am – 9pm9 last patient admitted at 8.30pm).

X-rays available 9am – 5pm Monday – Friday at Shepton Mallet

The hospital is staffed by emergency nurse practitioners who diagnose and treat a wide range of non-life threatening minor illnesses and injuries: chest, throat, eye and urinary infections, emergency contraception, sprains, broken bones, cuts, wounds, bites and minor head injuries. If you're not sure which service to use phone 111 telephone for advice. For lifethreatening emergencies such as heart attacks, strokes, unconsciousness and breathing problems call 999.

<u>Practice Plus Group Hospital</u> (Formerly The Treatment Centre)

www.sheptonmallethospital.nhs.uk/contact/

This is on the Shepton Mallet Hospital campus and accepts NHS patients for a range of treatments following GP referral. For more information go to the website or phone: 0333 321 8278.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF SHEPTON MALLET COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

www.sheptonhospitalfriends.btck.co.uk sheptonhospitalfriends@btinternet.com Secretary: Mrs Kathy Orme 01749 678789



Shepton Mallet Community Hospital is on the outskirts of Shepton Mallet, just on the edge of the Mendip Hills in Somerset. The League of Friends exists to provide support to the excellent NHS staff who run the hospital, and to raise funds to assist the patients and staff.

The hospital has in-patient beds for 8 people which provide a much-appreciated location for people in the Mendip area who can be close to their own home or family as they recover. There are two suites for local residents who can receive scheduled treatments at the Community Hospital rather than travelling to the major hospitals in the area.

PARK & RIDE to RUH Bath www.travelinesw.com 0871 200 2233

Service 42 operates between the Odd Down Park and Ride site and RUH Bath and takes approximately 20 minutes. The service operates between Monday and Friday from 6.30 am to 8 pm, running every 30 minutes between 7 am and 5 pm.

MATERNITY UNIT

Shepton Mallet Community Hospital www.somersetft.nhs.uk/maternity/

Antenatal Clinics are held by appointment, by contacting the midwife team on **01749 342378**. Please speak with your GP about your pregnancy and birth options.

During the pandemic, patients are being seen at Paulton Hospital.

HOSPITAL TRANSPORT

Getting to a hospital or medical appointment: If you're going to hospital for an appointment, tests or treatment, you'll normally be expected to make your own way there. Try to get a friend or relative to take you to hospital and collect you after you've been discharged. If you visit a district hospital you will have to pay for parking.

NHS funded patient transport: You may be eligible for free non-emergency patient transport services. These services provide transport to and from hospital for people who have a medical need for it. Find out if you are entitled to NHS free hospital transport by phoning the NHS Patient Transport Advice Centre on 01278 727444 between 8.30 am and 6.30 pm, Monday to Friday.

Community transport

www.mendipcommunitytransport.co.uk/

Phone: 01749 880613

SLINKY BUS - The Mendip Slinky - **01749 880482** and the Sedgemoor Slinky - 01749 880948 are operating, however there are restrictions on the number of passengers.

ROUTE 665 - This service is operating to a normal timetable. However due to restrictions on passenger numbers please phone **01749 880613** to book a journey.

ROUTE 67 - This service is operating to the published timetable, with a restriction of seven passengers at any one time. An additional vehicle is operating at peak times of the day to provide additional capacity for pupils travelling to/from The Blue School, Wells.

HOSPITAL CARS - This service is currently suspended.

Useful Hospital Phone Numbers

West Mendip Community Hospital, Glastonbury: 01458 836450

Royal United Hospital, Bath: 01225 428331

Yeovil District Hospital: 01935 475122

South Bristol Community Hospital: 01179 230000

Southmead Hospital, Bristol: 01179 505050

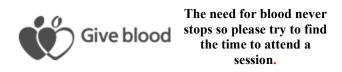
Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton: 01823 333444

NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT

www.blood.co.uk

Donation is still going ahead during the pandemic, even in areas of local lockdown.

Visit the website for more information and to locate preferred session venue, or phone **0300 123 23 23** to book an appointment for your next donation.



ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

www.alzheimers.org.uk United against dementia

Alzheimer's Society in Somerset provides a support service across the county for people living with dementia and their carers. Our Dementia Advisor Service can offer personalised, practical and emotional support, information and guidance to people affected by dementia.

This service continues to run online during the Covid-19 pandemic. Telephone support and some home visits resumed in October 2020. Unfortunately, currently we do not have a date to resume our Memory Cafés or Singing for the Brain groups.

For more information, contact the Dementia Connect Support Line 0333 150 3456 or email **somerset@alzheimers.org.uk**

VICTIM SUPPORT www.victimsupport.org.uk



If you've been affected by crime, call the local victim care team in Avon and Somerset on **0300 303 1972**. Lines are open 9.30 am - 5.30 pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and 11 am -7 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

If you need support <u>outside of our open hours</u>, call our **Supportline** for free on **08 08 16 89 111** or request support via the website.

This service is free, confidential and available to anyone in England and Wales, regardless of whether the crime has been reported or how long ago it happened. The support services we offer are tailored to the needs of each person. These include: information and advice, immediate emotional and practical help, longer term emotional and practical help; advocacy; peer support and group work, restorative justice, personal safety services and help in navigating the criminal justice system.



Evercreech Pharmacy

01749 830267 Victoria Square, Evercreech, BA4 6JP

Pharmacy Service

- Appliance dispensing
- Medicines use review (MUR) service
- Prescription collection from local General Practices
- Prescription delivery service
- Private consultation room

Pharmacy Service (NHS)

- Gluten-free food service
- Medication review service
- Supervised consumption of medicines

Pharmacy Service (Non-NHS)

Blood pressure monitoring

Open Mon-Fri: 9.00am-1.00pm, 2.00pm-6.00pm Sat: 9.00am-1.00pm



What's Up in Evercreech

Catch up with local news and chat - advertising on a Friday only please.

Buy / Sell / Wanted – Evercreech Businesses for Evercreech

SHEPTON MALLET WEBSITES

Shepton Life - www.sheptonlive.com Tourist Information – www.visitsheptonmallet.co.uk

<u>NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST</u> enquiries@nct.org.uk

www.nct.org.uk

For support, information and friendship, with online options now available. For all enquiries please call **0300 330 0700**

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www.turning-point.co.uk/sdas

SDAS Young Peoples Service supports all young people across Somerset who are experiencing difficulties with their substance use. A team of specialist workers with experience and understanding of issues affecting young people, offers confidential, non-judgemental advice, information and support in a flexible manner. Appointments are arranged for wherever clients feel most comfortable and the Team are happy to work around their needs and goals.

Support is offered to young people with concerns about their own relationship with alcohol or drugs and also young people who are struggling to deal with the impact of another person's substance use - a parent, sibling or any significant person in their life.

If you need to speak with a member of the Team please call: **0300 303 8788**. Available **24**/7 for enquiries.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk Help line: 0800 9177 650

There is a meeting every Tuesday 10:45 am – 12:45 pm in the Parish Room behind St Michael's Catholic Church, 6 Park Road, Shepton Mallet. Please note that due to Covid-19, meetings are limited to nine people attending.

Please visit the above website to find out more or send an email to **help@aamail.org**.

<u>CRUSE - Bereavement Care</u> www.cruse.org.uk (adults) www.hopeagain.org.uk (children & young people) Free Helpline: 0808 808 1677

Support will be offered by phone, email or internet until restrictions ease.

Somerset Area Cruse Bereavement Care supports bereaved adults, children and young people throughout Somerset.

If you would like to make a donation go to: www.cruse.org.uk/donate



We are Versus Arthritis. We're the 10 million people living with arthritis. We're the carers, researchers, healthcare professionals, friends, parents, runners and fundraisers all united in our ambition to ensure that one day, no-one will have to live with the pain, fatigue and isolation that arthritis causes. For more information visit our website.

AGE UK SOMERSET

www.ageuk.org.uk/somerset info@ageuksomerset.org.uk Charity number 1015900

** Community sessions will be restarting from 17 May **

AGE UK are trying to offer most services in a Covid-safe way so do contact to see what can be done. For enquiries telephone **01823 345613** between 10 am and 3 pm, Monday to Friday or Main Office 01823 345610.

Welfare Benefits Advice

Age UK Somerset provides an independent, confidential and free welfare benefits service for older people.

Volunteer Service

Volunteers play a crucial part in the work of Age UK Somerset and are always required for befriending, welfare, benefits advice and fundraising. No experience is necessary and full training will be provided.

To enquire about this service or to find out about becoming a Volunteer phone: **01823 345627**.

Befriending Service

Age UK has a large team of befriending volunteers available for one-to-one support, regular visits or telephone calls as well as for links into services, community groups and activities. Volunteers visit people in their own home to chat and enjoy a cup of tea in a relaxed environment. For further information about the service, or if you wish to volunteer, phone: **01823 345627**.

Toenail cutting – this service is still running in Mendip.

Age UK offer toenail cutting as a clinic-based service for those aged 60+. Those wishing to apply for the service should in the first instance speak to their GP who can refer them to the Podiatry Service. Please phone for up to date advice and information: **01823 345610**.

READERS!

If you contact a local business or service after seeing it in EDIS, please let them know. It helps them to know their advert has been effective and in turn helps us to keep producing this publication free to local people.

MATURE MOVERS

Classes are currently on hold. Please visit the website for updates regarding new arrangements.

Promote your general wellbeing with this health boosting activity and help you age well. Gentle exercise to music, choreographed, fun and lively. Mainly standing with a seated element. Great for improving mobility and posture. It helps you to feel more relaxed, gently stretches your muscles and strengthens your joints whilst improving balance. It also gives you a chance to meet new people.

You don't have to worry about keeping up; the moves are easy. The class caters for any ability and the emphasis is very much on feeling happy.

Contact - 01823 345626 or ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk

BRITISH RED CROSS

www.redcross.org.uk

Independent Living Team, Red Cross House, Livingstone Way, Taunton, Somerset TA2 6BD somersetindependentliving@redcross.org.uk

Office open 9 am – 5 pm, Monday – Friday Support at Home: Hand, Arm & Shoulder Massage; Home and Transport Support: **01823 273707**. Mobility Aids: **01823 273746**.

Medical Equipment Service

For loan of Wheelchairs, Zimmer Frames, Commodes, Crutches etc and sale of small items (Sock aid etc). Please contact Ken & Hilary Masters **01963 824209**. Located at the new Wincanton Health Centre, Dykes Way, Wincanton BA9 9JB. **By Appointment only**.

HOME FIRST PLUS

www.homefirst.co.uk Tel: 01935 319006 Email: office@homefirstplus.co.uk

By appointment only: The Old School, High Street, Queen Camel, BA22 7NH

HomeFirst Plus (formerly Somerset Care and Repair), a notfor-profit Home Improvement Agency with charitable status, has been providing assistance to clients for the past 20 years, to maintain their homes and ensure their comfort, safety, security and most importantly, their independence.

The Agency works closely with Local District Councils, Health Services and other professional bodies, and offers a wide range of services backed by free and impartial advice. HomeFirst Plus Stair Lift Service can advise, survey, fit and maintain new and reconditioned lifts. Our engineers are fully trained by the manufacturers. Compare our prices as we are usually cheaper than buying directly from the manufacturer and remember our advice is free.

We also survey and advise on level access bathing solutions and use trusted contractors to carry out the works so you know that you are getting exactly what is required to a high standard of workmanship. We provide free advice and surveys to find the best solution for your individual needs.

We provide a range of mobility scooters, rise and fall chairs, and mobility aids and a range of items designed to help make living independently easier. Get in touch to find out more.

We also have Government funding to help bring empty homes back into use. So if you have an empty property, or know of one, then please contact the office on the number below or if you or someone you know could benefit from our on-site training schemes call us to find out more.

So if you have a problem or simply need advice about a property give us a ring on the number above. There are no pressure sales tactics, our advice is free and impartial. For further information visit the above website.



Fudge, cookies and cakes for all occasions

Contact Tabby on 07854 386 576

Email at: tabby1986@msn.com

Find us on Facebook and Instagram @fudge_it_sweets_

DOROTHY HOUSE HOSPICE CARE

www.dorothyhouse.org.uk

Dorothy House Hospice Care supports people with a lifelimiting illness, their families



and carers, covering an area of over 700sq miles including Evercreech and Shepton Mallet.

The majority of care is delivered in the home and the community.

Providing end-of-life services requires significant funds and for every £1 from the NHS, the hospice has to raise £4. **VISIT OUR SHOP** on the High Street, Shepton Mallet.

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<u>SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK,</u> <u>SHEPTON MALLET</u>

Please consider buying a couple of extra food items each week for the food bank in Shepton Mallet. There is a **box at the back of St Peter's**





Church for donations (nonperishable items, unopened and <u>in date</u> please). We have limited storage space, so please only try to donate the items we are asking for.

Please drop your donations in when the Church is open – this

is currently every day, in daylight hours. Due to the need to respond to changes in Covid-19 constraints, Church opening times are subject to change; please check the notice board for updates. Donations are taken to the Salvation Army once a week.

At this time, you may prefer to take donations yourself to the Salvation Army in Shepton Mallet, between 10 am and 2 pm, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, or on Sunday mornings.

When you do your weekly shop, please remember those who live in the local area who may need to use this valuable service.

You can donate funds directly to The Salvation Army in Shepton Mallet, so that items which are needed most can be purchased:

justgiving.com/fundraising/TheSalvationArmySheptonMallet

If you need to use the food bank, contact Citizens Advice Mendip, Job Centre Plus, MIND, Community Council for Somerset, YMCA, Health Connections Mendip or Social Services to request a referral form.

