

VILLAGE NEWS

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Human flourishing for all

By Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells

‘Tell me about your school days’ is a deeply illuminating question to ask. Our experience of school shapes us deeply our whole lives long. Schools mould our character and values. They develop our skills and expectations. They influence our relationships and our life chances.

Rooted in our understanding of the Bible, Christians have been involved in schooling for many centuries. In the nineteenth century, the Church of England’s National Society set up thousands of schools all around our country, established principally for the benefit of the poor. It is largely out of this heritage that our Diocese of Bath and Wells continues to have a stake in so many of Somerset’s schools today. We have 180 Church Schools, the majority of which are for primary aged children, with nine middle, upper or secondary schools and one specialist provision. Big and small, and found in all kinds of communities, our schools educate around 60% of Somerset’s primary school children.

Our schools are Church Schools, they are not faith schools. We are open to everyone, of all faiths and none. Our schools are guided by our Christian ethos, manifested in their engagement with the Bible and worship, in prayer and Christian ethics. More recently, this is expressed most fully in the Church of England’s Vision for Education. This understands our schools’ mission to be ‘deeply Christian, serving the Common Good’. Our vision embraces the spiritual, physical, intellectual, emotional, moral and social development of children and young people. Our vision is of human flourishing for all.

As bishop, I am privileged to spend lots of time in our Church Schools. The most fun I have is being grilled by young people who pose me questions about ethics and doctrine, our Church’s life and faith. I’m certainly kept on my toes! What I value most is seeing played out in our young people the four main elements of our Church’s vision - wisdom, hope, community and dignity. These commitments are reflected in the stories told in this edition of Manna. I hope you’ll enjoy reading them as they illustrate our vision for education in the schools of our diocese.



Benefice Services

July 2026

St Stephens Rectory Lane, Charlton Musgrove
St John's Barrow Lane, Charlton Musgrove
St Lawrence, Cucklington
St Andrew, Stoke Trister
St Michaels, Pen Selwood
St Peter & St Pauls, Church Street, Wincanton

Sunday 5th July

9am Rise & Shine Family Service	St Michael's Church, Pen Selwood
9am Holy Communion	St Lawrence's Church, Cucklington
10am Café Church	St John's Church, Charlton Musgrove
10:30am Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul's Church, Wincanton

Sunday 12th July

9am Holy Communion	St Stephen's Church, Charlton Musgrove
9am Holy Communion	St Michael's Church, Pen Selwood
10:30am Morning Worship	St Peter & St Paul's Church, Wincanton
6:30pm Evening Service	St Lawrence's Church, Cucklington (Sung)

Sunday 19th July

9am Morning Service	St Michael's Church, Pen Selwood
9am Holy Communion	St Lawrence's Church, Cucklington
10:00am Morning Praise	St John's Church, Charlton Musgrove
10:30am Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul's Church, Wincanton

Sunday 26th July

10:30am Whole Benefice Communion – St Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister

Sunday 2nd August

9:00am Holy Communion	St Lawrences, Cucklington
10:00am Cafe Church	St Johns, Charlton Musgrove
10:30am Holy Communion	St Peter & St Pauls, Wincanton

Wincanton and Pen Selwood Diary Dates

Black Bin Café Held in **Pen Selwood Village Hall** every other Friday **10:30am – 12:30pm** a great social event and well worth a visit. Tea, coffee and wonderful cakes. **July 3rd & 17th.**

Please check www.penselwood.ning for more details.

Mobile Library Visits Pen Selwood at the **Old Orchard lay by** in **Queens Grove** monthly **12:25-12:50pm** on **July 17th.**

11th July **Coffee Morning** in **Wincanton Church** **10:00am – 12:00 noon.** Raffle, Homemade Cakes & Savouries, Bookstall &, Refreshments. **Everybody welcome!**

Bob Drew will be speaking on **Wednesday 22nd July 7.15pm at the Charlton Musgrove village hall**, Bob and Ruth have 4 grown up children and Bob has been an Elder of Bagley Baptist Church for many years. Bob was a Nuclear Power Engineer for Hinckley point. He's a wonderful man of faith, if you want to know how to build a church by hearing the Lord, come along and hear his absolutely amazing testimony of the faithfulness of God. How the Lord provided at every step of the way without appeals or begging for money!



Bagley Church is a beautiful building, overlooking Cheddar Gorge, it is used by many other churches because of its wonderful facilities and vibrant congregation!

