



# VILLAGE NEWS

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## SOLIDARITY OR JUDGEMENT?

As a Vicar, I often encounter misconceptions about Christianity both inside and outside the church. A common one is that you have to be “good” to become a Christian and that God rejects you if you’re not and don’t follow his rules.

This is the opposite of the heart of Christianity which is not God’s judgement but his solidarity with all people, symbolised by the cross. Everyone is accepted, everyone belongs. God has loving room for all of us—shockingly, even those we consider our enemies!

Jesus lived this way and calls us to imitate him. A Jewish believer, he forgave and loved everyone else, calling forth the divine in Gentiles and Roman centurions; in Jewish tax collectors who collaborated with the Empire; in zealots who opposed it; in sinners of all stripes; in eunuchs, pagan astrologers and all those “outside the law.” Jesus had no trouble whatsoever with otherness and excluded no one.



An absolute realist, Jesus was and still is patient with the ordinary, the broken, the weak, and those who failed. He calls us to be peace and do justice but not to expect perfection in ourselves or the world. This only leads to intolerance and judgmentalism and makes ordinary love impossible.

Following him is not a “salvation scheme” or a means of creating some ideal social order as much as a calling to love the way that God loves—which we cannot and don’t have to do by ourselves. He has given his life giving Spirit to enable us to live beyond our human capacities and to see him in all people and things, even the painful, tragic and sinful places where we do not want to look for God. He is in us and with us, “reconciling all things in himself” (Ephesians 2:14–16).

So don’t believe that you or those you dislike aren’t good enough for God. Your worth and value to him was demonstrated 2000 years ago - and that can never be changed!

Revd 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

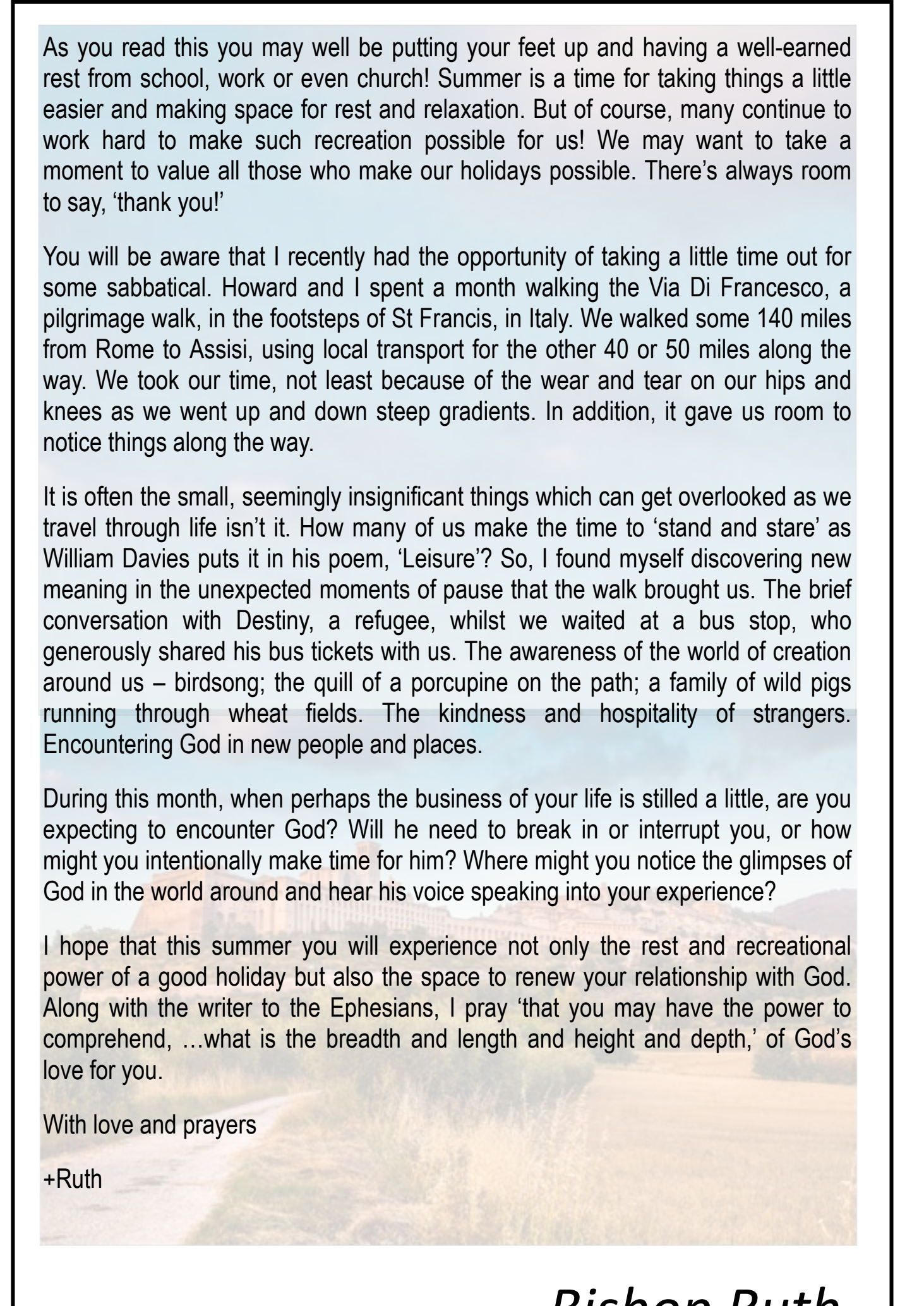
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30th July	10.00	Benefice Pet Service	SLC
6th Aug	10.00	Café Church	SSCM
	18.30	Evening Prayer	SAST
13th Aug	9.00	Holy Communion	SSCM
20th Aug	9.00-14.00	Church Away Day	Lox Lane
27th Aug	9.00	Holy Communion	SLC
3rd Sept	10.00	Café Church	SSCM
	18.00	Evensong	SLC
10th Sept	9.00	Holy Communion	SSCM
17th Sept	10.00	Morning Praise	SJCM
	17.00	BBQ in St Andrew's Churchyard	SAST
24th Sept	9.00	Holy Communion	SLC
1st Oct	10.00	Charlton Musgrove Harvest Celebration, Shalford	SSCM
	18.30	Evening Prayer	SAST

**DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER ISSUE IS 18TH AUGUST.**

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***Thank you to Andy for being an amazing deputy Editor!***



As you read this you may well be putting your feet up and having a well-earned rest from school, work or even church! Summer is a time for taking things a little easier and making space for rest and relaxation. But of course, many continue to work hard to make such recreation possible for us! We may want to take a moment to value all those who make our holidays possible. There's always room to say, 'thank you!'

You will be aware that I recently had the opportunity of taking a little time out for some sabbatical. Howard and I spent a month walking the Via Di Francesco, a pilgrimage walk, in the footsteps of St Francis, in Italy. We walked some 140 miles from Rome to Assisi, using local transport for the other 40 or 50 miles along the way. We took our time, not least because of the wear and tear on our hips and knees as we went up and down steep gradients. In addition, it gave us room to notice things along the way.

It is often the small, seemingly insignificant things which can get overlooked as we travel through life isn't it. How many of us make the time to 'stand and stare' as William Davies puts it in his poem, 'Leisure'? So, I found myself discovering new meaning in the unexpected moments of pause that the walk brought us. The brief conversation with Destiny, a refugee, whilst we waited at a bus stop, who generously shared his bus tickets with us. The awareness of the world of creation around us – birdsong; the quill of a porcupine on the path; a family of wild pigs running through wheat fields. The kindness and hospitality of strangers. Encountering God in new people and places.

During this month, when perhaps the business of your life is stilled a little, are you expecting to encounter God? Will he need to break in or interrupt you, or how might you intentionally make time for him? Where might you notice the glimpses of God in the world around and hear his voice speaking into your experience?

I hope that this summer you will experience not only the rest and recreational power of a good holiday but also the space to renew your relationship with God. Along with the writer to the Ephesians, I pray 'that you may have the power to comprehend, ...what is the breadth and length and height and depth,' of God's love for you.

With love and prayers

+Ruth

*Bishop Ruth*



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<b>WHAT'S ON IN CUCKLINGTON</b>	<b>AUG</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>Scrabble</b>
		<b>12th</b>	<b>Flower Show</b>
		<b>26th</b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b>



**Coffee Morning**  
**Saturday 26th August**  
**10am at the Village Hall**  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

## SCRABBLE

We are playing Scrabble on the second Friday of each month in Cucklington at AMMH join us at 7.00pm 11th August.