Many thanks for your generosity



COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOR SOMERSET

www.somersetrcc.org.uk

CCS works to support community groups, organisations and individuals in Somerset. We have a fantastic and dedicated team of local professional advisors and pride ourselves on offering independent advice. Fancy a chat with someone? Village Agents can connect you with a befriending or Talk & Support service. Would you benefit from a free food box, or if you are a Carer, would you benefit from some respite from cooking? We can provide some meal packs for you and the person you care for.

Check out our website to find out more about how we support people, places and enterprise.

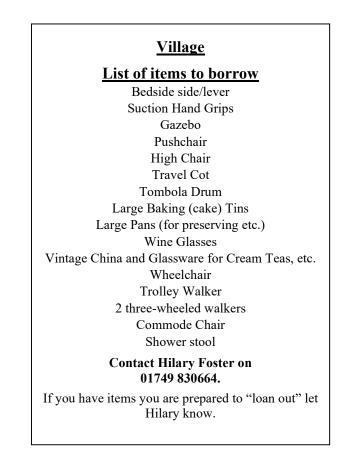
The Village Agent for East Mendip is Julie Brown 07985 680262 julieb@somersetrcc.org.uk

<u>SAFE FAMILIES</u> www.safefamilies.uk



At Safe Families we know that every child deserves to **thrive**, and we recognise that to do this, children need to be **loved** and **secure** in their own family. When families are isolated and struggling, their children can feel upset and afraid. Facing life alone is hard, and when families feel like there is no one there to help it's a scary place to be, which is why Safe Families' volunteers stand alongside thousands of families every year. We train and support volunteers and connect them with isolated families, so they can build relationships that bring hope. For more information see the website and for details on volunteering or to arrange a chat please contact: **dawnholmes@safefamilies.uk**

Local Safe Families Story: "Jodie was moved to a Somerset town due to domestic violence and knew nobody. She and her two small children were placed in a house with no carpets and curtains, and an oven door that was hanging off. A volunteer helped Jodie find her way around, get the children registered for nursery and school, and a resource friend supplied curtains, which the volunteer's husband nailed to the wall until we raised money for curtain rails. He also glued the oven glass back on and fixed the door handles in the children's room which had come loose, threatening to lock them in the bedroom. All of these things were simple enough to do but, along with the encouragement and listening ear of the volunteer, made a huge impact on Jodie and her family. The children are now settled, and Jodie made friends at the school gate, meaning the volunteer was no longer needed and could go on to support another vulnerable family."



POLICE - Avon & Somerset Constabulary

www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/localpages

Working with you - Working for you

Shepton Mallet Police Station is now located in Haskins Retail Park, Townsend, BA4 5SB

The Rural Beat Team

Julie Denny	- Neighbourhood Inspector
Rachel Clark	- Neighbourhood Sergeant
Guy Dury	- PCSO
Jane Ellis	- Neighbourhood Constable
Stephen Reading	- PCSO Supervisor
Sheila Thompson	- PCSO
Victoria Ward	- Neighbourhood Constable

Our aim, as a team, is to build public confidence and reassurance within the rural area, to patrol on a regular basis in an effort to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and to provide a good service to the public. Should you need to speak to any of the team, please do not hesitate to contact us on the 101 number.

IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 999

101 – The Non-Emergency number

If you would like to see your advert in the November 2021 EDIS, please email edisads1@gmail.com by no later than Monday 13 September 2021

Prices for adverts:

Loose Insert (1300 provided by yourself) £25.00

Half page, full colour on Front cover £75.00

Other Half Page, full colour £65.00

Internal half page, black and white £40.00

Quarter page, black and white **£20.00**

Small Ads (max 40 words) £3.00 per 10 words (small logo counts as 5 words).

Half page adverts are landscape

Quarter page adverts are portrait

Environmental Protection Team - DOGS

All dogs in England, Scotland and Wales are legally required to be microchipped and their details registered. Mendip District Council has a number of powers to deal with dogs.

To report any issues go to **www.mendip.gov.uk** and search for dog services.

<u>Stray dogs</u>

The law requires dogs to wear a collar and an identification tag with the owner's details when out in public. All dogs collected by MDC contractors are scanned for microchips to try and identify owners. If a stray dog is picked up by a contractor and the owner is not found straight away it is taken to kennels. It costs over £69 to retrieve it on the first day and then an extra £16.50 for each day thereafter. If the dog is not retrieved within 7 days the dog will pass into the ownership of the Council and may be re-homed.

Unfortunately, there is no out-of-hours service for owners to collect their dogs from the kennels.

Dog fouling

A person in charge of a dog who does not clear up if it fouls in a public place could face a fine of up to £1000.

<u>Nuisances caused by barking or fouling on private land</u> Report incident through the above website.

Dog on dog, or other animal attack or threats Report incident through the above website.

Dangerous dogs (including attacks on humans)

Report incident through the above website.

Dog Welfare

Contact RSPCA on **0300 1234999** if you have concerns about a dog or other domestic pet.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

There are now several schemes operating in the village with their own newsletter etc. We encourage the formation of more groups. If you are interested in forming your own Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and want more information please contact Paul Johnson, Neighbourhood Watch Administrator on 07889 656 575, email PaulK.Johnson@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Watch and Community Schemes

- Community Speedwatch
- Farm Watch
- Horse Watch

CRIME STOPPERS

www.crimestoppers-uk.org

If you wish to pass any information to the Police anonymously please contact Crime Stoppers, the UK's only independent crime fighting charity. **Ring: 0800 555 111**

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NOISE NUISANCE

Excessive noise can be a source of annoyance and stress which can interfere with everyday life, cause sleep disturbance and on occasions affect your health.

What we can help with

- Noise from domestic premises e.g. loud music, TV or radio
- Noise from commercial premises
- DIY taking place at unreasonable hours
- Noise from plant machinery and equipment
- Noise from construction and demolition sites
- Noise from sporting activities e.g. motor bike scrambling, clay pigeon shooting etc.
- Dogs that persistently bark

How do I make a complaint about noise?

In order to make a complaint about noise we will need the following information from you:

- Your name and address
- Your telephone number
- Email address (if you have one)
- The address (or site) where the noise is coming from
- The type of noise occurring
- When and for how long it has been occurring
- How the problem is affecting you (e.g. disturbing sleep or closing windows)
- Anything you have tried to help solve the problem (e.g. speaking to your neighbour)

Telephone: **0300 303 8588** or complete on-line form under noise nuisance at **www.mendip.gov.uk**

If the source of the nuisance is an organised event that has advertised a help line number, use that number also.

STREET LIGHTING NEEDING REPAIR Call 0345 601 0939

Give the number of the light and the address / post code OR www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-andtransport/report-a-problem-with-a-streetlight/

To report a WATER LEAK online www.bristolwater.co.uk/report-a-problemor-leak/ Or phone 0800 801011 (Bristol Water)

EDIS VOLUNTEERS

The EDIS Team would like to recruit more volunteers. If you can spare some time twice a year to work with us and have basic IT skills, please contact us on **01749 831069** to find out more.

CITIZENS ADVICE



For information about opening times across the Mendips visit: citizensadvicemendip.org.uk

To send an email go to the website and click on 'Email

Click for advice' and emails will be answered within five working days. You can also ring for telephone advice on **0808** 2787 842 Monday - Friday 10 am - 4 pm.

Local office is located at Highfield House, Shape Mendip Campus, Cannards Grave Rd, BA4 5BT.

Please note following recent government announcements this and all other Citizens Advice Offices are closed for face to face appointments until further notice.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS				
Housing	Mendip District Council 0300 303 8588 Shelter 0808 800 4444			
Employment	ACAS 0300 123 1100			
Domestic Abuse and Violence	SIDAS 0800 69 49 999			

<u>SAMARITANS</u>

Telephone - 116 123 Email - jo@samaritans.org Website - www.samaritans.org Write - Freepost RSRB-KKBY-CYJK Chris PO Box 9090 STIRLING FK8 2SA

The Samaritans offer a free and confidential listening service. They can be contacted **24 hours a day 365 days** a year. It is free to phone and the number will not come up on the callers' phone bill.

People contact the Samaritans with all sorts of concerns. What might be a small issue to you, may be huge to someone else. You could be going through something new or have been struggling to cope for some time. Either way, the Samaritans are there if you feel you need some extra support.

Common reasons people contact the Samaritans are:

- relationship and family problems
 - loss, including loss of a friend or a family member through bereavement
 - financial worries
 - job-related stress
 - college or study-related stress
 - loneliness and isolation
 - depression
 - painful and/or disabling physical illness
 - heavy use of or dependency on alcohol or other drugs
 - thoughts of suicide

If what's getting to you isn't on this list, please still get in touch.

www.mendipcommunitycu.org.uk



Credit unions enable people in a community to come together to save ethically and to borrow money at competitive rates.

This is a mutual organisation, meaning there are no external share-holders and we pay out any surplus at the end of each year as a dividend to our members. It also means that each adult member has one vote at the AGM, which sets the direction we take.

100% of members' savings are protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. Like all other credit unions, MCCU is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority.

See the website for further information or contact: Answerphone: **0800 622 6036** Address for post: FREEPOST MENDIP CREDIT UNION Email: **info@mendipcommunitycu.org.uk**

At the moment we are not signing up new members other than in exceptional circumstances.

<u>Please note: All service points shown below are currently closed until further notice</u>

Service points locations and previous opening times: Salvation Army Hall, 21 Commercial Road, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5BU Tuesday 10 am -12 noon Frome Library Wednesday 10 am - 12 noon. Crispin Centre, Leigh Road, Street, BA16 0HP Friday 10 am - 12 noon Frome, Glastonbury & Wells libraries Saturday 10 am -12 noon

Answerphone: Freephone **0800 622 6036** Address for post: FREEPOST MENDIP CREDIT UNION Email: **info@mendipcommunitycu.org.uk**

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The service is for older people and people with disabilities who have been assessed as needing help to ensure they have regular cooked meals.

The service is provided at a discounted rate menu by Wiltshire Farm Foods.

You can apply for this service by emailing

adults@somerset.gov.uk or phone 0845 345 9133, Monday to Friday between 8 am and 6 pm and Saturdays between 9 am and 4 pm.

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MARRIAGES

www.somerset.gov.uk Mendip Hub, Cannards Grave Road, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5BT

Open Monday to Friday 9.30 am - 4.00 pm Please ring or email to make an appointment. Email: somersetregistrations@somerset.gov.uk Tel: 01823 282251

From 29 March Shepton Mallet Registration Office will be allowed to host ceremonies with a maximum of 6 attendees. Between 12 April and 21 June, the Government plan further increases in attendee numbers.

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SHEPTON MALLET LIBRARY

2 The Market Place, Shepton Mallet BA4 5AZ

After a substantial makeover, Shepton Mallet library will reopen in mid-June with longer opening hours and a new look!

New opening hours:

9.30am – 5 pm
9.30am – 5pm
9.30am – 5pm
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9.30am - 1.30pm

Library membership entitles you to borrow a wide range of items including books, audio books, e-books, e-magazines, e-comics and DVDs and you can also request and renew

items, access printing and the internet via our public computers, and free WiFi. We also offer an iPad loaning scheme for jobseekers and people looking to develop new skills for employment who can borrow an internet-ready iPad for up to 6 weeks.

For more information about the library, go to www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries or follow us on Facebook, Somerset Libraries Shepton Mallet, or email shmlib@somerset.gov.uk

MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library visits Evercreech every four weeks on Thursdays stopping at **Gartons Mead**, 12.12 - 12.55 pm.

If you are housebound the library may be able to arrange for books to be delivered to you by the RVS. For more information, phone 0300 123 2224 or visit the libraries website.



www.facebook.com/faeriekidsoaps

THE BELL BOOK CLUBS

The first group (BBC1) started in late 2010. In 2014 BBC2 was established, in September 2015 BBC3 started and in February 2017 BBC4. Groups usually meet in the Bell Inn, BBC1, 2 and 3 at 7.30 pm, BBC4 at 7.00 pm. We discuss the book we have just read and then eat a delicious supper cooked by Abbi, the chef at The Bell. All books are obtained from Shepton Mallet Library and we thank Janet Rundle for organising us. Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions some groups are not meeting, and others are holding Zoom meetings. Anyone interested to know more, please contact:

Daryl Issitt 07398 155606

EVERCREECH CREATIVE WRITERS

Have you ever wanted to write? Stories of any kind - fiction, non-fiction, history or family history, tall tales or short flashes, poetry or maybe even songs?

We're a new group of all kinds of writers, from beginners to more experienced, gathering together for inspiration, support, encouragement and time to write.

We haven't been meeting recently due to Covid-19, but if you're interested in joining us in any way at all, please do get in touch.

For more information, contact Jenny on 07766 817703 or EvercreechCreativeWriters@gmail.com

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Opening hours:

Thursday		5.00 - 8.00 pm
Friday	12.30 - 1.30	5.00 - 8.00 pm
Saturday	12.30 - 1.30	5.00 - 8.00 pm

Thank you for your continued support

REFUSE COLLECTIONS - EVERCREECH

All enquiries Tel: 0300 303 8588

Refuse collection is every 3 weeks

Food waste and Recycling will be collected <u>every</u> Friday. Please sort items for recycling and note what can and cannot go in the recycling boxes and blue bag. For information on waste collections go to **www.somersetwaste.gov.uk** where there is also an opportunity to sign up for regular newsletters by email. See also recycling services on **page 17**.

