



Broadclyst Parish Council
GROWING OUR COMMUNITY

The Broadsheet

Community in Action: Broadclyst Annual Parish Meeting 2026

The Annual Parish Meeting, held on the evening of Tuesday 28 April 2026, brought together ten community groups to celebrate how they had used their Parish Council grants during 2025/26, and what an evening it proved to be.

The meeting was attended by representatives from Net Ninjas, 1st Broadclyst Brownies and Guides, Broadclyst Football Club, Tithebarn Residents' Association, Broadclyst Theatre Group, Heathfield Community Farm, Broadclyst Fund, Clyst Caring Friends, Clyst Vale PTFA and the Broadclyst Environment Group. Each group took the opportunity to share their achievements and the difference that grant funding had made to their work over the past year.

The Chairman opened by reflecting on the remarkable pace of change that Broadclyst Parish has experienced over the past fifteen years. Growth has brought

across every group: dedicated volunteer leadership, tremendous enthusiasm, and real, tangible impact for young people, for those living with disability, for families experiencing financial hardship, and for those committed to a more sustainable way of life. The breadth and diversity of what our community organisations achieve, often with modest resources, is genuinely remarkable.

The undoubted highlight of the evening came from the Net Ninjas; a Junior Badminton Club whose two young members delivered an impressive live display. They were joined by their coach, David, who is a world-class Para-Badminton athlete, holding the distinction of being ranked number 1 in England, 17th in the world in singles and 5th in the world in mixed doubles: a world-class athlete giving his time to our community. The room was captivated and we thank the players for coming along and playing in front of a room full of people.



To every individual who gives their time, skills, and energy to make Broadclyst such a wonderful place to live: thank you. You make the difference. To those who do not yet volunteer, could you? If any of the groups featured have sparked your interest, please do get in touch with them directly. Every hour given counts.

Further information about Broadclyst Parish Council's community grant programme, including how to apply, is available at www.broadclyst.org or give the office a call on 01392 360269.



new residents, new pressures, and new demands on local services, yet, he observed, one thing has remained constant throughout: the strength of community spirit. The Parish Council's grant programme exists precisely to nurture that spirit, investing in the groups that bring parishioners together and create the social connections that so often become the support networks on which people rely when they need them most.

The presentations that followed did not disappoint. Common themes emerged

The meeting also held a moment of quiet reflection. The 1st Broadclyst Guides unit closed in September 2025 following the loss of its leader. Throughout the evening, several groups echoed the same message: volunteers are the lifeblood of community organisations. Without them, vital services and opportunities, many of which would be unavailable to parishioners otherwise, simply cannot continue.



Details of your local clubs and societies can be found on page 18. Get in touch with the groups directly to offer help or to join in.

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Chairman's Corner

Councillor Henry Massey



A few weeks ago, the Parish Council held its Annual Parish Meeting. It is an evening that tends to slip under the radar in village life, but it is one of the more rewarding dates in our calendar.

Like most of what we do at the Parish Council, it happens because the law says it must. The Local Government Act 1972 still does a great deal of the heavy lifting in setting out what parish councils are, what we must do, and what we are permitted to do. Holding an Annual Parish Meeting between the start of March and the start of June each year sits firmly in the "must" column. It isn't, incidentally, the Council's meeting. It belongs to the parish. Any elector may attend, and anyone may speak.

This year we did something we have found increasingly worthwhile. We invited along the local groups we had supported with small grants this year. One by one, they stood up and told us what they had been able to do. There was support for children's play and youth opportunities; help for families settling into our newer communities; extra support for older residents who might otherwise have slipped through the cracks. It is one thing to vote a few hundred pounds out of the precept on a Tuesday evening. It is quite another to hear, in someone's own words, what that money actually meant. I would recommend it as a fine

antidote to anyone who thinks committee work is dry. But for every grant we give, there are a dozen things we are quite firmly not allowed to do, and I think that is worth talking about. I always raise an eyebrow when I hear someone talk about "the council." Which one? Here in Devon we currently have three tiers: the County Council at the top, the District Council in the middle, and us, the Parish Council, at the bottom. We are unambiguously the smallest, and proudly so.

Over the next few years, the upper tiers will be reorganised into a single unitary authority covering a much larger area. Parish councils, however, will remain. Why? Because the value we offer isn't scale or budget. It is local knowledge. Every councillor on our bench lives in this community. We know the lane, the verge, the field gate, the footpath. Nobody upstairs ever will, not in quite the same way.

Which brings me to limitations. We can, for instance, spend our share of the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy, or NCIL. This is the slice of developer contributions paid when houses are built in our parish that comes back to us, to be used to address the impact of that development. It has to be spent on infrastructure, or on things that genuinely help the community absorb growth: improving a footpath,

contributing to a play area, supporting a community building. It cannot be quietly tipped into general running costs, and we have to account publicly for every penny.

Beyond NCIL, our spending powers are real but tightly drawn. We cannot simply decide to take on a service because a section of the parish would like us to. Highways are the County's. Bin collections, environmental health and planning decisions are the District's. Education and adult social care are the County's. We can lobby, we can comment, we can sometimes contribute funds, and occasionally we can step in where something would otherwise fall through. But we cannot substitute ourselves for the bodies whose statutory duty it is. Public money is precious, and those lines are drawn for good reason.

Planning is the area where this most often surprises people - The Parish Council does not technically have a formal say in planning decisions. What it does have is a legal right to be told about planning applications in the parish, and East Devon District Council must take into account whatever the Parish Council says in response. That's not the same as being consulted, and it's certainly not a veto, but it does mean the Parish Council's voice carries legal weight in the process and that is a genuinely important seat at the table. But, and this is the part

that catches people out, we cannot block an application. The final decision always rests

with East Devon District Council as the Local Planning Authority. It must make its decisions in accordance with the development plan, which for applications in Broadclyst parish means the East Devon Local Plan and our own Broadclyst Neighbourhood Plan. The government's National Planning Policy Framework also has to be considered as a matter of national planning policy. Strength of local feeling, however heartfelt, is not on that list. What we can do is gather the local knowledge, set out the planning grounds clearly, and make sure the case is heard. Sometimes that changes outcomes. Sometimes it does not.

It would be easy, reading all of that, to conclude that being a parish councillor is mostly an exercise in saying "no, we can't." There are evenings when it does feel like that. But then I think back to the Annual Parish Meeting, to the people who stood up and told us, plainly, that something we had done had made a difference. I think of the residents who have written to thank us after we stood beside them through a difficult planning matter, even where the outcome was not quite what any of us would have hoped. That is the work. And on balance, it is well worth it.



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Clerk's Report

This is written hot on the heels of two significant events: the Annual Parish Meeting and a Quiz night. Oh, and a couple of site visits. "What do these four things have in common?", I hear you cry. Is it the steel toe capped boots, essential PPE for site visits and a village quiz night? Is it the mug of builder's tea, an integral part of every British event? Well, (avoids the temptation to add "dearest gentle readers") the broad-brush answer is 'community' but let's break that down and explore in more depth.

