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NEW CHILDREN'S CENTRE

The new Village Children's Centre next to the Primary School in Hyde Lane is due to open for activities at the end of May.

The winner of a children's competition to name the new building will be announced shortly.

And an official community opening is likely to be held later in the summer or autumn.

ROAD RESTORATION

The Transport Department is spending more than £4 million to improve the A358 road through Henlade - one of the busiest routes in Somerset - and Junction 25 of the M5 motorway.

Work on improving the road surface is due to begin in the Autumn and will extend over an 18-month period. More than 30,000 vehicles use the route each day. Repairs will be carried overnight and in the evenings to avoid holding up traffic.

"THE KING OF SKIFFLE"

The Lonnie Donegan Band, fronted by Peter Donegan, son of legendary King of Skiffle Lonnie, is performing at the Tacchi Morris Arts Centre in Monkton Heathfield on Saturday May 15 at 8pm. Seats £12 (or £10 concs) from 01823 414141. Donations from a collection on the evening will go to Selworthy Special Needs School.

Roger Collett

Summer Dates for the Diary.....

Sat, July 3 - PTFA School Summer Fayre, Creech St Michael Primary School. Face painting, Arts and Crafts, Fancy Dress, Stalls, Refreshments. Family Fun!

Sat, June 19 & Sun, June 20 - Fun Weekend, Creech St Michael Recreation Field. Car Boot Sale, Stands, Bouncy Castle, Fun and Games, Refreshments and Bar, Charity Football matches, Heart FM Radio. Tel: 0751 8227795. **See Page 6.**

Sat, July 31 - Creech St Michael Annual Flower Show Opening time 2.30pm at the Village Hall.

Greetings . . . from your local community publication. This month sees the first

Parliamentary General Election in Britain in five years. So don't forget to vote!
A copy of this Parish Magazine can be found on the village website (see below).
And anyone who would like to publicise local events or activities, or submit reports and articles can send them direct by e-mail to editor Michael Phillips at newsletter-editor@creechstmichael.net or post/deliver to **36 Queens Down, CSM, TA3 5QY**. Alternatively, **telephone 01823 444213**.

Items for the August 2010 issue should arrive by **Monday July 12, 2010** please.
Rates for advertising in the 2010 Newsletters. 1/4 page boxed adverts £12, 1/6th page boxed adverts £8, "Line" adverts (back page) £4, per edition.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Will be held at 7pm in Creech St Michael Village Hall on
June 1, July 5, and August 2 (Planning Only) 2010

NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR SERVICE

Monkton Heathfield Village Hall on June 4, 2010 and
Creech St Michael Village Hall on June 18, 2010.

Sessions are 1.30 - 3.15pm & 5.00 - 7.15pm

To book a particular time/for details ring **0845 7711711** or go to www.blood.co.uk

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For urgent medical help when the surgery is closed
(6.30pm—8am Mon—Fri or over weekends and Bank Holidays)

Ring 0845 408 8000 or NHS Direct on 0845 4647

COMMUNITY TRIP BOAT

The Somerset Waterways Development Trust charity is pleased to announce that the new Trip Boat, which was largely funded by the Lottery grant, (as well as some others including Somerset County Council and Project Taunton), has arrived. She is on the water, and is named "**FUTURE PERFECT**" - a 12-seater launch. She will be used for school educational trips, boat rides for members of the public on the Canal and in Taunton on the River Tone, has a lift to enable disabled and wheelchair access, and can be booked for trips by community, nature, historical and educational establishments etc. She can also be privately chartered.

The crew are under training now and she will be ready for her official launch and opened to the public for trips on April 30.

There are opportunities for volunteers to help with running the boat, (both onboard and at the waterside). Keep an eye out on SWDT's website www.swdt.org.uk for timetables and announcements. (Also to see photos of the boat).

Any enquiries, contact the charity's Boat Director **Alec Hay** on alecmhay@aol.com (Registered Charity No 1112992).

HEDGE WATCH

Creech St Michael Parish Council would like to request that householders, who may have hedgerows bordering pavements and walkways within the village, would keep them trimmed this summer to avoid causing obstruction to pedestrians who may be forced to walk on the road. Thank you.

BELL INN

The Bell Inn in Creech is due to re-open, for the second time in 18 months, during the first week in June. New owner Beverley Higgins, who has 30 years experience in the trade and is currently landlady at the five-star King's Arms in Staplegrove, Taunton, plans for a community-based pub, with bingo, whist drives, live entertainment, Sky TV, and cooked food.

