



CHURCHILL & LANGFORD

LOCAL NEWS

Churchill Parish Council serving the community
of Churchill and Langford villages

www.churchillpc.org.uk

FEBRUARY 2026





Welcome to our newsletter for the community of Churchill and Langford villages. Full Council meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Community Hall, Ladymead Lane, Churchill and you are welcome to attend these meetings.
Parish Clerk Sally Diaz

Churchill and Langford Parish Council – Meeting Summary

The Council have agreed to add the new Winscombe and Churchill AFC logo to the end playing fields side of the Community Club. The old sign will be repositioned on the front of the building.



The Parish Council agreed to purchase another Speed Indicator Device to add to the narrow roads and lanes in the parish. Residents have noted a difference in driver speeds since the devices have been placed around Churchill and Langford!



Ever noticed this noticeboard?

It has been quietly sitting at the side of a busy road.

Now we are thinking it could do a lot more.

We are exploring ways to give it a new lease of life so it becomes more useful, more visible, and more community-focused.

Here's what we are thinking.

- Adding clear display pockets so local posters and event information are easy to see and update

Making it a go-to place for what's happening in and around Churchill by possibly moving it to a new location

This is especially timely as the current area is likely to change when the lights are replaced by a roundabout.

We would love your views.

Where do you think the best place for a community noticeboard would be in Churchill?

Somewhere you already pass regularly.

Somewhere easy to stop and read.

Somewhere that helps information travel further.

Share your thoughts with us and help shape how this noticeboard works for you and your community. Email Becky - comms@churchillpc.org.uk

Did you know singing is actually "exercise" for your soul?

Scientific research (including Dr. Michael Mosley's 'Just One Thing') has proved that singing does wonders for the human body! It improves heart rates, reduces blood pressure, and melts away stress and anxiety.

Ready to feel the benefits? Join us for Sing For Fun starting this Friday, 9th January!

Where: St. Mary's Church, Langford (next to Tout's)

When: Fridays, 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM (plus refreshments after!)

Led by: Professional pianist Alison Blundell

Cost: Free (donations welcome)

There are no judges, no auditions, and no need to read music. Whether you think you can sing or not, come and take a "leap of faith" with us!

A poster for 'Sing For Fun' featuring a light blue background with a large, stylized purple and blue graphic of a person singing into a microphone on the right. The text 'Sing For Fun' is written in a blue cursive font at the top left. Below it, the event details are listed in a blue sans-serif font: 'Every Friday from 1.30 to 2.30pm at St. Mary's Church, Langford (next to Touts)'. At the bottom left, the 'Churchill MUSIC' logo is displayed, consisting of a red musical note and the text 'Churchill MUSIC' in a black sans-serif font. Several colorful musical notes (yellow, pink, blue) are scattered across the right side of the poster.

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QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 21st Feb



Churchill Memorial Hall

7pm for 7:30pm

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Sunday 22nd March 3pm

St. John's church, Churchill BS25 5QW



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From: Ticketsource; or

holly@churchillmusic.org.uk;

07442672805 or 'Pot luck' on the door

More info: 01934 853518

churchillmusic.org.uk

UK charity 1121866

Update from Tessa Munt, MP for Churchill and Langford



Now we're well and truly into 2026, I'm flat out representing you both in Parliament and here in Somerset.

I'm glad there's a reprieve for farming as our campaign to raise the inheritance tax threshold from its £1 million base was supported by many locals, bolstering the calls of farmers who met my colleague Alistair Carmichael MP, Chair of Parliament's Environment Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee at Yeo Valley Canteen last February.

I'll continue to do all I can, alongside my colleagues, to demand the Government scraps this tax in full. Next, it's trying to sort out fair business rate bills for pubs, hospitality and our High Streets.

Locally, I met farmers to discuss the problems of hare coursing, theft and the serious organised crime which is driving a rise in rural crime incidents in Somerset. Don't hesitate to call 101 if you see something suspicious, and 999 if a crime is in progress - but please don't tackle these situations yourself, as it's not safe to do so.

