

VILLAGE NEWS

June 2019

For the Parishes of
Charlton Musgrove, Cucklington
& Stoke Trister with Bayford



Benefice Summer Fair & Fun Day with Classic Car Show

**Saturday 15th June at 2pm
Cucklington Village Hall**

Grand Raffle
Refreshments & Pimms Stall
Cake Stall
Plants
Books
Bottle Tombola
Prize Every Go Tombola
Skittles

Bouncy Castle, Face Painting
& Wacky Races at 3pm

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Welcome to June's newsletter.
If you have any pet or local landscape
photos for the front cover or seasonal
recipes for use in the newsletter, please
email them to me at jo@jltraining.co.uk.

Copy date for July's issue is
Fri 21st June 2019.

The Editor

Ffaldybrenin - “Sheepfold of the King”

At the beginning of May, I visited the beautiful, remote Christian retreat centre Ffaldybrenin in Pembrokeshire. High on the hill, the view over the valley is magnificent. Brynach, an early Celtic monk from Ireland, used to climb the very hill, known locally as Carn Ingli (the Hill of Angels) and commune with God. And the sense of God’s presence there is still really strong, providing a mountain top idyll where people can come and be refreshed and meet God in creation and in simplicity of life.

And what God has done through the place has much wider reach than just to the visitors. Alongside the daily rhythm of communal prayer, the idea of blessing developed - not just people but the land too. The fruit of this prayer was soon seen as the local church, which had no baptisms for years, suddenly had seven. Some farmers noticed that they were getting triplets and quads born to their ewes. Other people had visions of Jesus.

Blessing is something that all of us can do - it is simply extending God’s goodness through our words to the area where we live and the people that we care for. So why not pray the Ffaldybrenin blessing prayer below for your village, school, workplace, family?

A Daily Prayer of Blessing:

*We stand in the mighty name of Jesus and bless
you*

(name of village/street/school/family)

*That you might prosper under the mighty hand
of God.*

*We bless you that justice and righteousness
might take their proper place within your
boundaries.*

*We bless you that the favour of the Lord might
rest upon you and give you peace.*

*We bless you that the Father’s compassion might
fall upon your people.*

We bless your poor that they might be lifted up.

*We bless you that the knowledge of Jesus might
flood in amongst you*

*We bless the people of God in (name of area)
that they might rise up with servant authority
and become a people of blessing.*

*We bless you that the joy of the Lord might be
your strength. Amen.*

For any that would like to know more, we will be running a short Blessings Course from Ffaldybrenin in the near future - details soon!

Revd Rosy Ashley

From the Organ Bench

If someone mentions the name ‘Arthur Sullivan’, you will probably think of the operettas that he wrote with W.S. Gilbert. Actually Sir Arthur (1842-1900) throughout his life longed to be taken more seriously as a classical musician.

Like many distinguished Sullivans, Arthur was of Irish ancestry, although he was born in London and became a church organist at the age of 19. He composed his first and only symphony at 24, and as well as the music for the operettas wrote much church music – and much has been forgotten. But a few of his hymn-tunes live on, notably the tune ‘St. Gertrude’ for ‘*Onward, Christian Soldiers*’ which he wrote while staying at Child Okeford, not far from here, and a splendid, rousing tune called ‘Bishopgarth’ for Queen Victoria’s Diamond Jubilee hymn, now usually sung at Harvest Festivals to ‘*To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise*’.

Strangely, it seems that he may also have had a hand in an even better-known tune which isn’t ascribed to him. The Rev. Clement Schofield was curate of St. George’s, Cranley Gardens in London in the 1870s when Arthur Sullivan was organist there. He was a good amateur musician and wrote over 40 hymn-tunes, and there is some evidence that he asked for Sullivan’s help with some of them. My guess is that he wrote the melodies and Sullivan helped with the four-part harmonies: unselfishly he let Schofield have the credit. By far the best-known of these tunes is ‘St. Clement’ for ‘*The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended*’.