I'm going to start in reverse with the site visits, to the first Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) being brought forward by Statera at Saundercroft, which is in its groundworks stage, and secondly the 3West development site on Whimple Road, opposite the Woodland Road junction in Broadclyst. 'Community' is not the first word that comes to mind when looking at swing-shovels and dump-trucks, nor at sewer pipes, foundations, and

scaffolding on a building site, but bear with me as I make the connections. Statera and 3West have both positively engaged with the parish council about wider community benefit, from a fund to community action, such as talking to Clyst Vale students about careers and the science behind battery energy storage. There is no obligation for them to do so, indeed many larger developers elsewhere in the parish have not done this, so this is very welcome. Both companies are employing local people rather than out of area agency staff; this investment in the local economy is good to see.

Now then, keeping our PPE firmly in place, we move to the village quiz night. Not just any old quiz night, but one with a difference – and that's just the answers! As someone who has watched a lot of rugby games (not to mention washing a lot of rugby kit), I know that the number on the shirt of a full back is not '3', and that's before we get to the pronunciation of 'Navratoliva'; questions designed to amuse, entertain,

and spark debate. This quiz night was to bid a fond farewell to one of the Greats who have left an indelible mark on the world, someone whose dizzy heights mere mortal Greats such as Alexander and Catherine could only hope to aspire to reach. I give you, of course, Clare Ratcliffe. Saved in the parish email system under the very technical heading of 'Art Group Clare', this is a lady who epitomises the very meaning of the word community. She has been involved in many groups and organisations, including the Victory Hall. Always with a smile and loving a bit of kind gossip, words such as stalwart are used in an attempt to encapsulate the amount of her contribution to the community. We salute you, Clare, and wish you well in your next chapter as you move closer to your family, emigrating across the border to Somerset.

And finally, the Annual Parish Meeting, which is covered in depth in other articles, but I wanted to comment that pretty much everyone in the room

that evening talking about their collective efforts were younger than me. This either means that I'm getting older (shh, quiet at the back!), or that we have the most wonderful sense of community spirit that is deeply embedded in both this and the next generation.

From commercial businesses to individuals, there is evidence at every turn of the rich social capital that abounds. There is no 'they' in community, but 'us'. I am currently enjoying working with Tina and Korneel at Tithebarn as they plan and prepare their summer fete, two individuals who are prepared to selflessly go above and beyond for wider benefit; it's such a great thing to see evolve. There are many more unnamed individuals and examples than stated in this article, but I am already way over my word count, so will simply thank you all. If you are doing something for your community, we applaud you. If not, why not? Got an idea? Get in touch!!

Appeal for Sponsorship

Tristan Collins

Hello to all villagers! I am Tristan Collins, an avid Broadclyst-based karter who is in need of sponsors for my karting season this year.

I race in the Professional Junior category of the FAT Karting Championship, all up and down the country (much to the delight of my two parents - the 6-hour drives are great fun!), from right here in East Devon to Cumbria. This year I will be racing in 9 rounds, probably 3 of which I will already have raced in by the time of print.

In terms of my story, my first word was, fittingly, "car". I've always been hyper-fixated on anything with four wheels that moves mechanically. I've been racing in the Junior Kart Academy and Club at Raceworld by Greendale Farm Shop since I was about 11.

Last year was my first proper full outdoor championship season, in the FAT Karting League Regional Championships,

where I finished 4th out of around 25 drivers, with 1 round win and 3 podiums (and about 5 x 4th places if you include the shorter pre-final races). The FAT karting series is a global championship, with events in the UK and USA, and new "hubs" opening in continental Europe and Asia. The karts are fully electric, with a top speed of around 60mph, which feels pretty extreme when you are about an inch and a half off the ground and at the mercy of the driving skill of others around you. The grand prize in the FAT karting league which is a fully funded seat in British Formula

4, worth around half a million pounds—something that about 99.9% of people cannot realistically afford, myself unsurprisingly being one of them. I am one of the youngest in my class, and certainly the youngest person who finished in the top 12 last year.

Without going on too much, I am simply in need of financial support to cover the costs of karting. Any local small or larger businesses who would be interested, please feel free to get in touch.

In addition to the FAT karting league, I still also race in the very local Raceworld Junior

Karting Club, which would provide great exposure to potential customers. My social media pages are also starting to do rather well too, so really, it's great coverage all around. There is plenty of space on my race suit and helmet for your logo also!

Instagram: [tristancollinskarting](https://www.instagram.com/tristancollinskarting)
TikTok: [ttcracing](https://www.tiktok.com/ttcracing)

If you can help, please email office@broadclyst.org or call 01392 360269



Updates from your Local GP Surgery

If you have visited Pinhoe Surgery recently, you will have noticed the building work going on apace.

Our new extension is coming on quickly now we have some dry weather.

The woefully inadequate nursing area will be upgraded as part of the project – gaining us three extra rooms overall and giving our fabulous nurses somewhere fit and proper to work – something we know everyone will agree has been desperately needed for some time.

We have been very impressed with our builders, Fifields Construction, a local company who started just around the

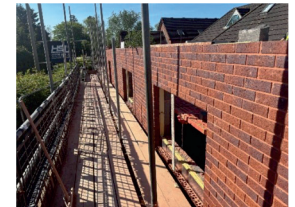
corner in Pinhoe, and the project would not have been possible without much behind the scenes work from East Devon District Council and our Integrated care board. As a result, in person access will be somewhat impacted while we lose space for the works to continue. While the Government relentlessly attempts to push as much healthcare online in the interests of efficiency, we feel patients should have a choice.

We are trying out best to strike a balance between a traditional model of General Practice where you, the patient, can choose to see your doctor in person, or, if you prefer to, make use of our online services. Each impacts the

other – more online access reduces our face-to-face capacity, but we recognise it has a role in modern health care and we are striving to strike a reasonable and beneficial balance for our patients. We will soon launch a consultation in order to get as much input from you as possible, and hope with the extra rooms we can regain the initiative and redress the balance of access in both areas.

In the meantime, find us on Facebook, explore our website, feedback any thoughts, or join our Practice Patient Panel to have direct involvement in shaping your local surgery: <https://www.pbmp.uk/>

Dr Hamish Duncan



Telephone Box Makeover

You may have noticed that there has been a change to the telephone box outside the Social Club on the B3181 in Broadclyst.

It is a K6 Telephone Box with Grade 2 Listing and was introduced in 1936 to mark the Silver Jubilee of King George V, hence the now restored gold crown over the wording.

The Parish Council snapped up the telephone box from BT for the grand sum of £1 - complete with a tin of paint thrown in, which someone quite rightly declared "a bargain". Clyst

Caring Friends have cheerfully stepped in to spruce it up and keep it looking its best, and have hatched a lovely plan to turn it into a community BOOK EXCHANGE for everyone to enjoy

Four people in the community donated money including Alastair Taylor who, in addition to the financial contribution, gave up a huge amount of time and expertise to strip it down, repaint it, repair the broken panes of glass, make and fit shelving and lighting inside, and even

landscape the exterior. A huge THANK YOU to Alastair, and the other donors.



We now need everyone in the community to use it and keep an eye on it. Borrow the books and games, exchange if you

want and donate at the charity shop (to be found behind the Post office) if you can, the important thing is that it's a resource for the whole community.

This project has made me feel so proud to be part of this community. Alastair said there has been a massive amount of interest and enthusiasm from people whilst he was working on the project. I'd now love everyone to benefit from this new communal amenity.

