



VILLAGE NEWS

December 2021



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<http://www.somerset.gov.uk/online> to report fly tipping online.

(For Dorset—<http://dorsetforyou.com/flytipping/report-flytipping-online>).

<http://www.somerset.gov.uk/planningsearch> (status of planning application)

LAST POSTAGE DATES

Fri 17th Dec Royal Mail Bulk Economy

Sat 18th Dec 2nd Class/Royal Mail 48

Tue 21st Dec 1st Class/Royal Mail 24/ Royal Mail 48 Tracked

Wed 22nd Dec Royal Mail Tracked 24



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Collect your Turkeys and Christmas orders
on 22nd and 23rd December.

Christmas opening

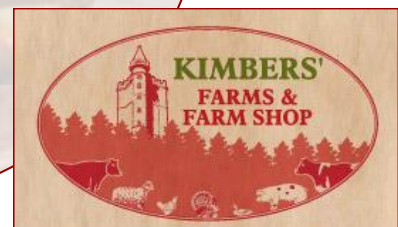
Christmas Eve 9.00am - 2.30pm

closed till

29th to 31st Dec 10.00am - 4.00pm

We are giving our staff a well earned break so aren't
reopening until Friday 7th Jan 2022.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of our
customers and friends.



BENEFICE SERVICES

December 2021 and January 2022



Churches: SSCM: St Stephen, Rectory Lane, Charlton Musgrove

SJCM: St John, Barrow Lane, Charlton Musgrove

SLC: St Lawrence, Long Hill, Cucklington

SAST: St Andrew Stoke Trister



DECEMBER 2021

5th	10.00	Advent Cafe Church	SSCM
	14.00	John Perry Memorial Service	SAST
	18.00	Evensong	SLC
12th	9.30	Holy Communion	SSCM
19th	16.30	Stoke Trister with Bayford Carols by Candlelight	SAST
	19.00	Cucklington Carols by Candlelight	SLC
	19.00	Charlton Musgrove Carols by Candlelight	SSCM
24th	16.00	Christingle and Crib Service	SSCM
25th	9.00	Christmas Day Holy Communion	SSCM
	10.30	Christmas Day Holy Communion	SLC
26th	9.30	Holy Communion (said)	SAST

JANUARY 2022

2nd Jan	10.00	Cafe Church	SSCM
	18.00	Evensong	SLC
9th Jan	9.00	Holy Communion	SSCM
16th Jan	9.00	Holy Communion	SJCM
	18.30	Evensong	SAST
23rd Jan	9.00	Holy Communion	SLC
30th Jan	9.00	Holy Communion	SAST



Along with this issue of the Village News you should also have a free copy of "HOPE FOR ALL." This is a free gift from the Church, so relax and enjoy it.....but not until you have read the Village News, obviously!!

Freedom Has Come!

A.J. Gordon was a Baptist pastor in Boston, Massachusetts. One day he met a young boy in front of the church carrying a rusty cage in which several birds fluttered nervously. Gordon inquired, "Son, where did you get those birds?" The boy replied, "I trapped them out in the field." "What are you going to do with them?" "I'm going to play with them, and then I guess I'll just feed them to an old cat we have at home."

When Gordon offered to buy them, the lad exclaimed, "Mister, you don't want them, they're just little old wild birds and can't sing very well." Gordon replied, "I'll give you £2 for the cage and the birds." "Okay, it's a deal, but you're making a bad bargain."



The exchange was made and the boy went away whistling, happy with his shiny coins. Gordon walked around to the back of the church property, opened the door of the small wire coop, and let the struggling creatures soar into the blue. The next Sunday he took the empty cage into the pulpit and used it to illustrate his sermon about Christ's coming to seek and to save the lost - paying for them with His own precious blood. "That boy told me the birds were not songsters," said Gordon, "but when I released them and they winged their way heavenward, it seemed to me they were singing, '*Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed!*'"

We are in the season of Advent...and the message of these times is the song those wild birds. It's the song sung in every carol this season: *Redeemed!* It's the meaning behind every gift given under the tree: *Redeemed!* It's the word the shepherds heard: *Redeemed!* It's the star the Wisemen followed: *Redeemed!* It's the assurance Mary received: *Redeemed!* You and I have been trapped by sin, but Christ has purchased our pardon. We have been redeemed! Enjoy this magical, wondrous season of new beginnings!

