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The Editor's Letter

Definitely a step closer to vest wearing as October 'is typically cool, damp and unsettled with daytime highs of just 14°C'. And to torch bearing - the clocks go back on the 26th and by then the sun will have disappeared by five o'clock.

On a more positive note, the summer left us all with outstanding fruit foraging opportunities and our local vineyard is busy harvesting a bumper yield and you're invited to help (P16).

There's appropriately heart-warming lasagnas on offer at the Village Lunch (P10), a special fund-raising lunch for Pylle residents (P37); and if you have kids Ditchat School invites you to its Open Day on the 10th (P25).

The 18th is Anti-Slavery Day and we can all do something to help. See P38.

For a dose of culture get yourself over to Lamyatt village hall where there's a National Theatre Live screening of the new play, *Interalia* (P33), Ditchat's Big Screen kicks off its Autumn programme with the transformation of Rich Jenkins to Richard Burton in *Mr Burton* with Toby Jones (P21).

If you're contemplating a bit of a garden redesign and facing an intimidating incline, Fosseway Gardening Club has the answer (P6).

Whatever you're up to, enjoy!

Margy Cockburn Tim Sanders

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Regular Events

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

October

Thurs 9 th 6.30pm	National Theatre at Lamyatt	P33
Sun 11 th 6.30pm	Pylle Vill Hall Fundraiser Lunch	Barbara XXXXXX P37
Tue 14 th 10.00am	Rendezvous	Lynda XXXXXX P10
Tue 14 th 7.00pm	Fosseway Gardening Club	Barbara XXXXXX P6
Fri 17 th 6.30pm	Ditcheat Big Screen – Mr Burton	P21
Tue 28 th 12.30pm	Village Lunch	Jessica XXXXXX P10

Further Ahead

Sat 8 th Nov 6.30pm	Horse Race Night, Jubilee Hall	P32
Sun 9 th Nov 10.50am	Remembrance Service and Lunch	P33

Please check with the organisers for the latest information. Updates will be notified on the magazine website www.fossetrinitynews.co.uk.

Alhampton Weather – August 2025

A summer to remember as the warmest on record. The average temperature for the three months was about 16°C, more than 1°C above the long-term average. I suspect that many of us will focus on how dry it was, but surprisingly we have had two equally dry summers, 2022 and 2024, in recent times. However, with an exceptionally dry spring preceding this summer we are well overdue for a lot of rain. The feature of the summer was record-breaking amounts of sunshine and a perpetual warmth, particularly at night, rather than extreme temperatures. The record for the longest heatwave goes back to 1976 and some comparisons of the two years have appeared in the press. It was an even drier summer in 1976.

August itself was quite an unsettled month. Storm Floris, hardly noticed in the south of the country, produced heavy rain and strong winds for the north. Nevertheless, the feeling of Autumn was apparent here by the end of the month. This is the time of the year for hurricanes and these can set off a pattern of wind and rain here as we slide into Autumn. Hurricane Erin in mid-month passed up the east coast of the USA in the process influencing the jetstream. As a consequence the stable, high-pressure conditions that we have enjoyed for nearly three months gradually declined. This has opened us up to the Atlantic weather systems and into a sustained period of unsettled weather.

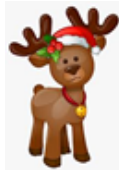
The long-range forecasts are favouring more of what we have experienced in the first week of September. Occasional bouts of rain, very mild, even particularly warm on occasion, with quite a lot of sunshine.

John Clarke

The logo for the 100 Club, featuring the text "100 Club" in white on a blue, wavy banner.

September 100 Club Draw

Ball 1	£100	Andrew Castle Stewart
Ball 40	50	Mark Derby
Ball 52	£25	Thelma Norton



PYLLE VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6th 5.30 FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION EVENING

Mince pies, soup, children and adults Christmas craft.
More detailed information nearer the date.

Fosseway Gardening



Meeting: Tuesday 14th October at Pylle Village Hall.

New start time of 7 pm

'Eliza Gray Garden Design process with a nod to slopes'

New members always welcome.