Sally Hudson



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Our Killerton

Claire Houghton Ward
Senior Communications and Marketing Officer

We're excited to share the next chapter of the 'Our Killerton' display. As part of the project, where 8 objects in the house were chosen by people connected to Killerton, we have commissioned artist Patricia Dixon.

Patricia works in contemporary stained glass and textiles and will create a new artwork inspired by the people-led stories behind Killerton's objects. Patricia recently ran creative workshops with some of the participants who had selected the objects on display.



National Trust Images / Patricia Dixon

Using collage, printing and painting, the group explored themes of community and connection at Killerton. Patricia's final piece, inspired by the chosen objects will be unveiled in the Study this July.

The 'Our Killerton' display is on the ground floor of the house. Normal admission fees apply.



National Trust Images / Patricia Dixon



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Summer of Play at Killerton

Get ready for a joyful, activity-packed Summer of Play at Killerton! From 18 July to 6 September, the estate transforms into a vibrant outdoor playground filled with games, creativity, and adventure for visitors of every age.

Each day, families can explore unique play areas, each designed to spark imagination, movement, and discovery. Get Active: Burn off energy with frisbee golf, swingball, and

loose-parts play perfect for climbing, building, and inventing. Create & Imagine: Budding artists can unleash their creativity with outdoor art equipment, while performers take centre stage in a mini theatre complete with dressing-up costumes. Explore Nature: Head to the nature zone to identify bugs, dig into the mud kitchen, and enjoy hands-on outdoor learning. Relax & Recharge: After all that excitement, unwind in the

quiet zone with giant beanbags and an outdoor library — a peaceful spot to rest or read. With plenty of covered areas, the fun continues come rain or shine. There will also be mid-week led activities, see our website for more details. Free entrance with a membership or tenant's card; normal admission fees apply for non-members. All play activities are included with entrance.



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Killerton's Sunset Series

This summer, experience the magic of an open-air performance set against the backdrop of the setting sun at Killerton. From timeless theatre classics to exciting new cabaret, join us for a series of captivating twilight shows in the picturesque surroundings of the parkland.

The Three Inch Fools present King Arthur - The Holy Fail
Saturday 6 June, 7pm

Folk on the Lawn with Rhillig and Geoff Lakeman
Saturday 20 June, 7pm

Enchante Productions present Moulin Bouge
Friday 10 July, 7pm

Illyria present Pirates of Penzance
Friday 17 July, 7pm

The Lord Chamberlain's Men present Othello
Tuesday 21 July, 7pm

Illyria present Pinocchio
Thursday 30 July, 7pm



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Summer on Mosshayne Farm

It is a real pleasure to be included in this Summer edition of the Broadsheet. As a fifth generation farmer here at Mosshayne, the Clyst Valley and the communities of Westclyst, Broadclyst, Pinhoe, and now Tithebarn, are very close to my heart.



Ella and "Big Bill"

The Gent family has farmed at Mosshayne since 1895, and both Henry, my father, and Derek, my grandfather, have been heavily involved in local politics. Henry was, as many readers will know, a Parish Councillor for many years, and remains a Devon County Councillor.

Those of you who are familiar with the farm will have seen the transformation over the past few years. Henry and Derek converted to Organic in

the 1990s, meaning we don't use pesticides or fertilisers, and only use antibiotics when absolutely necessary. This has allowed nature to flourish on the farm; you may see kestrels hovering over our fields, see otters on the river, or spot deer on the meadows as you walk the footpaths.

More recently, I have been concentrating on growing a greater variety of crops to supply to the local population via our Honesty Shops, and improving public access to the farm. It's been really wonderful to get such positive feedback from people coming to feed the pigs and hens, and see the baby chicks in the courtyard. We will have more chicks in July and August, so you haven't missed out!



Planting Cabbages

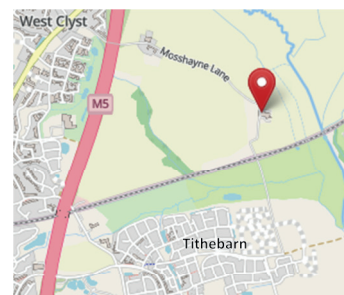
Excitingly, we also think both sows, Cotton and Sandy, are pregnant by Boris again, so we should have more piglets with us any day now!



The Pig Gang

We have recently erected our second of three double-span polytunnels, which will house 300 tomato plants of various varieties, and provide freshly picked mixed salad, as well as the chillis for the famous "Killer Pickle" made by my mum, Kirsten.

At this time of year, we are just coming out of the Hungry Gap. In April and May there is very little native produce to harvest in the UK, but we have been very busy planting 76,000 pointed cabbage, 56,000 savoy cabbage, and these will be harvested later this month if the weather conditions have been favourable. As harvest picks up, we are still busy planting, with 28,500 squash to plant



and 25,000 sweetcorn seeds to sow in June, and making a start on the 150,000 leeks which go in over June and July.

Although we are very busy growing good quality food, we also really want the farm to be a place for the local community. We would be delighted for you to join us on free guided tours of the farm (see our socials and Eventbrite), and look forward to seeing you on Tithebarn Fun Day, where we will have some chicks to see, a tractor to climb in and farming related activities! We also have plans to expand our social offerings, with stargazing nights and supper clubs in development. If you want to be the first to hear about new things happening on the farm, follow our socials or join the mailing list via the QR code.



Goodbye to the Remarkable Clare Ratcliffe, Friend of Broadclyst

Mary Stiff

Clare is leaving the village to live nearer family and other close friends. Many of us are hoping it is a case of au'revoir and that she will come back and see us.

Clare has lived here since 2006, when she soon became a vital member of the community, helping organise events for clubs, societies and charities as well as for significant celebrations such as Jubilees and the Coronation, alongside the Parish Council and Theatre Group. She helped set up the Gardening Club in 2010, where she was in charge of the programme for many years. She cooked for Clyst Caring lunch club, volunteered for the Charity shop and was key in arranging their Fashion Show in 2016. Many will remember her

starring as quizmistress at the Victory Hall where she was Vice Chair for many years. Clare is part of the Twinning Association, hosting French friends and helping at the Christmas Market in Plobannalec-Lesconil, as well as being an essential part of the planning team when the Art Society joined them for one of the visits to France.

She recently gave a talk on the early days of the Victory Hall to the History Society and is also an active member of the Environment Group.

Many articles have been written by Clare for the Broadsheet, where she was an early member of the Editorial Team.

A regular visitor to Broadview Coffee Mornings and Warm Hub, Clare is someone who believes in inclusivity and the

formation of strong community bonds.

Her love of dogs and horses is legendary and she once tackled the Andes on horseback.

A remarkable, talented, fun friend of the Parish we will miss her so much.

PS. Clare, in her 80s, can still do somersaults!



Get to Know Your Councillors

Becoming a parish councillor was never part of my life plan, but after living in a new-build area for several years, I realised that we had no representation on the Parish Council. Although I

knew very little about local government at the time, I wanted to become involved and help improve things for the community. Five years on, I am still learning, but it is a privilege to play a part in making decisions that affect our area.

Titheburn now has a residents' association, giving local people a stronger voice, and I have been pleased to play a part in supporting this.

Westclyst School also now hosts a Repair Café every other month, which I helped establish with the support of the Broadclyst Environment Group.

