

MUSBURY PARISH NEWS



Autumn 2024

The Editor Writes

Autumn, the time of harvest, nights drawing in and cooling temperatures. In the middle of this autumn period there is the festival of All Saints Day and Halloween.

All Saints Day a Christian feast in honour of all saints whether they are known or unknown. Nowadays more commonly known as Halloween it seems to have become more commonly a celebration of horror, the macabre and supernatural.

Origins of Halloween traditions possibly lead back to the Celtic harvest festivals and the Gaelic festival Samhain (the Irish name for November). The Celtic calendar was based around the sun and the Samhain festival is about halfway between the Autumnal equinox and and the winter solstice. Many Neolithic passage tombs are aligned with sunrise at the time of Samhain. Early Irish literature from the 9th century, recounts stories and legends of the Samhain. Great gatherings and feasts marked Samhain when the ancient burial mounds were opened. The burial mounds were seen as portals to the Otherworld. Some of the literature also associates Samhain with bonfires and sacrifices.

In the more modern era cattle was brought down from higher pastures and live stock would be slaughtered. Special bonfires would be lit , which were deemed to have protective and cleansing powers. The early Christian church possibly took these pagan festivals, cleaned them up a bit and renamed them as All Hallows Day. By 800, there is evidence that churches in Ireland and Northumbria were holding a feast commemorating all saints on 1 November

By the end of the 12th century, in Western Christianity the celebration had become known as the Holy Days of Obligation and involved such traditions as ringing church bells for souls in purgatory. It was also customary for criers dressed in black to parade the streets, ringing a bell of mournful sound and calling on all good Christians to remember the poor souls.

The Allhallowtide custom of baking and sharing soul cakes for all christened souls, has been suggested as the origin of trick-or-treating. The custom dates back at least as far as the 15th century and was found in parts of England, Wales, Flanders, Bavaria and Austria. Groups of poor people, often children, would go door-to-door during Allhallowtide, collecting soul cakes, in exchange for praying for the dead, especially the souls of the givers' friends and relatives. This was called "souling". Soul cakes were also offered for the souls themselves to eat, or the 'soulers' would act as their representatives.

As with the Lenten tradition of hot cross buns, soul cakes were often marked with a cross, indicating they were baked as alms. Shakespeare mentions souling in his comedy *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* (1593). While souling, Christians would carry "lanterns made of hollowed-out turnips", which could have originally represented souls of the dead; jack-o'-lanterns were used to ward off evil spirits. All these customs came under attack during the reformation as catholic doctrine and were abolished, eventually being eclipsed by Guy Fawkes night celebrations , where a group of Catholic plotters planning to assassinate a Protestant king, became a convenient scapegoat for public outcry. All that without social media, but probably a lot of fake news.

Scottish immigrants took Halloween customs to North America in the 19th century, and then through American influence various Halloween customs spread to other countries by the late 20th and early 21st century. So nowadays popular Halloween activities include trick-or-treating, attending Halloween costume parties, carving pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns, lighting bonfires, apple bobbing, divination games, playing pranks, visiting haunted attractions, telling scary stories, and watching horror or Halloween-themed films. Somewhere during the years Halloween has become another commercial bonanza for the manufacturers of plastic tat, and the growers of the fields of pumpkins which are grown to be thrown away in November. But all in all it is a bit of fun for the children , and a way for them to learn about death and mortality , not far removed from the ways of our Celtic ancestors.

Jolly

Parish Records

Funeral

12th June. Matthew Paul Dixon Ward

Wedding

15th June Oliver John Maxwell Massy-Birch and Abigail Rose Briscoe

Baptism

21st July Lily Grace Chapple

Parochial Church Council

It has been a busy time this last quarter for Church members. We served teas at the NGS Open Gardens at Musbury Barton in June. Lt Col Drake let the Church have the profit from this for our funds and we did very well so we are really grateful to him.

The Village Scarecrow Festival was great fun and many visitors came into church to see the 'Baptism Party and Vicar'. The beautiful flower project in the porch also attracted a lot of attention and money was raised for the new Toilet and Refreshment facility.

The Church was also given the opportunity to serve refreshments at both the Plant Sale in May and the Village Show in August and have the profits for funds. Again, we are grateful to the organisers.

We hosted the Mission Community Ascension Day Service in St. Michael's and spent the second part of the evening in The Hind having supper together.

We hope you are looking out donations for our Silent Auction on Saturday October 12th in the Village Hall. You can also think of a promise to offer for auction eg baby sitting, cake making, gardening etc. This event is always a good fund raiser for us and we hope this one is no exception. Please support us by coming on the night to bid for the items as this is just as important.

Our monthly Coffee & Chat mornings will start again, after a Summer break , on September 11th. Open The Book, with children at Musbury School, gets going again in September with some slight changes in line with the National Organisation of the acting of these Bible Stories.

We have booked Dec 7th for our Christmas Craft Fayre and look forward to seeing you there. Please let Sue Irving know if you want to book a table. We are also thinking of a Christmas Tree Festival but details are still being sorted out. More information will be in the next Parish Magazine together with the arrangements for all our Christmas Services.

The weather has been good recently which has been lovely for everyone on holiday in our area. We have welcomed several visitors to our church services and many others have looked round our church building at other times.

We look forward to your continued support in our fund raising for the bell restoration and new toilet and refreshments projects and we would like to remind you that there is always a warm welcome at all our services in St Michael's Church.

Kay Short (PCC Secretary)

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Musbury Church PCC NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!



We need a new TREASURER!

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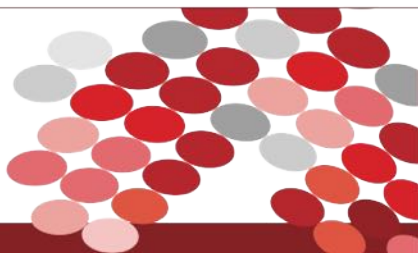
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The role could be paid or voluntary by negotiation.

Please apply to our Rector, Father Steven Martin or a Church Warden.

