

# VILLAGE NEWS

## APRIL 2024



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# Matter matters



Spring is in the air and with it comes a sense of renewal and rebirth. As nature starts to awaken after the long winter, Easter serves as a powerful reminder of the opportunity for personal transformation. And the Easter story firmly states that this transformation is physical, not just spiritual or a glorious metaphor. Jesus' bodily resurrection means that matter matters! This is about a dead body that came back to life.

Had the resurrection been a purely a spiritual event then the physical world loses focus. If salvation concerns only a state of mind, then what does it matter if we feed the hungry or take care of animals or are careful how we use our bodies? If we believe in a God who is eventually going to whisk us away from this evil world and do nothing to set things right, then why waste time building relationships, creating art or fighting global warming?

Belief in the physical resurrection is crucial to Christianity because it offers the reality and possibility of a new kind of human existence. Jesus rose from the dead simply because there was nothing dead about him. There was nothing decaying and impure about him so he could not stay dead. His resurrection says, “What you thought was life is a pallid reflection. See this resurrected body? This is what life is. Real life cannot die.”

Jesus stated that he came to give life itself in all its abundance—which by definition is the opposite of death, depression, disease, decay, destruction and poverty. He offers this life to all those who wish to accept it. It is a gift, and like any gift, it can be either accepted or rejected. This historical, physical event, however unpalatable and socially awkward it is, is the hinge of history. Billions of people for the last two thousand years have experienced its transforming power. If you've examined the evidence and you think this astounding miracle really took place in a backwater of the Roman Empire around the year 33 AD, then follow the logic and accept the gift of life that Jesus offers!

Rosy

# Bishop's letter.....

## .....Worship is key



*From Michael Langrish, Assistant Bishop for Bath and Wells*

In January I was back in my old Diocese of Exeter, marking the death of Sabine Baring Gould 100 years before. What an extraordinary person he was, with an incredible range and roundedness of learning and interests, in an equally full and fulfilled life. He was a great traveller and prolific writer of biographies, folklore, travel books, theology, novels and hymns, including some, such as 'Onward Christian soldiers' that remain popular today. He was a linguist and translator; and, as an archaeologist on Dartmoor, very much a pioneer in the field. For many, his greatest achievement was his collecting the old folk songs of Devon and Cornwall, providing inspiration for such composers as Elgar, Vaughan Williams and Holst. He was also the Squire of Lewtrenchard and, being ordained, he appointed himself as parish priest as well!

This he saw as his true vocation. His responsibility, and that of the local church, was the cure of souls from cradle to grave. This meant a care for the spiritual wellbeing of all in the community and for their bodily and social welfare too. Striving for good health and housing must go hand in hand with growth in faith and prayer. All should be encouraged to full humanity, to holy discipleship, to the recognition, and use, of whatever gifts anyone possessed for the common good.

But, underlying all of this, one other aspect of this great man's life speaks very strongly to me now. That is how he understood worship and its relationship to the whole of life. 'To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God'.

This edition of Manna contains encouraging stories of New Christian Worshipping Communities in Bath and Wells. Worshipping is key. I am reminded of the later words of Archbishop William Temple: 'It is sometimes said that conduct is supremely important, and worship helps it. The truth is that worship is supremely important, and conduct tests it.'

**Bishop Michael**

# Benefice Services and Events

## April and May 2024

SSCM St Stephens Rectory Lane, Charlton Musgrove

SJCM St John's Barrow Lane, Charlton Musgrove

SLC St Lawrence, Cucklington

SAST St Andrew, Stoke Trister

APR	7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Said Holy Communion	SLC
		10.00	Cafe Church	SJCM
	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.00	Holy Communion	SSCM
	21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00	Morning Praise	SJCM
		12.00	Memorial Benches Service of Dedication and Blessing	Greenhill, Cucklington Viewpoint
		18.30	Evensong	SAST
	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00	Holy Communion	SLC
MAY	4 <sup>th</sup>	14.00	Wedding - Toby and Trudie	SLC
	5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Said Holy Communion	SLC
		10.00	Rogation Sunday Blessing Walk	SJCM
	9 <sup>th</sup>	19.00	Ascension Day Service	St John's, Milborne Port
	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00	Holy Communion	SSCM
	19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Pentecost Celebration	SJCM
		18.00	Pentecost Evensong	SLC
	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.00	Trinity Sunday Holy Communion	SLC



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Website: [www.cucklington.org.uk](http://www.cucklington.org.uk)

## SCRABBLE

We are playing Scrabble on the second Friday of each month in Cucklington at AMMH join us at 7.00pm Friday 12th April.

