

VILLAGE NEWS

COVERING

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT

AND

NORTH PERROTT

DECEMBER 2024 & JANUARY 2025



Inside your Village News

- 3) Editorial + New Arrivals
- 4) Haselbury Plucknett Women's Institute
- 5) Haselbury Plucknett Charities
- 6) School and Community Christingle Service at St Michael's
- 7) Haselbury Plucknett Chairs Chat + Roll Up for a Roll Up
- 8) Community Orchard Wassail and volunteer days
- 9) Classifieds + Hold the Date: VE Day 80th Anniversary: 8th May 2025
- 10) A History of Glenfield Farm
- 11) Bottle Tops and Postage Stamps
- 12) Haselbury Wildlife and Habitats Group
- 13) North Perrott Village Hall—Chairman's report + Speedwatch
- 14) North Perrott Cricket Club
- 15) North Perrott and Haselbury Plucknett Garden Club
- 16) to 24) Advertising
- 25) Your Parish Councillors
- 26) North Perrott Parish Council meeting
- 27) Haselbury Plucknett Parish Council meeting
- 28) Village Services for December 2024
- 29) Village Services for January 2025
- 30) Thought of the Month(s)
- 31) Services at The Bible Christian Centre
- 32) Clubs at The Bible Christian Centre
- 33) Hoskyns Memorial Hall
- 34) to 35) Charity and Local Events in and Around the Two Villages
- 36) Haselbury Village Fayre a Public meeting + Your Village News Team

Editorial

Thank you to everyone that has contributed articles, advertised and just as importantly, taken the time to read the Village News. In an age where digital media is most dominant, this publication may not seem important to some. However, not everyone uses the internet all the time, not everyone uses social media, some people still don't have email addresses. Therefore, this publication can be a lifeline.

I would also like to say a massive thank you to all the volunteers that help to produce and distribute the News so it arrives at your doorstep free of charge, every month. Without volunteers, this publication wouldn't happen. Also, without volunteers, a lot of the work that improves and enriches village life would not happen. The Parish Councillors are all volunteers; the villagers that work to improve the habitats are all volunteers; the Community Orchard in Claycastle, Haselbury is maintained by volunteers; Church Wardens are all volunteers. There are unsung volunteers that help to look after others in our community. The Poppy Trail in November was installed by volunteers.

If you see someone that is a resident working to improve village life, they are not getting paid to do so, they are doing it out of a sense of community pride and community spirit. Please applaud our volunteers, or, join them and work with them to improve and maintain our villages.

The next publication will be for February, so I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. See you in 2025.

Ian Stewart

New Arrivals

If you are a new resident in North Perrott you might like a copy of the Parish Council's Village Welcome Pack.

Let us know by emailing: northperrottville@gmail.com or ring/text Helena Sturridge on 07802 964949

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

Haselbury WI is feeling festive. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 4th December** at 7.30 pm in the Beaumont Room at Haselbury Church. We'll make Christmas wreaths, enjoy a party buffet and exchange gifts. Female guests are welcome, but to ensure enough wreath materials, please let Gill or Barbara know you're coming. Phone 01460 271134 or 73141.

January. Normally we meet on the first Wednesday of the month, but as this falls on New Year's Day 2025, our meeting has moved to Wednesday 8th January. Our New Year's Resolution is to try afternoon meetings, and we shall meet at 2pm that day. A speaker from Snooks Hatters of Bridport will bring some exciting headgear for us to admire and try, as we plan our own adventures for 2025.

Many thanks to those villagers who joined us for our November Open Meeting to hear about Barber's Cheese. It was lovely to welcome friends and to share cheese and wine with you. Thank you for supporting our bumper raffle. Look out for our 2025 Open Meeting and see (to whit to) whoo's coming.

To celebrate 100 years of Haselbury WI, we shall be hosting a Centenary Concert on Saturday 26th April. Put the date in your diary and join us for an evening of song. If any ladies in Haselbury or North Perrott are thinking about trying the WI, you will be welcomed at any meeting.

What do you call a bear with no teeth?

A gummy bear!



The Haselbury Plucknett Charities

Registered Charity No.201573

Are you feeling the cold? Do you live in Haselbury?
Are you missing your winter fuel allowance? As we all know, the Government has changed winter fuel allowances for pensioners. In view of the changes, it is likely that some people on small pensions but not entitled to certain state benefits, may struggle with heating bills this winter. They may also struggle with other essential household requirements. Do you live in Haselbury Plucknett and fall into this category?

The Haselbury Charities are three old charities set up to support those who find themselves in severe financial difficulties. We are a small charity with only a small amount to give out each year. We aim to give grants where the need is greatest and we will consider all genuine applications. Applications should be submitted in writing to: The Secretary to the Trustees, Stonehayes, Haselbury Plucknett, TA18 7PH

What's a parent's favourite Christmas carol?

Silent night!



SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

AT ST. MICHAELS

MONDAY DECEMBER 2nd 2024

Christingle services are quite a recent innovation in the Church of England, but they have their origin much earlier in the mid-18th Century when a Bishop in the Moravian Church in Germany was looking for a simple way to explain to children the happiness brought to the world by Jesus. He made the first Christingle to symbolise this.

-an orange represents the world

-a red ribbon around it shows the love and blood of Jesus

-sweets and dried fruits represent all of God's creation

-a candle represents Jesus's light in the world bringing hope to people living in darkness

Christingle services usually take place in the winter months when we especially appreciate the warmth and glow of the light.