General Election

Polling Stations, including the one at **Creech St Michael Village Hall**, open for the Parliamentary General Election on **Thursday May 6** at **7am** and close at **10pm**.

Four candidates are standing in the Taunton Deane Constituency.

Mark Formosa - Conservative

Martin Jevon - Labour

Jeremy Browne - Liberal Democrat

Tony McIntyre - UK Independence Party

At the last General Election in May 2005, Jeremy Browne took the seat in a very closely contested poll by just 573 votes. The turnout on that occasion was 59,745 - 70 per cent of the electorate.

Anyone wishing to find out more before polling day go to www.aboutmyvote.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL

April

CSM Recreation Field Update: a) Draft New Agreements – Concerns were raised as to the ownership and decision making on behalf of the Recreation Field if the Fields in Trust agreements were accepted. The PC agreed after discussion to invite Mr R Sharrock from the Fields In Trust organisation to discuss in more detail the pros and cons to having this type of agreement. b) New 30 year Lease proposal – it was agreed the Recreation Field Committee should investigate whether a new 30 year lease needed to have named Trustees or not.

A38 Adsborough meeting with SCC and SLR Consulting Update: a) The Clerk gave an update on the meeting with SCC Highways and SLR Consulting, together with minutes from the Working Party meeting, held on the same day. Also the draft letter to be sent to SCC Highways requesting works to be done as agreed, and where on the list of works Adsborough was. It was agreed this letter would be sent and to keep pressure on SCC for more road improvements, which would probably only take place once SCC had taken on board the new LTP scoring system and future development. b) It was agreed to give a copy of the letter received from the Police to Neil Brant for his response, as he was concerned some of the points raised were inaccurate.

Matters of Report a) R Farrow informed the meeting the Head Teacher at the Primary School was leaving. It was agreed to write a thank you letter to him. b) Bus Stop at Adsborough – had been cleaned, and it was agreed to write to TDBC to ask if they would turn the shelter around, which would help keep the shelter clean. c) Parking problems at the primary school was still an issue. It was agreed to write to SCC Education Committee requesting the need to resolve this problem by purchasing some land to build a suitable car park area. d) Parking issues in West View – still ongoing – agreed to contact Police again to come and control the traffic, especially at school drop off and collection times. e) Car parking on pavement by the bungalow near the Baptist church is illegal. f) Pavement by the railings at the shop is very un-level and slopes away. A problem for people on motorised chairs to drive on. g) Rocketts Close hedge had been cut back. Agreed to send a thank you letter. h) Agreed to put a notice in the Parish Magazine requesting hedges to be cut back if close to public pavements. i) There was no fencing around the pond at the new medical centre development. Agreed to contact the Contractors. j) Noted there was graffiti on pavilion and 30mph signs in Hyde Lane. k) The Parish Magazine would now be issued as Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter and would be out a little later in the month.

Naming of Hyde Lane Spurs Request: After discussion it was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to submit the following names: Meredith, Leighton and Sweetings.

SCC Irs Report a) D Fothergill presented a cheque for £4,975 to the PC for the Youth Shelter project at the Recreation Field. The PC thanked him. b) SCC would not be taking part in the Olympic Torch Tour around Britain due to the large expense for running it. **District Councillors Report:** D Durdan stated TDBC were issuing black recycling bins from 26 April around the parish.

March

Chairperson's Report: It was noted a sponsored walk by Keith Beatty on Sunday May 9 from the hospice to Langport needed helpers to hand out information about the hospice for an hour or so. Anyone wishing to help should contact Elizabeth at the Medical Centre.

CSM Recreation Field Update: a) Youth Shelter Funding: After discussion it was agreed to find out when the Hyde Lane funding would be available. A plan of the play area and position of the youth shelter was needed, before the PC agreed to any funding. Other funding organisations were being contacted, and requests sent in. £4975 had already been promised via the County Community Fund by David Fothergill. The Youth Opportunities Fund was also being contacted. b) Fun Day date change may be necessary due to the World Cup coinciding. c) The Clerk informed the PC the pros and cons to the Fields In Trust agreements. Agreed the PC would review and discuss at the April meeting any concerns and thoughts.

