

ASHBRITTLE GREENHAM STAWLEY BATHEALTON KITTISFORD



# Parish news

July 2022

**For the Parishes of ASHBRIITLE with GREENHAM, BATHEALTON, STAWLEY and KITTISFORD**

## **Church Services**

<b>Sunday July 3rd</b> 9.30 a.m.	<b>TRINITY 3</b> Parish Communion	STAWLEY
<b>Sunday July 10th.</b> 9.30 a.m.	<b>TRINITY 4</b> Parish Communion	GREENHAM
<b>Sunday July 17th</b> 9.30 a.m.	<b>TRINITY 5</b> Parish Communion	KITTISFORD
<b>Sunday July 24th</b> 9.30 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	<b>TRINITY 6</b> Parish Communion Woodland Evensong	BATHEALTON KITTISFORD HOUSE
<b>Sunday July 31st</b> 9.30 a.m.	<b>TRINITY 7</b> Parish Communion	GREENHAM

You will see from the above that there are two things that might strike you as unusual. The first is that there are two services at Greenham and none at Ashbrittle in the month of July.

This is because we have not one, but two weddings in Greenham church this summer and we need to read the Banns of Marriage on one occasion at least in St.Peter's.

The second is an "extra" service in the grounds of Kittisford House on Sunday July 24th at 6.00 p.m. This will be a service of Evening Prayer and it will be OUTDOORS (please come appropriately dressed!). The exact location of the service will be well signposted nearer the time and it will be followed by refreshments.

Everyone will be most welcome to all services and we are gradually relaxing restrictions on, once again, receiving communion in both kinds.

*Martin Beaumont*

## **Churchwardens and Clergy**

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<b>Stawley</b>	Penny Hare, Stawley Mill, Wellington, TA21 0HT Graham Henson, Court Place Farm, Stawley, TA21 0HP	01823 672183 01823 672496
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<b>Team Rector (interim)</b>	Revd Martin Kirkbride	07746 519311

## Thought for the Month

*“Gather up the fragments so that nothing may be lost”. (John 6 v 12)*

Despite the amount of money spent on bird food in the Beaumont household (echoes of a good Yorkshire man!), both Ruth and I thoroughly enjoy watching the birds who gather at our feeders.

In the course of the last purchase, Ruth, mistakenly, ordered sunflower seeds with the husks intact, instead of our normal husk-less variety. We have been amused to observe most species happily working their way through the seeds, whilst energetically spitting out the outer casings. These then lie scattered on the ground underneath the feeders, providing nourishment for the less discerning wood pigeons and squirrels. It would seem that what most birds find unappealing is attractive to others, even if, in the case of the squirrels, their presence is unwelcome!

*“Gather up the fragments so that nothing may be lost”.*

We live in an age that has become familiar with the gathering up of fragments. In addition to the usual bin loads of bottles, paper, cardboard and tins, in Milverton we are now provided with an opportunity, once a week, of re-cycling our unwanted plastic. Containers of all shapes and sizes, including the ubiquitous trays provided by food shops, find their way into the lorry that turns up on a Monday morning.

We sometimes forget that plastic has been recycled for decades. Thirty years ago I purchased a snap-tee fleece from the American manufacturer “Patagonia”. Although rather expensive at the time, (a friend of mine refers to the firm as Pata-Gucci!), each item is constructed in China, using one hundred recycled plastic bottles.

The Christian faith holds firm to the belief that “nothing is lost”. Not only do we put our faith in a crucified Lord whose life’s work and ministry involved him embracing death at the hands of those who rejected him, we also believe that only through the tragedy of death can we discover the glory of the resurrection.

The Christian faith testifies to the belief that all the events of our lives have significance. Each sadness, tragedy and disappointment, each joy, triumph and pleasure has a purpose and a meaning.

As Christians, we believe that nothing in our life is wasted. If only we can truly value all that we

are given by God, then we might more readily learn to live lives that are full of gratitude.

A friend of mine once went through a period of clinical depression. It struck down a man whose previous demeanour was one of joyful vulnerability. When recovered, he spoke of his gratitude to God for revealing to him the depths that human beings are sometimes called to encounter. For Hugh, his illness was not a fragment to be lost, rather it was gathered up to increase his knowledge and experience of being human, loved and sustained by God.