The Children of Haselbury Plucknett Church of England Primary School will be making their Christingles again this year, and will bring them to Church to light during their Assembly on Monday 2nd December which they will share with Parents, Guardians and Family.

As they did last year, the Headteacher and Children have again invited the Village Congregation to take part in the service, so please do come and join us if you can on Monday 2nd December.

The service for the children starts at 2.30pm, so it would be helpful if the St Michael's Congregation could be seated in the Gallery by 2.20pm to avoid any hold-ups.

Haselbury Plucknett Chairs Chat – November 2024

Hello

Just three weeks to Christmas... where did the year go? I would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped keep the village tidy over the last year. As discussed in previous chats, we will need your help even more next year. If you are working near the road, can I ask you all to take care and use a high viz jacket – your safety is paramount.

Speaking of safety – it is becoming very clear that the chances of getting the virtual pavement maintained or replaced are very slim with the stress on the budgets at Somerset Council. We have an item on the agenda at our December meeting to review how the PC could support the Proposed new permissive footpath proposed by Bakers Farms. Hopefully you will support the Christmas Light Tractor Run on the 7th of December with proceeds going towards making the footpaths safer.

As this will be last chairs chat for 2024 – have a Happy Christmas and I would like to wish you all the very best for 2025.

Thank you.

Hugh Williams

ROLL UP for a ROLL UP

South Perrott Short Mat Bowls Club is happy to welcome new members. The club meets on Mondays from 7.00 p.m.to 9.00p.m. in South Perrott village hall DT8 3HS. Each session cost is only £2 per person which includes light refreshments, free use of club bowls and initial coaching if required. For more information please contact our secretary Doreen on 01935 891431.

Community Orchard Wassail – Saturday 18th January

Someone asked me recently – what do you do at the wassail? So, for anyone who doesn't know here's a quick explanation ...

Wassailing apple trees is a very old West Country custom – depending on who you believe, it's all about waking up the apple trees or scaring away the evil spirits from the orchard.

Either way, we gather in the orchard, with a big bonfire to help keep us warm, and sing a traditional wassailing song to the apple trees, before making the most noise we can. The youngest child present takes a piece of toast that has been dipped in cider and puts it into the branches of one of the trees, and we pour cider around the roots. It must work because every year the louder we sing the more apples grow on the trees.

Cecil Sharp observed wassailing customs when he was collecting Somerset folk songs in the early 1900s, and believed they were very ancient, dating back to Anglo-Saxon folk customs. Sharp (who also came to Haselbury Plucknett to collect the songs of some of our village singers) collected a wassailing song from Barrington; and the Somerset writer Walter Raymond (who set one of his books in a village he called Hazelgrove Plucknett) described wassailing in Montacute.

All are welcome to join in the wassail in the orchard on 18th January. We gather at 5 and there is free cider and apple juice. Afterwards there's a wassail supper in North Perrott Village Hall, where we enjoy a meal, a cash bar, and some old fashioned entertainment of poems, stories and singing with all encouraged to join in (though performing is not compulsory). It's a good event for all ages – and if you'd like to tell a story, read a poem, or sing let me know, all are very welcome to take part.

Tickets for the supper are £10 for adults, £5 for 6-18 year olds, and under 6s are free. Tickets are available from North Perrott Fruit Farm shop or from me at Swan House.

Future orchard dates are:

Saturday 11th January – 10:30-12:30, maintenance/preparing for the wassail

Saturday 18th January – volunteers needed to build the fire (meet at 10:30) or help with food

preparation in the afternoon from 2 (please contact me)

Saturday 8th February – 10:30-12:30, maintenance morning

Matthew Bryant (bryant.haselbury@gmail.com, tel 73454)

Classified Ads:

If you are a resident of Haselbury Plucknett or North Perrott and would like to place a classified ad in next months Village News, please email it to vneditor2@gmail.com. A maximum of 2 lines of script, no names or addresses, just contact details. Entries must be received by the 20th of the month to be entered in the following months village news

Hold the date: VE Day 80th Anniversary, 8th May 2025

As Haselbury has hosted an official beacon for the Platinum Jubilee (2022) and the 80th anniversary of D-Day (2024) we have been notified of the proposed arrangements for the 80th anniversary of VE Day, on Thursday 8th May.

Communities across the UK are being asked to come together and mark the occasion by lighting a beacon at 9:30. An official WI cake recipe has been created for the event.

We could celebrate this in a similar way to the celebrations for D-Day, the Jubilee and the Coronation. It would need a small organizing group to decide the format and co-ordinate arrangements on the night.

If you'd like to volunteer to be involved please contact me – if there's sufficient interest we will arrange a meeting in February to plan and hear people's ideas. There shouldn't be too much to do but it will need a few volunteers, all suggestions about the format and what to include are very welcome.

Matthew Bryant (bryant.haselbury@gmail.com)

A History of Glenfield Farm, Puddletown Part 4.

At the beginning the farm was a mixed enterprise as had been the practice in the pre war years. So my early memories were of chickens, barley, potatoes, pigs and even rabbits!

Day old chicks would arrive in cardboard boxes at Crewkerne railway station. I never knew where the hatchery was, but clearly the quickest way to get them to Crewkerne was by rail, so we would find a couple of boxes with lots of air holes in their sides from which emanated the high pitched chirping of the yellow fluffy bundles. Back home they would be kept under a heat lamp in a shed in the orchard (one plum tree and one Beauty of Bath apple tree). There they stayed till fully feathered and able to go outside.

