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Welcome to 'Mud Month', the Old English, wholly apt, term for February and thanks to all who donated to the FTN; we are set for another year. Please do send us your pictures and bits of news; the FTN's sole purpose is to support the community, so make it yours.

Welcome, also, to Brian Jaques who is providing readers with the chance to hone their cognitive skills in the new puzzle pages (P25+).

There's also a colour-in picture we hope might give carers a moment of quiet and introduce a younger audience to this venerable rag. Conundrums for kids will be coming soon...

Less welcome is a goodbye and thank you to Charles Dowding who has been guiding the gardeners among us to hearty harvesting; you will be much missed. And talking of harvests, if you're still awash with apples we have the perfect solution; go to P43 to discover all.

If you fancy local running take a look at P21; Big Screen has 'The Roses' on offer (P23), there are several opportunities to meet our new priest (P46) and if you run events check out ideas for an online calendar, P37.

To finish with Christina Rossetti:

Mix a pancake, Stir a pancake, Pop it in the pan;

Fry a pancake, Toss a pancake,. Catch it if you can!

Happy flipping!

*Margy Cockburn Tim Sanders*

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## Dates for your Diary



### Regular Events

#### Weekly Monthly

	Mon	✓	Pilates (9.00)	Michelle XXXXXX
		✓	✓ 4 <sup>th</sup> Crafternoon (2.00)	Marion XXXXXX
		✓	✓ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rendezvous (10.00)	Lynda XXXXXX
		✓	✓ 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ditcheat Art Group (10.00)	Liz & Stewart XXXXXX
		✓	East Pennard Drop In	Frances XXXXXX
Tue			Last Tues Village Lunch	Jessica XXXXXX
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fosseway Gardening	Barbara XXXXXX
			Ditcheat History Group	Roger XXXXXX
		✓	Badminton	Sam XXXXXX
Wed	✓		Ditcheat Short Mat Bowls (7.00)	Martin XXXXXX
			Yoga (9.15)	Clare XXXXXX
Thu	✓		Chair Stretch for Seniors (10.45)	Clare XXXXXX
			BA4 Runners (18.30)	Aimee XXXXXX
Fri		✓ 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Folk Dance Club (7.00)	Ama/Peter XXXXXX
Sat		✓ 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Men's Breakfast (8.30)	Roger XXXXXX
	✓		Yoga (9.00)	Clare XXXXXX

### February

Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> 6.30pm	Winter Village Social, Jubilee Hall	P5
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> 10.00am	Rendezvous	Lynda XXXXXX P14
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Ditcheat Big Screen – Roses	P23 / P29
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> 12.30pm	Village Lunch	Jessica XXXXXX P14
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> 7.00pm	Meet the new Priest-in-Charge	P46

### Further Ahead

Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> 6.30pm	Sally's Easter Bingo	P35
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If you have a tasty local recipe - for Aga, oven, hob or air-fryer, then send it along to: **[editor@fossettrinity.news.co.uk](mailto:editor@fossettrinity.news.co.uk)** and we'll share it.

If it comes with a bit of local background, even better.

## Fosseway Gardening



**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
7pm at Pyle Village Hall.**

Howard Burnett will be speaking on '***Orchid Care***'

New members most welcome.  
Visitors £2 to include refreshments.

## Winter Village Social

   
**Ditcheat Jubilee Hall**  
Friday 6th February  
6.30 - 9.00

**Licensed Bar  
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& dessert  
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## December and January 100 Club Draw

The results for the December draw are as follows:

Ball 41 £1000 Judith Rowsell  
Ball 28 £50 Heather Store  
Ball 79 £25 Vee Lees

**100 Club**

The results for the January draw are as follows:

Ball 59 £100 Steve Rice  
Ball 42 £50 Richard Sudworth  
Ball 75 £25 Lynne Hughes

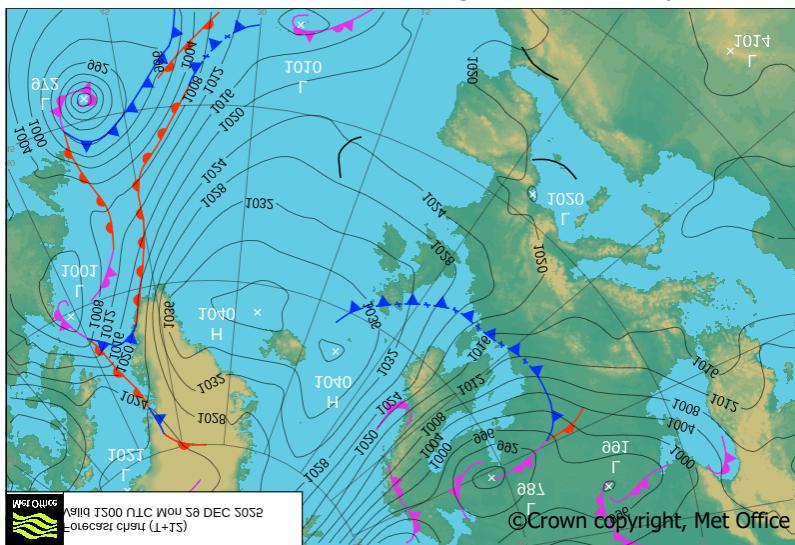
## Alhampton Weather – November and December 2025

Almost in step with the previous year, 2025 ended with temperatures plummeting after a very wet late autumn. In November and the first two weeks of December there was over 9½ inches (243 mms) of rain with December ending dry and increasingly cold. The weather chart shows the arrival of this cold weather as high pressure to the west started to dominate the scene driving very cold northerly air over the country.

The wet period was badly needed after such a dry Spring and Summer. There were a number of storms during the year, but our corner of the country was rarely significantly affected as the centres of these storms either passed further north or, on one occasion, south into the middle of France.

2025 was a record-breaking year for both sunshine and warmth. The annual mean temperature was more than 10°C, a remarkably high temperature. The UK Met Office reports that three of the warmest years ever recorded have happened in the last four years. It will be interesting to see if this year repeats the trend as the previous year, 2024, had a disappointing Spring and Summer characterised by reduced sunshine.