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.

I just want to say *thank you* to all who helped with the Gardens Open and all those who supported by visiting, and let you know how much you raised. With all the sales and a few donations the final amount raised was

**£3,000.**

**Well done the workers,** hopefully it makes everything worth while.

*A fantastic amount.*

Gaye.

# Cucklington, Stoke Trister and Bayford



## Summer flower show

12th of August 2pm at AMMH.

Entry £1 (children free)

Tea and delicious cake will be available.

### ***Pip's Birthday Bash!***

Her family, friends & neighbours across two parishes turned out in strength last Friday 21st July to celebrate the redoubtable Pip Loxton's 65th birthday.



Some 85 guests filled Cucklington Village Hall to enjoy a sit-down, sumptuous cold buffet, cheese and a variety of delicious cakes & puddings, all generously laid on by a team of her best mates in the village. The bar flowed non-stop and the evening rounded off with music & dancing.

With its bunting, balloons & festive tables, the Hall looked splendid & the party atmosphere got into full swing from the word go.

As several guests commented later "it was so good to see many of our old friends and neighbours from Cucklington. The village spirit is clearly alive and well!"





## **STOKE TRISTER WITH BAYFORD**

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### **Stoke Trister Defibrillator Project**

Following on from the number of times the Bayford defibrillator has been used since it was installed nearly 3 years ago the parish council would like to purchase one for Stoke Trister.

The first **ten minutes** are crucial in the advent of a cardiac arrest and early access to a defibrillator can be life saving. Time driving to a defibrillator is losing precious minutes and also potentially dangerous in a high pressure situation. It is much more ideal if the defibrillators are placed where people can quickly grab them.

The purchase and installation costs of a defibrillator in an external cabinet sited centrally in Stoke Trister would be around £3,250, ongoing costs are minimal.

If you would like to help in any way, perhaps you are a local business or resident who would like to make a **donation** to the purchase, or if we are lucky enough to raise the funds and you would like to offer your services in a weekly check to make sure that it is flashing etc then please contact [jogarrett29@aol.com](mailto:jogarrett29@aol.com).



## **COFFEE MORNING** **Bayford Village Hall**



10am-12noon

Thurs 3rd Aug

**All  
welcome**

*Coffee, cake with friends, new and old.*

*Meeting and making friends over food!*

**JOIN US FOR LUNCH**  
**ALL WELCOME**  
**BAYFORD VILLAGE HALL**  
**WEDNESDAY 16th AUG**  
**12.15 TO EAT AT 12.30**



*Please call Mary on 34420 by  
Sunday 14th to book your lunch.*



2019 version of  
**FISHERMAN'S  
FRIENDS**

12th August  
Bayford Village Hall  
Starts at 7pm



A fast-living, cynical London music executive heads to a remote Cornish village on a stag weekend where he's pranked by his boss into trying to sign a group of shanty singing fishermen. He becomes the ultimate 'fish out of water' as he struggles to gain the respect or enthusiasm of the unlikely boy band and their families who value friendship and community over fame and fortune.



Don't forget the  
Cucklington, Stoke  
Trister and Bayford  
Flower Show  
Details elsewhere in the  
village news.



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*If you notice any issues with the defibrillator or the phone box that houses it, please email [Charltonmusgrove@org.uk](mailto:Charltonmusgrove@org.uk)*

*Likewise, if anyone else would be generous enough to join this of volunteers, please in the first instance contact the clerk on the email above. Thank you.*



Beth Baker was christened on the 23rd of July.

These beautiful flowers marked a beautiful addition to the local church family.

**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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 MONDAY

10 till 12 noon  
 at St John's

**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.



From a very early age I was convinced that the Church was kept as such a clean, beautiful place by the Church Mice. Opening the following email from Jean and Martyn stirred up all sorts of memories but reminded me that we mustn't forget our church mice.....young or old!

"At St. John's we are blessed to have Jo Chilcott . We are very blessed to have Jo helping so much at St John's, with cleaning , oiling doors, building tables, locking up and setting up for coffee morning with fresh water. Thank you Jo, so much.

