

VILLAGE NEWS

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Every story honoured

In August I had the immense privilege of meeting Lynette Richards-Lorde who came to Flourish House with her daughter Chrissy Richards-Levi and Susann Savidge, Chair of Somerset African Caribbean Network. Hearing Lynette's story of faith, courage, and public service was a joyful and humbling experience. She came to Taunton, aged just 19, in 1959 in answer to an invitation from the British government to come to the UK to work in the NHS. Initially training as a nurse at Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton, Lynette then became a midwife and, during a distinguished career in hospitals across the UK, became the UK's first Black divisional nursing officer for midwifery. And it all started right here in Somerset!

You can read more about Lynette's story on the diocesan website but, for me, the most moving part about meeting Lynette was seeing how extraordinarily humble she is, and what a great impact she has had on the lives not just of the mothers she helped during pregnancy and delivery, but on British society as a whole.

October is Black History Month. It's easy to think it's solely about learning more of the history of Black people across the world, and that's an important part of it. But more than that, it's about acknowledging and celebrating the history of those of Global Majority Heritage who have played, and continue to play, an integral part in British society and churches for centuries. Black History Month teaches us all more about our collective story.

Rt Revd Tim Wambunya, Bishop of Wolverhampton, invites us all, however we mark Black History Month, to allow our celebrations to, "help us become more truly intercultural communities, where every story is honoured, every gift welcomed, and every person cherished in Christ."

We'd love to hear about your plans to do just that, wherever you are across our diocese.

Fiona Gibson, Bishop of Taunton



Benefice Services

October 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 4th October

9am Rise & Shine Families

9am Holy Communion

10am Café Church

10:30am Harvest Festival

St Michael's Church, Pen Selwood

St Lawrence's Church, Cucklington

St John's Church, Charlton Musgrove

St Peter & St Paul's Church, Wincanton

Sunday 11th October

9am Holy Communion

9am Holy Communion

10:30am Morning Worship

11am Harvest Festival

St Stephen's Church, Charlton Musgrove

St Michael's Church, Pen Selwood

St Peter & St Paul's Church, Wincanton

St Lawrence's Church, Cucklington

Sunday 18th October

9am Morning Service

9am Holy Communion

10am Morning Praise

10:30am Holy Communion

St Michael's Church, Pen Selwood

St Lawrence's Church, Cucklington

St John's Church, Charlton Musgrove

St Peter & St Paul's Church, Wincanton

Sunday 25th October

10:30am Whole Benefice Communion – St Peter & St Paul's Church, Wincanton

Sunday 1st November

9am Rise & Shine Families

9am Holy Communion

10am Cafe Church

10:30am Holy Communion

St Michaels, Pen Selwood

St Lawrences, Cucklington

St Johns, Charlton Musgrove

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. **October 2nd & 16th & 30th.** Please check www.penselwood.ning for more details.

Mobile Library Visits Pen Selwood at the **Old Orchard lay by** in **Queens Grove** monthly **October (Cancelled)**

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

Advert for a Priest for our Benefice—The Monarch's Way

The Advert will be going out very shortly ...

Please pray as the process goes forward, for wisdom and that love will be abundant to help those involved. Amen

Wincanton Parish Church **Coffee Morning**



In the Parish Church
Saturday 10th October
10:00am – 12:00 noon

Refreshments
Homemade Cakes
Book Stall & Raffle!

ALL WELCOME!

Wednesday 28th October
7.15pm – 9:00pm at the
Charlton Musgrove village hall



This month we're delighted to welcome **Michael Walker.**

Michael brings a rich blend of international experience, agricultural leadership, and deep commitment to church life. He and his family spent four years in Northern Kenya with Africa Inland Mission from 1984–88, contributing to the development of an irrigation project that supported local communities.

Following their return to the UK, Michael managed a predominantly arable farm in Northamptonshire for 25 years, during which time he and his family were also involved in planting a new church in Kettering.