A38 Adsborough Traffic Study Report from SLR Consulting: a) The Clerk updated the meeting that all reports had been sent to SCC. After discussion it was agreed that Neil Brant, Martin Hills, David Fothergill and Anthony Trollope-Bellew should meet to discuss the SLR report and SCC's designs. Afterwards, Neil Brant would meet with the PC working party, John Williams and Kelly Durdan to discuss the next steps. b) David Fothergill informed there was a Connect Three group meeting on March 4, regarding traffic developments from Bridgwater, Taunton and Wellington. This project may allow more funding to be available which could help our cause. c) A Bishop handed over cheques totalling £1,445 from the Adsborough Residents. The clerk would bank these and keep a log of who had contributed. Clerk to write a thank you letter.

Planning Applications:

Feb 5, 2010 - **14/10/0003/T** - Application to carry out management work to one mulberry tree included in TDB (CSM no 2) tree preservation order 1988 at Mulberry House, CSM (TD440) - The PC voted unanimously to support the application.

Feb 12, 2010 - **14/09/0045** - Change of use from offices to dwelling at Green-briars, Walford Cross, Taunton - The PC voted unanimously to support this application

Feb 18, 2010 - **14/10/0004** - Erection of detached dwelling and garage within garden of Chants, CSM - The PC voted unanimously not to support this application. They felt the large house and additional garage would be over-development of the plot. The existing house Chants would be overshadowed by the new development.

Somerset County Cllrs Report - D Fothergill stated SCC were having zero increases in funding and were taking £19m out of the revenue budget and £25m out of the capital budget. There were 25 teams working on the pot holes around the county. The Park & Ride entrance at Henlade would be resurfaced w/e of 14th March.

District Councillors Report: D Durdan stated TDBC were increasing the council tax budget by 2.5%. Green bins were now costing £42.00.

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RECREATION FEILD

FUN WEEKEND

SATURDAY 19th & SUNDAY 20th JUNE

FUN STARTS FROM 12 NOON ON SATURDAY

ADMISSION: ADULTS £1.00 CHILDREN UNDER 16 FREE

WITH CAR BOOT SALE, TRADE STANDS, BOUNCY CASTLE, REFRESHMENTS,
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Creech St Michael Church of England Primary School – Newsround

“Creech St Michael C of E Primary School is a shining example of a village school with an outstanding Christian ethos.” (*Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools Report, July 2009*)

The Spring Term has been a very busy one here at School, culminating in a lovely Easter Service, sadly our last with Rev Ian Aldersley. We all wish Ian and Ilonka every blessing as they move from the area and thank them for all they have done for our school over the past months. Our thoughts and prayers are also with members of St Michael’s as they seek, along with their friends at Ruishton and Thornfalcon, to appoint a new minister to the three parishes.

The end of last term saw us complete our highly successful “Creech Has Talent” evening organised by our School Council and supported by our PTFA. The School Council organised auditions for the children who demonstrated all manner of talents, culminating in a grand final just before Easter. The Grand final took us through singing, dancing events to comedy and drums. Each entrant received a certificate from the PTFA, regardless of whether they reached the final, and there were also finalist certificates, and trophies for winners. The PTFA arranged refreshments and it was great to be able to use the PA system provided for the school by them. The finals evening was great fun and requests for a repeat next year have already come in! The PTFA are really busy this year, setting themselves a tremendous target to help the school achieve things that otherwise could not be afforded. This includes essential new “guided reading” books and new science equipment. The PTFA now has its own notice board and a fund raising thermometer at the front of the school. Please support our PTFA in future events. Our Summer Fayre is to be held on June 19 and will have a science/sci-fi theme, prior to the school’s science week.

The summer term has brought our new school caterers – Millennium Catering – plus a new kitchen servery. This has already been a great success and we look forward to seeing a big increase in the number of children enjoying school meals. During the summer the entire dining room will be refurbished providing a much improved space in which the children can enjoy lunch and from which Smileys can run before and after school care opportunities. You may also notice the new play area developed at the front of our Early Years classes – great for the children. Special thanks must go to Mr Neill for landscaping between Butterflies Class and the Pre-School. Great job. A further change coming up is the opening of the new Children’s Centre and, as I write this, we await the winner of the naming competition to be announced. We have Mrs Liddell commencing her maternity leave. We all wish her well and look forward to hearing her news in due course. Mrs Spearing and Mrs Lyes will be joining us to cover this maternity leave and Miss Bevan will join us in September to cover for Mrs Dawber as she commences her maternity leave. I too will be leaving Creech St Michael in September to begin a new position as headteacher at Bishop Henderson CE VA Primary School in Taunton. The School Governors are now in the process of appointing a new Headteacher for January 2011.

