

# VILLAGE NEWS

## AUGUST 2025



Cucklington, Stoke Trister with Bayford  
FLOWER SHOW 2025

16<sup>th</sup> August

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## August to September 2025

SSCM St Stephens Rectory Lane, Charlton Musgrove  
 SJCM St John's Barrow Lane, Charlton Musgrove  
 SLC St Lawrence, Cucklington  
 SAST St Andrew, Stoke Trister

Aug	3rd	10.00	Said Holy Communion	SLC
		10.00	Cafe Church	SJCM
	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00	Holy Communion	SSCM
	17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Morning Praise	SJCM
		18.30	Evensong	SAST
	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00	Holy Communion	SLC
	31st		New Benefice Service TBA	
Sep	7th	10.00	Said Holy Communion	SLC
		10.00	Cafe Church	SJCM

Beloved God, you have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be his body in this place. We give you thanks for all that has been and all that will be. We ask for your guidance as we work together in this time of vacancy: guidance to be light in our community, guidance to love and encourage one another and guidance to draw to us the person that is right for us and our community.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

## Bishop's letter Manna - August 2025

Do you use Wikipedia? It's often a very convenient place to look for information when we want to know more about something or about a person. But, perhaps, like me you've discovered its limitations. As you might anticipate from a free online encyclopaedia to which anyone can contribute and is open to anyone to edit it is both impressively collaborative and also sometimes incomplete or less than fully accurate. Nevertheless, it remains for me and perhaps you? a go-to source of quick information.

So, I wasn't surprised when I consulted Wikipedia's 'August anniversaries' to find it is less than comprehensive about the Christian calendar this month. St Bartholomew's Day is recorded on 24 August – alongside Ukraine Independence Day which surely also deserves marking. Bartholomew (usually identified as Nathanael, one of the twelve disciples of Jesus) isn't generally well celebrated on his festival day, except in places where he's the patron saint of the parish and church, such as Crewkerne where the annual charter fair remembers their link with St Bart. Even so their fair has been moved into September after the end of the holiday season.

August frequently means reduced activity, and fewer events. If that's an opportunity for catching our breath and taking a break from the challenges of deadlines and expectations, then all well and good. But let's not forget, despite them being omitted from the Wikipedia list, the other red-letter August days in the calendar. On 15 August we honour the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of our Lord Jesus, and on the 6 August, we mark the glorious Transfiguration of our Lord. That festival day recalls how Peter, James and John experienced on a mountain top the transformation of Jesus' physical appearance, enabling them to glimpse the glory of his divinity.

Make the most of these three significant festival days in August. As well, don't forget the other significant days this month, such as Ukraine Independence Day (24), VJ day (15) marking the end of World War 2, and – another date missed in the Wikipedia list – the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dropping of the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima. Saints' days and anniversaries are significant prompts to our prayers.

Bishop Christopher Foster







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## SCRABBLE

We are playing Scrabble on the second Friday this month in Cucklington at AMMH join us at

**7.00pm Friday 8th 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.

## Coffee Morning

*Saturday 30th August*



**10.00am- 12.00pm**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

The Summer BBQ held at Cucklington Village Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> July was a tremendous affair, great fun was had by all. The evening was rounded off by a game of Rounders which looked to be a bit competitive, thankfully Freddy, a local dog brought it all down to earth with some excellent fielding.

A massive thank you to all who once again supplied the delicious Pimms and salads, as well as Di for manning the BBQ and Anne for running the Bar and all who washed up and cleared the field. It was lovely to see so many young and older people enjoying themselves.

**Sorry No PuP in August**

## TABLE TENNIS

At

**CUCKLINGTON VILLAGE HALL  
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**£2.50 including refreshments**

**New members needed**

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before 18<sup>th</sup> of the month, please.



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*The Good Liar* is a 2019 crime thriller film.

Con man Roy Courtney (Ian McKellen) has set his sights on his latest mark: the recently widowed Betty McLeish (Helen Mirren), worth millions. But this time, what should have been a simple swindle escalates into a cat-and-mouse game with the ultimate stakes.

