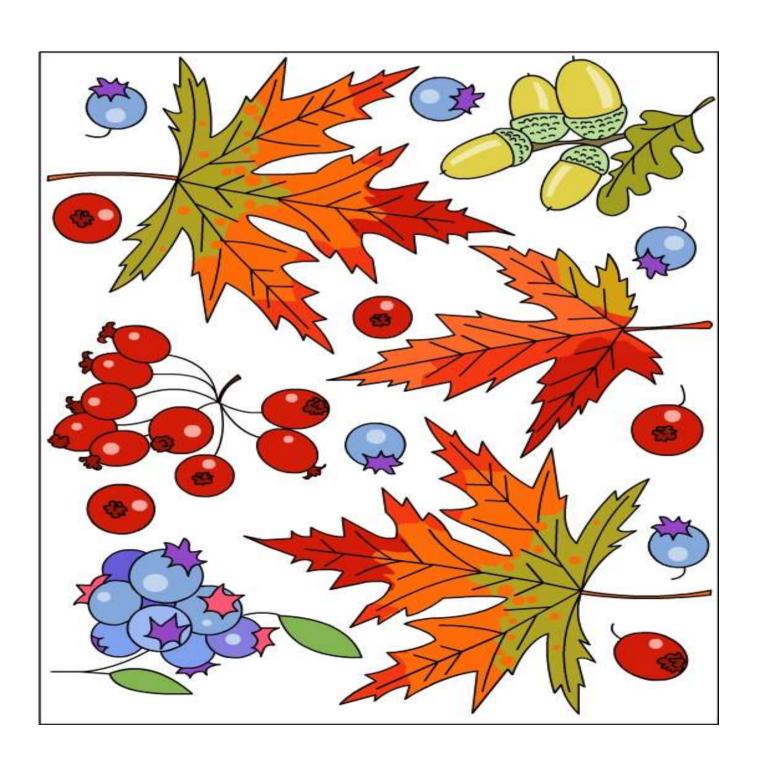
# VILLAGE NEWS

## November 2015

FOR THE PARISHES OF CHARLTON MUSGROVE, CUCKLINGTON & STOKE TRISTER WITH BAYFORD



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## Message from Bishop Peter

### November 2015

Bath and Wells has for many years been linked with the five Anglican dioceses in Zambia. My wife Jane and I spent most of August this year visiting them, along with Peter Merson and Jeremy Key-Pugh. We are grateful to everyone who prayed for us and supported us whilst we were there. Do have a look at the photos and videos and reports on the diocesan website: <a href="http://www.bathandwells.org.uk/2015/09/zambia-update-final-week-and-farewells/">http://www.bathandwells.org.uk/2015/09/zambia-update-final-week-and-farewells/</a>

It was such a rich, humbling and wonderful visit. We returned encouraged, enriched, enlivened - and exhausted! We travelled some 2,000 miles, many of them bouncing along some very rural roads. Although we sometimes arrived at our destinations a bit shaken, we were always immediately overwhelmed by the warmth of the welcome we received. The worship was uplifting, the singing was joyful, the dancing was exuberant and we found ourselves moved by the sense of God's Spirit with us wherever we went. We have been changed by the experience. We were also challenged as we saw churches reaching out in wonderful ways proclaiming the gospel and sharing God's love in practical and caring ways.

We saw churches being built, and clinics and schools providing health care and education to communities which would otherwise have no facilities at all. We saw the Anglican Church in Zambia engaging with issues of social justice, gender based violence and the problems of climate change and global warming. We saw the love of Christ being offered to many in need and saw communities being transformed by that love.

We would love to share more of this with parishes and organisations and would welcome opportunities to do that. Do invite one of us to come! But especially we would ask you to pray for our brothers and sisters in Zambia that God will continue to lead them and guide them and provide for their needs.