Revd Rosy Ashley

I have had the pleasure of editing the Village News for a while now and hope that you are all happy with what you get to read each month. Next year we will be including more for the younger residents, with playgroup times and the like which can sometimes be hard to find out, especially if you are new to an area, or just a sleep deprived and busy parent!

But this is YOUR newsletter and if there is anything that you would like to see included (even if you just have an idea but don't want to contribute) just let me know. I know what I find interesting and useful and if I was to ask my long suffering husband his opinion it would be sheep or cows depending on which had given him grief at work that day and very occasionally John Deere tractors but I appreciate that would be boring for most normal people!

Due to the inevitable Christmas celebrations, the next deadline is **14th December**, all copy and suggestions to tristerncottage@hotmail.com

Helen

SOMERSET BUS PARTNERSHIP

The future is suddenly starting to look a lot brighter for bus services in Somerset.

Over the past decade, public transport has not been an economic or developmental priority for Somerset County Council. Residents of this large, mainly rural county have been encouraged to rely on cars to get them to work as well as to shops, hospitals and places of entertainment and bus travel has dwindled accordingly. Bus journeys in the County have fallen by 43% over the past decade, we now have the second lowest bus journeys per head in the country and our bus services have the lowest satisfaction score.

But the Government's Bus Back Better strategy has prompted a major rethink with £3 billion of funding for bus improvements to be shared out between transport authorities across England (outside of London). Somerset County Council has responded and developed a highly ambitious Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) and is asking the Government to fund the Somerset BSIP with an eye watering £163 million grant. You can read the 184pp document that Somerset has submitted justifying this bid here <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/transport-strategy> (the BSIP document can be found under the National Bus Strategy Section).

Even if the full amount of the Somerset bid is not granted, it is a recognition by Somerset County Council that its bus services need major improvement. Transport is the biggest emitter of carbon emissions in Somerset accounting for 44.1% of Somerset's total emissions. Given COP26, we must now make sure Somerset pursues the initiatives outlined in the Somerset Bus Service Improvement Plan that encourage a switch to public transport and away from single occupancy private cars. This will reduce our carbon footprint.

Somerset Bus Partnership was set up so that the voices of bus users from across Somerset are heard. We now have over 80 "bus representatives" from all parts of the county who ensure we understand and reflect the needs of towns and parishes across the county.

But we are looking for extra support within the Somerset Bus Partnership's core team. Have you had management experience of the bus industry or in a transport department within a Council? Please do get in touch if you have.

Somerset is now entering into an Enhanced Partnership with local bus service operators to implement the Somerset Bus Service Improvement Plan. We have been invited to attend the launch of the Bus Advisory Board in late November. This is Somerset's first step in establishing a partnership arrangement with local bus companies.

Somerset Bus Partnership will continue to work with bus users and will hold Somerset County Council to the ambitious and worthy goals now espoused in the Somerset Bus Improvement Plan

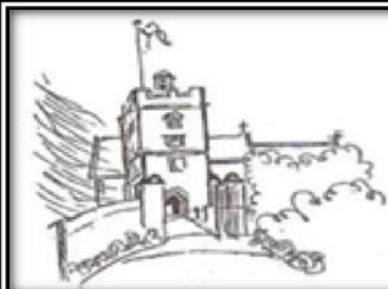
If you would like to get in contact with us drop us an email: somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook: or via our website: <https://www.somersetbuspartnership.co.uk>

Tony Reese
Co Chair
Somerset Bus Partnership



As always, a massive thank you to all the contributors, advertisers, distributors and behind the scenes volunteers (especially Jeremy) who make it possible for us to have such a vibrant Village News.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.



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Hall bookings should be made through Jenny Rawlings (01963 3320), who also holds the keys. If not available, ring Brian Trueman (07398980487) or Di Hammet (01747 840770)

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The last Coffee Morning of 2021 is on the 27th Nov.

There will not be one in December so see you 2022!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from us all.



***The Cucklington Village Hall
100 Club Xmas Party***

will be held on

Friday the 3rd December @ 7.30 pm.

Invites will be sent out to members, but any new residents who would like to attend and join to support the Hall are most welcome.

SCRABBLE

Join us for a friendly game, at any level on the 14th Dec at 7.00pm at AMMH.

All you need to bring is whatever you would like to drink, 'nibbles' are provided!