Contact Barbara Cary Tel 07875 240844



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Playground Maintenance Work

Please be aware that parts of the playground will be inaccessible while work takes place on the beech trees in the playground. The contractors will, subject to weather conditions, be onsite on the 24th October. It is possible that the work may not be completed in one day in which case the contractors will be on site on Monday 27th October again, subject to weather conditions.



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The Village Lunch is held on the last Tuesday of the month in the Jubilee Hall at 12.30pm.

Menu for 28th October

Beef Lasagne
Vegetable Lasagne
Chicken Lasagne

Selection of Puddings. Tea or Coffee.

£6.00 per person.

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If you would like to come let Jessica Leach (XXXXXX) or Vee Lees (XXXXXX) know by the previous Wednesday. There will be a raffle as usual - any prizes will be welcome.

RENDEZVOUS

Tuesday, 14th October

10am – 11:30 am

Jubilee Village Hall

Ditcheat

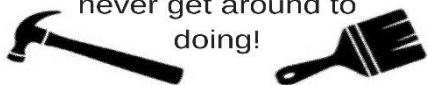


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This picture is likely to be late 1953, and is probably of members of the Coronation Committee. To commemorate Queen Elizabeth II's coronation, funds were raised to create two seats in the village. Originally they were classic teak bench seats with the building works to set this seat on a reduced level within new brick walls. The one on Ditchat Hill was set on an elevated concrete platform which allowed the field to be stock proof without fencing in front of the seat. It was a major voluntary project that is enjoyed today, albeit the seats have had several replacements and repairs over time.

From L to R: Hugh Golledge, Herbert Lintern, ?, Edna Hodges, ?, Ethel Vaux, Mrs Starkey, Fred Vaux, ?

If anyone has further information on this picture please contact me by e-mail.

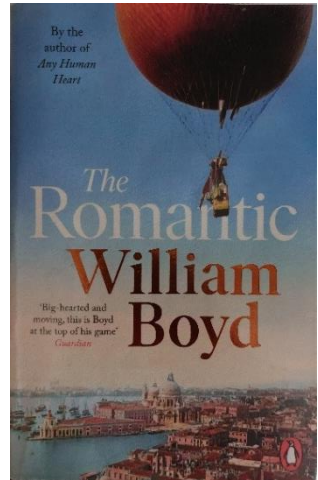
Roger Yeoman XXXXXX

Ditcheat Book Group

'The Romantic – The real Life of Castel Greville Ross'

The author, William Boyd, came across 'an unfinished, disordered and somewhat baffling autobiography of Castell Ross (1799-1882)'. He decided there wasn't sufficient information to write his biography, but instead he would incorporate various incidents and historical characters Ross had come across, into a novel.

After an unconventional childhood, Castel enlists as a drummer boy in the army where he sees action at the Battle of Waterloo. Subsequently Ross becomes a lieutenant in the East India's army; an episode that ends badly for him and forces him to leave India. In no hurry to go back to England Ross decides to travel around Europe and Italy, where he meets Mary Shelly and Byron spending time with both. He has an affair with a Contessa.



Back in England, he writes a very successful book but unfortunately ends up in Marchelsea Prison owing a huge sum of money. At this stage he is 30 years old but after some time his fortunes change as he comes into an inheritance.

The next phase of his life takes place in Massachusetts, America, where he had purchased a farm, married and had two children. The marriage breaks down and Cashel decides to return to England in an attempt to improve his fortunes. Here he is approached by an old army acquaintance who proposes they travel to Africa to discover the source of the Nile with a prize of 5,000 guineas if successful. This venture ends in disaster as Cashel comes into conflict with Burton and Speke who were also seeking the source.

In order to escape the resulting controversy Ross accepts the post of Consul to the republic of Nicaragua where, yet again, he finds that all is not what it seems and he has to flee.

He returns to Italy and, although that is not the end of the novel, it's where he stays. The above describes the bare bones of Ross' very colourful and adventurous life. It's well worth a read.