Do join us and see what the Lord can do in ordinary folk with faith.

Prayer for the Benefice

Beloved God, guide us as we work together at this time of change, to love and encourage one another in Faith. Bless Reverend Lydia as we support her in bringing together our parishes of Wincanton, Pen Selwood, Cucklington, Charlton Musgrove and Stoke Trister with Bayford into one Benefice to worship you. Amen.



† saint john's

first fridays

ft. **based**

Friday 3rd July

From 7:30pm

Venue: Charlton Musgrove Village Hall

BA9 8HN

Friday 10th July



**Agile
Learning
Fridays**

A Christian Education Project:
Using Agile Learning Tools

Featuring:

Open The Book, Presentations, Dodge Ball,
Strategy Games, Wide Games & more!



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WhatsApp
for location
info (venue
TBC)



Every 2nd
Friday



Starts: 3:30
Ends: 6:30

Facilitated by:



Join via
WhatsApp



Wincanton Parish Church
Coffee Morning



In the Parish Church

Saturday 11th July
10:00am – 12:00 noon

Refreshments
Homemade Cakes
Book Stall & Raffle!

ALL WELCOME!

**Prayer for our Monarch Way
Benefice**

Dear all,

July the 11th has been designated specifically as a day of prayer. Please join us in praying for the future of our churches, for a vicar who will lead us here in this new benefice.

Our churches will be open as usual, please pray that the right person will feel led to respond to the call. Please also pray for those leading our churches during the interregnum.

Jean Brown



The Pilgrim Singers present

Summertime and All That Jazz

A Charity Concert in Aid of
"Food for Families in the Sudan"

Via CAFOD

in the **Balsam House Gardens**
Common Road, Wincanton BA9 9HT
Sunday 5th July at 3pm
open for picnics from 1pm

Tickets £15 (under 18s free)

Available: on the door, from choir members,
Wincanton Post Office, the Parish Office

& Ticket Tailor

(using QR code)

or contact 01963 33695



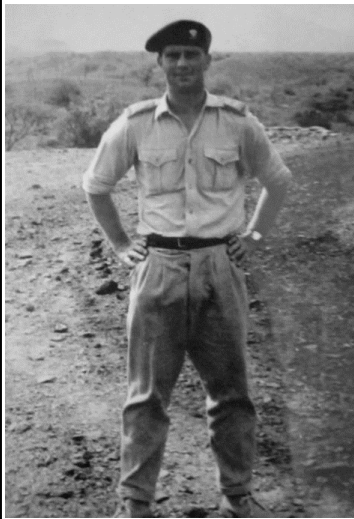
Strawberries & Cream and Pimm's included
Marquee cover



ALAN LYALL GRANT died at the end of April, aged 86. It was a particular sadness for his family - his daughters Kate and Lucy and son James - coming so soon after their mother, Felicity's, death five months previously, as well as for Alan and Felicity's many friends in Bayford and countless Army friends.

As a young man Alan was a talented athlete, as a fencer, swimmer and cross-country runner at Cheltenham College. At Cambridge University he added pistol shooting and show-jumping to these sporting skills and captained the university's modern pentathlon team, and winning a "Blue". He was selected to represent Gt. Britain in the European Championships but, frustratingly, whilst training broke his jaw and so missed the honour of representing his country.

It was around this time that Alan and Felicity had married, soon after he had begun his Army career, in which he served with 10th Royal Hussars (Prince of Wales Own) and, later, 16th/15th The Queen's Royal Lancers, both tank regiments. On the sporting front Alan continued to fence for the Army; at the same time was highly regarded as an engineer officer who contributed much to the Army's knowledge and use of tanks. After serving in Aden soon after his marriage to Felicity, much of his later service was in Germany where he and Felicity brought up their family.