If you need more information, please call Gaye on 01747 840450.



The Pop up Pub is joining with the 100 Club Party (see above) All welcome, 3rd December, 7.30pm.



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CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING at MAGGIE'S

Everyone is welcome at Maggie's (The Red Brick House, Stoke Lane) for our Christmas Coffee Morning on **Thursday 2nd December from 10am–12 noon**. Please bring a raffle prize.

There will be no Bayford coffee morning in January but the good news is that we **WILL** be returning on Thursday February 3rd 2022 in the Village Hall.

CAROL SINGING

IN BAYFORD VILLAGE HALL

Join us in the warm this year with mince pies and mulled wine for a seasonal sing song with friends and neighbours.



All welcome

From 7pm

Sat 18th Dec

Last month we told of the sad passing of John Perry from Stoke Trister. There will be a memorial service for him on 5th December at 2pm, followed by refreshments and mulled wine at the Old School House, Stoke Trister. All welcome.



The Bayford Lunch Club met for the first time since lockdown and a lovely time was had by all, new faces and old. What could be better than delicious food (thanks to Mary and Marilyn) and good friendly chat.

Thanks to all involved.

No Lunch Club in December



Many thanks to Rosy and her helpers for organising the Bayford village tea party on Sunday 7th November. It was a great success and many residents, new and old, turned up so it was a good chance to meet and mingle over delicious sandwiches, cakes and tea.

In Aid of Stoke Trister with Bayford Church

Christmas Fair



Saturday

27th November 2021

Bayford Village Hall

10am - 12 noon

**Grand Raffle, Cakes, Gifts, Gift Tombola,
Refreshments, Locally made Crafts, Books,
Nearly New, And all the Usual Stalls**



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

This years opening hours for the festival at
St Andrews Church, Stoke Trister are:

Friday 10th Dec: 7pm-9pm

Saturday 11th Dec: 10am-4pm

Sunday 12th Dec: 1pm-4pm (new time)

- * **Wine and Cheese evening** on Friday 10th at 7pm-9pm
- * **Big Brass Band extravaganza** for our **carol singing** on Saturday 11th at 3pm-4pm
- * Our very first '**Reflective Christmas**' at 2pm-3pm on Sunday 12th

There will be prizes galore for the best adult and children's decorated Christmas tree & for the best Christmas tree illustrating your own Christmas story.

I encourage all entries to use battery operated lights, but other than that let your imagination run wild.....

Traditional, modern, futuristic?

Handmade or recycled?

Monotone or rainbow bright?

However you decorate your tree, we will make this a festival to remember....! So, please let me know by Dec 4th if you will be taking part in this spectacular event.





CHARLTON MUSGROVE

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Coffee Cake and Chat.

St John's Barrow Lane. Mondays 10 - 12.

Martyn felt at the end of Lockdown, with outside gatherings, it would be good to put tables and chairs outside of St John's and simply offer Coffee Chat and Cake!! It has continued ever since!

A happy gathering and we have had incredibly weather but now its colder we are inside!

Do come and join us any time. You will find a warm welcome whatever age.

Our last Coffee morning before Christmas will be on the 13th December,

and we will look forward to seeing you all again on 10th January 2022.

No agenda, just friendship.

Martyn Brown, church warden.



Don't forget you can read the Village News through your village Facebook Page!

DEFIBRILATOR/FIRST AID TRAINING COURSE.

If you would like to take part, please register your interest with
Charlton Musgrove Parish Council by emailing

clerk@charltonmusgrove.org.uk

If there is sufficient interest, we will investigate courses
and costs.

Thank you.



CHARLTON MUSGROVE CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Friday 10th December

10.30 - 12 noon

Village Hall

Do come along for Mulled Wine
and Mince Pies plus all the usual
coffee and home made cakes.

We do hope you will all come
and help us get into the
Christmas Spirit before the
serious preparations begin.

No Coffee Morning in January
but we look forward to
welcoming you all back on
Friday 18th February 2022.

**We wish you all A very Happy
Christmas and Good Health, Joy
and Peace in The New Year**

Miranda Bingham and Matthew Denney, both from **Lawrences Auctioneers** of Crewkerne were delighted with the wide range of jewellery, books, porcelain, swords and silk embroidery to name just a few of the items brought along to be dated, identified and of course valued. They were generous with their time and expertise which was warmly welcomed by a large number of local folk.

