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Mobile Library Loans

Concerns have been raised over cuts to the Mobile Library Service, which will affect Creech St Michael. Borrowers are being urged to write to **MP Jeremy Browne** to complain at the inadequacy of the new service. Temporary arrangements are in place during August. The current mobile library routes continue until **August 5**. All six mobiles will then come off the road from **August 8 to 12** to prepare for the delivery of the service from two units for the whole county. This will begin on **August 15** with stops thereafter every four weeks. Books borrowed from mobiles can be returned up to **August 5** as usual, or taken to any convenient library. The loan period has been temporarily extended, and runs to **September 12** for items currently being issued. This means that no overdue notices will be sent out and no charges made during the transitional period. The library will in future visit Creech every four weeks on a Friday, starting **Fri Aug 26**, and then **Sept 23, Oct 21, and Nov 18**, at **Creech St Michael Village Hall car park (Route I)** from **3.20pm to 3.50pm**. The service may be able to arrange for books to be delivered by the driver or a Good Neighbour. Ring **0845 3459177** or visit **www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries**



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Items for the next parish magazine should be sent to **NEW EDITOR - LIZ SPARKES** no later than **Monday October 10** please.

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Email: **newsletter-editor@creechstmichael.net** or **magazine-editor@creechstmichael.net**

Thank You

to all readers, contributors and advertisers for your support since we took over the Parish Magazine in 2008. It has been a rewarding and fulfilling duty producing a publication that is now in its 31st year. We are very grateful. A new editor, **Elizabeth Sparkes**, is taking on the baton now in Creech St Michael. Items for that pre-Christmas November 2011 issue should arrive by **Monday, October 10, 2011** please. See contact details below.

Michael and Helen Phillips

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Will be held at 7pm in Creech St Michael Village Hall
On Mondays August 5 (Planning Only), September
5, October 3 and November 7.

NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR SERVICE

**Creech St Michael Village Hall on October 7 and Monkton Heathfield
Village Hall on August 10 and 11.**

Sessions are 1.30 - 3.15pm & 5.00 - 7.15pm

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CREECH ST MICHAEL, HENLADE, RUISHTON,
HAM & THORNFALCON



FLOWER SHOW
AND
FUN DAY



SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2011
2.30 - 4.30PM
CREECH ST MICHAEL VILLAGE HALL

Lots of fun for the whole family.
Bouncy castle, fete games, craft stalls,
raffle, tombola

REFRESHMENTS, CREAM TEAS & ICE CREAM.



Dog Show, 3pm
Entry forms in the schedule
& from Isle Valley Veterinary Surgery

SCHEDULES AVAILABLE FROM LOCAL SHOPS OR
SHOW SECRETARY

Any queries please contact the Secretary, Sandra Adams 01823 442851

PARISH COUNCIL

JULY

The new Parish Magazine editor was introduced to the council, **Liz Sparkes**, who will take on the task of producing the quarterly magazine, which has been going for many years. A huge thank you went to the out-going editors, Michael and Helen who have done a fabulous job over the last few years.

Three planning applications were discussed along with an update on those applications which have been approved at District level.

Ideas for the **Queens Diamond Jubilee** activities are on going with a working party being formed to co-ordinate ideas around the village clubs and societies. It was agreed to have a separate meeting with SPFA and SALC to discuss the proposed structure of the **Recreation Field** outlined by the Chairman. It was hoped this would clarify the situation and enable the right decisions to be made for both the Recreation Field Committee and Parish Council.

JUNE

Allotments Update: Jane Birch from the Allotments Working Party outlined where they were to date with finding allotments in CSM. Initial interest showed 50 people were keen to have an allotment. Various pieces of land had been identified and anyone who knew of any other potential sites could they let the group know. A meeting with the Allotment Association representative had taken place and given the group important information about setting up and running an allotment scheme. An allotment site at Middlezoy was very well run and the group wanted to run CSM scheme in a similar way. Nick Birch continued by stating it was early days with regard to obtaining land. They did not want to upset any residents. He handed out a leaflet explaining all the areas of concern and future ideas of running an allotment. It was agreed that a public meeting should be held once plans had been drawn up and the allotment group were in a position to finalise details.

Bus Stops at Adsborough: K Fletcher gave his thoughts to the bus stop and footpath plans from SCC. An interim measure was required. The SCC plans were designed as best practise to bear in mind safety but costly. After discussion, it was agreed that SCCllr David Fothergill would speak to Highways to find out if any road side 'planings' could be used to create a footpath, as this had been done at Henlade P&R and Bishops Hull. SCCllr D Fothergill also reported he was still trying to get the bus route to go through Thurloxton village.

