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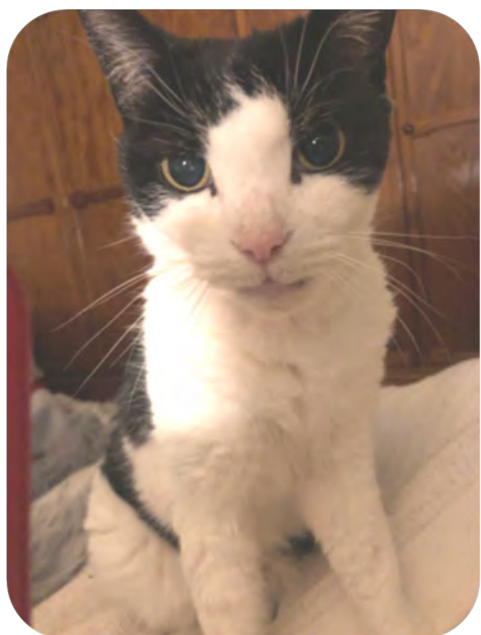
I'd really like to thank all those who sent messages, flowers and gifts while I was ill over Easter. I was very touched by your kindness and care. I'm also so grateful to Preb Mike Vockins, Jean and Martyn Brown and Pip Loxton who managed perfectly well without me in keeping the show on the road!

Whilst illness isn't pleasant, it was also a welcome time of rest and reflection, rare in our busy lives. Among other things, it was helpful in processing the sudden loss of the feline love of my life Humphrey who traumatically had a fit and had to be put down.

I'd inherited him from the Carroll family after Tim and Ann died and had been thoroughly loved by his gentle soul and affectionate face rubs!

The loss of his presence reminded me just how valuable love is, big or small and wherever it comes from. I also remembered that love doesn't end with death when Scooby came to mind, a dog I rescued in London and named because of his ears. He was being beaten outside my house and, running to intervene, the owner thrust his lead in my hand and ran off. After some food and love, Scooby stopped shaking and decided to join me in bed, stretching out alongside me all night. But while he slept, I was woken suddenly by God's voice clearly saying "any animal you love on earth will be recreated in the next life". This was a lovely thought but it made no sense at the time, so I went back to sleep.

However, the next day, after reporting Scooby to the RSPCA in case he'd been stolen, an inspector arrived on my doorstep. She carefully told me the sad news that Scooby was a pit bull, an illegal breed, who had to be put down.



Then God's words came back to me - all would be well for Scooby who would now know God's great Love and we would meet again. For we all come from Love, are sustained by Love and return to Love - God's great plan of redemption, renewal and restoration.

And so, in the Apostle Paul's words, "there are three things that matter: faith, hope, and love—yet love surpasses them all. So above all else, let love be the beautiful prize for which you run". (1 Corinthians 13, The Passion Translation)

Rev'd Rosy

BENEFICE SERVICES AND EVENTS

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

RA House: Chestnuts, Rowls Lane, Cucklington BA9 9PY

June			
4th June	10.00	Trinity Cafe Church	SSCM
	18.30	Trinity Evening Prayer	SAST
11th June	09.00	Holy Communion	SSCM
17/18th June	Cucklington Open Gardens		
18th Jun	15.00	Family Sevice	SJCM
	18.00	Favourite Hymn Half Hour to end open gardend	SLC
25th June	09.00	Holy Communion	SLC
July			
2nd July	10.00	Café Church	SSCM
	18.00	Evensong	SLC
9th July	09.00	Holy Communion	SSCM
16th July	15.00	Family Service	SJCM
23rd July	09.00	Holy Communion	SLC
	11.00	Baptism of Beth Baker	SAST



“A commitment to serve”

‘Your Majesty, as children of the kingdom of God we welcome you in the name of the King of kings’. In reply to these opening words at his Coronation, King Charles III responded ‘In his name and after his example I come not to be served but to serve.’ This short exchange summed up what the service was about and what it intended to convey.

The King’s commitment to service is not in any doubt. To give just a few examples, he has engaged with our most challenged communities far more than any politician, he called on us to care for the environment years before it became popular to do so and, of course, founded The Prince’s Trust, which supports our most challenged younger people in so many ways.