Their new accommodation was a wooden structure which we called an 'ark'. It was a bit like a triangle type tent and that was their refuge for the night, before being let out each morning to free range in a high fenced enclosure to keep them from flying away. Yes, young pullets were quite adept at flying short distances! But day time fox raids were always a risk and they would sometimes break into the arks at night leaving many dead.

Once they started laying eggs they were moved into battery cages.

Despite nest boxes being provided, the hens' muddy feet would mean that eggs had to be washed in the kitchen sink before they could be sold. And when hens laid eggs in the grass, they might not be discovered for days meaning the eggs were not fresh. Modern free range farms are designed to avoid these problems.

Next time:- Egg man marries baker's daughter.

Roger White

Why shouldn't you barbecue on your roof?

The steaks are too high!



Bottle Tops and Postage Stamps for Charity Fund-Raising – Latest Update.

Thank you to those who continue to help the Fund-Raising efforts of local Charities by saving and collecting some quite ordinary items that would otherwise go to waste.

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

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

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

Used Postage Stamps are also processed by a number of Charities for fund-raising, and Margaret is able to take these and pass them on. Please deliver the stamps to Margaret or leave them at the Church in a waterproof package.

Sadly the small foil-backed blister packs used for tablets such as Aspirin or Paracetamol and other prescription medicines, cannot be recycled locally any more. Some Pharmacies are continuing to act as collection points for individual donations but are reluctant to take them in bulk so please do not leave them at the Church.

Thank you

Margaret Rendall

What do cats call an aquarium?

A sushi bar!



Haselbury Wildlife and Habitats Group

As I write this, it is snowing - in November! I went for a very wintry walk this morning and the silence was profound. All the wildlife is hunkering down waiting for this weather to pass through.

Many small birds will not survive as they need to eat every day and cannot if their food source is covered with snow. Now is the time to make sure your bird feeders are clean and filled and that there is fresh water for all. A ping pong ball will help keep water from freezing. No milk for hedgehogs please - they will drink it but they are seriously lactose intolerant and it will probably kill them.

There are a few Fieldfares and redwings around, enjoying fallen fruit in gardens and orchards. Hopefully more will arrive soon. Until today we have had honey bees and large bumblebees in the garden on the mahonia , salvia and verbenas.

The group will be working at Rebecca's well in Haselbury on December 1st, coppicing the willows and creating a habitat with the wood. We will also be planting out all the spring flowers that Chris Simmonds has grown. We will be putting them in his wood on the North Perrott road, closely watched by his cows!

I have been asked to mention dog bins. These really are a luxury and should be treated as such. If a bin is full and has obviously not been emptied, please take your bag of poo home and put it in your non recycling bin - just as we would do with nappies etc. Please don't leave it on or near the bin as it won't be taken away. Report the full bin to Somerset Council or a Parish Councillor.

Thank you.

I hope we all have a good Christmas and a happy new year. 2025. I wonder what the coming year will bring? If anyone knows of any land that would benefit from a bit of attention, please let the Haselbury Wildlife and Habitats Group know and we will see what we can do!

Alison

North Perrott Village Hall—Chairmans Report

Christmas is not far off and I hope you have your tickets for the Festive Supper in the Village Hall. There are a few left at the Farm Shop. The ever popular Carols on the Green will be on Saturday 21st December.

The Village Hall Committee are preparing for the 100 year hand over party in February. This is to celebrate the handing over of the Village Hall by the Hoskyns family to the village. Look out for further details of the party.

In March we are hoping to have a charity concert to raise funds for the RNLI with the Wareham Whalers who are story tellers and shanty singers.

Don't forget the New Year's Day Walk starting from the village green in North Perrott.

Pip Oxenbury

Chairman, Village Hall Committee

Speedwatch Haselbury Plucknett

Speedwatch is conducted in a 20mph zone. If you would like to help, they are always looking for new members.

Speed watch Stats for October 2024:

Number of watches – 9

Vehicles monitored – 852

Speeders Reported – 50, Highest speeder – 35

Percentage of drivers exceeding the reportable limit – 5.9%.



North Perrott Cricket Club

The Club hosted a very enjoyable fund raising evening on Wednesday 20th November featuring Anthony Gibson who regaled us with anecdotes from his life as former Regional Director of the NFU and as BBC Radio Somerset's chief cricket commentator. Following Anthony was a panel of Somerset cricketing luminaries including new Chief Executive and former player Jamie Cox, women's captain Sophie Luff and TMS summariser Vic Marks who hosted an entertaining Q & A session.

Friday 6th December sees our ever popular Christmas Bingo Night with doors opening at 6.30pm and eyes down at 7.00pm. A host of fantastic prizes and festive treats are there to be won and further details can be found on the Club's website.

November's Legends

The all-rounder who earned three Test caps in the late 1940s and scored 1,000 runs in a season ten times was the late, great Maurice Tremlett. The slow left armer turned all-rounder from Worcestershire was none other than Peter Robinson who enjoyed a distinguished coaching career at the County Ground. Finally the Cambridge University batsman who won Man of the Match awards in two One Day Finals in the 1980s was Nigel Popplewell.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Will Silk

What was the snowman doing in the vegetable patch?

Picking his nose!