A38 Signage at Adsborough: A letter from SCC Highways was read out regarding the positioning of the new signs. After discussion, it was agreed to contact Highways again to find out when the audit will take place and would the independent representatives visit the site. Clerk to find out whether the signs are sited at the correct distance, in line with Neil Brant's report.

Recreation Field Committee: A lengthy discussion took place regarding the position of the RFMC following their AGM on May 26, and the two agreements tabled – Agreement A had been approved at the PC meeting of 7 March 2011 and Agreement B had been put together by Cllr PKR for the PC & RFMC to discuss. The RFMC consisted of PC members and football team members. The Chairman read out a response from Tonya Meers at TDBC Legal and Demographic department, who had read Agreement B, AGM minutes and other paperwork to address where everyone stood legally. The PC needed to agree whether to continue negotiations with the RFMC regarding the agreements, or to take back the responsibility of running the Recreation Field. If the PC wanted to continue with a management committee, various members needed to declare an interest. Confusion had arisen as to why the June 2 meeting had been cancelled by the PC at short notice. Cllr D Durdan stated it had been cancelled because some RFMC members had been incorrectly voted on, leaving too many members with an interest. Cllr PKR thought there was a better way to achieve improvements of the Recreation Field by having a more balanced Agreement in place, rather than Agreement A which was biased towards the PC, and this was why the RFMC had not signed. Further discussion took place with questions raised as to who would prepare a business plan and manage the site with the S106 funds. Where did the RFMC stand as it was a Registered Charity. TME stated they needed to know where they stood, as they had supported the Fun Day and had the local school on site and felt part of the Recreation Field and Creech, and had an agreement in place with the RFMC. It was finally agreed to have an extraordinary meeting to motion whether the PC take back in house management of the Recreation Field, or continue talks regarding the Agreements and to finalise this.

Planning - 14/11/0014 Erection of single rear extension at 46 Arundells Way, Creech St. Michael. The PC working party supported this as it was a single storey extension at the rear of the building and would not in anyway impinge anyone's privacy and does not affect the appearance on the road. The PC supported.

14/11/0013/LB Removal of internal Wall at Northend Farm, Creech St. Michael. The PC working party had no objection to this application subject to Listed Building consent. The PC supported this application.

14/11/20012 (0012) Erection to the front, two storey side extension and single storey rear extension at 39 Ryesland Way, CSM. The working party could not see any problems with the side or rear. They did not support the front extension as this would bring the front of the property up to the pavement and outside the building line of the road altering the character. The PC objected.

14/11/2006 (0016) Installation of external oil tank and boiler to the east of Langaller Manor Farm, Langaller, CSM. The building is listed and the PC were given to understand the Listed Building Authority had been contacted and raised no objection. Subject to that being correct the PC supported this.

14/11/0011 Erection of first floor extension, insertion of two windows to the front and repositioning of conservatory at Ham Orchard, Ham. CSM. The working party looked again at this property and agreed with comments as set out in the letter from Mrs Bruce refusing the original application. It was also noted there was no proposal to improve sewer arrangements. The PC objected.



**A warm welcome awaits you at our
Regular or Special Services and
events**

With August comes *Holiday Club*. Once again more than 100 children enjoy fun, games, refreshments and look at Bible stories of how God loves us all. Usually the Thursday evening family fun evening is well attended at the school field, and this year on Sunday Aug 7 there is Picnic Praise, also at the school field, and everyone is most welcome. In August, Sunday evenings we are doing things a little different with 'Summer Sundays @ 7' with topics of conversation, debate, worship and refreshments. To see more details, including a December visit of a 9/11 World Trade Centre survivor see www.creechbc.co.uk.

Midweek Programme for Toddlers, Kids & Teens normally in the Centre: **Parent & Toddlers' Group** Wed at 10.30am; **Kidzone Club** (School yrs 3-6) the first Friday of the month at 6.30pm; **Noiz** (School yrs 10-13) still continues weekly on Wednesdays at 7.30pm with **Noiz XL** on the first Wednesday in the month in the Church Centre and **NoizCell** at Brookings Cottage behind the church by invitation of Matt & Beccy Bradley. **Youth Stream Café** (School yrs 7-9) on alternate Thursdays has kicked off to a good start this term – check out the website or church notice board for details. And keep an eye out for details of the 2010 Encounter Youth Weekend!