He becomes king of a new era, the Carolean era. Our times see us face some big challenges. Our question is how to address them. I was Immensely struck by all the agencies and charities present in the Abbey for the King’s Coronation. Their participation spoke of the ways in which we’re going to need to act differently in the years ahead to address the issues that confront us.

Because it’s all too evident that the power of government, be that local or national, to respond to the problems we see is less now than it was when the late Queen began her reign. Our challenge in this era is of how we’re going to come together, in service, to address the different challenges that lie before us, be that the climate, how we tackle poverty, how we respond to a troubled international situation. All of us will have a part to play.

Where to find the resource to act in the way that’s going to be needed? As I stood beside the King at the Coronation what inspired me was to see the way he drew so much strength, purpose and resolve and assurance from his Christian faith for the service he’s called to give. And in that we can follow him too.

Bishop Michael



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WHAT'S ON IN CUCKLINGTON	MAY	27th	Coffee and plant sale
	JUNE	7th	Pop up Pub
		9th	Scrabble
		17/18th	Open Gardens

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SCRABBLE

We are playing Scrabble on the second Friday of each month in Cucklington at AMMH join us at 7.00pm 9th June.

We would be delighted to welcome new members. We play a friendly game, Including many levels of ability. All you need to bring is whatever you would like to drink, 'nibbles' are provided!

If you would like more information please contact
 Gaye on 01747 840450.



Friday 2nd June 7pm

Join us for a drink and chat
 in the Arthur Morison
 Memorial Hall.
 All Welcome

ANNUAL PLANT SALE and COFFEE MORNING

The Arthur Morrison Memorial Hall

27th May 10am – 12pm

Donations of plants and seedlings most welcome

(in aid of church funds)



A brief line to once again thank everyone who helped bring together the Coronation Celebration on Sunday.

It was such a brilliant day, made possible by so many willing volunteers giving their time, donations and enthusiasm to transform the hall, cater and provide a great celebration for us all to share. The event was planned with the main purpose of bringing the local community together and with over 100 people joining us on the day, this was a resounding success!

Beyond this, we did manage to raise around £500 in surplus. In liaison with the AMMH Management Committee and the PCC, this money will kickstart the fund for the Jubilee benches at the viewpoint, replacing the two older metal benches. This is a proposal that John Crocker brought to the Parish Meeting in April and we'll be asking for input into the design of the benches as the project moves forward.

Willing volunteers for the Open Gardens please contact Gaye Farquharsson

Thank you once again for your support,



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We all need a helping hand from time to time.

Whether you need a lift to the doctors, some milk picking up, a hand moving a heavy chair, help sorting out the timer on the heating or just a coffee and a chat...we are here for you. Just call and leave a message if we don't answer or text and we will get back to you.

SCAVENGER

HUNT

2pm-4pm
Saturday 3rd June

Start at Bayford Village Hall.

Bring along friends and family for a fun afternoon.

Prizes, refreshments and cakes
£3 per team entry.



Based on the comical and moving #1 New York Times bestseller, A Man Called Otto tells the story of Otto Anderson (Tom Hanks), a grumpy widower who is very set in his ways. When a lively young family moves in next door, he meets his match in quick-witted and pregnant Marisol, leading to an unlikely friendship that will turn his world upside-down.

A funny, heartwarming story about how some families come from the most unexpected places

Bayford Village Hall

Film Night

Saturday 10th June

7.00pm

(doors open at 6.30pm)



COFFEE MORNING **Bayford Village Hall**



10am-12noon

Thurs 1st JUNE

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12.15 TO EAT AT 12.30



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Sunday 14th to book your lunch.*

Defibrillator training session



Would you know what to do in the event of a cardiac arrest? We are very lucky to have a defibrillator in the old phone box outside The Unicorn Pub. It would be great to have as many people as possible who feel empowered to use one in a situation in a cool, calm and collected manner.

We are holding another **free** defibrillator training session in **Bayford Village Hall** on Thursday **15th June at 7pm**. All most welcome. If you would like to attend please email jogarrett29@aol.com or text 07973631744.

WIMBLEDON



BAYFORD VILLAGE HALL, SATURDAY 1st JULY, 3PM

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NEW BOARD GAME CLUB

We all love playing games, whether it's old classics like Chess, Scrabble or Cluedo the newer Rummikubs, Phase 10 or Exploding Kittens or even cards.