This deservedly much-loved hymn is the work of John Ellerton (1826-93). Underlying the words is the grand conception of the world-wide church, expanding ‘till all thy creatures own thy sway’, as opposed to ‘earth’s proud empires’ which will disappear. In the middle three verses it gives us a vision of the globe, spinning through space, with the praise of God arising from country after country, wherever darkness turns into light.

There is something wonderfully evocative about singing – perhaps with the setting sun streaming in through the west window of a church at Evensong –

*‘The sun that bids us rest is waking / Our
brethren ‘neath the western sky’.*

However much or little was input by Arthur Sullivan, both words and music are a fine example of the sort of thing that the Victorians did so well. Thanks be to God for such a great marriage of text and tune.

David Duvall

CHURCH SERVICES

JUNE & JULY 2019

Sun 2 nd June	09:30	Friends & Heroes	Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall
	09:30	Holy Communion	St John's, Charlton Musgrove
	18:00	Evensong	St Lawrence's, Cucklington
Sun 9 th June	09:30	Pentecost Sunday Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Stoke Trister
Sun 16 th June	09:30	Friends & Heroes	St John's, Charlton Musgrove
	11:00	Holy Communion	St John's, Charlton Musgrove
	18:00	Evensong	St Lawrence's, Cucklington
	18:30	Evensong	St Andrew's, Stoke Trister
Sun 23 rd June	09:30	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Stoke Trister
	18:30	Sing Praise	St John's, Charlton Musgrove
Sun 30 th June	09:30	Morning Praise	St Lawrence's, Cucklington
Sun 7 th July	09:30	Friends & Heroes	Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall
	09:30	Holy Communion	St John's, Charlton Musgrove
	18:00	Evensong	St Lawrence's, Cucklington
Sun 14 th July	09:30	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Stoke Trister
Sun 21 st July	09:30	Friends & Heroes	St John's, Charlton Musgrove
	11:00	Holy Communion	St Stephen's, Charlton Musgrove
	18:00	Evensong	St Lawrence's, Cucklington
Sun 28 th July	09:30	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Stoke Trister

EVENTS JUNE & JULY 2019

Thu 6 th June	10:00-12:00	Bayford Coffee Morning	Bayford Village Hall
Fri 7 th June	19:30 onwards	Pop up Pub	Cucklington Village hall
Sat 15 th June	10:00-12:00	Benefice Summer Fair & Fun Day	Cucklington & Stoke Trister Village Hall
Fri 21 st June	10:30-12:00	Charlton Musgrove Coffee Morning	Charlton Musgrove Village Hall
Wed 26 th June	12:30	Bayford Village Lunch	Bayford Village hall
Sat 29 th June	10:00	Cucklington Coffee Morning	Cucklington Village hall
Thu 4 th July	10:00-12:00	Bayford Coffee Morning	Sunnybank, Bayford
Fri 5 th July	19:30 onwards	Pop up Pub	Cucklington Village hall



Benefice Summer Fair & Fun Day, Sat 15th June

Come to the Summer Fair on Saturday 15th June starting at 2pm at Cucklington Village Hall for an afternoon of fun for all the Family.

Super Raffle Prizes, amazing Refreshments with Homemade Cakes, a Pimms Stall - enjoy a glass as you browse the stalls and have a go on the side shows. All the usual stalls; Plants, Cakes, Books, Nearly New, Bottle Tombola and Prize Every Go Tombola, Skittles etc.

Relive memories with our display of Vintage & Classic Cars

For the younger members of the family we have a Bouncy Castle, Face Painting and Children's Wacky Races at 3pm

Could you help at a pop-up pub, show a film or run a quiz night? Or are there other events you'd like in Cucklington Village Hall?
The Social Events Committee is re-forming and looking for volunteers from Stoke Trister and Cucklington!
If interested, please email georgie.hopkins@myakka.co.uk.



Benefice Summer Fair & Fun Day – 15th June, 2019

How you can Help Make this Summer Fair the Best Yet!

Included with this issue of the Village News is a book of raffle tickets. We do hope you will buy the raffle tickets to support the Churches in all three Parishes. A book costs £5.00

We hope you will come to the Summer Fair and bring your counterfoils and money and hand them in on the day, but if you cannot come to the Fair please return completed counterfoils together with your £5 before the 15th June to Jeremy Sellick (CM) Pip Loxton (C) Alison Dixon or Christine Perrett (ST) Maggie Giles (B)

We also need donations of goods - cakes, plants, nearly new etc either on Friday 14th June from 5 pm or Saturday morning from 10 am.

