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October 2025

5 th	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St Michael's, Brent Knoll
12 th	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St Christopher's, Lympham
19 th	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP	St Mary's, East Brent
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St Mary's, East Brent
26 th	10.00am	All Age Eucharist	St Michael's, Brent Knoll

Night Prayer every Wednesday at 7.30pm – ZOOM – link from parish website

For latest information please see www.theparishofthreesaints.org.uk or notices in church porches.

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The advertising year for the Brent Knoll News runs from September to July/August, so has just started. We do have some spaces available for new advertisers for 2025/26

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METHODIST CHURCH (www.brentknollmethodistchurch.com)

Minister	Revd. Steve Bennett
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I now have the final amounts raised from our August coffee mornings. I said in last month's Brent Knoll News that we were thrilled by the number of Village friends who attended and I can now confirm that through your generosity, 'All We Can', the local branch of the 'RNLI', 'MIND' and 'The Multiple Sclerosis Society', will benefit from the £726 raised. Once again, thank you all.

At the time of writing (early September), I have just come back from leading worship with Rev Margaret Trapp presiding over Communion, at our last Sunday morning service to be held in our building. It was a privilege to do so and also a poignant time for us all. But it was also a time where we gave thanks for the life of a building in which so many faithful people congregated to serve God, the community of Brent Knoll and the Methodist Circuit of Weston-Super-Mare & Burnham on Sea for so, so many years. Service well given and for which we are all truly thankful.

We are now looking towards our Harvest Festival and closing service on Sunday 14th September at 3pm. I will report back on that in next month's magazine.

Because, thanks to our editor, Bob Filmer, we shall be continuing to keep you updated with news from our Church. It will be under the heading of "Brent Methodist Church", (the name of the combined Worship Centres of East Brent and Brent Knoll) as many of us will be worshipping at East Brent as our building closes. We are all very grateful to Bob for his suggestion that we keep contributing to the Brent Knoll News as we feel, through doing that, the spirit of Brent Knoll Methodist Church will carry on. After all, the Church really is the people who worship, not the building at all!

From all of us here at Brent Knoll Methodist Church, we give thanks to all who have supported us over the years. We give thanks for the service of those who are no longer with us. And we give thanks for those who will keep journeying in faith in this new chapter of our Christian lives.

And of course, it goes without saying that we will continue to hold the Village tightly in our prayers. God bless you all, from all of us.

Rosemary Krull (on behalf of all of us at Brent Knoll Methodist Church)

Services at Brent Methodist Church (East Brent) @ 10.30am

5 th October	:	Mrs Janice Barrett
12 th October	:	Rev Andy Hardwick
19 th October	:	Rev Steve Bennett
26 th October	:	Rev Judith Lincoln

All-Sorts Choir

All-Sorts Choir are now rehearsing a selection of popular songs and also getting ready for our Christmas performances. Why not come and join us on Thursday evenings at 19.30 in the East Brent Village Hall.

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Notes from the Parish Council September meeting



Approval of minutes of the meetings held on the 3rd July and 6th August.

Planning Matters – None

07/25/00021: Proposed conversion and change of use of ground floor hair salon to 1 bedroom flat at 77, Brent Street, Brent Knoll, TA9 4DX.

Response: No Observations Unanimous of those voting.

07/25/00022: Erection of replacement workshop/store building on site of existing (to be demolished) and erection of an additional detached garage Store Building at the rear of Chelsea Farm, Harp Road, Brent Knoll.

Response: No Observations Unanimous of those voting.

Financial Matters Agreed

- (a) Statutory Payments List: Approved by Members for 2025/2026.
- (b) Variable payments List: Approved by members at this meeting.
- (c) Village Contract out for tender agreed for the period from April 2026.
Applications deadline October 31st 2025.

Other Key Decisions taken by the Parish Council

- (a) Quotes requested for the safer surface below climbing frame.
- (b) Batteries for the SID to be investigated with EVOLIS.
- (c) IT Working group meetings to consider a new website.
- (d) Dates agreed for the use of the green in 2026 Fete 6th June and Music on the Green July 18th.
- (e) Flower Boxes at the village entrances nearing completion .

A **full copy** of the minutes is available on the website and can also be obtained by contacting the clerk. You can also view the meetings by following this link [Brent Knoll Parish Council meetings - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXx-BC7eueE9ha5ptq7HM2Q) or entering <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXx-BC7eueE9ha5ptq7HM2Q>.

Future Meetings

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 1st October** at **7pm** in the **Jubilee Room**. The Parish Surgery will be on **Tuesday 30th September** in the **Jubilee Room** of the Parish Hall from **10am to 12 noon**. Contact the Clerk on any Council matters. Provisional meeting may be on 15th October.

Owen J Cullwick, Tel No. 07917 445 215 clerk@brentknollpc.co.uk

BRENT KNOLL CONTRACT TENDER

Commencing April 2026

The Parish Council in Brent Knoll is inviting interested contractors to tender for a 3 year contract Commencing April 2026 and will involve Churchyard maintenance, verge maintenance and management of our village green in the centre of the village.

If you would like to know more please contact the clerk Owen Cullwick details below for more information contact :

Owen Cullwick, Clerk of Brent Knoll Parish Council
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Brent Knoll's Community Shop News

Halloween has become the highlight of October and you'll find everything you need in our Community Shop, starting with locally-grown pumpkins.

The winner of last year's "Guess the weight of our giant pumpkin" donated it back to the shop. We captured and planted the seeds and have seen a huge harvest of pumpkins of all sizes which will be on sale at the shop, with this year's biggest being used for another "Guess the weight" challenge.

Halloween also means "Trick or Treat", so we'll have a range of those treats, together with other spooky items!

Meanwhile, our recently installed extra freezer has enabled us to expand the range of frozen items that we now stock, from salmon fillets to chicken dippers, as well as a wider range of frozen vegetables and frozen desserts.

