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## FROM THE EDITOR

IT WAS A NO BRAINER when it came to choosing a photo for the front cover of tis issue of 5Alive. Remembrance Sunday is just a few days away when we will be remembering all those brave men and women who lost their lives fighting in the First and Second World Wars for the freedoms we enjoy today. But we *must* also remember those who survived physically but spent years suffering from mental and psychological problems. We *must* also remember those who have fought for us in the many conflicts which have taken place since then and those who as, you read this, are ready to take up arms again should it be necessary. Yes, WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

## JOTTINGS FROM A COUNTRY CHURCHYARD

AS LAST MONTH, I am writing this sitting in the sun in my stable yard enjoying a lovely mellow autumn day. The only snag is, this is the almost the *only* mellow autumn day since last month. Officially, the is has been the wettest September on record and I hope no-one reading this has been troubled by floods. So many, especially further north, have suffered and our sympathy goes out to them.

Each time I wander over to the churchyard I pass a huge and almost permanent pothole beside the grass island at the junction of our main road. One day recently I noticed a white line painted round two thirds of the hole, so I assumed it was marked for repair at last. A few weeks later I chanced to meet the repair gang just packing up to leave. When I queried why they had only filled two thirds of the hole I was told this was the portion marked. I pointed out that the remaining hole would continue to enlarge so surely it would have made sense to fill it all while on the job. The foreman looked as exasperated as I was as he explained that common sense

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didn't enter into it. If they filled any unmarked portion of a hole they could be caught for fly tipping! Was he 'pulling my leg' or has common sense become an outdated commodity? Or is it just me who has gone potty? In Chantry church recently we held a lovely pet service – just a week after Buckland Dinham held theirs. (We went with our dog, Bryher. We enjoyed it but not as much as Bryher enjoyed the treat the Rev. Pauline Reid gave her – Peter). Unfortunately, although ours had been long planned for October we somehow miss the deadline for advertising it in 5Alive. Nevertheless, it was a lovely, happy occasion, attended by eight dogs (plus owners) who all behaved perfectly and were individually blessed by Barry Davies who devised and led the service. The last pet service we had must have been about 15 years ago. That year we had a lovely horse who mounted the steps and stood, still as a statue beside the font throughout the service. Also, we had a basket of kittens, baby chicks and several small pets but this year, just dogs. Lovely dogs, all shapes and sizes and all so well behaved. No doubt Buckland will be reporting on their pet service in this issue so it will be interesting to learn what animals they managed to gather.

Several people have commented to me recently that Christmas cards – and goods – are already in the shops by the end of September. I suppose this has been going on for years and is probably helpful to the far-sighted planners who start shopping to spread the cost. I do most of my gift shopping through

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charity catalogues and if I see just the right thing for someone at any time of the year I buy it and store it away till needed. This may sound like taking the easy way out, but it still requires the same amount of thought and choice but avoids the physical and stressful effort of trailing around the shops. And it benefits the chosen charities, so I don't care personally when Christmas starts to appear in the shops. But being so ancient, I can still remember going with my Mum to do all the family Christmas shopping in one day during the week before Christmas.

But until I was in my late teens it was either wartime shortages and or most things were still rationed or in short supply, so our expectations were much lower and small treats really appreciated. It now makes today's super abundance of choice and quantity seem like another world. Oh dear! I must be getting old! I seem to be forever compassing things with how they used to be. Someone tell me to 'shut up and put up!'

Now that the swifts and swallows have departed followed soon by others of our summer migrants, we shall soon have our winter migrants to watch out for. Some keen bird watchers vie with friends as to who has seen or heard the first arrivals of this or that species while others, like me, are just everlastingly or constantly curious. So much has been discovered about bird migration in recent years, including the now well-known but amazing fact

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marc@marcpeel.com www.thegentlemanpainter.com Call Marc on 01373 813861 or 07899 900077 that migrating birds can sleep on the wing by shutting one eye and closing down half of the brain, enabling them to rest and still be alert to dangers. So much to look forward to in the autumn, from changing colours to watching the ripening harvest of hedgerow fruits and berries as winter bird food. And I must get on with catching up my 12 falling leaves – one for every month of good luck in the coming year – as I was taught to do 90 odd years ago. Takes longer now as the leaves move faster than I do! Let's hope for some lovely mellow days before I see you in December. *Hazell* 