Looking ahead, the long-term forecasts favour, once the cold spell at the start of the year passes, a prolonged period of changeable and damp, but mild, weather rather than a return to a significant period of very cold, dry weather. We need some rain after the record breaking 2025 so let's hope it's correct.



John Clarke



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## East Pennard and District Royal British Legion



November is the month when there are two important events for the Legion. The first is national, namely the Annual Poppy Appeal and the Ceremony of Remembrance. The second is local, being the branch's AGM at which its officers for the forthcoming year are appointed. I referred to the Ceremony of Remembrance in my December article, but details of the Poppy Appeal donations are not known until late in the year, so I'm pleased now to be able to give you the details.

Donations given are as follows:

Rendezvous £180.98;	Alhampton Inn £37.47;
Wraxall Vineyard £26.71;	Ditcheat school £168.93;
Ditcheat church £17.50;	Pylle garage £27.95;
Thorners shop £41.50;	Maryland shop £14.18;
The Den, Thorners £50.85;	Brookhouse Inn £17.08;
Remembrance Sunday £422.00 (exc gift aid);	Natterjack £46.04;
	Men's Breakfast £30.00.

The Rendezvous donations were from individuals who save throughout the year. I can supply a savings box, and it is then handed in towards November for counting. In many ways, these boxes have replaced the door-to door collecting which stopped a few years ago.

At our AGM the following officers were appointed for the forthcoming year:

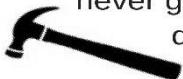
President Mike Kemish	Standard Bearer Keith Poulton
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Secretary Charles Evans	Committee Charlie Bishop
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You will no doubt realise, reading the above, that the officers for this year are the same as for 2025 and 2024. While these officers are happy to carry on, there will come a time, for various reasons, when not all of the posts can be filled because no new people are coming forward. In the event that the main posts are not filled, the branch would have to close. This would mean no Remembrance Sunday service or Remembrance Day service with the Legion involved. It might also mean a reduction in the number of static locations where a Poppy box was sited. If you would like to see our branch continue, please contact me and I will explain what it involves, which in reality, is not very much.

Charles Evans XXXXXX

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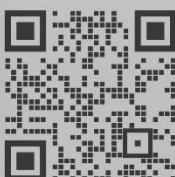
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## From the Archives

## **Rear-Admiral Ernest William Leir, D.S.O., Royal Navy 1883 – 1971**

As a child I remember Rear Admiral Leir living in South Hill House on the junction with Smiths Lane, it is only from my interest in Ditcheat history that I have since discovered more about the gentleman, It is recorded that commanding submarines "Leir has been senior S/M officer of 8th Flotilla since the outbreak of war & has been continuously employed in operations on the enemy's coast. All his work has been most ably carried out & his resourcefulness, coolness & keenness have been of the greatest value & have afforded a splendid example to all in the Flotilla. He rescued Defender's whaler's crew off Heligoland, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 1914 : Sank an armed trawler 28<sup>th</sup> July, 1915 : Captured a German trawler 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 1915". There is much more about his Navy career if you search for it.



Locally, Admiral Leir is best known for an event that took place in Ditcheat on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1952 and was reported in over thirty-five national and provincial newspapers. The Admiral had walked out of the Sunday service having taken exception to preaching from the pulpit delivered by Rev HR Cole, who was the first incumbent in the parish, who was not a member or related to the Leir family, for 247 years. When the Rev Cole left the church returning to his car parked on the Hall car park, Leir remonstrated with the rector, who got into his car, then the Admiral lay on the ground against the rear wheels to prevent him backing out. Rev Cole giving evidence before Shepton Mallet magistrates said "When the car started he seemed to go completely mad. He proceeded to rain

blows on my face and head and hit me with his fist. He got hold of my parson's collar and broke it. I did not attempt to retaliate, although the Rear-Admiral invited me two or three times to come out and hit him."

The newspapers showed much interest in the subsequent appearance at Bridgewater Quarter Sessions. The Sunday Mirror reported - Rear Admiral of seventy, fined £20 with costs yesterday for punching a clergyman on the nose, made an athletic getaway from the court after his trial. He climbed a wall by ladder, then emerged from a brewery near (Somerset) Quarter Sessions. Out-sprinting photographers for 200 yards, he sought refuge in a cottage for half an hour. Later, he played hide-and-seek with them in a car park, and around a petrol pump at a garage until friends bundled him into a car. Hiding his face with a hat, he said: "I like a bit of fun as well as you." Most of the seats in the public gallery of the little court were occupied by people from the hamlet of Ditcheat, Somerset, thirty miles away, where the admiral's father was once rector.

Roger Yeoman

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**RENDÉZVOUS**  
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## The Wildlife Group Update

### Phosphates – IMPORTANT READING:

Dear reader, if you can bear with me, this will be a two-part briefing. The first one a bit of the background of phosphorus and the second what we can do.

So, you have no doubt heard that **detergents** are a bad thing. It is something that most of us use for dish washing and clothes washing and car washing and hair, teeth washing and generally washing things. It was mainly due to the phosphorus (P) compounds that attach to other molecules that made detergents such good cleaners. In many domestic detergents alternatives have been found now; the EU banned P in washing powders after June 2013 and in dishwasher detergent after 2017. Still worth checking the label of products you use. Waste disposal plants now precipitate out the P in drinking water.

I'm still at the why? stage of development. This led me to read a book about **Phosphorus past and future** by Jim Elser and Phil Haygarth which I'd like to share with you in a potted form. By the way it is an excellent easy read.

**The first thing** you need to realise is that Phosphorus (P) is essential for living things for DNA and RNA and, for us mammals, bone formation. Too little and we die, too much and we die (although the health issues of how much is too much and its consequences for humans is poorly researched).

In the developed world we get masses of P from anything from fizzy drinks, raising agents, dairy and meat (oils and sugars have none or trace). Anything that is excess to requirements goes down the pan (toilet for us Brits). This comes nicely to poo and pee. Human waste and animal waste are a great source of P which plants also need for growth. During the **green revolution** it was discovered that P was just as necessary as Nitrogen for plants and that if you put on more P (within bounds), you got a greatly increased yield.