Looking to our diary of events, the next "Sausage Sizzler" and table-top sale will be on Saturday 25th October, from 10am to 12 noon. Tables for sale items can be booked in the shop, priced at just £5 each. As an early warning, there will be no "Sausage Sizzler" in December,

Watch out for the November issue of the Brent Knoll News for the date of our next Quiz Night, that will be held that month. We'll also report in that edition on the first meeting of the newly established Somerset Community Shops Group, when we'll be sharing experience and ideas with the many other community shops now in our county.

Our team of volunteers still needs more people to join them, so that we can extend our opening hours. If you can spare a couple of hours each week, we'd love to greet you and provide full training – whether that's to serve in the shop or to help with stock-orders or shopping. Just ask for a volunteer application form in the shop: it's a wonderful way of meeting your local community.

While providing a financially viable shop is central to what we do, providing a social hub for our community is of equal importance - whether it's social chat in the shop or at one of our events, like our popular monthly "Sausage Sizzler".

David Sturgess

BRENT KNOLL PARISH SURGERY

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Owen Cullwick and a Parish Councillor

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St Michael's Churchwarden's report

As before we are still in vacancy in the Parish and we give our continued thanks to Rev Neil Biddiscombe and visiting clergy who continue to lead worship in the Parish.

We welcomed the school into church this time for their school bible presentation to the new intake joining the school this term, this was a lovely occasion and their singing was superb and joyful, thanks to the children and staff for all the hard work you put into these occasions,

The recent August teas were a great success and thank you to Rosemary and Ged for organising these events.

We had a joint parish service with our friends at St. Bridget's Brean and with the congregation of St. Mary's Berrow, this was a good well supported service and thanks to those who travelled from the parish to join in the service.

The church windows have now been cleaned after a long time, what a difference now you can see out more clearly.

By the time you read this we will have had the Autumn Fayre and Harvest service at West Croft Cider Farm. We thank all those who joined us. Thanks to John for allowing us to use the barn and surroundings.

As advertised in the BKN we are holding a Spud and Pud lunch in the Parish Hall on November 1st, please come and join us. Again, as Christmas looms application forms for the Christmas Trees Festival exhibits in the church will be sent out shortly.

An addition in the church is a 'Borrow Book' bookcase where we have a large collection of Christian based books which are there for you to browse or read. Please take them home and return if you are able.

We also have an 'Honesty Café' which can be used whilst browsing the books. There is a selection of teas, coffee, bottled water and occasionally biscuits. For the books or café all we ask is for a small donation, if possible put in the black box by the door. Please feel free to pop into the church and have a look round and enjoy the peace and quiet. We also have various nature displays to look at, these are all things being done to enable us to be a more welcoming church to the community and numerous visitors.

The church book clubs will be restarting shortly and the book chosen is 'Finishing Well' by Ian Knox, A God's - eye view of ageing. For further details of the groups please contact me.

Thank you for reading this and for your continued support and prayers.

Mike Smith, St. Michael's Church warden, 01278 760691, mikesmithchurch@gmail.com

Children's Book Sale 6th-7th December

Recently the Brent Knoll Parish Hall have been given a large number of nearly new children's books, for which we are really grateful.

These will be on sale on 6th-7th December at the Parish Hall - just ready for some excellent Christmas presents.

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John Page



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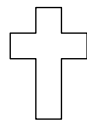
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Oh! To be a hedgehog.

It would be really good to be a hedgehog trying to put weight on for the Winter, whereas I am trying to lose it! Why does it seem so much easier to put weight on than to lose those pounds. I'm sure the constant dry weather must have had an effect on hedgehogs for finding food in the long dry period. A normal hedgehog would eat up to 200 gms a day which is why they cover such a large area as territories. Now with the rain, they should be able to hunt for their worms, fallen fruit and insects to try to reach the 600 gms that they need to survive hibernation.



We get quite a few young hedgehogs in now as the female sometimes produces a second litter that can be up to 7 babies. If she thinks there is not enough time for them to gain the right weight, she will desert them to ensure her own weight gain. This is for survival and the hope to breed again next year.

This popular mammal is covered with 3,000 to 5,000 spines that grow and fall out like hair without a moult. The spines often make rescues difficult. In the 15 million years that they have been on the earth, they haven't adapted so they must have got the design right. However, with us humans introducing drains, netting, fences and even artificial grass, we really are making life difficult for them. If they have fallen in a drain, as soon as you touch them, they make themselves into a spikey ball that can sometimes fill the space. The answer is BBQ tongs! One must try to be inventive sometimes.

As we go into Winter, cat food is a good feed to put out for hedgehogs. Cat biscuits as well are good for their teeth. Fresh water is welcome all year round. There are 17 species of hedgehog found in Europe, Asia and Africa. The African Pygmy Hedgehog is one that has been made available through the pet trade. Life in captivity cannot compare with being able to live naturally in the right habitat. Being nocturnal, they don't enjoy being disturbed during the day and even our own native hedgehogs can bite if they aren't happy about being handled.

Our usual hedgehog is brown with spines all over the back and a soft furry stomach. They have short legs but are still able to move surprisingly quickly. There is a rare albino which is white with red eyes, or blondes which are a cream colour with blue eyes which are not seen very often. Two blonde hedgehogs were included in the group of hogs being introduced to Alderney in the Channel Islands in the 1960's. The population has grown from this nucleus of introduced hedgehogs so almost 60% of the hedgehogs found on the island are blondes.



Try and keep a corner of your garden untidy with lots of leaves and brash this Autumn, giving hogs a suitable place to hibernate. When I used to go to Garden Centres to talk to people about Secret World, I found that everyone who had hedgehogs in their garden, had a shed elevated on bricks rather than a concrete base. When you think about it, it would be four exits in times of danger, they would be out of reach in the centre and it's a really dry area.