You may want to come to learn, to win or just to have fun and make friends. All are welcome!

We are meeting every other Tuesday in Bayford Village Hall to start between 6.45 & 7pm.

Whilst we build our collection of games, please feel free to bring some along and as always we will provide tea and coffee but booze is down to you!!

First night is Tuesday 20th June at just £2.00 per adult.





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Any issues with the defibrillator or the phone box please email clerk@charltonmusgrovepc.org.uk.



In the event you need to use the defibrillator in an emergency and cannot leave your 'patient' to collect it, the volunteers named here will collect and deliver it to you.

If anyone else would be generous enough to join this list of volunteers, please contact the clerk on the email address above in the first instance, thank you.



The land behind St Stephens in all it's natural glory!

Another great picture by Nick Dibben.

Charlton Musgrove Short Mat Bowls

The Bowls Club is held in the Village Hall on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of the month. We start at 2 pm until 5 p.m. Tea and coffee are provided half way through the meeting. Fees are £3 per session.

If you are at all interested, please come along and join us. We are a very friendly group and have room for new members.

Janet and Tony Cole (01963 31739)



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10 till 12 noon
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All welcome

Do join us, even for a short time, you will always find a warm welcome! Tractor drivers, shepherds or home office workers, take a well earned break.



Anne Butt, widow of Stan, late of Barrow Water Farm, passed peacefully away on the 20th April. Anne was much loved in the village and beyond.

Lots of people enjoyed Camps at the farm, water fights and assorted fun, at the youth camps. Coffee mornings Bible studies and fellowship at the cottage.

Always hardworking, kind and generous.

We send our love and condolences to all her family at this time, Such a great family,

Anne was such a role model to many. A true matriarch, with her family around here in Charlton Musgrove.

A true country person.



We would like to give a **BIG THANK YOU** to all those who made our Coronation Parties such a success. Our wonderful bakers who collectively produced almost 1500 sandwiches, quiches, biscuits, cakes and pretty little nibbles for our 'fancy pants tea party' deserve a huge round of applause. Others who hung bunting, dressed up the tubs, wielded the staple gun and built the stage, moved tables and chairs back and forth and brought so many flowers – they made Our Hall look so festive – thank you. Those on hog-roast duty did a sterling job as did The Smithy and their helpers, they fed and watered us handsomely



Finally, a big shout out for everyone who joined in the clear up on Monday morning.

It was a fantastic village effort. thank you from Bex, Lucinda and the team.

Memorial Hall Coffee Morning



Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall Coffee morning, will be held on Friday **16th June. 10.30 - 12.00**. A once a month coffee morning is held on the 3rd Friday of each month so following Friday 16th June, the July one will be on Friday 21st. There will be coffee, tea and cake with the opportunity to catch up with neighbours and friends. All this for £2.00. Any surplus monies made will go to local charities at the end of the year.

UDDER FARM



Hi 247 again, we herd them talking the udder day and it appears the old grumpy one(at 5.00a.m the morning) has been milking cows at our home for fifty years, so over the next few months we have asked him if we can have a break from our journalism. So that he can tell you of the changes over the years

Hello, so I am the old grumpy one, that started milking cows fifty years ago at Church Farm Dairy. Cows were milked at Church Farm up until 1966, but due to the location of the farm buildings and land around, it was decided to put new and larger, at the time, purpose built buildings at what had been Rowles Farm until it was amalgamated back with Church Farm, after being sold off in the 1940's.

At the time Cucklington was, as Thomas Hardy wrote describing The Blackmore Vale, a village of small dairies. There were in fact in 1966, TWELVE farms milking cows in the village. That has now dwindled to one.

When the buildings and facilities were built, they were the most up to date for the time and a great improvement on the old buildings at Church Farm. The old cow stall, where the cows were tethered in the winter, was replaced by a new cubicle shed, where each cow had her own individual lying space and was free to get up and walk to her feed, which was self feed silage and hay. Where as before in the old cowstall all of the feed had to be manually taken into the building and fed to the cows.

The milking facilities were also much better than before, the cows were originally milked by hand in the cow stall, this was later super seeded by a vacuum line, so the cows were then milked much the same as today, but into buckets, the milk was then tipped from the bucket into a churn.