Martyn and Jean Brown organised another immensely successful afternoon for St Stephen's church raising £300 through good fun, delicious cake and a generous sharing of knowledge.

Many thanks to all involved.



UDDER FARM NEWS

Hi 128 here again just to let you know what has been going on recently. Well most of us are now in total lockdown with just a few girls and Dick/Bruce still out in the fields, but by the time you read this I expect they will all be in.

Now I am not sure if I have told you before that during milking we always have to listen to the radio. They say it's to keep us happy, but I think it is to entertain them while they are milking us, the reason for saying this is because we don't have control of the stations, sometimes its Radio 1 or Radio 2, sometimes Radio Somerset and occasionally in the summer its test match special. Saturdays in the winter is worse as we have to listen to a football commentary (BORRING). We seem to milk quicker on Saturday afternoons, as the food they put out for us is more interesting than the football.

Due to the radio being on we always catch the news every half hour, so we know what is going on in the world. The last fortnight there has been some conference in GLASS COW about the environment, which we listened too. It seems we are a problem as we emit methane gas and something has to be done about it.

Well, what worries me and the rest of us here is if humans have got to eat a vegetarian diet which is similar to the one that we eat, isn't there going to be more wind produced?

Also, if meat and dairy have to be reduced, what is going to happen to us? We will become extinct.

However, the good news is that Morrisons are sponsoring some research into dairy cow rations that will reduce the amount of methane we produce, as it appears that some feeds are less methane friendly than others. The research that Morrisons are sponsoring is to see if feeding seaweed or seaweed supplements will reduce emissions from us, as previous research in the USA and Australia found up to an 80% reduction. If this is the case we may see you at the seaside in the summer.

Hope you all have a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year, think of us on Christmas Day as we will still be working to supply the milk for the cheese you could be eating next year.

I will write again soon

VILLAGES' WALKING GROUP

The suggestion of having a walking group for our three parishes - Charlton Musgrove, Cucklington and Stoke Trister with Bayford – has been well-received and a number have signed up to be part of this. One of the challenges might be to find one particular day which suits everyone; in which case future walks may be planned on different days in the hope that we can accommodate most of the people most of the time (or, at least, some of the time).

If you would like to be part of this walking group, or to know what we're doing – please do phone Eileen or myself on 01963 34837 or e-mail us: mdvockins@btinternet.com. It will be good to hear from you.



Our first walk will be on New Year's Day, starting at 10.30am from St. Stephen's Church in Rectory Lane, Charlton Musgrove (plenty of parking). It will be a walk of almost 3 miles and will take around 1¾ to 2 hours depending perhaps on how long it takes us to get over the stiles (five in all) and how much we chat. The walk is mostly flat, over meadows, one short stretch may be muddy (depending on how many bovine feet have walked it recently) and one short uphill section can be slippery (depending on how many walkers have headed that way). So a gentle and not too arduous or too long walk to set us off.

Do join us – and if you do plan to come please do phone/e-mail (details above) so we know to expect you..

Mike and Eileen Vockins

The Chantry, Charlton Musgrove, Tel 01963 34837

LEMON MERINGUE FRIDGE CAKE

drizzle of sunflower oil
1 ½ packs (300g) buttery biscuits (eg Fox's Crinkle Crunch Butter)
2 lemons, 1 zested and juiced, 1 sliced to serve
400g mascarpone

400ml double cream
25 icing sugar
100g lemon curd
10 mini meringues



Step 1 Grease and line a 900g loaf tin with baking parchment. Line the base with a row of biscuits. In a bowl, whisk the lemon zest and juice, mascarpone, cream, sugar and 50g lemon curd until thick and holding its shape. Transfer roughly 1 /4 of the mixture to a bowl and chill in the fridge for later.

Step 2 Layer the mascarpone and biscuits into the tin, and add the remaining lemon curd in spoonfuls between the layers. Break some biscuits to fill any gaps. You should have about four layers of biscuits, finishing with a layer of cream. Wrap the tin in cling film and chill for at least 8 hrs, or up to 48 hrs.

Step 3 When you're ready to serve, unwrap the tin and turn the pudding out onto a platter or board. Peel off the parchment. Crush 4 of the mini meringues to a rubble texture and stir through the reserved mascarpone mix. Spread across the top of the pudding, then press the remaining mini meringues and lemon slices on top.

