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FROM THE EDITOR

I'M AFTER SOME MORE HELP. Not with editing the magazine (I want to be in the Guinness Book of World Records as the oldest parish mag editor!) but with the admin side of things. This would involve managing the advertising and financial side of the magazine. I've got a lot on my plate at the moment and could do with some help to ease the pressure. It's all pretty easy and takes up only a short time each month. Happy to leave things as they are till early next year. Interested? Let me know. My contact details are at the foot of this page. Over to you!

Peter

JOTTINGS FROM A COUNTRY CHURCHYARD

OCTOBER HAS BEEN a rather sad month at Chantry. While we were still morning and missing our old friend and doctor, David Rawlins, there came news of the death of another long-term resident, Margaret Pitchchard (latterly Annear). Margaret had lived in Chantry for 50/60 years and was everyone's cheerful helper in time of need, always ready to do a good turn or lend a hand. Added to these two losses, the son of another local resident also died in Chantry. With the death of John Lewis last year, we have lost three of our longest term residents – dear familiar faces so often seen around the and almost taken for granted as part of the fabric of village life. And with them goes 150 years of memories of Chantry social history, details of which probably no-one else recalls because everyone's recollections are individual. Perhaps someone interested might think of recording memories from a few remaining "oldies" before it's too late?

On a lighter note, although weatherwise we have had Storm Amy and some dreary cloudy weeks, we have had a few warm, mellow golden days. It is in one of these that I am sitting in my stable yard in the sun writing this. And as I write these words, I wonder how many times during the past ten years of "jottings" I have repeated them.

It's my favourite spot for writing but I also wonder how many people have said, "Oh no! Not her in the blooming stable yard again!" Thinking of that, reminds me of a radio programme in the 1930s and '40. Does anyone remember "Monday night at 8"?

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Mells: Sundays at 11.30am	Frome: Saturdays 5.30pm.		
Wednesdays 11.30am	Sundays 10.00am		

Among various items and sketches was a little story about local people narrated by an old night watchman which always began, "One night while I was sitting by my old fire bucket...". In those days a night watchman used to sit by a burning coke brazier on which he could boil up bis billy can of tea or toast snacks. And often he would be joined by someone lonely or homeless, drawn to the warmth and comfort of company. The theme tune went to the Westminster clock chimes and went – "It is Monday night at 80'clock, oh can't you hear the chimes?

"They're telling you to take an easy chair and

"And settle by the fireside, get out your Radio Times

"'Cos Monday night at 8 is on the air."

I think the last Richard Goolden was the night watchman and after he died Gorden Harker took over the slot as a taxi driver. I used to love that programme as a child, especially as the stories were similar to the kind that I was already writing at that time and helped inspire me. I was always allowed to stay up and, in my dressing gown and listen. At time like this I almost – ALMOST - wish I had access to the internet as a few people might send me -emails (?) to say they shared memories but as it is I shall never know if my odd recollections echoed with anyone else's memories. Ring me or write – do please if you fancy bothering. I love to get any feedback from my jottings - at least I would know that someone had read them.



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What a year it has been for fruit – everyone offering each other surplus apples and plums. And nuts! Nuts as never were! More hazel nuts than even the squirrels can cope with and more walnuts than we can pickle or serve with the after dinner brandy. I have bucket loads of huge Spanish chestnuts if anyone would like some. My poor old Ebbie hates the prickly hedgehog cases which pierce her paw pads and tangle in her tail, so she takes an alternative route across the lawn to the gate until the spiky path is swept clear.

The canny old conker tree in the churchyard has produced a crop of the largest most lustrous nuts I have seen for years by growing singles in each case instead of the usual one large plus one smaller. These are, of course, wonderful as a clothes moth deterrent so are eagerly gathered each year to go in drawers of woollies or pockets of winter coats. Infallible, free and odourless.

