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The Broadsheet

Broadclyst Parish Council Newsletter

(Broadclyst Village, Tithebarn, Westclyst & Surrounding Hamlets)

Thank You to Councillor Henry Gent - 14 Years of Service to Broadclyst Parish

This autumn, Broadclyst Parish Council acknowledges the departure of Cllr Henry Gent, who has stepped down after nearly 14 years of dedicated public service. Henry, a farmer at Mosshayne in Westclyst, joined the Parish Council on 5 December 2011. From the outset, he brought a strong local voice, deep environmental insight and a steadfast commitment to parish life.

As he steps down, we take this opportunity to celebrate his contributions, reflect on our shared achievements, and wish him continued success in the years ahead.

Henry's journey in local governance began with a simple application to become a co-opted member of the Parish Council in 2011. His background as a local landowner and his membership of the Green Party were noted at the time, and while the Council remains an apolitical body working for the whole parish, members welcomed the expertise and perspective he offered. It was rightly said that he would be "an asset to Council" - a sentiment that proved true throughout his tenure.

Over the years, Henry served on numerous committees, contributed to key planning documents, and built

strong relationships with both residents and regional agencies. His concurrent role as Devon County Councillor for the Broadclyst division added further weight to his local voice.

Henry's influence is evident in the strategic direction Broadclyst has taken over the past decade. Notable contributions include:

The Broadclyst Neighbourhood Plan:

Henry played a pivotal role in shaping this major policy document, adopted following a successful public referendum in June 2023. His focus on environmental sustainability, rural land use, and active travel infrastructure helped ensure the Plan reflects both community values and long-term stewardship.

The Broadclyst Parish Council

Strategic Plan: As a member of the Planning & Environment and Traffic Committees, Henry helped guide the Council's long-term aims. His input ensured that planning decisions respected the character of our villages and the practical realities of rural life.

Sustainable Transport and

Infrastructure: A strong advocate for safe and sustainable travel, Henry supported projects such as improved footpaths, traffic calming on the B3181 and cycleway connections to Cranbrook and Exeter.

Championing the Environment: With a background in organic farming and deep ties to the land, Henry consistently brought an environmental lens to Council discussions, reinforcing the importance of biodiversity, local food systems, and climate-aware decision-making. *(continues page 7)*



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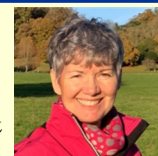


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Chairman's Corner Councillor Henry Massey

Shenzhen and Broadclyst: A Tale of Two Communities

I've just returned from a week in Shenzhen, China. Twenty-eight degrees, gleaming skyscrapers, and three-bedroom flats for £35,000. Everyone drives ultra-modern electric cars, the streets are spotless, and you can walk anywhere without a second thought about safety. Meanwhile, back in Broadclyst Parish: damp November weather, homes costing twenty times as much, and the usual mix of challenges any community faces. So where would I rather live? Here. Every single time. At our recent council meeting, a councillor

proposed that the Parish Council should run the new country park at Tithebarn. Now, the detail matters less than what happened next: robust debate. Some supported it, others didn't. Voices were raised (politely, mostly!). Points were made forcefully. In the end, we voted against the Parish Council running it, but supported the idea of a Community Interest Company doing so instead – potentially with council support. The interesting bit? I received a letter of complaint. A member of the public felt the nature of our debate would put people off ever becoming councillors. I understand the concern, I really do. Nobody wants

confrontation. But here's the thing: that letter itself proves my point. In Broadclyst, you can write to complain about how your council debates. You can stand for election. You can propose motions, argue against them, or vote however your conscience dictates. Was everyone happy with the outcome? No. Did we all agree? Definitely not. But this was democracy in its slightly chaotic, occasionally frustrating, absolutely precious glory. Back in gleaming Shenzhen? No votes. No debates. No letters of complaint possible. Our councillors give their time freely because they care about this community. We don't always agree – thank goodness! Agreement



is what you get in authoritarian regimes. Disagreement, debate, and the freedom to complain about the debate itself? That's what you get in a democracy. As we head into Christmas, I'm genuinely grateful. Not just for family and friends, but for the precious, messy, sometimes maddening freedom to disagree with each other – and to do so whilst still working together for our community. It really isn't that bad here. In fact, it's rather wonderful. Merry Christmas.

WANTED

● VOLUNTEER DRIVERS ●



Clyst Caring Friends is a local charity providing much needed services within the Pinhoe, Broadclyst and surrounding areas.

We are looking to recruit more volunteer drivers to help transport our clients to local destinations, which may include the following:

- Local medical appointments
- Journeys to and from our Day Centre in Broadclyst
- Journeys to and from our Coffee Mornings in Pinhoe.

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Drivers use their own vehicles and a mileage allowance is paid to cover the fuel costs whilst transporting our clients.

REWARD

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- MEETING NEW PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE

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Clerk's Report

A Season for All: reflecting on what 'Community' really means.

Preparation for this edition of the Broadsheet sparked an unexpected debate - not about planning or potholes, but over a cheese sarnie on a gloomy October lunchtime. Traditionally known as the Christmas Edition, should we rename it to better reflect the broader, more diverse parish we serve?

It is a good question.

While Christmas remains a central fixture for many, the winter season also includes a range of celebrations such as Hanukkah, Winter Solstice and New Year among them. Each brings light, food, ritual and a pause as the year turns. In truth, what they share - hope, gathering and community - may be more important than what sets them apart.

That idea of community is at the heart of this edition. We often think of community as something geographic: the people who live near us or share a postcode. That is certainly part of it. As a Parish Council, we represent everyone who lives in the civil parish of Broadclyst: from the historic and established settlements to the newer communities of Westclyst and Tithebarn and the farms, hamlets and businesses in between. But community is also formed through shared values, common interests and mutual care. Our parish is home to many groups: from allotment growers and walking clubs, to choirs and sports teams, to climate action teams. Some people gather through faith, others through schools, sports or the arts. Some find connection in a brief chat on the school run or a

familiar wave on a dog walk. All of these are expressions of real community.

The Parish Council plays a key role in supporting this fabric of parish life. While we are not responsible for everything that happens, we aim to:

- Support those who build community - with grants, meeting spaces, noticeboards or encouragement
- Champion inclusive public spaces - parks, paths and places to rest and meet
- Plan for a parish that works for all - ensuring development reflects community needs
- Protect what we value - our countryside, environment and local heritage
- Listen and respond - to residents' ideas, concerns, and ambitions

Our Neighbourhood Plan and Strategic Plan both seek to strengthen the sense of belonging people feel - not by asking everyone to be the same, but by ensuring everyone has space to feel welcome, respected and able to thrive. So, while this may once have been simply the Christmas Edition, perhaps it is more accurate - and more hopeful - to see it as the Winter Edition: a time when people of many backgrounds pause, reach out and find ways to warm one another through the darker months.

However you celebrate, reflect or recharge this winter, we hope you feel part of the Broadclyst Parish community.

Because community is not just something we inherit - it is something we shape.

Together.

Your Youth Club Needs You!

YMCA, Exeter

We are so excited that our youth clubs continue to grow and that young people have a safe space to grow and develop. With this growth we would love to have a team of volunteers that could help us run these youth clubs.

We currently have 2 youth

clubs that need more adults to help, as well as some new work in Tithebarn that would also benefit from having new adult volunteers. We currently run Westclyst on a Tuesday at Westclyst Primary school - 6pm-7.30pm (school years 6-11). Broadclyst runs on a Thursday at Broadclyst Sports Pavilions - 4.30pm-6pm (school years 6-8) and 6.30pm-8pm (school years 9-13). We are also in Tithebarn on Wednesday afternoons - 4-5pm (every other week) in the hope that



this can become weekly with new volunteers. If you have a passion for young people and would love to enable us to do more in your area, sign up to volunteer!

