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We are heading into Christmas, a time of gifts, movie re—watches, family and food, carols, plays and midnight services - a heady combination of nostalgia, hedonism and sentimentality, both sacred and secular. Wonderful though this is, how easy it is to become immunised to the radical message of the season - that Jesus crossed all worlds to come to us, to give *himself* to us and all that he has and knows!

Jesus is not another in a long line of religious leaders dispensing divine advice and direction. What is unique about Jesus is his personal, relational knowledge of God as Father. What is shocking is that, rather than hoarding this face to face knowledge to himself, his passion is to share it with us!

He did not come to give us a religious manual to follow, or to leave us with fresh insights about a distant God. He came to establish a personal relationship with us and to include us in his own relationship with the Father. He came to share his own peace, his own faith and hope and joy with us so that we could know what he knows and taste, feel and enjoy the life he lives with the Father.

From the cradle to the grave, Jesus was one of us, seeing what we see, feeling what we feel and knowing what we know. He enters into the trauma of being human in a fallen world, into our darkest times and behaviours to include us in his world of light and love, sharing with us his relationship with the Father. "The light shines in the darkness" - may you and your family receive this amazing gift of Jesus' life-changing love this Christmas!

Rosy

REMEMBRANCE DAY

This Year the service for the Benefice service was at St Andrews's Stoke Trister.
What a wonderful service, especially the talk by Lt Col Jan Ransome

Thank you everyone who took part in such a fitting tribute.

Thank you Rev Rosy for putting it all together.



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JOIN US on SATURDAY 26th NOV at BAYFORD VILLAGE HALL for



Doors open at 7pm
for
7.30 show time
Entry £6

A massive thank you again to all those who send in articles, (sorry if I nag!) to Rosy for all her contributions, the PCC and Jeremy for their support and all our advertisers and contributors. But the biggest thanks goes to Andy for helping out, even in the early hours of the morning when my laptop isn't doing what I want and I'm supposed to be submitting the copy.

The deadline for the January 2023 issue is the 18th December. (If in doubt the deadline is always the 18th!)

Anything interesting send to me at tristerncottage@hotmail.com

Merry Christmas,

Helen

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CASH BAR

FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER
7PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

FREE ENTRY

Recent winners....Mr H Davies, Mrs G Whitehead, Mrs P Inns and Mr P Andrews.



SCRABBLE

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

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.



CUCKLINGTON

since the beginning of the Twentieth century..and a bit before!

7pm, Fri 2nd Dec, Village Hall

Tickets £12 ... inclusive of cheese & wine plus other drinks

If you would like to attend, please let us know, to help with catering, John Crocker(jacrocker@btconnect.com) or Brian Trueman (briantrueman100@gmail.com)

In aid of St Lawrence's Church

THE VILLAGE ARCHIVES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

At St Lawrence Church, Cucklington

Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 18th at 7pm
Midnight Communion
Saturday 24th at 23.15

ALL WELCOME



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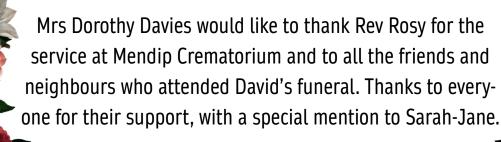


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If anyone else would be generous enough to join this list of volunteers, please contact the clerk on the email address above in the first instance, thank you.



Our Christmas Coffee Morning, Friday 9th December 10.30-12 noon at the Village Hall. Please note earlier than usual date to leave time for all your Christmas preparations.

We hope you will come and join us for Mulled Wine and Festive goodies as well as the usual Tea, coffee and homemade cake. £3 each refills and seconds free.

We are a friendly lot and would love you to join us for a chance to catch up with everyone before the Christmas preparations take over!

No coffee Morning in January but we will be back on 18th February with all the usual goodies and looking forward to catching up with you all.

With our very best wishes for a Happy Christmas and good health, Joy and peace in the. Coming Year.

From the Coffee Morning team.