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Weather Watch

After an initial deluge (37 mm on 1st), May continued pretty wet. A five-day bright and sunny spell began on 5th but ended on 13th with a day of heavy rain (36 mm). A changeable but largely dry spell followed but on 21st there was thunder to the west and probably heavy rain in the Branscombe-Sidmouth area, the edge of which affected Musbury. Further rain followed overnight on 25-26th and the month ended showery. The total for the month was 119 mm (5 ins, about twice the 20-year average). June, by contrast, was a very dry month with a total of just 10 mm (half-an-inch), well below average. Such rain as there was fell mid-month; in the first half of the month overnight temperatures were cool, usually in single figures. The latter half was somewhat less cold but never hot. July was another wet month with a total of 113 mm compared with a twenty-year average of 63 mm. The wettest day was 8th with a remarkable total of 41 mm. After a few wet days, the last few days of the month were hot and sunny. I mentioned the Aurora Borealis last month and there have indeed been further displays. A photo in the Times on 14th, taken from the bridge at Axmouth Harbour, showed a fine display reflected in the water of the Axe Estuary.

Mike Lock



Photo Courtesy of Tim White Photography <https://www.timwhitephotography.co.uk/>

silent Auction

An illustration of a white notepad with a pencil resting on it, positioned between the words 'silent' and 'Auction'.

Saturday October 12th
7.30 pm
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MUSBURY COMMUNITY CLUB

Musbury Community Club's last event before we took a summer break was a fun games evening in the pub with skittles, darts and pin ball on offer. The Hind served us with pasties, and it was a great evening enjoyed by everyone.

Our Autumn events start with a Defibrillator training session on Saturday 14th September in conjunction with Devon Air Ambulance. See posters around the village and on FB for further details.

Then on 14th October we have what we hope will be a fascinating talk by Andrew Chatterton about "Churchill's Secret Army". This will be in the village hall starting at 7pm.

On 18th November we are hosting a "Ask the Farmers" evening. Have you ever wondered what really goes on in the cow sheds? Now's the time to ask. Again this will be in the village hall starting at 7pm.

We are continuing with our monthly "Art for Everyone" workshops on 2nd Sept, 7th October, 4th November, and 2nd December, starting at 2pm in the Village Hall.

We are currently planning our Festive Evening on 16th December, so look out for more details.

If anyone has any ideas for new workshops, events or talks, do please let us know. And if you would like to help arrange an event, please get in touch.

Our regular email newsletters give more details of our events – if you are not yet on our mailing list and would like to receive our newsletters, please email us at mcc@musburyvillage.co.uk

Please keep coming along to our events and workshops. They are great for socialising with other villagers and learning something new at the same time.

From the MCC team - **Mary and Martin Minter, Sue Leach, Graham and Annie Stark**

'Lightship'

'There is a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in.' *Leonard Cohen, Canadian singer songwriter*
On the tenth of October next it is World Mental Health Day. With this in mind, I volunteer this short verse.

'Lightship'

Let me be your lightship
Cast upon a raging sea
Nothing in this world would harm you
I can guarantee
Let me take your hand and I'll lead you
Safely from the war
So that tears and pain can't touch you anymore

Let me be the haven
Where you shelter from the rain
Your imaginary fears
Won't trouble you again
Let me take away the heartache
Chase away the cloud
To reveal the blue skies you thought weren't allowed

Let me seize the burden
That your shoulder cannot bear
When your spirits start to fade
You'll see that I am there
Let me be the clearer pathway
That leads to better things
Where the world is yours, where solace lies within

Through the daytime
And through the night time
I'll use these eyes to see
For I know you need the lifeline
That only I can be

Let me be your sunrise
Let me be an open door
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Thank you!

Anyone who entered produce or crafts into the Village Produce Show, or came along to see the exhibits will know what an enormous amount of work went into organising it. Spreadsheets were to the fore, notices were made, people contacted, prizes distributed. A small band of volunteers were responsible, and enormous thanks should go to Mary, Martin, Val and Lindsay.

Then there is Sue I's church volunteers who now seem to be almost official caterers for village events- their cakes are legendary.

Pete, Graham, Annie and their band have been busy too with Scarecrows and bingo- we are indeed lucky in this village to have so many well organised and fun events.

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Nature Watch.

Almost as soon as the last magazine appeared, all the Ash trees sprang into leaf, albeit later than usual. Some are showing signs of Ash Dieback but in most cases this does not appear to be severe. It may be that we shall lose only a proportion – perhaps half – of our ashes. Studies in Lady Park Wood, in the Wye Valley, which has been undisturbed since 1945 and in which every tree is mapped and recorded, have shown that a tiny proportion (less than 10%) of Ash trees appear to be fully resistant, but that about 50% show some degree of resistance and can recover after an initial infection. In fact, the greatest threat to the survival of Ash in this wood is Fallow Deer, which colonised the Wood in 2017 and now eat every seedling.

Butterflies and many other insects have been particularly scarce this year; this has been attributed to the cold wet spring which would have slowed the development of the young stages and also given more time for them to be predated. Even Large and Small Whites have been scarce, and my cabbages have remained largely unscathed. (the adults of these butterflies are very similar but the caterpillars are completely different. Those of the Small White are solitary and green, and hide themselves by lying along the veins of the leaves. Large White caterpillars are green, white and yellow with black spots, and hairy, and feed in groups in clear view. They stink when squashed because they store up smelly chemicals from their food as a defence mechanism.) You may have been lucky enough in July to see Jersey Tiger moths. Their fore-wings are black-and-white striped and when they fly they show their red (occasionally yellow) hind wings. They are something of a specialty of the Lyme Bay and Torbay coasts although they have spread eastwards and northwards in recent years.



Swallows have also been scarce this year. None of the hides on the Wetlands has housed them; in previous years every hide has had its pair. House Martins have also been scarce; there is only one nest in The Street this year, but in previous years there have been up to six. However, a strong colony on the edge of the village persists, and two or three pairs nest on a house in Whitford Road where they were originally attracted by artificial nests.

You can buy artificial nests fairly easily and you can also make your own (see <https://devonhousemartins.org.uk/information/how-to-make-a-house-martin-nest/>).

Musbury has lost the Swifts that used to nest in The Street and Whitford Road because improvements to the eaves have made them unsuitable as nesting sites. They could probably be lured back by putting up Swift boxes. The ones on the top of a pole at the wetlands attracted Swifts after three years and breeding has now taken place for two or three years with several young fledged this year. For designs, see <https://www.bristolswifts.co.uk/swift-nest-box-design/>. There is also a Devon Birds scheme to install Swift boxes behind the louvres in church bell towers. One of the recent successes has been the installation of 16 units comprising 128 nesting chambers in the towers of Exeter Cathedral.