With my best wishes,

*Martin Beaumont*



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## Parish News

### A Commemorative Jubilee Supplement

As you read these lines, you are holding in your hands what I think is the greatest monument to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee as demonstrated by our five parishes. That monument includes the regular editions of *Parish News* that appear each month and also the commemorative Jubilee supplement.

It is not just the skills and hard work of our editors, but the raw material of social engagement that forms the true foundations of our 'monument'. In February 2019 I had occasion to count the voluntary organisations mentioned in that edition of *Parish News*. They came up to 22, plus 57 local businesses advertising their services. All for 700 people.

The list for last month, June 2022, was inflated by Jubilee celebrations although some of them may have displaced regular activities. Allowing for these factors, 54 voluntary organisations plus 43 local businesses advertised their services. The population is still about 700 people.

In February 2019, the list of voluntary organisations included an arts group, a winter blues evening, a book group, Kittisford pudding club, Quaker meeting, Ashbrittle lunch club, Bathealton attic sale, vintage tea in Bathealton village hall, Stawley Community Association AGM, mobile library, spinning and wool-craft group, charity supper club, rambling/Nordic walking, heating oil group, gardening club, door-to-door transport and cricket club annual quiz. Also, but not announced: Pilates, T'ai Chi and Yoga.

In June 2022 the following 'happenings' were reported: Bathealton Plant Sale, Stawley Church Fete, Ashbrittle Platinum Jubilee Tea Party, Appley Pavilion Platinum Jubilee Picnic, Stawley Church Coffee Morning, Avon and Somerset Constabulary Beat Surgery, Stawley Mill Jubilee Picnic and Open Garden, a plea by Somerset Archives and Local Studies Service for records of parish history (the Jubilee Supplement will be submitted), a Quaker Meeting, Stawley Annual Parish Meeting, Raffle for Red Cross Ukraine fund, Ashbrittle Art and Craft Group, Mobile Library, Ashbrittle Village Lunch Club, Meadow Farm Greenham Cream Teas for Red Cross in Ukraine, Gardening Club visit to Malvern and Flower Show announcement, RCI meeting and Reports of Village Emergency Telephone Service 'VETS', Walking Group, Oil Group, Walks Leaflet project, Art and Craft Group, Youth Club; Spinning and Woolcraft Group, Ashbrittle Arts Open Evening, Stawley Mill Open Garden Teas

and crafts, *Having a Larf* entertainment in aid of Rossholme School Kenya, Bathealton Church Flowers. Also, but not announced: Pilates, T'ai Chi and Yoga.

Populations of the civil parishes (from Wikipedia 12 June 2022): Stawley & Kittisford 279; Bathealton 194; Ashbrittle & Greenham 225.

*Martin Jacoby*

### The Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

On the Friday afternoon the Ashbrittle group of parishes were invited to a massive Tea Party which Nancy and I attended among at least a hundred others. There were tables, chairs & food for all outside the Village Hall.

On Saturday a Jubilee Picnic was held from 12.00 to 5.00pm in the garden of Stawley Mill which was also a very enjoyable occasion with lovely walks down through the beautiful garden. Hot Dogs, Wine, Cream Teas and Cakes were enjoyed by all.

On Sunday the bells rang out for the Pentecost Parish Communion Service at Stawley Church with the Village Festival Choir in attendance, in full voice. Our vicar, Rev. Martin Beaumont officiated to a very full church, with wine & savouries to follow.

To all these special events I would like to thank everyone who helped put them on, a job well done.

*Graham Henson*

### Ashbrittle Art and Craft Group

We are holding a monthly get-together as a self-directed group to do whatever 'arty' or 'crafty' project takes your fancy

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Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022**

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For more information, contact Pauline  
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I can also remember the knobbly knees competition when the men stood in a line with one trouser leg rolled up, followed by the beautiful legs competition for the ladies who had to raise their skirts to a quite risky level! Such things could never happen now.

Those were the days! Happy memories.

*John Hannon*

*Many thanks to Belinda Owen for the photos Eds*



# STAWLEY MILL HAPPENINGS

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**SATURDAY 16TH  
JULY 2022  
11AM — 5PM**

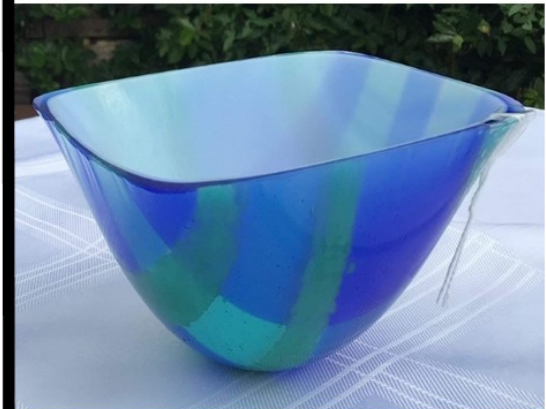
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## Lunch Club in Ashbrittle Village Hall.