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.

## Coffee Morning

Saturday 27th of April



10am at the Village Hall  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

**Pop  
up  
Pub**

**Friday 5th April**

Just a brief note of thanks to all of you who came along and enjoyed Pop-up-Pub last Friday night. A delightful evening which I hope you enjoyed as much as we did. One of the best turn outs ever, and your support was very much appreciated. Particular thanks to those who helped clear up afterwards.

SHALL LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVEN MORE OF YOU ALL NEXT TIME, I HOPE. PUT IN IN THE DIARY : **Friday 5 APRIL'24**

Warm Regards  
Anne Hopkins & the Bar Team

# Plant Sale and Coffee Morning

10 am 25<sup>th</sup> May  
Arthur Morrison Memorial Hall

Please bear us in mind when dividing your herbaceous plants and sowing seeds.

Many thanks  
Pip



To all those people that generously donated to the Jubilee/ Memorial benches for the late Queen Elizabeth II, I can now confirm that they have been finished and will be installed in April, before the **Commemoration Service at 12 o'clock on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April at the top of Greenhill**. There will be drinks afterwards in the Village Hall after the commemoration of the third bench.

Thank you all once again and look forward to seeing as many as possible there.

Regards, **John Crocker**

## CUCKLINGTON PARISH MEETING

The Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7 pm. Anyone may attend, but only residents of the village are eligible to vote.

This is an important opportunity to express your views on village affairs and to be updated on local issues. Our local County Councillors will attend and offer an update on affairs at a county level. If you have any items you would like to be included in the agenda, please let Brian Trueman have them by 3<sup>rd</sup> April. ([briantrueman100@gmail.com](mailto:briantrueman100@gmail.com)/01747 445051)

Importantly, we will also have to elect our Chairman for the next year. Di Hammet has agreed to stand for a final period, but if anyone else would like to stand, please again let Brian Trueman have your name by 3 April.

Brian Trueman  
Secretary to Cucklington Parish Meeting



## **STOKE TRISTER WITH BAYFORD**

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## **CHILDREN'S CRAFT AND FILM MORNING**

**WEDNESDAY 10th  
APRIL 9.30am- 1pm  
Free entry**

Pre school  
children to be  
accompanied

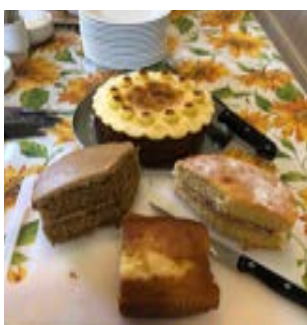
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# **THANK YOU**

A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED WITH THE LITTER PICK AROUND BAYFORD. IT REALLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO THE VILLAGE AND IS REALLY APPRECIATED!

## **COFFEE MORNING Bayford Village Hall**



10am-12noon

Thurs 4th April

**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 17th April  
12.15 TO EAT AT 12.30**

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





## Dear Residents of the Parish of Stoke Trister with Bayford,

Please join us for an informal get-together at  
Bayford Village Hall, Bayford, Wincanton

Light refreshments will be provided, whilst  
we celebrate the good work carried out in  
our Parish by so many wonderful  
volunteers!

**Our community is AMAZING!**

### Stoke Trister with Bayford Annual Parish Meeting

*Taking place, on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> of May*

*7pm until 8pm*

**Everyone is welcome –  
please spread the word!**

A movie poster for 'Wonka' (2023) featuring Gene Wilder as Willy Wonka in a red coat and top hat, holding a cane and a suitcase. The title 'Wonka' is written in a cursive font. The text 'A Film By Paul King' is at the top. There are two circular logos in the top right corner: one for 'BAYFORD' and another for 'PC'.

Wonka (2023) is a prequel to the popular children's story Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The movie tells the story of how Willy Wonka became a world-famous chocolatier. With dreams of opening a shop in a city renowned for its chocolate, a young, and poor Willy Wonka discovers that the industry is run by a cartel of greedy chocolatiers.