Tea Break is a fortnightly firm-favourite fixture featuring friendship, 'freshments and fun for folk freed from full-time frameworks of factory, firm or field! So why not join with 40-50 others in the Centre at 2.30pm on alternating Tuesdays for this fantastic function!

Creech Men continue their occasional programme of Saturday Breakfasts and Special Events/Outings. Contact Gary Birch for details or look on the church website.

Worship Services are held at **10.30am** and **6.30pm**. Children and teenagers (0-16 yrs) have their own relevant activities during the morning service. Full details of all other services are published on the website, or are available from the contacts listed below.

Hire of the Church Centre: Our premises are available for hire for some community events and meetings when not being used for the many church-related activities. Enquiries, please, to the Administrator via the Church Office on 01823 443692 or send a booking request online from the calendar page at www.creechbc.co.uk.

Got questions? Want to talk? Need information?

You can contact us on the following details:

Rev Gary Birch (Pastor) 01823 442213 or 01823 443692 or
gary@creechbc.co.uk

Matt Bradley (Youth Pastor) 01823 443692 or matt@creechbc.co.uk

Viv Grief (Administrator) 01823 443692 or admin@creechbc.co.uk

St. Michael's Church

I would like to thank all those who attended my licensing as Rector of the Benefice of Creech St Michael, Ruishton and Thornfalcon in May. It was a wonderful service, and it was lovely to see so many people there, including residents of Creech St Michael, to make it such a happy occasion. I am looking forward to getting to know people in the village, and we would, of course love to see you at any of our services.

On Saturday 3 September we hope that you will join us for cream teas on the Rectory lawn from 2.30 - 4.30 pm. Tickets will be available nearer the time at £2.50. There will be activities for children. We hope for fine weather! This year our Harvest Thanksgiving Service will take place on Sunday 2 October. This will be a service suitable for all ages and we hope that many people from the local community will join us. We shall be having a Harvest supper that evening at 5.00 pm in the Village Hall, and we hope that many will join us for that too. You should also know that our new meeting room and toilet facilities are now available for use, attached to the new Rectory. There is path leading down from the churchyard, and the toilet will be available during our Sunday services.

Our Sunday services continue for the time being as follows. We are reviewing our pattern of worship at the current time, so do check the notice board or contact either myself or the churchwardens, if you would like to know more.

First Sunday - All Age Worship at 11.00 am

Second Sunday - Holy Communion at 11.00 am

Third Sunday - Holy Communion at 9.30 am

All Age Worship at Ruishton at 11.00 am

Fourth Sunday - A service of the Word at 11.00 am

Fifth Sunday - Joint Benefice Service at one of the Benefice Churches (time to be announced)

Our monthly coffee mornings continue on the last Saturday of the month from 10.00 - 12.00 noon, followed by the community lunch at 12.00 noon or 1.00 pm. Look out for more details.

Rebecca Harris, Rector, The Rectory, CSM, TA3 5PP

Tel: 01823 444793, email: harrisrs@tiscali.co.uk

Churchwardens: Mick Thomas, tel 442435, Mike Evans tel 442595

Creech St Michael Church of England Primary School
'Creech St Michael Church of England Primary School is a shining example of a village school with an outstanding Christian ethos' (Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools Report 2009)

I write this towards the end of the summer term – my first full term at Creech St. Michael C of E Primary School - and I am still very pleased to be here! I have had the chance to get to know the pupils, staff and parents better and I am impressed with how friendly everyone is. The teachers here really do work very hard to give the pupils lots of positive experiences and a well structured education. Having made observations in most of the classes I am delighted to see how much respect is shown by the children to the adults and vice-versa.

We have been delighted to welcome our new rector, Reverend Rebecca, to the school and she has led worship for the first time. We hope to see a lot more of her.

Whilst we have been pleased to begin our relationship with Rebecca, we will be saying goodbye to Sandie, one of our teaching assistants and also to Miss Kim Greenslade, one of our assistant heads. Kim has been with the school for eight years so will have taught many local children. She has been a wonderful teacher and will be much missed. We wish her luck as she moves to my old school: Kingston St. Mary C of E Primary School, for the next year as acting head, after which she has the option to come back to us if she so chooses. The children have had a very busy term with sporting events, musical activities and visits out. Here are just a few of the highlights:

- The Hedgehog Class went on the steam railway dressed as evacuees as part of their World War 2 project.
- The Ladybirds and Dragonflies went to @Bristol
- The Willow Class went to Crealy
- Year 6 went to Wells Cathedral
- The Country Dancers took part in a festival at Vivary Park
- The children taking music lessons performed a concert.
- Year 6 performed a play called The Pepsy Show
- Sports Day Sponsored Walk.