At the end of last year, I spent days in Committee and meeting Ministers, Government lawyers and Clerks, poring over the detail of the Public Office (Accountability) Bill, better known as the 'Hillsborough Law'. Now I'm in new rounds of discussions between Ministers and lawyers, thrashing out the final wording and trying to stop any clauses being left to 'interpretation'. Frankly, it's embarrassing that I've had to spend many hours challenging Ministers who've tried to weaken the 'Hillsborough Bill' at every turn - insisting that some public servants should be 'shielded' from having to tell the truth when things go wrong. It's critical this legislation is right - not just for the many individuals and families who've suffered appalling injustice when public servants have lied to protect themselves and their organisations, but because failure now might take decades to remedy.

I'm delighted young people will, from next year, enjoy opportunities to live and study in Europe under a revived Erasmus Scheme. I supported my colleague Al Pinkerton's UK-EU Customs Union Bill through its first reading in Parliament. A new customs union with our 500 million European neighbours would reduce our dependence on the US and China, provide a genuine opportunity for growth and critically, hugely benefit trade here in the South West. There's a long way for the Bill to go before it becomes law, and I'll keep you updated.

As ever, if you have any concerns or anything you'd like to talk to me about, please write, call or come and see me. I'll be running my regular and ad hoc 'surgeries' throughout 2026, including the following:

Friday 6th February from 10:00 to 11:00 at **The Market Kitchen Café, Churchill**

Saturday 7th February from 11:30 - 12:30 at **The Lamb Inn, Axbridge**

Saturday 14th February from 14:00 to 15:00 at **The Coffee Bank, Winscombe**

Monday 16th February from 09:30 to 10:30 at **Congresbury Community Café**

Friday 20th February from 18:00 to 19:00 at **The Bell Inn, Banwell**

No appointment is necessary - it's first come, first served. If you can't come to meet me, I'll come to see you.

Thank you.

Tessa

You can contact me:

Call: 01934 440639 (answerphone outside office hours)

Email: tessa.munt.mp@parliament.uk

Post: Tessa Munt Freepost (you won't need a stamp!)

To keep updated on my work as your MP, find me on Facebook, Instagram, Bluesky and LinkedIn.

You can also contact your North Somerset Councillor, Patrick Keating:

Call: 07584 674740

Email: patrick.keating@n-somerset.gov.uk

HIRING

Urgently looking for a cleaner for the Churchill Memorial Hall, starting on the 31st January. One hour - 5 days a week. £15.00 an hour.

Contact
Mimi Simpson
M: 07814490370

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Wrington Vale Rotary Club

Wrington Rotary gave over £9000 to local good causes.

Charitable Giving £9000

You supported our events: Jazz in the Orchard, the Classic Car fest, Frog racing at Shipham Hall and the Weekend Festival at the Mendip Outdoor Centre. **All** of the money raised went to local charities and needs.

Then over Christmas, you gave generously to our Carol Singing in the pubs and the Winscombe Street Collection. Thank you so much for a most successful year.

We made donations to :

Water Survival Box	£1000	Shiva Nepal	£1000
Global Sight Solutions	£1000	Bristol Oncology Centre	£500
Friends of Bristol Eye Hospital	£500	Children's Hospice, Charlton Farm	
£1000			
Great Western Air Ambulance	£2500	Somewhere to Go WSM	
tba			
Wrington Village Digital Archive	£500	Community Farm	£500
Churchill Music	£500	Cheddar Valley Food Bank	£500 approx
Sandford Village Hall	Comty Café,	£500	*Vans and Medical
equipment for Ukraine			
Youth activities local schools		£3000 approx	
• Our own Bob Preedy has driven 5 vans to Ukraine loaded with essential survival kits.			

In addition, most Rotarians give to Rotary International, which has contributed over \$2.9 billion to the global polio eradication effort, through its PolioPlus programme, including matching funds from the Bill Gates Foundation. 2.5 billion children vaccinated!