Don't forget, bonfire night is on its way and they can look very attractive to a hedgehog trying to find somewhere to sleep. If you can, build your bonfire near to the date as possible and light it from one side so there is a chance that they can escape if under there.

Pauline Kidner

Front Cover Photo -

Thank you to Rosemary Krull for the lovely Harvest Festival cover photos of the Methodist Church. Also, David Holl for the photo of a small copper butterfly enjoying a helichrysum in his garden. (Page 2).

Bob

Meet and Eat

Meet and Eat will be held on Monday October 6th in the Nuttall Room, Brent Knoll Parish Hall at 12.30pm. Please book by emailing Gill or Liz on 01278 760810 by Friday Oct. 3rd.

The lunch is still only £5 thanks to two generous donations.

We always welcome new diners. Why not bring a friend too.

Meet and Eat team

Tea & Chat

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday October 8th in St Michaels Church Vestry/church room at 2.30pm.

Looking forward to seeing all ex-WI members for tea and cake and a chat.

Margaret Smith, 01278 760691

Women's Society

We have yet to arrange our future programme, but hope to meet at lunch time at the end of October. Details from Julie or Ann.

Julie

Cinema live events - TURANDOT - Tuesday, April 1st

The first time I have seen this opera, it was a very fitting end to a wonderful season. We have regularly met and spoken to a lady who goes to all the ballet and opera, usually sits on the back row at the aisle end. She came forward to have a word at the end and we all agreed that we had had a great season. Good opera, good ballet, musicals in-between and a Macbeth which was very striking.

Turandot is about a Princess who does not wish to get married (as she is expected to do) and has invented 3 riddles for solving by any prince who comes calling. When they don't get the answers, she chops off their heads!! This was portrayed by the skeleton masks of heads dotted around the set! Then along comes Calaf, who is besotted with the Princess and who eventually, after a lot of singing(!) solves the riddles, leaving the Princess with the problem of what to do to avoid getting married to him. Calaf was sung by SeokJung-Baek and the Princess by Sondra Radvanovsky and their voices blended beautifully when they sang duets and arias together.

The 2 other main parts were Timor, Calaf's father, sung by Adam Palka in a rich bass voice and his helper, Liu, sung for us by Gemma Summerfield, a lovely soprano voice to rival that of Princess Turandot. It was great to have 2 wonderful soprano voices singing together.

There was a very large chorus, who were up in galleries around the set and on stage almost the whole time. In an interview during one of the intervals, we learned that all 77 of the Opera House chorus were there and also a lot of free-lancers, it made for a marvellous sound.

As always, the Opera House orchestra were brilliant under the baton of Rafael Payore.

A good night all round, looking forward to next season.

Pauline Chadwick

Brent Knoll Take-Away

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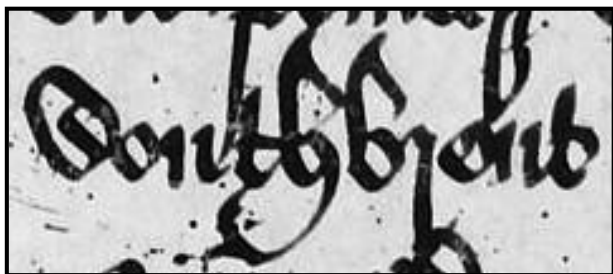
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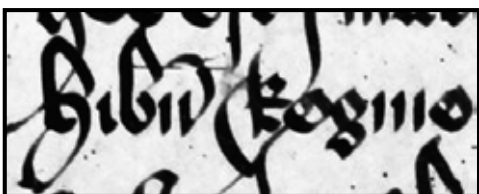
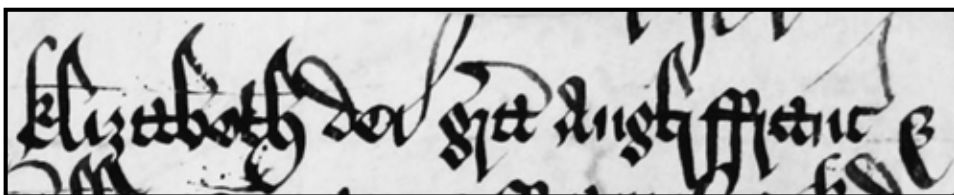
Brent Knoll House Histories – 101

Last month I said that I would be discussing how the Brent Knoll and Mark land passed across to the man who established the Axbridge charity and would introduce more about the land and properties. Unfortunately, due to a number of reasons, some of the research I needed to do is not quite complete yet, so I will continue with more detail next month. However, I can reveal that, in 1662, the properties mentioned in the previous couple of months appear to have been sold to someone variously known as William Spearing or Sperringe. I say “appear to” as the actual deed cannot be found today, though we do know he acquired the properties and that a mortgage, arranged by George Fuller with John and William Hayward, is now taken over by William Spearing, who is described as a woollen draper. I suspect the missing deed was used by someone, either for legal or research purposes and never returned to its proper home which, at that time, was in an ancient document trunk, which still exists, in the Town Hall of Axbridge (this is one of the reasons why I made sure that all the Axbridge documents were taken to the Record Office, where they will be kept safely and securely and be available for research, if required).