#### **MARTIN'S MEMORIES**

Martin Weymont has written an autobiography. It's called "Vicar On The Run" and it's available in print or downloadable via Kindle. You can find out more by going to his website, martinweymont.com. Martin's also sent us a note about an event at the end of November. Uganda and the Church of Uganda is a presentation in narrative form with Question and Answer intervals and features pictures, artifacts and prayer. Help-yourself tea/coffee







### Church services in November

	3 <sup>rd</sup> November	10 <sup>th</sup> November	17 <sup>th</sup> November	24 <sup>th</sup> November	1 <sup>st</sup> December
Chantry		10.50am Holy Communion DAVID CLARK	11am Holy Communion CHRIS HARE	11am: Holy Communion DAVID CLARK	
Great Elm	10.00am Group Service: Holy Communion David Clark		9.30am: Holy Communion Robin Isherwood	9.30am Informal Service Richard King	
Mells		9.30am Holy Communion Martin Weymont		9.30am Morning Prayer Janet Cauldwell	10.00am Group Service: Holy Communion David Gatliffe
Whatley		9.30am Morning Prayer Hazell Tovey		9.30am Holy Communion David Gatliffe	

#### Hardington Vale Church Services - NOVEMBER 2024

DATE	TIME	SERVICE
Friday 1 Nov	4.30 pm	Buckland Dinham, All Souls Service
All Saints Day	6.00 pm	Tellisford, All Souls Service
Sunday 3 Nov	9.00 am	Norton St Philip, Informal Breaklast
	10.30 am	Rade, Holy Communion
	11.00 am	Laverton, Holy Communion
	6.00 pm	Rode, Chapel, Meeting Place
Monday 4 Nov	9.00 am	Norton St Philip, Morning Prayer
Tuesday 5 Nov	11.00 am	Rode Chapel, Ecumenical Holy Communion
Wednesday 6 Nov	8.30 am	Hemington, Morning Prayer
	5.00 pm	Rode Chapel, Informal Prayer
Thursday 7 Nov	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip, Silent Prayer
Sunday 10 Nov	10.30 am	Rode, Remembrance Parade
REMEMBRANCE DAY	10.30 am	Norton St Philip, Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Buckland Dinham, Remembrance Service
Monday 11 Nov	9.00 am	Norton St Philip, Morning Prayer
Wednesday 13 Nov	8.30 am	Hemington, Morning Prayer
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	6.00 pm	Tellisford, Evening Prayer
Thursday 14 Nov	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip, Silent Prayer
Sunday 17 Nov	9.00 an	Farleigh Hungerford, Morning Worship
	10.30 am	Rade, Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Norton St Philip, Informal Worship
	11.00 am	Laverton, Matins
	11.00 am	Buckland Dinham, Holy Communion
Monday 18 Nov	9.00 am	Norton St Philip, Morning Prayer
Wednesday 20 Nov	8.30 am	Hemington, Marning Prayer
	5.00 pm	Rode Chapel, Informal Prayer
Thursday 21 Nov	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip, Silent Prayer
Sunday 24 Nov	9.00 am	Tellisford, Holy Communion
	9.00 am	Rode, Contemplation & Coffee
	10.30 am	Norton St Philip, Huly Communion
	11.00 am	Laverton, Matins
	6.00 pm	Buckland Dinham, Evening Service
Monday 25 Nov	9.00 am	Norton St Philip, Morning Prayer
Wednesday 27 Nov	8.30 am	Hemington, Morning Prayer
	5.00 pm	Rode Chapel, Informal Prayer
	6.00 pm	Tellisford, Evening Prayer
Thursday 28 Nov	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip, Silent Prayer

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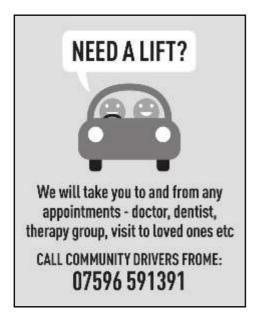
are available. It takes place at 7.00 pm on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Minster, Church Street, Warminster BA12 8PQ. On-street parking is available. More information from weymontmartin@gmail.com (01985-300025).

## **ROUND AND ABOUT**

#### KILMERSDON GARDENERS

Kilmersdon Gardeners' speakers on November 13th are two ladies from Avon Wildlife Trust who will be talking about how they are re-wilding Chew Valley area Garden by Garden. Please see our website <a href="https://www.kilmersdongardeners.org">www.kilmersdongardeners.org</a>.