Seaton Wetlands

The Wetlands have been quiet in the last two months with very few returning waders passing through, but as I write things are livening up. On a brief visit I saw Redshank, Black-tailed Godwit, Greenshank, Wood Sandpiper and Common Sandpiper, and a Ruff had been seen in the morning. More species and greater numbers can be expected in the next month or two. Water levels are currently perfect, with expanses of both mud and shallow water; both high tides and heavy rain can raise levels despite the best efforts of the wardens. Other birds seen have included Great White Egret; this species has entirely white plumage but is the size of a Grey Heron. A few Teal have returned, mostly still in the dull brown eclipse plumage that they adopt while moulting.

The Sand Martins have come to the end of their breeding season; at least some pairs raised two broods of chicks. Two or more young Swifts flew from the raised boxes. They will not now touch the ground until they return to breed after two or three years, spending their entire lives on the wing. Four young Kestrels flew from the box near the Discovery Hut, and four more flew from another box further down the estuary.

The next few months will see more passing waders as well as the arrival of wintering ducks such as Teal and Wigeon. Shelduck will start to trickle back from their moulting grounds from October onwards. September is the best month for passing Ospreys to linger on the estuary, feeding up on the abundant mullet before heading for West Africa. Once the main wader passage has finished, water levels will be raised to favour the ducks.

Mike Lock



Ralphies's Bit

Somehow, I seem to have missed the summer. It is true that I did put myself in a state of hibernation in order to escape the myriad of sport that it has been impossible to avoid. My slumber began with the FA Cup Final and lasted through The Euros, Wimbledon and most of the Olympics. Of course I understand that sporting events give a lot of people a lot of enjoyment and my despisement of all things athletic is a purely personal thing and one that has been with me from a very early age. I believe it probably began in primary school, where, after enjoying our daily half pint bottle of milk, sucked very noisily through a straw thrust through the foil top, the teacher would fiddle the knobs on a huge wooden radiogram and after a careful bit of tuning, a lady with a terribly clipped English accent burst through the airwaves. Big, green rubber mats were rolled out and we were forced to strip down to vest and pants. Oh, how I hated those awful mats! To this very day the smell of them is still embedded in my nostrils, and I have nightmares as to what those dreadful stains on them were, and more importantly, where they came from! And so it began, pure torture from the BBC Light Programme called Music And Movement. The bossy woman with the posh voice would order us to swim like a fish, sway like a tree or flutter like a leaf while a second rate pianist banged out a totally unrecognisable tune. And there we all stood flapping our arms and kicking our skinny little legs into a make believe wind, usually suppressing maniacal fits of the giggles (oh my goodness, I think I've just realised where those stains may have come from)!

Then came school sports day. The egg and spoon race, three legged race, sack race, things with squishy bean bags (the feel of which totally appalled me), and any other embarrassing, humiliating horrors the teachers could think up to demoralise their charges. To some it was all great fun, to me an absolute ordeal that still still haunts me.

At secondary school I had become rather more shrewd and worldly wise. Dodging sports had become a perfected art. When it came time for the team captains to choose their team I could be found hovering discreetly at a distance, and if one of the athletic leaders dared moved a muscular arm in my direction and aimed a pointing finger anywhere near me, one of my famous withering looks would soon make it veer toward another unsuspecting weedy specimen. Even then the largest, strongest athlete would cower at the thought of a tongue-lashing from me or quail at the dreaded revenge they could only imagine I would wreak upon them.

And so my games lessons were now quite pleasant, in the winter I was allowed to spend the time in the library, my new home from home. And in the summer I became official custodian of valuables for those who participated in their silly little games. Sitting in the sunshine, reading a book in the pretence of guarding a few cheap Timex watches. Heaven!

But I digress, lets get back to the present.

I may be happy to have missed the summer of sport (especially pleased to have avoided those dreadful cockalorum pundits who seem to attach themselves to a sport like tics on a cat's ear) but I also seem to have missed the sunshine.

Apart from one or two weeks (and dare I say some of those were just too hot) all I have witnessed is a lot of cloud, mist and rain. Not to mention the mini hurricane we just about managed to survive. It smashed a few pots, felled my sunflowers and did untold damage to my tomatoes (not that the little green devils showed any sign of turning red). So all we have to do now is brace ourselves for the bitterly cold winter that lies ahead. Oh, what halcyon days! But for now I am donning my pith helmet and khakis to go on an expedition to once and for all solve the mystery of the Musbury Muzzy mania that is sweeping our village. Are the little rascals a myth, or do they really exist? I for one haven't happened across one yet. If they are real, I hope they aren't dangerous, for I go unarmed! Wish me luck!

Ralph

Annagrams and cryptic quiz

Mao nut (anag) Sum total

To leap. (anag) Spanish sport

American novelist bites neck foolishly? (9)

Eye infection from filthy place we are told? (4)

Be wildered as tea gets drunk (2, 3)

Gloomy Trade (anag) Study of skin complaints

Foresight (anag) not to be looked in the mouth

Airs (anag) Asian garment

Biblical women she comes and goes (6)

And just like that....the Musbury Flower finale

All 1192 flowers were stitched onto netting to form a swag and two curtains; then with the help of intrepid volunteers, armed with hooks and a ladder, the display was hung in the south porch of the church-thank you Michael and Tom.



Alan and Brenda Parkman created the wonderful display around the porch entrance.

It was lovely to see so many people coming to view the display especially those who had made flowers and came to spot their own creations-yes we did use every one. As a bonus we received £167 in donations for the servery and toilet fund. The display has stayed up longer than intended but will be taken down during September and stored ready for another opportunity to put them on show in the future.

Finally, many thanks to everyone who got involved in all sorts of ways-the response from the community exceeded our expectations.

Janet Albano and Sue Leach

Musbury Heritage - News & More

I have not been able to devote a lot of time to the village history over the summer months, there are just too many other things going on! Hopefully, I will have more time over the Autumn and Winter months. The following report is therefore a little shorter than usual.

Discussion Group

Our second Discussion Group meeting was held on Saturday, 15 June 2024. Following the first meeting in April, this meeting was intended to have more questions from the floor, following my introduction. As this second meeting was held in The Hind, the availability of Wi-Fi made it possible to show some of the excellent online resources, especially interactive maps showing Musbury over a century ago.