Reports everywhere of a plague of ladybirds. Almost like 1976 when one could scarcely step without fear of crushing them underfoot. I visited a friend recently whose warm south wall of her house was scattered with thousands of ladybirds of every kind – red, yellow, black, from two spots to 13. I should think a ladybird expert (sure to be a long Latin name for that) could have licked every box on his list from that wall. I have them scrambling among the shrubs and trellis in the sunny area by my front door. I do love the and can never resists counting their spots so that I can greet and address the properly when I encounter them. How thoughtless and uncaring we were as children when we chanted the rhyme "Ladybird, ladybird. Fly away home, your house is on fire and you children have gone". We didn't wish them any harm – it was just thoughtless. At least today's children are taught to cherish ladybirds along with all forms of wildlife.

Unfortunately, Storm Amy put a damper on my recent garage sale, but the local village and church were brave and generous in support. But I had so much more

Christmas Fayre - Early Call for Stallholders!



Saturday 29 November, 10am – noon Christmas Fayre in Norton St Philip Church If you would like to book a stall (for CIO) please <u>contact cleays Brown</u> glenysbrowns Fas @gmail.com or tel: 01878 884226 as soon as possible to avoid disappointment! stuff than I had realised and so much was still unsold, so I have decided to hold a repeat sale on Saturday, November 1st, 10.00am to 2.00pm.

If the weather is kinder so that my signs and notices don't get blown away, we may get a few passing car drivers, joggers and dog walkers.

I will then add the proceeds to the October sale and announce the Dogs Trust and Chantry church totals in December.

Meanwhile, thank you to all the brave souls who supported me in spite of the storm. See you again on November 1st, maybe. Come and browse among the bargains left over from last time and few more items I've added.

Otherwise, see you in December jottings. December? Christmas! Where has this year gone?

Hazell

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Mells Group of Churches

November 2025

	2 rd November	9 th November Remembrance Sunday	16 th November	23 rd November	30 November	7 th December
Chantry		10.50am Holy Communion David Gatliffe	11.00am Matins Hazel Tovey	11.00am Matins Val Rawlins	11.00am Matins Hazel Tovey	
Great Elm	10.00am Group Service David Gatliffe	9.30am Remembrance Service Lay led	9.30am Holy Communion Rev. Robin Isherwood	9.30am Informal service Richard King		
Mells		10.00am Remembrance Service in church & war memorial Janet Caudwell		9.30am Morning Prayer Lay led		10.00am Group Service Holy Communion David Gatliffe
Whatley		9.30am Matins Hazel Tovey		9.30am Holy Communion David Gattiffe		

Mells Every Wednesday at 09.30, Matins/Morning Prayer, in St. Andrew's, Mells

Hardington Vale Church Services November 2025

DATE	TIME	SERVICE	
Saturday 1 November	4.30 pm 6.00 pm	Buckland Dinham, All Souls Service Tellisford, All Saints and All Souls service	
Sunday 2 November	9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Norton St Philip, Informal Breakfast Rode, Holy Communion Laverton, Holy Communion Rode Chapel, Meeting Place	
Monday 3 November	9.00 am	Norton St Philip, Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 4 November	11.00 am	Rode Chapel, Ecumenical Holy Communion	
Wednesday 5 November	8.30 am 5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Hemington, Morning Prayer Rode Chapel, Informal Prayer Tellisford, Evening Prayer	
Thursday 6 November	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip, Silent Prayer	
Sunday 9 November REMEMBRANCE DAY	10.30 am 10.30 am 10.30 am	Rode, Remembrance Parade Norton St Philip, Remembrance Service Buckland Dinham, Remembrance Service	
Monday 10 November	9.00 am	Norton St Philip, Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 12 November	8.30 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm	Hemington, Morning Prayer Tellisford, Holy Communion Rode Chapel, Informal Prayer	
Thursday 13 November	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip, Silent Prayer	
Sunday 16 November	9.00 am 10.30 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	Farleigh Hungerford, Morning worship Norton St Philip, informal worship Rode, Holy Communion Laverton, Matins Buckland Dinham, Holy Communion	
Monday 17 November	9.00 am	Norton St Philip, Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 19 November	8.30 am 5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Hemington, Morning Prayer Rode Chapel, Informal Prayer Tellisford, Evening Prayer	
Thursday 20 November	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip, Silent Prayer	
Sunday 23 November	9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Rode, Coffee & Contemplation Norton St Philip, Holy Communion Laverton, Matins Buckland Dinham, Iona/Taize Service	
Monday 24 November	9.00 am	Norton St Phillip, Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 26 November	8.30 am 5.00 pm	Hemington, Morning Prayer Rode Chapel, Informal Prayer	
Thursday 27 November	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip, Silent Prayer	
Sunday 30 November 1 st Sunday of Advent	10.30 am	Norton St Philip, United Holy Communion	