Our PTFA are working very hard to raise money for picnic benches and seating for the children. They have held a successful Summer Fair and film night. Good luck to our Year 6 pupils, who are mainly moving on to Heathfield School and a happy summer to all of you.

Mrs Jan McCarthy, Head Teacher

www.creechstmichaelprimary.co.uk

Community News

The Bell Inn - USE IT OR LOSE IT

Unfortunately due to poor trading, we feel it's time to let you all know, The Bell Inn is at a high risk of closing! I have endeavoured to make this a local village family friendly pub for all. But after now trading for just over a year the support has been great, but not great enough for us to continue trading. We opened on the 11th June 2010 Facilities now include: Lunchtime and Evening Food menu + Senior Citizens options, Sky Sports TV, Real Ales, Skittle Alley/ Function Room, Buffet, pleasant west facing Beer garden fully enclosed for safety, and car parking. We are open to new ideas and suggestions from all the community. Come and tell us what you want!

The Proprietors, The Bell Inn

WANTED - LAND

We have had an overwhelming response to our last article asking if there is interest in an allotment site around Creech St Michael village for "Creechments". Fifty-five people registered an interest. We continue to search for potential sites and would be very happy to discuss ideas with a land owner. We are looking for about 2 acres on a long term rent. All the logistical work will be done by us i.e. contracts, grants for fencing, rent collecting, etc. If you would like to discuss please contact Nick Birch on **01823 413012** or nr.birch@virgin.net

River and Canal Boat Rides

The Somerset Waterways Development Trust charity trip boat, Future Perfect, is running trips in August. She is on the Canal from Creech (boarding at the landing stage near the road bridge), from Sunday to Wednesday, and in Taunton on the River Tone from (board at the Brewhouse) Thursday to Saturday. The trips run approximately every 25 minutes between 10am and 4pm on Saturdays and Sundays. No need to book, but if you are travelling especially it is a good idea to ring and check. It is also useful to tell us in advance about needing wheelchair access. The boat is a 12-seater covered electric launch. The Trust also runs bankside events such as Coffee mornings every Wednesday for £4 which includes a boat ride. 9.30 till 11.30am from Creech St Michael landing stage. There are also opportunities for volunteers to help with running the boat, (both onboard and at the waterside). Free training is given, including certification for skippering for those who become regular crew. Keep an eye out on SWDT's website www.swdt.org.uk for timetables and announcements. Any enquiries or bookings, contact Trust Boat Director, Alec Hay on alecm-hay@aol.com or phone **Taunton 443034** (Reg.Charity 1112992)



A message from PC1146 Maria Jennings, PCSO8784 Lynsey Gamblin and PCSO9981 Stephen Chapman

Beat Surgeries

**Thursday August 25 at 10am.
Thursday September 22 at 8pm
Thursday October 27 at 8pm**

All to be held at Creech St Michael Village Hall

YOUR RURAL NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM CONTACT DETAILS

NEIGHBOURHOOD BEAT SERGEANT **PS1400 ANTHONY CROWTER**
NEIGHBOURHOOD BEAT MANAGER **PC1146 MARIA JENNINGS**
POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER **8784 LYNSEY GAMBLIN**
POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER **9981 STEPHEN CHAPMAN**
POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER **7310 MANDIE REED**
POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER **8466 EAMONN LENISTON**

POINT OF CONTACT AT TAUNTON POLICE STATION
POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT ALLOCATOR **9516 GARY DEAN**

TEAM VOICEMAIL: 01823 363287 then 70106
Voicemail messaging service is NOT for incident reporting

NON URGENT REPORTING: 0845 456 7000
EMAIL: SSNTauntonRural@avonandsomerset.police.uk
WEBSITE: www.avonandsomerset.police.uk
LETTERS: Taunton Police Station, Shuttern, Taunton, TA1 3QA

Art Exhibition

The Creech St Michael Art Groups will be holding an exhibition of their work at Taunton Library from Tuesday August 23 to Saturday September 3. Members invite parishioners to come and support the exhibition, and to discover what is produced at the village hall on Monday and Thursday mornings. For further details contact Maureen Evans on **01823 444758** or at **mevans@ukfax.net**

Maureen Evans

BALLET NEWS

The annual ballet open afternoon seemed to be enjoyed by all at the end of term. Autumn term commences on Thursday September 15 and there are places for all age groups in classes throughout the school. Further information and contact details from **Janet Searle LRAD 01823 286617**

1ST HENLADE SCOUTS, CUBS AND BEAVERS

Beavers - Barbara Williams 01823 444128. Cubs - Mark Curry 01823 412131. Scouts - Adrian Willoughby 01823 412170.