Having realised that a parish

councillor cannot always act independently, I stood for election as a District Councillor and was fortunate to be elected. This role has enabled me to become much more involved in the wider local area.

The District Council has secured funding for a new primary school in Titheburn, a new country park off Station Road, due to open in the autumn, improved cycling infrastructure, and the expansion of Pinhoe GP surgery. I was proud to be part of the campaign to secure this funding, as there was never any guarantee that we would succeed.

My commitment to protecting nature and tackling climate change continues. I'm a river fly sampler and recently protested against the water companies dumping sewage in out waterways. I also lead a

successful motion at EDDC regarding Rivers Rights, this recognises the intrinsic value, ecological importance of rivers and that they have rights, drawing inspiration from the principles set out in the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Rivers, including: the right to flow naturally and seasonally; the right to perform essential ecological functions; the right to be free from pollution; the right to be sustained by, and sustain, healthy freshwater sources; the right to support native biodiversity and ecological integrity; and the right to recovery and regeneration from environmental harm.

Our lives in Broadclyst can be impacted by our river and we need to do what we can to clean it up and make it thrive.

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First Impressions of Twinning

Just over a year ago, in the spring of 2025, when the dates in July were finalised for the biennial Broadclyst Twinning Association visit to Plobannalec-Lesconil, my first thought was to say an outright “no”. With so many other personal commitments and a busy family term time life still in full swing, this trip was not something I felt I should prioritise and none of my family were able to come with me. (24 hours before we were due to leave, I almost pulled out due to some last-minute problems with the arrangements for our two children in my absence!).



spring before to host the Le Gentil family due to a shortage of accommodation for their visit. The family of five, with three girls aged fourteen, twelve and three at the time, visited in May of that year and we had the most wonderful

rival any I have seen in Europe. It is also packed full of local history, culture and unique traditions, and is home to the most friendly, welcoming people. A particular highlight, for me, was to be present for the annual embroidery festival (Festival des Brodeuses) at nearby Pont-l'Abbé where we learnt about the intricate process of dressing in heavy, complicated, beautifully detailed, clothing and headwear (the “coiffe”) that celebrates and upholds the historical traditions of the region. Other highlights were evening dancing in the town square in Lesconil, as a DJ played music to the community to celebrate Bastille Day, before fireworks

were set off over the beautiful harbour area. I speak very minimal French (although I am trying to learn) but this was absolutely no barrier to me being there and making new friends. With enough confident translators in our groups (and a little google translate and GCSE French here and there) we all got by just fine!

I have had lots of conversations with people around Broadclyst about my experience since the trip and I have told every one of them the same thing: for you and your family this is a wonderful opportunity to go somewhere new and meet new people who could not be more delighted to host you in their unique and interesting town. If you have little or no French, this is not a problem either – you will be fine. To form these friendships with our French “twins” is an opportunity you should most definitely take advantage of. For the cost of a ferry ride, I had the best time I have had in ages, and plan to take the rest of my family over in 2027.



However, with some gentle persuasion along the way from the Twinning Association Chair, Eleanor, I did (of course!) go on this glorious trip and it was, honestly, one of the best things I have done in a long time and just what I needed.

We, as a family living in Broadclyst, initially only joined the Broadclyst Twinning Association the

experience hosting them here in Broadclyst and joining in with all the twinning programme during their stay. In July last year, for only the price of the return ferry ride, I spent five fantastic days in Plobannalec-Lesconil, staying in return with the Le Gentil family. Our twinned town is truly the most wonderful gem of a place. It boasts a long, picturesque stretch of beach to



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Greener Spaces for a Better Future

Broadclyst Parish Council is continuing its efforts to support a cleaner, greener community with two simple but important initiatives this spring.

New green recycling litter bins have now been installed on the playing field, helping to make it easier for everyone to recycle when out and about. These bins are specifically for items such as plastic bottles and drinks cans, and are part of the Council's wider aim to increase recycling across the parish.

By using these bins correctly, residents and visitors can help

reduce the amount of waste going to landfill and play their part in tackling climate change. It's a small change that can make a big difference.



Alongside this, the Council is also proud to support No Mow May - a national initiative encouraging people to leave some grassy areas uncultivated during the month of May.

You may notice that certain areas of grass around the parish are being left to grow a little longer than usual. This is intentional. Allowing grass and wildflowers to grow provides vital food and habitats for pollinators such as bees, butterflies and other insects, which are essential for a healthy ecosystem.

These two initiatives go hand in hand - supporting

biodiversity, reducing environmental impact, and helping to create a more sustainable parish for everyone.

Whether it's choosing to recycle while enjoying the playing field, or simply appreciating the longer grass and wildflowers, every small action helps.

Together, we can make our parish a greener place to live, both now and for future generations.

*Natasha Curwood
Climate Champion*

Broadclyst Environment Group

Paula Fernley

By the time you read this, we will have held three Repair Cafés and saved an impressive 23kg of waste from incineration and landfill. If you haven't joined us yet, we'd love to welcome you along.

Our most commonly repaired items so far have been clothing and electrical goods. We've replaced broken zips, taken up trousers, darned woolly jumpers, and repaired everything from vacuum cleaners and lawnmowers to clocks and strimmers, plus plenty more besides. We also repair bikes.

We're also looking for keen bakers to provide cakes for our events. We can reimburse ingredient costs up to £5, and we also cover consumables for our repairers.

Thanks to the donations we've received, we're planning to purchase an additional PAT tester to speed up electrical repairs, and to train more volunteers to carry out safety checks.

Our next Repair Café will take place on 30th May, and then every other month on the fourth Saturday, at Westclyst School.



What will you bring along to challenge us next time? And if you don't have anything to fix, do pop in anyway for a chat, a cuppa, and a piece of homemade cake. We rely on donations to keep going, and every bit of support is greatly appreciated.

March also saw our "Big Spring Clean," during which an impressive 23 bags of litter were collected across the parish, although Tithebarn was, unfortunately, the most affected area. It was encouraging to see several new faces joining in, but disappointing to note the continued problem of rubbish being thrown from cars along Tithebarn Way. This behaviour is not only unsightly but also harmful to wildlife and wastes materials that could otherwise be recycled, particularly bottles and cans.

Our thanks go to Tesco for storing the collected rubbish until it was picked up by East Devon District Council on Monday morning.

As we also linked the Westclyst litter pick with the Repair Café, at future events, you'll be able to litter pick while waiting for your repair, if you wish. Repairs can take a little time, but we hope you'll enjoy the chance to relax, or lend a hand, knowing you're helping to reduce waste and save carbon.

For more information check out our website broadclystenvirogroup.uk/ or our Facebook pages.



If you have skills in any of these areas and would like to volunteer, please do get in touch.

We don't carry spare parts, so if your item needs a specific component, please bring it with you. Otherwise, we can often advise and fix it at a future Repair Café.



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News from St John the Baptist Church



In summer we notice light in a special way. Early mornings arrive gently, evenings linger, and the world seems opened up before us. For Christians, light is never only a feature of nature; it is also a sign of God's truth and grace. June can therefore become a time to ask whether we are walking in that light. Are we making room for prayer, for worship, for kindness, and for the quiet work of the Holy Spirit? The bright days of the season can prompt us to remember that Christ

shines into every corner of our lives, calling us away from worry and into trust.