Always put out bins by 7 am and no earlier than the night before your collection day please.

Bank Holidays Usual Friday collections may be changed following Bank Holidays.

Go to **www.mendip.gov.uk/collectiondate** for up to date information.

Garden Waste (subscribers only)

Wheeled Bins (\pounds 57.20 per year, from May) or compostable paper sacks (10 for \pounds 28.30) will be collected every alternate Friday.

There are no garden waste collections in the two weeks after Christmas. Please see:

www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/garden-waste-collections/ for collection dates. Garden waste collections may be suspended during periods of severe weather.

Special Collection of Bulky Household Waste

Bulky household items (excluding fixtures and fittings) can be collected by the Council upon request. This is a chargeable service. Call **0300 303 8588**.

Illegal Fly Tipping

If you spot anything that has been dumped, do not touch it but note its exact location and likely contents. Contact MDC on **0300 303 8588** or email customerservices@mendip.gov.uk. Fly tipping also includes the depositing of items around, rather than in, the recycling banks. Check for latest information at customerservices@mendip.gov.uk

READERS!

If you contact a local business or service after seeing it in EDIS, please let them know. It helps them to know their advert has been effective and in turn helps us to keep producing this publication free to local people.

FREEGLE AND TRASH NOTHING!

There are Freegle groups around the world, introducing people who have usable things to give away to people who can use them. There are now over 600 groups spread across the country with over four million members. Once you have joined your local group, you can create 'Offer' posts for items you want to give away, or 'Wanted' posts for items you need (as long as you follow some basic rules).

It's all about reusing and keeping good stuff out of landfill. To sign up to our local group, go to **www.ilovefreegle.org** and get started. The Trash Nothing! site is an alternative interface for existing Freegle groups making it quicker and easier to post your offers or requests. Sign up at **www.trashnothing.com**

Household Waste Recycling Centres

These sites are provided by Somerset Waste Partnership **www.somersetwaste.gov.uk** for the free disposal of household waste such as old furniture, large electrical appliances (including fridges) and some DIY waste*. Please be prepared to separate waste for recycling upon arrival. The nearest sites to Evercreech are:

Dimmer near Castle Cary Tel: **01963 351725** Signposted from Railway Bridge on A371:

Monday, Tuesday: 9 am to 6 pm. Saturday, Sunday: 9 am to 4 pm

Dulcote near Wells Tel: 01749 670973:

Weekdays except Tuesdays: 9 am to 6 pm. Saturday, Sunday: 9 am to 4 pm.

When visiting any Somerset recycling site with your household waste, your vehicle or trailer may need a permit. Both vehicle and trailer size are restricted. Permits are free, only available to Somerset residents and must be displayed on all visits. Please apply for a permit before you take your waste.

*Charges must be paid by card – not cash or cheque – at all sites for disposal of materials not classified as household waste: asbestos; gas bottles; hardcore, including stone, rubble, clay, tiles, ceramic/porcelain sinks, baths, toilets and construction materials: plasterboard (Dulcote only), soil, tyres and vehicle parts. **There is no charge for the disposal of household waste.**



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RECYCLING SERVICES

A weekly kerbside recycling collection service operates in the Evercreech and Stoney Stratton area. Collected items include cardboard, plastic bottles, paper, glass bottles, cans and aluminium foil. Aerosol cans should have any plastic parts removed and not crushed.

Since last October plastic pots, tubs and trays, food and drink cartons, Tetra Paks, and small electrical items such as kettles and toasters can also be left for kerbside collection.

Collection day is Friday. Following a single Bank Holiday, collections will be made on the following day i.e. Saturday.

For further information on the above services please visit www.mendip.gov.uk/waste

You may also use the recycling banks at Commercial Road, Shepton Mallet (Books, DVDs, clothing and shoes only).

Spectacles

Please take unwanted spectacles to an Optician who recycles, e.g. Christopher Young in Shepton Mallet.

Batteries

Kerbside collection for small household batteries. Most supermarkets and shops also have collection bins for used batteries.

Home Composting

The Somerset Waste Partnership website

www.somersetwaste.gov.uk

220 litre and 300 litre bins are available to purchase online, and currently offered at special prices for the first 1,000 Somerset residents or until 31 March 2022 whichever is soonest.

Recycling container location

A Clothes/Textiles/Shoes (in bags please) bank in aid of Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance is in the car park behind the Village Hall.



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Since our launch in 2000 we have flown thousands of missions. We are tasked as part of the normal '999' emergency process by a dedicated Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) desk located at Ambulance Control (paid for by the South West Air Ambulance Charities).

Our airbase is situated at Henstridge Airfield on the Dorset/Somerset border. From there we can be at any point in the two counties in less than 20 minutes. More importantly, the helicopter can, if required, then take a patient to the nearest Major Trauma Centre in the South West within a further 20 minutes.

Providing Critical Care: The clinical achievements of our team over the last few months and during the COVID-19 pandemic have been enormous. Our clinical team have faced many challenges but despite this, we are proud that we have continued to deliver pre-hospital critical care for 19 hours per day throughout this period.

Our cohort of clinicians include a mixture of Senior Emergency Physicians, Intensive Care Consultants and Anaesthetists, Specialist Practitioners in Critical Care. All form part of the air operations crew and, as part of their role, assist the pilot with navigation and operation of some of the aircraft systems. We provide a Critical Care Team, consisting of at least a Doctor and Specialist Practitioner for each mission. The doctors are predominantly drawn from NHS Hospital Trusts across the region and the Practitioners from the South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SWASFT). More recently, some clinicians have joined us from further afield, broadening the skills and experience of the team.

Pilots: Our pilots are provided by Specialist Aviation Services Ltd, who operate our aircraft. They are carefully selected because air ambulance flights are typically more challenging than regular non-emergency flight services. They will have a great deal of experience in low-level operations and instrument flying.

Operational Hours: We operate from 7 am to 2 am daily, using two vital resources which include our AW169 helicopter and Critical Care Car.

Code of Conduct: Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance is committed to maintaining the highest standards of fundraising behaviour and adhere to the standards set by the Fundraising Regulator. We are also a member of the Association of Air Ambulances (AAA).

SHOP OPENING HOURS

<u>Heathercreech Kitchen</u> Tel: **831000** Mon – Fri: 8.00 am to 3.00 pm Sat: 8.00 am to 2.00 pm Closed 1st Saturday every month

Canine Design Tel: **830723** Monday-Thursday: 9.00 am to 4.30 pm Friday & Saturday: By appointment only

Co-op Supermarket Tel: 830219

Every day: 6 am to 10 pm <u>Post Office</u> (in Evercreech Co-op) Normally during Co-op opening hours. (Shepton Mallet Post Office (in McColls, store closes at 10 pm): Mon – Sun 7.00 am to 9.30 pm.)

Evercreech Plaice Tel: 830395

Thurs:	5 pm to 8 pm
Fri:	12.30 to 1.30 pm, 5 pm to 8 pm
Sat:	12.30 to 1.30 pm, 5 pm to 8 pm

Pharmacy Tel: 830267

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Weds	10 am to 3 pm,
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Fri	9 am to 6 pm
Sat	9 am to 4 pm

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Sunday Market normally held monthly, to restart in June 2021 if the situation allows. www.thesheptonexperience.co.uk

EVERCREECH PARISH COUNCIL

www.evercreech-pc.gov.uk

Rob Reed (Chair) Mark Saunders (Vice-Chair)

Council membersSarah BreareMichael MercerBarry O'LearyLesley ParhamRob ReedRoy WilliamsGail WakefordMark Saunders1 Vacancy (currently)

Parish Clerk clerk@evercreech-pc.gov.uk 01749 830265 Lynn Crisp c/o Maestone Enfield Drive Evercreech BA4 6LL

Evercreech Parish Council is a non-partisan body of 9 elected members and employs a Parish Clerk and a Responsible Financial Officer. As well as the village of Evercreech, the Parish includes the surrounding hamlets of Chesterblade, Southwood and Stoney Stratton.

Parish Council meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Village Hall, commencing at 7 pm. Additionally, there is the Annual Parish Meeting, where community organisations that the council have supported during the year present their annual reviews to the parish. It takes place in April each year and is a less formal event to which all members of the public are welcome.

Website:

The Parish Council website (above) is interactive and provides full details of the Parish Council, its meetings and resources and a picture gallery. The planning section offers the opportunity to link to Mendip District Council Planning to view applications and comment. It has links to Somerset County Council, Mendip District Council and Somerset Waste Partnership websites, where members of the public can report and request action on subjects such as noise, pollution, anti-social behaviour, waste and recycling, roads, pavements and street lighting. In addition, there are links to Evercreech C of E Primary School, Evercreech Surgery and St Peter's C of E Church. The site can be accessed at the above web address.

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employment.bureau@pluss.org.uk



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COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILS

Somerset County Council

County Hall, Taunton TA1 4DY Contact: 0300 123 2224 www.somerset.gov.uk

Mendip District Council

Cannards Grave Road, Shepton Mallet. BA4 5BT Contact: 0300 303 8588 www.mendip.gov.uk

- Chair: Helen Sprawson-White
- District Councillor for Creech: Barry O'Leary

<u>SOMERTON/FROME CONSERVATIVE</u> <u>ASSOCIATION (CREECH BRANCH)</u>

www.somersetconservatives.org.uk/somerton-fromeconservatives

Chairman: John Parham **01749 931513** Treasurer: Peter Bradshaw **office@somersetconservatives.com**

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www.midsomcnd-peacegroup.org.uk Email: info@midsomcnd-peacegroup.org.uk

Mid Somerset CND and Peace group works to raise awareness in our area about the continuing threat of nuclear arms in the UK and worldwide and also ways to find peaceful solutions to conflict. We hold campaign events, commemorations and community events.

Visit our website for current information about our campaigns and how you can be involved:

<u>Chair</u> - Bevis Miller <u>Secretary</u> - Julia Adams

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Please contact any of the above for further details at any time.

Alham Vale Benefice

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St Peter, Evercreech, St Mary the Virgin, Chesterblade, St James, Milton Clevedon The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe, St Mary & St John, Lamyatt, and St Mary Magdalene, Upton Noble.

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The *Alham Vale Benefice* is in the Bruton and Cary Deanery: www.brutonandcarydeanery.net in the Diocese of Bath & Wells: www.bathandwells.org.uk

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A Prayer For our Benefice

Loving God, as we travel together, we seek inspiration from the River Alham which named us. We pray that the life-giving water of your Word will flow in our hearts and minds, that gently but firmly we will be carried along in its current together, that as the river winds and meanders, we too can change course to overcome the difficulties we face, and as the river flows onwards beyond our borders, we pray that your blessings will reach out through us into the communities we serve and beyond. **Amen**

Over the past tumultuous year many people have made walking a regular habit. Getting out into the fresh air to stretch our legs and observe the natural world has provided many of us with our daily exercise, and a welcome break from screen time and the four walls of our homes. Walking outdoors offered a precious opportunity for friends or family members to spend time together, one-on-one, during the pandemic. An added benefit of simply walking alongside each other is that the very rhythm of walking supports conversations which deepen and enrich those relationships.

Someone once said that Jesus changed the world at 3mph. In other words he did it at a walking pace, the pace of a pilgrimage not a Formula One race. And as he walked he talked and healed and encouraged and blessed. In this journey called life, walking is simply balm for the soul. May we too be healed and encouraged and blessed as we make our own pilgrimages side-by-side along the village lanes and landscape; and by moving at God's pace may we too gently change the world connection by connection at a steady 3mph.

Revd. Helen Drever

ST PETER, EVERCREECH

Churchwardens:	
Geoff Hamlet	01749 830924
Eric Deyes	01749 831104
Pastoral Assistant:	
Margaret Elliott	01749 830209

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Churchwardens: John Deverell 01749 850688 Alex Faulkner 01749 850172

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Sunday Services across the Alham Vale Benefice

The Schedule for Sunday Services across the Alham Vale Benefice is currently under review and an updated version will be published in the September edition of EDIS. Meanwhile updates will be shared:

- Each week via the Alham Vale Benefice Facebook page www.facebook.com/alhamvale
- On church notice boards each month
- In the monthly Evercreech News (see below)
- Via the weekly bulletin for Alham Vale Benefice.

If you would like to receive the weekly bulletin, please email alhamvale@hotmail.com or phone 01749 831069



Although we cannot currently meet in St. Peter's to say Morning Praver each morning we pray for people

from across the Benefice who are in need of prayer for whatever reason. Of course, we can only do so if we know who needs prayer. So please feel free to pass names to the Ministry Team, with as much or as little other information as you wish.

Digital Services

Apart from services on TV and radio there are many ways of accessing services on-line.

There are many things on the Alham Vale YouTube Channel: www.voutube.com/channel/ UC8pBAXbOne8SJUZOrvWoKRg

There are also resources available from the Diocese of Bath and Wells: www.bathandwells.org.uk and the Church of England including:

www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/churchonline



This phone line is available 24 hours a day and has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind; to

provide comfort and spiritual nourishment to the most isolated in our society. There are hymns, reflections, prayers and even a guide to help get a good night's sleep.

Baptisms

Please contact Hilary Foster on 830664, piccolo6054@yahoo.co.uk

St. Peter's Church Flower Rota

The flower rota is once again up and running and from May we will enjoy fresh flowers in St Peter's once again. The rota will be published each month in the Evercreech News. For more information on flowers at St Peter's please contact Margaret Elliott 830209, or Hazel Fry 830393.