We end this term looking for two new leaders. Our **Beavers** need a dynamic person who loves working with 6-8 yr olds, who enjoys craft, games, cooking as well as going up to Huish Woods and getting muddy. If you would like to help out please get in touch. The scout section also needs a new leader as Steve is unable to continue full time as 'Skip'. **Scouts** range from 10 1/2 to 14 years so we need someone who has a genuine interest in the scout movement. Previous experience isn't needed as full training is given but as our group grows we could do with two Scout leaders. We have a very strong cub section with quite a few **Cubs** ready to move on to Scouts but they do need a leader to continue the good work that has been done by Steve and Adrian. If anyone can help us please phone me on **01823 444128**. So we say goodbye to Jamie who has run the Beavers for three years and to Steve as Scout Leader as he takes on a new role as Training Advisor but he will still continue to help out at Scouts when he can. Thank you for all your hard work.

Barbara Williams

1ST RUISHTON AND CREECH ST MICHAEL BROWNIES (girls 7 to 11 yrs) Meet in Ruishton Village Hall on Fridays 6 to 7.30pm during term time. Come along one Friday or ring **Margaret Penn on 01823 442300 or Cathy Jones on 443160. RAINBOWS Contact Debbie Garland on 0790 878 7545 - meet 4.30pm to 6pm at Ruishton Village Hall. GUIDES Cath Ellis on 01823 442398** in Ruishton for younger and older girls - **Mondays 6 to 8pm.**

CREECH ST MICHAEL COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL

At Creech St Michael Primary School. Rated outstanding by Ofsted. Any queries, please contact **Debra – 01823 444860** or call in.

S M I L E Y S CHILDCARE CLUB at Creech St Michael Primary School. We offer fun, high quality Ofsted registered breakfast, after-school and holiday sessions. Available to primary school children. Contact **Sasha Warren, Jo Barham 07903263022** or **www.smileyschildcare.co.uk**

CREECH ST. MICHAEL GARDENING CLUB

Chairperson: Gerry Norris (01823 444099)

May Meeting: This month we enjoyed a visit to Hangeridge Farm, a beautiful 1 acre garden which the owner has developed over the last 20 years. The garden is surrounded by a variety of mature trees which provide shelter to the well stocked beds of perennials. Each bed contains a variety of complimenting plants and colours. The owner's favourite plant is Hostas. There was an enormous number and variety tucked away throughout the garden. Mainly in pots, they look lush and unblemished. Slug-hunting forays are a regular entertainment for the owner and her grandchildren. This garden is a delight to stroll around on a summers evening. The club's annual Plant Sale was well attended with a wide variety of stalls being enjoyed by everyone. Most visitors staggered home with armfuls of plants after they had been fortified by a delicious cream tea. Many thanks to all those who helped make this event so successful.

June Meeting: A visit to Farndown Thatch at Puckington. This acre of beautiful garden surrounds a 14th century thatched cottage with roses a-plenty around the doors. The owners moved in only three years ago and have turned a wilderness of brambles into a stunning country garden which is full of colour and scent. By taking advantage of a sunken area the owners have created dense planting around the banks, leaving grassed areas beyond. A feeling of maturity in the garden is given by the number of old trees, though which the rolling countryside and hills beyond are visible. There are so many lovely features in the garden – a full size deer set in a wild corner, a ram gazing at visitors from the top of a bank, both giving extra interest to the garden. The garden was once a stonemason's yard and the remains of pinnacles from a church have been used to frame steps or give interest to a particular area to great effect.

September 21 – Talk Out and about with a camera

October 19 – Herbs: History & Folklore

November 16 – Flower arranging from the garden

December 21 – British Owls by Chris Sperring (who is bringing along an owl)

Everyone is welcome to join our visits.