Whilst I was looking at some of the deeds mentioned in the last couple of months, one of the



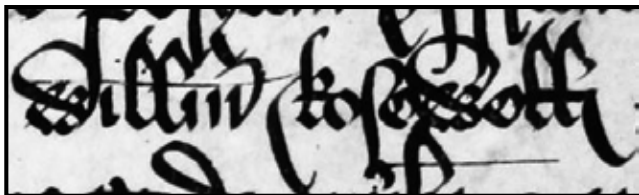
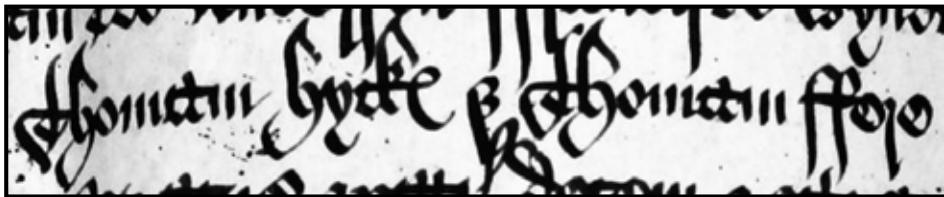
things that interested me was the format of the actual documents. Notably most of the sixteenth and early seventeenth century deeds are in Latin except, of course, for the names. This (picture left) is the 1587 document, in which the name ‘South Brent’ is shown. If you



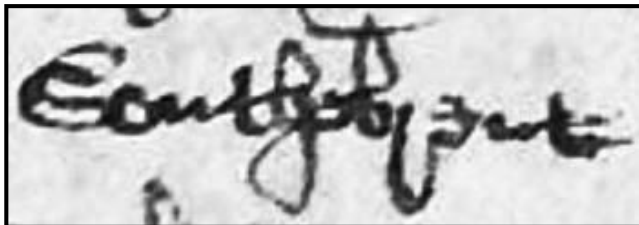
find that a little tricky to read then the start of the next one may be reasonably easy but it is a little trickier later. It comes in two parts and reads Elizabeth Dei Gra (by the grace of God) and then lists the places she is reputed to reign over, which equals England, France and in the second part, Ireland (Hibernia) and ending with Regina (Queen). It was not until sometime later that Scotland was added and France was claimed as early as 1340 but, surprisingly, was not dropped until as late as 1802, following the French Revolution!

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Brent Knoll House Histories – Continued



Thomas Hycks and Thomas Frere (above) versus William Rosewall (left) were the parties involved in that Final Concord.



A similar style appears in the 1623 and 1662 documents, which are all in Latin, but the 1606 document is in English and the style is very different and less formal.

In many documents the initial capital letter can be very

flamboyant. For royal charters it incorporates a picture of the monarch, as shown in this Axbridge charter from the reign of King James I (right), who was ruler when the 1606 and 1623 documents were completed (he doesn't look very happy, does he?!).



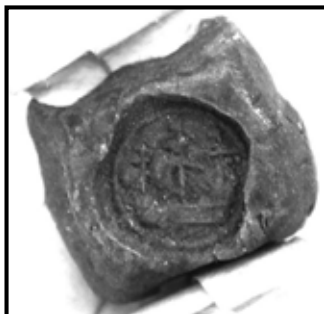
Other documents just use some rather fancy embroidery, as shown in the capital "J" of "Jacobus" (left) on one of the 1623 documents.

Finally, this month a view of the seal (bottom right) on one of the 1623 deeds.

It belonged to Bartholomew Braddy, who is referred to as a cordwainer, (shoe maker)

so it is a little difficult to know why he used a ship as his emblem, though he could have borrowed one from someone else if he did not have one of his own.

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Parish Hall Bookings

Now that schools are back for the Autumn Term and the Summer holiday season is abating, the Parish Hall is back to being busy during the week and weekends to Christmas are fast becoming filled, particularly Saturdays. In fact, there are only 2 Saturdays between the time of writing this and Christmas that the hall is not booked. There are still plenty of Sundays without a booking, if you want to book a party, christening or perhaps a fund-raiser. However, don't leave it too late.

We have two new fitness sessions started on Monday and Friday mornings by KG Fitness.

Monthly medicine started on Friday 5th September and if that went well, it will become a monthly event on the 1st Friday of the month. Aimed at relaxing, receiving and reconnecting. This will encompass medicine drumming, shamanic journeying, sound healing, breathwork and much more. For further details contact Kate on 07713 599329.

The Chalice Morris Men are now back to their weekly Thursday evening slot and are always happy to see new faces. So, if you fancy having a go contact Bob Cross on 01934 632850.

On Wednesday 29th October, in the afternoon there is an antiques evaluation event.

For parties, you must book both the Main hall and Nuttall room and use of the kitchen if required. You can look online to see availability of the Parish Hall rooms and indeed you can book online. Go to <https://v2.hallmaster.co.uk/Diary?ViewWeeklyDiary/10215> to view the weekly diary and click the "f" sign to take you to the booking pages to make your booking. I will then check your request, the hire rate and confirm. Possibly deny because you've chosen a regular user's slot and we haven't extended them at that point in time. Or you could even scan the QR Code!!



So, if you are looking for a regular booking, contact me first as it saves a lot of your time and disappointment. Information regarding the facilities can be found by visiting <http://brentknollparishhall.co.uk>. If you want to contact myself then text or phone my mobile 07748 781593, leave a message on my home phone 01278 760477 or via email administrator@brentknollparishhall.co.uk.

Jenny

Cinema live events.

As Autumn approaches, I thought it might be helpful in sorting your diaries to know when the new season starts.

The first event will be on October 1st and is the opera "Tosca" with the Royal Opera House company.

This season we have not only the Royal opera and Ballet, but some events from The Metropolitan Opera, from New York. They do their performances slightly differently, but very well. Nice to see how other houses do it.

The other performance in October is from New York "La Sonnambula". Then on November 5th we have the first ballet of the season "Cinderella".

Give yourself a treat and try them out.

Pauline Chadwick

Bishop's letter -

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 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

Fun in Fundraising

After a lovely Summer spent with family and friends our committee are quickly organising the final details for the Autumn Fayre on September 20th which hopefully was a great success by the time you read this.

Our next event is a Spud and Pud lunch on Saturday November 1st from 12 noon to 2pm. Tickets available on the door for £10 cash will include spud, filling, salad, pud and hot drink.

In October we will be giving out application forms for the Christmas Tree Festival which will be in St Michael's on Friday 12th December from 3 to 7pm, Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th from 10am to 4pm.

Entry to exhibit a tree is free but if possible we would welcome a donation of a raffle prize.