Serves 12

WHEN ENJOYING YOUR COUNTRY WALKS OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD

PLEASE AWARE OF THE REFRESHED COUNTRYSIDE CODE

(and that farmers work every day, even Christmas day!)

STAY SAFE AND ENJOY.

Respect

Please respect those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside. Be sure to be nice, say hello and share the space.

- Make sure you keep to the footpaths to help protect crops, wildlife and ground nesting birds.
- Leave gates and property as you find them. (If it's open, leave it open, if it's shut, leave it shut!)
- Slow down or stop for horses, walkers and farm animals and give them plenty of room.
- Don't block gateways, driveways or paths with your vehicle.
- Keep away from machinery and farm animals.
- If you're worried about something, try to alert the farmer.
- Although you might think you are being kind, feeding animals can cause them harm. Please do not feed livestock, horses or wild animals.

Protect

We all have a responsibility to protect the countryside now and for future generations.

- Litter and leftover food not only spoil the beauty of the countryside but can be dangerous to wildlife and farm animals too. Please take your litter home.
- Fires can be as devastating to wildlife and habitats as they are to people and property. Be careful with naked flames and cigarettes, and make sure they're extinguished properly.
- Everyone knows how unpleasant dog mess is, but did you know it can be very harmful to farm animals? Be a responsible dog owner - bag it, **take it**, bin it.
- Keep your dog on a short lead around farm animals. The only time you should release your dog is if you're threatened or chased by cattle..

Enjoy

British farmers are proud to enhance the British countryside. We can all do our bit to enjoy the countryside responsibly.

Plan your adventure and be aware of the weather forecast.

- Make sure you give farm animals plenty of space as they can behave unpredictably.
- Be safe - let a friend or family member know where you're planning to go.
- Enjoy your visit - have fun and make memories!

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 26th Nov	Parish Meeting, Village Hall, Cucklington, 7pm
Saturday 27th Nov	Last Coffee Morning of 2021, Cucklington Village Hall, 10am
Saturday 27th Nov	Christmas Fair, Bayford Village Hall, 10am
Monday 29th Nov	Coffee Cake & Chat , St Johns, Charlton Musgrove, 10am
DECEMBER	
Thursday 2nd Dec	Christmas Coffee Morning, Maggie's, Bayford, 10am
Friday 3rd Dec	100 Club Christmas Party and Pop up Pub Village Hall, Cucklington, 7.30
Friday 3rd Dec	Christmas Tree Festival, entry deadline
Sunday 5th Dec	John Perry's Memorial, 2pm
Monday 6th Dec	Coffee Cake & Chat , St Johns, Charlton Musgrove, 10am
Friday 10th Dec	Christmas Coffee Morning, Village Hall, Charlton Musgrove, 10.30am
Friday 10th Dec	Tree Festival, 7 - 9pm, <i>Wine & Cheese</i>
Saturday 11th Dec	Tree Festival, 10am - 4pm, <i>Brass Band Extravaganza & Carols 3 - 4pm</i>
Sunday 12th Dec	Tree Festival, 1 - 4pm, <i>Reflective Christmas 2 - 3pm</i>
Monday 13th Dec	Last Coffee Cake & Chat of 2021, St Johns, Charlton Musgrove, 10am
Tuesday 14th Dec	Scrabble Night, AMMH, 7pm
Saturday 18th Dec	Carol Singing, Village Hall, Bayford, 7pm
Sunday 19th Dec	Carols by Candlelight, St Andrews, Stoke Trister, 4.30pm
Sunday 19th Dec	Carols by Candlelight, St Johns, Charlton Musgrove, 7pm
Sunday 19th Dec	Carols by Candlelight, St Lawrence, Cucklington, 7pm
Friday 24th Dec	Christingle & Crib Service, St Stephens, Charlton Musgrove
Saturday 25th Dec	Christmas Day Holy Communion, St Stephens, Charlton Musgrove, 9am
Saturday 25th Dec	Christmas Day Holy Communion, St Lawrence, Cucklington, 10.30am
January 2022	
Saturday 1st January	New Years Walk, St Stephens, Charlton Musgrove, 10.30am

No more waiting to see
which bins the neighbours
put out.....



BIN COLLECTION DAYS DECEMBER						
	recycling 	refuse 	garden waste 			
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1	2	3 	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 	11	12
13	14 	15	16	17  	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 