**BAYFORD VILLAGE HALL  
FILM NIGHT  
SATURDAY 13th April  
7.00pm (doors open at 6.30pm)**

### Stoke Trister Defibrillator – Guardian Wanted !



As many of you will know, thanks to the generosity of the residents and The National Lottery Community Fund we have purchased a defibrillator to be installed at the crossroads, outside Wayside Thatch. We are just waiting and waiting for a dry day so the electrician can install it.

When it is up and running a weekly check that the green light is on is carried out, and then this check is logged online so that the emergency services know it is fully accessible. In Bayford two lovely volunteers, Tanya and Niru share this task. If anybody wanted to job share this, you could do alternate months or weeks. Would anybody come forward to take this on in Stoke Trister ? Please contact [jogarrett29@aol.com](mailto:jogarrett29@aol.com) or text me on 07973 631744 for an informal chat.



## A TALK AT ST ANDREW'S, STOKE TRISTER ON SATURDAY, 13TH APRIL AT 6pm BY DOMINIC McCARTNEY 'STORIES OF MY CAREER IN HORTICULTURE'

Dominic will be telling us how his studies and career began in Ireland, followed by his move to London via Edinburgh to work on garden design and specialist planting. From there he joined the Royal Botanical Gardens in Kew, eventually becoming Arboretum Supervisor. He then came to Somerset to join the Newt team in 2021, taking charge of the newly set up nursery and to build up the collection of specialist and unusual planting there; his particular and great interest.

Drinks and nibbles.  
Donations



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## Charlton Musgrove Community Defibrillator

stored inside the old Phone Box  
on Barrow Lane, Charlton Musgrove  
(opposite Nos 3 and 4 Dibbens Row).

Postcode: BA9 8HQ  
What3 Words: doubt.fields.bottom

Further information is available on the Parish Council website at  
<https://charltonmusgrovepc.org.uk/community-defibrillator/>

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

# Plant Sale!



Funds raised to be split between the hall, the village churches, Maymie White's charity for supporting people with cancer 'The Treatment Bag', and our local horticultural charity 'The Growing Space' which is associated with The Balsam Centre in Wincanton.

As you dig over your gardens and sow seeds for the summer please pot up any spare plants or sow a few extra seeds with this plant sale in mind. We've always run the plant sale as a bring and buy and plan to do the same again in 2024.

If you have time/energy/enthusiasm and would like to help in any way please do get in touch with me

via [georgie@commonfarmflowers.com](mailto:georgie@commonfarmflowers.com) –  
And here's looking forward to 11<sup>th</sup> May!

Saturday MAY 11th

10.00 to 1.00

Charlton Musgrove  
Village Hall

## 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)



COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT  
EVERY  
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.



Thank you to all those that came and helped out with the spring clean ,  
The old saying 'team work makes for dream work' is definitely true. The church looks fantastic and ready to welcome Easter



## MEMORIAL HALL COFFEE MORNING



Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall Coffee morning, will be held on **Friday 19th April 10.30 - 12.00**. A once a month coffee morning is held on the 3rd Friday of each month 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



Last month and the month before I was telling you about the years in the past that we have had snow. Well apart from one Saturday morning, when there was an inch or two first thing in the morning, it was all gone very quickly and caused no problems, apart from making the ground even wetter.

What has happened in the last month and the previous months is that it has rained and rained and rained.

I have been asked if it is having any effect on the farm. Well to start with all the cattle were housed a lot earlier than we would have liked, the only good thing about this is that we did have a lot more silage and hay in stock, than we had the previous year. Even though the quality was not so good. This has resulted in the cows not milking as well as we would have liked, which it appears to be the same on most farms.

Another problem is that our slurry store has been filling up quicker than we would have liked, meaning that we have had to take slurry out when the ground conditions have not been the best, which will most probably lead to compaction of the soils and then require rectifying, by aerating the soil with a special machine that puts slots in the ground to aid the compaction and also aid drainage. This will mean more hours going up and down the fields in the tractor, which obviously adds costs.

I was also hoping to tell you about the preparations we are going to make to hopefully be more self-sufficient in-home grown feeds for next winter. But we have not started yet. I will therefore tell you what we should be doing and will be, when the ground dries up a bit.

