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by the **13th September**

| SEPTEMBER 2026  |             |                           |                |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Tue 1st</b>  | 10-12noon   | Crafty Coffee             | FBC            |
| <b>Thu 3rd</b>  | 7.00pm      | Parish Council meeting    | HUB            |
| <b>Mon 7th</b>  | 2-4pm       | Family History            | FBC            |
| <b>Thu 9th</b>  | 2.00pm      | Frank Bond Centre AGM     | FBC            |
| <b>Sat 12th</b> | 10-11.30    | Gardening cafe            | HUB            |
| <b>Sun 13th</b> | 7.00am      | Car boot sale             | Playing Fields |
| <b>Tue 15th</b> | 10-12noon   | Crafty Coffee             | FBC            |
| <b>Wed 16th</b> | 1.30-4.15pm | University of the 3rd Age | HUB            |
| <b>Sat 19th</b> | 7.16-9.15pm | Youth Club                | HUB            |
| <b>Thu 24th</b> | 7.30pm      | Women's Institute         | HUB            |
| <b>Sat 26th</b> | 10-12noon   | Coffee Morning (Church)   | The Bridge     |
| <b>Sun 27th</b> | 7.00am      | Car boot sale             | Playing Fields |
| <b>Wed 30th</b> | 2-4pm       | Music Circle              | FBC            |

| Regular weekly events |               |                                       |             |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>MONDAYS</b>        | 10.00-11am    | Nia (Dance fitness)                   | HUB         |
|                       | 10.00-12noon  | Painting Group                        | FBC         |
|                       | 1.30-4.00pm   | Whist Club                            | FBC         |
|                       | 2.00-4.00pm   | Bridge                                | FBC         |
|                       | 6.15-7.15pm   | Zumba                                 | HUB         |
|                       | 7.30pm        | Tone Big Band (1st & 3rd Mon)         | HUB         |
| <b>TUESDAYS</b>       | 6.15-7.00am   | Group Fitness Training                | HUB         |
|                       | 9.30-11.30    | Volunteer group - Netherclay Woodland |             |
|                       | 1.30-2.30pm   | Tai Chi                               | HUB         |
|                       | 7.00-8.00pm   | Yoga                                  | HUB         |
| <b>WEDNESDAYS</b>     | 9.30-10.30am  | Pilates all abilities                 | HUB         |
|                       | 10.00-11.00am | Flexercise & Tai Chi                  | FBC         |
|                       | 10.30-11.30am | Pilates all abilities                 | HUB         |
|                       | 2.00-4.30pm   | Short Mat Bowls                       | HUB         |
|                       | 6.00-7.00pm   | Tae Kwon Do                           | HUB         |
|                       | 6.15-7.30pm   | Brownies                              | School Hall |
| <b>THURSDAYS</b>      | 6.15-7.00am   | Group Fitness Training                | HUB         |
|                       | 10.00-12noon  | Baby Badgers                          | HUB         |
|                       | 10.00-12noon  | Bridge Club                           | FBC         |
|                       | 2.00-4.00pm   | Croquet                               | FBC         |
|                       | 2.00-4.00pm   | Mahjong                               | FBC         |
|                       | 6.15-7.15pm   | Pilates                               | HUB         |
| <b>FRIDAYS</b>        | 8.30-1pm      | Star Bubs                             | HUB         |
|                       | 10.00-12noon  | Pétanque                              | FBC         |
|                       | 10.00-12noon  | Coffee morning                        | FBC         |
|                       | 4.45-8.15pm   | Martial Arts                          | HUB         |
| <b>SATURDAYS</b>      | 6.30-7.15am   | Group Fitness Training                | HUB         |
|                       | 9.30-11.30am  | Hub Gardening Club                    | HUB         |
|                       | 9.00pm        | Bingo                                 | Con Club    |

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There is no meeting in August, but work still carries on behind the scenes! The transfer of the play park and Kinglake open spaces has still not completed, hopefully next month we can confirm this has taken place! Next meeting date: Thursday 3rd September, 7pm at the HUB

## Meet Cllr Malcolm Turner

**Where are you Likely to Be Seen in the Village** – I used to be seen regularly walking my lovely Spaniel “Sheps” with all the other many nice dog walkers but sadly, he died a little while back. I often help my wife refresh the “Dog Watering Station” outside the front of our house.

**Why did I Become a Parish Councillor** – Originally I joined around eight years ago to assist getting our Hub built. So glad I did as it’s a fantastic facility in a beautiful setting ... all us locals should be very proud of it. I have recently rejoined as I still feel I can contribute specially for our older residents of which I am now one.