P is the Cinderella of the polluters, Carbon and Nitrogen have a much higher profile, but there is an awakening to the perils of P. The main one is that excess P in water causes **eutrophication**, greening then deoxygenation and death of the ecosystem. This was amazingly illustrated in the Canadian experimental lake 226, for all the fascinating details read the book.

Plant breeding has focused on upper plant characteristics at the expense of the root functioning, leading to **Fast Growing Lazy Plants** (FGLP). In P deficient soils native plants have a way of accessing the P (by mycorrhiza or enzymes emitted from the roots). Most plants can only access 10% of the P in a soil and this is called available P. So, you have P in the soil a bit like an iceberg with most of it unavailable to plants.

Modern farming increasingly relies on concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFO), which has the effect of having slurry in one place as a waste (let's say

SW England for dairy) and crop growing in another place (East of England). Transporting muck to the other side of the country isn't economical.

We will however need to feed the billions of people in the world. The relatively closed (and sustainable) system of mixed small-scale farming is threatened, as it is not usually commercially viable and either the farmer goes bust, or retires and sells their assets. Can't blame them. Why subsidise the food we eat, or work for nothing?

**Second thing** is that there is a finite reserve of Rock Phosphate, most of the world's reserves are in Morocco. In Agriculture we first used ground up bones, then Guano, now **Rock Phosphate** (RP) to fertilise our crops. The soil science wisdom before the '80s was that any excess P was locked in the soil. It has been discovered that, like a glacier, P moves slowly towards waterways, which then goes into the sea and then the oceans. This is called **Legacy P**. The worry is that unless we use our P reserves in a more restrained and sustainable way the oceans will fail and/or the RP will run out, with dire consequences for humanity.

I'll leave you this week with the ecosystem Impact equation of Paul Ehrlich:  
Impact = Population x Affluence x Technologies. As countries get more affluent their diets tend to include more meats and red meats. This not only has a larger carbon footprint, but also a bigger P footprint. The population of the world is increasing; affluence is increasing; will technologies bail us out?

Some solutions next month.

**WLG Photo Competition for February:**

Can you identify the amphibian Kate saw on her doorstep in late Autumn?

Answers by 9<sup>th</sup> February please.

Picture by Kate Lovell



**Photo competition results for December:** Congratulations to Daphne who correctly named the December photo as a Hornet. A gentle giant but packs a punch if you do get stung.

**Bridget Wadey** email: [thewildlifegroup@btinternet.com](mailto:thewildlifegroup@btinternet.com)

## The Natural World



Well! This is the start of year 17 of writing these notes, and things have certainly changed in that time. We wouldn't have dreamed that there would be beavers here in Somerset, but as declared in earlier articles, they are on the river Brue, and now evidence has been seen close to Bath.

The beavers are the result of re-introduction, but they are spreading their wings and there are groups who suggest that more species should be considered. Lynx and wolves for the Scottish highlands are subjects of a huge debate, and I can see the pros. and cons. Some re-introductions are less controversial, with pine martens making a recovery in various parts of the UK. As their preferred diet is grey squirrels, red squirrels are feeling the benefit of these stunning creatures with their rich brown coat and cream coloured bib.

One of the most successful re-introductions has been the red kite. They are seen flying over our villages on a regular basis, but some still see them as a nuisance. I'm not entirely sure why, but hey ho! On a recent train journey to London, I watched one flying in the opposite direction to our train, in the east Hampshire part of our journey - and apart from feral pigeons, that was the last wildlife I saw until returning to more rural areas. Maybe the red kite knew best, because I never cease to be amazed by the absolute density of humans in the home counties and our capital city. David Attenborough's recent documentary on the wildlife in London did little to reassure me. There are some incredible pockets of resistance, like the London wetlands project, but they are very small pockets indeed. At the risk of repeating myself, **we live in one of the most nature depleted countries in the world.**



What can we do to redress that which won't demand wandering around the remaining British countryside, up to our knees in mud and freezing cold? Quite a bit, is the answer to that one. Bridget Wadey (Ditcheat Wildlife Group) is a great advocate of making your garden more nature friendly, and it is extremely easy to do – leave a bit of it completely alone. That's the key. Let nature reclaim

a bit. Wild flowers (weeds) will soon find you, and unmown grass will provide sustenance and shelter for smaller creatures. By the very nature of nature, smaller creatures attract slightly larger creatures, who will see them as a food source. The poem *Siphonaptera* by Augustus de Morgan sums it up beautifully, in the reverse order. "*Great fleas have little fleas upon their backs to bite them, and little fleas have lesser fleas, and so ad infinitum*". He goes on to say that it works in the reverse too. So, provide shelter and sustenance – and the rest will follow. In our garden, with little effort, we have slow worms, grass snakes, frogs, common newts, great crested newts, hedgehogs and I haven't even started on the insect and bird life. Butterflies have suffered enormous declines in number in the last few years, but your small patch of uncultivated garden could help them enormously. Being a beekeeper, I am aware that we have about 10 different species of bees living or visiting, and in all probability, you have too. Tree bumblebees can, and will take over bird nest boxes, ash mining bees will live happily in your lawn and mason bees will burrow into loose mortar, or take up residence in a bug box, if you provide one.

*Tree bumblebees*  
(Stewart Gould)



When it comes to birds, the story is, sadly, not so good. The variety of species has declined, no song thrushes, no redwings, or fieldfares this winter, very few greenfinches, declining house sparrow numbers and starlings far less numerous than they used to be. Along with about half a million other people, I'll have taken part in the annual 'Big Garden Birdwatch' by the time you read this. What could be more enjoyable than sitting for an hour looking out of the window, and

counting birds? Please feed the birds in your garden if you can, because towards the end of winter, naturally occurring food stocks are at their lowest, and to give you a sense of how much food birds need, a blue tit weighing 11g (½ oz) needs its own body weight of food every day, to provide enough energy to fly and keep warm. **That is the equivalent of me eating 308 8oz steaks each and every day.**

*Blue Tit (Frances Franklin  
Wikimedia commons)*



Helping nature in your garden really doesn't demand a lot of time, effort or expense, in fact, sometimes it's the complete opposite.