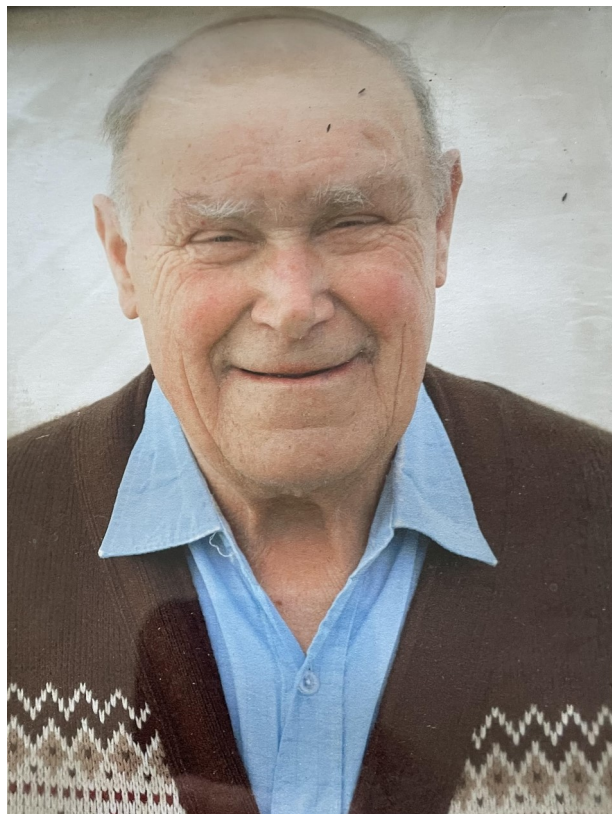


Alan and Felicity moved to Bayford in 1987. Alan was still in the Army, but they threw themselves into village life; there was seldom a village event - fetes, Christmas bazaars, flower shows etc - where they were not involved and generous contributors. Alan served for a long while as Churchwarden of St. Andrew's, Stoke Trister, and both he and Felicity were part of that small faithful group happy to worship in whichever of our benefice's churches Services were held. They celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary in October 2025. Another string to Alan's bow, and perhaps an unexpected one but one greatly enjoyed, was his active involvement with Wincanton Amateur Dramatic Society and in their shows.

In many ways Alan was far from your typical Army officer. Kate suggests that, unlike many of their friends' fathers, he was very easy-going, laidback, and fun-loving, something of a joker, a bit "relaxed" in his dress perhaps, and always ready to muck in.

For my part it was a joy to visit Alan in those weeks following Felicity's death, to share Holy Communion with him at home, and to listen to him recalling his Army career and his earlier outstanding sporting achievements.

It was no surprise that St. Andrew's Church was full for his Service of Thanksgiving at the end of May as Kate, James, and Lucy were joined by other family members, friends from Bayford and Stoke Trister and our neighbouring parishes along with countless former Army colleagues.



John Hewson lived all of his life in Cucklington, and sadly passing away in February.

John's funeral at St Lawrence's church asked for donations to his favourite charity which was Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

His friends would like to thank everyone for their generous donations, and let you know that £604.34 was raised.

Kath James

"BE PREPARED"

Most will recognise the value of that motto, for long identified with the Scout movement. Almost certainly it is one that, of necessity, most Funeral Directors unwittingly adopt too. That certainly proved true at the Funeral and Service of Thanksgiving for Alan Lyall Grant, at St. Andrew's, Stoke Trister, on 21st May.

Diana Noble, a family friend, arrived at St. Andrew's in time to run through the Service music again, only to find that the organ (or the organ blower) was not working, and was tripping the electrics. We would be without music!

That was until Funeral Director, Colin Roberts, of Harold F Miles, in true Boy Scout fashion, found the right organ accompaniment on his i-Pad for the three chosen hymns (with the correct number of verses too). The full congregation thus was able to sing lustily as we gave thanks for Alan's life - and gave thanks too for modern technology and for Colin's hasty preparedness.

MDV

CUCKLINGTON, STOKE TRISTER with BAYFORD FLOWER SHOW

to be held in Cucklington Village Hall



8th August at 2 pm.
Entry £1 children free
Refreshments served
Prize giving at 3 pm
Raffle

Cucklington, Stoke Trister with Bayford Flower Show

Photographic Classes

- 1 A Cold Frosty Morning
- 2 Spring is in the air
- 3 A Village Event



He Did It!

Having spent the past two months' training hard, Will Sellick successfully completed the Cotswold Way Ultra Challenge on June 13th & 14th.



The Challenge followed a 100 kilometre (63-mile) route through beautiful Cotswolds scenery. Starting and finishing in Cirencester, Will set off at 8:30 on Saturday morning. He walked continuously, including through the night, stopping only for refuelling, and finished at 11:00 on Sunday. The route, using mostly footpaths' extended to 110 kilometres, and included 2502 metres of ascent (&descent!). In taking 150,000 steps Will expended 7000 kcal of energy.