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Jackie White, our ever creative cook, provided us with a celebration lunch, including, inevitably, coronation chicken and a personally created dessert, which in its entirety formed a Union Jack. Thank you Jackie.

The July lunch club will feature Paul Jacques talking about the history of the saxophone which he says has been revered and loathed over the years. He will be playing a variety of instruments demonstrating a range of musical styles.

Paul has played at a number of venues throughout our parishes, as well as many other parts of the world. He tells me he is known for 'straight playing, improvised renderings and occasionally going bananas'.

If you would like to join us on Thursday, 28th July at 12.00 noon, please let me know. My details are below.

*Delia Harling*

*Tel 01823 672203 or harlingdelia@gmail.com*

### Mobile Library

Greenham Bridge  
19th July and 16th August  
From 9.30 - 9.50 am.

## Gardening Club

We are sad that Pauline has decided to step down as organiser of the Gardening Club and grateful for the work she put in and her leadership over the last few years.

At our meeting at the end of June we will discuss the future running of the Gardening Club. The outcome will be reported in the next PN.

The Flower Show will be held on Sunday, 11th September at Appley Pavilion and programmes will be available in August. The recent heatwave should encourage bumper harvests.

*Sue Jacoby*

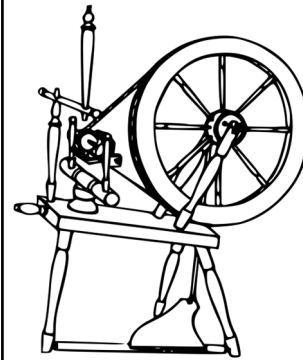
## The Parish News and the Jubilee Supplement

The Jubilee supplement produced with this edition of the Parish News has been expertly edited by Avril Silk, who is joining our editorial team. We are grateful for her creativity and expertise.

There may be people who do not regularly get the Parish News but would like a copy of the Jubilee supplement. Extra copies have been printed and are available on request and at Stawley Shop.

The editorial team will be sadly depleted when Julia moves away from the area in the next few months. If you would like to join us, or can help in any other way, please drop an email to [ashparishnews@gmail.com](mailto:ashparishnews@gmail.com) or call Maurice on 01823 672216 or Julia on 01823 672102.

*Eds*



### Spinning and Woolcraft Group

**The group have been holding some meetings 'in person' at members' houses where a large and well ventilated indoor space is available, but there may still be the need to have a Zoom meeting from time to time.**

**Meeting arrangements will be confirmed in advance when the reminder email is sent out.**

**If you would like to join us please contact me and I will add you to the mailing list.**


**Perhaps you would like to come along and learn to spin with us?**


Next Sessions  
Tuesdays Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July  
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It was the day of Pentecost which, as Chapter 2 of The Acts of the Apostles tells us, commemorates the arrival of the Holy Spirit among the followers of Jesus Christ in Jerusalem, fifty days after His resurrection, and shortly after His departure on Ascension Day.

The sun had already risen when Stawley Church was unlocked on the first Sunday of June 2022. The Grade 1 listed architectural gem, that is the ancient Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels, which is situated in this relatively quiet rural area close to the Devon border, was open for business.

A little later, the sound of Church bells could be heard ringing out across the land from the 14<sup>th</sup> Century tower, to summon all to attend the service that day. Meanwhile, the Village Festival Choir were gathering for their final rehearsal. The Church had been beautifully decorated with flowers, with a colour emphasis of red, white and blue.

The congregation started to arrive, were given their service sheets and hymn books, and invited to take a pew in one of the Church Box Pews, which had avoided the Victorian vandalism that had removed them from virtually everywhere else, both nationally and in the area.

As I was handing out the hymn books and orders of service, I became a little concerned that we did not have enough to go around. No problem! I have a stash of spares hidden away. As I was issuing these the congregation just kept coming in and it became apparent that I would need to ask people to share their copies. Finally, with the use of some extra chairs, everyone but me was seated. We were all welcomed by our vicar, the Rev Martin Beaumont, and the service commenced.