The first crop that we were hoping to have planted by now was some spring barley, which we will harvest as whole crop, that is we will go into it with the self-propelled harvester and chop the whole plant, the same as we do with the grass. This will then be ensiled in a pit and used to feed the milking cows in the early autumn. This should provide more energy and starch which should be a better balance with the grass silage and save us buying in so much concentrate/blend to balance the nutrients the cows need. As the seed has already been bought and is in the shed, when or if the rain stops, we will have to get on and plough the fields and then work the soil to get a good seed bed and the hopefully it will germinate and grow.

The other crop that we are going to try and grow again, after a few years of not growing it is forage maize. More about this next month.

We have been thinking about other crops that we might be able to grow in the future if we continue to get as much rain as in the last 6 months. The answer we have come up with is rice. We are also thinking that we might try and breed cows with web feet.

***By John Crocker***



**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR ONE DAY ONLY  
FOR THE SOMERSCIENCE FESTIVAL ON 6<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024  
CASTLE CARY & SPARKFORD  
NO SCIENCE KNOWLEDGE NEEDED!**

Would you like to help us with this exciting free festival being run for the first time this year on your doorstep in Castle Cary and Sparkford?

We will need 80 volunteers in various roles on the day itself and you can choose whether to be there the whole day (9.30-5.30pm) or half a day (9-1.30 or 1.30-6). Even if you only have 2 hours to spare, we can find a role for you! The roles we need to fill are for event assistants as below and car parking stewards.

The festival comprises 6 venues dotted around Castle Cary and Sparkford. The role you carry out will vary slightly at each because the activities taking place at each are different as follows:

- **Market House** - talks, workshops and stands, . **Needs 4 volunteers**, welcoming speakers, visitors, and sorting out any AV issues.

- **Haynes Motor Museum** - the science fair with around 40 stands, and the stage with performances and talks. **Needs c. 30 volunteers** who will be assisting on some stands, or roving to encourage people to see/understand everything, or at entrance/exit to welcome and encourage feedback or on car park duty.

- **Carymoor Environmental Centre** - self-contained but will need **2 volunteers** to welcome and register visitors  
- **Ansford Academy** - workshops for 20-40 visitors and shows for c.150 visitors. **Needs 6 volunteers** to assist with room set-up between workshops, to welcome visitors and decide when it is full, to be on hand during the workshops and shows and to get feedback at the end.

- **Caryford Hall** – The Health and Bio hub – stands to do with healthcare. **Needs 4 volunteers** to help welcome visitors, help contributors on the stands, manage visitor flow and deal with queries or help in car park.

- **Mill On The Brue** - self-contained but will need **2 volunteers** to welcome and register visitors

Training/briefing will be provided prior to the event, and there will be a manager at each venue who knows what is supposed to happen! So hopefully it will enjoyable to volunteer but busy!

Find out more on our website: <https://somerscience.co.uk>

## VILLAGES' WALKING GROUP – APRIL WALK.

*“Don't know where, don't know when ...”* goes the ages-old (well, 1939) Vera Lynn song, with the following line continuing: *“But I know we'll meet again some sunny day”*.

With these same words we began our contribution to last year's Village News – and these are very much our thoughts now as we try to plan VWG's April walk.

The intention is for our April walk to be a “bluebell walk”, and so we're opting for **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April**, and are hoping the bluebells in Duncliffe Hill woods will be creating a blue profusion then. Our Group visited Duncliffe Hill two years ago, at around the same time, when the bluebells carpeted the woodland floor – so fingers crossed hoping the bluebells will be at their best!

So we shall meet **on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall ready to leave at 10am**, which will allow car-sharing. Duncliffe Hill is about a 20-25 minute drive from CMVH.

Do join us if you can – you will be very welcome. If the bluebells are in full flower they are an amazing sight (and smell too, when the sun is out). It would be a kindness to let us know if you plan to join us and then we shan't set off without you.

Mike and Eileen Vockins  
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01963 34837



## Everyone has questions.

Exploring is good. We're built for it. Explore more about life, faith and meaning with Alpha.