Activities that we do include cooking, craft and games. We would love help with set up and packing down, which happen for 30 minutes before and after each youth club. Training and DBS will be provided through YMCA Exeter. If you are interested in volunteering, please email:

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What's in a Name?

Understanding Broadclyst: Village, Parish, Ward and County Division

As we approach the festive season, it's a natural time to reflect on the place we call home: Broadclyst. It's a name we use every day, but what exactly does it mean? Is Broadclyst a village, a parish, a ward, or a county division? In fact, it's all of these, and more.

The name is ancient. Clyst comes from the Celtic word for "clear stream" and refers to the River Clyst, which flows through East Devon before joining the Exe at Topsham. Many nearby villages, i.e., Clyst St Lawrence, Clyst Honiton, Clyst Hydon, share this root. The Broad likely distinguishes our wider landscape from other Clyst settlements, marking us out in a long, shared history.¹

Historically, Broadclyst lay within the Clifton Hundred, a medieval administrative grouping of parishes used for law, taxation, and defence.² Ecclesiastically, it has long been an ancient parish in its own right, centred on St John the Baptist Church, which dates from the 15th century.³ Church records, held at the Devon Heritage Centre, date back to 1556.⁴

Before the 19th century, Broadclyst's parish vestry handled both spiritual and civic duties. Following the Poor Law Amendment Act 1834, many responsibilities moved to Poor Law Unions. The Local Government Act 1894 formally separated church and state functions,

creating civil parishes like Broadclyst with their own elected councils. (Note: A "civil parish" is distinct from the ecclesiastical parish; both may share a name but serve different purposes).

The Act also introduced Rural District Councils; Broadclyst became part of St Thomas Rural District until 1974. Then, under the Local Government Act 1972, district councils were formed. Broadclyst joined the newly created East Devon District Council, which still provides services like planning, waste, and housing.

Today, Broadclyst refers to several layers of local governance:

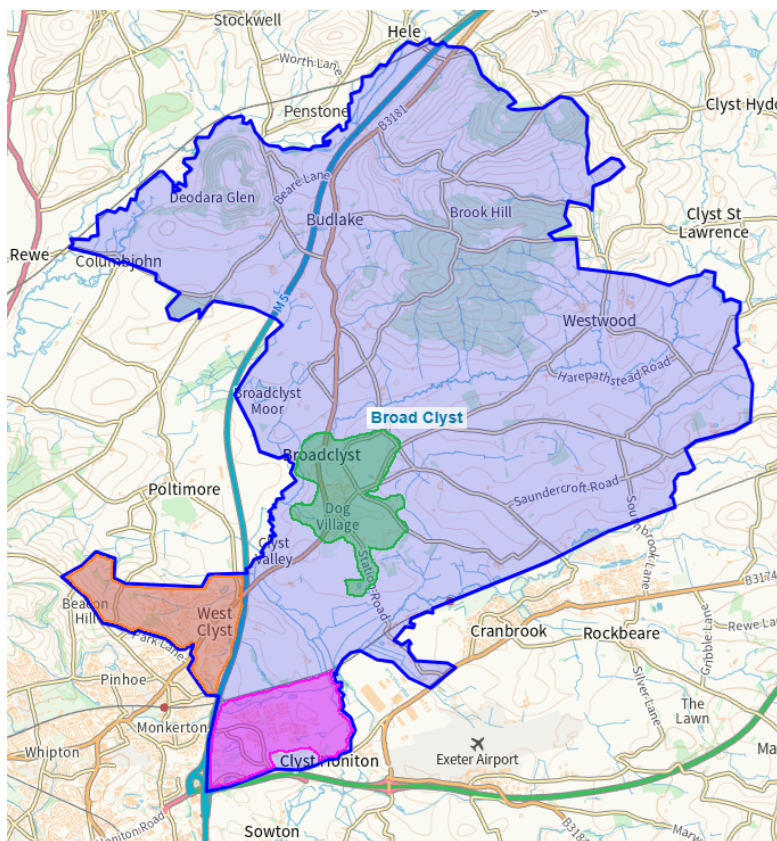
The historic village, the traditional heart of the parish.

The civil parish, governed by Broadclyst Parish Council, covering Broadclyst village, Westclyst, Tithebarn and surrounding hamlets, such as Budlake, Beare, Ashclyst, Westwood and Killerton.

The Broadclyst Ward, for district council elections.

The Broadclyst County Division, for county council representation.

Each has different boundaries and responsibilities, but all share the same historic name.



As of the 2021 Census, the civil parish had a population of 6,179.⁵ Local estimates suggest approximately 1,200–1,500 live in Broadclyst village, 2,000–2,200 in Westclyst, and a similar number in Tithebarn, with the rest across smaller hamlets.⁶

As new communities settle in Westclyst and Tithebarn, it's understandable that some residents wonder why their local council is called Broadclyst Parish Council. The answer is simple: in council terms, "Broadclyst" refers to the whole parish, not just the village.

Whether you live in Broadclyst village, Westclyst, Tithebarn or the countryside, you are part of Broadclyst.

So this Christmas, as we walk along frosty lanes or hear the clear stream of the Clyst, let's remember: the name Broadclyst isn't just a label. It's a living connection to our history, our landscape and our community. And whether you've lived here all your life or just moved in, welcome. You're part of the Great Broadclyst story.

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Christmas at Killerton

Immerse yourself in festive cheer and community spirit this Christmas at Killerton.

The ground floor of Killerton house will be traditionally dressed with lush green garlands, sparkling trees, decorative fireplaces and hand-made delights. The centre-piece of this year's display is the internationally acclaimed



National Trust Images / Mark Pickthall
'Red Dress Project', conceived by British artist Kirstie Macleod. Also see 'Community Threads' an installation of banners

made up of red squares embroidered or otherwise decorated by individuals or community groups connected to Killerton.

Outdoors, playful activities for all ages lead you through the gardens and Chapel grounds. These are inspired by games from around the world. Trees, lovingly dressed by local groups adorn the Chapel.

Normal admission applies. National Trust members and tenant's card holders visit for free.

Please note that the house is open from 11am-4pm. Last entry to the house is 3.30pm. Killerton is closing at 2pm Christmas Eve (last entry to the house 1.30pm). Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Claire Houghton Ward

Senior Communications and Marketing Officer

Killerton Gardening News

*Verity McCabe
Gardener*

Sadly, we lost one of the champion trees during a heavy downpour in September. A champion tree is recognised as the largest, tallest, or most exceptional example of its species in Britain and Ireland, based on standardized criteria.



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Ostrya carpinifolia known commonly as the 'Hop Hornbeam' can be identified by its hop-like catkins, the leaves are like hornbeam, which are slightly hairy with a serrated edge. This *Ostrya* was made up of 4 stems, one of which fell a few years ago. Being in full leaf during the rain unfortunately caused it to split and fall across a path in the chapel grounds. Luckily it fell between two conifers and narrowly missed the carpark wall. We are very grateful to the rangers who came and helped us dismantle the tree using their specialist equipment.



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Another significant change on the property is the removal of the Box hedging on the approach to the house.

Like many properties we have been affected by box caterpillar and box blight. This leads to defoliation of the shrubs which ultimately weakens the plant and looks unsightly. Box tree caterpillar is native to East

Asia and was first identified in the UK in 2007. London and the Southeast have been worst affected; however, it is now becoming more common in the Southwest. Box blight is a fungal disease that causes the leaves to go brown and fall. Blight occurs more commonly in wetter weather; tightly clipped hedges are susceptible due to the lack of airflow within the plant. There are many different approaches to managing these pests and fungus, but most are time consuming and harmful to wildlife. Instead, a common and long-term solution is to remove the box entirely and replant with an alternative such as *Euonymus*.

Do you need any help with your garden?

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09:30am - 12:00pm

Things are About to Get a Bit Less Rubbish!

For the last three years, we've hosted a series of very successful community litter picks across the parish as part of the Big Spring Clean project.