NORTH PERROTT & HASELBURY PLUCKNETT GARDEN CLUB

Our November meeting was the Club's AGM.

At the meeting Chairman, Peter Bland resigned, and Ian Benfield was elected in his place. Peter was thanked for his work over the past few years and presented with a gift. Frances Gearing was voted on to the Committee as our new Committee member. Anyone wishing to join the Committee please contact one of our committee members listed below.

Our entertainment for the evening was given by Eric, Les and Mike, representatives from the Dorset Air Ambulance, in the form of an interactive 'Call My Bluff'. Over £160 was raised on the evening for the Dorset Air Ambulance.

Our next meeting will be held on 10 December at North Perrott Village Hall. Middle Street, North Perrott. Our speaker, Sally Nexx, will give a talk on 'A world under our feet'. A raffle will take place at the end of the evening. Lots of prizes including a Christmas Hamper.

Our January Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th January 2025. A talk by a representative from Lawrences Fine Arts in Crewkerne on Gardens in Art.

New members are very welcome. Membership £12:50 per annum. Guests £2.50 (which will be refunded if you choose to join the club).

All meetings are held on 3rd Tuesday of the month.
The hall is opened at 7pm for 7:30pm start.

If Interested please contact :-

Ian Benfield. Chairman 01460 929027
Barbara Spence. Treasurer 460 73847
Gail Case. Speakers 07480 531598
Christine Bentley. Secretary 07788 316984
Frances Gearing. Committee Member 07810 340324.

Advertising

Disclaimer: While every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of advertisements in this publication, we cannot accept responsibility for any information given, or claims made by advertisers.

Thank you to all of our advertisers, without them we would not be able to publish the Village News



Reiki Healing



SOMERSET

Reiki is a nurturing, non-invasive and re-balancing treatment. It uses our own natural energy to help anxiety, arthritis, digestion, grief, headaches, insomnia, post surgery recovery, side effects of cancer treatment, our general wellbeing and more.



melanie@reikihealingsomerset.co.uk churchstreetwellness.co.uk/reiki

Church Street Wellness, 7 Church Street, Crewkerne TA18 7HR

Dennis Evans

BUILDING SERVICES

Property Refurbishment Specialists

Painting and Decorating • Wallpaper Hanging • Wall and Floor Tiling • Plumbing and Bathrooms • Plastering

Fully insured Estimates and advice without obligation

01460 76139 or 07831 765262

www.evansbuild.co.uk



**K. GAWRONSKI.
PLUMBING & HEATING
SERVICES.
ALL ASPECTS OF PLUMBING
& HEATING.**

**SERVICING.
BOILER BREAKDOWNS
GAS, LPG & OIL.
07875 199735
01460 73305
KEVINGAWRONSKI@BTINTERNET.
COM**



Mobile Computer Engineer

Everyday Computer Problems Solved



GEM Home Computing

Home visits or drop off

**Security & AntiVirus
Upgrades & Repairs
Custom built Home &
Gaming systems**

PC & MAC



01935 881 124

07980 105 147

Email: colin@gemhomecomputing.co.uk



Over 20 years Local service



STREAK FREE SERVICES
WINDOW CLEANING



Purified Water System



- Windows •Facias •Gutters
- Conservatories •Solar Panels

**FOR A FRIENDLY
PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE CONTACT
STEVE ON:**

07770 688426

Streakfreeservices@hotmail.com



Jim Allen

Roofing and Building contractor

New Builds

Brickwork, Stonework

Blockwork & Rendering

Carpentry & Property Maintenance

Roofing/Re-roofs & Repairs

Guttering & UPVC



No job too big or too small

Tel: 01308 863809 / Mobile 07976 372045

Web: www.jimallenbuilding.co.uk

CB Plants, Lower Severalls Nursery Crewkerne TA18 7N



Perennials, Herbs and Wild flowers.

March to September,
Wednesday to Saturday 10am-5pm

Tel. 07851468430 www.cbplants.co.uk

1 mile east of Crewkerne, just off the A30.

WASHER WOMAN

Washing and ironing service
or ironing only
collection and delivery included
subject to distance
based in Haselbury Plucknett
for more information please
Contact Sam on 07813 165696

The little Curtain Workshop

BEAUTIFUL FABRICS
HANDMADE CURTAINS, BLINDS
& SOFT FURNISHINGS
T: 07891 115140

E: kathyjrobins@yahoo.co.uk
www.thelittlecurtainworkshop.co.uk

NICK RUTTER CHIMNEY SWEEP

Experienced, Approved
Established 10 Years
All types of fires and
appliances cleaned with
brush and vacuum
Full insurance valid
Certificate issued with
every visit

Tel: 01460 52951

www.guildofmastersweeps.co.uk
chimneysweeps.co.uk



B A Wallbridge Plumbing & Heating Ltd



07788710873

bawallbridgeph@gmail.com



Oil boiler installation, servicing & maintenance
Heating system repairs & upgrades
Grant boiler specialist
All general plumbing & heating undertaken

Call Billy today



Choice of Hearse available including our Land Rover Hearse

A J Wakely & Sons

Independent Family Funeral Directors

– 24 Hour Service –

Helping the bereaved of Crewkerne
for over 40 years



Crewkerne 01460 74547



Pre-payment plans available www.ajwakely.com

Please contact Clive Wakely, or a member of our dedicated team for any advice or guidance.