Stewart Gould      email: XXXXXX

## Ditcheat Church Flower Team



Huge thanks to the team who decorated the church for Christmas (here enjoying a well-deserved coffee and mince pie).

Anyone who would like to join the team this year would be warmly welcomed. We also need helpers to clean the Church brasses.

Please contact Jessica Leach on XXXXXX.

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### **Join the Ditchet Dash**



We meet every Thursday evening 6:30pm, at the Manor Inn car park. We run between 5-8km and do ad hoc longer runs on the weekend. We are a friendly bunch covering a wide range of abilities, all runners welcome! Winter runs require lights/hi-vis.

To join get in touch with Aimee (XXXXXX) and I will add to the group Whatsapp. You can also find us on social platforms @BA4Runners.



## Ditcheat School

The Christmas lunch was provided by the Friends of Ditcheat School and greatly enjoyed by children and staff alike. FODS helpers really got into the spirit of things, donning festive costumes, and there was music and colouring for the children to enjoy.



The children also enjoyed a Dr Dolittle pantomime at school, with puppetry, singing and lots of audience participation.

It provided a very special treat in the last week of term.

There was also a surprise visit by Father Christmas, who left some presents under the tree in each classroom.

Thank you to our supportive parents for this special annual event.



Christmas nativities were acted out by children in Reception to Year Four and they sang, danced and played their parts with great confidence.

We are very proud of all the children for their productions.



Elaine Cosser



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## Somerset Stumpers

Welcome to the new puzzle page – whether you're a dab hand or just trying them out, we hope you enjoy them.

The **cryptic crossword** clues are riddles which must be solved to deduce the answer. You develop experience by attempting them!

Watch out for 'how to' tips in future issues.

The **quick crossword** clues are synonyms or words that are related in usage to the required answers. There are no riddles.

**Sudoku** puzzles present a grid with cells, some with a number in them. Each row, column, and 3x3 box should have the numbers 1 to 9 within their nine-cell container,

The answers to all the puzzles are on page 28.

And for those yet to grow into crosswords here's some colouring-in!



## Part One

To start - a numerical conundrum and an alphabetic overload. Adapted for your puzzlement by Brian Jaques.

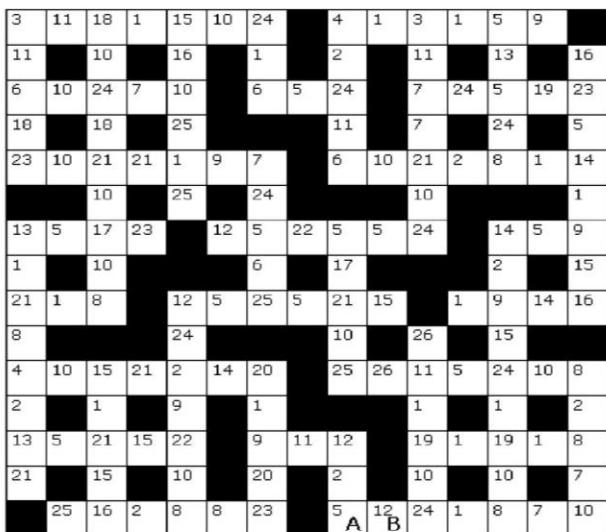
## Sudoku

The object of the puzzle is to insert numbers into the boxes to satisfy only one condition: each row, column, and 3x3 box must contain the digits 1 to 9 exactly once.

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## Codeword

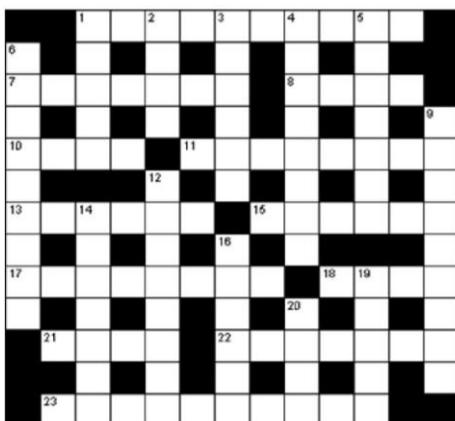
Complete the grid with all the letters of the alphabet to construct real words - you are given two letters as a start. As the missing letters are found, complete the gallery table alongside.



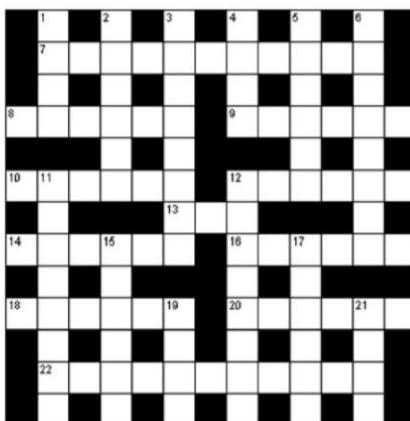
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### Simple Crossword



### Cryptic Crossword



#### Across

- 1 Credible (10)
- 7 Chic (7)
- 8 Arrange in order (4)
- 10 Cook in an oven (4)
- 11 First showing of a film (8)
- 13 Uncover (6)
- 15 Northern Ireland (6)
- 17 Roomy (8)
- 18 Warmth (4)
- 21 Orient (4)
- 22 Bishop's district (7)
- 23 Unnecessarily (10)

#### Down

- 1 Fracture (5)
- 2 Flesh without fat (4)
- 3 Whole (6)
- 4 Put together (8)
- 5 Of greatest size (7)
- 6 Robin (9)
- 9 Rued (9)
- 12 Helped (8)
- 14 Mollify (7)
- 16 Obstacle (6)
- 19 Sorrowful poem (5)
- 20 Throw carelessly (4)

#### Across

- 7 Season of mellow fruitfulness? (1,4,3,3)
- 8 Dark times - but things have altered (6)
- 9 Scandinavian taking a short run round Ulster (6)
- 10 Aprons designed for clergyman (6)
- 12 Airborne youth leader gets cast out (6)
- 13 Sheep found in sewer (3)
- 14 River, lake and country (6)
- 16 Making a cat sit still (6)
- 18 Starfish (6)
- 20 Frail, but part of the business? (6)
- 22 List composed by crazy mountaineer (11)