Cakes, savouries etc are needed for the Refreshments, please speak with Julia Crawford Smith or Pip Loxton who have a list of suggested food for us all to provide.

Bottles for bottle tombola to Alison Dixon (01963 32447) and filled Jam Jars to Christine Perrett (01963 32311) by the 12th June please, so that they can be numbered ready for the 15th.

If you have a Vintage or Classic Car, motorbike, tractor etc and would like to enter it into our display of vehicles, please contact Jane Turner c_jetuk@yahoo.co.uk

Help is needed setting up Friday 14th June from 5pm (Hall) and Saturday from 10am (Outside).

Many thanks



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100 Club Winners May Draw:
No 49 Brian Wheeler
No 54 Richard Brain



June will be the first draw of the new 100 Club year.

The Draw helps raise funds to support and improve facilities in the running of our beautiful hall. The subscription is £12 pounds a year payable in advance. This raises £1,200 of which £600 pounds goes to Hall funds, and £600 is paid to winners in monthly prizes.

There are a few 100 Club tickets available for the coming year so, if you would like to join, please contact Dibby Rockford on 01963 34017

COFFEE MORNING

Friday 21st June 10:30-12:00
noon in the Village Hall. Come along and join us for real coffee, homemade cake and a chance to catch up with neighbours and friends. Everyone welcome, we look forward to seeing you.

Short Mat Bowls at

Charlton Musgrove Village Hall

We meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month from 2.00pm until 5.00pm
Come along for a laugh. We are a friendly non-competitive group
Tea and Coffee will be served. Please bring along smooth soled shoes to wear for the sake of the mats. Brian and Stella Wheeler - 07530 297964



Benefice Summer Fair & Fun Day, Sat 15th June

This year's Benefice Summer Fair is being held at Cucklington from 2pm. We hope you will all come along and help us make the day a great success. We hope you will shake out your aprons and bake your socks off with cakes for the Cake Stall and for the teas.

Other stalls include Pre-loved Treasures for the Bric-a-brac, bottles for the Tombola, filled jam jars for Christine's ever Popular Jam Jar Stall with a prize every time and a great Raffle with wonderful Prizes. If you can help in any way on the day, that would be wonderful too.

All items (except cakes) can be left in St John's Church from the beginning of June. Any queries contact Veronica White on 01963 32928.

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CHARLTON MUSGROVE FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW SATURDAY 27TH JULY

As mentioned in our last reminder, we have introduced some new ideas for this year's flower show. There will be the usual classes for Vegetables and Fruit, Flowers, Flower Arrangements, Home Industries – Kitchen and Handicrafts, Photography and the Greenfingers Award for children. As we are slightly earlier in the year than in previous years the fruit and vegetable section is different, and all classes have been reduced in the hope that it will make it easier for you to choose which classes to enter!

Now to the "hands on" activities which we hope will prove extremely popular to all ages. For the children, we will have a table for 'pebble painting' which will be supervised by a local expert. Many of us in the village have had the delight of mysterious painted stones appearing overnight on our gate-posts, doorsteps, etc. which has brought much joy. We thought it would be a nice idea if the children could paint their own stone and then give it to a relative – grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc. – who in turn would place it anonymously on a neighbour's property thus propagating the joy these stones have brought. All materials will be provided and there will be no cost involved.

The second "hands on" will involve fruit and vegetable sculpting. A local expert has volunteered to run a table for those of you brave enough to have a go at transforming a cucumber into a caterpillar or a potato into a tulip! It should be really good fun and it would be great to see lots of people having a go. Once again, all materials will be provided at no cost – so just your enthusiasm will be needed.

In a bid to reduce paper waste, schedules will not be put into Newsletters this year but will be available from Kimbers Farm Shop, The Smithy, the Village Hall, Ceri Izard or Gill Adams from the 22nd June.