Stoodley & Son 

INDEPENDENT FUNERAL DIRECTORS

"A Caring and Compassionate Service"

**PROUDLY SERVING HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, NORTH PERROTT,
CREWKERNE AND SURROUNDING AREAS SINCE 1926**

***We help you to arrange traditional,
contemporary and simple funerals that
are truly unique***

Call Tracey or Colin on

01460 73229 (24hrs)

Visit our new Funeral Home

THE OLD BANK

37 Market Square, Crewkerne TA18 7LP

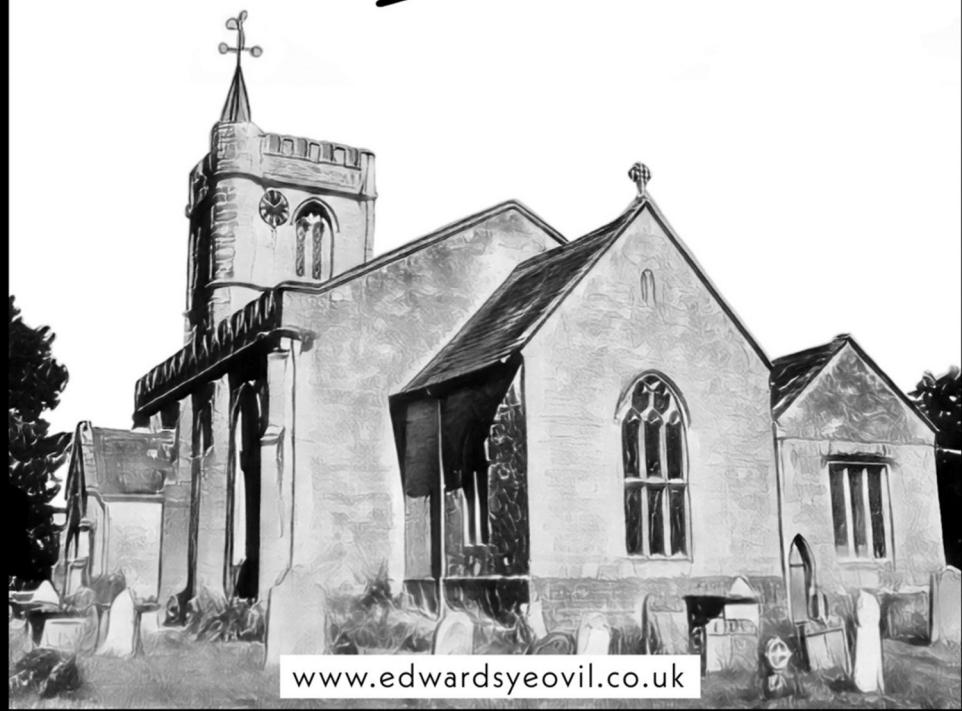
www.stoodleyandson.co.uk

Edwards

Independent Estate Agents Est.1926

Sales and Lettings

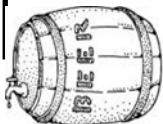
Your local agent



www.edwardsyeovil.co.uk

The Manor Arms North Perrott Tel 01460 72901

www.manorarms.net



FINE CASK ALES, FREE HOUSE, THE PLACE TO BE

PLEASE PRE-BOOK A TABLE FOR ALL EVENTS

WED. 4th DECEMBER "EYES DOWN" 7pm XMAS BINGO

WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT 8pm

THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER ACOUSTIC MUSIC EVENING 8pm

FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER

BUFFET & CHRISTMAS DRAW - Buffet tickets £12.50 each – BUFFET from 6.30pm DRAW @ 8pm. Please pre book to help with catering

TUES 24th DEC– CHRISTMAS EVE OPEN— 6.30pm onwards

CHRISTMAS DAY—12.30pm – Mulled wine & Mince Pies

CLOSED BOXING DAY

OPEN FRIDAY 27th from 6.30pm

TUES. 31st NEW YEARS EVE

FROM 7.30pm A WARM WELCOME ACCOMPANIED

BY Cheese & Biscuits and nibbles

WITH KARAOKE, FIREWORKS & BUBBLY AT MIDNIGHT

MANOR ARMS.....phone 01460 72901

NEW YEARS DAY – ANNUAL NEW YEARS DAY VILLAGE WALK

Leave Village Green at 10.30am for a sociable ramble and finish up at the pub for a lunch time snack and liquid amber.

DETAILED POSTERS NEARER THE TIME.

WEDNESDAY 8th JANUARY 2025 – CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT – 8PM START.
TEAMS OF 4. WINNING TEAM CHOOSES CHARITY

THURSDAY 9th JAN. ACCOUSTIC MUSIC NIGHT FROM 8pm

SATURDAY 25th JAN. TRADITIONAL BURNS NIGHT SUPPER

to include a "WEE DRAM" of SINGLE MALT WHISKY & 4 COURSE MEAL.
Scottish Music & Entertainment - £25 per person BOOKING IN ADVANCE
ESSENTIAL – Space is limited