**What do I do in my Spare Time** –My main hobbies are cooking and doing crosswords, in fact many years ago I worked as a chef. I am also a Probus member and a friend of our mayor Martin there as we both enjoyed long careers in the Wine Trade.

**Want to Know a Surprise About Me** –In my younger days I went down a coal mine to interview miners for a government survey for sufferers of silicosis.

## Bishops Hull Flower Show 2026

The scarecrow trail was a great start to the 2026 Bishops Hull Flower Show with 17 entries across the village. After 26,000 views and over 1,300 likes on Facebook, Lin and Tim Pope took the first prize with their 3 blind mice, Charlie, Chesca and the Kids came second with Hickory Dickory Dock and Jane and Bee Gurr came third with Humpty Dumpty. I know it put a smile on my face to see the amount of work and energy plus creativity from all the entrants.

On the day there were new faces and exhibitors with the following winning the best exhibit cups:

**Vegetable section** - Lin Pope

**Flower section** - David Gurr

**Fruit section** - Niall Watson

**Floral Art** - Jasmin Pope

**Homecraft** - Jane Disborough

**Handicrafts** - Robert Morgan

**Painting** - Richard Holland

**Best Hanging Basket** - 1 Shutewater Close

**4 years and under** - Maverick Ambrose

**5 to 8 years** - Jackson Ambrose

**9 - 12 years** - Fern Robin

Lin Pope won the most prize cards in the veg, flower and fruit section plus overall, the most prize cards in the show. Jemma Gurr won the most prize cards in the homecraft section.

Thank you to the helpers, stewards, judges, the committee and to Nancy and Josie for their amazing spread of cakes and refreshments.

**Bishops Hull HUB** - Bishops Hull Apple Day! Saturday 10th October 11am to 2pm

Come to our favourite annual community event! We will have the apple presses available so bring your apples and containers to make your own apple juice. Expect hot food (pulled pork rolls), cafe, apple activities and crafts.

**Bishops Hull Hub 100 Club** - August 2026 winners

1st Derek and Tuula Cole - £35.20, 2nd Chris Phillips - £17.60 & 3rd Geoff Lloyd £8.80



**Bishop’s Hull Belles WI** - Next meeting at the HUB - Thursday 24th September at 7.30pm

Guest Speaker - Claire Bounds - (Avon and Somerset Police) - Cyber Protection

## St Peter and St Pauls church dates

**Sunday 13 September 2026** - a special service at 10am to welcome Marcio and Noemi, our CMS link missionaries from Brazil, followed by a shared lunch in church. Please note there is no 8am service that day.

**Wednesday 16 September 2026** - start of a new Confirmation Group, contact Rev Phil Hughes phil2overflowing@gmail.com for more information.

**Saturday 26 September 2026** - 10am Village Coffee Morning, all welcome.

**Sunday 27 September 2026** - 10am Harvest Service, all welcome.

## Fire in Netherclay Community Woodland.

At the end of July, I received a short video clip from David Gurr, Chair of the Friends of Netherclay group, showing the aftermath of a fire in Netherclay Woodland. Well done to the Bishop’s Hull resident who alerted the emergency services, who arrived quickly and extinguished the blaze using beaters and portable water packs. A huge thank you goes to the incredible Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service for their prompt response and decisive action. It does not bear thinking about how different the outcome might have been if the fire had gone unnoticed for another ten minutes.

At the time of writing (11th August), a fifth heatwave is forecast for Somerset. With temperatures remaining high and vegetation becoming extremely dry, everyone can play a part in protecting our countryside from fire. Even a small spark can quickly develop into a serious wildfire, putting people, wildlife, homes, woodlands and farmland at risk. If you are visiting parks, open spaces or rural areas, please avoid using disposable barbecues, campfires or fire pits. Never drop cigarettes, matches or smoking materials on the ground, and make re they are fully extinguished before disposal. Glass bottles and litter should always be taken home or placed in bins, as they can increase the risk of fire and create hazards for others. If you are walking in the countryside, stick to designated paths where possible and be mindful of local fire risk warnings and restrictions. Farmers, landowners and businesses are also encouraged to review fire safety measures and ensure access routes remain clear for emergency vehicles. If you spot a fire, leave the area immediately, move to a place of safety and call 999. By taking a few simple precautions, we can all help keep our countryside safe during a heatwave. Please take care everyone, **John**

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