It's always wonderful to see new faces, and we really appreciate people of all ages giving up their time to help keep our little corner of the world a cleaner, nicer place to live.

Thanks to these successes, we're taking things a step further. We're delighted to share some exciting news! We've been awarded a Community Fund Grant from Broadclyst Parish Council, which has enabled

us to purchase our very own litter-picking equipment.

Previously, we borrowed kit from the Parish Council and East Devon District Council, but that took a lot of organising (and driving around the district!). With the grant money, we've purchased 30 adult litter pickers and hoops, 22 children's pickers, plenty of high-vis jackets, and gloves. This will allow us to host many more community litter-picking events throughout the year.

At the end of October, we ran an Autumn Community Clean, where over 50 volunteers from Westclyst and Tithebarn collected 22

bags of litter in just a few hours. A massive thank you to everyone who joined us. We quite litter-ally couldn't do it without you!

You don't need to wait for a community event to do your bit. We now have three litter-picking hubs around the parish, in Broadclyst, Westclyst and Tithebarn, where equipment can be borrowed. It's a great way for teenagers to work towards their DofE Award, or for younger children to earn their Green Blue Peter Badge. We have ten sets available in each

area, so whether you fancy heading out on a Sunday afternoon with friends, tidying up after a windy day, or getting the family together to spruce up the park, just give us a shout! Find out more at broadclystenvirogroup.uk, or contact us at: broadclystenvgrp@gmail.com. Happy picking!



Thank You to Cllr Henry Gent - 14 Years of Service to Broadclyst Parish (cont.)

Henry's approach on the Council was thoughtful and meticulous, always guided by a willingness to ask the right questions, even the difficult ones. Whether drawing on his rural community experience or his time at County Hall, he has added clarity, depth and a long-term perspective to Council debates.

His ability to balance parish-level detail with strategic vision helped Broadclyst navigate a period of significant change. As new developments emerged and infrastructure demands grew, Henry's voice anchored discussions in local knowledge and a sense of stewardship.

Beyond his work with the

Parish Council, Henry has been a dedicated contributor to the wider Broadclyst community. He has chaired Clyst Caring Friends for many years, supporting local residents through companionship and practical help, and has served as one of the Eight Men of Broadclyst, helping to manage the historic Almshouses and uphold their legacy of care and support.

These roles reflect Henry's deep-rooted commitment to community wellbeing and his belief in service that extends beyond governance.

As Broadclyst Parish Council marks Henry's departure, former and current members have

shared their thoughts on his service.

"Henry's time on the Council was marked by a clear commitment to his principles and to the parish. His dedication to environmental issues and community matters was evident throughout his service."

Chris Pepper, Former Chairman of Broadclyst Parish Council
"I've always been struck by how Henry, despite his success, has made thoughtful changes to his lifestyle, such as rebuilding his home, to reduce even the smallest amount of carbon emissions. His commitment to sustainability is genuine and inspiring, and he sets

an example that many of us could learn from."

Henry Massey, Chairman of Broadclyst Parish Council
While we are sorry to see him step down, Broadclyst Parish Council extends its heartfelt thanks to Henry for his time, energy, and dedication over the past 14 years. His legacy lives on in the policies, strategies and projects that will continue to benefit residents for years to come.

We wish him every success as he continues his work on his family farm at Mosshayne, and in any future public or community roles he chooses to pursue.

Angie Hurren

Get to Know Your Councillors

I am honoured to have joined the Broadclyst Parish Council, and I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and share a bit about why I am thrilled to be serving our community in this role.

Living in Tithebarn and Exeter for a total of about 18 years has given me a deep appreciation for the unique qualities of Broadclyst and East Devon. Our beautiful countryside and vibrant community spirit have drawn people

from all walks of life, creating a wonderfully welcoming place to call home. It's this sense of community and shared responsibility that inspired me to become involved with the parish council.

As a new councillor, I am passionate about contributing to initiatives that support the long-term well-being of Broadclyst and surrounding areas. I believe that maintaining a balance between preserving our area's rich heritage and meeting the needs of a

growing community is essential. My background in IT, people management, and technology stewardship has equipped me with skills I am eager to put to use in support of the council's ongoing work.

Whether it's enhancing community safety, supporting local businesses, promoting environmental sustainability, or creating opportunities for younger generations, I am committed to working with my fellow councillors and all of you to make

Broadclyst an even better place to live and thrive. I look forward to hearing your thoughts, feedback, and ideas so that we can work together toward a positive future for our parish.

Thank you for the warm welcome I've received so far. I am truly looking forward to serving our community and connecting with as many of you as possible.



Cllr Alwyn Veliyeth

Wellies, Walks, and the Will to Make a Change

What's your favourite kind of footwear? Mine's wellies. I absolutely love them. I could happily spend all day in a pair - growing up on a farm, there's nothing better than wandering footpaths and fields in my trusty boots.

That's one of the reasons I love living in Broadclyst. We're surrounded by glorious countryside, and I never take that for granted.

We moved here from Exeter in 2004, and both our sons went through the village primary and secondary

schools. My day jobs are working for an Exeter church as comms leader and running a business helping people tell their life story.

Living in the heart of the village is a joy - everything's just a stone's throw away: the shop, the pub, the doctor's surgery.

But like many of you, I've noticed how village life has changed in recent years. As the primary school has grown, the school run has become increasingly chaotic and, at times, downright dangerous.

When I joined the parish council back in 2019, I had

one simple aim: to make the school run safer for everyone. Right now, that sense of safety just isn't there. Each morning and afternoon feels like a bit of a free-for-all - something we've all come to accept as "just the school run."

But it doesn't have to be that way.

Broadclyst is a wonderful place to live, and we can make it even better - a village where children can walk or cycle safely, older residents feel confident stepping out, and everyone looks out for one another.

If you care about creating that kind of community, I'd love to hear from you. Whether you've got ideas, concerns, or just a few minutes to lend a hand it will all help.

Cllr Liz Straw



Liz, wearing her "I told you so," look after hubby Karl convinced her this footpath was "fine!"



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News from Broadclyst Gardening Club

What an eventful gardening year we have had - storms at the beginning of the year that caused havoc followed by a one of the hottest and driest summers on record and an on-going dry autumn.

Early in the year a huge landmark copper beech tree growing next to the southern corner of Glebe Field (at the junction of Church Lane and Sunnyfield) came down during a storm, which highlighted how easily we can take the trees all around us for granted until it is too late.



Trees are vital for biodiversity - a mature oak tree may provide habitats for up to 2300 species, including insects, birds, bats and fungi. It was therefore very pertinent that our March speaker was Jonathan Govier from Bickton College, who gave us a talk about the History of Bickton and its trees, including the world-famous Monkey Puzzle Avenue. Indeed, "Trees of

Broadclyst" has become a monthly feature in our newsletter, documenting the rich variety of different species that are to be found around the village.

May saw a visit to Gracey Court to see the results of a recent project to convert a croquet lawn into a wildflower meadow and arboretum. A diverse variety of trees have been planted and were thriving, including Metasequoia, Ginkgo, Amelanchier, Acer, Ostrya and Prunus, and the area was already becoming a haven for wildlife.

June proved particularly busy, with a talk from local horticultural author and broadcaster Becky Searle on Saving Seeds, followed by the club mounting a display as part of the Broadclyst Flower Festival



Apart from promoting gardening generally, it showcased the effect the Veitch Nurseries had on horticulture in the 19th and early 20th centuries through the vast number of trees, shrubs, herbaceous plants

and orchids that were introduced to gardeners. Given the proximity of one of Veitch's former nurseries at Budlake and their involvement with Killerton gardens, it is interesting to speculate that some of the large trees in the village date back to these introductions, for example the Tulip Tree in Glebe Field and the Giant Redwoods in the field behind the church.

In July we had a change of tack with a talk and demonstration of the ancient Japanese art of Ikebana (flower arranging) by Hitomi Phillips. Cut material was provided from a member's garden and Hitomi then showed us five very different ways of expressing the natural beauty, harmony and spiritual insight of Ikebana.