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FAMILY RACE NIGHT



CHARLTON MUSGROVE VILLAGE HALL

Saturday, 10th October

Doors open 6.30pm – first race 7.00pm

Admission £10.00, to include supper

TICKETS FROM JAMES ON 07375 452623 OR
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CUCKLINGTON

St Lawrence's Church

www.cucklington.org.uk

Church Warden—Pip Loxton

Tel: 07849329727

Cucklington Parish Meeting
Fri 30 Oct @ 7pm
in the Village Hall

Coffee Morning

Saturday 31st October



10.00am- 12.00pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Please come and help decorate
the Church
on the 10th October at 10am.
Ready for our Harvest Festival
on the 11th
Bring along any spare produce
you have, we will also, as usual
be collecting
dry goods and tins for the Food
Bank.



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
is hosting



The Jolli Quiz **2026**

Friday 2nd October

With quiz masters

Jo and Holli



Doors + bar open

6.00pm

Quiz starts at

7.00pm



£10pp incl soup and bread

Max 6 players per team

Prizes for the winning team

Hall capacity is limited so don't delay - to avoid disappointment book in your team today
(no. of players required)

foxjennifer@btinternet.com



cucklington HARVEST

Festival

11TH OCTOBER

11.00- Service at St Lawrence Church,
Cucklington

From 12.00-Harvest lunch at
Cucklington Village Hall

PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH/BAR/PRODUCE
SILENT AUCTION

Ticket Price
Children under 16-
Free
Adults- £10 plus one
free glass of bubbly
Tickets will be
available on the day
but if possible please
book in advance.

Who's Who - St.Lawrence Church, Cucklington

Hugh Davies

Hugh Davies suspects that he might still be regarded as an intruder to Cucklington as he has only lived here since 2007. He claims to be Welsh (and loudly supports the Rugby team) and has spent 33 years serving Her Majesty The Queen in foreign parts.

Hugh has been married to 'my lovely Virginia since 1968 (you do the maths)' and loves our little village and those who contribute to its community.

Hugh, the local Council rules that you may only grow one type of plant in your garden what would you choose? Why?

A banana tree. Being tropical, should better survive our 'new normal' climate, and, importantly, bears one of my favourite fruits, conveniently pre-packaged for ease of transport, and consumption, with useful peel (when chopped and strained) as potassium fertiliser - or (un-chopped) as comedic trip hazards for the incautious.

You are sent in exile for the remainder of your days to the island of your choice (family and friends may come too). Which island?

Sri Lanka. Lovely people. Wonderful ensemble of history, natural beauty, stunning cultural highlights, and a very tolerable climate.

As a special privilege you are invited to enter my Time Machine and travel back to witness one historic event. I guarantee that you will come back safely. Which event?

Coronation of Edward VII. The best historical era in UK history, culminating the long reign of Victoria, with living standards on a constant rise, long years of peace, the final years before the catastrophes of World Wars One and Two. And my elderly Great Grandfather, Frederick Temple, then Archbishop of Canterbury, in his dotage, placing the Crown on back to front.

Who's Who - St.Lawrence Church, Cucklington

Hugh Davies

You reluctantly agree to go back in time to your school days. What 4 items will you put in your tuck box to survive a term?

Chocolate bars, particularly Snickers; Horlicks or Ovaltine powder to modify recourse to constant pots of weak tea; Arnica to treat inevitable schoolboy bruises; ear plugs to drown out dormitory noises; the Spectator for intellectual stimulus

You are given responsibility for commissioning an 'improvement' for Cucklington - what might you choose?

A cricket pitch with roller, plus pavilion and scoreboard.

What costume will you wear at the 2027 Cucklington Fancy Dress Party?

Gene Kelly, with umbrella, "Singing in the Rain". To show optimism.

And finally Hugh, can you give me one (or more!) good reason to visit St Lawrence church?

To demonstrate commitment to help ensure the continuation of our village's beautiful communal and historic meeting place and quiet zone for both today's and, importantly, tomorrow's residents. To broaden the reach of its message of calm and reflection. To join in loudly singing, with similarly-inclined people, all the old favourite hymns and carols. To raise the rafters as they might once have done, and should do again.