Vee Lees



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Harvest at Wraxall Vineyard

We've all enjoyed the sunshine this year – none more than the vines at the vineyard. The long, hot sunny days brought the vines into flower earlier than average, we had no strong winds or heavy rain to affect pollination and veraison, the point at which the black variety grape bunched start to turn from green to black, has happened 2/3 weeks earlier than anticipated. This bodes well for a good harvest, and ultimately good wines – but as I write this we've still got a few weeks to go and anything can happen!



There's a lot of wasps this year and they do like the taste of grapes! In previous years we've been affected by SWD (Spotted Wing Drosophila) that lay their eggs in the grapes and literally turn the juice to vinegar – but we've now got this under control. Last year there wasn't much food for the birds around (remember that dull, cool summer) -so we had to deal with flocks of Fieldfares hungry for sweet juicy grapes. Hopefully they won't come back this year but some vineyards in 2024 had their crop devastated by birds – our local Buzzards and increasingly the Red Kites help us.

The summer of 2025 hasn't been renowned for much rain and elsewhere in the UK hosepipe bans are in place. Fortunately, the roots of the mature vines go down up to 7 metres and that long, long, wet winter, allied to our heavy clay soil, has kept the vines going through this long hot summer. We planted circa 2000 new vines in May and even those have found good moisture in the soil and have grown well. Water was taken out of our spring-fed reservoir and stored in case of need and we just haven't had to use it.



So now we move to harvest. Our vines are cared for by the vineyard team during the year, as advised by our viticulturist – but once we near harvest our winemaker takes over. Grape samples are sent every week for testing and once the acids and sugars are “just right” we get circa 48 hours’ notice to gather the picking teams together (please contact us if you want to join in) and get the grapes to the winery – just two hours from picking to juice.

The four different varieties across the vineyard mean four different harvest days, normally spread between mid-September to mid-October, although it could be earlier this year.

The good news is that, with a bit more rain in the coming weeks to fatten up the grapes, 2025 could be a classic vintage for English wine. We will again be making our award-winning Bacchus Reserve, along with our Sparkling wines, and hoping for more “Golds” for Wraxall.



David Bailey

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The Natural World

This summer's extraordinary weather was, for many, a welcome change from last year, but extreme weather of any sort is never going to please everybody and farmers have been dealt a particularly hard blow, with virtually no rain at all throughout July and August and record-breaking hot spells. Crops and grassland have suffered dreadfully, leaves have been falling from trees like confetti, and gardeners are not best pleased, but then they hardly ever are, but it has been good for others. Plums, and almost all other species of prunus have done very well indeed. Some apple species, particularly crab apples, were weighing down branches while commercial apple growers complained of smaller fruit. If you're a forager then you should have benefitted from bumper crops of Blackberries, hips, haws and the prunus species - sloes, bullace and wild plums. Some other berry fruit like raspberries, which have shallow roots, didn't do so well.



Common carder bee on raspberry blossom – Stewart Gould

What causes these anomalies? Some species require more moisture while others need more sun and, without rainfall, plants needing moisture need deeper roots in order to source moisture from the soil. Other factors come into play as well. The less rain we have, the less nectar the plants can produce and so fewer pollinators will visit the blossoms. Too much rain and any pollen is washed out of the blooms. Too much wind and blossoms are destroyed. The plants and trees which are providing the most fruit this year are those which flowered at the most opportune time in our bizarre weather calendar.



*Dandelion clock courtesy of
Phillipe Teuwen*

That leads nicely into why plants and trees produce fruit in the first place. They could just produce seeds which are scattered on the wind, and indeed, some do. Sycamore, for example, produces those lovely keys, as they are called, which helicopter to the ground and can be blown some distance from the mother tree. Several other plants have really mastered the craft, with thistles, willowherb and willow producing light feathery seed, while dandelions have wonderful parachute-propelled seeds which scatter over long distances. All seeds are fruit, as such, but some fruits are fruitier than others, so to speak. Of course, man has had a lot to do with cultivating bigger, sweeter and juicier fruit, but the reason for those juicy fruits

in the first place – is simply to attract fruit thieves. Apart from humans, foxes love blackberries, squirrels harvest nuts, jays collect acorns and, of course in warmer climes, fruit bats eat fruit. It's what happens next which is important.