In August we were very lucky to have the author and horticultural consultant Sue Milner talk to us about "The Healing Garden". Sue is a past president of the Institute of Horticulture, former supervisor of the Palm House at Kew Gardens, former chair of the Herb Society, past curator of the Chelsea Physic Garden and former horticultural director of the Eden project. Her talk covered the huge

importance of plants in both conventional and herbal medicine.

Our latest meeting was a talk about Woodland Gardening - "the Art of Growing in Shade" (yes, more trees!) by Saul Walker, who trained at Kew before becoming involved in organising Chelsea Flower Show and is now enjoying a quieter life as head gardener at Stonelands in Dawlish. Shade areas are often viewed as difficult places to grow plants, but Saul convinced us they are an opportunity rather than a problem. He showed us some examples of woodland gardens, before talking about the essential elements and structure of such gardens and then gave us a lot of examples of plants that thrive in such conditions.

If you are interested in gardening, please feel free to come along to one of our meetings. You can find out further details on our new website broadclystgardeningclub.co.uk and you can follow us on Facebook. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the Green Room at Victory Hall - you will be very welcome!

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Helping to Tackle Climate Change One Recycle at a Time

Broadclyst Parish Council is pleased to announce that new recycling litter bins will soon be installed at the playing field, play park and Sports Pavilions in Broadclyst Village.

These bins are part of our ongoing efforts to increase recycling rates and reduce waste across the parish. A similar recycling system has successfully been introduced at the Council

offices and we're now expanding this initiative to our community spaces, so that everyone can get involved.

Once installed, we encourage all visitors to use the recycling bins for bottles, drink cans and other recyclable materials. By separating recyclable waste from general litter, we can make a real difference - helping to cut down on

landfill waste and lower our community's carbon footprint.

This initiative also forms part of the Council's Climate Pledge, which aims to reduce our carbon footprint and support practical actions that contribute to a more sustainable and environmentally responsible parish.

This is a small but important step towards tackling climate change and protecting our environment for future generations.

Together, we can make Broadclyst Parish a cleaner, greener and more sustainable place to live. Help us to help the planet - please recycle where you can!

*Natasha Curwood
Assistant Clerk, Broadclyst Parish Council*

Applause, Airwaves, and a Little Bit of Murder...

Broadclyst Theatre Group

Broadclyst Theatre Group has had quite the drama-filled summer - and for all the right reasons!

August saw the launch of the Broadclyst Youth Theatre 2025, proudly supported by Broadclyst Parish Council. Along with a bit of singing and breakdancing, the challenge set for the young performers this year? To swap the stage for the sound booth and host their very own radio show.

Armed with microphones, imagination, and just the right amount of mischief, each team created a show bursting with personality and "their own little bit of magic." These broadcasts will hit the airwaves on Phonic FM during the Christmas holidays - so keep your ears peeled for more details on Phonic

Songs for You, Fridays from 8-10am. (That's your festive breakfast entertainment sorted!)

Meanwhile, the rest of the theatre group were busy selling out at the Victory Hall for their summer double bill of comedy and chaos: Last Tango in Broadclyst and the delightfully interactive Murder in the Library. Audiences laughed, gasped, and even helped solve a crime or two, making the performances a runaway success.

The group's hard work didn't go unnoticed - they received a glowing review from the National Operatic and Dramatic Association (NODA), confirming what the rest of us already knew: Broadclyst knows how to put on a show.

And in true community spirit, proceeds from the performances enabled a generous £500 donation to Clyst Caring, supporting local people in need.

Don't forget, the Theatre Group is always on the lookout for new friends to

join the mischief and mayhem, whether it's acting, singing, costume, makeup, scenery or writing articles - there's always something for everyone and with our up-coming panto around the corner, there's never been a better time to get in touch!

Email: broadclysttheatregroup@gmail.com



Broadclyst Youth Theatre 2025

News from St John the Baptist Church



December is a time of waiting. In fact in the Christian calendar it is the time of advent. The English dictionary describes Advent as the arrival of a notable person or thing. For Christians this is the arrival of Jesus but it is also looking forward and reflecting on the fact that we are also preparing ourselves for the "second coming" the time when Christians believe Jesus will one day return. Waiting is hard and I know that I am not very good at waiting patiently for things to happen. For me Advent is a time to gaze in awe at the wonder of this small baby arriving on earth into a simple stable, yet growing up be crucified on a cross for us all, even

someone like me living here in beautiful Devon.

Christmas is a very special time as we gather around the crib to remember the light of the world arriving into the world. This light is a light that will shine forever and drive away darkness which is particularly poignant as the nights draw in around us.

I am excited to see Christmas lights lighting up the various villages around and to be taking part in the many Christmas services at which we will celebrate the advent of Jesus and the light he brings into the world.

As we move into January the nights will be darker and the weather will be harsh but we can be sure that the light of Jesus will still shine on in our lives and our hearts. In January as we pack away the Christmas lights and store away the Nativity sets we must be careful not to pack Jesus away into the loft as well. We must remember to keep Jesus in our hearts

December CHRISTMAS SERVICES

IN THE LOCAL CHURCHES - 2025

BROADCLYST Sunday 30th (Nov) @ 4pm Christingle Sunday 7th @ 5pm and 7pm Candlelit Carol Services (book tickets in advance*) Wednesday 24th @ 4pm Crib Service Thursday 25th @ 10am Christmas Day Service (Communion)	ROCKBEARE Wednesday 17th @ 6.30pm Carol Service with Drama and Carols Wednesday 24th @ 4.30pm Christmas Eve Christingle (all ages welcome) Thursday 25th @ 9.30am Christmas Day Family Communion (all ages welcome)
CLYST HONITON Sunday 21st @ 4pm Carol Service Wednesday 24th @ 11.30pm Christmas Eve Midnight Mass	WHIMPLE Sunday 21st @ 6.30pm Carol Service Wednesday 24th @ 11pm Christmas Eve Holy Communion Thursday 25th @ 11am Christmas Day Holy Communion (all ages welcome)
SOWTON Wednesday 10th @ 7pm Carol Service with Cantemos Choir	

For more information, contact Rev Gudrun Thomas on rev.gudrunthomas@eastclystchurches.org

*For tickets, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk and search for "carols by candlelight in broadclyst"

as we live out our lives for the rest of the year.

I look forward to welcoming you to the many services we shall be hosting in Broadclyst

church beginning with our carol services Sunday 7th December. Please remember to book your free ticket for either of these great services (see poster for details).

Rev Gudrun Thomas

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Net Ninjas Club Soars to Success!

Becky Follett

Since its launch in May 2024, the club has grown to welcome around 30 children every week, creating a vibrant, supportive environment where players of all ages can learn, play, and thrive.

This month, the club is celebrating an incredible milestone - four of its young members have been selected to represent Devon County Badminton! Congratulations to Kasey Saunders (U16), Ollie Genders (U14), Imogen Follett (U12) and Zeus

Reynolds (U12). This is a truly remarkable achievement for such a young club, and a testament to the dedication of the players, coaches, and families who have supported Net Ninjas since day one.

"We are so proud of each and every one of our players," said head coach David Follett, England's current Para Badminton Number 1. *"To see our young athletes reach county level in such a short space of time is just fantastic. It shows what can*

be achieved through hard work, enthusiasm, and the right support."

The club was founded with a clear mission - to develop the next generation of badminton players while fostering a lifelong love for sport, physical fitness, and personal growth. The club caters for children from as young as three years old, offering sessions that focus on improving coordination, confidence, and core skills in a fun, encouraging environment.