With warm Christian greetings,

+Peter Bath and Wells

## From the Organ Bench

Like many other things, poetry and music for the most part come in and out of fashion. Some blessed souls achieve permanent favour, such as Shakespeare and Mozart: others appear briefly and are then forgotten (who remembers Alfred Austin and Zdenek Fibich? The former succeeded Tennyson as Poet Laureate, the latter was a Bohemian composer, a contemporary of Dvorak and Smetana and in his day as famous as both).

But the popularity of most writers and composers depends on what is and isn't in favour. When we celebrate a national or royal occasion in church, I have often chosen a fine example of a hymn which is unpopular with some theologians because of its apparent unthinking patriotism: "I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above". It fell out of favour for a time in the last century, but is now once again sung more widely.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice (1859-1918) wrote these words in 1917 when he was the British Ambassador to the USA. They were a recasting of an earlier poem which reflected on how we are citizens of two countries, our own and the kingdom of heaven. The last line of all is a quotation (actually with a word altered) from the glorious passage from Proverbs, chapter 3, about the wisdom of God:

"And her ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace".

In his first line, Spring-Rice was careful with his wording. He wasn't asking us to put country above people, particularly not the people we love. "Earthly things" means just that.

The third line of the poem, "The love that asks no question" is another that some people object to, on the reasonable grounds that love shouldn't be uncritical. Love should ask many questions – especially if it is the love of one's country. To say that a country, or Government, is always right is jingoism. But Spring-Rice meant that we should love our country enough, whatever a government might or might not do, to make a sacrifice for it – because this is what Jesus Christ did for us. He said in a speech soon after finishing the poem: "The Cross is a sign of patience under suffering, but not patience under wrong. The Cross is the banner under which we fight....different in form, in colour, in history, but the same spirit, the spirit of sacrifice."

Unlike some composers whose music is used for hymns without their knowledge, Gustav Holst (1874-1934) was proud to set the main theme from "Jupiter", part of his Planets suite, to these words, and he called the tune Thaxted after the village in Essex where he lived. "I vow to thee, my country" is one of the finest matchings of words and music that one can find, and to finish a Remembrance Sunday service with it is to look to the present and future with faith and confidence as well as to the past with pride.

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

## October 2015

30<sup>th</sup> October Extraordinary Village Meeting (Cucklington) Arthur Morison Memorial Hall Arthur Morison Memorial Hall

## November 2015

| 5 <sup>th</sup> November  | Coffee Morning              | Bayford Chapel                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 6 <sup>th</sup> November  | Quiz Night in aid of Msaada | Arthur Morison Memorial Hall   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> November  | Cracker Workshop            | Bayford Chapel                 |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> November | Public Meeting              | Bayford Chapel                 |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> November | Quiz Night                  | Charlton Musgrove Village Hall |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> November | Coffee Morning              | Charlton Musgrove Village Hall |
| 21st November             | Home Farm Trust             | Wincanton Memorial Hall        |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> November | Flying with the Larks       | Arthur Morison Memorial Hall   |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> November | Coffee Morning              | Arthur Morison Memorial Hall   |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> November | Christmas Fair              | Bayford Chapel                 |

## December 2015

| 3 <sup>rd</sup> December                | Coffee Morning              | The Red Brick House, Bayford   |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 5 <sup>th</sup> December                | Pop up Christmas Workshop   | Charlton Musgrove Village Hall |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> December               | Christmas Coffee Morning    | Charlton Musgrove Village Hall |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> December               | Hall cleaning               | Arthur Morison Memorial Hall   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> December               | Christmas Tea Party         | Bayford Chapel                 |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> December               | 100 club Party              | Arthur Morison Memorial Hall   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Christmas Tree Festival     | St Andrew's Stoke Trister      |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> December               | Children's' Christmas Party | Arthur Morison Memorial Hall   |

Does anyone have any photos' of the 2014 Summer Fair if you do please contact Jeremy Sellick <u>jeremysellick@hotmail.co.uk</u> or 01963 32174