Amanda Watts



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Next Parish Council meeting - Thursday 12th November 2026

All meetings are held in Bayford Village Hall and commence with an open public section where questions and comments from members of the public are most welcome. An agenda for each meeting and minutes of the previous meeting will be posted on the Parish notice boards at Bayford Village Hall; by School House, and also at the triangle in Stoke Trister at least three clear working days prior to each meeting.



The November meeting includes the annual budget setting and precept planning, and will usually consider grant provision for the following year.

Anyone interested in joining the Parish Council as a councillor should contact the Parish Clerk or Chair in the first instance. Expressions of interest are invited from enthusiastic and forward thinking individuals with time available to undertake this voluntary role. For contact details see the parish council website www.stoketristerbayford-pc.gov.uk

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MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER
7PM

**BAYFORD
VILLAGE HALL**

**TOGETHER,
WE SAVE LIVES**

RSVP TO JO GARRETT 07973 631744

COFFEE MORNING



Thursday 1st October

10:00am to 12noon

at The Bayford Village Hall

All welcome

Coffee, cake with friends, new and old.



Meeting and making friends over food!

COMMUNITY LUNCH

ALL WELCOME

BAYFORD VILLAGE HALL

WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER

12.15 TO EAT AT 12.30

£6 for 2 Courses

Please call Mary on 34420 by Sunday 18th to book your lunch.



The Ballad of Wallis Island (2025) follows an eccentric lottery winner who reunites a former folk duo on a remote island, uncovering old tensions and personal growth through music.



Community Film Night

Saturday 10th October

Bayford Village Hall

7.00pm

(doors open at 6.30pm)

£5.00 including snacks & refreshments

Afternoon tea at Bayford Village Hall

Friday 30th October at 2.30pm

**Tea and cake will be served with
light entertainment included**



This event is free of charge. All welcome
Please book your place by contacting Alice on
01963 33525



Let's Light Up Our Village This Christmas!



This Christmas, we'd love to create a **magical festive welcome to Bayford** with a beautiful large Christmas tree and lights at the entrance to the village.

Of course, making it happen comes with a cost, so we're asking our wonderful village community to help. **Every donation, big or small, will make a difference** and help us bring a little extra Christmas sparkle to Bayford for everyone to enjoy.

Donation boxes can be found **in the Village Hall and at The Bayford Inn.**

If you would like to make a donation but are unable to get to the pub or the village hall, call Alice on 07874 691359



Together, we can make our village shine this Christmas!



LET'S LIGHT UP
Our Village ♥

★

This Christmas, let's come together to create a magical welcome for everyone.

★ **WE ARE RAISING FUNDS FOR A BIG CHRISTMAS TREE AND LIGHTS FOR THE ENTRANCE TO OUR VILLAGE.**

♥

Every donation, big or small, makes a big difference.

Thank you! ♥

♥ TO DONATE, PLEASE USE THE DONATION BOX IN THE VILLAGE HALL OR THE PUB.

★ TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE OUR VILLAGE SHINE THIS CHRISTMAS ★



The leaves are turning gold and the autumn skies are clear
We're gathering for autumn food and lot of village cheer

With warming food and sharing plate
And cider crisp and sweet

Pull up a chair at St Andrew's church where friends and neighbours meet

A BUFFET LUNCH

at

St Andrew's, Stoke Trister

Saturday, 17th October

1.30pm, food served from 2pm

BAR

We will be serving savoury dishes plus seasonal puds

Please let us know of any allergies etc

Grateful for replies by 12 October

Alison Dixon 0785 5549586

Donations on the day will be very welcome
(cash or card).

Donations Wanted for St Andrew's Church Christmas Fair!

We're looking for donations of raffle prizes, gifts, cakes and savouries, small tombola prizes (chocolates, toiletries, stationery, gardening items and more), books, and nearly new items in good, clean condition. Please note, we cannot accept electrical items or clothing. Donations can be dropped off at the Village Hall on **Friday 13th November, 2.00pm to 3.00pm**. If that's not convenient, please contact **Christine on 01963 32311 or 07790 786014**.