It was well-attended, but a little down on numbers from the first meeting. It was great to see visitors from outside Musbury, as well as some long-term locals. It was disappointing that some Musbury residents, especially those who have lived in the village all their lives, were not there to pass on their knowledge of Musbury's history.

Very many thanks to all of those who came along with photos, documents, etc. Please be assured these will all be carefully looked at and used by Musbury Heritage in the future.

Thank you also to John Burfitt, Chris Irving and Ian McCoulough for volunteering to help with projects. Hopefully, now that Summer's events are behind us, I will find time to sit down with them and get the projects underway. There are still plenty of interesting research subjects that need the help of volunteers, if you would like to give one a go just let me know. Lots of training and assistance will be provided.

I don't plan to hold another Discussion Group, but I am always open to ideas for meetings or talks about Musbury's history.

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Visitors

It was lovely to meet Jan Babb in person at the Discussion Group (nee Nye of Hillside Villas), after much correspondence on Facebook and by email. Over the last few years, Jan has provided me with many pictures and information about her family's time in Musbury. We met at my house after the Discussion Group and Jan very kindly passed on even more useful items before commencing her long journey home to Hampshire.

Later in July, I had the pleasure of meeting Dawn Gormley and her cousin Angela Clarke. Dawn is Musbury royalty as far as I'm concerned being descended from both the Gear and Rockett families, who were so influential in our history. Angela is also descended from the Gear family. Dawn has been sending me pictures and stories since 2020 and Angela had some more for me to scan and use. This included an aerial photo of Oscar Gear's market garden, which showed the greenhouses and the extent of the business.

The pictures and information provided by many past residents interested in family history are an essential resource for Musbury Heritage.

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Proof at last of Sir Winston Churchill visiting Musbury!

On Saturday, 23 July the Chancellor, Sir Winston Churchill visited Bicton in Devon to give a speech. After the speech his party, which included Mrs Churchill, went on to Sidmouth and Beer for a short while.

At Bicton, he referred to his family ties to Ashe House and his plans to visit there. Until recently there has been no proof that he went ahead with this visit, but this has now been confirmed by trawling through micro-fiche records of newspapers at Somerset Archives.

The following is an extract from the end of a long article about Sir Winston Churchill's trip to Devon that was published in the Pulman Weekly News on Tuesday, 26 July 1927: -

“Leaving Beer, the party came on to Seaton and motored by way of Axmouth to Musbury. Here, the rector met the visitors and conducted them to the parish church, where the Chancellor inspected the parish register and looked at the interesting monuments erected to the memory of the Drake family, of a branch of which Sir Francis Drake, the great naval hero was a member.

What was undoubtedly the most attractive place visited by Mr Churchill was Ashe House near Musbury. It once belonged to the Drakes, but to the chancellor additional interest was attached to it from the fact that it was the birth place of the great Duke of Marlborough. Elizabeth Drake, daughter of Sir John Drake, who resided at Ashe in 1650 married Sir Winston Churchill of Mintern Dorset. Sir Winston who espoused the cause of Charles I in order to escape persecution went during the commonwealth to reside with his father-in-law at Ashe and it was here that his lady gave birth to the child John who afterwards become the famous soldier.

The Chancellor and his companions were received at Ashe House by Mr & Mrs J A Peat with whom they took tea. Later Mr & Mrs Churchill motored to Axminster, where they entrained for London.”

So, there we have it. Proof at last that Winston Churchill visited our village. Perhaps one day I'll discover some mention of Musbury in Churchill's writings...

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Musbury Parish Council news round up

An introduction from your New Parish Councillor

Councillor Frances Belcher

Frances was born and spent her childhood in the hills of West Yorkshire, and subsequently lived in London and Oxfordshire following a career researching the causes and therapeutics for autoimmune diseases and cancer. Her last role was in South Oxfordshire, where she led a team growing immune cells from stem cells and programming them to treat cancers.

Frances has two children, Helena and Felix and two step daughters. The family have always enjoyed holidays in Dorset and Devon, and always had a dream of moving to live by the sea. Frances and Colin retired to Musbury in August 2023 and received a very warm and friendly welcome. She is keen to be more involved in village life and make a positive contribution through her role on the Parish Council.

Frances loves flower arranging, gardening, running, reading and walking our dog Bertie. She is passionate about the natural environment and understanding the impact we all have on nature and the climate, and how to make changes to our lifestyle to protect our children's future.

Abuse towards Councillors

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has responded to an investigation by the BBC into abuse and intimidation of people in local government.

NALC is among several local government organisations, including the Local Government Association (LGA) that are warning that abuse from members of the public towards councillors and staff poses a threat to local democracy. They are calling for more to be done to stop councillors being forced to stand down and to improve civility and respect in councils.

LGA research, supported by NALC, on the intimidation of councillors, found that 88% of parish and town councillors reported having suffered abuse, intimidation, or both, which is considerably higher than 81% of councillors in other tiers of local government.

Harassment, stalking, threats & assault are examples of abuse found by the BBC investigation.

NALC recently welcomed the report and recommendations of the Jo Cox Civility Commission on tackling abuse and intimidation, which has identified a range of practical recommendations across different sectors – from central government to policing and social media.

Chair of NALC, Cllr Keith Stevens said: “No one should be subject to abuse and intimidation, especially those elected to public office ranging from Members of Parliament to parish and town councillors who spend over 14 million hours a year serving their communities.

“NALC is hugely concerned that councillors in all local government levels are being harassed and intimidated by poor behaviour in a minority of parish and town councils.

“That’s why NALC is working with a range of bodies, such as the LGA, to highlight the risks these pose to local democracy and to provide support to parish and town councils through our Civility and Respect Project.

“But more needs to be done to stop councillors standing down, encourage more people of all backgrounds and experiences to become councillors and uphold the highest standards of behaviour and conduct in England’s 10,000 parish and town councils.

It is not acceptable to verbally or physically abuse a Councillor or staff member of the Parish Council over the phone, in the street or in their workplace. If you have an issue regarding Musbury village please come along to a meeting to discuss the matter, alternatively please don't hesitate to contact the Clerk who will be more than happy to pass your query to a member of the parish council who will be more than happy to help you.