On Saturday December 7th we are having a Wreath Making Workshop in Kilmersdon Village Hall, starting at 10.00am and finishing at 12.00noon. The cost is £30 which includes tea and biscuits and everything that is needed to make your very own wreath. We would like a £5 deposit in advance to reserve a place, last year it was a sell-out. Details of our bank account for the deposit and to book please email KilmersdonGardeners-Judith@hotmail.com.





## **BUCKLAND DINHAM**

On September 22nd at 6:00, we gathered together at St Michael's church to celebrate the harvest for another year. The church looked beautiful with displays of autumn flowers and foliage, while the table at the front of the church was overflowing with fruits and vegetables. We were delighted to welcome the Reverend Pauline Reid as she led her first harvest service with us. Thanks also to Noah Morgan-Reynolds (aged 12) for his beautiful poem about the seasons.

#### Changes

The sun beats down
Warming the earth
Calm and hot
Days are long
Life flourishes
Under the summer sun

The sun wanes
Leaves brown and fall
Flowers die
Food is gathered
Life retreats
Into cold autumn sleep

Cold, dark
Silently swooshing and swishing slowly
Soft on ground
The night lit up with greens and blues
Reflecting off the clean white snow
Bathing earth in a wintry ethereal glow

Slowly the sun returns
Daffodils and snowdrops grow
The world seems to start anew
As life returns
And colour blossoms
Across the wet spring ground.

As usual, the service was followed by an auction and a very generous spread of drinks and snacks. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the evening such a success, and who gave so generously to both the Safe Families charity and also the church Lychgate fund.

Jenny Waller, Chapel warden

#### PETS COME FOR A BLESSING

On Sunday September 29th, at 4:30 in the afternoon, the Reverend Pauline Reid (and Betty) led our very first pet service at St Michael's. This was a dogs only event, as it turned out. It was lovely to see so many beautiful, and beautifully behaved, pets take part in the service. We joined together to celebrate the joy our pets bring to our lives. The service ended with the dogs leading their owners to the front for Pauline's blessing. We certainly left with a new appreciation for these lovely animals.

Thanks to everyone who took part – perhaps we can involve a few more species next time! *Jenny Waller, Chapel warden* 

#### CHRISTMAS FAYRE DATE CONFIRMED

The now annual and very popular village Christmas Fayre and light switch on returns on Friday December 6th, between 6.00 and 8.00pm at the village hall and gardens.



We have many local craft stalls ready with gifts to start your Christmas shopping mulled wine, hot dogs, mince pies and Prosecco plus much more. Entry is free but we ask that if able you bring a donation for Fair Frome FoodBank please.

See you there to start the village festivities!

To help raise funds for the upkeep of St Michael's, the church is organising a raffle at the Christmas Tree Light Fayre with a Christmas hamper as the prize. We're looking for donations of appropriate items to go in the hamper. If you have anything you'd like to donate, bring it to the Coffee Morning on November 16th or drop it down to Sara Corbett at 3 Bethel Place or to Debbie Cary at Dangerfield Farm.

#### AND THE FOLLOWING DAY, SATURDAY DECEMBER 7TH ....

....Norton St Philip is holding its annual Christmas Fayre, between 10.00 and 12.00 in the church featuring craft stalls, fresh produce, raffle, teas and mulled wine. If anyone is interested in taking a stall there is room at £15 per table. *Glenys Brown*,  $01373\ 834226$ 

## CHANTRY

The group pet service held on Sunday October 5th was quite well attended. We also had eight assorted and very well-behaved dogs. The service was led and devised by Barry Davies and was enjoyed by all present. After the service we all gathered for coffee and cake as usual.

Thanks to all who came and brought their pets.

The service of remembrance will be held on Sunday November 10th, starting at 10.50 instead of 11.00. We are hoping for a good attendance for this important service.

Forthcoming event

Our annual toy and carol service will be on Sunday December 15th at 11.00am. During this service toys are presented and placed under the tree to be donated to the Salvation Army for all those children who may not receive anything otherwise.

Gifts to be loosely wrapped and not sealed with sticky tape please.