Don't miss our popular "**Beyond the Stile**" **Craft Stall**, featuring beautiful handmade gifts and treats, all created and donated locally to raise funds for St Andrew's Church.

St Andrew's Church Christmas Fair

Saturday 14th November

Free Entry - Everyone Welcome!

Greek Evening



3 course meal



Bayford Village Hall

Saturday 24th October

Seating from 6.30pm for meal at 7pm
£20 per person, BYOB

Contact Mary on 01963 34420 to book a place.

Proceeds towards “Make Bayford Beautiful”

The background of the bottom section is a photograph of a vast field of red poppies in the foreground, with a sunset or sunrise over a line of trees in the distance. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds.

Remembrance Service at St Andrew's
Sunday 8th November 10:45

Wednesday 11th November

Will be reading the names of the fallen
from our two villages and laying a wreath
on the War Memorial at St Andrew's at

News from The Bayford Inn

One Year of The Bayford Inn

At the end of next month, we'll be celebrating a full year since the doors opened at The Bayford Inn. What a year it has been!

There's been plenty to learn along the way, a fair few challenges to tackle, and lots to celebrate. Most importantly, it's been wonderful to see the pub settling back into village life.



Coffee, cake and a little progress

The coffee machine is now in position and almost ready for action, and the back hallway is looking much brighter too.

A huge thank you to the team of volunteers who have helped get everything to this stage.

Work has also continued upstairs as we make the first floor usable. A big shout-out goes to:

- Joly and Phil for getting the floor down.
- Cam and Robbie from Bayford St George Heating and Plumbing for sorting the radiator pipes.
- Tom for showing off his impressive carpentry skills by getting the new staircase to the second floor in place.

We're getting there, one job at a time!



A big thank you to our volunteers

On the food front, fish and chips continues to be very popular, so it's definitely worth booking.

Mary and granddaughter Phoebe have kept things running smoothly, and we wish Phoebe all the very best as she heads off to Cardiff University.

Pam, who has kept the volunteers fed every Saturday for the past year or so, has now introduced her amazing sausage rolls as a bar snack. They are absolutely fantastic!

Murray and Sue have also done a few volunteer shifts behind the bar, which has been a great help.

And we mustn't forget Sue and Jane, who give the pub a good scrubbing every Monday. Thank you, ladies!

If you can offer a bit of time on a regular basis, please pop in and speak to Mel. There's always something that needs doing, whether it's behind the bar, in the kitchen, helping with renovations or simply lending a hand.

News from The Bayford Inn



Raising money

We still have a long way to go before we can own the freehold, but shares continue to be purchased and every contribution helps move us closer.

Sponsorship of chairs, tables and benches has also been increasing, so do look out for the little plaques and see who has sponsored what.

We even have a urinal being sponsored...

We're not sure that's the most glamorous sponsorship opportunity, but it's certainly one of the more memorable!

What's coming up at the Inn?

Quiz Night - October is fully booked, but you can still add your name to the waiting list.

Prosecco and Paint - Fully booked!

A celebration of Polish flavours - Saturday 7th November. Four courses for £30 per head, and places are booking up quickly. To reserve, email reservations@bayfordinn.com.

Art competition exhibition

Following the success of our Paint and Prosecco evening, we've launched what we hope will become an annual art competition. This year's theme is '**The Bayford Inn**'.

You can interpret the theme however you wish. There will be three awards:

- **Open Award:** Ages 15 and over
- **Young Artist Award:** Under 15s
- **People's Choice Award**

It's free to enter, and there are prizes to be won!

Entries close on 7th November, with the exhibition and voting running from 7–25 November.

Rules and entry forms are available in the pub and on the website at www.bayfordinn.com.

Keep supporting your local

We'll keep sharing events through the website, newsletter and social media, but nothing beats popping in, catching up with neighbours and seeing for yourself what's happening at The Bayford Inn.