**Bayford Village Hall**

**Film Night**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August**

**7.00pm**

**( doors open at 6.30pm )**



## COFFEE MORNING

**Bayford Village Hall**



10am-12noon

Thurs 7th August

**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 20th August**

**12.15 TO EAT AT 12.30**



*Please call Mary on 34420 by  
Sunday 17th to book your lunch.*



## COFFEE AND BOOKS

### St Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister

Conflict of some sort lies at the heart of most narratives. "Get out of my pub!" and "Thus, with a kiss, I die" are both great examples of how much we, the audience reader or viewer enjoy witnessing other people's awful problems. It's unusual, then, to find a novel with very little conflict at all. The Fortnight in September by R.C. Sherriff is a peaceful, nostalgic read about a family holiday in Bognor Regis. That's it that's what it's about.

Sherriff is best known for Journey's End, his powerful play set in the trenches of World War I, where the conflict was real and devastating. He wrote The Fortnight in September just two years after Journey's End, in 1931, when he and the country had had more than enough conflict to last a lifetime. We, with hindsight, know another war was on the horizon, but Sherriff didn't. That knowledge makes the book even more poignant.

A couple of years ago, I looked for The Fortnight on Audible. It wasn't there, so I had to read actual words on my Kindle. The book was out of print for many years, so we were very lucky to receive a hard copy at our last Book Exchange event. Naturally, it was snapped up quickly. Hopefully, it will return soon, perhaps with a glowing recommendation from its current reader, who tells me she's really enjoying it. When she finishes, she might feel like she's had a fortnight in Bognor Regis too.

And if anyone happens to have a copy of Angel Pavement by J.B. Priestley (1930), we'd love to add it to our collection. It's another gem, also not on Audible and deceptively free of conflict... until the end.



Our next Coffee and Books event is on **Wednesday, August 13th, 10:30–12:00**. All welcome!

Penelope

(Book Exchange, Stoke Trister and Beyond).





## SUMMER EVENING DRINKS AND SNACKS

Thank you to all who attended this event, it was a great success. The weather held and at times the sun shone through. Thank you to all who helped make this occasion so enjoyable. The snacks were delicious and very welcome.

A special thank you to Chris "The Bass Man" who played continuously throughout and a massive thank you to Alison and her team for organising the event, it was much appreciated from all who attended.





## The Bayford Inn Update

The  
Bayford  
Inn

Over the last month:

- The front door has gone in (as you may have spotted)!
- The porch has been plastered and painted, with a reclaimed floorboard, ready to put coat hooks on.
- The ceiling above the main staircase has been reinforced by a steel beam clamped to the existing timber.
- Scaffolding has gone up around the rear of the building to enable exterior & roof works to take place.

On the non-physical side, we have been meeting with potential suppliers, designing the new pub sign and much more besides!

We hope you've all been enjoying the balmy weather?

Oliver Lockwood





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**"Race Night is back"**

**Save the Date Saturday 13th September**

**More details to follow**



*worship  
& prayer*

**Friday August 1st**

On the 1st Friday of each Month, at 7pm,  
we are having a time of worship and prayer in St John's,  
with a group of young people,  
led by Marcus Letts.  
Do join us!