"Our goal isn't just to create great badminton players," *"It's to help children develop focus, teamwork, resilience, and confidence - qualities that benefit them far beyond the court."*

Each session blends key areas of player development - from hand-eye coordination and racket handling, to movement and footwork. For younger players, training is fun and engaging, using games and

simple drills to build essential motor skills. As children progress, they are introduced to more advanced badminton techniques, helping them grow into confident and capable athletes. Club member Kasey says *"I got the opportunity to join Net Ninjas at the start of 2025 and have progressed so much further in the time that I have been there, than I ever thought possible. When I started, I had only played in my garden a small amount and at school, but within a matter of months I was going to County training and trials. I managed to get into the Devon Squad with so much help and support from David and Becky and have learnt so much by going each week."*

The club continues to welcome new players, and families are encouraged to take advantage of a free trial session (see page 23 for further details).



Guitar Lessons - Just for Fun!

Hi, I'm Trevor from Pinhoe. I've been playing guitar for over 40 years and I'd love to share the joy of playing with others - no pressure, no exams, just for fun!

I teach beginners and intermediates of all ages, covering styles like rock, blues, country rock and folk.

Lessons can be one-to-one (in your home) or group-based at a parish venue (if there's interest).

I'm not a formal teacher - I don't read music - but I'll help you learn songs, techniques and a bit of theory - all tailored to your level.

If you're curious or just want to give it a go, get in touch!

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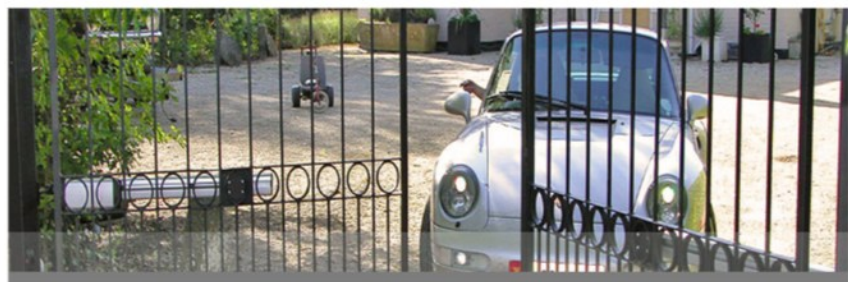
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Articles for the Spring issue of the Broadsheet
must be received no later than
31st January 2026

Contributors are respectfully asked to check
factual accuracy of articles and advertisements
before submitting as Broadsheet Editors are
unable to accept responsibility for such errors
once items are received for publication.

At the Council Table

Broadclyst Parish Council has been a hive of activity since July, tackling everything from defibrillators to parking, fencing to TPO's. Far from a sleepy summer, your councillors and officers have been busy bees, ensuring the parish is shipshape and planning for the future!

The council is currently deep in budget setting ready for the new fiscal year, however it was nice to receive a request for a grant for the Community Farm recently. We agreed to provide £1800 for a new polytunnel cover, heated beds and irrigation equipment. All of which will help them with their excellent work within ours and wider communities. It was also nice to see the

recent litter picks well attended and organised by the Environment Group using litter pickers and other necessary items partly funded by another grant from the council earlier in the year.

In September we received the Council Strategic Plan Document which aims to allow us to set out our plans for the next 10 years as a Parish. A long time in the making but hopefully we are near the end of this process. Then the real work can start of putting it into practice! This document has been put out to the community for feedback. By the time this article is published we should be close to ratifying the final version of the document and publishing it out. We appreciate all of the input

received for this vital document.

Our newest councillor Jon Boyles has been working very hard with his fellow Councillors to produce a report on accessibility for those with mobility impairment. Jon's experience working for many years in this sector has proved to be vital. We appreciate his time and effort in putting these reports and parishioner feedback together. The report will look at all areas of the parish but focus has recently been on quick wins. Particular focus has been on lack of clear disabled parking bays, particularly in the main village car park at Victory Hall as well as other areas such as the Pavilions. There has also been a review on areas where access is needed but is not always possible such as to our public footpaths where sometimes gates aren't wide enough or to the bus network where sometimes kerbs are not placed correctly. We will consider his and the teams recommendations in future meetings and aim to put a plan of action in place.



The thorny issue of park management came to a head in the Extra Ordinary Meeting on October 21st. The discussion was around the future management of Pin Brook Park (also known as Minerva Park) at Redhayes. After some intense debate, an amended motion was passed. The Parish Council supports East Devon District Council or a regulated CIO/ CIC management company taking over the park. It is a wonderful area to walk and we need to ensure it is managed effectively and sustainably both now and in the future.

As the nights draw in please feel free to join us as a member of the public at each of our monthly Full Council Meetings. The first Monday of every month. We are also looking for a new councillor after the recent retirement of Councillor Gent. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Clyst Vale Community College
(Next to main Reception)

Tithebarn – you are invited!

Everyone in Tithebarn is invited to a special event to celebrate the season. We will be running a community gathering in our town square and offering residents a free tea or hot chocolate from the Strawberry Fields café.



There will be carol singers providing festive cheer, and us at the Residents Association will have our gazebo up to meet and greet locals. Plus we'll be rewarding every family that completes our Advent Calendar Trail with a chocolatey treat.



The event will run on Saturday 20th December 6pm – 6:45pm. Strawberry Fields will provide tea and hot chocolate & costs will be subsidised by BPC & Teign Housing – so

thank you all. To claim a free drink (one per resident) please fill in the voucher on this page & bring it to the gazebo on the day.

Our wonderful café will also be selling their usual baked goods after hours so you'll be able to buy some yummy treats to go with your free drink. There's seating outside so dress up warm to listen to the carols and chat with us about our plans for 2026.



Tithebarn Fun Day 2026

After the strong attendance at Tithebarn Fun Day 2025 (organised by our Parish Council), it's time for the community to step up and take over the running for 2026.

Our aim is to grow an event where our residents can get outside and connect with each other at an in-person, inclusive and welcoming celebration of community and culture from our village.

To that end we'll need to set up a Fun Day team. So how can you help? We'll need volunteers to organise food & drinks, stalls & activities, safety & first aid, location & licensing, finances & marketing, and everything else in between.

It's a big ask so we'll need loads of volunteers, but we aren't alone. The parish council are there to support us as we take our first steps. So does our community have what it takes to get this up and running? Only if everyone steps up and gets involved. Whatever skills you can bring, we need you! Come and chat with us about how you can help.

Dates for your diary:

Our residents association meetings for 2026 are Thursday 22nd January (AGM), Thursday 21st May & Wednesday 23rd Sept.

These are hosted at The Black Horse between 7pm and 9pm and open to any resident. See www.tithebarn.uk for further details.

Free Tea / Hot Chocolate Please!

For Tithebarn Residents to claim a free drink per person on 20th December 2026, at 6pm at our Christmas Celebration event in the Town Square.

Tithebarn

Postcode:

Number of Residents

attending:

Cut out and bring with you. Please exchange for one voucher per person at the gazebo.

Admin Initials:

View the map on Facebook in the 'Tithebarn Christmas Advent Windows' group or scan the QR code:



Advent Window Trail

We're running our Advent Window trail again and this year there's a twist. As well as local residents lighting up their displays on each day of December, in each window there will also be a letter to collect.

Fill in each letter into the grid below and reveal words. Then complete the sentence at our Christmas Celebration event on 20th December in the town square and the youngest in the family wins a chocolatey prize!

14	2	8	10	1	11	17	9	16	3	5	20	18	4	13	15	12	19	7	6

The Jewel in Our Community - Clyst Caring Day Centre

Angie Hurren, Trustee

In the heart of Broadclyst, just beside the village surgery, sits one of the quiet jewels of our community - the Clyst Caring Day Centre.

For many older or less mobile people, it is more than just a service; it is a lifeline of friendship, fun, warmth and care. For family members and carers, it offers something just as valuable: peace of mind and precious respite.

Each day at the Day Centre is filled with good conversation, gentle laughter, shared meals and meaningful activities. It is a place where no one is left to feel lonely or forgotten - and where everyone is treated with kindness and respect.



We understand that starting something new can feel daunting. That is why we now offer two simple ways

to help new clients settle in and feel at home.