Will walked to raise funds for Parkinson's UK.

If you would like to sponsor him, please follow the link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/will-sellick-1>

Find out about the work of Parkinson's UK, at <https://www.parkinsons.org.uk/>



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CUCKLINGTON

St Lawrence's Church

www.cucklington.org.uk

Church Warden—Pip Loxton

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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 10th July.

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 25th July



10.00am- 12.00pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Thank you to everyone who supported the Plant Sale on the 30th May, a magnificent £427 was raised for St Lawrence Church.



TABLE TENNIS

At

CUCKLINGTON VILLAGE HALL
EACH TUESDAY 7.30pm - 10.00pm

£2.50 including refreshments

New members needed

Please contact Celia or Richard
01963 32069 or text 07761355900



N'let point-of-contact.....send Cucklington copy to piploxtton677@gmail.com

before 18th of the month, please.

CUCKLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

3RD JULY SUMMER BBQ

**BRING YOUR OWN
MEAT / VEGGIES TO
POP ON THE BBQ.....**

& WE'LL PROVIDE

- **SALAD BAR + CRUSTY BREAD/ROLLS**
- **CASH BAR**
- **FUN AND FROLICS ON THE FIELD**



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@ 6.00pm**

£7.00 entry
CHILDREN U12 FREE

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MACMILLAN



Thursday 16TH JULY

10.30 - 12.30

ALL DONATIONS TO
MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

JOIN US AT.....

**CLOCK HOUSE, CUCKLINGTON
BA9 9PT**

FOR

COFFEE & CAKE

Plus the chance to visit

CHURCH FARM COTTAGE

**A delightful cottage garden with stunning views
and rarely open to the public.**

Open 10.30 - 1.30

Who's Who - St. Lawrence Church, Cucklington

We're currently without a vicar here at St Lawrence so we are extremely grateful for the support in leading the services from retired Rev. Prebendary Mike Vockins and Licensed Lay Reader **Barbara Priest**. Barbara's day job is Warden of Hugh Sexey's Almshouses in Bruton, a role made up of both administrative and pastoral work.

Barbara's roots have been in the Anglican Church since childhood, however with her Catholic 'heart' she is a lay member of the Catholic Benedictine Monastery Douai Abbey where she loves to spend time with the community. It is here that she discovered her 'contemplative soul' and so the evening services led by Barbara at St Lawrence tend to be peaceful and reflective.

Barbara, if you were a vegetable what would you be?

Probably an onion! The outer skin is the public face which everyone gets to see but as I'm quite a private person I might show the top layers to people once I get to know them better. The inner layers are only shown to those I know very well. The deep core will only be seen by someone I know extremely well and trust enough to share the true 'me'.

From a box of chocolates, which one is your favourite?

Sicilian Lemon Cream - a thin chocolate base with the most heavenly (!) light lemon flavoured mousse.

You win a holiday anywhere in the world - where would you visit?

I hate travelling, we live in a beautiful country - for me, nothing beats the Lake District!

Should one's faith be public or private?

I suppose a bit of both. I would certainly say that your relationship with God is between you and Him, with the kind of trust and ease that we share with a particularly close friend, who loves and accepts us just the way we are.

However, as a church family, we come together to share our faith in support with each other. But I would say, how much you share should only ever be what you are comfortable with. There should never be any pressure.

And finally, Barbara, can you share just one positive thing about St Lawrence's?

Their friendliness! There is a lot of jolly chat at St Lawrence's, but wonderful care and concern too.

Amanda Watts

Who's Who at St. Lawrence Cucklington

An interview with a difference - can you identify the interviewee?

Answer to be found at bottom of page

1 You are a piece of cheese - what type and why?

Mature Cheddar cheese - it's delicious!

2 What's in your supermarket trolley or handbasket - four items of your choice?

Whisky, Cabbage, Fish cakes, Newspaper.

3 You are permitted your very own Time Machine Adventure - which period in history would you travel to and why?

I'd join up with Doctor Who and go anywhere.

4 Name a modern day convenience you'd rather not live without?

My laptop.

5 You are having a supper party - name 4 famous people (dead or alive) you'd invite?

Jane Austen, Monty Don, David Attenborough, Jimi Hendrix.

6 A skill you have that few (if any) know about?

I can splice a rope.