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### **NOVEMBER 2015**

| 1 <sup>ST</sup> November  | 9.30 am<br>5.00 pm | Family Communion Evensong BCP | ST<br>C |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| 8 <sup>th</sup> November  | 10.45 am           | Remembrance Service           | С       |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> November | 9.30 am<br>5.00 pm | Growing Faith Evensong BCP    | ST<br>C |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> November | 9.30 am            | Benefice Communion            | CMSJ    |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> November | 9.30 am            | Benefice Communion            | CMSS    |

### **VACANCY PERIOD**

#### PARISH OF STOKE TRISTER WITH BAYFORD

If you are in need of a member of the clergy during the vacancy period, beginning on the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2015, for yourself, a friend, wedding, funeral or baptism, please get in touch with Mrs Elizabeth Persson on 01963 33954 or <a href="mailto:eapp@talktalk.net">eapp@talktalk.net</a> and she will arrange the necessary. Many thanks.



## **VILLAGE VIEW**

## **CHARLTON MUSGROVE**

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## The Church – St Stephen's And St John's

Russell Drake late of Yew Tree Cottage, Rectory Lane, passed away on October 6th at a hospital in Oxford - just three weeks before his 90th birthday. He left the cottage due to ill health and went into a residential home near Oxford to be near his son.

Beryl Griffin

The Harvest Festival was celebrated both in the Thanksgiving Service in St Stephen's Church and later at Supper in the Village Hall. This year our feelings of thankfulness were tempered by concern for the plight of so many tired, cold, hungry and frightened refugees. The collection and the proceeds of the Supper amounted to a total of £566.56, which was added to the fund being sent to the Samara's Aid Appeal, for which Lucinda Hand was volunteering. Her report follows:

Samara's Aid Appeal – A HUGE thank you to all those who gave so generously to our appeal for warm winter clothing and bedding for the refugees and displaced people in the Middle East. In 3 days you delivered 6 Landrover loads, and raised a whopping £962.81 at the Harvest Festival and donations for the transport. It has now all been sorted, boxed and loaded and is heading to Iraq where many Syrians have sought safety. Many vulnerable children and adults died last winter from hypothermia as temperatures plunged below zero, your generosity will help save lives and make life more bearable. Thank you.

Quiz Night – Friday 13th November at Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall at 7.30.

Teams of four competing for a magnum of champagne - either come as a team or join up when you get there.

Bar and baked potatoes – tickets £7.50 at the door.

(Smartphone prompts not allowed!)

**POP-UP Christmas Workshop – Saturday 5th December** at Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall. From 10.30 am – 3.30 pm.

Come and make a wreath for your front door or candle-stick and table decorations with the florist, or make your own Christmas cards with the lino-cutters and printmakers, or learn how to decorate the cake.

And there's soup and mince pies for lunch as well. All ages welcome. Come with some protective clothing and lots of good ideas!

There will be another circular village walk leaving from the village hall on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January at 11am. Mulled wine and Christmas fare will be served afterwards in the hall. The walk will take about 1¾ to 2 hours so it is a bit longer than the previous ones but will be a great way to walk off the Christmas excesses and take in fine views over the village as well. Dogs are welcome.

Pilates: Contact Mo for details on: 07815 748518
mospilates@yahoo.com Wednesdays at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall
6.30pm – 7.30pm (Intermediate) 7.30pm – 8.30pm (Beginners)
Thursdays 9.30 – 10.30am (all levels)



Short Mat Bowls at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall
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#### **Charlton Musgrove 100 Club results for August**

No. 22. Jean Sellick. No. 32 Nick Amery.

### September

No. 21. Mark & Paula England. No. 79. Nigel Case.