Weddings and Calling the Banns

Please contact: Revd. Helen Drever

Funerals

Social distancing and quarantine measures may mean that you can't go to the funeral of a family member or friend. The Ministry Team can offer to support you at this time, whether through phone calls, or suggesting ways of marking the funeral at home, thus being with other mourners in spirit, if not in body.

Children & Young People

After closing due to Covid-19 regulations, Little Fishes resumed on 19 April (see page 38).

Ministry to the Elderly

If you require, Holy Communion can be taken to your home. Please contact Revd Helen Drever. We are unable to hold services in the Glen at the moment.

Home Discussion Groups

We cannot meet in people's homes at present, but at least one group is meeting via videoconference. If you are interested in joining a group either via videoconference or face to face when this is possible, please contact Anne Sear on 838843 or sear.a@btinternet.com

Evercreech News

The Parish Magazine covering Evercreech, Chesterblade, Milton Clevedon and Lamvatt.

This monthly magazine is produced for the whole community. It includes information about local events and reports from local societies. It is now available electronically, by post or collected from St Peter's Church.

If you would like to subscribe, please phone 01749 831069 or email alhamvale@hotmail.com

Coffee Mornings

The monthly Coffee Mornings in St Peter's Church will be resumed as soon as it is safe to do so, in line with government guidance.

St Peter's Church – an Inclusive Church www.inclusive-church.org



St Peter's Church has signed up to the vision of Inclusive Church: which says, "We believe in inclusive Church – a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate. We will continue to challenge the church where it discriminates against

people on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality ... We believe in a Church which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of God." Our goal is to offer a radical welcome to all, but we are aware that we are on a journey. Please tell us if we make mistakes, so we know how we still need to improve.

St Peter's Church Fabric Fund

St Peter's is a magnificent Grade I listed church of which Evercreech is very proud. As such there are always things that need doing to maintain and enhance our church. St Peter's is very grateful to the Village and surrounding area who generously support. You may not be a church goer, but all can value the presence of a beautiful church in the village, which is there for everyone.

If you would like to make a donation towards the fabric of St Peter's Church please put your donation in an envelope clearly marked 'St Peter's Fabric Fund' then you can be sure your donation is put into the ring-fenced fabric fund, rather than used for day to day running expenses. Your donation can be given to the Churchwardens, put in the wall safe by the font or sent to our Treasurer: Rob Sage, Portway Farm, Batcombe, Shepton Mallet BA4 6BR.

(Cheques payable to Evercreech PCC please)

Music

Covid RECOVERY? Music is the answer!

As we move step by step out of the worst of the pandemic, we are keen to revive and re-establish the music at St Peter's. We are looking to recruit keen singers (all voices, preferably with reading ability and some choral experience) to rebuild a regular choir for St Peter's, and the Benefice. We also aim to form a children's choir. The intention would be to celebrate a Return to Life with events in the week that starts with the National Music day on 21 June and ends with St Peter's Day on 29 June. Keen singers (SATB), children (and their parents), instrumentalists, and anyone who wants to be involved, or can offer practical or financial support are invited to get in touch and become part of this programme. Please get in touch with the Director of Music: Graham Coatman:

grahamcmusickmeister@gmail.com or 07979 866303

Pete's Fruit'n'Veg

Pete's Fruit'n'Veg was not able to run in 2020 but we hope it will be back in the summer.

Bells

St Peter's has a famous ring of 10 bells. Thanks to the generosity of many people the bells were extensively refurbished in 2015/16. The single service bell has been calling villagers to worship since before the Reformation and is still chimed for morning prayer and funerals. More details on the bells at St Peter's can be found at www.bath-wells.org/towerselect.php?DoveID=EVERCREECH

The Ellacombe Chiming Apparatus has often been used to sound the bells during the periods of lockdown. Due to current Covid restrictions and risks, only a limited number of ringers can enter the small ringing room. Although we would love to have more recruits, the training of new ringers is not possible at present as initial training is hands-on and face-toface. For more information on the Evercreech Bells or clock contact John Dunford:

01749 830672 or evercreech@bath-wells.org

Hamish's Patch

The PCC has renamed this to honour the memory of Hamish Craig, who provided much of the inspiration for the conservation and biodiversity area in the corner of the churchyard. Inside St Peter's church is a folder containing factsheets, written by Hamish, about wildflowers found there. We leave the flowers to grow and only mow once the seed has set, in July or August. This encourages a range of wildflowers to flourish. Our habitat piles provide a home for small mammals and invertebrates, so helping to maintain a food supply for birds, for whom there are nesting boxes.

St Joseph's, Mufulira

St Peter's has a link church in Zambia, St Joseph's, Kamuchanga Parish, Mufulira, where there is a lot of poverty, but vibrant faith. Our link is part of the longstanding diocesan partnership with Zambia. Many schools also have links with Zambia, and Evercreech Primary School is linked with Kamuchanga Primary School. The main focus of our link is to learn from each other and to pray for each other, especially in these worrying times of a global pandemic. We have welcomed visitors from St Joseph's, most recently Joseph Mwenya who is now training for ordination at the Anglican seminary in Kitwe, Zambia.

When I visited St Joseph's I was warmly welcomed. Thanks to technology we keep in regular contact, sending messages and photos via WhatsApp and email. We send some financial support to St Joseph's, helping with church building projects, including the toilet block, an important facility in an area where many houses do not have running water. St Joseph's has land around the church where they are putting up shelters (mainly from the sun, but also from rain in the rainy season) for mid-week activities, youth groups, etc. and they run a nursery school to serve the community. They have an ambitious plan to extend and modernise the church building. *Anne Sear*

Men's Breakfast

This will resume when it is safe to do so and in line with government guidance and hopefully from June 2021. For an update contact Geoff: **831399**, g.hewitt957@btinternet.com

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St Michael's Catholic Church, Park Road, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5BP Email: **sheptonmallet.stmichael@cliftondiocese.com** Website: **www.stmichaelsshepton.co.uk**

St Michael's is part of the 'Community of Our Lady of Glastonbury' at present comprising two priests serving four parishes: Shepton Mallet, Glastonbury, Wells and Cheddar. They live in Glastonbury following the rule of St Benedict and it is hoped in future the community will attract vocations and expand.

Parish Priests: Fr Bede Rowe and Fr Anselm Redman,

St Mary's Presbytery, Magdalene St, Glastonbury, BA6 9EJ 01458 835931 (Admin Office)

<u>In case of emergency</u>, please call: Fr Bede or Fr Anselm at Our Lady St Mary of Glastonbury on 01458 832203

During the Covid-19 Pandemic a new schedule of Mass times has been arranged to allow for Social Distancing within each church and this, together with the now familiar Covid procedures, aims to make parishioners feel as safe to attend Mass as possible. However, during the pandemic there is no obligation to attend Sunday Mass and many vulnerable people have not returned since March 2020.

<u>Sunday Mass:</u> Sunday 9am <u>Weekday Mass:</u> 10am on Tuesday

Rosary with the Legion of Mary in church on Fridays 10am. Confessions: before Mass or on request.

All times are subject to change. The weekly bulletin with up to date information is posted on the website and at the entrance to the Parish Room behind the church. Sadly all social and fundraising events are suspended.

Parish Room St Michael's has a pleasant, light and airy meeting room behind the church in Shepton Mallet which has recently been fully refurbished and awaits a time when all bookings will again be permitted. For more information please telephone Jacky on **01749 830695**.

Parking St Michael's has a car park in front of the church in Park Road. There are 14 numbered spaces which are let out to private individuals who use them during the week. Spaces are currently available. Enquiries may be made to the parish email address above. We must remind visitors to St Michael's to not park in the numbered spaces Monday to Saturday.

READERS!

If you contact a local business or service after seeing it in EDIS, please let them know. It helps them to know their advert has been effective and in turn helps us to keep producing this publication free to local people.

EVERCREECH RELIEF IN NEED

Charity Commission Registered number 205527

The trustees of Evercreech Relief in Need are able to make modest grants to help people in the village. If you, or anyone you know, gets into financial difficulty during or after the current Corona (Covid-19) virus emergency, anyone living in the parish of Evercreech is most welcome to apply, as shown below, for help.

We will try to help quickly where needed but the overall sum we can give is limited and we may need to delay some grants until we see the total amount of help requested so that we can allocate the money available as fairly as possible.

All applications are considered in the strictest confidence by the trustees.

The current trustees are:

Vicar and Churchwardens of St Peter's Evercreech: Parish Council Nominees: David Lindsay, Mollie Purse, Edward Porter & Roy Williams.

Applications for assistance should be sent by letter or email please to:

The Chairman: Dr. David Lindsay, Southwell House, Shapway Lane, Evercreech BA4 6JS dlandgl@btinternet.com

or to The Clerk: Michèle Hole, Bowns View, Weymouth Road, Evercreech BA4 6JB holemiche@aol.com

Picnic in the churchyard!



This year the festival of St

Peter the Apostle falls on Tuesday 29 June. In Evercreech, St Peter's are planning to hold a 'Peter's Picnic' to celebrate this day – on

Saturday 26 June.

This event also comes close to Midsummer's Eve, which is on 24 June – so we should have a lovely long day, with events running into the evening (weather permitting!). We don't know what the Covid-19 restrictions will be at the time but we will work within these to bring everyone a fun day!

If you would like to help, get involved or have an ideas or suggestions please let Janet Rundle know:

old-saddlery@talk21.com or 01794 830800

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

A Voluntary Society of The Church of England and The Church of Wales



The Children's Society is a national charity working to transform the hopes and happiness of young people facing abuse, exploitation and neglect. The charity supports these young people through their most serious life challenges and campaigns for the big social changes that will improve the lives of those who need hope most.

The Society concentrates on young people aged 10 - 18 who face the greatest danger, discrimination or disadvantage in their daily lives; children who sleep rough on the streets, children who flee conflict abroad and arrive alone in this country, children caught in a cycle of crime or children isolated by disability. It give these young people hope by providing direct help and support.

As well as supporting change at an individual level through its direct programmes of work, the Society aims to effect systemic change by influencing legislation and government practice, and to effect a positive shift in public attitudes towards children and young people.

Over the years Evercreech has generously supported the work of The Society through different fundraising events including collection boxes, coffee mornings, sale of Christmas cards and Christingle services. Despite the problems of 2020, the total raised was a splendid £486.84.

The Society helps and protects young people in many ways, too many to list here, but you can see the work it does on their website **www.childrenssociety.org.uk**

If you would like a collection box to help the work of the Children's Society, we would love to hear from you. Please contact: Janet Rundle 01749 830800 or email: old-saddlery@talk21.com

SHEPTON MALLET CARNIVAL sheptonmalletcarnival.org.uk

Due to Covid-19 the next date is 16 November 2022. Visit the website for more information.



GARTONS MEAD

Due to Covid-19 the hall is closed until further notice, however the usual programme is:

Every Monday - Games Evening 6.30 pm – 9.00 pm Every Tuesday - Coffee Morning 10.30 am Every Thursday - Bingo 6.00 pm Every Friday - Games Evening 6.30 pm - 9.00 pm

For further information on these and various other activities please contact Frank Brown on **01749 830634**

THE OLD STORES STUDIO

www.theoldstoresstudio.wixsite.com/theoldstoresstudio www.facebook.com/theoldstoresstudio www.instagram.com/theoldstoresstudio



The Old Stores Studio is a unique ART STUDIO AND VENUE based in a beautiful red brick, Victorian shop formerly The Old Co-op - opposite St Peter's Church in the heart of Evercreech.

Our main aim is to encourage INCLUSIVE ART, CRAFT AND CREATIVE LEARNING and participation and support artists and makers to share their creativity, skills and knowledge through regular groups, workshops, courses and events.

We are a non-profit **Community Interest Company** and deliver an inclusive, subsidised programme of seasonal creative activities, projects & events throughout the year, including Evercreech Jack in the Green in May and a Christmas Community Event in December. We are a registered learning centre and follow up to date guidelines for educational settings to keep everyone safe during our artist and maker led sessions.

We are supported by SS&L, Somerset Community Foundation and The National Lottery to offer **CREATIVE COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS** as well as a weekly:

BYB (bring your baby)

Art and Craft Group

and Woolly Wednesday a textiles craft group.

Our groups are held in term time for all ages and abilities, low cost or **FREE** and everyone is welcome.

Our up and coming **PROGRAMME** is listed on the chalkboard in our window or see our social media and website for further details and to book. We hope to see you soon!

To find out more get in touch with Nik or Maria at: theoldstoresstudio@gmail.com



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EVERCREECH WI



We meet at the Village Hall on the second Tuesday of the month, at 7:30 pm, for our main meeting - plus other things during the month, like stitch and chat, skittles, carol services, outings and more.

Forthcoming meetings we hope to hold:

8 June - Home spun Crafts: Cards, Jewellery & Flowers 13 July - Brian Freeland – View from the wings 10 Aug - Outing 14 Sept - Parlour games

12 Oct - Sue Carden - Hot Air Balloon Pilot

9 Nov - Home spun Christmas Crafts

Visitors are always welcome, please contact us beforehand, to check for any restrictions.

For more information please call President Maxine Clinton 01749 838911; Secretary Helen Jenkins 01749 831268 (evenings) or email helen.j.jenkins@btinternet.com

MID-SOMERSET FLOWER CLUB

Under normal circumstances we meet in Evercreech Village Hall on the second Wednesday of the month at 2.00 pm, with the exception of January. There is a Practice Meeting in April, an Evening Open Meeting in June and usually a visit in July to either a Flower Festival or garden. There is no meeting in August.