Whether you come for a drink, enter the competition, sponsor something small, volunteer an hour or two, or simply bring a friend along, your support really does make a difference.

Thank you for helping keep the pub such a welcoming part of village life.

The Bayford Inn Team

COFFEE AND BOOKS

St Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister



Stoke Trister (and Beyond) Book Exchange

Some clever people at Cambridge University have recently produced a report which concludes that reading can improve your brain function, however old you are.

This isn't really a surprise. Reading involves so many different things. You have to decode the words, understand the sentence and, perhaps most importantly of all, work out what the writer is saying as a whole. The detail is relatively easy to understand; the overview is harder. You have to hold all those little bits in your head and somehow put them together.

There is another side to it, though. I've found that reading can help you lose concentration too.

Picture this: I am currently walking towards the broom cupboard to fetch a mop because there's some mud on the kitchen floor. But somewhere between the kitchen and the cupboard, I start thinking about chores. This reminds me of the book I'm reading at the moment, *Sense and Sensibility*, in which the Dashwoods have a bit of a financial crisis and have to economise and manage with only three servants: two women and one man.

How frightful! Only three servants! How will they manage?

But hang on. There's more to this than meets the eye. Two women and **one** man? Does that mean I do twice as much housework as my husband? Finally! Proof. And do we include my many managerial duties in that?

By now I'm no longer thinking about cleaning the floor. I'm thinking about Jane Austen, servants, gender inequality, housework and my husband's highly questionable assessment of his own domestic contribution.

Maybe this is what they mean when they say that reading exercises the brain.

Unfortunately, by the time I reach the broom cupboard, I have completely forgotten why I'm there. You'd think the mop, sitting right in front of me, might provide a clue. But no. I stare blankly into the cupboard, give up and return to the kitchen, where I immediately notice the mud on the floor.

Oh yes. The mop.

So off I go to the cupboard once more.

The Cambridge study also says that book clubs (not that ours is a 'club' – it's an 'exchange') "provide additional benefits through social interaction" and "can help people feel less isolated and more connected to others, which has been shown to reduce the risk of dementia." That makes our Coffee and Books event even more worthwhile!

The next one is on **Wednesday 14 October, 11 am - 12.30, in St Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister.** All welcome.

Penelope
(Book Exchange, Stoke Trister and Beyond)



CHARLTON MUSGROVE
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What3 Words: doubt.fields.bottom

Further information is available on the Parish Council
website at

<https://charltonmusgrovepc.org.uk/community-defibrillator/>



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 16th October 10.30 to 12.00



St John's coffee morning.

At St John's coffee morning people have been coming every Monday morning for the last 5 years. Over that time, many folk from Charlton Musgrove, past and present and other folk passing through, whether visiting relations or friends have joined in on sunny days while we've been outside the Church.

During our time together on a Monday morning, we have packed hundreds of Christmas shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse, made decorations for the Christmas Tree, (for the Christmas tree festival) and have collected and sorted huge amounts of clothes and gifts for the Ukraine appeal. In addition to the above, cleaning the Church has taken place and decorating it for events too! So many joyous activities and time has been spent with friends. People regularly cook cakes for everyone's enjoyment, not only to consume in the church but also for our hall events, like our MacMillan coffee gatherings and special cakes are made and enjoyed for Birthdays!

We've enjoyed Bat talks from our wonderful nature educator Nick Dibben, who talks to us about Hedge hogs and building hedgehog houses, we've learnt a lot about our local Bird life too. Last week, our youngest visitor was 2 years old; there is no upper limit! It was a special morning.

We have had the pleasure of having a very special lady with us for some time who has family here in the village, our wonderful Margaret moved here from South Africa, (where she had worked as a Christian looking after orphan babies) she is amazing and has been catching a bus each Monday from Wincanton to the coffee morning, arriving early and setting everything up for us. On Monday she shared with the group about her love for the children and her work over in South Africa, she is one amazing lady. She is travelling back to visit the other part of her family and to go and see the orphans again while over there. I hope she won't mind me saying, she is a wonderful Octogenarian. We are blessed to have you with us Margaret, safe travels and come back to us soon.