Musbury Allotments

The PC held a meeting for all allotment holders on Thursday 22nd August. All were welcome to come along for an open forum to discuss any issues or matters regarding the Allotment Field. We also discussed the annual allotment fee which will be due at the end of September. We can confirm that both half & full plots are available for rent with more becoming available when the plots are due for annual renewal. There is currently no waiting list so if you know of anyone who would like to be added to the list, please ask them to contact the Clerk for further details.

Current plot holders are reminded that allotments are let on the condition that they maintained in a state of proper cultivation and is used for its intended purposes (to cultivate the land for personal consumption and/or enjoyment) and not left idle.

Allotment garden(s) and pathways must be kept clean & reasonably free from weeds & in a good state of cultivation and fertility. You must keep every hedge that adjoins your allotment garden unobstructed and properly cut and trimmed as is reasonably possible & not throw rubbish or derelict equipment into the hedge. You must keep & maintain by cutting to a reasonable level, any grass pathway adjoining the plot(s) on the uphill side. The use of herbicide must not extend outside of that land actually cultivated by you.

The allotments are a great asset to the village, we take this opportunity to thank all those involved in the ongoing maintenance, especially Mr Allen Parkman for his continuous work with the Parish Council.

Musbury Playing Field Regeneration Project

Thanks to the £10,000.00 National Lottery Grant the playing field regeneration project is now complete. As always, we extend our thanks to the individuals who have worked hard on the project.

Roads & Crime

Parking on the roads of Musbury continues to be an ongoing issue. Please remember to park with consideration for residents, other road users and especially the emergency services.

We emphasise to residents to report any crimes, including speeding & parking violations directly to Devon County Council via App or the following <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/report-a-parking-problem/>

For Crime and Police matters, there is now a call back facility when calling 101, this allows you to keep your position in the queue without having to hold on the phone.

Sue Coombe
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Ding Dong The Bells

Hi All,

Here I am looking out of my window at the rain, a typical English summers day! An ideal day to update you all on the progress so far of our fundraising.

Lyndsay and Shane have hosted their open garden again. Lots of hard work getting everything tidy and pretty, setting up all the little seating areas.

Not to mention all the food shopping and preparation.

This time along with the cream teas and cake they offered last year, they added bacon butties to the menu.

We had three teams ringing in the church for anyone interested, to listen to on the Saturday.

Another £936 has been added to our stash of cash from this, along with the sale of some books and "Stuarts stall".

The total now raised so far is £5063.00

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who baked, grilled, buttered, served and of course washed up to make this possible.

We hope those of you who came and supported us enjoyed it.

We still have an enormous amount to raise, so we need to get our thinking caps on for new ideas.

Some of us rang with ringers from other towers to commemorate the D Day landings 80th Anniversary.

We started in Membury, on to Stockland then Wambrook, Musbury and finally Uplyme.

Five Towers, one for each beach.

We also had two Weddings in Musbury that required our services,

A combined effort for all three occasions to make this happen due to lack of ringers.

So that's it for now folks,

Please, please do get in touch with Dee if you would like to "Have a Go" at ringing her number is 07977956922 and she will happily arrange that for you.

Dee

School Report

Thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Show - The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse. The children thoroughly enjoyed performing to a full audience in the Village Hall and it was a wonderful way to complete the academic year.

Many of our children's artwork was on display at the Musbury Show recently – the younger children experimented with using pastels and pointillism to create colourful images of flowers and plants and the older children used charcoal to draw views of the local area – paying particular attention to creating different textures with the medium. It was wonderful for us to be involved in the show and the children who were presented with an award really benefited from the positive comments about their technique by Mrs Burfitt.

The Class 1 children had a wonderful time in Exmouth on our boat trip. During our geography sessions, we have been discussing features of seaside locations and categorising them as either human or physical features. As a result, we were amazing at spotting these whilst out and about! The children enjoyed being on board and travelling on the sea and identifying coastal features on the land from the sea point of view. It was relatively calm, but we could definitely feel the motion. For some of us, this was our first time on a boat. At the end of the boat ride, the children asked the crew some questions about their job roles and loved learning what skills and expertise were needed in order to drive/captain a boat.

Class 2 had an amazing time at Wildside Experience during their residential. We flew along the zipline - everyone giving it a go, even if they did not want to at first! We learnt about nature and how we can take better care of it ourselves. For some, it was a first time sleeping in a tent! It was a great experience and the children took pride in their tents by keeping them in order. Take a look on the school website for some of the great photos taken during our time together!

We said goodbye to our eight Year 6 children and wish them all the best in their chosen secondary schools. We look forward to welcoming six new Reception children at the start of the year, two of which will be new families to the school.

We appreciate the village's patience whilst the school has had building work over the summer holidays. First Federation Trust has enabled the school to receive funds for much needed renovation work in the KS1 toilet block and we look forward to our youngest children really benefiting from lowered toilets and automatic taps to support their self-care development.

As a school, we begin the year with a focus on reading, having developed our reading spaces in school over the holidays and with plans of a library renovation through the academic year. We firmly believe that the skill of reading and a love of reading can enhance lifelong learning across the curriculum as well as supporting creativity and increasing health and wellbeing. We will be further investing in our reading material, this year, focusing on reading for pleasure, after spending money through grants, on reading books matched to our phonics scheme to teach decoding last year. We continue to look for Reading Champions from the community, who would be keen to volunteer to hear children read once a week. If you think you can join our Reading Champion team, we would love to hear from you.

In addition to our focus on reading, we are looking to broaden our children's knowledge of careers and the faces behind the jobs that people do. We would like our children to be exposed to all the opportunities that are out there for life beyond school, no matter your sex, age, or ethnic or social background. We will be making links with companies to support this to happen, but if you would like to come into school to talk about the job you do, the role that you play in the community, or you have a contact with a company that you think would make an interesting focus, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact the school office for further information on how you can get involved.

Best wishes

Clair Murrell

Head of Teaching and Learning

Musbury Primary School

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Welcome to Musbury

During 2024, new families have moved into the village, and the Musbury Parish News extends a warm welcome .

If you are one of these families, it is hoped that you will be able to attend and get involved with some of the many events and activities that take place in the parish, and make yourself known.