We have not been able to meet due to Covid-19, however we hope to meet again in September 2021. To confirm whether this meeting is taking place please contact Margaret Elliott on **01749 830209** nearer the time. Do hope everyone is keeping safe and that we can all meet again soon.

Members subscriptions are due in November and cost £28 per annum and for visitors it's £5.00 per meeting.

If you love flowers and enjoy arranging them or you would like to learn more about arranging, we would be pleased to see you at a meeting. We have a NAFAS demonstrator or speaker at our meetings so come along, sit back, relax and enjoy watching the demonstrator and maybe you will win one of their arrangements in the raffle.

We are a very friendly club and welcome you to come and join us. Tea and homemade cake are served at the end of the afternoon.

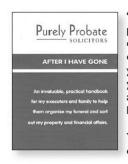
EVERCREECH ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Evercreech Allotments are located at Weston Town Playing Fields and we currently have 31 large and small plots. Members' experience ranges from fifty years plus to absolute beginners and all are welcome. We grow everything from potatoes and onions to artichokes and cut flowers. The allotments benefit from their own water supply. We have full, half and quarter plots available.

For more information, please contact: Bron Cooper, Chairman - **830653** Caroline Honner, Secretary - **07949361595**

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Events are subject to any changes in government guidance relating to Covid-19. For all meetings and events listed here, please keep an eye out on Facebook for updates or the notice board outside the Co-op for any last-minute changes.

Month/Day	Day	Time	Event
MAY			
Saturday	1	10 am – 2 pm	Acorns Preschool Yard Sale – around the Village – page 32
	1	2 pm	Evercreech Show Society
Monday	3	1	Plant Market, Queen's Road Playing Field – page 27 BANK HOLIDAY
Monday Tuesday	4	7 pm	Evercreech Parish Council Meeting – page 18
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Monday	31		First day of holiday for Evercreech Primary School
JUNE			
Tuesday	1	7 pm	Evercreech Parish Council Meeting – page 18
Monday	7		Back to school for Evercreech Primary School
Monday	7	10 am	Evercreech Walking Group – Page 29
Tuesday	8	7.30 pm	WI – Homespun crafts, cards, jewellery & flowers – page 25
Saturday	26		Picnic in the churchyard – page 23
JULY			
Saturday	3	2 pm	Village Hall re-opening event – page 46
Monday	5	10 am	Evercreech Walking Group – page 29
Tuesday	6	7 pm	Evercreech Parish Council Meeting – page 18
Saturday	3	2 – 5 pm	Village Hall re-opening – page 46; Film (reservation needed) – page 30
Tuesday	13	7.30 pm	WI – Brian Freeland – View from the Wings – page 25
Thursday	22	-	Inset day for Evercreech Primary School
Friday	23		Inset day for Evercreech Primary School
Monday	26		First day of holiday for Evercreech Primary School
AUGUST			
Tuesday	3	7 pm	Evercreech Parish Council Meeting – page 18
Tuesday	10	7.30 pm	WI – Outing – page 25
Sunday	15		Mid Somerset Show – page 41
SEPTEMBER			
Saturday	4	1.30 pm	Annual Village Show – page 27
Monday	6		Back to school for Evercreech Primary School
Tuesday	7	7 pm	Evercreech Parish Council Meeting – page 18
Monday	6	10 am	Evercreech Walking Group – page 29
Tuesday	14	7.30 pm	WI - Parlour games – page 25
Tuesday	21	7.30 pm	History Society talk Healthcare in Evercreech – page 35
OCTOBER			
Monday	4	10 am	Evercreech Walking Group – page 29
Tuesday	5	7 pm	Evercreech Parish Council Meeting – page 18
Tuesday	12	7.30 pm	WI – Sue Carden – Hot Air Balloon Pilot – page 25
Tuesday	19	7.30 pm	History Society talk The Railway at Evercreech - page 35
Friday	29	7.30 pm	Castle Cary Choir - 'Welcome Back to Normality' concert-page 43
NOVEMBER			
Tuesday	2	7 pm	Evercreech Parish Council Meeting – page 18
Tuesday	16	7.30 pm	History Society talk Evercreech Archives – page 35



The Evercreech Show Society puts on the Annual Village Show This year's Show will be on Saturday 4 September 2021

We would welcome new committee members or event organisers, to expand our small team.

Schedules will be available in various locations round the village, from committee members and online on our website: evercreechshowsociety.uk

Everyone in the village and further away is welcome to take part in the show:-

- Enter your produce, baking, arts and crafts
- Become a Member or Patron of the Show
- Help at the Show or with fundraising during the year
- Just come and enjoy the best Village Show in Somerset.

If you would like to join the Show Society or find out more, contact Secretary Helen Jenkins, on **831268**, Membership Secretaries Andrew & Jacky Tucker on **830695** or email **evercreechshow@aol.com** or visit our membership stand at one of our events.

Future Events

PLANT Market

Saturday 1 May 2021

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, this will not be in the Village Hall this year but on the Queen's Road Playing Field from 2 pm

An ideal opportunity to buy a wide selection of quality bedding plants, vegetable plants and shrubs.

Hand sanitiser will be available. Please wear a face mask and observe social distancing.

ANNUAL VILLAGE SHOW

Saturday 4 September 2021 Sports Ground, Weston Town From 1.30 pm. Marquee opens at 2.30 pm

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTE www.rnli.org

Volunteer lifeboat crews provide a 24-hour rescue service in the UK and Ireland. Flood Rescue Team helps those affected by flooding. RNLI crews and lifeguards have saved over 142,700 lives since 1824. The RNLI is more than a rescue service. They influence, supervise and educate people too. Community Safety Teams explain the risks and share safety knowledge with anyone going out to sea or to the coast. And international teams work with like-minded organisations to help tackle drowning in communities at risk all around the world. For more information visit the website.

EVERCREECH FRIENDSHIP CLUB

"Where friends are made"



Unfortunately for the past year we have been unable to hold our monthly meetings, which have all been cancelled. Now into May and things look a little brighter on the horizon. With all members now having had their covid-19 vaccination, there is a glimmer of light at the end of this

very long tunnel. Hopefully by late summer we will be able to start some sort of "get-together". All members will be informed when our club will be able to start again, in the meantime please take care and stay safe.

The restart date will be confirmed by e-mail, telephone and notices placed in the village.

At every meeting we have a raffle, tea and biscuits, with greeting cards at reduced prices for members.

Are you over 55 years young? Just arrived in the village or have been here many years? Why not come along to our monthly meetings, it's warm, friendly (that's where our name comes from) good speakers and activities. We have a good old chat and a laugh (the best medicine!).

Our meetings start at 2 pm and finish at 4 pm. If you would like more information, or a programme of forthcoming events please contact the Chairman Edward Porter on **830015**, or the Secretary Freda Boyce on **830703**, or our treasurer Elaine Woodford **83795**

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THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (RBL) Evercreech Branch



Formed in 1933, the RBL Evercreech

Branch aims to commemorate Remembrance, to support past and present members of the Armed Forces and their families and to raise awareness of the network of support available.

This last year has been difficult for many of us and for some even harder with the restrictions and lockdowns leaving many isolated and lonely or unable to get the help they desperately need. If you, or someone you know is struggling, please reach out to one of the following:

Support available:

Royal British Legion - call **0808 802 8080** or email: www.Britishlegion.org.uk/get-support

Veterans Gateway - call **0808 802 1212** or visit: **support.veteransgateway.org.uk**/

NHS (Op Courage) – visit:

www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/armed-forces-and-veteranshealthcare/veterans-nhs-mental-health-services/ or go to www.nhs.uk/mental-health

With the COVID restrictions beginning to ease, we are looking to the future and are planning activities and fundraising events. We welcome new members and supporters to our small and friendly branch and you do not need to have served in the Armed Forces to join. If you would like more information on joining us or want to support the RBL, please contact any of the following Branch Officers or **Committee members**:

President - Colin Davis: **831075** Chairman / Standard Bearer - Richard Stevens: **838805** Treasurer - David Lindsay: **830640**

Committee: Tim Covens, Peter Bradshaw, Ian Elliott

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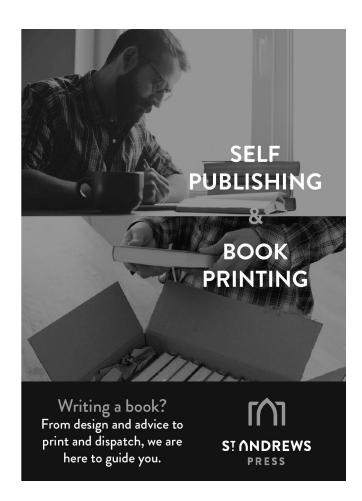
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EVERCREECH WALKING GROUP

Phone: 01935 823347/07790 853257 Email: julie@gethappyfeet.co.uk

Spring 2021

Once again with the present government guidelines so far this year we have not been able to walk together as a group. However with the four-step roadmap we will hopefully be able to walk together again by June.

<u>**7 June</u></u> - walk to Chesterblade, Higher Alham, back via Westcombe.**</u>

5 July - circular walk to Ditcheat.

<u>2 August</u> - walk to Spargrove and Batcombe Vale.

6 September - walk to Pecking Mill, Easton Hill to

Pylle and back to Evercreech.

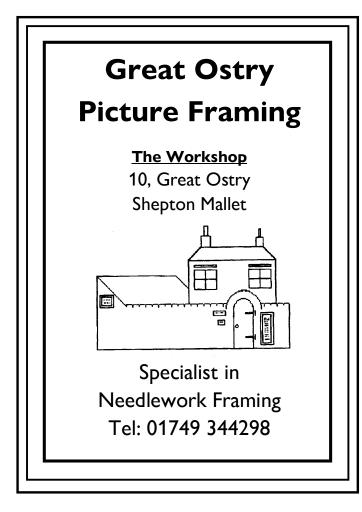
<u>**4** October</u> - walk to Chesterblade, Prestleigh and Bagborough.

All walks start from Evercreech Village Hall at 10 am. Walks usually last around 3 hours depending on route or if we find a coffee stop. Walks are mostly on footpaths across fields which can still be wet and muddy even in the Summer months, so please wear suitable footwear. It will be so good to get back to walking in a group again, I have certainly missed the company.

Everyone is welcome. We are a friendly bunch so please join us.

Stay safe everyone. Any questions please contact me as above.

Julie Smith



EVERCREECH DRAMA GROUP



We are pleased to advise that the Drama Group committee has resumed committee meetings via zoom in 2021. We are excited to be able to communicate to you all that we are looking to plan an event (subject to any Covid-19 restrictions and changes) for

December 2021. This will not be a staged performance in the Village Hall but something equally exciting and an event that we hope will bring the whole community of Evercreech and surrounding communities together. As part of the event in December we will be looking to run a competition during 2021 which will take centre stage for the event; please do keep a look out for further information.

Evercreech Drama Group has been entertaining audiences since 1991, when Mollie Purse MBE was inspired to form the group initially to help boost much needed funds for the upkeep of the Village Hall. To this day we are a band of likeminded people who enjoy amateur dramatics, being on stage and performing, behind the scenes, making costumes, set design, or simply being part of a friendly group of people.

We thank you for your support and look forwarding to connecting with you all again later in the year.

If you are interested in participating in the Drama Group or would like to be updated with our activities, please send us your details: email **evercreechdg@gmail.com** or phone Greg Jessop on **01749 831122**.

The Drama Group's **costumes are for hire** for any occasion. There is a charge of ± 10 and a refundable deposit of ± 10 per costume. Telephone Greg Jessop or email as above for further information and to arrange hire. For further details and activities join us on Facebook, or email with your details so we can keep in regular contact with you.



EVERCREECH F • I • L • M • S

www.facebook.com/evercreechfilms

Evercreech Films is a not-for-profit organisation that, in "normal" times, brings cinema to the Village Hall on the third Saturday of each month, barring busy holiday periods. From comedies and gangster movies to blockbusters - there's something for everyone.

In the past we have shown children's films to coincide with Easter, Halloween & Christmas where the children have sat on our soft floor mats and enjoyed sweets and other refreshments while watching a movie.

For adults we have cabaret-style seating with refreshments available to buy at the bar/cafe, all of which make for a comfortable and enjoyable evening out.

And this year has seen a superb upgrade to the Hall's sound system to add to the overall cinema experience right here on your doorstep.

Tickets are usually £5.00 for adults and £3.50 for children aged 12 and under, with family concessions available.

Like most other organisations and enterprises we had to put a hold on our activities last year and the beginning of this. However, if all goes well, we do hope to be able to start up our regular screenings in the Village Hall again this autumn.

In the meantime and in conjunction with the Village Hall we will be showing a film on the evening of Saturday, 3 July as part of the Hall's re-opening celebrations. Entry will be free, but by reservation only as numbers will be limited so if you would like to join us please contact us by email or text details below.

For further information, or with any film suggestions, please either email us at evercreechfilms@gmail.com or call us on 07765 892004.

MOVIOLA – Rural Cinema

www.moviola.org Registered Charity: 1107649

Moviola brings the latest and best in cinema to a rural community. Due to the changing situation in the UK around the Coronavirus, please directly contact the venue holding the film you wish to attend to ensure the show is going ahead. Please visit the website for further information.

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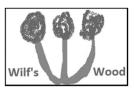
Nunney - Contact Roger Hutchings 01373 836049



We are still hoping to return in due course and the Committee will decide later this year whether and how we'll be able to return before the end of 2021. If you receive emails from us, we will be in touch but if you would like to go on our database or check the latest information, please email me at **ehunt**@mbzonline.net thank you.