Summer is a time of growth. Gardens flourish, hedgerows fill out, and fields begin to promise a coming harvest. The Bible often uses the language of growth to speak about the life of faith. Christians believe we are not called to remain as we are, but to be rooted in God so that our lives may bear fruit in due season.

I find summer gives ministers such as myself more opportunities to get out and about in the communities where we serve. As members of our wonderful villages I encourage you to take advantage of opportunities to go to fêtes, holidays, family visits, shared meals, and moments outdoors with neighbours and friends. I consider getting out and about

to be part of my Christian witness, so I have recently enjoyed the opportunity to attend and support events within my parishes.

On the first Saturday of the month, Clyst Caring Friends hosts a coffee morning in their Broadclyst Day Centre between 10am and 12pm. I have enjoyed going along and helping to serve people. This has enabled me to get to know some more of the local residents.

I can be found most Wednesday mornings helping out at the Little Angels Baby and Toddler Group in Broadclyst Victory Hall from 9am until 11am. It's great to get to know children and their carers as we enjoy stories, craft and snack time together, giving me another opportunity to meet those of you who live locally. Little Angels always

welcomes new families. If you know anyone with baby and preschool aged children, do share the word of this fantastic community based group.

I look forward to the summer and seeing more of you out about in your communities as the warmer weather arrives.

May sunshine remind us of God's light. I pray, Lord of light and life, bless the parishes in this summer season and help me to share your love generously with all whom I meet. Amen.

If anyone would like to find out more about the churches in our group, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Rev Gudrun Thomas
rector@eastclystchurches.org

A Victorious Afternoon for England, but a Disappointing Night for Westclyst - 60 Years Ago

Saturday 30th July 1966, England won the World Cup. In the evening, the top pop group at the time 'The Kinks' were booked to perform at an open-air festival at Old Park Farm, Westclyst (then Pinhoe) along with other local groups, with an estimated audience of about 1500. It was organised by the Exonian Entertainment Company.

The Kinks had watched the World Cup final on television and had hoped to leave at the end of the game. However, extra time had to be played, and with all the post-match celebrations, they were delayed in getting out of London. The group aimed to make the Devon venue in three

hours (no motorway in those days!) and be on stage by 8.30pm, with a two-part stint.

8.30pm came and went, as did 9.30pm and 10.30pm. With the help of a police escort in the later stages, The Kinks eventually arrived at 11.35pm. The crowd had become openly angry, if not hostile, and many thought they had been taken for a ride by the organisers. When, at last, The Kinks did perform, they managed one or two songs before all the lights and electrics failed! The 'chippie' van packed up at 11.45pm and left for its regular late-night spot along Burnthouse Lane and, in doing so when moving away, hit the overhead electric cable which snapped! The Kinks beat a hasty retreat from the stage

towards their car, only to find their driver besieged by angry fans, who looked as though they wanted to drag him from his seat.

The event itself was a six-hour rave, starting at 6pm. Tickets for the event were originally priced at 6/- in advance or 7/6 on the gate (6 shillings would equate to £0.30 in today's money). Other supporting groups to The Kinks were The Variations, The Codiaks, The Cordettes and Trendsetters Ltd. The Kinks' hit song "All Day and All of the Night" of 1965 proved to be 'so little on the night!' in 1966. As Ray Davies, the group's leader once wrote "their Sunny Afternoon was to become overcast by the gloomy onset of writs and summonses".

But, as you would expect, they wiggled their way out of it for the contract stated, "as long as the group played before midnight there would be no breach of contract" (which they did). It was, however, decided at the time by the promoters not to pay their fee of £350.

History to note - Old Park Farm was once part of the Poltimore Estate before it was sold in 1922 and bought by the Easterbrook family, who were in residence at the time of the concert. Sad to say, these very same farm fields are now covered in a 'sea of housing'.

Kevin White

Please note - The last date for articles for the
 Autumn Broadsheet is 31st July 2026
 Email: broadsheet@broadclyst.org or Call: 01392 360269

Sing Together - A New Community Choir

A new relaxed, friendly community choir has launched in the parish, and everyone is welcome to join! Sing Together began in January and meets every Thursday evening from 7.00pm–8.30pm in the function room at The Blackhorse Inn, EX5 2FT. This choir is all about enjoying singing together in a supportive, welcoming

atmosphere. There are no auditions, no pressure, and no need to be able to read music - just a chance to enjoy singing, meet new people and feel good. Whether you've sung all your life or never joined a choir before, you'll be warmly welcomed. Alongside singing, Sing Together places a strong focus on wellbeing, connection and building a sense of

community. Sessions cost £10 per week (paid in 10-week block terms), and the first session is free, so you can come along and give it a try with no obligation. For more information or to let us know you're coming along, please contact Kirsten Wordley at kirstenwordleymusic@gmail.com



Connecting People & Landscapes

Connecting People and Landscapes (CPL) is a 4-year project that brings together farmers, and communities across Devon to create a more resilient landscape in the face of a changing climate.

Made possible with funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the project looks at the impact that climate change is having on wildlife in farmed landscapes, focusing on nine threatened nocturnal mammal species. It aims to build understanding

of how nature-friendly regenerative farming supports biodiversity and creates resilient landscapes. We're working with 6 focus farms across South & East Devon, one of which is on the Killerton Estate. We welcome all ages and levels of experience, bringing communities and farmers together to connect and learn through events, activities and wildlife monitoring, for example: Nature walks & farm visits, learn how to soil sample, tree planting, learn

about hedgerows, biodiversity surveys on farms, conservation task days, online and in-person training sessions and bat walks etc. You don't need any previous experience to get involved with CPL. Just an interest in the natural world. Please follow the QR code to find out about the online and in person events that we've already arranged. There'll be lots more to come.



How to Keep Safe in the Hot Weather

As temperatures rise, many of us look forward to long afternoons outdoors, family adventures and time spent with our four-legged companions. But warm weather brings real risks - especially for dogs, children, and older adults, who are all more vulnerable to heat-related illness. A little preparation goes a long way in keeping everyone safe, comfortable, and able to enjoy the sunshine, as heat affects dogs, children and elderly people faster than healthy adults.

Dogs can't cool down efficiently; panting only goes so far, and some breeds struggle even more. Children heat up quickly, dehydrate faster, and may not recognise early signs of heat exhaustion.

Older adults may not feel thirst as strongly, may have health conditions that affect temperature regulation, and can overheat without realising it. Even on a mild day, pavements, cars and enclosed spaces can become

dangerously hot in minutes.

Keeping dogs safe:

- Never leave a dog in a parked car - even for a moment.
- Walk early or late to avoid hot pavements.
- Provide constant access to water at home and on walks.
- Create shade and cool zones with fans, cool mats or damp towels.
- Know the signs of heatstroke and act fast if you see them.

Keeping children safe:

- Encourage regular drinks, even if they say they're not thirsty.
- Dress lightly and use SPF 30+ sunscreen.
- Avoid direct sun between 11am and 3pm.
- Never leave a child in a car or enclosed space (including prams covered with a muslin) - temperatures rise rapidly.
- Watch for heat exhaustion and move them to a cool place if needed.

Older adults can be especially vulnerable during hot weather, and small changes can make a big difference.