Lighter evenings may see a return of unwelcome visitors on site, so please help us be vigilant and contact police on 0845 4567000 to report anything. As ever, we urge all members of our school community to park considerately at busy times. We suggest families use Creech Baptist Church or Bell Inn car parks, and walk to school, or people can walk, cycle or scoot from home, especially now summer is here! If you do experience any problems relating to inappropriate parking please contact police on the number above. School staff do all we can and try to help as far as possible. We are all very sympathetic to this difficult situation, and I do ask therefore that any frustrations must not be taken out on our school staff. Thank you!

Ed Gregory – Head Teacher



CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

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

In 2001, Rev Dr Lance Birks came to Creech Baptist to take on the role of Senior Minister. We're sorry that Lance, and his wife Lynne, will be leaving us at the end of June this year as Lance retires after 36 years in pastoral ministry. Lynne has taught maths at St Augustine's school and more recently at Taunton School. All the members of the church and friends of Lance & Lynne wish them all the very best in their retirement and sincerely thank them for their wholehearted service to the church and community.

Holiday Club 2010 - 'Rocky's Plaice': Planning is underway for this year's club which takes place August 2 to 6. All children from reception to year 6 are welcome, but due to high numbers wishing to attend, booking is essential. Forms will be available from 1st June on the church website at www.creechbc.co.uk. And don't forget the family fun evening on Thursday 5th at the school field – everyone welcome!

Midweek Programmes for Toddlers, Kids & Teens normally in Church Centre: **Parent & Toddlers' Group** Wed at 10.30am; **Kidzone Club** (School yrs 3-6) the first Friday of the month at 6.30pm; **Overload** (School yrs 7-9) first Thursday in the month at 7.00pm; **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.

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.

Our Sunday Programme:

Worship Services are held at **10.30am** and **6.30pm**. Children and teenagers (0-16 yrs) have their own relevant activities during the service times. 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.

For further details or other enquiries concerning the above information, please phone **Lance Birks** on 01823 442300, **Gary Birch** on 01823 442213 and **Matt Bradley** or the **Church Administrator** on 01823 443692 (with ansaphone).

If you are 'on-line', do check our up-to-date website at **www.creechbc.co.uk** or Email a message to **office@creechbc.co.uk**

A Message from Reverend Ian Aldersley, who retired on April 11 as priest in charge at St Michael's Church.

The time I have been responsible for Creech St. Michael church has been a real joy. The Celebration of the Creech Community event in September 2009 enabled me to discover what a vibrant community Creech is. Many good people have come forward to help the church grow in a quite amazing way. I admire our team, who under the leadership of Sandy Adams and Jane Adams, run the monthly community lunch in the Village Hall. Another team are running a much appreciated All Age Worship service and special one off events for children and young families. Those 11.00am first Sunday of the month services no longer depend on Ilonka and myself, and will go on and thrive without us. The re-establishment of live music at St. Michael's has also made a big contribution to our worship and common life. Happily Peter Cox, our organist likes to draw people together from within and beyond the parish church. On Good Friday evening this was typified when about 120 people enjoyed Stainer's Crucifixion, sung by the joint choirs of St Michael's and Stoke St. Gregory churches plus a few people from other local choirs and Creech Baptist church. It is my hope and prayer that the new vicar will continue to lead the church in rich worship and outward looking service within the community. Through the Parish Magazine may Ilonka and I thank the many people of the parish who made us so welcome and have shown great generosity to us.

St. Michael's Church

The St Michael's Church family offers a welcome to the whole village community and if you would like to join us, or simply have someone to talk to or pray with, then please contact the churchwardens. On Sunday, April 11 we said goodbye to our Priest-in-charge, Ian Aldersley, and his wife Ilonka. They have retired from the ministry to enjoy a well earned rest at their cottage in Derbyshire. After morning communion members of the congregation bade farewell at a party held in the village hall. Ian was the first minister since the parish churches in Creech St Michael, Ruishton and Thornfalcon were united into one benefice. Effectively this means one priest has all three churches in his charge. He and Ilonka have been truly outstanding in bringing together the three churches under their caring and inspiring ministry. The selection process for the new vicar is already in hand and it is hoped to make an appointment in May, with the new incumbent in post for September. As far as possible we hope to continue to offer our normal pattern of Sunday worship until the new incumbent is in post but until further notice there will be no Thursday morning communion in the benefice.