For further details of departure times please ring Claire on **01823 442661**

CYCLING GROUP

Four ladies have been cycling locally since last September and would like anyone else to join who would like to get out regularly once a week. We always make for a coffee stop, starting at 10am and getting home approximately 12 noon. Contact **Ann Oldham**, The Villa, Vicarage Lane, CSM, TA3 5PP. Tel: **443821**, ann.oldham2@btinternet.com
Also, Somerset County Council is providing cycle training as part of its **Moving Somerset Forward** transport initiative. The cost is subsidised by NHS Somerset - just £5 per person. Sessions last about three hours and are open to families with children aged eight and above. For more information, visit www.movingsomersetforward.co.uk/cycletraining, or email movingforward@somerset.gov.uk or call

CREECH ST MICHAEL VILLAGE HALL

If you wish to book the hall please contact Mrs Gill Underhay, of 1 Old School Cottages, Creech St Michael. She can also be reached by telephone on 01823 444599 or email underhayschool@btinternet.com
Do you enjoy a game of bingo? New players are always welcomed and for further details please contact Eric Cartwright on 01823 442517.
Forthcoming events:

Friday, 2nd September	BINGO in the hall at 7.30pm
Friday, 7th October	BINGO in the hall at 7.30pm
Friday, 4th November	BINGO in the hall at 7.30pm

Hall secretary, Iris Chown on **Henlade 442770**, for further details.

CREECH ST MICHAEL OVER 60s CLUB (55-plus also welcome to join)

Secretary: Pat Goffron (01823 322528) Events Secretary: Val Oates (01823 443796). Meets in the Village Hall alternate Wednesdays at 2.15 pm. It welcomes new members, including those living beyond parish boundaries. Visitors (any age) welcome for entry of £1.50 to cover tea and entertainment.

August	3	"My Favourite Things"
August	17	Christine Hake – Greyhound Rescue
August	31	Cream Tea Outing
September	14	AGM & Beetle Drive
September	28	and October 12 to be announced.
October	26	Tony Bagwell – "Fading Images"

THE SOUTH WEST ORCHID SOCIETY

Details of the forthcoming meetings at West Monkton Village Hall, 2.30 to 5pm. For more information **Marian Saunders 01278 455170**.

Sunday 11 th September	Roger Bowden: Orchid sundries
Sunday 9 th October	Kelvin Bush: Stanhopeinae
Sunday 13 th November	Photos of the year's table displays
Sunday 11 th December	AGM and socia



Tea Break

Creech St. Michael Baptist Church,
Mrs. Vivien Grief,
Tel: 01823 443036.

Tea Break is an afternoon meeting for retired persons who wish to have a chance to meet old and new friends whilst enjoying a cup of tea and cakes. There is a varied programme of speakers, quizzes and social events and the meetings are held in the Baptist Church Centre, Creech St. Michael. The afternoon begins at 2.30pm until 4pm on alternate Tuesdays.

September 6	Maureen Hider
September 20	Mrs. A. Cresswell - Beginners Beekeeping
October 4	Holiday at Home - Harvest?
October 18	Rev. Andy Adam - Taunton Town Chaplaincy
November 1	June Small - Apple Tasting Afternoon
November 15	Mike Strange -
November 29	Pete Atwill from "Gospel Belle" Canal Ministries

CREECH ST MICHAEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION

We have just returned from a highly successful and enjoyable Twinning Exchange visit to Normandy. Once again we were entertained royally by our French hosts as well as visiting some interesting places in the Auge Valley. This visit was followed, on 10th July, by an entertaining and enlightening Wine Quiz at Chris and Rose Fisher's. This took place in their beautiful garden and we were all most grateful for their kind hospitality as well as the opportunity to try and identify some fine wines from across the world. Our next main event is a Summer Garden Party on 21st August 2011 at Anna and Dave Caddy's. Other events coming up later in the year are:

Bee keeping and key beeping evening – an informative, entertaining and fun evening - **24th September** 7.30pm, CSM Village Hall;

Taste of the Gaelic - a light hearted competition coupled with the opportunity to sample different foods from Ireland, Scotland and Wales –
Saturday October 22nd 7.30pm - CSM Village Hall;

AGM – **27th November** 7.30pm Thurloxton Village Hall.

Come along to any of these events where you will be most welcome (and you don't need to speak French either!) and you will see what fun they are. New members always welcome and anyone interested in joining or coming along should contact Secretary Nigel Farrow on 443882 or visit www.csmta.info

CREECH ST MICHAEL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

President: **Mrs Ruth Farrow 01823 443882** Secretary: **Mrs Barbara Squire 01823 442611**. Meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. New members and visitors are always welcome.

Sept 14 "Sweets" by Mrs Revans. Comp: Homemade Confectionary

Oct 12 "Silk Flowers" by The Silk Orchard. Comp: Posy of Silk Flowers

Nov 9 AGM. Comp: Homemade Chutney.