Keep an eye on village notice boards, The Musbury Magazine Facebook page and the Musbury Website

Musbury Show

Musbury Village held another successful annual Summer Show on 10th August. Every table was full of amazing produce, be it vegetables, flowers, home produce, crafts or photographs, though entry numbers were down a little. It would be lovely to see more villagers entering.

The vegetable and flower growers had struggled with the weather in the weeks prior to the Show, either extremely wet and windy, or dry and sunny. But they still put on a wonderful display.

Of particular note must be the longest root vegetable entered by Nick Jacks. It was a beast of a horseradish root, measuring 3ft, which he had been growing for 5 years!

We again held separate children's classes, ranging from Age 5 and under, Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 13 as well as an Under 16s digital photography class, and we were very pleased with the number of entries.

All the judges were very impressed with the standard and display of our entries.

This year was the turn for our Veg Plot Competition which we alternate with the Garden Charm Competition. We had a lot of entries, both allotment plots and private gardens, with the standard very high.

We again ran a painting competition in conjunction with the school, and the winning entries were displayed in the Show hall, all winners receiving medals.

Our many thanks go to all the helpers – the judges, the stewards, the furniture movers and sign installers, the raffle ticket sellers, the Spar for selling the schedules, the people who kindly donated raffle prizes including The Hind, The Spar, Peco and Groves Garden Centre, and not least all the committee members for their tremendous support.

Our thanks also go to all those people who supported and visited the Show, and of course to everyone who spent time and energy entering the Show.



Congratulations to all the Cup winners:

Overall Show Cup	Oakley Smith
Vegetable Cup	Oakley Smith
Onion Cup	Mary Minter
Fun Vegetable Cup	Oakley Smith
Flower Cup	Lindsay Smitham
Flower Arrangement Cup	Lindsay Smitham
Craft Cup	Sarah Spiller
Home Produce Cup	Tied Katarina Sobek & Mike Lock
Newcomers Cup	Sue Smart
Photography Cup	Michael Ellis
Veg Plot Competition	Paul Knight
Children's Photography Cup	Digby Wheeler
Children's Shield	Hunter Smith



Mary Minter

Keeping Music Live

Open mic nights at The White Hart Colyford
8.00pm start
1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month
All welcome to play or listen

The Sky at Night

This is the time when we are moving from Summer into Autumn and now the summer constellations move closer and closer to the setting sun and the nights will become darker earlier.

The summer triangle which has been prominent in the sky is gradually moving westward and the autumn and winter constellations are beginning to appear during the darkness. The skies are getting darker earlier and allowing those who aren't night owls to see more of the night sky at an earlier time. On the image below you can see three bright stars near the centre, these are the summer triangle. To the left are the constellations that will begin to move closer to the centre over the next few weeks. One easy one to make out is the great square of Pegasus. (it is a slightly lop sided square, but is easy to spot.)



The full moon, over the years, has been given a variety of names by the Native Americans, the Celts, and the Pagans, usually relating to festivals or farming cycles. In September it is The Harvest Moon, this is the Full Moon closest to the September equinox around September 22. The Harvest Moon is the only Full Moon name determined by the equinox rather than a month. Most years, it's in September, but around every three years, it falls in October.

In September it is also called the Corn Moon from the Native American tribes harvesting their corn. It can also be the Harvest Moon, which corresponds with the Anglo-Saxon name, while Celtic and Old English names are Wine Moon, Song Moon, and Barley Moon.

Traditionally, people in the Northern Hemisphere spent October preparing for the coming winter by hunting, slaughtering, and preserving meats, giving it its Anglo-Saxon name Hunter's Moon. Every three years, the Hunter's Moon is the Harvest Moon.

In November Native Americans named this Full Moon after fall, including Drying Rice Moon, Falling Leaves Moon, and Freezing Moon. The Celts used Seed Fall Moon to describe this. Also, the Pagan Blood Moon or Sanguine Moon is used for this Full Moon.

I think the moon is down played

by many people as it is grey and always the same, they prefer pretty pictures like those from Hubble or JWST, which I think is a great shame as many interesting things happen and there is a great amount of detail which can be seen through binoculars or a small telescope. Just two examples are below.

On September 1st, 45 minutes before sunrise, look east to see a razor-thin waning crescent Moon kissing Mercury. Then on September 5th approximately 30 minutes after sunset, look west to see a waxing crescent Moon and Venus (to the right, low on the horizon).

The Observatory is again open on Thursday and Saturday evenings for visitors, so check out www.normanlockyer.com and come up and visit us.

Keeping music live

Seaton Gateway Theatre Saturday 28th September 8.00pm

Al Lloyd & His Orchestra, a full powerhouse 16 piece Big Band comprising of some of the South West's top jazz talent, alongside upcoming stars of the jazz scene, present music from jazz standards through to Motown and Soul classics, as well as original material taken from their recent recordings. Led by British arranger, composer and saxophonist, Al Lloyd (who has written arrangements for some of the top names in the industry), the band will be sure to have something for everyone.

Village Hall

Summer is here!!
Well, it is today anyway.

This time of year, a surge of events take place at the Hall. The recent Plant Sale took place and more recently, the Village Hall has just hosted the annual Village Show which took place on the 10th August. A very popular annual event with many residents taking part. This year brought in a fine selection of cakes, vegetables, flowers, plants and photographs. The care that is taken in all these categories never ceases to amaze me. A bonus for myself, is devouring a cake from the downstairs refreshments!

Apart from the Village Show and Plant Sale, the Village Hall has had a busy time. The usual group meetings, and one-off events took place, and the recent General Election was one where the Hall as usual was used as a Polling Station.

We're currently looking at spending money on painting the Main Hall ceiling. It has been a good number of years since it was last painted. Quotes are still awaited, and we hope to get the work carried out before the autumn. There are always things that could be done to the Hall, but we are restricted due to available funds. We continue to look for funding from various sources including East Devon District Council.

An overdue replacement of the kettles has also taken place – two in the upstairs kitchen, and one downstairs.

A new picture of the Monarch has also been received and has been installed in the entrance.

The usual call-out for new members for the village hall committee, people with ideas and time to help implement them.

Also, any fund-raising initiatives from the wider community are always welcomed.

Rex Orr
Secretary
Musbury Village Hall Committee



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Spar, Post Office and Garage

As I write this it feels like Autumn has already descended. It's been wet and windy all day. However we do have a few weeks of summer left and it hasn't been a total washout.