There will of course be the usual tea, coffee and superb selection of homemade cakes from our wonderful village bakers, plus raffle and sale of produce at 3.30 p.m.

We do hope you can come along and enjoy what we are hoping will prove to be a really fun afternoon.

Pauline Bastable and team



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CHAIR OF THE VILLAGE MEETING Richard Glover was voted in, unanimously, at the Village Meeting on the 12th April. We wish Richard well in this appointment, and we also owe huge thanks to Hugh Davies for his diligence and helpfulness in the post for the last two years.

VILLAGE HALL BROADBAND

The hall is now connected by fibre optic link. We now have high speed access – much faster than most of us will have at home! Please pass the word round, as we may get some extra hall bookings as a result. And thanks are due to Phil Crawford-Smith for organising this.

SCRABBLE

The next scrabble evening will be on Friday 14th June in the AMMH, starting at 7 pm. If there is anyone interested in finding out about joining the scrabble group would they please ring Gaye on 01747 840450.

COFFEE MORNING

The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 29th June, from 10 am. Not to be missed!

POP UP PUB – FRIDAY 7TH JUNE

The next Pop Up Pub is **Friday 7 June from 7.30pm**– please do come along for a drink and a catch-up. Everyone from the area is welcome and if you can't make this one, we'll be running them on the first Friday of every month so do come along to the next one!



Dates for your diary: **5 July, 2 Aug, 6 Sep**

CUCKLINGTON WITH STOKE TRISTER & BAYFORD SUMMER FLOWER SHOW - SAT 10TH AUG 14:30

This is a great community event with options for everyone to enter and showcase your produce and crafts. We'd love to see as many entries as possible so please do join in.

AGM 2019 - Cucklington Village Hall

ARTHUR MORISON MEMORIAL HALL (THE CUCKLINGTON VILLAGE HALL)

Chairman's Report to the AGM on 27.04.2019

Welcoming yet another strong turnout, the CVH Committee of Management Chairman, Campbell Dunford (CD), explained that since the last AGM, Hall affairs had gone from strength to strength and the Hall continued to operate at no cost to our Parish communities. Arising from a most successful fund-raising effort and consequent reinforced Hall funds, numerous improvements inside and outside the Hall had been put in place – the new broadband facility, a new, eco-efficient dishwasher and hand driers, an overhaul of the Hall lighting system, some new tables, a professional internal deep-clean throughout the building, new car park planters and of course the car park renovation itself, which he hoped all present would agree was a great improvement. Further enhancements were planned – replacement blackout blinds in the main Hall, planters to brighten up the front entrance, extra picnic tables for the rear terrace, a thorough clean-up of the patio pavement slabs and external paintwork around the building.

The costs for all this had been covered completely by a very successful fundraising campaign, with grants from the SSDC, the Garfield Weston Trust, and a particularly generous gift yet again from the Polygon Trust, all augmented by monies from our Community Benefit. He expressed the great appreciation and thanks of the Management Committee to the Polygon Trustees whose contribution had enabled the works to go ahead. As a result, despite these significant capital outlays, Hall reserves remained positive at year end.

Finally, CD thanked his Management Committee team for all their support and hard work during the year, and was glad to report that they had all agreed to continue to serve during 2019. His thanks went also to Phil Crawford-Smith whose assistance with the car park project had been invaluable, and of course to the Social Entertainments group which had worked so industriously during the year to successfully increase community activities and Hall income.



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BAYFORD VILLAGE HALL - NEW DISPLAY BOARDS

The Village Hall now has several more display boards. The initial idea is to show on them sets of photographs of places in this part of the country that are both beautiful and worth a visit. If you have such a set to "lend" the Hall, please get in touch with Sid Garton on 01963 34808.

BAYFORD COFFEE MORNINGS

Thursday 6th June from 10 am–12 noon in Bayford Village Hall. Bring & Buy table as usual. Everyone very welcome.



NB Would those people who kindly said they would donate things for the Summer Fair Raffle hampers please bring them to this coffee morning so that they can be sorted and passed on to relevant people.

The next coffee morning on Thursday 4th July will be held at the home of Brian and Averil Ellard, at Sunnybank, Bayford, from 10–12 noon, hopefully in their lovely garden.