We also had an interesting reading shared by Joan England which was very enjoyable, thanks for taking us back down memory lane! Yes, yet another lovely 2 hours shared with good company. Everyone is very welcome, do join us.

Yes, we drink coffee and yes, we eat cake and sometimes we pray for anyone who would like it!



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 2pm until 4pm.

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)

VILLAGES' WALKING GROUP – OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER WALKS

Our walk on **Friday 23rd October** will be led for us by Sara and Steve Jarrett. For this we shall meet, as is now customary for the Group, at Charlton Musgrove Village Hall, ready to depart by 10am.

Friday 27th November has been penciled in for the following month's walk, which will be the last of the year (since it has become our custom not to walk as a Group in December, as it is a very busy month for most and we have a walk planned for New Year's Day).

Medical appointments and the popularity of the Shaftesbury and Gillingham Show meant that just two members of the Group signed up for the walk scheduled for 20th August, and so the decision was taken sensibly to postpone this walk. Ceri and Barrie Izard kindly have agreed to re-arrange the walk - which was to be in the West Knoyle area (new to the Group) - at a future date: one to which we can look forward.

VWG was set up for the three villages of Cucklington, Stoke Trister and Charlton Musgrove, and we warmly welcome any local residents who would like to join us for one, or all, of our walks, and that invitation is warmly extended also to those from Pen Selwood and Wincanton, now part of our new benefice. Do join us if you can - it will be good to have your company.



Mike and Eileen

Mike and Eileen Vockins

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Editor's Message

Heavenly Father, we come before you today to lift up our villages. Thank You for placing us in this community, for its history, its surroundings and the people who call it home. Lord, we ask for your peace, protection and provision to rest over every street and home. Grant wisdom and compassion to our local leaders, parish and church councils and all who serve our community day by day. Bless the work of our local schools, teachers, businesses and emergency services. Draw our neighbours closer together. Heal divisions, comfort the lonely or grieving and provide for those facing hardship or pressure. May our villages be a place of safety, kindness and flourishing, where your love is reflected in how we care for one another. Amen.

Blessings,

Keith Stroud



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Cucklington

2nd	The Jolli Quiz 2026 Doors and Bar opens 6.00pm Village Hall
6th 13th 20th 27th	Table tennis, 7.30pm Village Hall
10th	Decorate St Lawrence's Church for Harvest Festival 10.00am
11th	Harvest Festival Lunch from 12.00pm Village Hall
30th	Cucklington Parish Meeting 7.00pm Village Hall
31st	Coffee morning 10:00am to 12:00pm Village Hall

Stoke Trister & Bayford

1st	Coffee morning, 10:00am to 12:00pm Bayford Village Hall
10th	Movie night "The Ballad of Wallis Island" doors open at 6.30pm Bayford Village Hall
12th	Defibrillator Training 7.00pm Bayford Village Hall
14th	St Andrew's Church Coffee & Book Exchange 11:00am to 12:30pm
17th	Autumn Buffet Lunch St Andrew's Church 1.30pm
21st	Village lunch, 12.15pm Bayford Village Hall
24th	Greek Evening 6.30pm Bayford Village Hall
30th	Afternoon Tea 2.30pm Bayford Village Hall

Charlton Musgrove

5th 12th 19th 26th	St John's Coffee Morning 10:00am to 12:00pm CM
10th	Family Race Night doors open 6.30pm Musgrove village hall
13th 27th	Short mat bowls, 2pm Charlton Musgrove village hall
16th	Coffee Morning 10:30am to 12:00pm Charlton Musgrove Village hall
23rd	Village Walk 10:00am departure at Charlton Musgrove Village hall car park



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5X	6+	7	8	9	10	11
12X	13	14	15	16	17	18
19X O	20+	21	22	23	24	25
26X	27	28	29	30	31	

DEADLINE

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