Explore gardening topics with John Simmons

I'm never too sorry to see the back of January. Daylight is short, and the weather often cold and miserable. By the start of February days are definitely lengthening and, when it shines, there is some strength in the sun. February is, however, a notoriously fickle month, with warm-ish sunny days, sub-zero temperatures, or non-stop rain all just as likely. What you can do outdoors will largely be driven by what the weather is doing, but there are plenty of jobs you can be getting on with, indoors, or out. Be warned, by the time that March comes around you'll find yourself racing to catch up, so try and get ahead now.....

On those warm-ish sunny days, you can tidy up your flower beds. Seedheads, and dead growth from last summer's perennials and grasses, should have been kept through the winter, as they look lovely on frosty mornings, and provide food and shelter for birds and insects. However, they have done their job now, so can be cut back. Chop this woody growth up a bit and add it to your compost heap, where it'll provide the woody compliment to the wet-slimy green matter. Layered together this mix will make a much better compost. As you work in your flower beds try to avoid trampling over the wet soil, as you'll compact it, and make it much less attractive once plants start to grow. Laying a plank down and walking on that is much better.

Hedges can be given a trim before they burst into growth, and before birds start looking for nest sites. It's a good month for pruning roses, particularly the shrubby variety. Remove dead or diseased bits and cut back flowering branches by about half; don't faff about just removing just an inch or two. Cut just above an outward facing bud as this will encourage outward growth. Climbing roses can also be pruned now but, note to self, they are better done in early winter. Don't prune ramblers now, or you'll remove most of the flower buds.

If you haven't pruned your apple and pear trees yet, then do it NOW. Dead and diseased growth needs to go, plus any overlapping branches that are rubbing on each other. Shoots that are growing vertically straight upwards can also go. These 'watershoots' will not fruit and will overcrowd the tree.

You can also prune hardy shrubs such as Buddleia, Fuchsia and Lavatera. Be rigorous, as they'll then produce lots more flowering wood in the spring.

Indoors you can give your houseplants a clean. Any with smooth, shiny leaves will greatly appreciate a wipe with a damp cloth. They'll look better, and cleaned leaves absorb much more light, spurring them into growth.

If you haven't sown chilli and pepper seeds yet, then do it now. These plants need a long-growing season in order to produce fruit. You'll ideally need a heated propagator, or a warm windowsill. Don't sow tomatoes yet, as you'll probably end up with tall-leggy, weak, plants. Wait until March.

Get your potatoes sprouting (the technical term is chitting) somewhere frost free. This high-tech job involves putting seed potatoes on a tray somewhere exposed to daylight. An old egg box will hold half a dozen. I say 'seed potatoes' as you shouldn't really use supermarket potatoes – they may be contaminated with viruses.

Garden visits using the Churchill and Langford minibus resume on 1 March:

Churchill and Langford Minibus visits

Sunday 1 March 2026

Rock House, nr Aust and Greystones, Bristol

Minibus £8, Garden entry £5 each garden

Rock House is a 2-acre garden with woodland views, and carpets of daffodils. Spring flowers, cottage garden plants and climbing roses in season. Old yew tree, maturing cedar tree, pond.

Greystones is a peaceful garden with places to sit and enjoy a quiet corner of Bristol.

Courtyard, raised beds, conifers and shrubs lead to a secluded garden of contrasts - sunny beds with olive tree and brightly coloured flowers to shady spots, with acers, hostas and ferns. Snowdrops, hellebores, spring bulbs, naturalised daffodils.

Sunday 19 April 2026

Rose Cottage, East Harptree

Minibus £4, Garden entry £5.50

An organically garden planted to encourage wildlife. Bordered by a stream and mixed hedges this garden is carpeted with seasonal bulbs, with primroses, hellebores and magnolias adding to the display. This is a 'by arrangement' visit, so we'll have the garden, and garden owner, on hand to chat to, and to provide us with tea and cake!

For bookings, please email or call: john.simmons3462@gmail.com , 07855-944049.