Coming to the Coffee morning in the Village Hall is also an opportunity to view the ongoing photograph displays in the Hall. These reflect places of beauty and interest nearby and give ideas for day or half day outings so do look at the boards carefully as you enter!

Don't forget the Summer Fair at
2pm on Sat 15th June at
Cucklington Village Hall.

THE BAYFORD VILLAGE LUNCH

The June Lunch will be on Wednesday 26th June, usual time 12.30 pm.

Please let Dorothy Goldsack know if you plan to come, and if you have any food allergies on tel: 01963 32176



Please note that there will be no Village Lunch in July or August. The next one will be Wednesday, 25th September.

Our best wishes to Margaret Kelly who has been in hospital and is now home. We hope you are feeling better and will soon be restored to full health Margaret, and look forward to seeing you at the coffee mornings again soon.

SILENT ART AUCTION SUCCESS

Diane Coe, an established artist living in Charlton Musgrove kindly donated pictures from her cherished art collection for a silent art auction, held on Saturday 4th May at Bayford Village Hall, in support of the maintenance work for St Andrews Church, Stoke Trister.

The silent art auction was attended by many locals wishing to support St Andrews Church whilst hoping to take home a wonderful, original art picture. Wine and nibbles were provided to all attendees & everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

I'd like to thank all the helpers, without whom, this auction would not have been possible. I'd also like to thank Diane Coe for donating such lovely art pictures. 24 of Diane's pictures were sold on the evening (and over the internet) raising a grand total of **£840.00**.

Thanks again to everyone who contributed to this wonderful event.

Gareth Baker

Letter from the Right Reverend Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath and Wells For Parish Newsletters – June 2019

We all have something to offer

There is a story told about Sir Michael Costa who was an Italian-born conductor and composer who became well known and popular in England during the nineteenth century. It is said that one day he was conducting a rehearsal in which the orchestra was joined by a great chorus. About halfway through the rehearsal, with trumpets blaring, drums rolling, and violins singing, the piccolo player muttered to himself, "What good am I doing? I might just as well not be playing. Nobody can hear me anyway." So he kept the instrument to his mouth, but he made no sound. Within moments, the conductor cried, "Stop! Stop! Where's the piccolo?" Michael Costa could tell that the piccolo was not playing. Something was missing and because of that the performance was incomplete.

I am sure there are times when we can all identify with that piccolo player. There are times when we may feel insignificant and useless. Whatever age we are there is the temptation to look at other people who seem to have more talent than we have, who are better at things than we are, who are more confident or skilled than we are - and to think we don't matter or that our contribution doesn't count. Perhaps we are tempted sometimes just to settle back and let somebody else do the work. We reason that what we have to offer won't make much difference anyway, or that because other people can do it much better than we can, that there is no point in us joining in.

I take heart from the story of the feeding of the five thousand. In the middle of that story we read of Andrew, Peter's brother saying: 'There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?' (John 6:9). This is a story of someone giving what he has to the Lord and about Jesus then using what is offered to feed a multitude of hungry people (John 6:1-14).

What do we learn from that? Surely one thing we learn is that each of us has something important to offer which God can take and bless and use. Whether our talent is great or small, the performance isn't complete until we do our best with what we have and until we offer our lives and our gifts to God and ask him to use us for his glory and to serve others.

With warm greetings,

The Right Revd Peter Hancock
Bishop of Bath and Wells

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PENTECOST

PRAYER PICNIC

Come and picnic and pray for our local area with other Christians from churches in Wincanton.

*Cale Park,
Wincanton Sunday
June 9th
12.30pm
Bring a picnic!**

Taking Part!

Join the local **Open Air 'Thy Kingdom Come'** Prayer Gatherings

Thursday May 30th, St Lawrence's Churchyard, Cucklington, 7.30-8.00pm

Friday May 31st, St Andrew's Churchyard, Stoke Trister, 7.30-8.00pm

Monday June 3rd, St John's Churchyard, Charlton Musgrove, 7.30-8.00pm

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with stickers

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at 7.00pm

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