COFFEE, CHRISTMAS, CAKE & CHAT

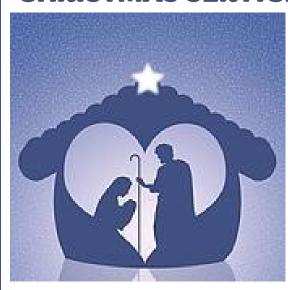
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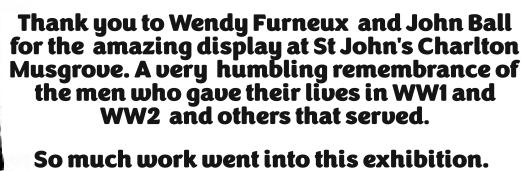
Every Monday 10 till 12 noon
All welcome. Do join us, even for a
short time, you will find a warm
welcome! Tractor drivers, shepherds
or home office workers, take a well
deserved break.

Hope to see you all at St John's Barrow Lane.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN CHARLTON MUSGROVE



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
St Stephens
Tuesday 20th Dec 7pm
CRIB SERVICE
St Johns
Christmas Eve 4pm
CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION
St Johns
Christmas Day 9.30am



So much work went into this exhibition.
There was such detail and it was all
beautifully set out.

It has been enjoyed by many, so a huge thanks again to you both.



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VILLAGE CAROL SINGING

CHRISTMAS CAROLS in BAYFORD VILLAGE HALL

17th DECEMBER at 7PM

WINE & MINCE PIES (again!)

EVERYONE WELCOME

FREE ENTRY, JUST BRING YOUR BEST VOICE.

Music provided by Laura Rose-Walker

Bayford Lunch Club

There is no lunch in December so..

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Thanks to Mary and co for all the delicious lunches so many have enjoyed!



COFFEE MORNING

MAGGIE'S HOUSE

Thursday 1st December
10am - 12 noon
Join us at the Red Brick
House for coffee, cake and
company, with friends new
and old. Please bring a raffle
prize if you can.

SUITCASE BOOK CLUB

We had a great first meeting of our Book Club - relaxing, informative and really enjoyable.

Next meeting at Sid's place, 7pm on Wednesday December 7th.

Do come along and hear what folk have been reading and get some ideas of books to read, and maybe recommend any you have enjoyed.

Bring one for the "Lending Suitcase" if you would like others to enjoy it too.

It would be helpful if you could let me know if you are planning to come.

Sid Garton (sbgarton@hotmail.co.uk)



NEWS JUST IN

The Christmas Fair on Saturday 19th November was a great success making over £900. Huge thanks go to Christine Perrett for organising this enjoyable event and all her helpers.

Reported by Felicity Lyall-Grant

All things Christmassy hand crafted sale

at The Cottage, Bayford

(you won't miss us, we'll be in the front garden and it's opposite the Unicorn Inn)

Saturday 3rd December 10am-4pm

Gifts

Fresh Christmas Wreaths £10



Decorations

Christmas Raffle

UDDER MEMORIES



This months memories are of a teenager, who was living in Charlton Musgrove, during the 2nd World War, my mother in law, Peggy Woods.

One day there were rumours going around Wincanton, where I worked, that there were soldiers stationed at a local village. This turned out to be Cucklington. After a bit of time we heard that the troops had dances on Saturday nights or some kind of entertainment.

When I told a friend of mine, Kay, later my sister in law, who was working on one of the farms in the village, she

was in the Women's Land Army, what I had heard, we decided to cycle to Cucklington the next Saturday evening.

So on the Saturday night, Kay and I set off from Charlton Musgrove on our bikes. First past Hunters Lodge then down Beech lane and on into Stoke Trister, past Little Bridge and on up to the old mushroom farm. Where we had heard the troops were stationed. It was dark and when we got near to the gates, a soldier armed with a rifle, said stop who goes there? We then explained that we had heard that there was a dance or some entertainment happening. He called to a colleague, who escorted us and our bikes to a hut which was the Church Army canteen. This is where local villagers served tea and cake to the soldiers. I believe this hut was purchased by the village of Cucklington after the war and was re-erected as the Ex serviceman's Village Hall and used by the village for events until 2005, when the new hall was built.