- Keep homes cool by closing curtains during the hottest part of the day.
- Use fans or create cross-breezes by opening windows when it's cooler outside.
- Encourage spending time in the coolest room of the house.
- Encourage regular hydration as thirst can diminish with age, so gentle reminders help. Offer water, squash or decaf drinks throughout the day.
- Dress for comfort by wearing light, loose clothing and a wide-brimmed hat if going outdoors.
- Avoid midday heat - early mornings and evenings are safer for walks, appointments or gardening.
- A quick call or doorstep chat can make all the difference. Look out for signs of heat exhaustion such as dizziness, confusion, headache, or

unusual tiredness.

- Know when to seek help. If someone shows signs of heatstroke - hot, dry skin, confusion, rapid breathing or collapse - call 999 immediately.

When dogs, children and older adults are out together, a few extra precautions help keep everyone safe.

- Check play equipment - metal surfaces can burn skin. Provide shade for all ages (and paws) to take regular breaks in cool, shaded areas.
- Look out for neighbours, check on vulnerable residents and spread the word about heat risks. A simple reminder can prevent a serious incident.

Summer should be joyful - full of picnics, walks and memories. With a little awareness and preparation, we can make sure our dogs, children and elderly neighbours stay safe, cool and happy throughout the warm weather.

Walk of the Edition

Get out and about in nature and join the National Trust on the last Wednesday of every month for a Wellbeing Walk at Killerton.

The next walk is due to take place on Wednesday 24th June, from 10am until 12.30pm. The route is from Killerton to Sprydon and is guided by a trained walk

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At the Council Table

The early months of 2026 have seen Broadclyst Parish Council navigating a sea of complex planning applications, as well as infrastructure challenges.

As the community continues to grow, the Council's meetings at Broadclyst and Westclyst Primary Schools have become hubs of vital debate, focusing on how to maintain the character of the villages and wider built-up areas while addressing the modern pressures of development and environmental change. The "Winter Gardens" development on Whimple Road has faced a rather chilly reception. Despite amended plans for up to 145 dwellings, the Council has maintained a strong objection. Local residents shared vivid accounts of recent flooding at Burrow Bridge, where extreme weather caused the River Clyst to overflow. There are deep-seated fears that the current sewerage and drainage infrastructure simply cannot cope; reports of raw sewage

lifting manhole covers at Town End highlight an existing and significant village drainage issue, making the developer's proposed basin-based mitigation appear wholly inadequate. The Council has even warned that approving the project in its current form could represent a significant departure from lawful planning policy, carrying a risk of judicial review.

Sports facilities have also been high on the agenda. The Westclyst football pitch, a relatively new addition, is already showing signs of significant wear. It turns out the original specification was intended for only four hours of use per week, but it is currently enduring over fifteen. After considering expensive options like a full 3G artificial surface or more minor upgrades, the Council has decided to investigate a more modest "light-touch" repair to see if the pitch can be made playable in the short term. This pragmatic approach reflects a wider effort to

improve local amenities, which also includes a new strategy for playing pitches across the district to ensure they remain fit for future generations. Behind the scenes, the Council's financial health remains steady having recently finalised our 26/27 planning and budgets. The Council is also currently wrestling with the logistics of taking over local car parks and toilets from the District Council but only once they are in a much-improved condition. From fixing boilers at the pavilion to advocating for the long-awaited Tithebarn Primary School, your local representatives are working hard to ensure the parish remains a safe, sustainable and thriving place to live. And finally, from tills to badminton nets, football to Christmas events, theatre productions to tents, PTFA school uniform to white goods and elderly care to litter picking accessories, these are all areas that the Parish Council has assisted with



through our grant funding during the last year. It was wonderful to see all of the organisations we have assisted present at the Annual Parish meeting in May and present to us. It was very humbling to see the fantastic work that many of our local organisations and charities do, turning funding they receive into something so meaningful for our communities within which they work. We look forward to many more successful applications this year.

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After the Romans left around 450 AD, the settlement dropped the Latin name and

called itself “Moncton” because of the large number of monks based in the area. Not much is known from this date until 658AD when the Saxons, who were gradually moving westward, defeated the Dumnonii at Peonnum in Somerset. The Saxons went on to take “Moncton” and under them, the settlement was given another name - Escanceaster - a conflation of the old Celtic word “eisca”, and “ceaster” meaning a fortified town; thus confirming the usual siting for a settlement...a place easy to defend located by a river with a plentiful supply of fish, with navigable access to the sea. [“Ceaster” derives from the Roman “castrum” meaning a military fort or camp, hence we have Dorchester, Winchester, Colchester, Lancaster etc.]

In 928AD King Athelstan, who was the grandson of Alfred the Great and recognised as the first King of England, confirmed the name of “Escanceaster”, and it is this name which, over time,

has morphed into “Exeter”. So, what do we call the inhabitants of Exeter? Well... take your pick! The established name would be “Exeterians”, but they can also be known as “Exonians”; and a third name is “The Grecians”. I was intrigued by this last name, so looked up its origins, although, of course, this story could be apocryphal! In the early days of Exeter, when the Roman walls were still intact, there were those people who lived within the City walls, and those who lived outside them. The area outside the walls was known as St. Sidwell (as it still is today) and was generally where the tradesmen and labourers who served the city lived; those inside the walls were the better-off, the merchants who felt themselves superior to the hoi polloi outside. During the Medieval ages, some bright spark (an Homeric scholar I presume!) decided that the city should re-enact the Great Siege and Sacking of Troy; those inside

the walls were to be the Trojans while those outside represented the Greeks. This re-enactment was a great success, and repeated a number of times, and led to those outside the walls deciding they liked the name “Grecians” and would continue to bear it as a nickname.

[Exeter City Football Club - which originally was called St. Sidwell’s United - continues the tradition of calling themselves “The Grecians”.]

There is another theory however. This is that in the C19 there was a large Greek community living in this area of Exeter. I suspect that this is a more likely reason for “The Grecians” name, but it may have served to reinforce a nickname already in existence. We may never know. Perhaps it would be better if we simply started calling ourselves “The Dumnonii” - that, at least, we know to be true.

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Accidents are mostly preventable with the correct knowledge and judgment and here are our tips to staying safe in the water during the summer:

To enjoy the water safely and make the right call...

- **Enter slowly and carefully**
Think carefully about your ability to splash or swim in cold outdoor water. 49% of those who lost their life were classified as swimmers*. Are you really a good swimmer?
- **Stay within reach**
Don't go too far and stay within a standing depth.
- **Always be supervised**
Over 70% of fatal accidents occur in the absence of professional supervision. Seek life guarded areas and always make sure some one is available to raise the alarm.

Summer is an amazing time to enjoy our beautiful waterways but we must be mindful that warmer weather is directly linked to an increase in fatal drowning incidents.

Rivers and Lakes/Lochs pose the greatest statistical risk as there are often hazards that the average person is equipped to handle and there is a lack of professional supervision.

In an emergency...

- **Call 999**
If you are at the coast, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard. Don't enter the water to rescue.
- **If you're in trouble FLOAT and call for help**
Fall in or become tired – stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



STOP AND THINK



STAY TOGETHER



CALL 999



FLOAT

A Summer of Events

Broadclyst Fun Day & Family Dog Show

Broadclyst Village is gearing up for one of the most joyful dates in the village calendar, and we're delighted to confirm that this year's Broadclyst Fun Day & Family Dog Show will take place on Saturday 27th June, running from 10am to 5pm at the Broadclyst Playing Fields.