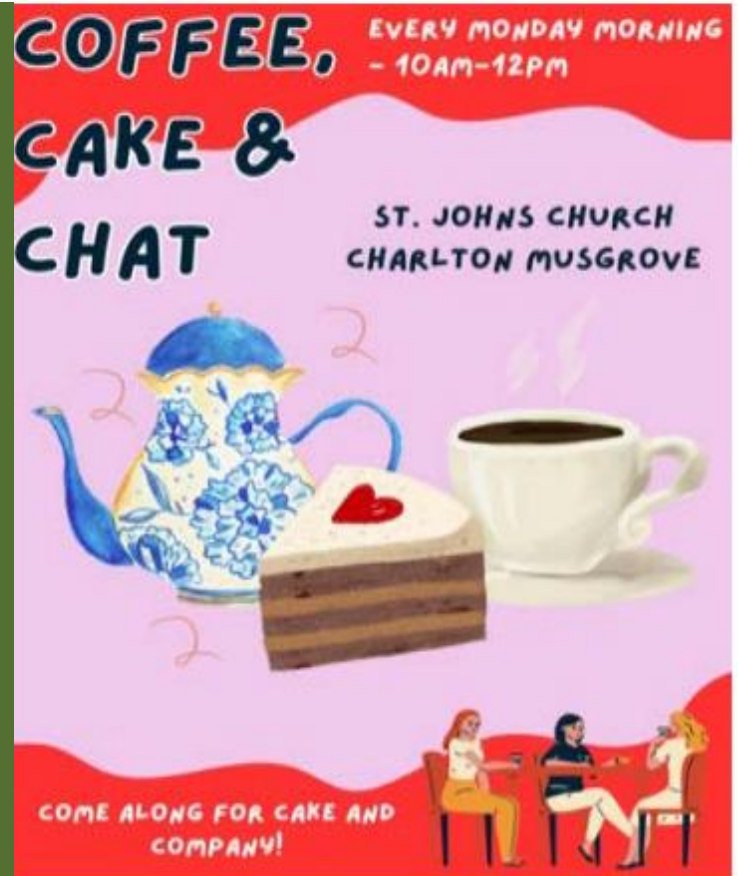
## Charlton Musgrove Short Mat Bowls

The Bowls Club is held in the Village Hall on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of the month. We start at 2 pm until 4p.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 has been running for a while now, it's a lovely time, it's run by the church as an outreach to our community & also provides finance for our church, which in turn helps to pay for the Village news!!



## Memorial Hall Coffee Morning

*A once-a-month coffee morning is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month. There will be an opportunity to catch up with neighbours.*

*All this for £2.00. Any surplus monies made will go to local charities.*

*The next Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall coffee morning will be held on  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 10.30 to 12.00*



## VILLAGES' WALKING GROUP – AUGUST WALK

The evening cool of the woods on the Stourhead Estate, after the heat earlier in the day, proved a boon for our delightful Mid-Summer Evening walk in late June, led by Steve and Sara Jarrett.

Tony and Janet Cole aimed to take us to new territory – for the Group – with a walk in the North Cadbury area at the end of July.

Recent walks seem to have avoided Saturdays – something dictated by circumstances rather than being planned and so it will be good to revert to a Saturday walk in August, on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August**, for which we shall, as usual, **meet at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall for a 10am departure.**

Do join us – especially if you haven't walked with us previously - you will be most welcome. The group is intended for all walkers in our three villages, and you will find you are joining a friendly group enjoying splendid countryside and scenery, and getting gentle exercise. We don't yomp, probably walk a little faster than a gentle stroll, and walk at a sensible pace that suits the group. If you would let us know beforehand, please, that you are planning to join us, we won't set off without you!



*Mike and Eileen*

Mike and Eileen Vockins

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Flower power: A Somerset florist and flower farmer has returned from the Chelsea Flower Show as a gold medal winner. Georgie Newbery from Charlton Musgrove is part of the Farewell Flowers Collective that created a funeral scene which was awarded the coveted prize. It is the first time that funeral flowers have been arranged and displayed at Chelsea in its 113-year history.







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### **Editor's Message**

We've enjoyed some great outside fellowship this month in our benefice, with some incredibly hot weather however welcoming some much needed rain now!

The Bible contains numerous passages that speak about weather, emphasizing God's sovereignty and control over the natural world. Psalm 135:7

"Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

Blessings, Keith Stroud

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## Cucklington

5th 12th 19th 26th	Table tennis, 7.30pm AMMH
8th	Scrabble, 7.00pm AMMH
16th	Flower Show Gates open 2:00pm (Cucklington Village Hall)
30th	Coffee morning AMMH

## Stoke Trister & Bayford

7th	Coffee morning, 10am Bayford village hall
9th	Movie night "The Good Liar" doors open at 6.30pm Bayford village hall
13th	St Andrew's Church Book Exchange 10:30am to 12:00pm
20th	Village lunch, 12.15pm Bayford village hall

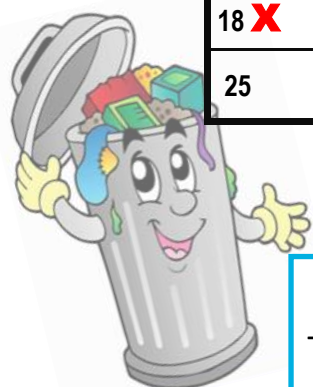
## Charlton Musgrove

4th 11th 18th 25th	St John's Coffee Morning 10:00am CM
12th 26th	Short mat bowls, 2pm Charlton Musgrove village hall
15th	Coffee Morning 10:30am Charlton Musgrove Memorial hall
30th	Village Walk 10:00am meet at Charlton Musgrove Memorial hall car park

## AUGUST 2025

GARDEN + RECYCLING X HOUSEHOLD O

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



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 16th

### DEADLINE

The deadline for the September issue is as always the 18th but please feel free to send it earlier!

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