If you are an individual, group or business and would like to enter a tree and haven't before or let us know. Please contact us. The last two Christmas Tree Festivals have been very successful with a great array of different trees and we hope to have over 50 this year.

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Reporting period 1st August to 31st August

Speed watch 1 hour sessions - 4 Total vehicle numbers - 959
 Maximum speed - 56mph % Exceeding (30MPH): 19%
 Vehicle speeds recorded Exceeding Burton Row (B3140) Highway Legal (30MPH)
 Limits (Shown as % in ascending order) as follows:
 (1) 11 Aug: 14% (3) 25 Aug: 23%
 (2) 04 Aug: 17% (4) 22 Aug: 27%

Burton Row Speed Watch Group

In the News

1937	January	George Lewis the Brent Knoll signalman married Margaret Davies of Aberystwyth.
	February	Death of John O Schofield aged 22 youngest son of the vicar, a potential Somerset cricketer. Brother of Ross and the Rev P.A.
	June	School Head Mr Randall moves on and is replaced by Miss Simcox.
	July	Death of Mrs F.G. Barnstable.
1938	January	Signs are put in place to effect a 30MPH speed limit in the village.
	March	Brent Knoll (horse) Races, an annual event in the 1930's.
1939	March	Death of George Bagg aged 79 father of S and H and the Mm Strong, Puddy and Slocombe.
	April	First references to conscription coming in.
	July	Allan Lewis, son of C married Marjorie Hooper.

George Brown

Village Ceilidh - Saturday November 15th

Don't be put off by the name of the event, the word 'Ceilidh', just means a social event with Scottish or Irish folk music and singing. We have the New Brewery Band playing for us on Saturday 15th November. They are Bristol and Somerset based and I believe are a new line up of the Brewery Band. They have a wealth of experience playing mainly English Dance Music (no not disco, rave, or whatever today's craze is). As with most musicians they play in several bands and these musicians are no exception.



So, do you know your cittern from your mandolin and your left foot from your right?

Whether you want to dance or just listen to some excellent music it should be a brilliant event.

Tickets cost £12.50, available from the village shop, the Bazaar on the 8th November and Jenny Butters 01278 760477 or 07748 781593.

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18th October Harvest Supper 15th November Ceilidh (Kay-Lee)

Live Band (**Lipinski Bros**) (eve) Live Band (**New Brewery Band**) (eve)

Next meetings - Monday 13th October, 7.30pm in the "Jubilee Room".

Sandra Few

HARVEST SUPPER

The Parish Hall Committee are holding their annual Harvest Supper in the Parish Hall on Saturday 18th October.

For those who have not attended this function before it's a fun evening with a two-course meal. On arrival there is a free glass of cider or orange juice. The meal consists of a selection of meats with salad, potatoes, coleslaw, pickles, bread and cheese, which is followed by a desert.

The tickets cost £15 and are for sale from the Village Shop or from Eddie Fuller 01278 760308.

There will be a vegetarian option, so when you buy a ticket, please alert the shop or Eddie if you need a vegetarian meal.

The Lipinski Brothers have been booked to play during part of the meal and afterwards for dancing. During the meal they play traditional music and when it comes time to dance their set includes music from the sixties, seventies, and eighties.

The music during the meal will be low key, so it will not impede conversations and the music for dancing will be louder, but not too loud.

During the interval, between the end of the meal and the dancing, there is an auction of surplus food which usually comprises of cooked meats, bread, cheese, and deserts.

I hope this has given you an insight into an evening which gives you traditional Harvest Supper food and a chance to let your hair down and dance the night away.

If you are new to the village, it's a great way to meet new friends.

Sandra Few



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Village Agent News

I wanted to let you know that the Community Council for Somerset (CCS) is now operating under a new name: Thrive.

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Many people told us they weren't always sure what CCS was – or even that we were a charity. We've simplified our name and updated our look, so that more people can find and access our support.

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- Our legal name remains Community Council for Somerset (we're just operating as Thrive).

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And I'd be very pleased if you could follow and like our new Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/thrivesomerset.

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B		7	9		6				
C	5						4		
D	9		2	7					
E	3								1
F						6	9		8
G			1						6
H					2		1	7	
J			5	8	3				

Hard but not too much

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A	7	8	1		6				
B					5			9	
C			6			3		7	
D			9		7	1			
E	2								1
F				2	3		9		
G		2		3			4		
H		4			1				
J					8		5	1	2

Can I again thank Klaus Brenner for sending me a number of Sudokus so we can continue to have them in the BKN each month and to continue David’s tradition. Bob

2025 “200+ Club” September Draw

The September draw was made at the Parish Hall Committee meeting in September. The winning numbers were:-

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Bob Filmer, 200+ Club Co-ordinator

Knit for your neighbour

As reported in March BKN I am happy to collect items for this scheme and deliver them to the Talking Cafe in Burnham, from where they are distributed to those in need. We have already delivered a large bag of scarves and a lap blanket. But as the weather chills we must think of those struggling to keep warm. Can you knit or crochet hats, gloves, scarves or blankets! All will be well received. I also have some small blanket squares which have been donated and if anyone is able to help sew them into blankets or scarves, please let me know.

Margaret Smith, 01278 760691

Live Events at St Michael's

This musical afternoon took place on Sunday, June 22nd, too late for the July magazine, which is why you are reading it in October. It was given by the LLH Trio, 3 ladies who between them play flutes (Lou Palmer and Louise Gass) and cello (Helen Lunt). They play beautifully together and separately (we got solos as well as trios) and gave us a very varied programme including Haydn, Vivaldi, and Grant Horsley, who featured throughout the programme, with pieces called The Court Jester, The Weaver, The Nightingale, and The Sycamore Gap (Yes, THAT one! - the ending was very expressive of a fallen tree)

Opening with Haydn's "London trio 3" - the Spiritoso movement, we were all brought into the spirit of the afternoon by this lively piece. A more gentle piece called "Rosemary" by Frank Bridge followed which showed the diversity of the Trio. After a couple of other pieces, some with a piano backing, some not, the cellist, Helen Lunt, played a Faure piece called "Après un Reve" which was divine. Absolutely beautiful and words aren't enough to describe it really, just shut your eyes and listen, be transported to another world.