Elizabeth Hunt

WILF'S WOOD



If you don't already know about Wilf's Wood, it's a tree planting / rewilding project on 14 acres of on Leighton Lane in land Evercreech, near the industrial estate. Since October we have been

planting trees and encouraging local people to be involved. The aim of the project is to eventually create a natural community space for use and enjoyment by everyone in the village.

Alongside this we want to provide a biodiverse environment including wetlands and woodlands for carbon capture. At the beginning of March, we planted 300 trees that were donated by the Explorer Scouts from the Woodland Trust. We had already planted 200 trees in the winter (many donated by villagers).

Covid restrictions have affected the number of people we could involve recently, but with the growing season starting and the release from Covid restrictions approaching we will definitely be needing some maintenance help soon.

We will especially need to keep on top of weeds round the bases of all our new saplings.

If anyone has a digger and can work with us to create ponds, we'd be very grateful if you could contact us!

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Cats Protection is a National Cat Rescue and Welfare Charity, taking in **lost** and **unwanted cats**, finding **new homes** for them, and providing advice on general **cat welfare** problems.

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Lost/found cats - 07833 634087

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- Raise the standards of teaching and learning across both schools by enabling staff to work collaboratively.
- Provide opportunities for children to work together.
- Develop leadership structures suitable to face the challenge of the modern education system.
- Provide greater opportunities for joint staff training and sharing of good practice.
- Aid in the recruitment and retention of high-quality staff.

Our aim is to continue to drive up standards of teaching and learning across both schools whilst retaining their individual importance within the heart of their own communities. *Norma Anselm*



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We pride ourselves on a warm, friendly and welcoming atmosphere for both children and adults. We are also very excited by our new build which has extended internal provision.

OFSTED Rated 'GOOD'

We are looking forward to the opportunities and challenges which lie ahead with confidence, and in the justifiable belief that Evercreech Church of England Primary School is providing a good quality education for all of its pupils.

It is our intention to maintain this growth through working together. Greater links with the local community and St Peter's Church have demonstrated our belief in, and commitment to, the cohesion of our community.

The School Newsletter is published weekly on: www.evercreech.somerset.sch.uk

Yard Sale

Saturday 1 May – there will be stalls around the village from 10 am - 2 pm.

ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS (APT) EVERCREECH CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



We are a friendly bunch of parents, staff members and friends of the school and preschool who organise social events to help raise crucial funds for projects which are not included in the School's budget.

This year, due to the effects of COVID-19, we are having to think outside the box for fundraising ideas. Our usual events, such as school discos, fayres, film nights and bingo will have to be put on hold. We would welcome any fundraising ideas, such as running a 5km/10km/marathon for the School, holding an outdoor cake sale, anything you can think of! In 2021, some of the APT hope to complete a sponsored 21km walk.

In 2019/2020, we helped to fund items associated with the OPAL Programme, which supports schools in developing a cultural shift in thinking about and supporting children's play - embedding play into school's policies and practices.

This year we hope to raise money for a 7th classroom at the school so that the children are able to remain in their class 'bubbles'. At the time of writing, details are not confirmed, but please look out for more information from us.

Any help and input you can give is always very much appreciated in benefitting the school and our children.

Come and like our Facebook page to show your support: facebook.com/EvercreechPrimarySchoolAPT Email: evercreechapt@gmail.com

Current APT committee members are:

Chairs: Gemma Duck & Jenn Talbot

Secretary: Jenny Haines

Treasurer: Sine Angell

Supported by a wonderful team of volunteers.

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CLOSING DATE 30th SEPTEMBER EACH YEAR

CASTLE CARY UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE U3A (Camelot Group) u3asites.org.uk/camelot-area/home

Please visit the website for announcement relating to Covid-19 restrictions

U3A stands for the University of the Third Age. This selfhelp organisation is for people no longer in full time employment and is run by volunteers. Each group uses the skills of its own members to organise and provide interest groups.

The wide range of groups meet in various places. The monthly meeting is on the last Friday of each month, at 2.30 pm, at Caryford Hall, Ansford, Castle Cary.

Subscriptions are £15 per year.

Contact: 01963 351269 or use the contact form on the website.

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ANSFORD ACADEMY

Maggs Lane, Castle Cary, Somerset BA7 7JJ Tel: 01963 350895 Fax: 01963 351357 www.ansford.org.uk mailbox@ansford.org.uk



See the website for updates regarding arrangements in response to Covid-19, including virtual open days.

Most children from Evercreech and the surrounding area transfer to Ansford Academy, Castle Cary for secondary education.

At Ansford Academy, education is about everyone achieving his or her best, while developing individual character and personality. Our motto, *learning together to lead our lives*, reflects our passionate belief in equipping individuals with the skills to make a success of their lives - to secure useful and rewarding work, make and sustain good relationships and contribute positively to local and global communities.

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- Unlocking potential and securing futures
- Laying the foundations for lifelong learning
- Forming and maintaining quality relationships

We take seriously the responsibilities of working together as a community, striving for excellence in all we do and ensuring that all of us are valued for who we are and who we can become. Through high academic and personal expectations, we inspire our students to enjoy their time here and ensure that they leave fully prepared for the next phase of their lives.

SECONDARY EDUCATION is also provided at Whitstone School, Shepton Mallet for 11 to 16 years, The Blue School, Wells for 11 to 18 years, and 6th Form at Sexey's School, Bruton (at which some assisted boarding places are available for 11 to 18 year olds).

Strode College in Street and **Yeovil College** are also available for 'A' level and other further studies.

SHEPTON MALLET UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (U3A) www.sheptonmalletu3aorg.uk

(Currently unavailable)





THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Shepton Mallet U3A is part of a nationwide movement of local groups open to those of retirement age and no longer in full time employment. Since March 2020 activities have been affected by COVID restrictions but we are hoping to restart our website for updates and information.

EVERCREECH & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The History Society does not hold meetings during the Summer months. However, we are very much looking forward to welcoming you all back in September, when we will commence our Winter programme.

The first three meetings all have a local theme:

Tuesday, 21 September

Healthcare in Evercreech from 1759

Our Chairman, Gill Lindsay will speak on this subject which includes past epidemics. The talk was cancelled in March 2020 at the beginning of the present epidemic so is a "hot" topic.

Tuesday, 19 October

The Railway at Evercreech

Andrew Tucker, a local railway enthusiast, will give an insight into the early history and subsequent developments up to its closure in 1966.

Tuesday, 16 November

Evercreech Archives

The History Society has a considerable number of documents relating to the village. This meeting will give the opportunity of viewing many of these fascinating records and hearing about the new catalogue which puts Evercreech on the National Archives website.

We do not meet in December but are currently putting together our programme for the New Year. Details will be in the November issue of EDIS.

Meetings are held in the main room of the Village Hall commencing at 7.30 pm. on the third Tuesday of every month. Everyone is welcome. There is a small charge of £3.

Val Bath, Secretary

Stop Press!

I am pleased to tell you that we now have a website in which you can see the future programme, browse a gallery of photographs and see what books we have for sale. Please have a look at: www.evercreechhistorysociety.org.uk/

Gill Lindsay

SOMERSET CHURCHES TRUST www.somersetchurchestrust.org

This is a charitable, environmental and non-denominational Trust, raising money for the repair and improvement of churches and chapels open for Christian worship in Somerset. The Trust, founded in 1996 under the name Friends of Somerset Churches and Chapels, exists to encourage interest and the involvement of all members of the community in the magnificent heritage of our fine religious buildings.

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You may remember from the last issue that The Arts Society is a group which has an interest in and enjoys the arts in its broadest definition. Our Society is affiliated to the national organisation now known simply as The Arts Society. Our objective, through lectures and visits, is to add to our knowledge and enjoyment of the visual arts. When conditions permitted, we also had a project each year to help a school or institution, with the aim of introducing either a new form of art or a new experience of art appreciation.

Much has changed since I last described the Society in this publication. First, we had to move our venue and were fortunate to be welcomed by Robin Peters and his team to Strode Theatre, Street. Then, shortly after we had settled into the new venue, the pandemic struck. As we all know large gatherings in theatres are no longer permitted (or desirable!). However, to keep our interest in the arts alive and to maintain some sort of association among our members, we now enjoy our lectures from the comfort of our homes through the Zoom Application. It has been remarkably successful (for those who have a computer). Our lecturers share our wish to keep the interest in their lectures alive and so now we can offer a full year's programme, either online or, if conditions should change, live back at Strode Theatre. As before, the lectures are given on the first Tuesday of the month at 11.00am between September and June. Our lecturers are experts, chosen not only for their knowledge, but also for their presentational skills and entertainment value. They speak on a huge variety of topics: architecture, artists and designers, china, glass, painting, music, furniture, sculpture, jewellery and much more, covering prehistory to modern times.

The full programme can be found on our website. If you wish to join us for a lecture (or more!) contact us as above.

It seems at the moment superfluous to talk about the visits that normally are arranged each year as all that is on hold for an indefinite period. No decision has yet been taken about returning to our 'normal' venue at Strode for our monthly lectures but we shall consult our members to see when this will be appropriate.

Why not take the time to have a tour of our website and perhaps we'll see you at one of our Zoom meetings or at some time even further in the future, at a real, live meeting?

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<u>THE ARTS SOCIETY – MID-SOMERSET</u> mid-somerset.theartssociety-wessex.org enquiries.mid-somerset@theartssociety-wessex.org

The Arts Society Mid-Somerset, founded in 1991, is a member society of The Arts Society (originally the National Association of Decorative and Fine Art Societies - NADFAS).

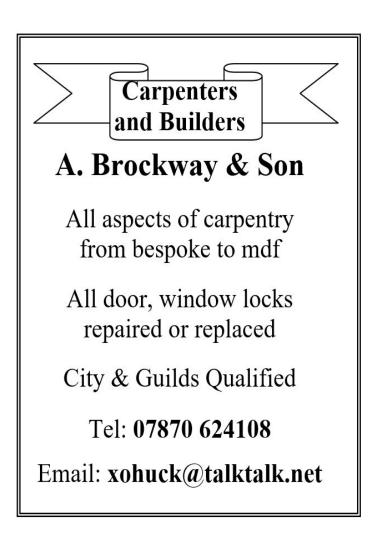
Lectures are held in Caryford Hall, Ansford, Castle Cary normally on the third Tuesday of the month, except for August and September when there are no lectures. There is extensive free parking at this attractive modern hall which has a 'hearing loop'.

The Tuesday morning lectures, given by professional speakers, are our core activity for the year. There are also visits throughout the year to exhibitions, museums, art galleries, country houses and gardens. The Society is a very friendly group of people who enjoy sharing the same interests.

Please see website above for timetable changes due to Covid 19 Coronavirus.

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Carymoor Environmental Trust is an independent environmental education charity based just outside Castle Cary. Established in 1996 the charity encourages people to adopt more sustainable lifestyles. The charity operates from an inspiring visitor centre which demonstrates a number of sustainable technologies including solar panels, solar hot water, composting toilets and rainwater harvesting.

Carymoor is partly sponsored by Viridor, the waste and recycling company, on whose site the charity operates. In addition to this sponsorship other funding and donations are essential to keeping the project running. The Trust manages 100 acres of a capped landfill site which the Charity has been working to restore into a nature reserve since 1996. Carymoor has worked with a number of universities, colleges and conservation partners to develop a rich patchwork of habitats on the site. The site was designated a Local Wildlife Site in 2014 and won the Biodiversity Benchmark award in 2016.

Over 100 schools from all over Somerset, as well as from the wider region, visit the site each year to take part in a range of activities. The education team inspires visiting schools to reduce waste, save energy and to take these messages back into school. Carymoor also uses the different habitats it has created to give children a first-hand experience of the natural world. In addition to providing education at the site, the team also goes out to schools and delivers curriculum linked workshops in the classroom. To find out more about Carymoor's education please visit:

www.carymoor.org.uk/trips

The charity very much depends on the volunteers for all aspects of its work. Volunteers carry out much of the practical conservation work on the site as well as assisting with education delivery, wildlife monitoring, marketing and fundraising. Carymoor regularly runs family fun activity days during the school holidays and other events and courses.

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We also offer use of the sports hall and outside hard courts for Badminton, Football, Netball, Tennis and multiple other sports. For more information visit the above website or our Facebook page: **facebook.com/1610Caryford**/ or phone: **01963 350600**.

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For 13 ¹/₂ - 18 year olds

www.facebook.com/evercreechexplorerscouts

COVID safe face to face meetings resume on the 1st April. If you are interested in joining us please email: gunnerexplore@gmail.com or sign up at: tinyurl.com/vj3roqs

You could trek across the highlands, build a go kart, sleep in a hammock, take part in international and national camps, DofE and the Young Leaders scheme; all whilst having a great laugh with your mates and making a difference to your community. The limit is only your imagination.

Time: Thursdays 7.30 – 9.30 pm during term time

Evercreech Explorers are currently on the lookout for leaders aged 18+ who are interested in helping support and develop our young people. No amount of time is too small, and we have flexible volunteering to suit you! Help make a difference to the lives of young people by giving them skills for life. Please contact Natalie if you are interested.

Interested in Guides, Brownies, Scout or Cub groups? Please contact the group lead for an update on arrangements responding to Covid-19 restrictions.

SCOUTS

Up to age 14 years

The nearest Scout groups for Evercreech are Bruton and Shepton Mallet.

CUBS

From age 8 years Group in Shepton Mallet.

BEAVERS

From age 6 years

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For more information on Bruton Groups, contact Tim Wilson on 07889 285358.