The new milking facilities were in the same building as they are now. This was originally a cow stall, but by digging out a pit and installing a herringbone design parlour. The milkers were able to milk the cows standing up, instead of having to squat down and put the milking units on the cows a lot easier. The biggest problem with this method, is that as you are a lot lower than the cows rear end you sometimes get a pat on the head!

When we started milking at this site, we could milk 8 cows at a time, 4 each side. This has now changed to 20 cows at a time, 10 each side. The reason for this that the numbers of cows have increased from 60 in 1973/4 to 140 in 2022/3. But the time it takes to milk is not a lot longer.

The people working on the farm with 60 cows and 120 acres was 2 full time, 1 part time and seasonal workers that lived in the village, to help with fencing or hauling hay bales and any other manual work. Now there are 2 full time, 1 relief milker once a week to look after 140 cows on about 250 acres.

By John Crocker (the old grumpy one!)



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What I do not have to do is agree with everything that is printed and anything in the Village News whilst moderated is the personal view of the contributor.

Deadline for next issue is June 18th

Helen Smith

Date for your diary!

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to plan for the future well being
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August 20th 2023

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We write in relation to the recent consultation and proposal put forward by NHS Somerset following the merger of Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and Somerset NHS Foundation Trust to create a new trust called Somerset NHS Foundation Trust.

This recent consultation was in relation to two options to either; a) keep Acute Stroke Care support at Yeovil District Hospital, (YDH), or to; b) relocate this to Musgrove in Taunton. Both these options however already presuppose that the Hyper Acute Stroke Care, (HASC), facility at YDH would transfer and be incorporated with the provision at Musgrove in Taunton. There has been no public consultation in relation to this change.

It is widely recognised that the first 45 minutes after onset are crucial to recovery for a stroke patient. Any additional time taken for patients to get to an HASC facility is likely to have significant detrimental consequences to their subsequent recovery.

Travel to Taunton from Yeovil is estimated at around 50 minutes to an hour from Yeovil, however, this can be considerably longer at peak times of traffic congestion, and during the summer months when tourist traffic is at its height. The additional time can also be considerably longer from other areas of South Somerset, Mendip, and the Dorset towns that are currently supported by the HASC facility at YDH. The closure of the HASC at YDH increases the delay and risk for all patients at a greater distance from Taunton and particularly those in more rural areas.

The Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Five Year Strategic Plan of 2014 indicates that a key weakness of utilising Musgrove (Taunton) was the “distance to travel for people local to YDH (between 50 minutes – 1 hour)” and that it was “not seen as a ‘local’ provider for South Somerset and North and West Dorset communities” Therefore it is clear that Hyper Acute Stroke Care and Acute Stroke Care must remain in Yeovil District Hospital for the safety of patients and for their longer term recuperation, as well as the ability for their families to travel to support them.

The residents of Yeovil are in opposition to this proposal with a petition which within the first two weeks since its launch received close to 5000 signatures. The residents of Yeovil and South Somerset clearly do not want any of these changes to take place and fear the risks inherent in the proposals. A link to the petition can be found below.

<https://chng.it/NHsyWhN5dG>

The impact of changes to services at Yeovil District Hospital impact a much wider area than just Yeovil. YDH currently provides care for an estimated 180,000 residents across South Somerset, North and West Dorset, and parts of the Mendips, the impact of the loss of Hyper Acute Stroke Care and Acute Stroke care will be felt by people you represent as councillors in your Towns and Parishes

Yeovil has a long-term strategy target for 7441 new homes by 2028, and the overall target for South Somerset is over 15,950. That represents 47,000+ additional residents (based on an average 3 heads per home). There are additional targets for the areas covered in Mendips, North and West Dorset, all of which will continue to grow.

The merger of Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (YDH) and Somerset NHS Foundation Trust to create a new trust called Somerset NHS Foundation Trust appears to be less of a merger than a plan to centralise services at Taunton and reduce the provision elsewhere. What Yeovil and South Somerset requires is for YDH to have facilities for a growing population and provide a full range of services to meet the immediate and specific care needs of patients suffering a stroke and in need of immediate care. The Consultation closed on Monday 24 April 2023, however given the strong opposition to this plan NHS Somerset have confirmed with Quicksilver Community Group that they remain open to feedback on this proposal.