7 Finally, in your opinion - what is the best thing about St Lawrence Church?

St Lawrence is a beautiful place for quiet contemplation inside or outside.

Who is it?....

See Editor's message





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Update from Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish Council

Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish Council has a new website and contact address!

<https://stoketristerbayford-pc.gov.uk/>

The website provides valuable information regarding the parish, our meetings, contact details and much more.

Our next meeting is on 9th July at 7pm and all are welcome.

There is a vacancy for a councillor on the Parish Council further details of which is available on the website.

Our Parish Council is represented at the Somerset Local Community Network (LCN) meetings, which are intended to improve outcomes for residents by connecting Somerset Council, partner agencies and communities. The LCN was set up due to changes in how councils are organised in Somerset, to bring focus to issues that matter most to residents and strengthen the collective response, for example in flood preparedness, emergency response, highways matters and policing. Please let the parish council know of any themes you think should be considered and taken to the LCN.

Finally, some good news! The ranger service has been working with Cllr Jo Garrett to improve the accessibility of our local footpaths. The attached photo shows their work to improve the access to one of the footpaths at the north end of our parish near Shaftesbury Lane. Great work, and thanks to all involved in the improvements!



COFFEE MORNING



Thursday 2nd July

10:00am to 12noon

at The Bayford Village Hall

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 15th July

12.15 TO EAT AT 12.30

Please call Mary on 34420 by Sunday 12th to book your lunch.



Fried Green Tomatoes (1991) follows a discontented housewife who befriends an elderly woman in a nursing home and becomes captivated by her stories of two women's enduring bond in 1920s Alabama. Interweaving past and present, it's a warm, humorous, and moving tale of friendship, resilience, and self-discovery.

Bayford Village Hall

Film Night

Saturday 11th July

7.00pm

(doors open at 6.30pm)

£5.00 including snacks & refreshments

The Bayford Inn Update



By the time you read this, we will have held our second AGM for Bayford Inn Benefit Society Limited. One proposal was to update the model rules so that shareholders with 500 or more shares can receive a 10% discount on food and drink at the pub. We hope this will encourage those with 250 shares to consider increasing their investment. A community pub in Chepstow took a similar approach and raised a significant amount of additional funding. We have also increased the maximum individual investment to £50,000.

We are now preparing for a renewed investment push to help us reach the huge milestone of owning the freehold — the moment that would secure the Bayford Inn for the long term. One important route is through SEIS, which can allow eligible investors to claim 50% of their investment back through their tax return; find out more in the pub. There are also plenty of other ways to get involved, from sponsoring tables and chairs to buying merchandise. And, of course, support does not have to be financial: we are building a brilliant team of volunteers to help with bar work, cooking, waiting, building, cleaning, coffee and cake mornings, and whatever else village life throws our way. If you are interested, pop in and have a chat with Mel.

We have achieved a lot in a relatively short time, not least getting the kitchen up and running. We are still finding our feet, but the fish and chips have already proved a real hit. At the time of writing, Will, our manager and chef, has been unwell, so we have had to pause the food offering for now. We all wish Will a speedy recovery and hope that, by the time this reaches you, he is back in the kitchen cooking up something lovely.

Quiz nights remain hugely popular and are often fully booked a month or so in advance. This month's winners were Sir Marcus and friends, who were understandably delighted after being runners-up more than once! Bingo and Prosecco and Paint are also on the way, so keep an eye on the website and socials — or, even better, pop in and find out what is coming up over a drink.

On the renovation front, our volunteer team — a wonderfully mixed rabble from Stoke Trister and Bayford — has been hard at work building a new storeroom on the side of the pub, replacing the old lean-to that once housed the boiler. The storeroom now boasts a dedicated sink from The Well House yard sale, a bargain at £5, along with our freezer, washing machine and dryer. A big shout-out goes to my fellow volunteers, Joly, Phil, Peter, Andy and Roger for their work on the build, and to Tom for donating and fitting the door. Also to Allan Careys team for the roof work! There is still a little more to finish, which we hope to complete over the next few weeks.

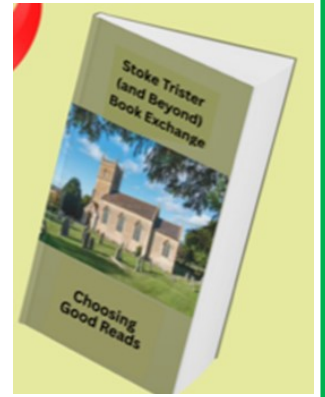
Towards the end of July, we hope to extend the food offering to more days, so watch this space and perhaps loosen your belt in anticipation.