1. We offer three completely free trial days, so people can get a real sense of what we do. There is no pressure to continue - but most who try it once, choose to return. Our visitors often tell us that what begins as a trial quickly becomes the best day of their week.
2. If a full five-hour day feels like too much, we now offer flexible half-day options. Join us for the morning and lunch, or arrive in time to enjoy lunch before settling down for the afternoon.

Either way, you will enjoy a warm welcome, a delicious two-course meal and about three hours of social time and care, all at a lower cost.

What Makes It So Special?

The Day Centre is not clinical or cold - it feels more like a cheerful social club, with gentle support and all the comforts of home.

Our activities include:

- Lively conversation and shared memories
- Music and singing, which lift everyone's mood
- Games and quizzes,

from bingo to brain-teasers

- Arts, crafts and seasonal celebrations
- A freshly cooked lunch, served at the table
- A safe, caring space for relaxation, company and joy

Whether someone comes once a week or more often, they leave feeling connected, refreshed and valued. For carers, it is a chance to rest, recharge or simply enjoy a few hours to themselves.

We welcome anyone who would benefit from a little more support and company during the week:

- You do not need to live in Broadclyst Parish

- You do not need to be a patient at the surgery
- We accept people who self-fund, or are supported by Devon County Council's Adult Care Services

We are here for our wider community - including East Devon, Exeter and the surrounding villages.

Get in touch today, if you think the Day Centre might help you or someone you care for - we would love to speak with you.

Come and discover the jewel in the crown of local care! Visiting Clyst Caring Friends Day Centre can bring joy, peace of mind and a stronger sense of connection to everyday life.

Contact Details

Visit: www.clystcaringfriends.org.uk

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Call: 01392 464940

(Tuesday-Friday mornings are best)



Struggling to make ends meet?

If you need help with a household bill or to replace an essential domestic appliance, the **Broadclyst Fund** could help. Contact us in confidence on broadclystfund@gmail.com or apply via the Broadclyst Parish Council website.

Are you able to make a donation to the Broadclyst Fund to aid others? Simply scan the QR code to donate or email us on broadclystfund@gmail.com for details of how you can help.

The Eight Men of Broadclyst

James Gaisford

The Eight Men of Broadclyst are the Trustees of two charities, registered with the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales – the Poors' Land and Burrough's Almshouses. The latter charity can be traced back to 1496.



We manage the Almshouses in Broadclyst which are currently three two-roomed dwellings and two bed-sitters, to house five residents. In addition, we manage the Poors' Land charity which has 15 acres around the parish and give their surplus to the poor and needy of the parish. In the past, we have given to the Food Bank, Clyst Caring and Broadclyst in Need Funds.

And here is a little bit of history about us...

The origin of the body known as the Eight Men of Broadclyst can only be conjecture. There is evidence however that they were in existence in 1496 (Henry VII reign) for in deed of that year, James Chudleigh who was Lord of the Manor, conveyed to the Eight Men a small parcel of land in the vicinity of the Red Lion Inn and facing

Queen's Square, where the Church House was later to be built.

The Eight Men are probably a survival of a parish guild formed primarily as a burial club, the precursor of the Victorian friendly society, who provided money out of its member's subscriptions

for a decent interment plus regular prayers for the departed. However, when Totnes Priory with its small daughter priory at Broadclyst was dissolved in 1547 (the last year of

Henry VIII's reign) the Eight Men would have assumed a new role. The sudden loss of those monasteries and priories where alms, food, medicines and some teaching had been freely given caused great suffering among the poor and set adrift numerous homeless vagrants who had to be dealt with.

The Eight Men therefore took these responsibilities upon their shoulders, as well as the upkeep of the church, the repair of roads and bridges in the parish, which had formerly been the property of and maintained by the monks. In 1605 (James I's reign), the Eight Men set apart a little chamber within the great chamber of the Church House for a council chamber. In the same year, Henry Burrough, who with Sir John Acland, were two

of the Eight Men, built and endowed An Almshouse – "containing twelve rooms with twelve gardens and appointed the Eight Men of Broadclyst, for the time being to be governors thereof". Eleven rooms were to be occupied by men and women, to be aged over 58 years, chosen from the parish of Broadclyst: the twelfth to be chosen alternately from the parishes of Netherexe and Cadbury. These two parishes were named because Henry Burrough possessed tithes there, which contributed then (and still does to this day) an annual sum of £23.11shs. Between the years 1579 to 1690, donations were contributed by various good people in the neighbourhood for "setting on work and better relief of the poor". In 1737 the balance of this endowment was invested in about 12 acres of land in the parish of Broadclyst, known as the Poors' Land. Over the years more land must have been purchased because in 1969, 3.7 acres at Burrowton were sold, and there still remains 15.4 acres. The Poors' Land charity is a perpetual endowment, which means that only the rental income may be spent, for the benefit of poor persons in Broadclyst Parish. Over the centuries, the Eight Men shed their former

responsibilities and concentrated on the management of their land and investments for the maintenance and support of the almshouses and its occupants. Any surplus funds were dispensed for the benefit of poor, sick and needy persons in the parish. In 1853, the Almshouse was rebuilt and modernised, presumably but not certainly, on the same site in Church Lane. Subsequently in 1973, the twelve bed sitting rooms were reduced to eight dwellings, each with its own kitchen, bathroom and WC.

In the present day, it is apparent that standards of living have improved to the extent that residents are no longer comfortable in a bed-sitting room. So we have now consolidated the buildings to three two roomed dwellings and two bed-sitters, to house five residents.

In conclusion, the Eight Men have actively but modestly fulfilled their duties in Broadclyst for over 500 years, and they have complied to their best ability with Henry Burrough's Order "that the Almshouses should be well repaired".



Walk of the Edition - Nature and Heritage of Broadclyst (Part 2)

(Continued from Autumn)

8. Meadow ground

There's a small field west of the church yard that you can access via a wooden door in the church wall. This field is shown as an orchard in the first edition OS map. When Clyston Mill is open (Heritage Open Days and National Mills Weekend) you can walk through this field to the mill. For most of the year it's a forgotten haven for wildlife, where you can watch birds. There's a small wet area at the bottom of the field which is an oasis for all sorts of local wildlife. Sit and watch for a while if you are so inclined.

9. Returning to the

Church. St John the Baptist Church is dripping in history, as you will have already gathered. Other

notable points to see are: the Tomb Chest, an artefact that offers a silent but profound narrative of lives once lived. Located within the churchyard, this tomb chest serves as a reminder of Broadclyst's past, commemorating notable individuals who played a part in shaping the village's history. The Tomb Chest, often also known as an altar tomb, is a type of grave typically used to inter and commemorate prominent or noble individuals. They were particularly popular from the 14th to the 16th century and often feature effigies of the deceased, armorial bearings and other decorative elements carved into the stone. Go inside the Church to see effigies of local people who have funded and supported



the church since its conception.