Foxes digest the blackberries and the seeds are deposited in their waste. Squirrels and jays don't have very good memories and so they forget where they have secreted some of their stashes. Consequently, the nuts and acorns germinate and produce new trees.

Perhaps the least savoury story relates to the consumption of coffee berries, by a small mammal known as the Asian palm civet. The civets simply love the berries and consume them in large numbers, then defecate partially digested berries containing coffee beans. These are highly prized, and Kofi Luwak, as it is known, is the most expensive coffee in the World. Asian palm civets are traded for just this purpose, being fed on a diet of coffee berries. I think I'll stick with Tesco's Italian blend.



Seeds are remarkable entities though, and can remain viable for hundreds of years, in the right conditions. Kew Gardens have a stock of seeds known as the Millenium Seed Bank, because in the year 2000 they started to collect and curate a library of seeds in order to be able to combat loss of biodiversity. In the ensuing 25 years they have collected 2.5 billion seeds from 100 partner countries, and from over 40,000 species of plants. They keep them in a state of suspended animation, so that, if needs be, they can replace any lost species. It has been hailed by none other than Sir David Attenborough as "Perhaps the most significant conservation initiative ever..."

Not all plants rely on seeds to reproduce, they can send out trailing shoots, which then root and set up as new plants in their own rite. Brambles do it, and so does honeysuckle. If you want a new honeysuckle plant, just place a stone on a trailing shoot, and hey presto! You have a new plant. Even more clever are plants which produce seeds without the need to be pollinated. It's called apomixis, and if I fully understood apomixis, I would explain. It's not just those cunning parachute seeds which make dandelions so successful. They do produce pollen, and can produce seeds as a result, but they don't need to because they can reproduce through apomixis and cover your lawn and garden in brand new dandelions without any help from pollinators.

Stewart Gould – XXXXXX



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The Wildlife Group Update

Share a Close encounter:



The river Alham might not seem an obvious place to watch wildlife, but you would be surprised what there is living on and around the river. Isaac Capp took this amazing photo of an Otter taking the Alham waters recently. The presence of the Otter was initially spotted on a night-time camera before this photo was taken.



Isaac has a keen interest in wildlife and wanted to see how a moth trap is used. Paul Newman kindly showed us how he sets his moth trap and then the next morning Isaac went back to see what had been found. Moth traps are a very interesting pastime; they allow us to see a whole range of wildlife that we can't usually interface with. Daphne Osmond also uses a moth trap and saw amongst other species, this Brimstone moth (above).

The WLG Photo Competition:

I think I hit the jackpot with the picture of the Hoopoe in last month's WLG update, there was a lot of interest. Thank you to **all** the entrants of the photo competition with an especial mention to Alfie Gould who not only identified the lovely Hoopoe correctly but sent his first email to the WLG. I was really impressed.

Those who keep an eye out on the WLG photo competition will know that the long-time supporter of the competition is Paul Newman, who has an encyclopaedic knowledge of our wildlife and contributes regularly, for which I am grateful. The idea of the competition is to get us widening our knowledge of native wildlife, so it is fine to look things up or discuss with a friend, that is not cheating. I used to have one winner but feel it is more encouraging for those that enter with the correct identification to have some of the glory too!

Meeting Up:

WLG Photo Competition for October:

Can you identify this insect seen in Alhampton? Answers by 9th November please.



Photo competition results for September: Congratulations go to Alfie Gould, Shiela Astley, Jessica Leach, Daphne Osmond, Kate Lovell and Paul Newman the picture was of a Hoopoe, a delightful bird to have in our area. As Alfie illustrated to me it makes a sound very similar to its name.

30th October – 10.00-12.00 **Family Ramble** (FWLG)

Please note that you do not need to be a member of the FWLG to attend.

To be part of the event email the contact details below.