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Remember to phone **01963 31634** for help in Charlton Musgrove if you need to call on the "safety net" which is in place. **Diane Coe** 

Coffee mornings at our hall, the third Friday of every month at 10.30am until 11.30. Real coffee and tempting cakes. Next coffee morning is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November

A Christmas special coffee morning will be a week earlier on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Community events at Charlton Musgrove are listed on our website and on the notice boards along with contact numbers. However, of course not everyone can access this information so this is a round up of what's on:-

Pilates - weekly on Wednesdays at 6.30pm and Thursdays at 9.30am contact Mo 07815 748518Zumba - weekly on Mondays at 7.00pm contact Chantelle 07590326292 Bridge classes - vary - Thurs 12pm - contact Booking secretary Chris 07708 087005 Short mat bowls - fortnightly Tues 2.30pm- contact Brian Wheeler 32635 Wine club - quarterly in March, June, Sep and December - contact Kate McCarry 31433 Tuesday painters - Tuesdays in term time at 9.30am - contact Biddy Moreton 33256 Dog flyball training starts Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 6.30pm - contact Booking secretary Chris 07708 087005

Parkinsons group - monthly on third Tuesdays at 2.30 - contact Booking secretary Chris 07708087005

Parish Council meetings most months - see website and notice boards for details and agenda. Chairman is Robin 32317 and Clerk is Sheran 32880

## Bargain Beer.

We over-catered rather for the recent Barn Dance & Harvest Supper in Charlton Musgrove, so have some canned beer to dispose of. There are several cases each containing 18 cans of John Smiths smoooth bitter. Your chance to stock up for Christmas!

## Just £10 per case.

Please contact Jeremy Sellick <u>– jeremysellick@hotmail.co.uk</u> or 01963 32174

## **CUCKLINGTON**

The Church - St Lawrence's



**CUCKLINGTON** 

Karen Dunford – Church Wardens Pip Loxton 01963 34220 Contact Telephone numbers 01747 840947

**Harvest lunch** Many thanks to all involved: and especially to Julia for organizing this very enjoyable event; to all those who provided food and produce, set up, cleared up, ran the auction - and of course to all those who attended! All much appreciated. Nearly £750 was raised and this money will go to the church and a farming charity.

**Thank you** to Jan and the flower ladies for the splendidly decorated church for Harvest it looked beautiful.

The Arthur Morison Memorial Hall, Cucklington - Management Committee

Committee members include: Telephone Number

Phil Crawford-Smith (Chairman) 01747 841045 Jenny Rawlings (Booking Secretary) 01963 33320

Hall bookings should be made through Jenny Rawlings who also holds the keys.

**Village Hall Coffee Mornings** The next coffee mornings will be on Saturday 31st October, and then on 28<sup>th</sup> November – at which our MP, David Warburton, will be present. Start at 10am. Come along for excellent coffee, delicious cakes and lots of chat.

**Village Hall cleaning:** The next cleaning date is 12<sup>th</sup> December. The Hall belongs to us all, so do come along and lend a hand. All equipment (plus coffee and cake!) provided!

Home Farm Trust. The very popular Home Farm Trust (hft) bazaar is back in the Wincanton Memorial Hall on Saturday 21st November. 10 till 1.30, entrance: 50p. Come early to get the wonderful bargains on our delicatessen stall, Christmas & other cakes, trash and treasure, the kitchen stall, and men's and ladies' wardrobe. We sell pictures, fantastic handbags, jewelry, children's clothes and books, Christmas decorations, cards and plants, and better books than are on amazon - all making for great Christmas shopping. Visit our tombola and when you have finished shopping, collapse into a chair with our delicious refreshments.

## EXTRAORDINARY VILLAGE MEETING FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER ARTHUR MORISON MEMORIAL HALL AGENDA

- 1. Election of Village Chairman
- 2. Election of Chairman's Advisory Group, if more than 6 people stand. (The interim members, as agreed at the last village meeting, are Campbell Dunford, Sarah Dyke-Bracher, Lachlan Fraser, Chris Stanford, John Crocker and Brian Trueman). James Gilbey has put his name forward.
- 3. Minutes of previous meetings
- 4. Matters arising
- 5. Financial Report
- 6. Budget for 2016/17, including precept
- 7. Village Hall
- 8. Update on Community Benefit proposal for Clapton Solar Farm.