ANGLO-SCANDINAVIAN SOCIETY

Meetings held at **Creech St Michael Village Hall**.

Maybe there are people in Creech with Scandinavian connections who would be interested in coming along.

Evening meetings mostly start at **7:30pm for 8pm**.

For more details contact: **Dawn Watts** (Hon. Sec.)

dawnwattsdk@yahoo.co.uk or **Bjarne Nielsen** (Chairman) **01823 412201**.

PHEONIX GROUP OF PHOTOGRAPHERS

www.pgop.org.uk

Secretary Deborah Needs Tel 01823 323263. Meetings at West Monkton Village Hall every Monday at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members welcome.

Aug 8 Lyme Regis. Leader: Alan Humphries. Meet 7.30pm at the Harbour.

Aug 22 Jessops Evening. Meet 6.30pm outside shop in St James St.

Sept 5 Start of 2011/12 programme.

MODERN SEQUENCE DANCE GROUP

Meet **Mon evenings** in the **Village Hall** from **8pm to 10.30pm**

Cost £1, New members of any age would be most welcome to come and join us. For further information ring **01823 274422**, or come along.

“POP-IN”

Meet other villagers/neighbours for a chat, a cup of tea & a biscuit in **CSM**

Village Hall on alternate **Weds. 10 - 11am**. Everybody welcome - no lower or upper age limit. Raffle, Bring & Buy Stall, Plants, Bric a brac, Books.

For more details about regular meetings or to enquire about the coach trips, contact **Mrs Peggy Cartwright** on **01823 442517**.

KEEP FIT ASSOCIATION

Meets on **Tuesdays** from **7 to 8pm** at **Creech St Michael School**.

A friendly, low impact session using small weights, and exercise bands.

You need to wear loose clothing, bring a bottle of water and have a sense of fun. Payment is in advance termly. Ring **01458 252429** or come along.

HELLS WRINKLIES MOTORBIKE CLUB

The club meets socially every 2nd Thursday of the month at the Ruishton Inn.

www.hellswrinkliescreech.co.uk or email: **rognmarg105@aol.com**

August 6 and 7 West Somerset Railway Rally, Norton Fitzwarren

August 28 and 29 Honiton Hill Rally

Sept 10 and 11 Netley Marsh Autojumble

Oct 8 VMCC Jumble, Shepton Mallet

MOPED LOAN SCHEME

Somerset Rural Youth Project is offering transport to young people aged 16 to 25 under the Moped Loan Scheme. Contact 01278 722300 or 07890 270561, or email **moped@sryp.org.uk** or visit **www.sryp.org.uk** for more information or details.

TAUNTON MODEL ENGINEERS

Meetings are held on the **first and third Tuesday in the month at Stoke St Mary Village Hall** during winter, spring and autumn commencing at 7.30pm. Public running dates at CSM playing field are Aug 14 and Bank Holiday Monday Aug 29, Sept 11 and 25, and October 9 and 23. For further information contact **Mr Dominey on 01823 442587** or visit **www.tauntonme.org.uk**

GREAT WESTERN SOCIETY (Taunton Group)

Programme Co-ordinator. Peter Triggs. on 334188. 7.30pm in Stoke St Mary Village Hall. Transport may be arranged from CSM by ringing 442507.
Aug 19 Members' Slides with Peter Triggs
Sept 16 Archive Films by Paul Dibbens
Oct 21 "Wandering Wessex in the Sixties" by Amyas Crump
Nov 4 End of Steam - Start of Preservation by Peter Harrison (at Rockwell Green School)
Nov 18 The Last Ten Years by Brian Garrett
All interested are welcome to attend.

LIMITED EDITION CREECH RAILWAY WAGON

A unique limited edition model railway wagon, of Creech Paper Manufacturers A & R Sommerville & Co, has been commissioned by Burnham and District Model Railway Club, and is due out this month (August). Only 150 of the 00-gauge wagons are being produced, available at £10.50 each. Proceeds from the sale will go to buy new equipment for Creech St Michael's Mother and Toddler group. For further information contact Exhibition Manager **John Langley** on **01823 270882** or **johnlangley2001@yahoo.co.uk** or **club.wagon@yahoo.co.uk** or visit the website at **www.burnhamanddmrc.org**

BUS SERVICE TIMES

WEBBERBUS Route 15A Easylink, Monday to Saturday.