Alpha



**Join us in the Autumn with your questions! Next Alpha course dates coming soon**

Throughout my life, I have experienced 'moments' that I knew were directly from God's grace because the knowing I felt was steadfast and calm. Ever since I can remember I have always been drawn to faith and spirituality, but I cannot say hand on heart that I acted from a responsible place. I allowed myself to be led astray, and often doubted my own knowing. What has changed for me since starting the Alpha course is that I now wish to respond from a place that is led by truth, integrity, honesty, wisdom, grace, compassion, courage, empathy, understanding & forgiveness. These were all values I admired in people like Mother Theresa, Nelson Mandela, Barack Obama, Dhala Llama and so on... and if you'd asked me who I'd love to invite to a dinner party if I could pick anyone from across history I'd have said these people would be top of my list... But now I understand why when asked who the Queen admired and aspired to be like most, she responded with JESUS. I can now see that all along the leaders and trailblazing individuals I have always looked up to aspired to be more like were all following in God's Grace & responding from a place of faith. They were trying to emulate the life Jesus led, through being Humble, forgiving of others, showing love & kindness to all & being of service to God through the work they did on earth. If you asked me now who I'd want to invite to my table Jesus would be top of my list! My head always believed, but I can now say my heart has been forever changed. - *Kind regards Leigh*

The Alpha course has been an inspiring experience. I was born into a Christian family where we went to church on Sunday's. I stood up to sing hymns, sat down to pray and sometimes be asked to read lessons in the pulpit. However as I got older life got busy and church became something I felt I 'should' go to. God didn't feel close to me. Since starting the Alpha course I have learnt so much more about the Christian faith and the best thing of all is that I felt Gods love which is something I had never experienced before. Now I know he really does exist and I 'want' to know him. God is now at the centre of my life. I would recommend Alpha to anybody. It doesn't matter what background you have whether you are already a Christian or an Atheist. Alpha is an interesting course all about life and love. Gods Grace shows that we all have a purpose. Make it count. It's never too late to feel Gods love.

Hollie Bastable

Keith and I had done the Alpha course before but it's always interesting to think again about questions like: "Is there more to life than this?" "Who is Jesus?" "Why did Jesus Die?" "How can I have faith?" and "Why and how do I Pray?". During the sessions, we developed a deeper understanding of Jesus and exactly what he has done for us; how he forgives us and gives us a new perspective on life. As C S Lewis puts it: 'I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it but because by it I see everything else.' The group listened to each other's points of view and grew together in friendship. We are hoping that more of our friends and neighbours in the Benefice will join in with the next Alpha, starting in the autumn. The course really is both a superb facilitator for friendship, conversation and blessing and helps people explore the meaning of life, revealing that Christianity can be every bit as relevant to life today as it was 2,000 years ago.

Andrea Stroud

# SOMERSET COUNCIL March 2024

**2024/5 Council Budget:** Somerset Council has voted through plans to set a budget for the coming financial year but received a stark warning of significant challenges in the years ahead. LibDem Council Members unanimously agreed a range of measures to bridge a funding gap of £100m for 2024/25, including cost cuttings, increasing Council Tax by 5%, and using £36.8 millions of reserves (a council's equivalent of savings). The proposals also include a 'capitalisation direction' request of £36.9m – seeking permission from Government to borrow money or sell assets to pay for day-to-day running costs. Amid specific plans to cut costs and increase fees, around 1,200 jobs are expected to go at Somerset Council over the next three years equivalent to about a quarter of the workforce. As a result of the cuts some Town Councils have stepped in to save services (CCTV, public toilets etc) but this has resulted in a 179% council tax increase in Taunton, 90% in Yeovil and 164% in Bridgwater.

Council papers are still predicting a further £103 million budget gap in 2025/26.

**Gigafactory plans for Puriton site:** Agratas, a new business within the Tata Group, has confirmed its plans to build a gigafactory producing EV batteries at the Gravity Smart Campus site in Puriton, near Bridgwater. A £4 billion investment, the factory will create up to 4,000 jobs and many more as part of the supply chain. It is envisioned that the plant will be operational in the second half of the decade, eventually producing 40GWh of battery cells annually, enough to supply approximately 500,000 passenger vehicles. Once fully operational, the factory is set to be Britain's biggest battery factory, and one of the largest in Europe. Over the next five years, Somerset Council plans to invest in the infrastructure, skills, site access and connectivity which will be paid for by the Business Rates generated by the factory once it is operational.