Our strawberries from Forde Abbey were again very popular. Strawberry season never seems to last long enough. They went very well with our Trewithin clotted cream (which is currently on offer) so why not buy some to go with our fruit scones and some strawberry and Pimms jam, which is going down a storm.

We sadly lost Julie a few months ago who decided to leave us to follow her passion for graphic design. She had been with us for seven years and was a very popular staff member amongst her colleagues and customers alike. Chester Smith has joined us for the summer before heading off to university in September. We will then look forward to welcoming a new member of staff to join our team (whoever they may be) We look forward to seeing you all as the summer draws to a close and compost is replaced with coal and summer fruits make way for pumpkins.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

Morag Hughes

Spar Store Manager - Musbury Garage 01297 552292

Keeping Music Live

Seaton Gateway Theatre Saturday 19th October 8.00pm

The Moscow Drug Club

A curious musical place where elements of Berlin Cabaret, Latin Tinge, French musette and storytelling meet

Seaton Gateway Theatre Saturday 7th December 8.00pm

The New West End Jerseys

Rock and Roll from stars of the West End

Musbury Short Mat Bowls Club

Friday afternoon club sessions have continued throughout the Summer months with reduced numbers due to holidays and members playing just outdoors, but we have always had enough members turning up to use at least two mats.

We are wondering if there is a need for some evening sessions particularly for those working in the daytime but also for retired people. So to gauge any take up of this idea, we are holding some taster evenings in October to give new and long standing Musbury residents an opportunity to find out what playing Short Mat Bowls is all about. Please see the details below of the sessions.

We look forward to a return friendly match with Sidford in September, to some Club competitions and Christmas celebrations.

Kay Short (Secretary)

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Short Mat Bowls Taster Sessions

Friday October 4th 6.30pm - 8.30pm Musbury Village Hall

Friday October 11th. 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Friday October 18th. 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

You do not need to bring anything. Wear flat shoes. Comfortable clothes. No experience needed. Tuition given.

Look forward to seeing you.

Happenings at the The Hind

Saturday 21st September Our 8th Birthday Shindig with Dan the Postie's Band 'Mydep' BBQ from 6.30pm Band on @ 8.30pm

Saturday 5th October Wendy's Charity Quiz for Seaton Hospicecare @ home 8.30pm

Saturday 9th November Indian Menu Night

Saturday 28th December End of the Year Party with Live Music from 'Big Whiskey' acoustic rock and blues trio

Please also keep an eye on Facebook and the village notice boards!

Emma

Harvest cake

1975- year of “I’ve got a brand-new combine harvester” and “Bohemian Rhapsody”, and the year I inflicted myself on an unsuspecting farming family in Shipton Gorge. 16 years old and knowing better than everyone, I asked if I could “help” for the summer, and so I enjoyed some of the best times of my life, and more farmhouse food than you can imagine!

Picture this. Get up very early, walk the 2 miles to Shipton and help with the milking. This involved tea and a heap of toast to get us through the rigours of milking the girls, all home bred, all with name starting “moon”, and all identifiable by Roy, in charge of the herd. Moon baby was a particular favourite, and would tolerate us riding on her across the yard.

Then, after cleaning the milking parlour and walking the cows back through the lanes, breakfast! A veritable feast, eggs, bacon, sausages, the whole works. Then Yard jobs, such as whitewashing the parlour and sheds, until a light meal of the biggest sandwiches known to man or girl.

Tractors at the ready, (the Ford County the pride and joy of Peter) off we went to collect straw bales from Martinstown. This is when bales were small and stacked by hand, hefted up high on the trailers by pitchfork, where I would grab and stack them. The whole huge load roped down and then back to the farm to unload.

There was at least a conveyor belt there to get them up high. Time for a snack-massive slabs of cake, always two types, ham, bread, cheese and scones, all prepared by Mrs and Granny.

So, all this leads to harvest home and a good old fashioned harvest cake.

175 g butter	450g cooking apples, peeled, cored and diced
175g brown sugar	50g sultanas
2 eggs beaten	50g currants
225g self-raising flour	50g flaked almonds
½ tsp each mixed spice and cinnamon	

Preheat oven to 180C/Gas 4. Grease and line an 18cm cake tin.

In a small pan, gently melt butter and sugar. Allow to cool and beat in eggs.

Sift flour and spices into a bowl, then stir in melted butter mix.

In a separate bowl mix apples, almonds and dried fruit.

Transfer half the wet mixture into the tin, pour dried fruit mix on top, and cover with remaining mixture.

Bake for 50 to 60 minutes, turn out and cool.

Sarah

Keeping music live

The Beehive Honiton Saturday 19th October 7.30pm

Gigspanner Big Band a unique force in British folk music.

Their high-energy, virtuosic performances appeal equally to traditionalists and to those looking for something more experimental, and they have garnered praise from publications as varied as fRoots, The Telegraph and The Wire, where they were described as 'melodically folk-rooted yet open and innovative beyond the constraints of genre'

Beginning life as a trio - with legendary Steeleye Span fiddle player Peter Knight being joined by percussionist Sacha Trochet and guitarist Roger Flack - the line-up has been expanded to form the Gigspanner Big Band, with acclaimed multi-instrumental duo Edgelarks (Phillip Henry and Hannah Martin - BBC Folk Awards 'Best Duo') and Bellowhead co-founder and melodeon player extraordinaire, John Spiers, joining the fray.

While Peter Knight, as part of Steeleye Span's classic 1970s line-up, helped invent a brand of folk rock that is still influential today, John Spiers, has had an equally profound impact on the landscape of traditional music over the last two decades.

Characterised by riotous inventiveness, technically gifted individual playing and subtle collaborative interaction, this coming together of several of the biggest names on the folk-roots scene, combines a deep knowledge of roots traditions with a ceaselessly boundary pushing approach.

The Beehive Honiton Thursday 7th November 7.30pm

The Budapest Cafe Orchestra

The refreshingly unconventional and snappily attired Budapest Café Orchestra. Their intention is to present a broad range of music from all over the world in the most entertaining and fun way, taking the music seriously but not so much themselves. Part of the secret formula of the BCO's show presentation is performing all the music from memory and, combined with their trademark wit and charm, audiences leave tingling with warmth and delight.