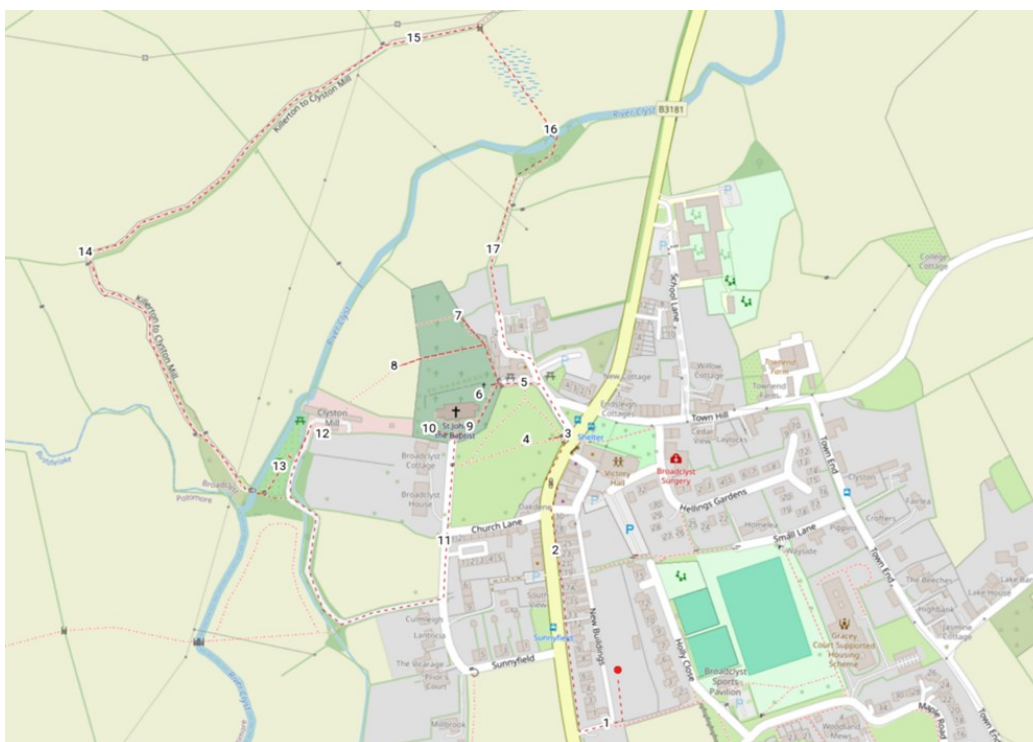
The church tower is home to 50 swift boxes. Installed in 2024 by the Devon Swift project, funded by Devon Birds. Swifts are migratory birds and only land to breed; they spend almost their entire lives in flight. Their Latin name *Apus apus* derives from the Greek word *apous*, meaning footless. Swifts are so well adapted to life in the sky that their feet are unable to

perch. They fly at speed into holes in rock faces or buildings where they nest. For the first three years of their lives, before they reach sexual maturity, they are up in the skies all the time. Their migration is to Sub Saharan Africa, covering 15000km. They spend around 4 months in the UK between April and August. These birds like high points to nest in as they need a clear flight path into their nests to feed young.

Broadclyst's church tower is perfect. 50 boxes were designed and installed by Jerry Horn on the north and east sides of the tower, using lasers to custom fit them around the ornate stone windows above the church bells.

10. The Veitch graves

Towards the Southwestern corner of the churchyard are some Veitch family graves. The celebrated nurseryman John Veitch laid out the grounds at Killerton, following the principles of Capability Brown and Humphrey Repton. John's son, James Veitch, commissioned plant hunters, notably William



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Lobb, to bring back new species of trees and shrubs - many of which were planted at Killerton - making it one of the first arboreta to boast trees from every continent except Antarctica. The Veitch family legacy is now associated with Exeter but its beginnings were in Broadclyst/Killerton. Broadclyst Gardening Club have been carefully tending these graves to bring them back into a good state.



11. The Burroughs

Almshouses were established in the 17th century, a charitable gift from John Burroughs, a local benefactor. The aim was to provide accommodation for the elderly of Broadclyst who were unable to support themselves. They were described in this extract by Samuel Lewis in 1831: "An almshouse for twelve poor persons was built by Mr. Burrough, who endowed it, in 1605, with £23.11. per annum and placed it under the direction of the 'Eight Men' of the parish. Adjoining it is a dwelling called the New House, and, at a little distance, one called the Parish House, both inhabited by paupers." The Alms Houses remain in

the heart of the village today, well-managed by the Eight Men of Broadclyst.

12. Clyston Mill is a Victorian water mill built on the site of a Domesday mill as part of that manorial complex previously mentioned. The mill made flour up until 2020 with organic wheat, you can still visit the mill to see the inner workings during opening times. The mill also had a cider press in the lower building on its left-hand side. The orchard there, and the others that used to surround Broadclyst, would have been used to press cider for the village.

13. The Orchard at Clyston Mill has a mix of heritage cider and juicing apple varieties. Since the Second World War, Devon has lost 90% of its traditional orchards. The National Trust and tenant farmers have been working to reverse this decline, and more orchards are planned to be planted around the estate, including more community orchards.

14. Hedges and veggies
At the corner of the cycle path, you will see newly planted and laid hedgerows. These hedges were planted to restore those which have been lost. Since 2019, the National Trust and tenant farmers have planted 12km of hedgerow to make up for those 50% which have been lost since 1950. Hedges are incredibly important habitat in themselves as well as for linking larger habitats like woodland together for creatures that can't travel across open spaces. They provide food and shelter as

well as firewood and livestock barriers. They also hold carbon and protect soils. Shade is so important in our increasingly hot summers and hedges play an important role in reducing temperatures and providing shade. By 2030 the National Trust aims to have planted a further 12km of hedge.

The land you can see from here is the tenant farm of Martinsfield. Ed, the farmer here, grows organic vegetables for Riverford and has been working to improve his soils for growing by using herbal lays. These mixes are deep rooting (survive in hot/dry spells) and provide lots of nectar for pollinators and in turn food for farmland birds. Also another hotspot for those foraging swallows and house martins.



15. Jubilee and old trees

Before you join the footpath back to the village you can see the two proudly standing Sequoia trees on the brow of the hill in the field to your left. These trees are shown on the 1889 map and are thought to have been planted for the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria. Old trees are so important for habitat. You'll also see a fallen oak tree on the footpath back to the village. There are 1500 veteran and ancient trees on the Killerton Estate. The UK holds more ancient oaks

than in all of Europe combined - it's our contribution to conservation in Europe. The tree planting the National Trust is undertaking also involves planting trees to be open grown, which should replace some of these fallen giants. It's important the planting continues with each generation, so that there are always old trees.

16. Over the River Clyst there's a bridge that will take you back to the village. The River Clyst needs some help. Regular water surveys undertaken by Broadclyst Environment Group show varying levels of phosphate and nitrate pollution. This can largely be attributed to farm run off. Through habitat works over the next 20 years, the tenant farmers on the Killerton Estate are working to filter the water in the Clyst as it moves through the estate, using things like leaky dams and by allowing rougher grass to buffer the riverbanks. That way, even if the water that enters the estate from the Clyst isn't in a good condition, we can make sure it is by the time it leaves the estate and heads towards Exmouth.

17. Scratcharse Lane is an ancient Holloway that heads back towards Queen's Square, behind the Red Lion Inn. These old walkways become sunken over time through water and footfall that has been on them over centuries. It is beautifully cool even on a hot day. Head back to where you started!

Repair Cafe January 24th

Paula Fernley

Following on from the last article we wrote in the autumn Broadsheet, we are excited to announce Westclyst Community Primary School have offered their facilities to hold Broadclyst's first Repair Cafe. This is really great news and we can't wait for our first event. It's something we would like to do quarterly, if we can make the first a success.

For those that don't know

what a repair cafe is, it's a community-based event where volunteers help people fix broken household items, like electronics, clothes and bicycles, for a donation. Whilst they sit and have tea and cake! These events are designed to reduce waste by saving items from the landfill and saving people money. They are also a great place for the community to connect. It's

amazing how much carbon can be saved by extending the life of things, rather than buying new.

Thanks so much to all the people who've offered help so far - we are still looking for repairers and people to help serve tea and coffee and bake cakes. Someone has offered to be our PAT tester, which is a crucial member of the team. We are looking for people that can sew, repair knitwear,

fix bikes, help with tech and become part of the organising committee. We could also do with some social media and graphics help, if there's anyone out there with some knowledge and a bit of free time. There's a lot to do, let's make this a great community event!

Do please get in touch via broadclystenvgrp@gmail.com if you can help.

URGENT APPEAL: Help to Keep Clyst Caring Charity Alive

Angie Hurren, Trustee

Clyst Caring Friends is at breaking point. Unless things change quickly, our Day Centre may have to close – and with it, the vital care and companionship so many in our community rely on.