THURSDAY 30th JANUARY – TABLE-TOP GAMES NIGHT from 7pm

NORTH PERROTT FARM SHOP GARDEN CENTRE



& Coffee Shop

Open 6 days, 9am – 5.30pm (Closed Sun.) Coffee Shop 10am - 4pm



www.parrettbrand.co.uk Tel: 01460 77090 www.facebook.com/farmshop

V.A.T REG 833517041



BUILDING CONTRACTORS



For All Your Building Requirements
ROD JEFFERY Proprietor

Please call for a no obligation quote

Tel: 01460 271491 • Mob: 07966 184262

Email: rodney.sarah.jeffery@sky.com

Fully Qualified For All Your General Building Needs

*Yeovil's Family Garden Centre
A Great Meeting Place*

Bernards Way, Bunford Lane,
Yeovil BA20 2FH
01935 434303

Mon-Sat 8am-5.30pm
Sun 10-4pm (9am Restaurant)
www.palmergardencentreyeovil.co.uk

<https://www.facebook.com/PalmersGardenCentreYeovil>

Somerset Range Cooker Services

GAS / OIL / SOLID FUEL

**Service, Repair and Installer of
Range Cookers**

**Aga—Rayburn —ESSE— Heritage—
Stanley as well as other makes**

Gas- Oil—Solid Fuel -LPG Engineer

Fully insured, Gas Safe,

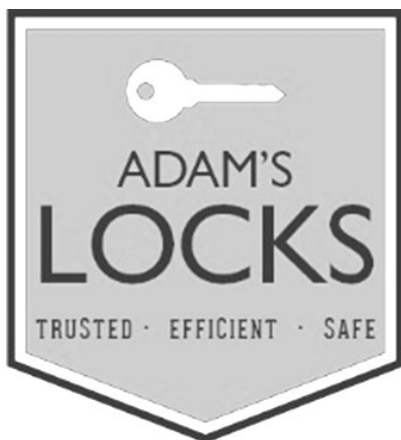
OFTEC, and HETAS Certified

Contact me Phil Broom

Mobil0:7752272737

email:phil@somersetrcs.co.uk

www.somersetrcs.co.uk



**Fully Qualified
Master Locksmith**

- Emergency Lock Out Service
- Locks changed, repaired & replaced
- New locks fitted
- UPVC door & window service
- Key cutting on site

For a free non-obligation quotation,
please contact me today.

OAP discounts given and no VAT to pay.

Mobile: 07541 697203

Tel: 01460 75038

E-mail: adamslocks@hotmail.co.uk

www.adams-locks.co.uk

North Perrott Parish Council

North Perrott Parish Council - Website www.northperrott.org
Cllr Jonathan Hoskyns (Chairman) jonathan@parrettbrand.co.uk
Cllr Thomas Winder (Vice Chair) tomfwinder@gmail.com
Cllr Jason Bradley jbradley1000@hotmail.com
Cllr Judith Hall g-je.hall@tiscali.co.uk
Cllr Bridget Reader bridget.villar@gmail.com
Lucy Gibbons (Clerk) northppc@gmail.com

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

What happens if you eat Christmas decorations?
You get tinsel-itis!



Haselbury Plucknett Parish Council

Chair: Councillor Hugh Williams	williahc@hotmail.com
Vice Chair: Councillor William Hunt	wdghunt@gmail.com
Councillor Matthew Bryant	bryant.haselbury@gmail.com
Councillor Lucy Dear	Lucyloo1989@icloud.com
Councillor Mike Wroe	mwroe2304@gmail.com
Councillor Richard Bourne	rasm.bourne@hotmail.com
Councillor Margaret Rendall	
Councillor Jim Farrant	jim.farrant@btopenworld.com
Councillor Alison Scott	alijoscott@gmail.com

Bi-monthly meeting of North Perrott Parish Council

Taken from the published Minutes of the last meeting on the 5th November 2024 at Hoskyns Memorial Hall:

20mph Speed Limit: J Hoskyns will make enquiries as to the cost of implementing this lower limit. All members of the public present were in favour of this action.

Village Gateway: J Hall has cleaned the original village stone. The lettering will be painted when conditions allow. J Hoskyns will remove the other sign that has collapsed. The oak hurdles/gates are currently being re-designed.

Highways Update: L Norman, Somerset Highways is going to provide a license for the curbing in Downclose Lane, so that the contractor can complete this work as soon as weather conditions permit. J Hoskyns has a few potholes to report.

Speed Watch/SID: A Leader reported that Speedwatch sessions will hopefully resume very soon. JB reported that A Barron, S. Council, visited the village to review the signage and road markings that were in place historically. He is considering what can be done and will send us a proposal. Research into a new SID is well underway. JB has written to three providers with a standard set of questions. Two replied with good answers. The cost was then considered. Elancity came out as the preferred supplier. Details of this have been shared with other Councillors. J Bradley proposed that we purchase the Elancity SID at a cost of £2400 + vat. We will also need to purchase three set of fixings. J Hoskyns proposed that we agree a budget of £3000 + vat to enable us to go ahead with the purchase as soon as the details are finalised.

Village Maintenance: North Perrott Fruit Farm has undertaken the first pavement and gully clearance work.