A benefit of being a member is you get notified of events.

Any one for a **WLG social in January?** Email me if you think it a good idea.

Tip: Watch out for toads on roads they look like leaves on damp autumn nights.

Contact information:

Bridget Wadey email: thewildlifegroup@btinternet.com,
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- through the **Fosse Trinity News** (FTN) parish magazine
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Ditchheat School



Here are some pictures of Key Stage One in their first week, enjoying being back at school. The new Reception children have settled in really well and we have heard from our Year 6, who left us in July, and they have all happily settled into their secondary schools.



Here are some pictures of KS2 back in school for September.

Year 6 have only been back a few days and they have been out around the village learning road safety and bike skills on their SCC Bikeability Course. They all achieved Level 1 or 2. Well done!



Elaine Cosser Head of School

Open Morning

We will be holding an open morning on

Friday 10th October

**We invite you to come in with your child to
meet us all and see the school in action.**



If you would like to look round our school at any time, please get in touch with the school office, we'd love to hear from you.

www.ditchheatprimary.org.uk

Could you become a funeral bearer?

Two long-established family firms - Forsey and Son and sister company Trotman - are looking to add to their pool of casual bearers and inviting applications. Sam Forsey explains the importance of this key role:

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Sam Forsey and the bearer team

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Although death touches every life, it is still a taboo subject for many households. Both we try and break down that barrier, encouraging open, practical conversations so people feel informed, not intimidated. Seen up close, the work is simply human: steady hands, clear minds, and small acts of care that make a hard day a little easier. For those who take part, it can be quietly rewarding and deeply meaningful.



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Apple Day Delights

Haddon Wood's third Apple Day was our most successful yet with more people and more things on offer. Friends of Ditchheat School ran a cake stall to boost their funds; there was an apple cake competition (congratulations to all the bakers and Pat who won); tea and coffee on offer; an animal portrait artist; the craft stand; the Haddon Wood stand; face painting; apple crown making and we had live music from three different acts (thanks to Izi and Jason for organising this).

Kids could set off on a Woodland Creatures hunt; there was a fascinating foraging walk



with Greg of Blighty Bushcraft; apple bobbing for children; sausage bobbing for dogs; lucky dips for humans and dogs (courtesy of Rose), and a raffle with top prize a cheese hamper donated by Barbers. And lots of pressing apples - huge thanks to Nick and Chris for working so hard!

Look out for this event next year; it really is a lovely family afternoon.

Hilary Harrison

Ed from Slow Farming judging cakes



Sausage dipping for dogs



Photos by Rose Hubbard

October Vegetable Garden



Slower growth, less birdsong, colder weather. Soon it's dark before evening begins. What's to like?

Delicious harvests and leek advice

Fortunately, the vegetable garden offers solace, such as winter squash now ripe, cauliflower even purple ones, cabbage, beetroot, radicchio, celeriac and the first parsnips.



*Multisown leeks, numbers per
clump can be variable
Jolant 16th October*

It may be worth harvesting leeks now, before there is too much risk of the Allium leaf miner. Last year it was prevalent by November, so if you have not covered your leeks, I would look to harvest any early varieties before the end of October. Jolant is my favourite variety and it's ready now.

On the other hand, the most common leek planting is Musselburgh, a late type. They may be damaged by the fly maggots but still survive, to grow again strongly next March and April.

Plant garlic, broad beans

Now is THE time for starting garlic. Make holes with a dibber and pop in the cloves, then cover with 2-3 cm compost of any kind. Plant the largest cloves from this year's harvest, and depending what variety you plant, they may not appear for up to two months.

Sow broad beans

From late October, sow broad beans to overwinter small, and crop from late spring. Plants need to be not too big by Christmas, in order to survive frost better. You can sow them even until mid-November, either direct or one seed per module cell to transplant in early December.

*Cauliflower Sicilia
Violetta planted 4th July
at 15 weeks*



Composting

Understanding the principles helps you to work out a best method for the size of garden you have. Use a small heap which fills rapidly, and finishes within a few months of first add. The ideal proportion is a quarter brown woody materials, and three quarters green.