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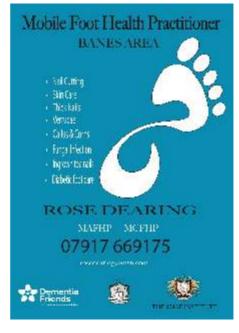
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BUCKLAND DINHAM

CHURCH NEWS

Please accept my apologies for not putting any notices in for October which meant I did not say what a wonderful Harvest Festival we had on September 28th. The church was beautifully decorated with a wonderful display of flowers by our dedicated "flower Ladies" and an amazing fruit and vegetable arrangement by our church warden, Jenny Waller. The service was taken by the Rev Pauline Reid and was followed by the auction of gifts and refreshments for everyone. A very happy occasion.

The services for St Michael's for November will be as in the rota.

Please make a note that there will be special service on November 1st at 4.30pm for All Souls Day.

Jill Wright



OFFEE MORNING The October coffee morning had an even bigger than usual number of homemade cakes on offer and was enjoyed by all. The next coffee morning will be held on November 15th and everyone, villagers and visitors alike, is very welcome.

ANNE RECKLESS, 1945-2025

On Friday September 19th 2025, a burial service took place in St Michael's Church to give thanks for the life of Mrs Anne Reckless. The church was full as half-muffled bells rang in the service, thanks to ringers from Corsley and Rode. The service was also streamed to Anne's family in Ireland.

For this ecumenical service, the Requiem Mass was conducted by the Reverend Canon Richard Dwyer.

Anne's coffin was covered with white lilies, with two further beautiful displays at each side.

Hymns were All things Bright and Beautiful and The Spirit Lives to Set us Free. World-famous mezzo soprano Claudia Huckle accompanied by George Fradley sang O Rest in the Lord from Mendelssohn's Elijah as the offertory hymn, and As with Rosy Steps the Morn from Handel's Theodora during the communion. Readings were 2 Corinthians 4: 6 read by Mark Reckless and the Responsorial Psalm read by Ian Reckless. Sally Reckless led the Prayers of the Faithful as part of the Mass.



The Eulogy was provided by Anne's husband John, taking us through the milestones of Anne's life from her childhood in Ireland to her meeting with medical student John during her nursing training in Redhill, Surrey and her career in paediatric nursing and child advocacy. Her career was characterised by a commitment which typically went above and beyond the requirements of her role. Anne went on to become a mother herself and, in her later years, a grandmother who found great satisfaction in entertaining and engaging with her grandchildren and who kept a playroom always at the ready.

Anne approached life with energy and commitment, cherishing her friends and family and extending her interest to strangers she met on her travels. She did, John observed, like to chat!

In his Homily, Father Richard observed how people of different faiths had come together to give thanks for Anne's life. He reflected how Anne had had a strong sense of the things which are hidden in life, but which are nonetheless of the highest value, and practised selflessness and self-giving, putting her faith into action. Through her work with children and as a volunteer in the community, she integrated her faith into her life, setting an example for us all.

Father Richard reminded us that while death had changed Anne this was not the end for her. He concluded by giving thanks for her gifts including her faith, and all that she was and remains.

Anne was buried in the churchyard close to her home. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.

Jenny Waller, Churchwarden





VILLAGE NEWS

Christmas Fayre, Friday December 5th. 5.30-8.00pm. Christmas Tree lights switch on. Local craft stalls, sweet treats, raffles, tombolas and Christmas games. Join in carol singing and enjoy mulled wine and hot dogs. Entry free but please bring an item for Fair Frome food bank.

Gifts for the church hamper raffle can be left either in the kitchen area of the church or with Debbie Cary or Sara Corbett.