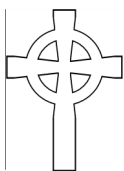
**The next Parish Council meeting will take place on:
Tuesday 7th January 2025, 7.00pm**

Haselbury Plucknett Parish Council
Summary of meeting on 11th November 2024

Open Session

- There was a request for 10 additional poppies for 2025. Apologies were received from S CLLR O Patrick
- County Councillors Report: o Report had been circulated.
o Councillors have received a request from North Perrott Parish Council for support in pressing the Highways department to carry out a traffic survey, with the view of achieving a weight limit on the A3066. MH outlined the reasons for this request. Councillors agreed unanimously that they did not feel that anything would be achieved and that the majority of the HGV's using the road through the village, would still be legally permitted to do so. The lack of police enforcement would also make this a futile exercise. o MH was thanked for his help in getting the Jetter out to deal with the blocked gully at the junction of the A3066/A30.
- Planning: o Decisions received: 23/02772/FUL – Land adjacent Hazelwood, Claycastle – Erection of a detached self-build dwelling with Carport/Garage – Amended Plans/Additional information. Application permitted with conditions.
- Roads and Highways: o Long-promised new gully system near Fairview House (Puddletown will be installed on 6th Jan. o Meeting with our new Community Engagement Manager (CEM) from KIER: It will be for the Parish Council to decide what gullies are to be cleaned and when. The daily rate of a gully sucker and two-man team is approximately £1,400 + VAT
- Footpath Working Group Update: o The fallen tree at footpath Y11/42 is still blocked by a horse box.
- The Park: No issues highlighted.
- Village Matters: o The proposed new footpath was agreed to be added to the agenda of the next meeting for the PC to potentially provide financial support. o The PC will continue to support the flower troughs in the village.
- Matters to report: o None

The next meeting is on the 9th December in the Beaumont Room in the Church at 7.00pm – all are welcome.



Village Church Services for December 2024

Date	Haselbury Plucknett St Michael's and All Angels	North Perrott St Martin's
Sunday 1st December Advent Sunday	10.30am Holy Communion CW	9.00am Holy Communion CW
Sunday 8th December Advent 2	10.30am Holy Communion BCP	
Sunday 15th December Advent 3	10.30am Family Service	9.00am Holy Communion BCP
Sunday 22nd December Advent 4	10.30am Holy Communion CW 6.00pm Carol Service	3.00pm Carol Service
Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve	11.30pm Midnight Mass	
Thursday 25th Christmas Day	10.30am Holy Communion CW	9.00am Holy Communion CW
Sunday 29 Christmas 1	10.30am Benefice Service Holy Communion Hinton St George	10.30am Benefice Service Holy Communion Hinton St George



Village Church Services for January 2025

Date	Haselbury Plucknett St Michael's and All Angels	North Perrott St Martin's
Sunday 5th January Christmas 2	10.30am Holy Communion CW	9.00am Holy Communion CW
Sunday 12th January Baptism of Christ	10.30am Holy Communion BCP	
Sunday 19th January Epiphany 2	10.30am Family Service	9.00am Holy Communion BCP
Sunday 26th January Epiphany 3	10.30am Holy Communion CW	

Churchwardens

Haselbury: Jim Farrant (76233) jim.farrant@btopenworld.com

Julian Brookes (279603) jbrooks967@gmail.com

North Perrott: Alison Stevens (76214)

Local Minister

Ian Stobart ian.hpn@gmail.com

Thought for the month(s).

What do you want for Christmas?

It is the time of year that letters are being written to Santa and wish-lists completed. Shopping trips are made and websites scoured to find the perfect gifts.

If you were to be asked what do you want for Christmas, that you could have anything, what would it be? After a Rolls Royce, a yacht, a horse or a new house, probably most of us would ask for peace in places where there is war - like Ukraine or Palestine, or some real progress in the battle against climate crisis.

It is, I suspect, unfortunately unlikely that any of these things will be in our stocking on the end of the bed on Christmas morning.

However one thing that I think everyone would really value at Christmas is something that everyone can give. That is their *presence*.

We live in a world where people are increasingly not 'here'; their minds are elsewhere and influenced (controlled?) by external forces. If this had happened overnight, it would be like a zombie disaster movie, but it has crept up on us slowly.

As Christians we celebrate God coming to earth as a person - Jesus, born as a baby in a stable. God with us - that's what Emmanuel means. God was actually one of us. Really here and totally present.

Here's a festive challenge for us all (me included). Lets put down our phones and turn off the screens.

As we celebrate God's presence with us, let's be really present with the people we love.

That's what I want for Christmas.

(Although peace on earth would be nice as well!).

Ian Stobart

ST Michael's & All Angels and St Martin's

Bible Christian Centre

Haselbury Plucknett

Minister: Pastor Andrew Harris – Tel: 01935 864414

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

www.biblechristiancentre.com

Services for December 2024 & January 2025

Sunday 1st Dec Sunday 5th Jan	10:30am Café Church Fun with the family, with games, songs, coffee & cake and CREA'8 children's group. 1st Dec - Pop up Nativity! Come dressed as a character from the Nativity and join us to retell the story of Jesus' birth
Sundays 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th Dec	10:30am Family celebration & worship Communion on alternative Sundays
Sundays 12th, 19th & 26th Jan	
Saturday 14th Dec, 11th Jan	7pm Cinema night, with refreshments available to buy
Sunday 15th Dec	6pm Carol service, with mince pies & refreshments
Friday 20th Dec	11:30am, Coffee & Carols @ Oasis coffee shop.
Christmas Day! Wed 25th Dec	10am Christmas morning service
Wednesdays	10:30am Morning devotion with Communion
Fridays	10am - Prayer meeting
For more details please visit our website: www.biblechristiancentre.com	

“Today in the City of David a Saviour has been born to you.