When we got into the hut, we were met by some familiar faces, as we had been to school together in Wincanton, there was Gladys Bleach (Len Bleach's sister) Margaret Gay (whose brother drowned in the lake at Shanks) Joyce Baker, Gladys Jeanes (from Depley Farm) and Nancy Hodges who later married one of the soldiers stationed here, Bill Woodland, after the war. Nancy Woodland ran the post office in Babwell road for many years till it closed .There were also some more girls that lived in the surrounding area.

In the hut some of the soldiers were playing instruments on the stage at one end, which we danced too. This was the first time that we came, we came back quite regularly over the next few years, sometimes we would be taken up to the Rising Sun pub for a drink.

When it was all over we had to cycle home to Charlton Musgrove, one night my friend Kay lost one of her dancing shoes on the way home, which we always took with us to dance in, so the next day we had to retrace our journey home to find her shoe. Which we did in Beech Lane.

To start with it was British troops that were stationed in Cucklington but later in the war the Americans came, a plaque was presented to the village and mounted on the Hall by a group of American Veterans that revisited the village in the 1980's. I and Gladys Jeanes also went along as well as some of the people that were living in Cucklington at the time.

If you would like to hear more about Cucklington's happenings, come to the talk on Friday 2nd December. See main advert.



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



St Andrew's Church Stoke Trister

Friday Dec 9th

Cheese & Wine evening 7pm – 9pm



Saturday Dec 10th

Christmas Tree Festival 10am – 3pm

Singing of Carols With a Silver band 3pm – 4pm



Seasonal refreshments available Free Entry







LIGHT UP THE WORLD

Sunday 4th December 6:30 PM St. Luke & St. Teresa's Church Wincanton, BA9 9DX

Entry by Ticket available from Wincanton Post Office, choir members, on the door or contact 01963 33695

◆ Suggested Cash Donation £10 ◆ Seasonal refreshments included

VILLAGES' WALKING GROUP

Our November walk, kindly led by Tony and Janet Cole, began in Bruton where they led us to the edge of town and thence up a sunken lane, and a long gentle climb, to a glorious vantage point. Here we could admire the delightful view, across to Glastonbury Tor and over the meadows above Wyke Champflower, where we were headed. Our return route to Bruton led us across field footpaths and via another sunken lane and the path by the mill leet into town. It was a walk of just over 4 miles, almost all of it new walking country for most of us.

In December, on Tuesday 13th December, Eileen and I will lead a walk in what I call Brewham Woods, but which the map refers to as Witham Park. It will be around 3½ miles, the first part on wide woodland tracks, before descending a quiet country lane, then crossing meadows to return to the woods and to our starting point. We shall meet first at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall at 10am, before heading Brewham-wards.

Do join us – it will be good to see you. As always, it would be a kindness if you would get in touch beforehand, please, so we know you will be walking with us (and so we won't set off without you!).

Looking further ahead to the New Year, we are indeed planning a New Year Walk though as New Year's day this year falls on a Sunday, with competing activities for a number of us, it is proposed our New Year walk will be on Monday 2nd January (a Bank Holiday). It will probably be a local walk, and we shall meet at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall at 10am. All are invited.



Mike and Eileen Vockins Tel 01963 34837

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The SMITHY COLLECTIVE Bath Half Marathon 2022

The idea started one summers evening over Cornish pasties and a pint in The Smithy Pub Garden.

10 weeks later, a team of complete novice runners made up of pub regulars and their supporters and calling themselves "The Smithy Collective" were heading to Bath, the objective to complete the Bath Half Marathon and raise as much money for "The Alzheimer's Society" as possible!

The start to the day was a stressful one, due to a mix up with the rendezvous point, we only just made it to the start line in time, and although we were the very last runners to go, the large, friendly Bath crowds gave us a boost with their extra cheers, it was a truly amazing experience! With the help of the crowds and our supporters, seven of our team of eight made it to the finish line. It would be fair to say in very varied conditions of fitness. Jelly Bean fuelled Polly ran the entire route with a smile, a thank you, and a hi five for anyone that shouted her name, James and Adam looked like they had just been out for a stroll, Al was walking like a cowboy that had been out on the range for a month, Rebecca was a scary shade of blue, and Lucy and Natalie a just as scary shade of Red, but we had done it, had a great day and raised a fantastic sum for The Alzheimer's society.