#### Maintenance

Name	Flowers	Cleaning	
02-11-24	Val	Sue	
09-11-24	Hazel	Dolly & Val	
16-11-24	Laureen	?	
23-11-24	Val	Sue	
30-11-24	Advent	Sue	

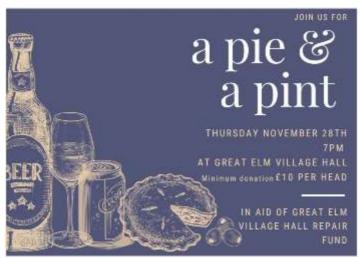
### **GREAT ELM**

The Harvest Safari Supper ended with a gathering of all in the church for cheese, port and coffee. A total of 31 members of the village participated. Thanks to our kind hosts and to everyone who donated and made the evening a wonderful gathering. The decoration of the church made a beautiful seasonal backdrop. The Supper raised about £215 for church funds and a box of collected food donations was delivered to Fair Frome later in the week.

Progress has been made on the church wall repair which is almost complete. The ceiling repair is under way with the roof secure and timber repairs being completed. The plaster work should re-start during November and the three coats of lime plaster and decorative details



restored in the ensuing weeks. The cost of all these repairs is close to £10,000. If you would like to contribute towards the repair costs please contact Emma Toulson-Clarke or use the QR code in the church porch. There will be a Remembrance Sunday service at 9.30am on November 10th in addition to the usual scheme of services.



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#### MELLS WITH VOBSTER

Thank you so much to those who came along to tidy up the churchyard. What a wonderful difference! And thank you to Hilary for the delicious cake offered with tea and coffee half way through the work!

The bells of St. Andrew's rang out across the village at the beginning of October, rung by a visiting bellringing team from Hersley, Hants. There don't seem to be many bellringers in our area – anyone interested in learning do get in touch and we can redirect to our local team. Please note that Hilary Ingram is now the person to contact for St. Andrew's – details at the beginning of the magazine.

Our service celebrating harvest was very much a thankfulness for what we have, reflected in the collection of goods for Frome Foodbank. Thank you to everyone who filled the box in the church over the days before the service. The goods were taken into Frome the following Monday and were very gratefully received. Now we're looking ahead to the village Remembrance service on Sunday 10th November, at 10.15am in the church, with Mells Scout Group joining us. It will be a short service, led by Rev. Martin Weymont, followed by the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, starting shortly before 11.00am. On Sunday 1st December Mells hosts the Mells Group of Churches joint service, at 10.00am in St. Andrew's, and the following Sunday we look forward to Jane's



annual Winter Concert in the church. Details of Christmas services will be in next month's magazine.

#### Brian O'Callaghan 1928 - 2024

Friends and family gathered in St. Andrew's on 22nd August to remember the lives of Brian O'Callaghan, and his brother-in-law, Christopher Woosnam Mills.

Brian did his national service and went out to Ceylon, where he joined The Ceylon Tea Company. Christopher Woosnam Mills worked under Brian and when Brian went to England on leave, suggested that Brian looked up his (Chris') parents. Brian did and his visit coincided with that of Christopher's sister, Sue who was back from working in catering in London. The pair fell in love and married, with a short honeymoon in the New Forest followed by the journey to Ceylon. There they enjoyed the beautiful views from Brian's bungalow over tea plantations and out to the mountains coupled with a very different lifestyle. Their two children, Sean and Jane were born there. Returning to England on leave in 1969 the family learnt that Ceylon wouldn't allow them back as they wanted all Europeans to leave. Brian and Sue ran a post office in Crockerton, and Brian took up a passion of his, Arms and Armour and Sue started her Artistry in Sugar business. Subsequently they



moved to Mells some 40 years ago and celebrated their Diamond – 60th – wedding anniversary in October 2023.

Brian proved a wonderful husband, father, grandfather (Grumps to his grandchildren!), and will be very much missed by the whole family – especially Sue.

Rest in peace, Brian. Our thoughts are with you, Sue, and your family.

#### Christopher Woosnam Mills, RIP 14th November 2021

Christopher (Chris) arrived in Ceylon in 1958. He played rugby and represented Ceylon on a Rugby tour of India. Working for The Ceylon Tea Company under Brian he suggested that Brian might like to meet his parents when Brian went to England on leave. Brian met Chris' sister, Sue, and the rest is history! In 1965 Chris married Gilly Parker and in the early 1970s they followed Brian and Sue back to England, living in Bruton and subsequently moving to Castle Cary where Chris planted a small vineyard and started making white wine. Eventually Chris and Gilly sold up and retired to Ilminster in the early 2000s, living a quiet life until 2013, when Gilly died. Christopher suffered a stroke in 2016 and moved into sheltered accommodation in Shepton Mallet, but after he was diagnosed with a form of Parkinsons he moved into a care home in Frome.