As such, we ask that you join with the residents of Yeovil in rejecting both these proposals provided by Somerset NHS Foundation Trust and any plans for the removal of Hyper Acute Stroke Care, and Acute Stroke Care facilities from Yeovil District Hospital. Please do this by

☐ Signing the petition yourselves <https://chng.it/NHsyWhN5dG>

☐ Speaking to your communities to make them aware of this proposal and encouraging them to sign the petition.

☐ Most Importantly: Compose a letter on behalf of your council to the CEO of NHS Somerset, Peter Lewis and the NHS Somerset Engagement Team, demanding that any plans to remove Hyper Acute Stroke Care and Acute Stroke Care from Yeovil District Hospital should be abandoned. (FAO: Laura Alexander somicb.fitformyfuture@nhs.net and Peter.lewis@nhs.net)

We thank you for your time and consideration on this critical matter that affects all of us and trust that you will join with us in opposing this appalling proposal.

Kind Regards

Ray Tostevin

Chair of QCG
Quicksilver Community Group (QCG)

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Highways: 0300 123 2224 (also responsible for overgrown verges)

<http://www.somerset.gov.uk/online> to report fly tipping online. (For Dorset—<http://dorsetforyou.com/flytipping/report-flytipping-online>).

Also:

<http://www.somerset.gov.uk/planningsearch> to (check on the status of Planning Applications online.)

VILLAGES' WALKING GROUP JUNE MID-SUMMER EVENING WALK.

Last summer Steve and Sara Jarrett led us on a delightful Mid-Summer Evening walk near Alfred's Tower and – very kindly – they have agreed to lead a Mid-Summer Evening Walk for us again this summer. Hooray!

This will be on **Thursday 22nd June**, and we shall meet, as usual, at **Charlton Musgrove Village Hall**, at **7.10pm**, to head again for Alfred's Tower (and a different walk), leaving Alfred's Tower car park at 7.30pm.

Last summer's Mid-Summer Evening Walk was most enjoyable, on a balmy summer evening, and we hope for more of the same this time.

Do join us if you can; you will be most welcome. And if you are able to be with us it would be a kindness to let us know beforehand, so we know not to set off without you!



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Fri 2nd	Pop up Pub, AMMH, Cucklington. 7pm
Sat 3rd	Scvenger Hunt, Village Hall, Bayford. 2pm
Mon 5th	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am
Fri 9th	Scrabble, AMMH, Cucklington. 7pm
Sat 10th	"A Man Called Otto," Village Hall, Bayford. 7pm
Mon 12th	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am
Tues 13th	Short Mat Bowls, Village Hall, Charlton Musgrove. 2pm
Thurs 15th	Defib Training, Village Hall, Bayford. 7pm
Fri 16th	Coffee Morning, Memorial Hall, Charlton Musgrove. 10.30am
Sat 17th	Open Gardens, AMMH, Cucklington. 11am
Sun 18h	Open Gardens, AMMH, Cucklington. 11am
Mon 19th	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am
Tues 20th	Games Club, Village Hall, Bayford. 6.45/7pm
Wed 21st	Lunch, Village Hall, Bayford. 12.15
Thus 22nd	Village Walking Group, Village Hall Charlton Musgrove. 7.30pm
Mon 26th	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am
Tues 27th	Short Mat Bowls, Village Hall, Charlton Musgrove. 2pm

June 2023

GARDEN + RECYCLING X HOUSEHOLD O

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3 X	4
5	6	7	8	9 X	10	11
12	13 +	14	15	16 X O	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 X	24	25
26	27 +	28	29	30 X		

CALENDAR TAKES INTO ACCOUNT
THE MAY BACK HOLIDAYS!!

FOR CUCKLINGTON AS ALWAYS
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BELOW AS DATES MAY DIFFER
FOR SOME.

This collection calendar is correct (according to SSDC) for all of Charlton Musgrove, Bayford, most of Stoke Trister (BA9 9PJ, BA9 9PQ) and part of Cucklington (BA9 9QH, BA9 9QJ, BA9 9QY, BA9 9PW, BA9 9PU, BA9 9QN)

For other postcodes in Stoke Trister and Cucklington the recycling and garden waste is the same but refuse is 9th AND and the 30th.