## **Dates for your Diary:**

- **Talk** on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7 pm 'Flying with the Larks' by Timothy Brown; A talk on the beginning of aviation in Britain and the part played by Larkhill in the development of the British Aeroplane Industry and the formation of the first flying corps pre WW1. There is a focus on the personalities involved and their stories.
- **100 Club Annual Party** in the village hall 18<sup>th</sup> December.

## 100 Club Winners

August – S Dyke-Bracher, J Payne. September – K Bowen, J Trueman. October – J Rawlings, C Birrell

• Children's Christmas Party – 20<sup>th</sup> December. Please contact Hayley Higgins (01747 840254) for further details.

#### **Village Contacts:**

- **NHW co-ordinator** Brian Trueman 01747 841014. Non urgent calls to police 101, or else call the charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 <a href="https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org">www.crimestoppers-uk.org</a>
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Chair of Village Meeting: Vacant

We are running a Quiz Night in aid of **Msaada**, the Gillingham charity which provides in-calf Friesians to the widows of the Rwandan genocide. The event is on Friday 6th November in the Arthur Morison Hall, Cucklington at 7pm. Teams of 4 £10 a head including a meal. Wine and beer will be on sale.

I really hope that you will spare two or three hours to come along to support this excellent cause and to have some fun. If you can make up your own teams so much the better. If not I am sure that we will be able to match you up on the night.

For catering purposes I would be most grateful if you could let me know if you can come and whether you have a team or whether you need to be fixed up on the night. (<a href="mailto:petermunro20@live.co.uk">petermunro20@live.co.uk</a>) In case you are unaware of Msaada you can read all about it

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## REMEMBER... REMEMBER – The Animals! 5<sup>th</sup> November – 'Bonfire Night'

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## STOKE TRISTER WITH BAYFORD

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## The Church – St Andrew's and Bayford Chapel



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 Adam Persson
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Our Thanks to the church cleaning ladies Alison, Maggie and Jennifer who helped me clean the church, to Gareth for washing the church doors and the light over the gate – the Church was gleaming. To the flower ladies Diana, Alison Maggie and Jennifer who helped Angela and I decorate the Church, it looked beautiful. Diana for the wonderful organ music, to Nigel for organising the parking signs, the Haskett family for letting us use their yard for parking and to Brian and all the bell ringers for the amazing sound that greeted us on arrival at church on the 12<sup>th</sup> September for Angela and Gareth's wedding. A special thank you to Jo, returning to take the Service so soon after leaving the parish, it was a truly memorable day and we are very grateful for everyone giving their time to help make it extra special. Thank you. Richard and Christine Perrett

"The Chairman and Members of Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish Council will be laying a Remembrance Day wreath at Stoke Trister Church at 11am on 11 November 2015. All Welcome".

Janet Smith is now home again and would love visitors as she is still very housebound.

**Bayford Coffee Mornings** - The next coffee morning will be on Thursday 5th November in Bayford Chapel from 10 - 12. All are welcome. Bring & Buy as usual.

The December Coffee morning will be at the Giles's new house The Red Brick House in Stoke Lane on Thursday 3rd December. As this is the Christmas Coffee morning (10 - 12) there will not be the usual Bring & Buy, but a raffle will be held for which contributions would be gratefully received, and all are invited to come and enjoy Maggie's well-known hospitality.

**Alan Osborne** is doing well after his operation and will soon be fully mobile and back in his garden.

**Daphne Callow** is in Verrington and we all send her our best wishes.

An amusing talk was given in Bayford Chapel on 1st October by David Duff entitled Shakespeare in Love, starring our talented local actress Maggie Giles.