Chair Yoga Tuesday morning 10.00 till 11.00 in the Village Hall. The ladies who come to this have all found it not only enjoyable but have certainly benefited from improved joint movement! Do come and try this gentle exercise.

Buckland Buddies The next meeting is on November 4th when there will be a quiz by Rav Kercher. Names will be taken for the Christmas meal which this year will be at the Jolyffe Arms.

November walk Hardington Bampfylde and the 12th Century church of St Mary Date: Sunday November 30th. Cost £5 towards BD lytch gate and 5alive magazine. Meet at 10.00 am at the Buckand Dinham church lytchgate and book through the Buckland Dinham community Whatsapp Group under 'events'.



LATEST FROM THE WEBSITE, Bucklanddinham.org FOR DETAILS

NEW: See Coming Up for all the events in date order.

NEW: Our new regular village walks are featured.

Don't forget that information on the village Facebook and WhatsApp groups are on the website under Groups, Clubs and Classes.

And we have a list of village-based businesses under the Resources tab.

EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

Mondays - Pilates for Cyclists - 6.00pm

Tuesdays - Chair Yoga - 10.00am

Wednesdays - Pilates - 9.30am

1st – All Souls Service – 4.30pm

4th – Buckland Buddies - 7.30pm

7th - Bonfire Night - 6.00pm

8th - Ian Marlow Open 10.00am

9th - Remembrance Service - 10.30am

11th - Lunch Club - 12.00

15th - Coffee Morning - 10.00am

16th - Holy Communion - 11.00am

23rd - Iona/Taize Service - 6.00pm

27th - Parish Council Meeting- 7.00pm



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CHANTRY

RIP DAVID RAWLINS

The funeral of David Rawlins was held on Thursday October 2nd. The church was filled with his family and friends who all came to pay their respect for all his work as a doctor and good supporter of the church. The service was led by Barry Davis, David's son Richard gave a beautiful tribute, sometimes very amusing with good memories as well as sadness at his passing. His youngest daughter Joanne read the lesson from John chapter 14. The hymns had been picked by David himself and were his favourites. "I vow to thee my country"," Guide me oh thou great Redeemer" and "Thine be the glory". Everyone was invited to the wake at the Bell at Leigh on Mendip where many memories were shared

HARVEST SERVICE

The harvest service was very well attended and was followed by a bring and share supper at Birdshadows. Thanks to Hazel for allowing us to make use of her home and to all those generous people who brought various dishes to share out. We were all full to overflowing. The church windowsills were decorated with a vast amount of tinned and dried goods which were delivered to the Frome Food Bank by Sally (thank you Sally). They were extremely grateful for all your donations.

MAINTENANCE

Date	Flowers	Cleaning
02-11-25	Hazel	Sue
09-11-25	Hazel	Dolly & Val
16-11-25	Laureen	Clare
23-11-25	Val	Sonia
30-11-25	Advent no flowers	3

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GREAT ELM

GREAT ELM CHURCH NEWS

October saw the village celebrating Harvest Supper back at the Village Hall after two years on safari whilst the hall was being rebuilt following the car crash into the building. It was a roaring success, ,aking £436 profit between ticket sales and raffle. The proceeds will be shared equally between the St Mary Magdalene church and the Village Hall.

A very big thank you to all for their contributions towards the planning, cooking, raffle prizes, decoration of the hall and the cleaning up team with especial thanks to Gemma Brooking and Judy Duffus for their leadership.

After her long battle with cancer, we share the sadness of the family of Catherine Holley who died on Thursday October 9th. We remember her in our prayers and our thoughts are with her family. Catherine was known to many in the village, and her gentle courage and friendly nature will be missed.

LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER

November 9th our **Remembrance Sunday** service at 9.30am will be lay-led with contributions from the congregation. This will allow time for any who wish to attend the gathering at the war memorial outside the Memorial Theatre in Frome later in the morning.



Churchyard cleanup up team stops for refreshments. Thanks to all who gave a couple of hours on Saturday Octobrr 18th.

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30TH AT 2.00PM

We are having a celebration in honour of our Patron Saint in St Andrew's Church Mells on Advent Sunday. Please come and join us. Children welcome. Refreshments afterwards.