We then had a flute duo, which showed just how these instruments blend together when played so well. The 1st half finished with a full rendition of Joseph Haydn's Trio no. 1 - all 3 movements - lovely to get the whole thing. Followed by a piece by Carlos Gardel sending us off for tea and cake with a skip and a hop!!

After the interval, with time to eat and drink and chat to your neighbour, the 2nd half started with a trio by Jerome Duval, then Vivaldi's Concerto for 2 mandolins, which lends itself beautifully to 2 flutes playing the mandolin parts and cello accompaniment. As with everything else on the menu, the playing was brilliant.

LLH then played us a contemporary piece by Graham Powning - in her introduction Lou Palmer told us that the composer had written in tribute to 3 friends called Margaret, Stephan and Hans. True to what she said, you could tell that Powning wasn't keen on Margaret(!) and that Hans was a very active, skipping-about person, with Stephan in between. Surprising what you can do with music.

A final Grant Horsley piece, "The Nightingale", in which the flutes gave a good rendition of a singing bird, then the finale - "Oblivion" by Astor Piazzolla. This was a wonderful end to a brilliant concert, with piano backing, the flutes soaring and the cello mirroring the lovely bass notes on the piano. Cellos do sound well in the bass register, the balance with flutes is a very good combination.

All-in-all, a great concert and if you missed it (and some people did) you certainly missed a treat. The door price of £10 is very reasonable for the quality of music we get and tea and cake included, I recommend you give these things a try. An afternoon concert has a different feel to it (more light-hearted than an evening one), more relaxed and with delicious cakes.

If you have never been to these Sunday afternoons, do try it - you could very easily enjoy it! Then you can look forward to the next one!!!

Pauline Chadwick

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Nature Diary October –Bird Identification using Merlin

This series of Diaries has concentrated on ways of identifying Nature. Fungi are one of the largest divisions of the natural world and we are in Autumn which is a good time to look for them. I have been interested in fungi for many years and this Diary is based on a simple guide to looking at fungi that I wrote some years ago. If you are hoping that you can miss out on the initial stages of identifying what you find by going straight to taking pictures and asking iNaturalist what you have found, I suspect you will not get the right answer. My experience of identifying fungi this way has been very disappointing. One of the reasons is that fungi look very different as they develop and another is that looking at their spores under a microscope is needed for precise ID. Joining an organised Fungus Foray, the name usually given to an organised outing, is by far the best way to get going. The notes below were written a few years ago and are intended as an introduction to fungus forays. They include guidance on collecting, identifying and some simple dos and don'ts to ensure that your experience is safe and enjoyable.

A simple guide to identifying fungi

Much of the fun in a Fungus Foray comes from looking. Some fungi (the plural of fungus) are large and easy to spot. Others are small and require careful searching to find. They are often very attractive, but they can also be smelly and rather unpleasant. Above all you must remember that some are poisonous and people can die from eating them.

What is a fungus?

Fungi are now regarded as separate from plants and animals. Most fungi obtain food by breaking down and absorbing materials that surround them. They do this through thread-like structures called hyphae that are buried within the "host" of the fungus e.g. wood, ground, leaf litter. This part of the fungus is known as the mycelium. The fruiting bodies, of which the traditional mushroom is the most familiar, are the reproductive structures of fungi. When conditions are right, usually a combination of moisture and temperature, they appear and shed spores. These spores can then be transferred elsewhere and grow into fresh mycelium. This means that fungi are not threatened with extinction by collecting, as is the case with plants in flower. However, excessive collecting can spoil other people's enjoyment and deprive insects and animals of valuable food, so you should collect only enough specimens for identification purposes.

How do you look for and collect fungi?

There are three aspects to a foray; knowing where and when, to go; knowing where to look; and then collecting the fungi. To some extent the "where to go" is a matter of experience, because you learn from others the sites that are likely to be productive. As a rule, fungi are most plentiful in areas of high biodiversity. For example, undisturbed areas such as old woods and grassland, rich in general plant species, usually support good populations of fungi. Warm and moist conditions favour fungal growth and October and November are usually the best months to foray. But this is very dependent on rainfall and in a poor Summer, the months of July, August and September can be also be productive, particularly in open grassland. In general fungi are frost sensitive but some are not and persist into December. A minority of fungi fruit in the Spring.

Knowing how to collect a fungus is important. Try to ensure that you have a representative specimen in good condition. Fungi vary in shape and size during their development. When a fungus is just emerging, it may look very different from its fully developed shape. Similarly, a fungus that is decaying can be difficult to identify. Collecting a complete specimen is also important. The part that is most often damaged is the base of the stem. Using a knife to undercut the base and lever the specimen out whole is often the best method of collection. Ideally it should then be stored in something flat, such as a wicker basket, not in a plastic bag.

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Last month I mentioned James Harding, who was reported as a deserter in a list issued in September 1825. I am not sure whether this is the same James Harding, but there was a report in a Bath newspaper a year or so later that a James Harding was being prosecuted for stealing 80lbs (c36.3kilos) of iron, the property of Elizabeth Bullock of Bradford. He was found guilty and sentenced to seven years transportation, which would have meant being sent to Australia. This does seem a little harsh, but others also transported at the same assize were found guilty of stealing an ass, in one case, stealing a pair of breeches in another case and stealing a pig and a wheelbarrow (presumably to carry it) in a third case. If it was the same James Harding, he would have been about 19 years old at that time.