At St Stephens we have our star Janette unlocking, doing flowers and locking up.



It would help us so much at the moment, with Jean out of action, if we could find two or three, or more people (or mice) who would do some flowers!!! And do a bit of cleaning.

Nothing arduous. Eileen and Joan, are so helpful, but Joan, hasn't been well and we don't want to wear them out.

Our churches are there for everyone. PLEASE Help us keep them beautiful."

Thank you from Jean and Martyn (and the church mice)

We have been very blessed with our young folk, so many willing to get involved.

We have been so pleased to have Todd Pritchard, serving coffee etc at our Mondays, helping other hosts

Such a pleasant young man, helping the church and community, as part of his Duke of Edinburgh course.

He is a absolute credit to his parents. Thank you Todd, you are a joy.

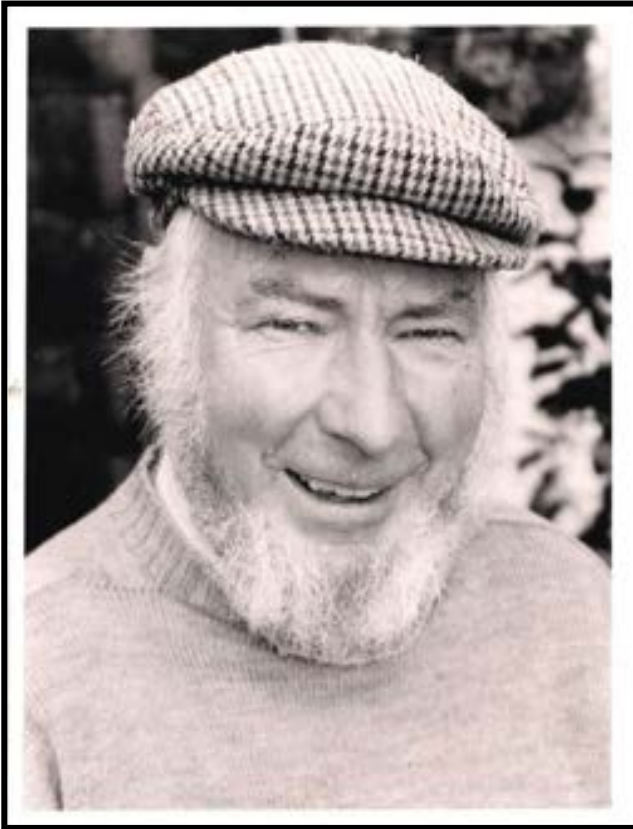
It's great also to have children making such beautiful cakes for us.



### Memorial Hall Coffee Morning



Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall Coffee morning, will be held on **Friday 18th 10.30 - 12.00**. A once a month coffee morning is held on the 3rd Friday of each month so following Friday 18th August, the September one will be on Friday 15th. 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.



## **CLAUDE TEAGUE RIP**

**“A true country, gent”**

**“He was a really gentle gentleman”**

**“Farmer, landowner, carpenter  
extraordinaire”**

It is with great sadness that we heard of the death of Claude Teague. Claude and his wife Alicia have been such a large part of our Village life over so many years.

Claude helped us by opening and closing St Stephen's Church every day, making it possible for anyone wishing to enjoy it's peace and tranquility, and many did, visitors from far and wide have crossed its threshold over the years.

He and his good friend Barry White helped with all those "little emergencies" that crop up in church life, many of our Church wardens have had cause to be grateful for their help in time of need.

Claude and Kevin brought us the Village Book. Doing meticulous research on the properties, their histories and residents, past and present members of our village community. A wonderful keepsake for us all.

Many of us will recall the evening in the Village Hall some years ago, when a recording of Claude and Alan Osborne regaled us with tales of Village life in their youth. They could definitely tell a tale! It was an evening to remember.

But then, we are never going to forget dear Claude, he will live on in our Memories.

He was a kind, caring, lovable person and we are proud to call him our friend. He will live on in the memories of the tales he told, the warm welcome always given by him and Alicia when you dropped by.

Claude was a Gentleman and a dear friend and he will be sadly missed.

Joan England



# THANK YOU



A tribute to the Browns.

Jean and Martyn are stepping back from their roles as safeguarding officer for the parish and church warden of the two churches in Charlton Musgrove.