The Smith Collective

Rebecca, Al, Andrew, Mike, Adam, Natalie, Polly, Lucy and James

The Supporters

Paddy, Dave, Luke, Errol, Clare, Kit, Jaz and Amelia

We would all like to give a massive thank you to the very generous support we have had for this charity event.

The total raised for the Alzheimers society was £1660. Thank you ... Thank you ... Thank you

Watch this space "The Smithy Collective" are planning next year's charity challenge. If you have any suggestions or would like to be involved just let Andrew or Rebecca know at the Smithy Pub. So far, the top suggestion is to abseil 100 metres down the Spinnaker building in Portsmouth!

SOMERSET BUS PARTNERSHIP WELCOMES FLAT RATE FARE PROPOSALS

Somerset Bus Partnership welcomes the Government's plan to provide up to £60 million, to enable bus operators to cap single adult bus fares at £2. The £2 flat fare comes in from the beginning of January and will continue through to the end of to March 2023. Most bus operators are expected to adopt the scheme.

This means millions of people across England will save money, at a time when many households are suffering massive pressures from the rising cost of living. The move will help people travel for work, education, shopping and medical treatments and provide a much-needed saving in daily expenditure.

The current average single fare for a 3-mile journey is estimated at over £2.80, meaning that the new fare will save passengers almost 30% of the price every time they travel.

In addition, Somerset County Council currently plans to introduce a £1 single/ £2 return bus fare in Taunton, as part of its Bus Service Improvement Plan. Somerset Bus Partnership welcomes this initiative but emphasises the need to procure further funding to enable this flat rate fare to be extended across all of Somerset.

Somerset Bus Partnership Co-Chair, Peter Travis, said, "Bus usage declined in Somerset in the last decade, and even more so during to the pandemic. We need initiatives like these to restore and improve passenger levels. Encouraging people to choose buses over cars helps to reduce carbon emissions. It is estimated that the Government's £60 million will reduce car journeys by at least 2 million and cut pollution and congestion for all of us."

Somerset Bus Partnership will continue to work closely with Somerset County Council to encourage bus use and ensure implementation of the Bus Service Improvement Plan across the county.

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DATES FO	OR YOUR DIARY				
December					
Thur 1st Dec	Coffee Morning, Maggie's House, Bayford. 10am				
Fri 2nd Dec	Cucklington History talk, Village Hall, Cucklington. 7pm				
Sat 3rd Dec	Homemade Xmas Sale, The Cottage, Bayford. 10am				
Mon 5th Dec	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am				
Wed 7th Dec	Book Club, Sid's House, Bayford. 7pm				
Fri 9th Dec	Coffee Morning, Village Hall, Charlton Musgrove. 10.30am				
Fri 9th Dec	Scrabble, AMMH, Cucklington. 7pm				
Fri 9th Dec	Tree Festival & Cheese and Wine, St Andrews, Stoke Trister.				
Sat 10th Dec	Tree Festival & Carols and Brass Band St Andrews, Stoke Trister.				
Mon 12th Dec	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am				
Tues 13th Dec	Village Walk, Village Hall, Charlton Musgrove.10am				
Fri 16th Dec	100 Club Christmas Party, Village Hall, Cucklington. 7pm				
Sat 17th Dec	Village Carols, Village Hall, Bayford. 7pm				
Sun 18th Dec	Carols by Candlelight, St Lawrence, Cucklington. 7pm				
Mon 19th Dec	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am				
Tues 20th Dec	Carols by Candlelight, St Stephens, Charlton Musgrove. 7pm				
Wed 21st Dec	Carols by Candlelight, St Andrews, St Trister. 7pm				
Xmas Eve	Crib Service, St John, Charlton Musgrove. 4pm				
Xmas Eve	Midnight Mass, St Lawrence, Cucklington. 11.15pm				
Xmas Day	Christmas Day Celebration, St Stephens, Charlton Musgrove. 9.30am				

	December 2022								
GARDEN + RECYCLING X HOUSEHOLD									
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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 2nd and 23rd Dec.