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Keeping Music Live

The Marine Theatre Lyme Regis

Thursday 12th September Cara Dillon 7.30pm

Cara Dillon, an extraordinary, multiple award-winning Irish folk singer, and acclaimed musician and producer Sam Lakeman, will captivate listeners once again with their exquisite and enthralling live performance. Every note and word sung with a passion and confidence earned through a life of experience singing traditional songs.

Thursday 19th September Martin and Eliza Carthy 7.30pm

Nominated for a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2014 and winning 'Best Album' in 2015 at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards this iconic duo are not to be missed. The good Doctor Martin Carthy and his twice Mercury nominated daughter Eliza Carthy, join forces to perform an eclectic range of songs and tunes from their vast family repertoire, drawing from the traditional canon as well as selections from a more contemporary songbook

Thursday 26th September Amy Mayes Band 8.00pm

A soulful, raw, and powerful storyteller, Amy Mayes has become a powerhouse of a voice who will reach into your soul and take you on a journey akin to her own. Creating a sound and perfecting her art, Amy has been making waves on the music scene, driving her steady rise to notable recognition

Other acts coming to the Marine check web site for details.

<https://www.marinetheatre.com/#whats-on>

Sunday 29th September Alvorada. Brazilian Jazz
Saturday 12th October The Beat Ska Music from the late Seventies
Friday 18th October The Bluetones
Saturday 19th October Tom Robinson
Sunday 20th October Big Country 40th Anniversary Tour
Wednesday 23rd October Rozi Plain Singer song writer.
Thursday 21st October Martin Simpson A giant of the folk scene, one of the finest acoustic guitar players around

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Refreshments in The Kitchen. Gift shop and indoor attractions.

Thursday 26th Monkton Elm Garden Centre, Taunton £10
Taunton's premier garden and pet centre. Family restaurant

OCTOBER

Thursday 3rd Otter Nurseries Garden Centre £10

Thursday 10th Shopping in Yeovil £10

Saturday 12th Wells £20
England's smallest city. Ancient streets, glorious buildings and characterful shops.

Thursday 17th Shopping in Sidmouth £10

Thursday 24th Blackdown Garden Centre, nr Wellington £10
Somerset's leading Garden Centre! Then down the road to Rumwell Farm Shop.

Thursday 31st Shopping in Dorchester £10

NOVEMBER

Thursday 7th Mystery trip with a stop for tea £10

Saturday 9th Visit Glastonbury or Clarks Village, Street £20

Visit the Abbey in 36 acres of glorious parkland or look for bargains in Clarks Village outlet shopping or shop in Street.

Thursday 14th Brimsore Garden Centre, Yeovil £10

See the prize winning decorations. Apple Tree Restaurant with locally produced food.

Thursday 21st Redlands Yard, Broadwindsor £10

Independent shopping centre, local crafts, gift shop, large coffee shop and restaurant.

Thursday 28th Otter Nurseries Garden Centre £10

DECEMBER

Thursday 5th Darts Farm Shopping Village £10

The home of local Westcountry food and drink. Farm Shop, Food Hall, and Restaurant.

Saturday 7th Shopping in Exeter £20

Thursday 12th Shopping in Sidmouth £10

Thursday 19th Shopping in Crewkerne £10

Thank you

Thank you everyone for all your support, care and donations to buy generators for my family. The generators are already in the Ukraine and they work. One large generator was bought for my family in Kyiv and a small one for my husband's mother in another city. My family thank you all and send their greetings

Tetiana and Mariia

And Finally

“Vietnam was a lie but at least there was a political agenda. It was the domino theory. Iraq is about nothing but George Bush's ego laced with imperialist ambitions. And it was helped by your government.”

Donald Sutherland 1935-2024

“Once you start collecting records you learn more and more about jazz and blues.” **John Mayall 1933 -2024**

“I don't like country music, but I don't mean to denigrate those who do. And for the people who like country music, denigrate means 'put down'.”

Bob Newhart 1929-2024

Thank you to everyone who has contributed and helped with this issue. The front cover picture has been provided by a member of the Art for Everyone group. As the winter approaches why not give this group a try, a chance to unleash the creative inner soul
The season of fireworks approaches and I have been reminded that not all animals (and indeed residents) like fireworks. So please be considerate .

I am not a great fan of social media, but in this day and age one cannot ignore it. The Musbury Magazine on Facebook provides a useful service, from road closure notifications, to items for sale , and local events. One of the success stories that seems to have taken Musbury by storm is Muzzy. Muzzy a small doll seems to appear in various locations around the village, asking to be hidden somewhere else with his picture being posted on the Magazine Facebook page. Well done to who ever started this and has made all the Muzzys. A truly imaginative idea that has certainly generated a lot of interest through out this summer.

And finally Musbury seems to have lost a Grit bin! Any sightings ?

Jolly

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November 15th

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Musbury Diary **Autumn 2024**

ch-Church: vh-Village Hall

September

Sunday 1st	Village Praise	10.00am	Ch
Monday 2nd	Art For Everyone	2.00pm	Vh
Monday 2nd	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	Vh
Sunday 8th	Holy Communion BCP	11.15am	Ch
Wednesday 11th	Coffee and chat	10.30am	Vh
Saturday 14th	Defibrillator training	10.00am	Vh
Sunday 15th	Holy Communion	11.15am	Ch
Sunday 22nd	Evening Prayer	6.30pm	Ch
Sunday 29th	Mission Community Holy Communion	11.15am	Ch

October

Sunday 6th	Harvest Festival	10.00am	Ch
Monday 7th	Art For Everyone	2.00pm	Vh
Wednesday 9th	Coffee and chat	10.30am	Vh
Sunday 13th	Holy Communion BCP	11.15am	Ch
Monday 14th	MCC talk Churchills secret army	7.00pm	Vh
Sunday 20th	Holy Communion	11.15am	Ch
Monday 21st	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	Vh
Sunday 27th	Evening Prayer	6.30pm	Ch

November

Sunday 3rd	Village Praise	10.00am	Ch
Monday 4th	Art For Everyone	2.00pm	Vh
Sunday 10th	Remembrance Service	10.50am	Ch
Wednesday 13th	Coffee and chat	10.30am	Vh
Sunday 17th	Holy Communion	11.15am	Ch
Sunday 24th	Evening Prayer	3.30pm	Ch