Our Regular Services Take Place As Follows

At St, Michael's, CSM unless otherwise stated

1 st Sunday -	11.00 a.m.	All Age Worship
2 nd Sunday -	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
3 rd Sunday -	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
-	11.00 a.m.	All Age Worship at St. George's, Ruishton
4 th Sunday -	8.15 a.m.	Holy Communion
-	11.00 a.m.	Morning Worship

This summer we have a busy programme of worship and parish events, including monthly coffee mornings and lunches in the village hall. Details to be found on our church notice board. You are welcome to join us. Further details available from the churchwardens.

Churchwardens: Mike Evans Tel. 442595 Mick Thomas Tel: 442435



YOUR RURAL NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM

CONTACT DETAILS

NEIGHBOURHOOD BEAT SERGEANT **PS1400 ANTHONY CROWTER**

NEIGHBOURHOOD BEAT MANAGER **PC1146 MARIA JENNINGS**

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POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER	9981 STEPHEN CHAPMAN
POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER	7310 MANDIE REED
POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER	8466 EAMONN LENISTON

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POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT ALLOCATOR **9516 GARY DEAN**

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

British Summertime is here!

Well maybe not quite, but hopefully by the time you get this, we will be enjoying some warm sunshine!

With the arrival of spring, and the longer lighter evenings, we will be seeing lots more young people out and about in the parks and public areas in and around our villages. This is always good to see, and is a pleasure to see them enjoying fun and fresh air.

However, with the lengthening days, there is the opportunity and potential for some to engage in Antisocial Behaviour, which nobody should have to put up with.

Antisocial behaviour generally seems to occur fairly late in the evenings, so to address this, our Neighbourhood Policing Team have organised that whichever PCSO's are allocated to be doing late duties (from 16.00 until midnight), they will be tasked to respond to any antisocial behaviour calls that come in. Anything from rowdy/nuisance behaviour, criminal damage, and underage or street drinking will be dealt with robustly.

Most of the young people we come across are just having fun, and do not cause any problems, but if you do experience any real problems, do not hesitate to call on 0845456700, and PCSO's will be tasked to attend.

Beat Surgeries

Creech St Michael Village Hall

May 27 - 10am

June 24 - 8pm

July 29 - 8pm

Aug 26 - 10am

BALLET NEWS

The Creech Grade 4 Class are to take their exam this summer. The girls have put in a lot of hard work to reach this standard. Pre Primary Open Day is July 1 at 5pm. Contact details – **Janet Searle LRAD 01823 286617**

1ST HENLADE BEAVERS (for youngsters aged 6 to 8 years)

Meet in term time at CSM Baptist Church Centre or Huish Woods, Thornfalcon on **Wed 6 to 7.15pm**. If you would like to know more about our Wednesday meetings contact **Jamie Marriott on 01823 698518 or Mark Curry on 01823 412131**.

1ST HENLADE CUBS (for boys and girls aged 8 to 10 years)

Meet in term time at CSM Baptist Church Centre on **Tues 6 to 7.30pm**.

Contact **Barbara Williams on 01823 443976**

The cubs have achieved a lot of badges including finishing off the Scientist badge which has taken a long time. We spent two weeks cooking. The menu was spag bol and apple crumble the first week, and pizzas and fruit salad the second week. Easter cards designed on the computer gave the cubs their first stage IT badge, so well done to all the cubs (and parents) for all their hard work. We also had PC Greenhalgh come to talk to the cubs about his job and they were able to stand outside with a speed gun. It was amazing how fast many cars were travelling! This term we have our AGM. We need a new chairperson and treasurer so if there is any one who would like to volunteer please get in touch and I will be able to give you more information.

Barbara

1st HENLADE SCOUTS (for boys & girls aged 10½ - 14½ yrs)

Meet on Thurs evenings at the hut at Ruishton.

If your son or daughter would like to join the Scouts, telephone **Steve Ward on 01823 443873**.

BROWNIES (for girls aged 7 - 11 yrs)

Meet in Ruishton Village Hall on Fridays 6 to 7.30pm during term time.

Please note change of venue and day as we are co-locating with Ruishton Unit as a temporary measure. The Guiding movement celebrates its centenary this year. Come along one Friday or ring **Margaret Penn or Cathy Jones on 01823 442003**.