To Taunton:

Creech Heathfield 0751, hourly at 51 minutes past the hour to 1651
Creech St Michael 0755, hourly at 55 minutes past the hour to 1655
Arrive at Taunton Bus station
0825, hourly at 25 minutes past the hour to 1725

To Bridgwater:

Creech St Michael 0852, hourly at 52 minutes past the hour to 1852
Creech Heathfield 0856, hourly at 56 minutes past the hour to 1856
Arrive at Bridgwater Bus Station
0925, hourly at 25 minutes past the hour to 1925

CREECH ST MICHAEL WEBSITE

www.creechstmichael.net

New Local People section

We have designed new pages in the About section called 'Local People'. The idea is to publish information about people who have contributed in some way to the history of Creech or play an important role in the lives of others. We feel it is important to recognise the contribution such people have made to Creech.

If you know of somebody who deserves recognition in this new local 'Hall of Fame' a few paragraphs, or more, with a photo if possible, is all we require. Help will be given with copywriting and polishing the final article. Please click the link for 'Local People' for more information.

New articles about Creech

We have recently added some interesting articles on the "About" page:

History of the Baptist Church since 1641 by Alec Barber

Frank Berniaz by Eric Chown

The naming of Merlyn's Copse by Merlyn Brown

Map of the former Creech to Chard Canal by Nigel Finch

If you have an article that you would like to share please contact me at the email address below or Eric Chown publicity@creechstmichael.net
creechwebsite@somersetwebservices.co.uk

Nigel Finch, Somerset Web Services

YOUNG CITIZENS

Somerset Rural Youth Project is delivering the National Citizen Service in Somerset as part of NCS South West—a consortium of organisations working together to pilot this new Government initiative which will go nationwide in 3 years. The key aim is to recruit young people from a range of backgrounds and provide them with a life enhancing experience. There are 120 places available in Somerset in 2011 more next year. Young people will be able to take part in residential activities outside Somerset and then develop their own community projects in the county over a four week period. Contact SRYP Senior Youth Worker—JOHN ADDICOTT 07969 190862, address: Unit 2 Suprema Estate, Edington, Nr. Bridgwater, TA7 9LF
Tel: 01278 722100 Visit: www.sryp.org.uk or visit NCS on Facebook.

SUMMER SPORTS AT CREECH

Sports Specific and Multi-Skills Days are being at Creech St Michael School from August 8 to 11 from 10am to 3pm for 5 to 11-year-olds by West Somerset Associates For Sport (WASP). For further information contact Steve Butcher on **07801 006081** or **01823 660475**, or at **[Wasp steve@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Wasp_steve@hotmail.co.uk)**. Cost £15 per day. Bring packed lunch.

MONEY FOR YOUTH CLUBS

Communities in Somerset are being given the chance to run their own youth clubs with £76,000 available. Grants of up to £5,000 have been earmarked by Somerset County Council to help people start up or keep youth clubs open. These grants go towards all aspects of running youth clubs from staffing, buying equipment, to paying the bills. Funding has been made available from the UK Youth Parliament Advisory Group (UKYPAG) which Somerset County Council supports. The group is made up of Members of the Youth Parliament (MYP), their deputies and other young people who are interested in making youth activities a priority. Applications are available online at: www.somersetyouth.co.uk or call **01823 410135**.

STATE-OF-THE-ART MUSEUM

One of the largest collections of Roman coins ever found, a shrunken head from South America and Judge Jeffreys' medical bill are a few of the new exhibits on display at the Museum of Somerset, opening on Thursday September 29 at Taunton Castle.

The Museum is launching, after three years, in spectacular fashion after a £6.93m redevelopment. It now has 50 per cent more exhibition space in which to tell the story of Somerset from pre-historic times to the present day. Exhibits never seen before will be on display.

One of the main attractions will be the Frome Hoard, the second largest collection of Roman coins ever discovered in Britain. This will be the first time the collection has been on display after a national fundraising appeal saved the hoard for the nation. The museum will also showcase some of Somerset's extraordinary heritage collections, and sets a new standard in the county for a modern visitor attraction, with new state-of-the-art galleries and interactive features. There is also a fully-equipped learning centre, a large multi-purpose gallery for staging major touring exhibitions, and a new café offering the best of Somerset produce.

ART GROUP

A social, non-tutored Art Group meets on **Monday mornings** at CSM Village Hall from 10am to 12 noon. For further information contact Maureen Evans on. All abilities, new members welcome.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

The club meets every **Tuesday and Wednesday** evening starting at **7.30pm** and on **Thursday** afternoons starting at 2pm at **Creech St Michael Village Hall**. Tea and Coffee are available. For details ring **01823 443628**.