#### Down

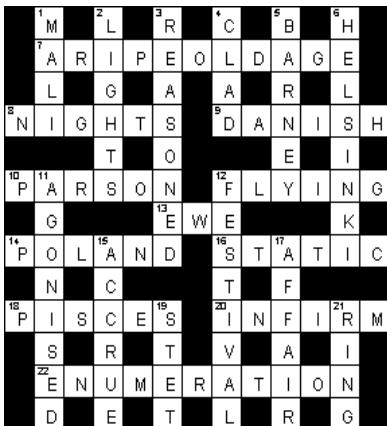
- 1 A country farm, a little part (4)
- 2 Dismounts for the illuminations (6)
- 3 Thought logically about a red nose 8)
- 4 Caught boy getting dressed (4)
- 5 Quarrel with little Barnabas (6)
- 6 He and I are joined by odd links, making capital
- 11 Diagnose suffering (8)
- 12 Celebration may be fast and live (8)
- 15 A lot of sailors, we hear, accumulate (6)
- 17 The raffia-weaving business? (6)
- 19 Let it remain as typescript's first laid out (4)
- 21 Call the band (4)

## Answers to Somerset Stumpers

### Sudoku FTNS01

3	5	8	2	7	6	4	9	1
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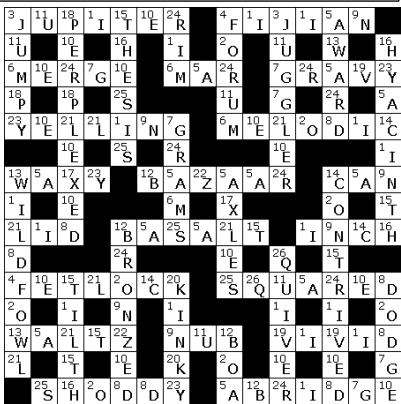
### Cryptic FTNCR1



### Codeword FTNCW1



### Quick FTNQUR1



## Ditcheat Big Screen



### Spring 2026 Film Programme

All showings commence at Ditcheat's Jubilee Hall at 7.30pm but our doors open at 6.30pm so you can meet friends for a drink and a snack in our popular snug bar. Tickets are £5 on the door or you can book online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk) (booking fee applies).

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**Film rating 15 Running time 105 mins**

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#### **THE CHORAL**

**Friday 20 March**

**Film rating 15 Running time 113 mins**

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A different and wonderful take on wartime which is all at once "wry, melancholic and sneakily profound" (The Telegraph).

#### **NUREMBERG (to be confirmed)**

**Friday 17 April**

**Film rating 15 Running time 148 mins**

Russell Crowe gives a towering performance as Reichsmarschall Herman Goring in this unpretentious, quietly inspiring re-telling of the Nuremberg trials.

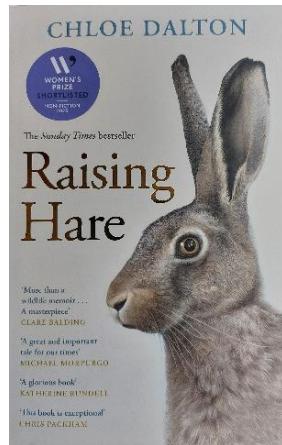
Michael Shannon stars as the unyielding prosecutor Robert H Jackson and Rami Malek stars as a US Army psychiatrist who is locked in a dramatic psychological duel with Goring.

"Never less than riveting" (The Times).-

## Ditchheat Book Group

### *Raising Hare* by Chloe Dalton

One day, listening with half an ear to Radio 4, my attention was caught by a beautifully worded description of a leveret by the author, a high-flying political advisor. During the pandemic she had temporarily relocated to an isolated cottage in the countryside. Her story begins when she heard the disturbing sound of a dog barking and a man shouting. Later when walking down an open farm track she spotted a leveret hunkered down in a rut, almost invisible to the naked eye but vulnerable to predators or any passing vehicle. It was highly likely it had been disturbed by the dog she had heard earlier. She decided to continue with her walk hoping that by the time she returned it would have gone. She knew enough about wildlife to know that it was better to leave well alone. When returning four hours later it was almost dusk and it was still there, motionless; it was, she felt, unlikely that the Mother would find it by then so she wrapped the leveret in clumps of dead grass and carried it home.



With advice from her sister, used to raising orphan animals, extensive reading and using the internet, Dalton was able to feed the baby hare. "It's tiny coloured paws gripping the bottle would knead the air in a trembling milky ecstasy".

From the outset Dalton was determined she would not make a pet of the creature, never giving it a name and encouraging its independence. Over time, Hare would often sit with her when she was working and Dalton would find herself watching and appreciating Hare's antics and acrobatics outside. Dalton appreciated, however, that she was only able to share its space because it allowed her to.

What makes this book so very special are the lyrical observations of Hare when describing, for example, the nuances of colour in its fur. The experience of sharing time with Hare resulted in a connection with the natural world she had not hitherto been aware of.

I hadn't realised that there is no enforced closed season for hares at any time of the year in England and Wales, as with most game, despite the dramatic decline in their numbers.

Vee Lees



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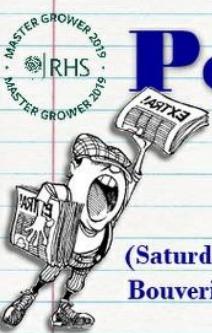
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## Community Calendar

We are so fortunate to live in such a vibrant and active community with many and varied organisations, clubs and venues! However, this brings its challenges in terms of the many events and the potential for clashes which can affect attendance/audience numbers.

(Of course, some clashes at busy times of year are inevitable or there may be no overlap in terms of the likely audience). Many events are important fund raisers and attracting as many attendees as possible is crucial.

Various of us feel that it would be helpful to have some form of regularly updated parish (i.e. Ditcheat, Alhampton, Wraxall, East Pennard and Pylle) Community Calendar to prevent clashes as far as possible. This would supplement the information in the FTN. I have agreed to kick off this project. There are points to decide, such as how/where it is held and made available to view and how often it is updated. Also, what types of events should be included.