Most importantly, although the pub has reopened, there is still plenty to do and money to raise if we are to secure its future for generations to come. Every pint pulled, quiz team booked, cake baked, chair sponsored, share bought and hour volunteered helps keep the Bayford Inn at the heart of our community. Thank you, as always, for your support — we hope to see you at the bar soon.

Ben Giles

COFFEE AND BOOKS

St Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister



Stoke Trister (and Beyond) Book Exchange

How's your spelling?

Among schoolchildren, there are poor spellers, average spellers (me), good spellers, and the astonishing geniuses who can spell unfamiliar, irregular words perfectly. My strategy was much less impressive: memorise the words I use often and look up the ones I don't. Not glamorous, but effective.

My childhood friend, however, was and remains a naturally good speller. Bad spelling irritates her. Several years ago, she spotted that I had spelled *hamster* as *hampster*. Yes. With a P. I am not proud of this. Of course, my friend has never forgotten it. She mentions it whenever the opportunity arises, which is surprisingly often. In return, I remind her of her very first typing lesson—back in the days before word processors. At the end of the exercise, she proudly typed:

“Please sign on the line in onk.”

“Onk” remains one of my favourite words in the English language, despite not actually being one.

My friend finds American novels a trial. *Favor* annoys her. So does *behavior*. Don't even mention *realized* or *canceled*. I, on the other hand, love American literature—Steinbeck, Fitzgerald, Faulkner: all geniuses. I'm grateful Americans chose English as their main language. I also enjoy Australian and Irish literature, and I can read all of it in my own native language.

Still, we Britons should make more effort to learn other languages. In Poland, most young adults speak at least one additional language fluently, whereas in England far fewer do. English speakers are undeservedly fortunate.

We can read Polish-born Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness* exactly as he wrote it, even though English was his third language. Intriguingly, Conrad described his English as “Polish in texture and form”. We can also read translated works from dozens of other cultures without knowing a word of their native languages. It is an extraordinary privilege, and perhaps one that has left many of us with the impression that learning another language is rather like learning to juggle—admirable when other people do it, but not for us.

Fortunately, reading books from around the world requires much less effort than learning another language. If you'd like to discover a new author, exchange recommendations, or simply enjoy a coffee and a chat, our next Book Exchange is on **Wednesday 8 July from 10.30–12.00 in St Andrew's Church**. All welcome.

We'd love to see you there.

Penelope

(Book Exchange, Stoke Trister and Beyond)



CHARLTON MUSGROVE
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Charlton Musgrove Community Defibrillator & Bleed Kit

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/>

The wonderful day of Charlton Musgrove Open Gardens, was a huge success. There were 10 beautiful gardens all around the village, which were open for everyone to enjoy. The afternoon started at St Stephens with a demonstration of flower arranging by our very own Georgie from Common Farm Flowers, this was much enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Thank you Georgie, especially after your busy week at Chelsea, also congratulations on your amazing success there. Georgie is providing the flower arrangements right through June in St Stephens. The afternoon was born out of an idea from Ruth Kimber, who soon had a willing and very able team. Many people enjoyed the afternoon of beautiful gardens and scrumptious refreshments.

What a lovely way to spend an afternoon and support our churches. We raised almost £2500, and 10% will be given to 'Tools for Self-reliance'. Well done and thanks for all who kindly opened their gardens and thanks to the wonderful team. The weather was perfect!

Jean Brown

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

EVERY MONDAY MORNING
- 10AM-12PM

ST. JOHNS CHURCH
CHARLTON MUSGROVE



COME ALONG FOR CAKE AND
COMPANY!



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 3rd 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 17th July 10.30 to 12.00



VILLAGES' WALKING GROUP

WALKS IN JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

By the time you read this we shall be looking back on a delightful walk around Mere, led by Tony and Janet Cole (who knew Mere had so many accessible footpaths and byeways and streams and rivers?), and also on our traditional Mid-Summer's Evening walk on Wednesday 24th June, led by Steve and Sara Jarrett.

To follow these we revert to our weekend walking in July. In fact we vary our "weekend" walking days between Fridays and Saturdays (and occasional Thursdays), rather than walking on a fixed day, in the hope that we can suit most of our walkers most of the time!.