Martyn has always taken the promises before god and the bishop very seriously and loves serving. This has been his second term as warden and each has been for at least six years. This time not only did he have both churches to look after, he oversaw the major building work at St Stephens and looked after the churches throughout the pandemic .

Jean is always there with a kind word, a prayer or a cake and without her the behind the scenes of the church would never have run so smoothly.

As well as their tireless efforts for the parish they have also travelled to places such as Uganda, India, Africa, Europe and Panama doing ministry work where its most needed.

Between the two of them they make a wonderful team and the parish is very lucky to have them.



This picture of Jean and Martyn was taken on one of their trips helping people in Uganda.

# UDDER FARM



Last month I was saying how the size of the machinery and tractors had increased in size over the past fifty years. Other things have also changed, some for the better some for the worse.

Fifty years ago most farm inputs were man handled, no loaders or material handlers available, most of the concentrate (cake) that we fed to the cows and other animals on the farm came in either 1cwt(50Kg) bags or 1/2cwt (25Kg) bags, very little came in bulk. This meant that it all had to be manhandled off of the lorries that delivered it into watertight buildings to store it. If you knew a delivery was coming and hoped the lorry driver unloaded it himself, this happened on rare occasions as the regular drivers knew that you would be there just after breakfast or lunch so would always seem to turn up then.

Sometimes we would have molassed sugar beet delivered, which was in 1cwt paper bags, these were normally delivered straight from the sugar beet factories, this was to reduce the handling. This was fine as it saved handling twice, but when the bags were loaded onto the lorries they had just come off the production line and the pressed sugar beet pulp was still warm. The only problem with this was that by the time the lorry had arrived from the eastern counties, the beet had cooled down and you had a 1cwt block, similar to a block of concrete. This was then dropped onto your shoulder by the lorry driver to be put in the store, this was no problem you would think when you started, but 10 tons of these bags was hard work, as I don't know if you have worked it out but this is 200 heavy bags, the worst bit was when you had them all stacked nicely in the shed, was that over the winter months when you were going to feed the product, everyone off them had to be taken out again! Thank goodness that loaders and material handlers were developed to handle these heavy lifting jobs. But as my father used to say in those days men were men and women were glad of it.

Udder things that have changed in size are the bulk tank that the milk is cooled and stored in. The first one we had held 340 gallons(1500ltrs), now it is 2000 gallons(9000ltrs) and the milk is kept refrigerated at 4oC and is picked up every other day, where as it was picked up daily. Consequently the lorries have also grown in size, which reduces haulage costs and also lorry movements in the village. Before the milk was collected in bulk tanks the milk was collected in churns and the churn lorries would rattle their way around the village picking up the milk from all the farms, hence the milk stand at Church Farm, where the churns were put for the lorry to pick up.