I think it will be necessary for each business/club to have one designated person to forward event information. May I ask that interested organisations send me contact details of the person nominated, together with any suggestions on this project?

Events I envisage being included could be those held by the pubs, church concerts, Haddon Wood (Open Gardens), Charles Dowding (Open Days), Millennium Hall, rugby club, cricket club. I am sure there are more.....

Could those interested please send suggestions and details of the appropriate contact person to XXXXXX.

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### Thank you for your support

The East Pennard Carol service was held on a cold, wet, Sunday night just before Christmas. The beautifully decorated church was full of enthusiastic singers and the collection raised enough for donations of £150 to be made to both St Margaret's Hospice and the Salvation Army.

Thank you to all who supported this occasion. A big thank you to all who contributed in any way for making Sally's Christmas Bingo such a success. We made approximately £460 profit for our church. Hopefully our upcoming Easter one will be as successful.

Thank you!

Jean

## **Jubilee Hall Committee Chairperson's AGM report**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and his summary of the year's happenings.

Last year Lyn Coningham was appointed Vice Chair, Toby Alexander was appointed Treasurer, and Mary Alexander became the Bookings Officer, Hilary Clark remained as Secretary. At this time of year we are usually asked by the Glastonbury Festival to provide Stewards, but the festival is fallow this year so we will lose that most useful income stream. The Hall insurance is also due and following a Hall revaluation for rebuild costs last year our premium has increased, but this was an essential exercise. Some favourable new utility deals were arranged by our Treasurer, and we are indebted to our regular hirers but we could always do with more, they provide the backbone to our financial obligations.

We have had several entertainments/fundraising events- the Frost Fair was successful despite a slightly lower footfall compared with last year, but sadly the school visit to the Hall to decorate the tree and have their end of year assembly had to be cancelled due to bad weather.

We have had our usual film shows and although we have many regular and faithful attenders numbers have been slightly in decline. Our Social evenings attendance has also dwindled and we no longer do this monthly. The Quiz, most ably organised by Stuart Gould, was again a very successful evening and we should continue this event.

The entrance lobby has been revamped, decorated, and supplied with new noticeboards. It is a great improvement and we have to thank Simon Griffiths for supervising this. The windows in the Hall facing the road have all been replaced due to wear and tear and then fitted with new blinds – a great improvement as well.

It is most beneficial to have everything in good condition and remember that we also have a Level 5 in kitchen hygiene, but we still have to find the money to do all this; a beautiful Hall which lies empty does not pay for itself.

We have two accounts. The first a deposit which is healthy but this is our cushion should we have emergency expenses and the second account, the current, deals with all the routine expenses.

We did make enquiries about having the roof tiles cleaned and proofed including a gutter overhaul but the quoters were considered too expensive.

We resurrected the idea of a Horse Race Evening held in conjunction with the Rotary Club. They were incredibly helpful explaining the process, conducting the

evening, providing the Tote facilities and helped by several of their own people. We found the 8 sponsors for each race, they then provided the horses' names. Those attending enjoyed the evening but numbers were low unfortunately.

The obligatory rulings on Data Protection and Privacy Policy were successfully achieved by Linda and Marcus Wyburn-Mason. Thank you to them. We now have a dedicated officer (Chris Ringrow) who deals with our website and electronic communications which has been a blessing.

Investigations were made regarding further acoustic insulation for the Hall but this was considered too expensive. The possibility of streaming events with the National Theatre was also investigated but since Lamyatt, Evercreech, Frome and Yeovil already do this, it seemed pointless as well.

Proper stage lighting has been installed to make a workable stage with which we are already blessed.

We have a new cleaner looking after the Hall which is working well, all appropriate quarterly checks done routinely and we have a constant programme of repair, many of which are minor but nevertheless need doing.

We were again fortunate to have a Christmas tree donated though Simon's work. He only had a few purchases to complete the decorations of the Hall at which he is an expert.

We had a Take Art performance booked for March 2026 but on the advice of the Take Art organiser, it was cancelled; it was considered inappropriate. We were asked by the school to accommodate two clothing bank containers in the car park but we had to refuse on account of their size. The annual big clean-up was done in November with most hands on deck. Leaves and conkers are the big problem!

We have co-opted one new member onto the committee – Lyn Steele- she is returning to her rightful home. Anne Robson will be resigning from the Committee at this AGM. She has done sterling work for all the events- she will be sorely missed. I am sure the Committee would endorse my thanks for her having done a very full 10 years.

I have to announce that I will also be resigning as Chairman from the Committee. I have immensely enjoyed being Chairman but feel that someone who is much younger should take over and inject fresh dynamism into the role. I have spent many years working on voluntary committees and it is time to take a break. I wish to thank all of you for your brilliant help and support. You have all put in so much effort. Keep it up for my successor!

Richard Sudworth.



## Ditcheat Parish Council Minutes January 2026

PRESENT: Chairperson - Councillor Hutton (RH) and Councillors Clark (HC), Thring (CT), Sergeant (PS), Annetts (PA) and Evans (CE).

IN ATTENDANCE: Miss P Griffiths - Clerk to the Council.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – there were two members of the public present of whom one wished to confirm that many residents along the Wraxall Road supported the implementation of reduced speed limits on the Wraxall Road and through Ditcheat village.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Apologies for absence from Councillors Adams (LA) and Pearse (RP) were received and approved.

**MENDIP SOUTH DIVISION COUNCILLORS' REPORT** – noted.

**CODE OF CONDUCT** – Declarations of interest - none.

**MINUTES** – The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – were approved and signed as a correct record.

**MATTERS ARISING** - from the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

- a) Alhampton speed restriction invoice from Somerset Council (SC) – The Clerk reported that the group who are funding the speed restriction scheme in Alhampton had again been made aware that the invoice had not yet been received. The Clerk will contact the Accounts department at SC to check when the invoice will be sent.
- b) Health And Wellbeing (H&W) Initiative – the Clerk reported that there were no grants available and that the support offered by SALC was more around developing a Parish Plan. Resolved to remove this item from the agenda and reconsider in the future if circumstances warranted it.
- c) Confirmation of meeting dates – resolved to confirm the meeting dates following the change of date for the April meeting to the 9<sup>th</sup> of the month.
- d) Alhampton AED and kiosk housing the AED – the Clerk reported that the AED was functioning and ready for use. It was noted that the plan is that volunteers would do all the preparation work prior to the kiosk being repainted in the Spring. In the meantime, the Clerk along with Mrs Hughes were looking at various options for the replacement of the AED.