**Under the surface exhibition:** 'Under the Surface' is an exhibition of photographs by renowned Somerset-based photographer Matilda Temperley, reflecting on 10 years since the devastating floods of 2013-14. It is on display at Somerset Rural Life Museum, Glastonbury from Saturday 2 March to Sunday 19 May. Alongside the exhibition, a programme of events and activities will take place supported by Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA). These include family activities during the Easter Holidays, run in collaboration with the RSPCA and Somerset Wildlife Trust, where visitors can take part in climate-themed craft activities.

**Healthy Somerset:** A new website has been launched by Public Health to help people in Somerset lead a healthier life. The new site – [www.healthysomerset.co.uk](http://www.healthysomerset.co.uk) – features health and wellbeing resources tailored to all age ranges – making it even easier for users to find the information and support they are looking for. The new refreshed layout of the site breaks down services and support to represent the ages and stages of life from the 'best start in life' (0-5 yrs), through to 'starting well' (5-18 yrs), to 'living well' (18-65 yrs) and 'ageing well' (65+).

To view the website and be empowered on your journey to a healthier lifestyle, visit: <https://bit.ly/healthy-somerset>.

**Chard Enterprise Centre:** The new Chard Enterprise centre, offers flexible office and light industrial workspace to support small and medium enterprises. Costing £4.2m the Enterprise Centre has been made possible after successfully securing £1.7m funding from the European Regional Development Fund. Chard Enterprise Centre forms part of a network of workspace services offered by Somerset Council. The Enterprise Centre network aims to offer quality workspace and business support in areas where commercial providers do not operate. There are currently 10 sites across the county and, in addition to Chard, there are centres in Highbridge, Dulverton, Wheddon Cross, Frome, Minehead, Wells, Williton, Wiveliscombe and Bruton.

**Take the Pressure Off:** Over half of all strokes and heart attacks in Somerset are caused by high blood pressure. Known as the silent killer, high blood pressure is quick and simple to diagnose and to treat. NHS Somerset, together with Somerset Council is launching their biggest ever campaign 'Take the Pressure Off' with the aim of testing thousands of residents to increase awareness and early detection of high blood pressure. The "Take the Pressure Off" campaign is designed to encourage residents, particularly those aged 40+, to regularly check their blood pressure and take necessary steps towards managing their health. In addition to workplace testing, the campaign will be partnering with local sports clubs to help raise awareness of the risks of high blood pressure, particularly to males and those who identify as male, across Somerset. Residents are also encouraged to borrow a free blood pressure monitor from their library to test their own blood pressure in the comfort of their home, or visit their local pharmacy for a quick and easy check.

Kind Regards

Cllr Tom Power & Cllr Lucy Trimnell

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Thurs 4th	Coffee Morning, Village Hall, Bayford. 10am
Fri 5th	Pop Up Pub, Village Hall, Cucklington. 7pm
Mon 8th	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am
Tues 9th	Short Bowls, Village Hall, Charlton Musgrove. 2pm
Wed 10th	Children's Arts & Crafts, Village Hall, Bayford. 9.30am
Thurs 11th	Sarah Dyke MP, Coffee Forum, Bruton. 2pm
Fri 12th	Village Meeting, AMMH, Cucklington. 7pm
Sat 13th	Jumble Sale, Village Hall, Bayford. 10am
Sat 13th	Dom McCartney, St.Andrews, St. Trister. 6pm
Sat 13th	"Wonka" Film Night, Village Hall, Bayford. 7pm
Mon 15th	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am
Wed 17th	Lunch, Village Hall, Bayford. 12.15pm
Fri 19th	Coffee Morning, Memorial Hall, Charlton Musgrove. 10.30am
Sun 21st	Bench Dedication, Viewpoint, Cucklington. 12 noon
Mon 22nd	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am
Tues 23rd	Short Bowls, Village Hall, Charlton Musgrove. 2pm
Fri 26th	Walking Group, Village Hall, Charlton Mugrove. 10am
Sat 27th	Coffee Morning, AMMH, Cucklington. 10am
Mon 29th	Coffee Morning, St John's, Charlton Musgrove. 10am

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15	16 <span style="color: green;">+</span>	17	18	19 <span style="color: red;">X</span>	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 <span style="color: red;">X</span> <span style="color: blue;">O</span>	27	28
29	30 <span style="color: green;">+</span>					

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 on the 19th.

### DEADLINE

The deadline for the march issue is as always the 18th.

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