The singing of hymns is an integral part of the service of Holy Communion, where Christians take bread and wine in remembrance of Christ's sacrifice upon the cross. Having the choir present gave the service that extra 'oomph' which makes it a so much more enjoyable experience.

Towards the end of the service, the vicar announced the Banns of Marriage of a couple wishing to have a Church wedding. The conclusion of which timed perfectly with the sound of a popping cork, indicating that the refreshments of an appropriately celebratory nature, which would follow the service, were being prepared.

What had made this service so special, was that

it was to commemorate a very special person, a one-off in the history of our land. Never before had any Church in Britain, or in the Commonwealth, commemorated a Platinum Jubilee. The Queen's Christian faith is well known, so to celebrate her 'service' to us, using our 'Service' to God, was most appropriate.

Much has been written about Queen Elizabeth II, and I feel it's best at this point to just let you conjure up your own recollections and observations. So, I will conclude by saying on behalf of the merry band of workers who are also known as Stawley Church PCC, thank you for coming to your Church to attend the service, and for making it such a wonderful and memorable occasion for us all. It was clear to see that everyone there enjoyed it.

*Colin Haddrell*  
*Stawley Church Secretary.*

## Stawley Pre-school

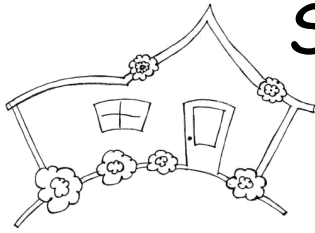


We are very happy to share our garden with the community, but were very sad to find on our return to preschool after half term, that it had been left in a terrible state. Among other things, our pot of herbs had been emptied, a lock forced (unsuccessfully luckily) and the lid left off of a play tray, meaning that the contents had to be disposed of. Please, if you attend an event at the pavilion, ensure that you supervise your children and make sure that the garden is left as you find it.

Additionally, the equipment stored inside the building on the right behind the curtain is the property of the preschool. If you would like to use something, such as the carpet, please contact us prior to your event on 07707416871.

Thank you for your support.

*Becky Allder*  
*Pre-schools manager*



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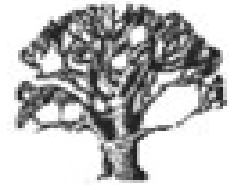
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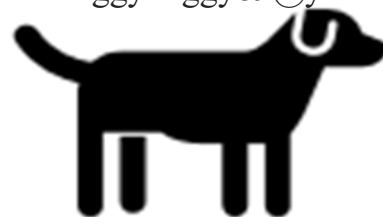
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opposite church *bonkers.regime.lyricist*

**Stawley Shop**, on outside wall  
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### Editorial Policy

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## Local Information

### Neighbourhood Watch Contact Numbers

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Appley	Rachel Chesterton	01823 673063
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Outer Bathealton	Carol Weir	01984 623565
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### Police Beat Team

**PC Rachel Lang** 2347 Tel: 07889 655887

*Rachel.Lang@avonandsomerset.police.uk*

**PCSO Louise Fyne** 6945 Tel:07889 659476

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### Parish Councils

**Ashbrittle Chairman** Charles Doble 01823 672365 / 672618  
Email *charles.doble@ukgateway.net*

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### Community Halls

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### Local Groups

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Becky Allder Pre-schools Manager

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**Rural Community Initiative (RCI)** is a local charity set up in 1999 to support the way of life of the people of this rural community. For further information please contact the chair of the committee; Mike Parkinson *m\_f.parkinson@btinternet.com*

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### July

16th            11 - 5.00            Stawley Mill Happenings  
 28th            Noon                    Lunch Club, Ashbrittle Village Hall

### September

11th            2.00 pm                Annual Flower Show, Appley Pavilion

### October

9th             All day                 Community Apple Pressing Day, Appley Pavilion

### December

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### Ashbrittle, Stawley & Clayhanger Cricket Club Fixtures for July

#### *First XI*

**2ND**        *H v EAST HUNTSPILL*  
**9TH**        *H v CHURCHINFORD*  
**16TH**       *A v WIVELISCOMBE*  
**23RD**       *H v HUISH CHAMPFLOWER*  
**30TH**       *A v WEST MONKTON*

#### *Second XI*

*A v ROADWATER*  
*A v EAST HUNTSPILL*  
**NO GAME**  
*A v CROWCOMBE*  
*H v TAUNTON*

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