As something different this month, here is a picture I took earlier this year, though they were not as plentiful as they once were. Unfortunately, this time I did not see the wonderful day on which the tadpoles mature into frogs and leap on to the path all together, before disappearing off in many directions. That is something I have seen some years ago on two or three occasions and it is an amazing sight. Some years, I remember, the whole of Body's Lane near the rhynes was covered in frogs for just one day. It was impossible to put a foot down without extreme care or you would tread on many of them. The following day only a few stragglers remained.

Brent Knoll is, of course, famous as Mons Renarum, the Mount of Frogs, a title given to it by the Romans. When I first came to the village, there was a roadside warning triangle posted at the appropriate time of the year at the A38 end of Brent Street which had a frog in its centre. In those days tadpoles filled the local rhyne all the way along Body's Lane and along Brent Broad Rhyne. I once saw a water vole stalking some tadpoles. When it noticed my presence it froze for quite a while whilst we looked at each other, then dived and disappeared under water, perhaps into one of its burrows which lined the banks then.

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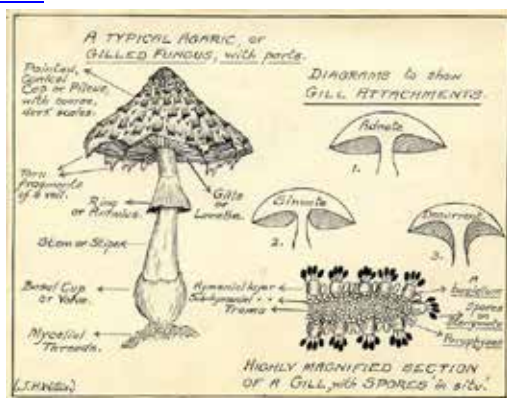
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How do you identify a fungus?

There are a number of steps in identification (use illustration for reference)

- General structure – does it have a cap? If so, does it have gills? Does it have a veil?
- Habitat – is it in woods, or grassland? what tree is it growing on, or under?
- Size – measure the size of the cap and stem (length and diameter).
- Cap – what shape / colour is the cap? Is it smooth, slimy, rough?
- Stem – is the colour the same as the cap? Is there a volva at the base?
- Gills – are there few or many? How do they attach to the stem (see picture)?
- Spores – what colour are the spores? (gills may give a clue – if not do a spore print).
- Smell and taste – some fungi have a characteristic smell – others may have a characteristic taste (use tip of tongue or chew a very small piece and spit it out).

Once you have gathered the above information you are in a position to go to a book or look on the internet to try identifying your specimen. There are quite a few books available, but they vary in quality and scope. It would be sensible to have a thorough browse before buying anything. The fungus section on First-nature.com is a good starting point on the internet (<http://www.first-nature.com/fungi/index.php>). Our nearest local fungus group is [North Somerset and Bristol Fungus Recording Group \(NSBFG\) – Surveys, Recording, Conservation & Education](#).



Health and safety on a fungus foray – some simple points

- Don't get lost on a foray – going into a large wood can be disorientating and it is easy to lose contact with others – bear in mind it gets dark early in Autumn/Winter.
- Protect yourself by wearing sensible footwear (you will cover rough ground).
- Watch carefully for natural features that may cause injury e.g. roots that may trip you up, branches that may poke you in the eye and brambles that may snare you.
- If you use sharp instruments use them carefully.
- Some simple precautions against poisoning:
 - o Know which fungi are poisonous and learn to identify them.
 - o Don't put fungi in your mouth unless you are "tasting for identification".
 - o Wash your hands after a foray before eating.
 - o Take special care when you are out with young children especially in relation to washing hands and using a knife.

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Update from Tessa Munt, MP for Brent Knoll

I hope you've had a wonderful Summer. I've enjoyed meeting so many of you at local events and my surgeries across the patch. Thank you if you came to say hello, share your views and ask questions.

Summer started with serving at East Brent's 168th Harvest Home, celebrating food, farming and our rural way of life on a gloriously sunny day. Thanks to all the organisers of these local and very special occasions, each unique, it's brilliant to see so many people enjoying themselves.

I hosted my first 'youth' surgeries this Summer and it was really interesting to hear from young people about their hopes and concerns. It is likely that today's 12 year olds and upwards will be able to vote at the next General Election and it's good to know what the next generation really cares about.

In my last update, I shared my concerns about waterway maintenance and future flooding in Somerset. I attended the South West Association of Drainage Authorities (SWADA) emergency meeting about the situation with the Environment Agency and when Parliament returned in early September, I requested Ministerial intervention.

It has been great this Summer to visit several excellent local charities and organisations, including Somerset Armed Forces Cadets, Prickles Hedgehog Rescue and Somerset Wildlife Trust amongst others. There is so much going on and it's a real privilege to recognise publicly the efforts of those who volunteer, support and take responsibility for so much activity locally.

That said, I am only too aware of the challenges many face here. For many of us, the nearest hospital can be miles away and big changes are afoot. I attended the Committee meeting when community hospital bed closures were discussed and have held further discussions with NHS Leaders, seeking reassurance that patients and carers will receive improved services at the time changes are made, rather than relying on promises that more services will come "soon".

I met the specialists at the Royal Marsden Hospital working with the latest Radiotherapy machines. Many of you will know I've pressed the Government for years on updating machines in the NHS. I was also interviewed by Channel 4 News on research into the condition ME, on which I continue to campaign.

Thank you if you've contacted me – I am here to represent you. A full list of my surgeries is available if you call or email me, but these are the most local:

Friday 3rd October from 11.30 to 12.30 at **East Brent Hub Café**, Village Hall, East Brent

Saturday 4th October from 12.00 to 13.00 at **The Lamb Inn, Axbridge**

Friday 17th October from 16.30 to 17.30 at **The Beer Shed, East Huntspill**

No appointment is necessary - it's first come, first served. If you can't come to meet me, I'll come to see you.

Thank you.