MELLS PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the meeting on Tuesday September 9th 2025 (Full minutes can be found at mells-pc.gov.uk)

SOMERSET COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Council to pay consultants £20m to balance its budget: Somerset Council has appointed consultants to make £101.4m of savings for 2026/27, rising to £190m by 2029/30.

Council Homes Purchase: Full Council approved plans to use a £3.3m underspend from the Housing Revenue Account to purchase around 15 additional council homes. The properties will initially be used to reduce reliance on costly temporary accommodation such as hotels and B&Bs, before becoming part of the general housing stock in future years.

Planning applications: The three-month period during which only new applications were dealt with to help clear the backlog is coming to an end. A review will take place on October 23rd which is not expected to give good news on progress. **Grant for roads and footpaths:** It is hoped a £2 million grant from the government will be awarded for new footpaths/road improvements. Applications for its use can be placed from October 22nd.



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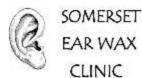
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Quarry noise survey: This took place over a period of three weeks, and the quarry was 95% compliant with noise levels. Only one property in Whatley showed levels were in excess.

MATTERS ARISING

Litter bin by bus shelter: The bin will be located in or near the entrance of the bus shelter once the contractor has recovered.

HIGHWAY AND FOOTPATH ISSUES Speeding vehicles in Vobster: Clerk has contacted Highways twice in the last month and received no response.

Layby by Vobster bus shelter: Cllr West has now drawn up the proposal of how the works will be carried out which the Clerk will forward to highways for approval.

PLANNING

New applications: 2025/1687/HSE - Proposed single storey front porch extension, two storey rear extension, stone retaining wall in front of dwelling. Demolish single storey kitchen side extension and existing detached garage and construct new detached garage with Annexe over – Sunnyside, Little Green. No objections Mells with Vobster Churchyard grant request: A grant of £2,500 was approved.

ITEMS TO REPORT / ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Uncontrolled dogs killing sheep: There have been ten sheep killed by dogs this year on Mells Estate land. Signage will be placed by the fields occupied by livestock requesting that all dogs are kept on leads. Action will be taken if any dog is found to be bothering livestock.

Removal of ash trees by the quarry: 800 ash trees are to be removed from the Whatley quarry site and another 113 from their other sites.

Flytipping: This is still an issue in some areas and should be reported to the council if on public highway land.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday November 11th 2025 at 7.15pm in the Barn. *Joy Book, Clerk to Mells Parish Council, Email: clerk@mells-pc.gov.uk Tel: 07704 584953*

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COFFEE MORNING

Saturday November 8th 10.00am - 12.00pm

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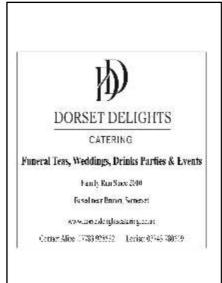
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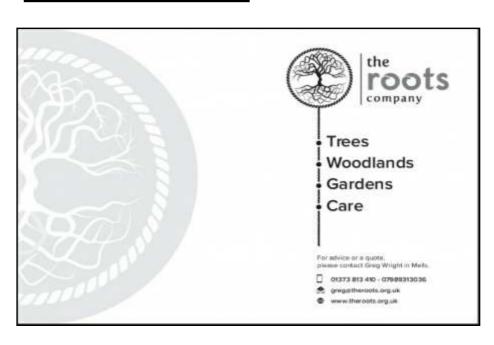
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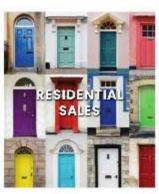
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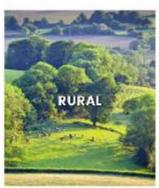
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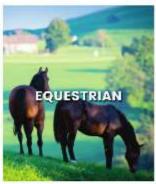
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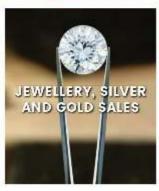


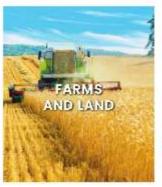


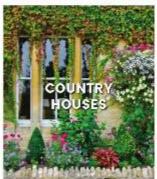












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