**PLANNING - APPLICATIONS** – The following application/s was considered: Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 6 (Soft Landscaping) on planning consent 2024/1439/FUL. Land At 363272 135928 Folly Cottages to Arthurs Bridge Ditcheat. Ref: 2025/2049/APP. **Outcome:** Resolved to support the granting of permission on the grounds that the plans appear to enhance the existing landscape.

Update on Higher Farm following letter sent to Somerset Council Planning and Enforcement Departments - the Clerk reported the Planning Enforcement Officer to whom the letter concerning Higher Farm was no longer dealing with the Mendip East (ME) area. The Enforcement Officer (EO) for ME was coming in to

post in the next week - the Clerk will follow up with the new EO about Higher Farm.

## FINANCE

- a) Balance of accounts – the Clerk reported that the balance prior to meeting is £24,495.50.
- b) Budget for 2026-2027 – Resolved to confirm the budget as tabled. Whilst the overall budget will remain the Clerk will identify the cost of the litter and dog waste bin emptying as a separate line of expenditure. Resolved that the cost of the IT service provision will be benchmarked with other providers to ensure that the PC is receiving value for money from the existing supplier.
- c) Precept - Resolve to set the precept for 2026/2027 at £20,500 which represents an increase of 2.5% in line with the predicted rate of inflation by the OBR for 2026/2027.
- d) It was noted that the precept will be paid in two instalments – April and September for all precepts over £10,000.
- e) Update on plan to transfer the bank accounts from NatWest to the Unity Trust Bank or another bank as proposed by the Clerk - resolved that CT and the Clerk would work to come up with a recommendation about whether or not to transfer the bank accounts to an alternative provider.
- f) Resolved that the Clerk should inform NatWest, the PC's current bank, of the members of the Council.
- g) Resolved that the signatories to the bank accounts are confirmed as Councillors Hutton, Evans, Clark and Sergeant and the mandate for issuing cheques should be amended accordingly.
- h) The Parish Council approved the payment of the following:
  - 1) SALC for councillor training – invoice number 2519 - £25.00.
  - 2) Somerset Playing Fields Association - annual subscription £15.00.
  - 3) Parochial Church Council (PCC) for room hire - £72.00.
  - 4) Miss P Griffiths for Clerk's salary for period 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 - £982.32. (Includes backpay for agreed pay rise for 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025).
  - 5) HMRC for PAYE/NICs for period 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 including backpay as above - £245.40
  - 6) FTN – for payment for publication of minutes and other articles - £150.00 as per budget.
  - 7) Miss P Griffiths for Clerk's expenses for period 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 - £29.69.

RESOLVED - that the expenditure be approved, and the cheques issued.

- i) The payment to the following were noted: SLH Services Ltd for grounds maintenance; invoice 2025.091 - £105.00.

## PLAYGROUND

- a) Retendering of grounds maintenance contract – Resolved that the Clerk will invite the existing contractor along with the contractor who cuts the grass for the PCC and at least one other contractor to quote for the maintenance of the playground.

- b) Additional dog waste bin – Resolved that Clerk should order a dog waste bin from Glasdon along with a post and the installation kit. The cost for emptying the bin is £6.50 per emptying.
- c) Safety matting – treatment will be done when weather permits.
- d) Any matters of report – HC will review the state of the fence surrounding the toddlers' play equipment area.

**HIGHWAYS** - Update on matters relating to the Wraxall Road following concerns raised by residents in Ditcheat:

- The speed of vehicles travelling along the Wraxall Road and into Ditcheat village – the Clerk reported that any additional speed restrictions on the Wraxall Road and/or through Ditcheat would have to be community funded. The Traffic Management Unit (TMU) at SC have confirmed that the 40mph limit at the Wraxall Road/A37 junction could be extended to encompass the dwellings up to and including Hill Farm at an approximate cost of £2,000-£3,000 which would include the legal order and signing costs. It was understood that the road from the A37 junction to Hill Farm would not be considered/meet the criteria for a 20mph limit. The road from Hill Farm to the start of the dwellings in Ditcheat village would remain as derestricted, that is at 60 mph. It is understood that the road through the village which does meets the criteria for a 20mph would again need to be community funded. There is already a design for such a scheme but no estimation of costs. The PC believes that it has done all that it can and it now remains for the residents of Ditcheat and/or Wraxall to take this forward and come back to the PC confirming that it wishes to take the project forward and has/will raise the necessary funds. At this point the Clerk will request an up to date estimate for the scheme for Ditcheat village.
- The poor condition of the road and road surface - the Clerk reported that the state of the road surface was well known to the Highways Department. Pavement – The Clerk will follow up this matter to ascertain if it is possible to widen and/or extend the length of the pavement and will also report that the surface of the existing pavement needs repair.

b) Update on items/matters for repair previously reported.

- Wraxall Road - work has been started.
- Folly Corner road edge - outstanding. The Clerk will report that Folly Corner road verge has deteriorated again.

New matters for report to the Highways authority – HC reported that the road surface on Back Lane is deteriorating. The Clerk will report the matter, but it may well be that it is not severe enough to meet the criteria for repair.

**FOOTPATHS, BRIDLEWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY.**

Update on the 'lost' path that runs behind Moff Motors towards Castle Cary station which would allow pedestrian access from Alhampton – RH reported that as some of the land owners involved were still unavailable to meet for some time this matter will be put on hold until the Spring.

**CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE.**

Correspondence – The Clerk reported that Diane Longman had notified the PC for information purposes that she is objecting to the application for and erection

of the structure on Ditcheat Hill Farm. The Clerk reported that on checking the planning portal it would appear that from a planning perspective no planning permission was required and that the matter was more a legal matter between Ms Longman as the previous owner and the new owner of the property.