For covering soil before winter, compost does not need to be perfectly fine and crumbly. Anything more than half decomposed will work, to then be broken down more by winter weather. Use it unsieved, sometimes a bit lumpy, even with small pieces of wood visible.

New plantings under cover

20th October is last date for transplanting under cover any spaces you have, such as polytunnels and greenhouse. Full them with brassica salads, lettuce, endive, claytonia, and more. Plant them all at 22 cm spacing, for six months of winter harvests.

Charles Dowding



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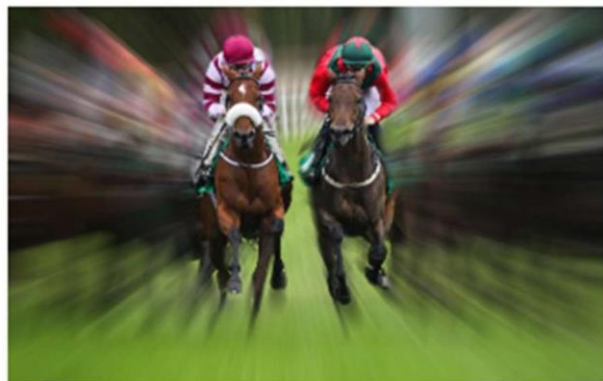
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Somerset Shooting Ground Petition

East Pennard Parish Council are organising a petition regarding the Somerset Shooting Ground. If you would like to add your name to the petition please contact the Parish Clerk, Hilary Tripp.

Hilary's email address is clerkeppc@gmail.com or alternatively contact one of the Parish Councillors.

The text of the petition is as follows:

Somerset Shooting Ground lies within Pilton Parish close on the border of East Pennard Parish. Residents of both parishes experience high noise levels from the Shooting Ground fixtures that are held regularly. There are 2 residential properties within 0.5km of the shooting ground, some 15 within 1km, approximately 50 within 1.5km and there are many properties in the villages and hamlets of Pilton, East Pennard, Pylle, Hembridge, Withial, Sticklynch and Steanbow within 2Km. Within 3KM the sound disturbs the residents of Parbrook, Little Pennard, Huxham, and Wraxall.

This petition requests that Somerset Council act to ensure that Somerset Shooting Ground comply fully with all aspects of the Guidance on the Control of Noise issued by the Chartered Institute of Health 2003.

It should be noted that East Pennard Parish Council has written a number of times to both the proprietor and to the Council expressing the concerns of the residents. The proprietor has also been invited to attend a Parish Council meeting but has declined to do so. Such concerns raised by many of the residents in the above villages and hamlets have not been adequately addressed.

It is requested that

All events held at the Somerset Shooting Ground are fully compliant with the Guidance on the Control of Noise issued by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health in January 2003 and that Somerset Council regularly monitor and take action on all aspects of non-compliance.

East Pennard Parish Council Meeting 7th August 2025

Present: Adrian Pearse (Chairman), Roger Cock, Paul Heal, Martin Llewellyn, Kerry Dodd (Footpath Officer) and 2 members of the public

1. Apologies

Hilary Tripp, Martin Dearden

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 8th May 2025 were approved.

3. Matters Arising

- **Cockmill Lane junction** – a letter from Chris Smith was read out, complaining about the obstruction and damage from the boulders. It was agreed to move the boulders to the top of the bank and review the results. The clerk to reply to Chris Smith.

4. Financial Report

The footpath invoice was discussed. It was agreed the clerk adopt internet banking if this is more convenient. The invoice of £2,000 for the stiles is to be paid.

5. Glastonbury Festival Donation Spending

Regarding getting a defibrillator, the Village Hall will accept this, subject to the Parish Council paying for the running costs and the installation. It was agreed to pursue this.