Tessa

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Brent Knoll Weather Report – August 2025

August was yet another warm, sunny and dry month, with the Knoll as brown as the holidaymakers on the beach and the grass growing not an inch (the weeds seemed to do OK). Well before the end of August there was speculation about whether this was the warmest Summer on record (it was) and whether it was drier than 1976 (it was not), but what we forget is that August began with Storm Floris and severe weather in the north of the UK and ended with ex-hurricane Erin and much-needed rain. It was the bit in the middle that was hot and dry.



Floris developed off Newfoundland and grew in strength as it swept across the Atlantic on the jet stream, arriving west of Scotland on the 4th. The effect for us was a showery and breezy day, but the north of the UK suffered serious disruption from wind and rain. The jet stream also pulled over more smoke from the Canadian fires, making for hazy yellowish sunshine on the 5th.

Meanwhile high pressure was building to the south-west of the UK and moved to eastern Europe by the 10th. This high blocked the progress of Atlantic lows, which sat to the west of the UK drawing in sub-tropical air. This led to the first hot spell of the month, with 27.8C recorded late in the afternoon on the 10th. This air was humid as well as warm, and generated elevated rain over south-west England on the 11th; however, the air was so warm that the rain evaporated before it reached the ground, resulting in the bizarre situation that while rainfall radar was reporting a deluge and there were huge dark clouds from which rain could be seen to fall, no rain was recorded at ground level.

The airflow then shifted south, drawing air from France and Spain where temperatures were well into the 40s. Our highest temperature of the month was 34.6C on the 12th in a hair-dryer-like southerly breeze. Cloud on the 13th and 14th kept temperatures in the mid-20s, but we topped 30C again on the 15th. Throughout this period a yellow haze was visible again, this time caused largely by smoke from fires in north-west Spain but with a helping of Saharan dust. Some people claimed to be able to smell the smoke and of course we had our own problems with fires in Dorset and elsewhere.

Around the 17th the high pressure to our east moved away, to be replaced by a high to our north-west. The result was a cooler north-easterly airflow – it was still pleasantly warm, but much less humid and more comfortable. We even managed a shower on the 19th which brought the rainfall total to 4mm and early on the 22nd the temperature dropped to 7.1C under a clear sky.

On the 25th ex-Tropical Storm Erin arrived west of Ireland, and the Atlantic lows took over bringing a cool and showery end to the month. By the end of August, we had recorded 19.6mm of rain, about one-third of the normal figure and the driest August I have recorded. The average temperature was 18.7C, about two degrees above normal but about one degree cooler than August 2022.

The Summer of 2025 was the hottest I have recorded at 18.6C (the Met Office says it was the hottest Summer on record for the UK) and also the driest I have recorded with just 72.0mm of rain.

As for comparisons with 1976, I don't have local temperature records but the Met Office archive has monthly rainfall totals for Burnham-on-Sea. These tell us that the total for Summer 1976 was 61mm, so it was 11mm dryer than this year. That isn't the full story, though; Summer 1976 followed a dry Winter and Spring. Spring 2025 was also dry, but Winter 2024/5 ended with a very wet January. The Winter rainfall tided us over for an early silage cut in April / May and haymaking in June, but by then the benefit of the Winter rain had gone, the grass stopped growing and the Knoll went brown.

A final point – in the Burnham record, September 1976 rainfall was a hefty 181mm. As I type this in early September 2025 there is a green tinge to the Knoll, it's pouring with rain and we're already way past August's total. I wonder what the figure will be at the end of this month.

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3 rd	Short Mat Bowls Club [Fridays]	Harris Room, Parish Hall	2.00-4.00pm
3 rd	Quiz Night & Supper RBL	Red Cow	7.30pm 38
4 th	Hand Bell Ringing Group [Saturdays]	Ivyclad Hall	10.00am
6 th	SORT IT+ Recycling	Your House	Early!!
6 th	Short Mat Bowls Club [Mondays]	Harris Room, Parish Hall	2.00-4.00pm
6 th	Pilates [Mondays]	Nuttall Room, Parish Hall	6.15pm
7 th	Burnham/Cheddar Bus [Tuesdays]	Brent Street/Burton Row	9.30-2.30pm
7 th	“Chatty Café” [Tuesdays]	Lymsham Pavilion	10.00-1pm’ish 14
6 th	Deadline for November Brent Knoll News		12.00 noon 50
6 th	Meet & Eat	Nuttall Room, Parish Hall	12.30pm 16
8 th	Tea & Chat	Front Vestry, St Michael’s Church	2.30pm 16
11 th	Bazaar, Farmers’ Market & Parish Café	Parish Hall	10.00-12noon 31,32
13 th	SORT IT+ Recycling	Your House	Early!!
13 th	Parish Hall Committee meeting	Jubilee Room, Parish Hall	7.30pm 31
15 th	Green Waste Collection	Your House	Early!!
15 th	Brent Knoll Companions:	Harris Room, Parish Hall	2.30pm
15 th	Provisional Parish Council Meeting	Jubilee Room	7.00pm 7
16 th	Fish & Chips	Village Green Car Park	5.00-7.00pm 16
17 th	No Mobile Library, vehicle is undergoing full service & safety checks,		back in November.
18 th	Harvest Supper – ‘Lipinski Brothers’	Parish Hall	7.00pm 31,34
20 th	Recycling & Rubbish	Your House	Early!!
21 st	Trafalgar Day		
25 th	‘Sausage Sizzler’ + ‘Table Top’ sale	Nuttall Room, Parish Hall	10.00-12 noon 2,8
26 th	British Summertime Ends - clocks go back 1 hour		
27 th	SORT IT+ Recycling	Your House	Early!!
29 th	Green Waste Collection	Your House	Early!!
29 th	Antique Evaluation event	Parish Hall	23
30 th	Fish & Chips	Village Green Car Park	5.00-7.00pm 16
31 st	Halloween		



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