Churchill Parish Council are exploring the idea of creating a Grow Club on one of our allotments and would love your thoughts.

The plan is to have a shared growing space where a skilled gardener teaches the basics of growing flowers, fruit and vegetables. It would be very hands on and relaxed, learning as you grow through the seasons.

This would be ideal for people who are interested in growing but do not want the responsibility of their own allotment, or simply do not have the time to fully commit. You could still enjoy being outdoors, learning new skills and being part of a friendly, like-minded group. The gardener would be a paid role and anyone taking part would be able to learn for free.

Before we apply for funding, we want to find out if this is something people would actually like.

Would you be interested in being part of a Grow Club?

Please let us know in the comments or email comms@churchillpc.org.uk. Your feedback will help us shape the project and decide whether to take it forward.

CHURCHILL AND LANGFORD VILLAGE DIARY!



Planning an event in Churchill or Langford? Make sure your event doesn't clash. Whether it's a music event, flower show, village get-together or a local club meeting, make sure your date doesn't clash with other key activities by checking the Village Diary and adding your event to it!



The Village Diary, maintained by the Communications Officer of Churchill Parish Council, is a central calendar designed to help local groups and residents coordinate activities throughout the year. It's a simple but powerful way to avoid overlapping events, maximise attendance, and support each other's efforts in building a vibrant, well-connected community.

To ensure your event gets the attention it deserves, and to help others do the same, the form with the details of your event as early as possible. The more we all use the Village Diary, the more effective it becomes.

Let's work together to keep Churchill's community life thriving, one well-planned event at a time!

<https://churchillpc.org.uk/whats-on/>

We have allotments available NOW!

Allotments plots available at Churchill

We have several plots available at our Allotment fields on Pudding Pie Lane. The plots are available for Churchill/Langford residents and those from our surrounding villages. If you are interested in taking over a plot, contact me on 07399 523961 or on clerk@churchillpc.org.uk



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Churchill, Langford and surrounding area

UP COMING EVENTS

COUNCIL MEETING

Full Council meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Community Hall, Ladymead Lane, Churchill.

SING FOR FUN

Every Friday 1.30 to 2.30
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For everyone who simply wants to
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For more information please contact Pippa
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CHURCHILL 2000 LADIES GROUP

Join a small group of about 14 members called
the Churchill 2000 formed after the closure of
the Churchill W.I. in 2000
Meeting 11 times a year at 7.30pm in the Reading
Room opposite the Methodist church on the 3rd
Wednesday of the month. Enjoy a speaker, a
meal out, visit a garden or have in house
entertainment.
Open to new members to join a very relaxed
group who enjoy an evening together along with
a cup of tea and biscuits.
Email katieandshelagh@btinternet.com

Winscombe District u3a

Our Monthly talk on
Monday 16th February 2026
will be

'Cameron Balloons: Pleasure Flights and Round
the World Records'.

By
Alan Noble

Members £2, Visitors very welcome £3
Refreshments from 2 pm, talk to start at
2.30pm



The Minibus Society

The Churchill and Langford Minibus Society is now running a scheme to assist people in getting to their hospital appointments.

This scheme aims to connect volunteer drivers from the Churchill and Langford community with patients to provide convenient transport to the region's medical centres.

The service will be provided using local drivers' personal vehicles, or, alternatively, a community minibus.

All drivers will be DBS cleared, and, as part of the process, all drivers will be enrolled as a member of the minibus society.

The costs for hospital transport:

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY £20

SOUTHMEAD HOSPITAL £20

BATH Royal United Hospital £25

CONGRESBURY £10

YATTON £10

WESTON HOSPITAL £10

WINSCOMBE £10

WRINGTON £10

CHURCHILL SURGERY £10

For other journeys, not specified, the donation will be agreed before the trip by the organiser.