This annual event has become a highlight for families, friends, neighbours and visitors alike - a day that brings the whole community together in a spirit of fun, friendliness and shared celebration. Whether you're a long-time resident or new to the parish, this year's Fun Day promises to be one of the best yet.

A day packed with activities from the moment we start and you'll find something to enjoy around every corner. The event has been carefully planned to offer a wide range of activities and attractions suitable for all ages, interests and energy levels.

Here's just a taste of what's in store:

Circus Skills

Try your hand at juggling, plate-spinning, balancing, and more. Perfect for children and adults who fancy learning something new or simply having a giggle.

Farm Animals

Meet friendly animals up close - a wonderful experience for little ones and a chance to learn more about our rural neighbours.

Family Dog Show

Always a crowd favourite. Whether your dog is a seasoned show-goer or simply enjoys a good fuss, the classes will be fun, inclusive and full of wagging tails.

BBQ

Enjoy the smell of sizzling favourites drifting across the field. Burgers, sausages and vegetarian options will all be on offer.

Sweets & Soft Drinks

Treat yourself to something sugary or refreshing as you wander around the stalls and activities.

Tea & Coffee

A cosy corner for a warm drink and a chat - ideal for taking a breather between events.

Alcoholic Beverages

For the grown-ups, a selection of drinks will be available to enjoy responsibly throughout the day.

And of course... much more.

Expect games, stalls, demonstrations, and plenty of fun as the day unfolds.

What makes Broadclyst Fun Day so special isn't just the activities - it's the atmosphere. The event is shaped by volunteers, supported by local groups and enjoyed by people of all ages. It's a chance to reconnect with neighbours, celebrate local talent and enjoy the simple pleasure of

spending time together outdoors.

Whether you're coming for the dog show, the food, the entertainment, or simply the company, you'll find a warm welcome waiting for you.

Full information about dog show classes, timings and additional activities will be released shortly, so keep an eye on parish notice boards, social media, and the website www.broadclyst.org/community/fun-day

For now, pop Saturday 27th June in your diary and get ready for a brilliant day filled with fun, laughter and community spirit. We can't wait to see you there!



Westclyst Family Fun Day

Westclyst is gearing up for a joyful afternoon of community spirit as families, neighbours and friends come together for this year's Westclyst Family Fun Day, taking place on Sunday 9th August from 12pm to 4pm. This much-loved event is completely free to attend, making it an accessible and welcoming day out for everyone in the local area.

The event is designed with families in mind, offering a relaxed, friendly atmosphere and a wide range of activities suitable for all ages. One of the standout features of the event is its commitment to providing free entertainment, ensuring that children can

enjoy a brilliant afternoon without any added cost.

Families can enjoy a selection of activities at no charge, including free circus skills workshops where children (and enthusiastic adults) can try juggling, balancing, and other playful challenges. Alongside this, face painting will bring colour and imagination to the day, with designs to delight children and adults alike.

Throughout the afternoon, families can take part in a variety of traditional games and activities, encouraging teamwork, laughter and plenty of friendly competition!

To keep everyone refreshed, a selection of low-cost refreshments will be available, offering drinks, snacks and sweet treats without stretching the family budget. Whether you're grabbing a quick bite between activities or settling down for a chat with neighbours, there will be something for everyone.

At its heart, Westclyst Family Fun Day is a celebration of community - shaped by volunteers, supported by local groups, and enjoyed by residents of all ages. With free activities, affordable refreshments and a welcoming atmosphere, it promises a memorable afternoon for all.

Further details will be available on both Facebook (@broadclystparish.council) and our website (broadclyst.org)



Are you able to help volunteer at one of the community events? If so please get in touch with office@broadclyst.org, or call 01392 360269 (Broadclyst and Westclyst events) or visit titebarn.uk (Tithebarn event) to get more information.

Across the Parish

Tithebarn Family Fun Day

THE PLAN

Our family fun day will be held in our town square on Saturday 1st August, between 12 noon and 4pm. Entry is free and with our themes of community and affordability, activities will also be free or low-cost, so everyone can get involved.

We're running sport challenges in the Multi-Use Games Area, and we'll have a bouncy castle too. There will be stalls from local crafters and organisations, plus a tractor from Mosshayne Farm and veg based activities that you won't be able to resist.

And there's more. Broadclyst Parish Council will be helping us out and will provide a dog show to watch and get involved in, so even canine family members are invited! Thanks Angie!

We'll have a range of refreshments at affordable prices, plus our friends at Strawberry Fields and Tesco will be open as usual too, and The Black Horse will be running a bar on site during the day so there should be refreshments to meet every need.

THE ASK

Thanks to everyone who came along to our initial meetings and has offered to help out so far. There's still more to do though. On the day we'll need volunteers for 1 hour slots that can help out with welcoming people, dealing with enquiries and ensuring everyone stays safe.

Also, we still have space for locals who want to have a table on the day - whether you can offer plants or pilates - we'd like to give you space to reach out to our community, all free of charge!

As always, scan the QR code to join our WhatsApp chat or visit [Tithebarn.UK](https://www.tithebarn.uk) for the latest information.



Marc Coton, TRA

YMCA Summer Events

YMCA Exeter is excited that we are offering a new programme of completely free events for the young people of Broadclyst Parish over the summer holidays.

These events involve a range of different activities that we hope will cater to young people of every interest and age.

Dates for your Diaries:

11th, 12th and 13th August - 30 spaces per day

We are having a 3-day sports event run at Clyst Vale Community College. Each day will run from 10am until 3pm. These days will involve young people doing a range of sports, from football to school sports day. Refreshments will be provided but young people will need to bring their own lunch.

20th August - 30 spaces

Heritage craft day - This will be at YMCA Exeter, St Davids Hill where there is a woodworking area and a forge. This day will involve using the forge to create something and learning some woodwork techniques. Lunch will also be included, from our very own woodfire pizza oven!

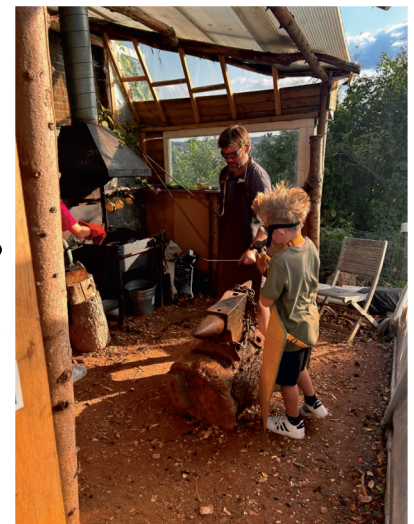


25th August - 35 spaces

Splashdown trip - This is a completely free trip to Splashdown Quaywest, including transportation from Broadclyst, for a day of water fun! We will be meeting at Broadclyst Sports Pavilion at 8.30am, to leave at 9am, and plan to return at 4.30pm

We are really excited about each of these plans. If you would like more information about signing up, please email rebekah.merriman@ymcaexeter.org.uk.

Bookings will be through Eventbrite, with a link sent out via email, so please get in touch!



Becky Merriman, YMCA Exeter

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Follow us on Facebook (@broadclystparish.council), and check out the Community Calendar on the website ([broadclyst.org](https://www.broadclyst.org)), for details of additional events throughout the summer.