More information about Scouting in East Somerset can be found at **www.eastsomersetscouts.org.uk**.

SHEPTON MALLET RANGERS

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PRE-SCHOOL

LITTLE FISHES

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EVERCREATURES



BABY & TODDLER GROUP

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• All children under 5 welcome

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In response to Covid-19 restrictions we are currently closed. We will reopen in the foreseeable future as soon as it is safe to do so.

Our friendly, relaxed group meets every Wednesday during term time in Evercreech Village Hall. All children from birth to pre-school age and their accompanying adults are very welcome!

We have a wide range of toys, slides, trampolines, books, puzzles, dressing-up clothes and more, and aim to offer a range of craft activities, free play, story time and singing every week.

Healthy snacks and drinks are provided for little ones and coffee and biscuits for the adults!

Everyone is warmly welcome, from all areas. If you would like more information, contact:

Vikki 07853 853221 or Kara 07900 986587

EVERCREECH YOUTH CLUB

Due to COVID, Youth Club is currently closed but will re-open as soon as possible.

This is a lively and active organisation for the young people of the village. Evercreech Youth Club is situated in the Chilla Hut, Playing Fields, Queens Road. Held every Thursday:

- 8 11 years meet from 6.30 pm until 8 pm
- 12 16 years meet from 8 pm until 9.30 pm

Cost per session: £2.00 per person

Sessions, supported by a Youth Worker, include various activities including Games, Pool, Table Tennis, Arts and Crafts and Cooking. In the summer months there is a greater emphasis on outdoor sports on the Playing Field. In addition to this, occasional trips are organised to the cinema, swimming etc. with parties for special celebrations. The young people are encouraged to contribute and to influence the programme planning.

We aim to promote healthy eating and the young people are encouraged to try new foods as well as food preparation and cooking. There is a tuck shop available for those who wish to use it. Fundraising is an important part of the committee's role and we are reliant on grants, donations and fundraising events.

Please let us know if you are interested in joining the club, in becoming a much-needed volunteer or supporting us in any other way, please contact: Vikki on 07853 853221

Come and Join the Fun!!

<u>SOMERSET BEEKEEPERS'</u> <u>ASSOCIATION</u> News from the world of beekeeping

The Chairman of Somerset Beekeepers' Association, Stewart Gould, is urging beekeepers to keep local honey bees and reject a campaign to overturn the recent ban on bee imports.

Beekeeping Associations from around the UK are warning that new import arrangements are causing an imminent and serious risk, that the exotic bee pest - the Small Hive Beetle could be introduced into the British Isles. A petition relating to this can be found at:

petition.parliament.uk/petitions/577603/signatures/new

History

The National Botanic Garden of Wales has tracked how the UK's fields, hedgerows, wild spaces and gardens have changed since the 1950s and there are clear differences. Agricultural intensification after the Second World War led to profound change within the UK landscape with a decline in species-rich grasslands and permanent pastures and the destruction of hedgerows and woodland. White clover was the most important plant for honey bees in the 1950s but has now dropped to second place. Insects are now visiting much more bramble, oilseed rape and the highly invasive Himalayan balsam. Other important crops today include hawthorn, apple, cotoneaster, sycamore, maples, cherries and plums and ling heather.

Botany

Why do some flowers have two sets of anthers? Most flowering plants depend on pollinators such as bees to transfer pollen from the male anthers of one flower to the female stigmata of another flower. Bee pollination, however, involves an inherent conflict of interest because bees are only interested in pollen as a food source. A new study from the University of California Santa Cruz explains: "If a flower doses a bee with a ton of pollen, the bee is in pollen heaven and it will start grooming and then go off to feed its offspring without visiting another flower. So some plants have different mechanisms for doling out pollen gradually. In the case of the wildflower Clarkia, the flower is hiding some anthers and gradually revealing them to pollinators, and that limits how much pollen a bee can remove at each visit."

<u>Swarms</u>

Honey bees will naturally swarm to reproduce colonies. The old queen leaves the hive with some of the bees and they will hang in a cluster until the scout bees decide on their new home. The main swarm period is between April - July and local swarm collectors are available to remove them. Please go to **bbka.org.uk** and look for the Swarm Collector Map under **Swarm Removal**.

EVERCREECH BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

It is hoped that this year we can present our Bonfire and Fireworks on **Saturday 6 November**. This of course will be in line with any Covid restrictions which may apply at the time.

Comments are invited from the community relating to this event. Please phone either Dave on **01749 830902** or Brian on **01749 830331**.

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Project Linus originated in America providing blankets to a children's cancer centre in Denver and has since spread across the world. It was named after the little boy in Charles Schultz's "Peanuts" cartoon strip who was always featured carrying his security blanket and started in the UK in March 2000. Project Linus UK is divided into county areas each with its own co-ordinator, who examines each finished quilt and distributes to hospitals, child and neo-natal units, hospices, and many other centres.

Linda McGregor is the Bath and Wells co-ordinator - email: linda.somerset@gmail.com

A local group of Linus quilters meets in Evercreech village once a month. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month, from 10 am to 12 noon, at The Old Stores, opposite St Peter's Church. We are grateful to Nik, the owner of the Stores for allowing us to meet there at a very low rent.

We welcome new and experienced quilters to this group, machine quilters, hand quilters, makers of crochet and knitted blankets. We have been donated fabric, so it need not be an expensive hobby. If you are free pop in to meet us and enjoy a coffee and biscuit with this very friendly group.

"In February, Linda took 50 quilts made by our group including ones made for distribution to children by Dr Barnados. We continue to raise money by craft sales at The Old Stores."

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HAVE YOU visited the area lately? It's a community area and **all are welcome**. The area is already being used by sports clubs, charity functions and other organisations.

<u>Clubs</u>

Football, Rounders, Rugby - Come down and join or watch!

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Yes, we have a problem like everyone else but teams are still playing under their own Covid restrictions. Keeping sport going is vital but always with Health & Safety in mind.

Finances are always tight

If anyone has any ideas how to improve our financial status, please contact us, join the group or even offer to sponsor.

We are always looking for new members with bright ideas to help run the club.

New people will bring fresh ideas and take the club forward - in particular people who *have recently joined the village are welcome* - come on...help us to create an area for the whole village.

If there is any other activity/function organiser that would like to check the facilities, please contact the persons below.

The fields and pavilion are available for hire. Ideal for all occasions!

Remember, bookings through Shaun Herlock.

Dave Briars, Chair May 2021

EVERCREECH ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB

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<u>First Team Manager</u> Ben Rivers	07730 878711
<u>Secretary</u> – Leah Cox	07896 270879
<u>Reserve Team Manager</u> Trevor Vaughan	07890 817452

Evercreech Rovers run an adult football team in the Mid Somerset Football League playing on Saturday afternoons. We train on Thursday evenings at Evercreech Sports Field, Weston Town. All newcomers welcome, just contact one of the above.

DITCHEAT BADMINTON CLUB

CALLING ALL BADMINTON PLAYERS



Due to the current situation, we are unable to meet, but usually we play in the Jubilee Hall, Ditcheat,

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Interested? Call Gaye Volk 01749 860081.

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Home and away matches start at 7pm. We welcome all players of any age or ability, although a minimum age of 14 is required for insurance purposes.

For more information please contact:-

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Due to the current situation, we are not able to meet, but usually we meet in the Village Hall on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm, and Thursday afternoons 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm. You will be made very welcome; on the whole we are a friendly bunch. Bring the family, bowls is not just for the aged and infirm - although some of us are getting that way!! Club bowls are available - you do not have to have your own.

Membership is £12 per year plus Adults £3 & Juniors £1 per session to play. You don't have to sit in front of the box. Join our club and have some fun and exercise.

Contact: Andy Church 831004 Irene Cleverden 346838

MENDIP BRIDLEWAYS & BYWAYS

ASSOCIATION (MBBA) www.mbba.org.uk



The aims of the Association are to protect and preserve the character and status of Mendip's Green Ways for the safe use and enjoyment of all users, particularly children.

We are particularly interested in safety on our busy roads and would encourage all horse riders to wear Hi-viz clothing and be considerate and polite to other road users. Drivers may not realise that it is not always possible, for safety reasons, for riders to take their hands off the reins to acknowledge considerate drivers. Horses are flight animals and therefore may spook at any time. We do appreciate those drivers who slow down when passing us.

Membership is $\pounds 15$ per annum per person. Members have reduced entry fees to our rides and meetings and discounts at some tack shops. There is a newsletter twice a year.

Contact Ginnie Jones on 01749 831276 or email gjones@mbba.org.uk

For more information please contact Ginnie or visit the above website of Facebook.

<u>RIDING FOR THE DISABLED</u> <u>ASSOCIATION</u>



Registered Charity 1123238 Somerset Levels RDA Carriage Driving Group www.sbanksomersetlevelsrda.org

This is a local charity, based in Binegar just off the A37. The group is part of the larger charitable organisation, Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA). RDA has network of 500 volunteer groups providing horse based activities to over 25,000 people each year.

Somerset Levels RDA Carriage Driving Group provides carriage driving on Tuesdays and Thursdays from their base in Binegar. The people who come along to drive have a variety of disabilities, many are in wheelchairs and the group use a specially adapted carriage so that the driver can stay in their wheelchair for their drive. We can cater for many needs and take young people and people in their 90s! Do contact us to discuss your needs.

Benefits of carriage driving include improved selfconfidence, coordination, muscle power and balance, being out and about in the open air, and a great sense of achievement.

Bi-weekly sessions cease in the winter. For general enquiries Contact: Ann Turner on **07938 563190** or **01985 215801.**

Volunteers needed! Due to Covid restrictions and the proximity to drivers when in the carriage, sessions have ceased until they can be held safely. The pony, Millie needs to be cared for 365 days a year, so if you are interested in helping with that, please contact Ann who would love to hear from you.

MID SOMERSET SHOW

www.midsomersetshow.org.uk

Plans have resumed for this year's Mid-Somerset Show on **Sunday 15 August 2021** and organisers are busy preparing for the show's return at its new home.



The one-day agricultural show was due to move to its new site last year, but those plans were regrettably postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Building work has now begun again on the site near Cannards Grave to provide an office, large storage space, meeting room, kitchen area and better road access.

The team are now planning for the return of the show and its much-loved attractions. At the time of printing they are continuing to follow the Government's advice on events and mass gatherings and ask you to keep checking the show's website and social media pages for updates.

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Barrie Stevens, Chairman - **01749 343017** Andy Hay, Club Secretary - **07999 464364**

We meet on the first Sunday of the month from 10 am to 12 noon at Collett Park Lake. **Due to Covid-19 regulations, restrictions are in place during meetings at Collett Park Lake. Before attending please contact the Club secretary.**

TAI CHI FOR BETTER HEALTH

Due to the current situation, we are currently not running the Tai Chi classes but will open again when the situation allows.

A free weekly Tai Chi Qigong class is held at the Jubilee Hall, Ditcheat by qualified instructor Richard Payne, every Monday at 10.30 am. Qigong is a set of simple, gentle restorative exercises which help mobility problems, the onset of Parkinson's, improve general well-being and keep our bones and muscles working.

Contact Richard on 01749 880308 richard.payne028@btinternet.com

COUNTERPOINT (Evercreech Singers)

We are STILL a friendly group, and we STILL dine (occasionally), wine (somewhat) and sing (lots) -4 part unaccompanied and have been doing so for upwards of 30 years now. All notes are taught, so if you sing up here or down there or somewhere in the middle and are free 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, there is a place for you. If this catches your interest, do talk to Lita Buckley on **01749 831528**. Hope to see you Soon!

NEW CONTRIBUTORS

Do you run a club or group or provide a service that is not mentioned here? Do you have an event you would like to be included in the EDIS diary? If so contact the EDIS team by 13 September 2021.



Castle Cary choir members are still "Zooming" to rehearsals on Mondays at 7.30 pm and enjoyed a "virtual" Christmas concert, with guest stars Tom and Millie Toomey along with readings from choir members, which was joined by our members both old and new and from all parts of the country.

Members of the choir have been remarkable with average attendance in the order of 35 per week – it has been really important to keep up the community spirit and it is lovely to see all the smiling faces and of course there's been opportunity for a chat both before and after the rehearsal - vaccinations has featured widely in these discussions!

We hope to get back to meeting and rehearsing together in September and already have a couple of Christmas concerts lined up and a special "Welcome Back to Normality" concert with guest stars on 29 October for people in Castle Cary and surrounding areas so watch this space!

If your organisation would like us to come and sing for you we would love to hear from you so do contact our secretary on the number below.

If your usual choir has not been able to rehearse during the pandemic and you would like to join us check out our website or contact our secretary John Roberts **07970 039007**.

EVERCREECH FOODSAVING PROJECT

The Evercreech Foodsaving Project is an environmentallybased village group, which saves good food that is being thrown away and shares it out to people who can use it. With the support of Evercreech Village Hall, volunteers collect unsold food around 8 pm every night from the Co-op, divide it into bags and then deliver it to households in the village.

It is on its best-before or use-by date on the day we deliver, but can still be used or frozen – and saved! Sometimes food also comes from people with a glut in their gardens, as well as other sources.

Everyone is welcome to be involved by using up a bag of food (which may contain bakery or deli items, fruit or vegetables, meat or other items).

Please contact Jenny to be added to the delivery rota (via our local councillor Barry O'Leary on **01749 321 421**).

New volunteers to help deliver are also always welcome!