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He contracted pneumonia in 2021, and on leaving hospital went to the Frome Nursing Home where he died, on 14th November 2021 following a stroke. Chris is much missed by his sister, Sue, and all who knew him. Rest in peace, Chris. Our thoughts are particularly with Sue.

#### Marriage of Alexandra Feltham and Jordan Denner

On 28th September friends and family of Alexandra and Jordan gathered at St. Andrew's to celebrate their marriage. The service was taken by Rev. Robin Isherwood. It has been a real pleasure to meet the couple when they came to services prior to their wedding, and we look forward to welcoming them at any time they may be able to come again. We wish them a long and happy life together.

#### Marriage of Clare Singer and Michael Auton

Clare and Michael were married in St. Andrew's Church on 12th October. Their service was taken by Rev. Robin Isherwood. Singing of the two hymns *All things bright and beautiful* and *Give me Joy in my heart* was boosted by Mells Community Choir who also sang *Morning has Broken* and *Fields of Gold* while the bride and groom signed the Register. Charles Johnson played the organ.

We wish Clare and Michael a long and happy life together and look forward to seeing them again.

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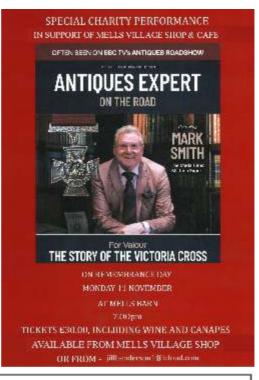


#### Marriage of Josie Mitchell and Joseph Rutter

The marriage of Josie and Joseph was celebrated on 18th October in St. Andrew's. The service was conducted by Rev. Robin Isherwood.

Hymns were All things bright and beautiful, I, The Lord of Sea and Sky, and The Spirit lives to set us free. Readings were a version of 1 Corinthians chapter 13 written by Michael Rutter and read by Brian Rutter, and a poem written by Gary Mitchell and read by Teresa Mitchell.

We wish Josie and Joseph and long and happy life together and look forward to welcoming them back to St. Andrew's.



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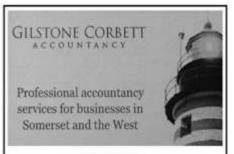
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Notes from Mells Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday October 8th 2024

#### SOMERSET COUNCIL

**Reducing carbon emissions:** Somerset Council is encouraging businesses to reduce their carbon emissions by registering for the Go Green Scheme. To find out more and to register interest visit somerset.gov.uk/business-economy-and-licences/net-zero-for-business.

**School places:** Parents of children due to start school or move on to their next school in September 2025 are being urged to apply for their place online. For children due to transfer to Secondary or Upper School (closing date: 31 October 2024) visit: somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/starting-at-a-secondary-or-upper-school-in-september.

For children due to start school for the first time or transfer to Junior or Middle School (apply September 30th 2024 until January 15th 2025, somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/apply-to-start-school-for-the-first-time.

**Flu and Covid vaccinations:** Adults over the age of 65 are now eligible for a flu jab. The flu vaccine is also available at the same time with other vaccines such as the COVID-19 and shingles vaccines. More information and booking is available at nhs.uk/nhs-services/pharmacies/book-flu-vaccination/



#### MATTERS ARISING

**Barn lease:** A draft lease has now been drawn up but requires some amendments. All were in favour of approving the lease, once the amendments had been made, without the need to consult a solicitor

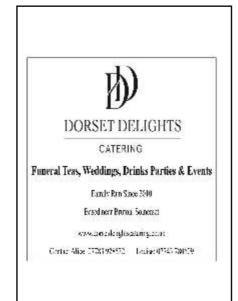
#### HIGHWAY AND FOOTPATH ISSUES:

Condition of grass triangle – Bottom Lane and area in front of Vobster Inn: The area still requires levelling and Cllr Turner will arrange for someone to do this.

**Fast traffic by Claveys Farm:** Highways has been given a couple of suitable locations where the speed camera signs can be placed.

**Park Corner:** Highways has deemed the stones on the verge as being safe. Cllr Seewooruttun reports all the accidents she hears about on this junction to Highways. Unless accidents are reported, no additional action will be taken without evidence to show there is a safety issue.