RAINBOWS Contact **Debbie Garland on 0790 878 7545** - meet **4.30pm to 6pm**

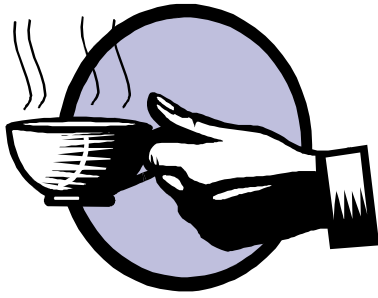
GUIDES **Cath Ellis on 01823 442398** meet in Ruishton for younger and older girls - **Mondays 6 to 8pm**

CREECH ST MICHAEL COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL at Creech St Michael Primary School. If you wish to put your child on our waiting list, or if you have any questions about us, please pop in and see a member of staff or tel: **Sharon Warner on 01823 444860**

S M I L E Y S CHILD CARE CLUB

located at Creech St Michael Primary School.

We offer fun, high quality Ofsted registered breakfast, after-school and school holiday sessions. Available to all primary school children aged 4 - 11 years. Contact: **Sasha Warren / Jo Barham - Tel: 07903263022, www.smileyschildcare.co.uk**



Tea Break

Creech St. Michael Baptist Church,
Taunton, Somerset.
Mrs. Vivien Grief,
6, Paddock Close, Creech St. Michael, Taunton, TA3 5DZ
Tel: 01823 443036.
Email: ggrief@btinternet.com

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 ending at approximately 4pm on alternate Tuesdays. Our programme from April to July is below. For further information contact the church office on 01823 443692 or email: ggrief@btinternet.com.

- April 20 Rev. Maureen Hider
- May 4 Holiday at Home from 10.30am to 3pm Speaker on New Technology and Craft afternoon (booking form from the church office)
- May 18 Rev. Lance Birks
- June 1 Judith Sawyer - Time in Africa
- June 15 Deborah Perreau - The Hope Project
- June 29 Sally East - My Alpacas
- July 13 "When We Were Young" - Tea Break Team
- July 27 Clem Prior - The History of Canal Boats and Canal Artwork

CREECH ST MICHAEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION

In May the Twinning Association will be welcoming our French friends from the Auge Valley for the annual twinning exchange. A number of activities are in the process of being finalised including a day out to Exeter to include a river cruise and a barn dance and pig roast at the Village Hall.

Our recent events have included a skittles evening at the Ruishton Inn, organised by Nigel Finch, and a highly successful quiz at the Village Hall, organised by Val and Bert Coakes.

Further events for the coming year are:

Pig Roast – on **July 18** (£7 per person) at Anna and Dave Caddy's.

Wine Roulette event – afternoon of **August 22**.

AGM and Soup and Puds – **7.30pm on Nov 28** at Creech St Michael Village Hall

New members are always welcome and anyone interested in joining or coming along to any of the events should contact the Secretary, Nigel Farrow, on 01823 443882 or visit our website: www.csmta.info

CREECH ST MICHAEL WEBSITE

www.creechstmichael.net

Brimlands Stream

Everyone in Creech will know about the River Tone. How many know about the source of the stream at North End and where it flows? Read the full article on the About page.

Does your son or daughter want to improve their career prospects?

The Creech website publishes topics about Creech, its surrounding areas and history. This presents an ideal opportunity for anybody who would like to demonstrate their literary or photographic skills. This could be used by students to flesh out a CV and show their creative flair that might just make the difference. We have many ideas of suitable articles. Just contact us for more information.

Is your organisation listed?

Do you run a local organisation or charity? If so, make the most of the free publicity! This allows visitors to contact you or directly click through to your website if you have one. We have a dedicated page for each organisation which provides essential information like when and where it meets. We are happy to update your organisation page twice a year with event dates. If you don't have a website then this is your online presence!

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CREECH ST MICHAEL VILLAGE HALL

If you wish to book the hall you should contact booking secretary **Ruth Farrow**, on Henlade 443882 or her address is 2 Kingdon Mead, Creech St Michael.

Forthcoming events:

Friday, May 21 **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** in the hall at 7pm

The village hall committee manages the hall on behalf of the community and the AGM gives everyone the opportunity to find out more. Perhaps you have something to say about how it is run or how charges are levied. The hall committee welcomes views from individuals or groups. Please come along and let us have your comments.