He is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11)

PILATES

A relaxed group for all abilities, run by qualified instructor

Sharon Smith. Fridays from 11am

Last Pilates is 20th Dec, and returns on 3rd Jan

Contact Sharon for details: 07715301782



SPLAT Kids club

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



FUSION Youth Café

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



Contact Paula Harris for more details: 07807446106

Last SPLAT is Friday 6th Dec, Fusion 13th Dec. SPLAT & Fusion return on Friday 10th Jan 2025



Little Wrigglers

Our baby & toddler group is open on Mondays 10am - 11:30am in term time with great toys, a singing time and our Oasis Coffee shop. Free entry! **Last Little Wrigglers before Christmas holidays: 16th Dec. Little Wrigglers returns on Monday 13th Jan 2025**



Contact Paula Harris for more details: 07807446106



Oasis Coffee Shop

Speciality coffees and teas, delicious, homemade cakes, tray bakes, savoury scones, toast and toasted teacakes.



Photocopying and laminating service available.

Open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am – 12noon.

No Coffee shop on Wed 25th Dec or 1st Jan



HOSKYN'S MEMORIAL HALL

NORTH PERROTT

Registered Charity 1029582

FUTURE EVENTS

Festive Supper

on Saturday 7th December

Arrive at 7pm for 7.30pm start

Four Seasonal courses £22 per person

Still a few tickets available at North Perrott Farm Shop

Carols on the Green

Saturday 21st December at 6pm

Join in the carol singing around the Village Green in North Perrott
and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies

100th Anniversary Party

Saturday 15th February 2025

A celebration to commemorate the official handing
over of the Hoskyns Memorial Hall to the village

Live music and Refreshments

Weekly Coffee Mornings

every Monday 10.30am – 12 noon excluding Bank Holidays

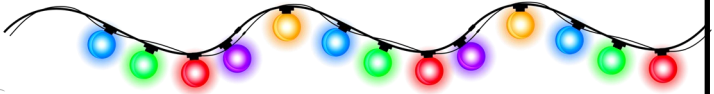
Everyone Welcome – Come in for a Chat and Coffee and Biscuits

The Village Hall is available for everyone in the two villages.
If you are looking for a venue for a party, reception or other event
please contact Lesley on 07732 030279 to make a booking
or to arrange for someone to show you around.

The Village Hall website: Northperrottvillagehall.co.uk



Christmas Light Tractor Run



In aid of Making
Haselbury Plucknett's Footpaths safer
3pm Saturday 7th December



**BAKERS
FARMS**

**Leaze Farm,
Haselbury Plucknett
TA18 7RJ**

PARNHAM VOICES

**SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER AT 3pm IN ST MARTIN'S CHURCH,
NORTH PERROTT**

A Christmas Concert with the return of the popular a cappella choir Parnham Voices who will help us embrace the spirit of Christmas with a mixture of seasonal songs and music both traditional, sacred and secular interspersed with 4 seasonal readings, and 2 pieces of organ music.

Tickets £12-- over 18 years----£6-- 14 to 18 years
to include Tea and Cake after the Concert

from G Hoskyns 01460 72883 georgina222@uwclub.net

J Falkiner 01460 76457 or
The North Perrott Farm Shop.

Charity No 1210556 www.northperrottchurch.co.uk
Proceeds to St Martin's Church

St Michael's Community Orchard Wassail

Saturday 18th January 2025

**Come and wassail the apple trees in the community orchard
(Claycastle, Haselbury) at 5pm.**

Free cider and apple juice.

Bring something to make a loud noise, all are very welcome.

Sunday 15th December 18:00 to 22:00

Charity Bingo for Dorset Search and Rescue

Eyes down at 19:00

Misterton Village Hall, Unity Lane, Misterton

Raffle, Refreshments, Christmas Cones

14th to 21st December

THE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

St Bartholomew's Church, Abby Street, Crewkerne, TA18 7HY

This year's theme is to decorate your tree to reflect your
organisation/group.

Free entry for schools, nursery / childcare settings, registered charitable
organisation and community interest groups

For further information contact: crewkerne-treefestival@outlook.com

Village Fayre - Public Meeting

The annual Village Fayre has been a May Fayre the last two years but, due to Bank Holidays, Half-term holidays and potential VE Day commemorations, May 2025 is awkward.

So, it has been decided to move the Fayre to the 7th June 2025.

Some of the Committee that helped to bring the event back last year, after Covid had stopped it, and helped to run it this year, are standing down for personal reasons. Therefore we need new Committee members to help run this event, which raises vitally important funds for the School, the Church and other local good causes.

There will be a Public Meeting at St Michael and All Angels Church in Church Lane, Haselbury Plucknett on the 10th January from 7pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend, everyone's ideas are more than welcome, and everyone that wishes to, is welcome to join the Committee. All I ask if you join the Committee, is that you bring good ideas, your time and enthusiasm and can be available to help set-up and run the Fayre on the actual date.

If you have any questions or thoughts ahead of the meeting, please email me on hpmayfayre@gmail.com or call me on 01460 391816 or 07946 092277.

Ian Stewart

Your Village News Team:

Editor - Ian Stewart: vneditor2@gmail.com: 01460 391816

Advertising Editor - June Stewart : vnadverts@outlook.com 01460 391816

Proof Readers - Peter Bland

Printing - June Stewart—01460 391816

Distribution in Haselbury Plucknett - Barbara Gilbert - 01460 73141

Distribution in North Perrott - Ruth and Ian Bevan-Mogg - 01460 74652

The deadline for submission of articles and adverts for the next edition is the
20th January 2025