***By John Crocker***

## Meet and Eat

# BBQ

St Andrew's  
Churchyard

Stoke Trister  
September 17th

5.00pm

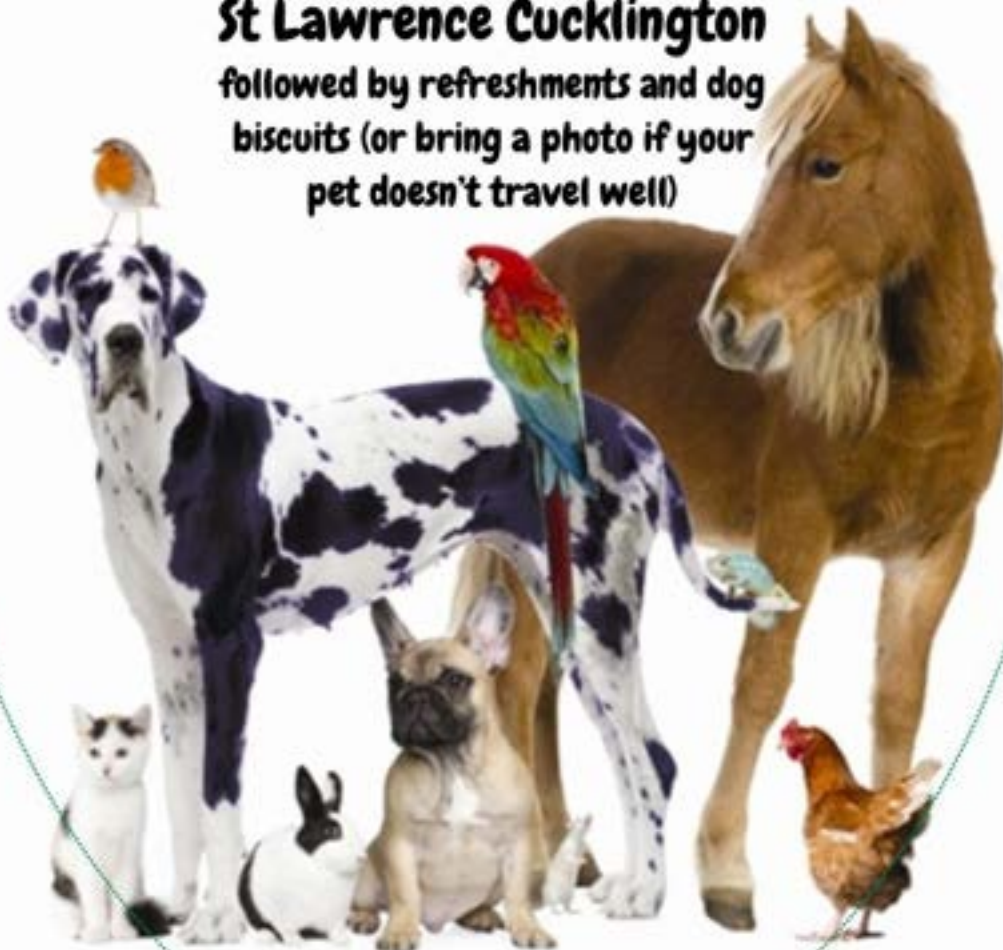
Meet neighbours and friends  
from the local villages.  
All welcome!

# Pet Service

on July 30th at 10am

St Lawrence Cucklington

followed by refreshments and dog  
biscuits (or bring a photo if your  
pet doesn't travel well)



# Church Away Day

to plan for the future well being of our churches

**August 20th 2023**

**09.30-14.00**

with Rob Walrond,  
Rural Affairs and Parish Development Adviser

**Lox Lane Conference Centre,  
East Stour, SP7 9PU**

*All church goers are invited!*

## VILLAGES' WALKING GROUP – AUGUST WALK.

Though tempted again to use the line which started our April Newsletter contribution - "***Don't know where, don't know when ...***" - I won't, as we do know when the next walk will be.

We are proposing that we walk on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August. At this stage, though, we're not sure where we shall be walking. We'll work on it, and let everyone know. Almost certainly we shall meet at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall at 10am. Walking together will be a good way to start the Bank Holiday weekend.

Please pencil this date in your diaries, and we shall of course confirm the walk location a little nearer the time. If you would like to walk with us and are not yet on our e-mail list do please get in touch with us, for it would be good to have you with us for our August walk. Do join us if you can. You will be most welcome.

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>3rd August</b>	Coffee morning, Bayford village hall. 10 till 12
<b>6th August</b>	Café church, SSCM. 10am
	Evening prayer, SAST. 18.30
<b>11th August</b>	Scrabble evening, AMMH. 7pm
<b>12th August</b>	Village flower show, AMMH. 2pm
	Movie night "fisherman's friends", Bayford village hall. 7pm
<b>13th August</b>	Holy communion, SSCM. 9am
<b>16th August</b>	Village lunch, Bayford village hall. 12.15
<b>17th August</b>	Meet and Eat BBQ, SAST. 5pm
<b>18th August</b>	Coffee morning, Charlton Musgrove village hall. 10.30 till 12
<b>20th August</b>	Church away day, Lox lane. 9.00 till 14.00
<b>25th August</b>	Village walking group, Charlton Musgrove village hall. 10am
<b>26th August</b>	Coffee Morning, AMMH. 10am
<b>27th August</b>	Holy communion, SLC. 9am

## August 2023

GARDEN + RECYCLING X HOUSEHOLD O

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4 X	5	6
7	8 +	9	10	11 X	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 XO	19	20
21	22 +	23	24	25 X	26	27
28	29	30	31			

FOR CUCKLINGTON AS ALWAYS  
CHECK THE POSTCODES  
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 the 11th only.