Village Clubs and Societies

1st Broadclyst Brownies Sharon 1stBroadclystBrownies@gmail.com	Broadclyst Local History Society Jason Jackson 07873 129102	Broadclyst and Killerton Tennis Club Sophie Cook c/o Clerk 07532 286713	Yoga with Rosie Rosie 07999 558015	Broadview Arts & Craft Group Maggie 07799945758
Broadclyst Reading Group Liz Rhodes 01392 461416 Clyst Vale Library 01392 464010	Devon Racqueteers Badminton 01392 464676	4th Exeter Rangers Holly Lomax 4thexeterrangers@gmail.com	Tornados Netball Club Vicky 07956042247 tornadosnetballclub@hotmail.com	Broadclyst Football Club broadclystfootballclub.com
Broadclyst Knitting Group Glenis Petrelli 01392 461218	Broadclyst Community Hub Lucinda Cliff 01392 517453 tenantparticipation@eastdevon.gov.uk	Broadclyst Bowling Club Chair - Barbara Rusbridge barbararusbridge@talktalk.net Secretary - Marilyn Gledhill marilynsecbb@gmail.com Captain - Tony Rusbridge tonyrusbridge@talktalk.net		1st Pinhoe Scouts Phil Wakely chair@pinhoescouts.org Pete Newman gsl@pinhoescouts.org
Ladies Craft Group Jean c/o Clerk 07532 286713	Broadclyst Youth Club with YMCA Angie Hurren 07532 286713	Broadclyst Gardening Club broadclystgardeningclub.co.uk	Broadclyst W.I. Chrissie Sweetland 07837 610249	Broadclyst Short Mat Bowls Club Colin Jackson 01392 469409
Baby and Toddler Group Gemma 01392 360269 (office)	Broadclyst Art Society Denise Proudfoot 01404 822642	Net Ninja's Junior Badminton Club Becky - 07791 649073 Bexfollett@icloud.com	Broadclyst Environment Group Paula Fernley (Chair) broadclystenvgrp@gmail.com	Broadclyst Allotment Association broadclystallotmentassociation@gmail.com
Devon Judo Centres Ruth Goldman 07891794057 ruth.goldman@tiscali.co.uk	Seoirsín School of Irish Dance Georgie 07518 337896 seoirsindance@gmail.com	Short Tennis and Badminton for Children 01404 42325	Broadclyst Cricket Club www.broadclystcc.co.uk	Broadclyst Bell Ringers James Kirkaldy broadclystbells@gmail.com
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What's on in the Parish?

Monday	Broadclyst Library CVCC Library 3.30pm - 5.30pm	Broadclyst Local History Society Broadclyst Victory Hall Every 2nd Monday	Broadclyst & Killerton Tennis Club Broadclyst playing fields Starts from 7.00pm	Broadview Coffee Morning Broadview Community Centre 10.00am-12.00pm
	Yoga with Rosie Exeter Science Park 12.00pm-12.45pm	Broadclyst Brownies Broadclyst Pavilion 5.45pm - 7.00pm	Seoirsin School of Irish Dance Broadclyst Victory Hall 4.45pm and 5.45pm (children's classes)	Broadview Arts & Craft Group Broadview Community Centre 12.00pm-3.00pm
Tuesday	Broadclyst Bowling Club Broadclyst Pavilion 5.00pm - 7.00pm (March - September)	Devon Racqueteers Badminton Broadclyst Leisure Centre 7.00pm - 10.00pm	Broadclyst Reading Group CVCC Library 4.00pm - 5.30pm Every other Tuesday	Tornados Netball Club Clyst Vale Community College 7.00pm - 8.00pm
	Chatterbox Broadclyst Parish Church Starts from 10.00am Every 2nd and 4th Tues	Bingo Broadclyst Victory Hall Starts from 7.45pm	Youth Club with YMCA Westclyst School 6.00pm - 7.30pm School Year 6 onwards	4th Exeter Rangers Clyst Vale Community College 7.15pm - 8.45pm Ages 14-18
Wednesday	Broadclyst Bowling Club Broadclyst Pavilion 2.00pm - 4.00pm (March - September)	Casual Trampoline Broadclyst Leisure Centre 5.30pm - 6.15pm 6.30pm - 7.15pm 7.30pm - 8.15pm	Little Angels Baby & Toddler Group Broadclyst Victory Hall 9.15am - 11.15am	Broadclyst Community Hub Broadview Community Centre 10.00am - 4.00pm
	Broadclyst Library CVCC Library 3.30pm - 5.30pm	Broadclyst Knitting Group Broadclyst Parish Church Every last Wednesday	Martial Arts Broadclyst Leisure Centre 5.00pm - 6.30pm 01404 814317	
Thursday	Broadclyst Community Café Broadclyst Social Club 9.15am - 12.00pm	Ladies Craft Group Broadclyst Pavilion Starts from 10.00am	Broadclyst WI Clyst Caring Day Centre Every 4th Thursday	Broadclyst Gardening Club Broadclyst Victory Hall 7.30pm - 9.30pm Every 2nd Thursday
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Saturday	Clyst Caring Friends' Coffee Morning Clyst Caring Day Centre 10.00am - 11.30am Every 1st Saturday	Devon Judo Centres Broadclyst Leisure Centre 9.00am - 10.00am (ages 4-15)	Casual Trampoline Broadclyst Leisure Centre 9.00am - 9.45am 10.00am - 10.45am 11.00am - 11.45am	Mini Tennis Broadclyst Leisure Centre 9.00am - 9.45am (ages 4+) 10.00am - 10.45am (ages 10+)
Is there a club, society or group in the parish that isn't included above? If so, please get in touch, so we can make changes for the next edition. broadsheet@broadclyst.org / 01392 360269				Seoirsin School of Irish Dance Broadclyst Victory Hall 9.30am (children's classes)

Useful Telephone Numbers

Devon County Council	0345 1551015	The Farming Community Network	03000 111999
East Devon District Council	01404 515616	Clyst Vale Community College	01392 461407
East Devon Citizens Advice Bureau or www.adviceeastdevon.org.uk	03444 111444	Broadclyst, Westclyst & Monkerton Community Primary Schools	01392 304040
RD&E Hospital	01392 411611	St. Martins School, Cranbrook	01404 515409
Medical Non-Emergency (NHS Direct inc. Dentist)	111	Cranbrook Education Campus	01404 823293
Police Non-Emergency	101	Broadclyst Pavilions (Bookings)	07925 181720
South West Water (Emergencies)	03443 462020	Broadclyst Sports Centre	01404 42325
National Grid Electricity Distribution	0800 365900	Victory Hall (Bookings)	01392 467161
Gas Emergency	0800 111999	East Clyst Churches (Rev Gudrun)	07785 268568
Pinhoe and Broadclyst Medical Practice	01392 469666	Samaritans UK (free for landline and mobile)	116123
Clyst Caring Friends (Ann Unwin)	01392 464940	Environment Agency Flood Line	0845 9881188
Age U.K.	01392 202092	Honiton Minor Injuries Unit (01404 540540) is a good alternative to RD&E. Similarly, Tiverton has an Urgent Treatment Centre on 01884 235400.	
Shelter (Advice regarding homelessness)	0808 8004444		

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