If you need help ring Trevor on 01934 852589 or 07836600019

The Churchill and Langford Minibus Society also runs two minibuses and operates a schedule of trips every month to shops in Wells, Nailsea, Clevedon, Worle and Weston. In addition, it also provides transport for members to their healthcare appointments and subject to availability runs non scheduled trips for its members. In the past, these have included Churchill Music, Theatres, Cinema, pub lunches, trips to the coast and social events etc. To see the current schedule of trips please visit www.churchillpc.org.uk/local-services/mutual-aid-minibus-society.

To become a Society member of the Community transport scheme please contact one of the organisers listed on the schedule of trips who will explain about the trips and how to enroll as a member. The Society is always looking to recruit new organisers and drivers so if you have some spare time then we would love to hear from you. The Chairman's details are on the journey schedule. The Society also provides the opportunity to make new friends and help you reduce your carbon footprint.

Churchill & Langford Minibus



FEBRUARY



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Our area covers Churchill, Langford, Burrington, Shipham, Banwell, Winscombe & Sandford.
2nd <u>Am</u> Flowerdown* <u>Maggie</u>	3rd <u>Am</u> Weston* <u>Mavis</u>	4th <u>Pm</u> Worle* <u>Jennie</u>	5th <u>Am</u> Yatton <u>Pm</u> Community Lunches <u>Angela</u>	6th <u>Am</u> Wells <u>Jennie</u>	
9th <u>Am</u> Sanders* <u>Ann</u>	10th <u>Am</u> Cadbury Garden Centre <u>Sharon</u>	11th <u>Am</u> Nailsea <u>Jennie</u>	12th <u>Am</u> Worle <u>Pm</u> Community Lunches <u>Angela</u>	<p>Membership is free, and we ask for a small donation for each journey. If you are interested in any of these trips, please phone the organiser, whose names and numbers are shown below.</p> <p>They will let you know if seats are available. We will pick you up close to where you live.</p> <p>The Society is grateful for the support of Churchill, Shipham, Burrington, Banwell, Winscombe, and Sandford Parish Councils.</p> <p>For any queries, please ring Trevor on 01934 852589</p>	
	17th <u>Am</u> Worle* <u>Kim</u>	18th <u>Am</u> Wells <u>Linda</u>	19th <u>Am</u> Yatton <u>Pm</u> Community Lunches <u>Angela</u>		
23rd <u>Pm</u> Flowerdown* <u>Ann</u>	24th <u>Am</u> Nailsea* <u>Kim</u> <u>Pm</u> Weston* <u>Linda</u>	25th <u>Am</u> Wells* <u>Ann</u>	26th <u>Am</u> Winscombe <u>Pm</u> Community Lunches <u>Angela</u>		

[Maggie 07516 172683](tel:07516 172683), [Angela 07780 757288](tel:07780 757288), [Mavis 07739 608691](tel:07739 608691)

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[John 07855 944049](tel:07855 944049), [Sharon 07981 064586](tel:07981 064586),

[Linda 01934 853755](tel:01934 853755), [07871 478229](tel:07871 478229),

*** Can also pick up in the Banwell Area**

Noticeboards



Churchill Parish Council updates six noticeboards for the community of Churchill and Langford. Residents can advertise an event on the notice board but not regular group or a business.

If you would like your posters displayed in the noticeboards, please send physical copies to:

The Parish Clerk 17 Sealey Close, Draycott, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 3UA

Please note, that we cannot print posters for the noticeboards on your behalf.

Do you own a local business?

Churchill & Langford Parish Council Newsletter is making advertising space available for local businesses to promote their wares and services.

Businesses can buy a spot in this newsletter to advertise. Prices will be £60 for 12 months, and £35 for six months. The advertisement can consist of one line, the name of the business, the type of business, and contact details.

These advertising spaces will be aimed at businesses in and around the local area of Churchill & Langford.

If you are interested in advertising with us, or if you would simply like more information, please contact our Clerk, Sally Diaz, on clerk@churchillpc.org.uk or on 07399 523 961

Got a local event to share?

We love to know what's on and spread the word. Please send information about your event to Becky - comms@churchillpc.org.uk



Contact us

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