We do not say this lightly. Despite the tireless efforts of our volunteers, staff and supporters, fewer people are using the Day Centre, and our costs continue to rise. Each month, we are losing money. We cannot go on like this.

If we are forced to reduce or stop services, people in our community will lose more than just a place to go - they will lose friendship, support, hot meals and the chance to feel valued and connected.

We offer every new client three free trial sessions because we believe that once someone walks through the door, they will want to return. But first, we need to get them through

the door.

This is now a "use it or lose it" moment.

Please help us keep this lifeline open.

Here is how you can help today:

- If you know someone who might benefit from the Day Centre, please encourage them to give it a try. Even one day a week could make all the difference.
- Make a one-off donation - every pound helps keep our services running.
- Set up a regular monthly gift - even a small amount gives us vital stability.
- Organise a fundraiser or speak to your employer about supporting us.

Please go to

www.clystcaringfriends.org.uk

to donate online or find out

how to give in other ways.

This is your local charity. It belongs to the community.

And without urgent support, we may not be here next year.

Please act now. Together, we can keep Clyst Caring Friends alive. Thank you.

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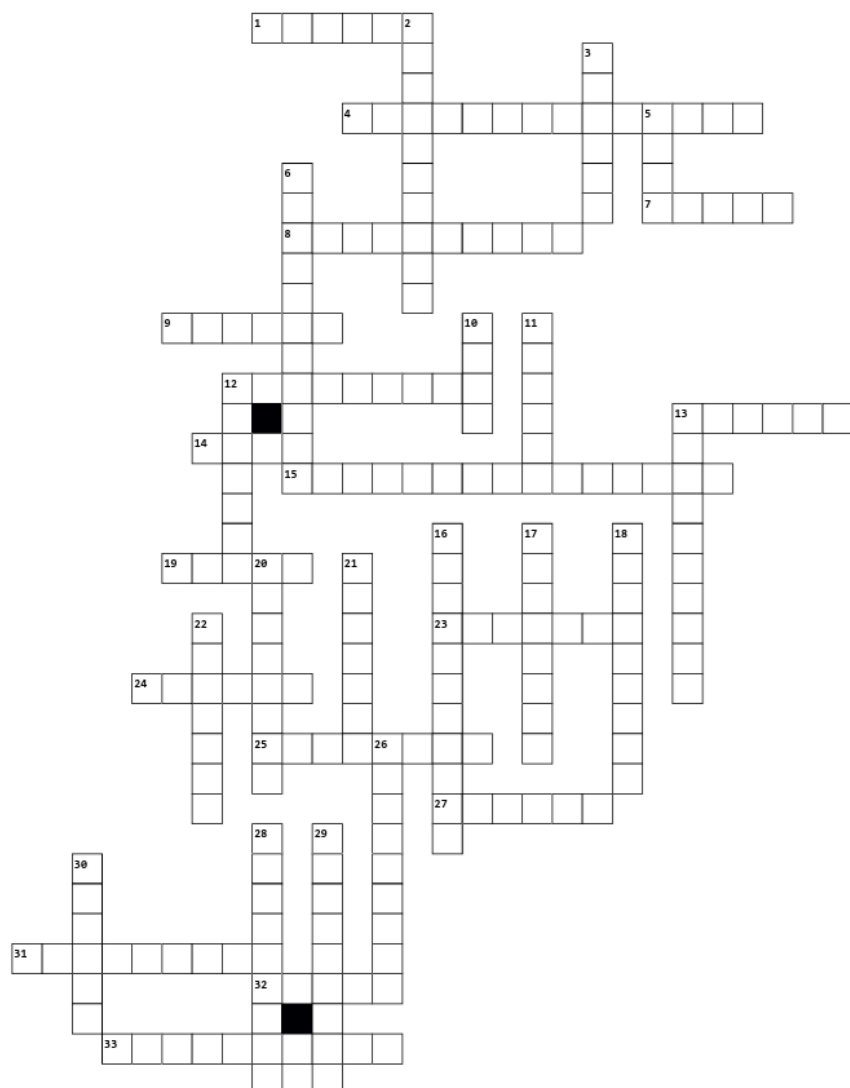



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Parish Christmas Crossword



Across

1. BPC's newest Councillor (6)
4. A Christmas Carol author (7,7)
7. Roman archaeological item discovered in Cherrywood Grange (5)
8. You'll need this for your walnuts! (10)
9. Number of "Pipers Piping" (6)
12. Festive children's film (3,6)
13. Broadclyst Church tower birds (6)
14. Parish hotel (4)
15. Holloway behind the Red Lion (7,4,4)
19. Local river (5)
23. Tree planted for Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee (7)
24. Ring shaped decoration (6)
25. Largest rodent (8)
27. Net ____ - Junior badminton club (6)
31. National Trust site within the parish (9)
32. Winter-berrying shrub(5)
33. Eight Men of Broadclyst dwellings (10)

Down

2. ____ Fields - café in Tithebarn (10)
3. Horticulturist family with links to Broadclyst (6)
5. Under the mistletoe action (4)
6. First song broadcast from space (6,5)
10. St ____ the Baptist - Church in Broadclyst Village (4)
11. One of the nine reindeers (6)
12. Youth Club day in Westclyst (7)
13. Big red guy with a beard (5,5)
16. Day Centre and local charity (5,6)
17. Jewish festival of light (8)
18. Community Centre that hosts coffee mornings (9)
20. Shortest day of the year (8)
21. Winter month (7)
22. Ancient Japanese art of flower arranging (7)
26. 26th December (6,3)
28. Broadclyst Theatre Group's panto (5,4)
29. Repair Cafe's location on January 24th (9)
30. Colour of New Buildings (6)

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What's on in the Parish?

See www.broadclyst.org/useful-information/community-calendar for additional events within the parish and for any updates on the below groups

Monday	Broadclyst Library CVCC Library 3.30pm - 5.30pm	Broadclyst Local History Society Broadclyst Victory Hall Every 2nd Monday	Broadclyst and 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 Pavilions 5.45pm - 7.00pm	Seoirsín School of Irish Dance Broadclyst Victory Hall 4.45pm and 5.45pm (children's classes)	
Tuesday	Broadclyst Bowling Club Bowls Green, Sports 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 Tuesday	Bingo Broadclyst Victory Hall Starts from 7.45pm	Youth Club with YMCA Westclyst School Community Room 6.00pm - 7.30pm School Year 6 onwards	
Wednesday	Broadclyst Bowling Club Bowls Green, Sports Pavilion 2.00pm - 4.00pm (March - September)	Casual Trampolining 3 sessions Broadclyst Leisure Centre 5.30pm - 8.15pm	Little Angels Baby and 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 Sports 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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Friday	Baby and Toddler Group Sports Pavilion 10.00am - 11.30am	Net Ninja's Junior Badminton Club Broadclyst Leisure Centre 5pm - 6pm - Ages 5-12 (Term time only)	Broadclyst Art Society Broadclyst Victory Hall 9.30am -12.30pm	Broadclyst Bowling Club Bowls Green, Sports Pavilion 2.00pm - 4.00pm (March - September)
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East Devon Citizens Advice Bureau or www.adviceeastdevon.org.uk	03444 111444	Honiton Minor Injuries Unit (01404 540540) and Ottery Saint Mary (01404 816000) are good alternatives to RD&E. Similarly, Tiverton has an Urgent Treatment Centre on 01884 235400.	
Shelter (Advice regarding homelessness)	0808 8004444		
Samaritans UK (free for landline and mobile)	116123		
Environment Agency Flood Line	0845 9881188		

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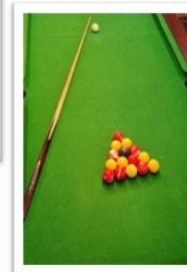
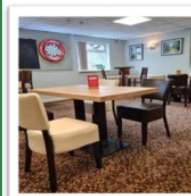


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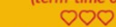


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