6. Planning Applications

i) Evercreech Junction SCC/3854/2021 *Section 73 application to vary conditions 2 (approved plans), 3 (noise mitigation) and 4 (night time noise limit) in respect of planning permission reference 2017/3147/CNT (section 73 application to amend condition 2 [approved plans and specification], 3 [noise mitigation] and 5 [dust control] in respect of planning permission 2013/2083 for the construction of an Anaerobic Digestion plant)* The council opposed this application as the conditions are there to protect residents and EPPC sees no reason to change them.

Decision: Recommend Refusal

7. Shooting Ground

The petition draft was circulated to Clare Sully and Pilton Parish Council; their comments are awaited.

8. Glastonbury Festival

On the Monday exit from the festival there was gridlock at Hembridge. There were also water supply issues. An October debrief will be pushed for.

9. Village Hall

An update was given regarding the damp problem. Martin Llewellyn is willing to chat to the Trustees regarding the solutions proposed by the contractors. The installation of wifi has been agreed by the Trustees, as has the installation of a defibrillator.

10. The Hunt

An outline of the response from the Police and Crime Commissioner was given. A letter from Angela Pearce was read out. There was a request from the public for a 'No Hunt' zone, as 'other councils do it'. A parish poll was suggested. (Trail) Hunting is legal – it is up to landowners as whether they allow it on their land. It is not up to the Parish Council to decide if the hunting actually done is legal or not. Advice is needed from SALC.

11. Footpaths

Kerry Dodd gave a de-brief of the situation and issues. If the dog and maize issues are not resolved by the Somerset Council footpaths officer, the Parish Council will write to Somerset Council.

12. Kennel Lane

The problems at Kennel Lane and Hembridge have been resolved. Regarding the road flooding from Sunnyside hill, the ditch source may need to be looked at.

13. Correspondence

- Gov.uk emails – we need to find out if we can do this ourselves, regarding one council address, rather than doing it by a company.
- A letter from Peter Edmondson regarding the fence by Coombe Lane was read. Adrian Pearse will enquire from Matthew Golledge who constructed it.

14. Date of Next Meeting - Thursday, 6th November 2025 at 7.00pm.



A special meal for current and former Pylle residents

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For or against: slavery and salvation

Much of our world operates around the challenge to be 'for' or 'against'. And generally, it is easier to be against things than for them! Look at the tendencies of the media, politics and religious disputes.

On October 18th, Anti-Slavery Day, people across the UK will recommit themselves to the fight against modern slavery and human trafficking, one of the great evils of our time. Like William Wilberforce and what we now call historic slavery, we need to fight against the oppression and exploitation of our sisters and brothers today. Abolition is the proper aim of being anti or against.

And the challenge is growing with:

- More vulnerable people susceptible to false promises
- Increasingly flexible working arrangements which gives space for criminal agencies to provide goods and services based on exploitation and slave labour
- Police and prevention resources being ever overstretched
- And our own insatiable appetite for cheap products

There is much we need to learn to oppose and abolish but in facing these almost overwhelming challenges we must not neglect what is primary for our Christian witness, the call to notice, reach out, rescue and restore. The call to love, to be for those who are hidden, neglected, hurting and ignored.

In Anti-Slavery Week, give time to thinking how you or your church or home group could better learn how to contribute to the fight against modern slavery. [The Clewer Initiative](http://TheClew Initiative) has some amazing resources to help us open our eyes and assist the authorities and reach out towards victims.

But, alongside these prayers and practices, consider how you could go the extra mile in the way of the Good Samaritan. Going beyond the indifference of the priest and the Levite, too busy to stop, notice, reach out, rescue; rather how can we better contribute to establishing systems like the partnership between the Good Samaritan and the innkeeper– systems to provide care and the basis of restoring proper health and opportunities to those whose cries represent the voice of Jesus for those willing to listen.

Be against modern slavery this October, but more, be for those who need our friendship and our partnership.

Bishop Alastair Redfern Honorary Assistant Bishop

Visit clewer.org.uk for Modern Slavery resources to help you reflect on how you can contribute to the fight against modern slavery.