Our July walk will be a Saturday walk, on **Saturday 25th July**. In August Barrie and Ceri Izard will be leading our walk, which will be on either on 28th August or 29th August (to be confirmed later). For our **25th July walk we will meet, as usual, at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall, ready to leave by 10am**. Present thinking is for this to be a downland walk, between Maiden Bradley and Kingston Deverill.

Do join us if you can - you will be most welcome, whether one of our regular walkers or someone wanting to join us for the first time. Do come! A call or message beforehand to say you are walking with us would be kind, and will ensure we don't set off without you.

Looking even further ahead Saturday 26th September has been penciled in for our next future walk.



Mike and Eileen

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Volunteers

On the 24th May, we had a joint service for our benefice at St Michael's church in Pen Selwood, which was led by the Reverend Lydia Avery, our Benefice Development Minister. The diocese of Bath and Wells celebrated the volunteers and gave thanks on that day for those who serve. We were welcomed by the bells ringing by campanologists from the whole benefice. During the service we celebrated the volunteers in many ways who serve others, both inside the church and out. Our Church wardens and PCC members were prayed for, asking the Lord to bless them in their roles and callings, along with our Secretaries, Treasurers and many others that keep our churches functioning day in and day out.

Here in Charlton Musgrove we have a host of faithful people who serve. We are so grateful to those who daily work to serve us all: opening and closing our two churches (which are accessible to all), those who prepare for our services, those who clean our churches and those who decorate with wonderful flower arrangements and also keep the church yards in order, for our treasurer, our secretary and those who provide music for the services and the cake makers who faithfully bake and host every week at St John's Coffee and chat. We give thanks for the refreshments at our monthly communion at St Stephens, we are blessed to have two beautiful churches in our village, both loved and enjoyed (as listed buildings), without our volunteers we would not be able to keep them looking so beautiful.

This list is endless, thank you everyone!

We are grateful to all those who lead our services.

Psalm 84 verse 10 onwards is so appropriate!

Jean Brown

Editor's Message

I pray everyone is enjoying the lovely weather.

The answer to Amanda's Who's Who at St. Lawrence, Cucklington

is Polp Tonix!

Blessings,

Keith Stroud

Supporting our local communities.....

Cucklington Social Group in cooperation with the Village Hall committee have decided to trial a food bank project to help those less well off than ourselves



Urgently needed food items:

- Jam
- Sponge puddings
- Tinned meat
- Tomato ketchup
- UHT fruit juice

All dry goods, tins and jars are always welcome but must not have been previously opened or exceed the sell by date.
For obvious reasons they cannot except fresh produce of any kind.

Please bring along any contributions to the Hall on the **last Saturday of each month** - conveniently also **Coffee Morning** in case people want to stop for a chat and some delicious cake with a coffee !!!

PLEASE NOTE.... For safety reasons contributions **cannot** be left in the Hall other than on the **last Saturday of each month**. Food gifts can be left in the porch at Longhill Cottage if you are unable to take it to the Hall on the specified dates.

Should you have any comments or queries please contact nonilowney@hotmail.com



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Cucklington

3rd	Summer BBQ doors open at 6:00pm
7th 14th 21st 28th	Table tennis, 7.30pm AMMH
10th	Scrabble, 7.00pm AMMH
16th	MACMILLAN Coffee Morning 10:30am to 12:30pm Clock House
25th	Coffee morning 10:00am to 12:00pm AMMH

Stoke Trister & Bayford

2nd	Coffee morning, 10:00am to 12:00pm Bayford Village Hall
8th	St Andrew's Church Coffee & Book Exchange 10:30am to 12:00pm
11th	Movie night "Fried Green Tomatoes" doors open at 6.30pm Bayford Village Hall
15th	Village lunch, 12.15pm Bayford Village Hall

Charlton Musgrove

6th 13th 20th 27th	St John's Coffee Morning 10:00am to 12:00pm CM
14th 28th	Short mat bowls, 2pm Charlton Musgrove village hall
17th	Coffee Morning 10:30am to 12:00pm Charlton Musgrove Village hall
25th	Village Walk 10:00am meet at Charlton Musgrove Village hall car park



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DEADLINE

The deadline for the July issue is the 18th July but please feel free to send it earlier! Send to MrKeithStroud@Gmail.com