The committee includes representatives from some of the organisations who use the hall on a regular basis and their help has been invaluable. Are you a member of one of the groups who use the hall? Or perhaps you come to the hall only occasionally for bingo sessions, coffee mornings, etc. Whatever your involvement with the hall (or none) you may serve on the committee and would be made very welcome. Come along to the AGM or telephone hall secretary, **Iris Chown** on Henlade 442770, for further details.

Friday, May 7 BINGO in the hall at 7.30pm

Friday, June 4 BINGO in the hall at 7.30pm

Friday, July 2 BINGO in the hall at 7.30pm

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 one Tuesday evening.

CREECH ST MICHAEL GARDENING CLUB

Chairperson: Gerry Norris (01823 444099)

January - This month's meeting was a combined AGM and Social at Ruishton Inn. All officials remain in post. Chairman Gerry Norris, Secretary Michael Tolchard, Programme Secretary Claire Cawley, Treasurer Terry Cawley. They were all thanked for their hard work over the past year. Two new members were welcomed onto the committee. The ladies who provide the refreshments after each talk, Ann and Val, were thanked. The annual accounts were presented. This showed a healthy balance due to the steady increase in members and their support at talks and events such as the plant sale/cream tea which raised a substantial amount. It was therefore decided to leave the annual subscription at £8. The interesting and varied programme of talks and visits for 2010 was distributed. The date of this year's Plant Sale/Cream Tea was fixed for June 5 and will be held at the Village Hall. A daytime visit to Kilve Court is to be arranged, possibly for July 14. This is extra to the evening visits already arranged. After the AGM members enjoyed a delicious buffet supper and social evening including a quiz for chocoholics.

February - "Colour throughout the Year", a talk by Chris Cudlip, an entertaining speaker who engaged with members. He used his experience as a part-time gardener to make points about colour combinations in the garden. Mr Cudlip used the seven colours of the rainbow and for each colour had slides of flowers which were appropriate. He also had slides of white flowers eg, a Christmas rose, a hebe, and the flower that heralds spring, the snowdrop, such a welcome sight after a long winter. Some slides illustrated the use of foliage, with various shades of green, especially that of conifers, forming a framework for the garden. This was the first talk on our 2010 programme and was well attended with several new members welcomed.

March - An interesting talk on Barrington Court was given by Christine Braine who has worked there for many years. There has been a property on site since 1550, also mentioned in the Domesday Book. Ham stone was used in constructing the building. In 1907 the property was up for sale and the National Trust paid £10,000 for the 200 acre site and it was the first big house they bought. The house was used as a tenant farm and had become derelict. In 1917 the Lyle family took on a 99 year lease (relinquished in 1991). Extensive work was carried out and the Lyles transformed it and renovated Strode House. The gardens were designed by Gertrude Jekyll, including a formal walled area of an acre. Many varieties of daffodils are there for all to see. Barrington Court has in the last 3 years started making cider and apple juice from their 90 varieties of apple trees. Vegetables are also grown for the restaurant, as are many varieties of fruit. Sadly a large number of diseased Chestnut trees have had to be felled. On a brighter note chestnut-leaved Oaks should replace these, so future generations can enjoy the tree-lined avenues.

Summer visits/events

May 19 Visit to Bob Burgess Meadow Depart 6pm

June 5 2 to 4pm (at the Village Hall) Plant sale/Cream tea/Cake sale

June 16 Visit to Penwood Farm (Garden) depart 6:30pm

July 21 Visit to Dayspring Plants Depart 6:15pm

Aug 18 Visit to Pikes Cottage Depart 6:15pm

For details of the visits please ring Claire on 442661. Everyone is welcome to join us on these trips.

THE SOUTH WEST ORCHID SOCIETY

May 9 Andy Phillips: Phragmipediums
June 13 Simon Pugh-Jones: Orchids of the Himalayas
July 11 Ian Parsons: Odontoglossums
August 8 Cream tea, social & plant clinic

Meetings at **Monkton Heathfield Village Hall**, second Sunday of the month 2.30 to 5pm. For further information contact **Marian Saunders** (Secretary) **01278 455170**.

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.

Mon May 10 – Bring and tell about a favourite object – Creech

Sat June 19 – Skt Hans – Thurloxton

Sat July 17 – Walk

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**.

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

Secretary: Pat Goffron (01823 322528) Events Secretary: Val Oates (01823 443796)

The Club meets in the Village Hall on alternate Wednesdays at **2.15 pm**.