East Pennard and District Royal British Legion



As with the rest of the country, our branch commemorated VJ Day on 15th August with a small ceremony at Ditchat War memorial. We had purchased a VJ Day flag for the occasion, which having carried out some upgrading of the flagpole, flew well in the wind, unlike the VE Day flag which had torn its lower connection and therefore just hung rather limply. However, as some of you noticed, the VJ Day flag had on it various silhouettes of modern battle arms, why we don't know.

On 13th October, we remember Trafalgar Day, commemorating the victory of the Royal Navy against the French and Spanish naval forces at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805.

Our annual quiz evening takes place on 19th October at The Den, at 7pm for a 7.30 start. This year we will be having a new quiz master, David Knight, so we look forward to how he tests us. You need to put a table of four together, but let me know if you are unable to and I will try to team you up with somebody else. As usual, there will be a two-course meal half way through the evening. I will be able to give you details of the meal and cost if you make a booking for the quiz. You can book a place by emailing me on charlesevans1146@gmail.com, or by phoning 01749 860336. We would like your booking by 13th October. Payment for the meal can be via BACS to East Pennard and District RBL, sort 30-99-29, account 00913798 giving your name as the reference, or by cheque to East Pennard and District RBL, or by cash to myself or our treasurer, Pat Dando. We look forward to you joining us.

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This is the time of year when we in the Church begin to think about Harvest Festivals, although I am sure farmers have been thinking about their harvests for some time already. The word harvest comes from the Old English word *haerfest*, meaning autumn or even August, because August 1st was traditionally the beginning of the harvest season. On the nearest Sunday to August 1st, farmers would bring the first gleanings of corn or wheat to the church, as well as a newly baked loaf, so the name for that feast day was originally loaf-mass, eventually becoming Lammas.

Our Harvest Festival this year is on 12th October at Ditchat. Please note that the service will be at 11 am. and that we shall have a bring and share lunch in the church afterwards. If you would like to come to that, please let us know so that we have enough food for all. We shall also be accepting non-perishable items of food like tins and packets to pass on to the needy.

God bless you and yours.

Rosalind Paul (Retired Priest)



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In the Parishes of Ditchheat with
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Sunday 5th

10.30 am

Trinity 16

Joint Holy Communion at Ditchheat

Sunday 12th

11.00 am

Trinity 17

Holy Communion and Harvest Lunch at Ditchheat

NB REVISED TIME

Sunday 19th

10.00 am

Trinity 18

Holy Communion at East Pennard

Sunday 26th

10.00 am

Last Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion at Alhampton

Church Services for NOVEMBER

Sunday 2nd

10.30 am

All Saints and All Souls

Joint Holy Communion at North Wootton

Sunday 9th

10.45 am

Remembrance Sunday at East Pennard

NB revised time and location

Sunday 16th

10.00 am

2nd before Advent

Holy Communion at Ditchheat

Sunday 23rd

10.00 am

Christ the King

Holy Communion at Alhampton

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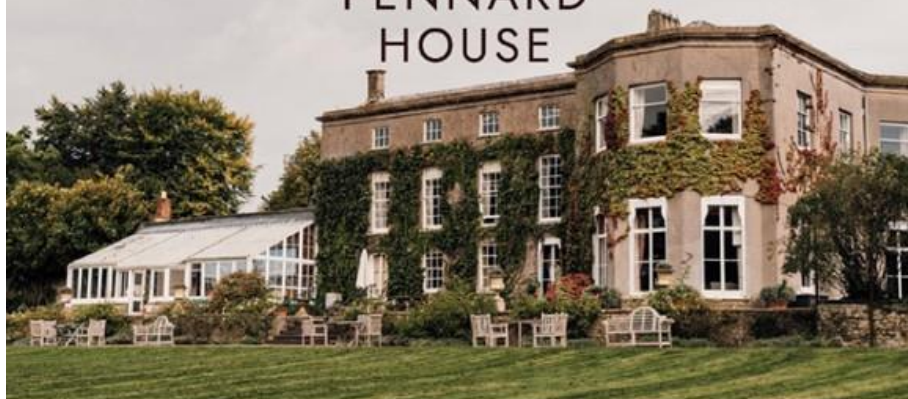
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