The Clerk reported that further correspondence had been received from a parishioner concerned about the lights emanating from the newly erected dairy unit on the Wraxall Road which were causing a disturbance. RH will speak to the Barbers about the possibility of redirecting/shielding the lights on the eastern side of the building.

#### ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

- Grounds maintenance – retendering of contract.

DATE of NEXT MEETING – 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026 at 7.30 pm to be held in the Church Room, Ditcheat.

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE AND NOTICEBOARDS FOR AGENDAS AND DATES.  
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### **Somerset Cider Apple Cake**

Originally from a WI recipe book, this has been a staple in the Oborne family for over 60 years. *Ed: Thanks, Louisa!* Use as cake or pudding. Lasts a fortnight in tin or freezes well. Makes between 20 and 30 slices.

560 gm sultanas	340 gm butter
680 gm cooking apples (450 gm prepared)	
560 gm plain flour	275 ml sweet cider
4 eggs	3 level teaspoons baking powder
450 gm caster sugar	2 level teaspoons mixed spice.

- Soak sultanas in cider overnight.
- Preheat oven 180°C (160°C fan) / Gas mark 4.
- Line large 5 pint roasting tin with baking parchment.
- Peel and core apples and chop roughly.
- Cream butter and sugar, beat eggs and add gradually beating well.
- Sift flour, baking powder and spice into mix and fold in. Add apple, sultanas and any cider left.
- Mix well with metal spoon. Put in tin and level.
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Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sally Greenhalgh	Jess Leach
Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>	No Flowers	"
Lent 18 <sup>th</sup>	"	
March 1 <sup>st</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	"	Judith Rowsell
March 15 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>	"	"

We would welcome new members of the team for flowers and brass cleaning. If you are interested please contact Jess Leach on XXXXXX.

## East Pennard Church Flowers & Cleaning Rota

February	Georgina Dearden
	Bridget Wadey
March	Shirley Baldwin
	Clare Hogg
April	Jane Allen
	Penny Kayes



A big thank you to all who decorated the church for the Carols and Christmas service. The church looked stunning and gave those services a lovely atmosphere and setting.

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## RECTOR'S NOTE

Dear Friends,

I hope you had a good Christmas and managed to keep warm in the bitterly cold New Year. I put out bird seed every day, winter and summer, and lately the birds have been queuing up on my windowsills and garden wires from early morning to tell me it's time for me to get the food out.

At the end of the month we shall finally be welcoming our new Priest-in-Charge, the Reverend James Sharp, and his wife Andi. His official licensing by the Bishop will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7 pm in Pilton Church. Or you might prefer to come to the joint service at Ditcheat on 1<sup>st</sup> March at 10.30 am, when James will lead the service and preach. This will be followed by a potluck lunch, so you will be able to meet him more informally.

James and Andi will live in the Ditcheat Rectory for a few months, while the Pilton Rectory is being done up. After they move to Pilton, the Rectory in Ditcheat will be sold. It's a sad reflection of the fact the Church can no longer afford to have a priest in every parish. But it does mean we shall try hard in future to find occasions to be together with our Pilton benefice colleagues and share with them in James's ministry among us.

God bless you and yours.

Rosalind Paul (Retired Priest)

### **Meet your new Priest-in-Charge**

The Revd James Sharp will be licensed by the Bishop as the new Priest-in-Charge of Pilton, Croscombe, North Wootton, Ditcheat with Alhampton, East Pennard and Pylle at:

**St John the Baptist Church, Pilton**  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7 p.m.**

If you would like to meet James, he will be presiding at a joint service for all six parishes at:

**St Mary Magdalene Church, Ditcheat**  
**10.30 a.m. on 1<sup>st</sup> March.**

The service will be followed by a potluck lunch (contributions of finger food would be gratefully received).

All are very welcome to attend.



**Church Services for February**  
**In the Parishes of Ditcheat with**  
**Alhampton, East Pennard, Pylle,**  
**Pilton, North Wootton and Croscombe**



<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b> 10.30 am	<b>Presentation of Christ in the Temple</b> <b>Joint Holy Communion at Croscombe</b>
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00 am	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b> <b>Holy Communion at Ditcheat</b>
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00 am	<b>Sunday before Lent</b> <b>Holy Communion at East Pennard</b>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b> 6.30 pm	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b>Imposition of ashes at Alhampton</b>
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 10.00 am	<b>Lent 1</b> <b>Holy Communion at Alhampton</b>

**Church Services for March**

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b> 10.30 am	<b>Lent 2</b> <b>Joint Holy Communion at Ditcheat</b>
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00 am	<b>Lent 3</b> <b>Holy Communion at Ditcheat</b>
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00 am	<b>Mothering Sunday</b> <b>Holy Communion at East Pennard</b>
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 10.00 am	<b>Lent 5</b> <b>Holy Communion at Pylle</b>
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00 am	<b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>Holy Communion at Alhampton</b>

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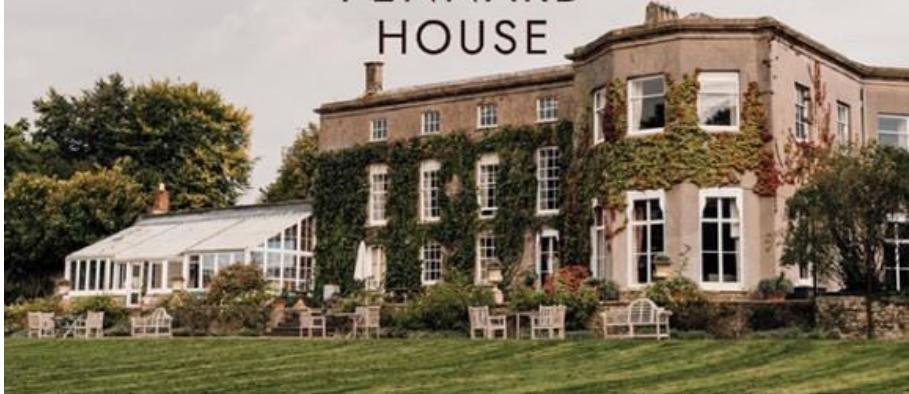
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