It welcomes new members, including those living beyond parish boundaries. Visitors (any age) welcome for entry fee of £1.50 to cover tea and entertainment.

May 12 'Take Note'

May 26 Bowls

June 9 Music Quiz with David Mellor

June 23 to be arranged

July 7 Evan Williams – Travels in New Zealand

July 21 Melody Makers

August 4 to be arranged

PHOENIX GROUP OF PHOTOGRAPHERS

www.pgop.org.uk

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

May 10 Print Critique

May 17 Practical Evening.

There will be an informal Summer programme of outdoor shoots on Mon evenings.

PGOP Taunton Library Exhibition

The Exhibition is from **Monday August 2, 2010 to Saturday August 14, 2010**.

Three Prints from each member numbered in order of your preference of hanging.

Hand your prints into **John Gamblin** or a Committee Member **by mid-July please**.

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.

May 12 Julie Foster-Burnell - The Piper Line.

HELLS WRINKLIES MOTORBIKE CLUB

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

May 9 - Spirit of the Sixties - [Westland Classic MCC](#)

May 16 - Sunflower Run - [Westland Classic MCC](#)

May 22 - Vintage Motorcycle Gathering - National Trust Finch Foundry, Sticklepath, Okehampton.

May 30 – The Tortoise Run at Rose and Crown Huish Episcopi

June 13 - Coast to Coast - [Westland Classic MCC](#)

July 8 to 12 - Norton Owners Club International Rally, Colombres Spain

July 16 to 18 Somerset Steam Spectacular, Low Ham, Langport.

July 18 - TARKA Run. [North Devon](#) MOC

August 1 - EXMOOR Run, TDBC MCC

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

TAUNTON MODEL ENGINEERS

Meetings are held on the **first and third Tuesday in the month** at **Stoke St Mary Village Hall** during the winter, spring and autumn commencing at 7.30pm.

Public running dates for **Creech St Michael Playing Field** are **Sundays May 9 and 23, Bank Holiday Monday May 31, and Sundays June 13 and 27, July 11 and 25 and August 8** - all from **2pm to 5pm**.

May 18 Creech Running with Traction Engines

June 1 Welding Night at Culmhead

June 15 Shute Railway Visit

July 6 Vivary Park Running Evening.

July 20 Creech BBQ and Running Evening

Aug 3 Newberry Railway Visit.

Regular working parties are held from 9.30am on Sunday mornings. 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.

Fri May 21 West and North Devon, Peter Gray

Fri June 18 Pulling the Levers, Martin Southwood

Fri July 16 My Memories of the 1960s, John Cramp

Fri Aug 20 Travel in the 1960s, Roger Granger

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**.

CREECH ST MICHAEL RECREATION FIELD

Anyone who would like to get involved in helping running the valuable village facility please contact chairman **Marlon Jeffrey on 443104** or secretary of the Rec Management Committee **Jill Loader on 401307**.

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.

CREECH ST MICHAEL SCHOOL PTFA.

This year we have really set ourselves a high target in fundraising! In addition to our regular commitments we are trying to support the children and school by providing them with new reading books, new science equipment and some new outdoor items.

We are leading up to our Summer Fayre which is on Saturday June 19. There will be stalls, face painting, arts and crafts, fancy dress competition and refreshments. An all round good family day out!

We also have a family camp out in the school field! We will be charging for an overnight pitch and there will be plenty of fun!! Breakfast will be served in the morning for those who survive!! The date for this is still to be confirmed.

We now have a new notice board on the school site next to the gates to the front playground. All forthcoming events will be posted on the board so please feel free to come and have a look!

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at our fundraising events this year!

“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**



Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday May 21, 2010

Hold a fish and chip supper whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting the Spinal Injuries Association's information and support services. You can hold such a supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre. SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper. Last year we had over 80 meals taking place in England and Wales. In 2010 we want to double that figure and ensure we can provide more support to spinal cord injured people. The money raised from the suppers will help the SIA offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives. For more information or request a fundraising pack call **Elizabeth Wright** on **0845 6786633 Ext.229** or email fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit www.spinal.co.uk.

RUISHTON DATES

Thu May 20 - Annual Parish Meeting, Village Hall.

Sat May 22 - Ruishton Village School Summer Fayre, from 12 noon.

Sat July 17 - Ruishton Village Day, Flower Show and Companion Dog Show, Village Hall and Playing Field. Anyone wishing to find out more please contact John Elston on **01823 442568**.