EDIS VOLUNTEERS

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COVID-19 UPDATES

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And from Mendip District Council where updates and sources of support and helpful found Go to:

information can also be found. Go to:

www.mendip.gov.uk/article/8771/COVID-19-Information-and-Guidance-for-Residents

EVERCREECH PARISH COUNCIL

It has been as frustrating a year for the council as for everyone else, with all meetings having to be by Zoom. Thanks to the support of fellow councillors and the Clerk, we have kept business going.

We were delighted to welcome two new councillors, Michael Muncer and Garry Langwith, and are looking forward to their input and fresh insight. We also welcomed a new street cleaner - Mary-Lou Poore, who has been highly visible around the village, and is doing a fine job keeping the village shipshape. I hope we can all help out by picking up our litter, in particular dog mess, and using the bins provided.

The play area at Queen's Road playing fields has been well used since reopening, but we are still hoping for the resumption of sport at Weston Town. Since last year, though, the skatepark has deteriorated to a point where it had to be closed, and the repairs needed are uneconomic. The council have decided to remove the skatepark and examine replacement options, so we shall be asking interested groups for their views. One suggestion has been to move the skatepark to Queen's Road. If you have any ideas or opinions on its future, please let the council know.

The future of the former Greencore site is still unknown. At time of writing we are promised a new application to consider, so we wait to see what, if any of the councils requests are included.

We were saddened that our request to the County Council for new signage for HGV movement was turned down. Lorries in the village remain a major nuisance, so we have put some monies aside and will be approaching local businesses for help, as proper traffic movement is of benefit to us all.

The old telephone box in Prestleigh Road has been purchased from BT and is going to be loaned to the WI for use as a bookswap. A brilliant idea, and thanks to them for the suggestion.

With the approach of summer, we shall again leave part of Queen's Road as a wildflower area and not cut it; discussions continue with the Cricket Club on the future of their pavilion, and we shall be out and about painting and repairing benches and other assets.

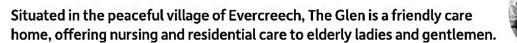
We are hoping to resume normality in the Village Hall for the monthly meeting on the 1 June. Meetings are always on the first Tuesday of each month and the public are very welcome. There is an open session at the beginning to put your questions and comments to the council. Further details are always on the Council's website: **www.evercreech-pc.gov.uk**

I must give a big thank you to all my fellow councillors who have been supportive through this difficult time, and all in our community who make Evercreech such a happy place to live.

Keep well, and here's hoping for a normal and enjoyable summer!

Rob Reed (Chair, Evercreech Parish Council)





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Hi everyone,

Over the last year we have all learnt a lot about ourselves and the supportive, often spontaneous, network of those around us locally - right where we all live. A year on from the first days of lockdown I want to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who has kept our community safe and supplied with essentials over the last twelve months. Many people who would usually work for Mendip District Council have been redeployed to work locally on the COVID-19 vaccination programme. I would like to congratulate not only them but also everyone involved in the home-schooling effort; parents, grandparents and carers who have been supporting their children while also dealing with the pressure from their own work or indeed lack of work; the teaching and support staff of the schools and of course the young people themselves, who have shown such resilience and determination to continue to learn.

I was one of the many thousands of people made redundant in the summer of 2020 because of the pandemic and I know first-hand how difficult dealing with financial uncertainty or job insecurity can be. It was a tough time and unfortunately so many villagers have similar stories - Coronavirus has impacted all of us in one way or another. However, I am utterly determined to help give residents the support they deserve. That is why one of my very first acts was to significantly extend the financial support available to low, or no-income households. I am proud we have doubled the financial support available, compared with 5 years ago. I have produced a booklet called 'Know Where you Stand', detailing how best to access this support and further reduce your council tax using exemptions. You can find the leaflet here: https://barryoleary.mycouncillor.org.uk/2021/03/22/council-tax-help. Once again if you do need help, please get in touch, you know I am here to help you.

I have also been concerned at the ever widening 'digital divide'. To me it is clear many people just do not have access to the right technology for their 21st century lives. I wanted to help, and working with partners have set up 'Tech Together', a local tech access scheme, with 250 laptops now donated. I have personally collected 50 already and seen the first computers sent straight down to Evercreech Primary. I am keen to see the additional donations going to help out young learners. If you need a laptop to support your own or your child's learning or if you have something to donate, be assured we still need you! Please see below for contact details.

I promised to feedback to the community when I heard more regarding the ex-Greencore factory site. I stood by those who have argued these local heritage buildings must be saved and always said this was possible. I have received notification of a proposed retention from the site owner's adviser, but of course, 'the devil is in the detail'. I will be organising another virtual 'Community Chat' village meeting on this topic once the emerging proposals are clearer. I am also happy to help you and put forward your questions too. I cannot yet say Kemps Mill is fully secure but personally welcome these recent changes as the start of a move in the right direction.

What are Mendips	Responsibilities?	What has Barry done ?
	Holding Somerset Waste Partnership to account, listening & resolving your home collection problems	I was pleased the Council held an emergency scrutiny meeting with the Somerset Waste Partnership. I raised not just the missed collections, but the importance tackling the rural litter problem. It is clear more needs to be done.
S S S	Supporting local small business establishing a Mendip Recover, Restart & Grow programme	Helping our local businesses get insights, expertise and a mix of support, ideas and connections to help grow back better. Click www.mendip.gov.uk/businessgrants for the latest grant and support information.
	Ending harmful daily emissions, especially in Victoria Square right at the heart of our village	I have worked to ensure 'No idling' signs are installed at the Co- op, Village Hall, & Primary School. The school 'drop-off' area is now clearly signed as a 'No Idle Zone' – protecting young learners, parents, and residents' lungs.
*	Planting 500+ trees locally the Mendip Hills Area of Natural Beauty & pleased to report more coming later this year!	In addition to helping alleviate tree loss due to ash dieback disease in the Mendip Hills, it addresses Climate Change by increasing the carbon absorption potential. This is action right where we live, it also helps relieve localised flooding. Positive local change, making life better for everyone.

Please - stay safe, look after yourself and those around you. Barry, Your Mendip Councillor, here for you.

Cllr. Barry O'Leary

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EVERCREECH VILLAGE HALL www.evercreechvillagehall.org.uk/

Charity Number 304538

Chair:	Mollie Purse MBE	Tel: 830166
Secretary:	Marion Covens	Tel: 830239
Treasurer:	Richard Kewish	Tel: 830665
Hall Bookings:	Janet Rundle	Tel: 830800 or evercreechvh@gmail.com

We are seeing light at the end of tunnel and we are now looking forward to re-opening the Hall, albeit gradually.

We will be able to open to controlled groups (members only) from **Monday 17 May** but everyone will still need to socially distance and use the sanitisers/anti-viral spray provided. However, we hope you will agree that will be a small price to pay for being able to meet again which we haven't been able to do since March 2020. We will arrange for the halls to be 'fogged' prior to opening using the latest machine and disinfectants. Fogging is more intense than normal cleaning as it disinfects and covers all surfaces.

Because we were forced to close from last March with only very limited use for a couple of months, we qualified for Government grants that were available from Mendip District Council. The receipt of these grants has more than covered our expenditure over those months and we find ourselves with a surplus that we would like to share with our hirers. Therefore, we are offering BOGOF hire fees (Buy One Get One Free) to all our regular local users (not commercial users) and anticipate that we will be able to sustain this for a year. As everyone has suffered from limited incoming funds, we hope that this will help our local groups get back on their feet and enjoy meeting up again.

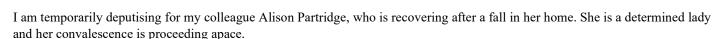
Subject to no further changes of date from the Government, we will be able to fully open the Hall to everyone from **Monday 21 June** and want to celebrate this event with the village. Therefore, on **Saturday, 3 July** we will be throwing open our doors from 2 pm to 5 pm and inviting everyone to come in and have tea/coffee and cake with us free of charge.

Following the celebration tea, Evercreech Films will be showing a film in the evening. They are currently sourcing a film and will publicise times etc., in due course. There will be no charge for entry but tickets <u>must</u> be booked in advance either by emailing **evercreechfilms@gmail.com** or calling/texting **07765 892004**. Refreshments will also be free of charge during the evening and everyone attending will be entitled to one free drink.

Thank you to everyone who uses and supports the Hall. We are always open to suggestions from you on what you would like from the Hall and any improvements you would like to see made. Please contact anyone on the above list and your idea will be discussed in committee and, if practical, implemented. Also, do please contact me if you would like to join our lively and committee committee.

Marion Covens, Secretary to the Trustees

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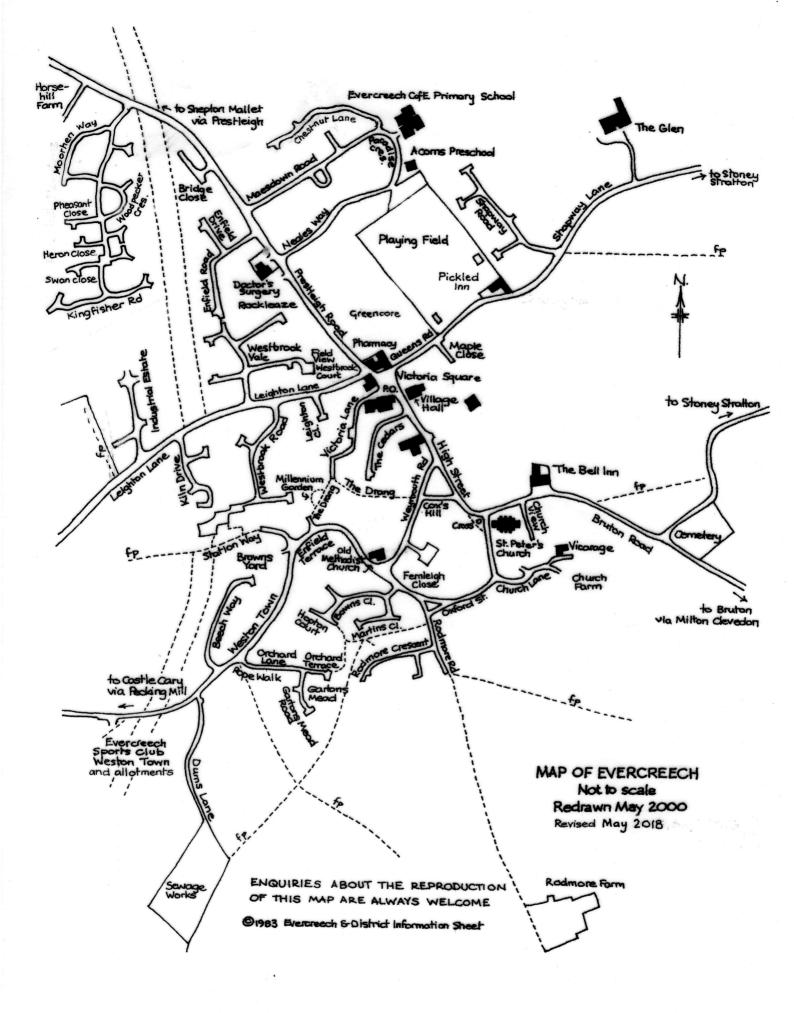


Looking forward to the coming Summer season, with Spring already beautifully evident, we will be reliant on volunteers coming forward to 'take charge' of compact and specific areas, as they kindly did last year. Perhaps if you were amongst those who lent a hand in 2020, you could contact me to let me know if you are willing to help again this year. I think the village looked great during the flowering season and hopefully we can repeat that in 2021. Areas in particular that we struggle with are the grass cutting and planters around the bus stop in Prestleigh Road, and the baskets on the railings around Church Square, to name just a couple. Already we have had a generous offer to plant the containers outside the factory. If you have a small area in mind that you feel could do with a bit of TLC perhaps you could offer to look after it. We have a small amount of cash to reimburse the cost of plants and we will provide compost free of charge if requested.

We are fortunate in once again having, thanks to the generosity of the Parish Council, an effective and industrious road sweeper which minimises the accumulation of litter.

Despite the reality that there are no longer any 'Best Kept Village' prizes, I think it has always been acknowledged that we are a community that takes pride in the appearance of Evercreech. It's a team effort and I sincerely urge you to join 'The Team'.

Contact me on 01749 830166, Mobile 07980 001353, or email molliepurse@aol.com Thank you!



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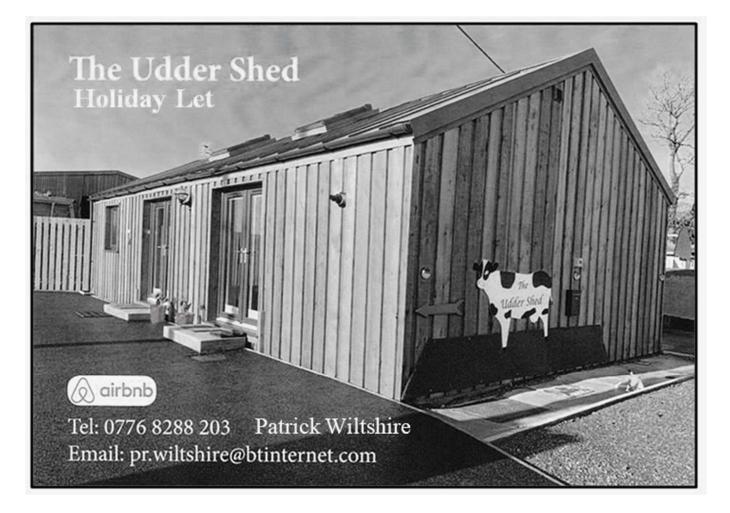
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