This was followed on 10th October by a Table Top Sale in the Chapel. Both events were the start of fund raising events for the Hall to be acquired as a village facility so please support the organisers of these activities when they occur.

**The Ellards** have kindly offered to host their Christmas Tea Party on Monday 14th December from 3 -5 pm and will be taking names at the next Coffee morning. The cost will be £3 per person.

#### DIANA'S CRACKER WORKSHOP

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 10 a.m. in the Mission Hall, Bayford

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### Christmas Tree Festival in St Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister

The traditional Christmas Tree Festival will take place at St Andrew's Church on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2015, from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on both days. Carols will be sung at 3.00 p.m. on the Saturday and be followed by mince pies etc. Flyers and notices will be distributed in the normal manner but if you want to book a tree space (there is only room for 24!) please ring Diana Noble on 01963 31071 or email via nigel.noble@btinternet.com.

## Christmas Fair – Bayford Chapel

The annual Christmas Fair will be held in Bayford Chapel on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2015 from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Presents and lots of other goodies on offer. Do come along.

The Bayford Hall Working Group has now established itself as a charitable organisation – the Bayford Mission Hall Society.

A Public Meeting will be held in the Hall on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00 pm to give an update on the project and outline future plans.

Several events have already taken place in the Hall. The Shakespeare talk was very interesting and well received by those who attended, and a table-top sale also drew support from the community.

On November 7<sup>th</sup> Diana Noble is holding a cracker making workshop, and more events are being planned.

If you would like to run an event in support of the Hall please contact Marilyn Miland on 01963 34297

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Mind TWS has been running Mindline Somerset now for nearly 15 years. During this time the service has supported many thousands of callers, and now has over 6000 contacts per year. Funding challenges and keeping on top of new technology have been some of the things we have overcome. We have seen many friends come and go, and it was with great sadness that we heard at the start of this year that our sister helpline WAND based in North Devon was going to have to close due to funding cuts. This has meant that our 7 day a week service has been temporarily dropped back to 5 evenings Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 2000-2300h on 01823 276 892. We are hoping to return to 7 nights a week early next year.

Ben McGrail from BBC Radio Somerset recently broadcast live from the offices of Mind Taunton and West Somerset. Ben led his 3 hour show talking about suicide and the help that is being offered in Somerset.

Mind TWS entered a team into the Headway Somerset Dragon Boat Race in Taunton on 7th June. There were 19 teams taking part raising money for Headway Somerset. Mind TWS team didn't mange to get into the final but have raised over £1500 to go towards Mind TWS and Headway Somerset.

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Mindline Somerset is a confidential listening service providing a safe place to talk if you, or someone you know, is in distress. We can also give basic information about mental health and local services. Mindline Somerset volunteers are just everyday people like you who decide they can offer their time and support to listen to others. Some may have a particular interest in mental health, while others may be survivors or have looked after someone close to them who has experienced distress. The volunteers are fully trained and receive ongoing training and support. All have an understanding of what mental distress means for others.

For more information on Mindline Somerset our website is www.mindline.org
The helpline sector is thriving, you can find details of Mindline and other helplines through the Helplines
Partnership's, 'Find a helpline service' at https://helplines.org/helplines.

#### Volunteering for Mindline

If anyone is looking for an opportunity to practice listening skills and being part of a team that make a real difference to people's lives please get in touch via mindline@mindtws.org.uk.

#### Mike Jackson, Mindline Co-Project Leader

Mind TWS also run a Suicide Bereavement Support Service helpline on 0300 330 5463, and deliver Mental Health First Aid (www.mhfaengland.org ) training giving people the confidence to support someone in distress. For more information visit www.mindtws.org.uk or call 01823 334 906 or email mail@mindtws.org.uk

Mind TWS offices at Sussex Lodge, 44 Station Road, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 1NS and are available there to provide information to anyone in the community.