**Traffic on Holes Lane:** Options are being looked into by Highways. Speeding cars through Vobster: This is being monitored by the police.





#### PLANNING - New applications:

**2024/1721/AGE:** Prior notification of agricultural development – construction of a slurry lagoon above existing ground level – Finger Farm – no objections **2024/1683/LBC:** Conversion of a store-room to a gym for the use of the owners – Mells Park House – no objections.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** SALC – gov.uk website address and email addresses for councillors: All parish councils must comply with WCAG 2.2 accessibility standards from October 2024, and it is also recommended that a gov.uk domain is used. The current website is around 84% accessible (anything under 100% is considered not suitable). £100 funding is available until February 2025 to help with costs. It was agreed to use the services of Easy Website to change the website to be fully accessible (£250) and have two dedicated gov.uk email addresses. One for the clerk (included in monthly fee) and another for the chair (additional £2.20/month) which would be easily transferable if one left the council. There would be an ongoing cost of £30.80 which includes the .gov domain, the clerk's email domain, the new website, and ongoing support as requested.

#### ITEMS TO REPORT / ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

**Local PCSO:** Contractors working for the Estate have been asked to use Lime Kiln Hill instead of Top Lane after being witnessed by the PCSO.

**Barn car park:** This is not a PC matter. However, Cllr Earl reported that it will be levelled and concreted in the future, but no date has been set.

**Wooden finger posts:** Some of these require attention. Clerk to contact the footpath officer

**Halecombe Quarry Community Fund:** Applications for the fund were undersubscribed on this tranche and awareness needs to be raised to encourage local organisations to apply.

**Graffiti on Vobster Shelter:** This was noted recently. No action at present.

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday November 12th at 7.15pm in the Barn.

Joy Book - Clerk, 07704 584953, parishcouncils.frome@gmail.com

#### FREE – DEFIBRILLATOR/CPR TRAINING

Mells Parish Council has booked a defibrillator and CPR course for Tuesday November 12th at 2.00pm in The Barn, Mells. There are a couple place still available – Prior booking is essential and places will be offered to those located within the parish of Mells in the first instance.

If you would like to attend this training please contact the Clerk, Joy Book tel: 07704 584953, email: parishcouncils.frome@gmail.com

#### MELLS CAFE

PCSO visits, November 13th and December 11th, 10.00am -11.00am Cafe new opening times from October 28th

Monday -Sunday 9.00am - 3.30 pm, Last food orders 2.30pm And the cafe team is looking for some volunteers to help on Tuesday afternoon, Thursday mornings and afternoons please.

#### WHATLEY

The Friends of Whatley had a wonderful Harvest Festival event. With an excellent turnout and delicious food and drinks, the evening was fun, buzzy and lively. A local band made up of James, Stewart and Vince (his last public performance, although we are sure we can get him out of retirement





one day) played some well-known and beloved songs, which we all sang along to. The church was beautifully decorated by some of the village's younger creatives. Our thanks go to all those involved in staging the evening, especially to Alice Kettle, without whom it would not have happened. Further Friends of Whatley events are being planned for Christmas, so please keep an eye on emails, the village website and FaceBook

#### AI, SPIRITUALITY AND COMMUNITY

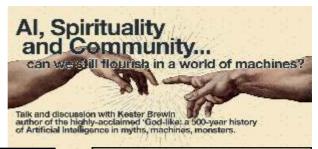
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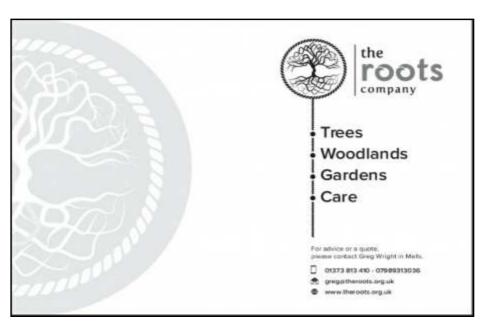
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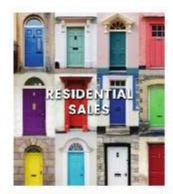
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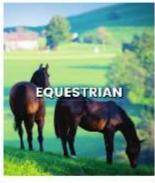
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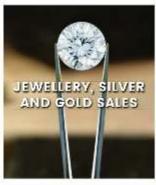


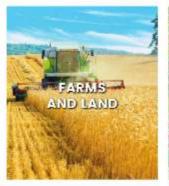














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