

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Hi everyone and welcome to the latest edition of the newsletter.

Making hay while the sun shines – it's 'all go' in the parish as our farmers take advantage of the recent heatwave for an early hay cut. Whilst not a bumper yield, it is certainly an improvement when compared with the poor 2025 crop. The barley is next up. Could we be looking at an end of July finish to the grain harvest to compare with that of 1976?

If you have any items, including local adverts, which you would like included in future newsletters, send these to cpb.newsletter@gmail.com, but could you please submit them by 26th of the month latest so that we have enough time to organise the Newsletter and send it out by the end of the month. If you no longer wish to receive the Newsletter, then please let us know and we will remove you from the mailing list.

Dates for the Diary

Every Monday	Zumba dancing 9.30am, Village Hall
Every Monday	Table Tennis Juniors 6.00pm-7.00pm, onwards to 9.00pm, Village Hall
Every Tuesday (4 weeks only)	Tai Chi, 11.30-12.30pm, Village Hall
Every Wednesday	Realign Exercise Classes 9.30am-11.30am, Village Hall
Every Thursday	Realign Exercise Piloga 1.00pm, Village Hall
Every Friday	Pilates 9.30am, Village Hall
Sun. 5th July	Said Communion 9.00am, St. Peter's Church
Tues. 7th July	Dancing Duo 10.00am-1.00pm, Village Hall
Sat. 11th July	Pop-up Coffee Shop, 10am-12noon, Village Hall
Sun. 19th July	Said Communion 9.00am, St. Peter's Church
Tues. 21st July	Bushton Bookworms
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Sat. 25th July	Motorbike Scrambling, Bupton
Thurs. 30th July	Calligraphy Group 10.00am-12noon, Village Hall

Village Hall News

One really good thing about the hall is that it must have been one of the coolest buildings during the heatwave.

Those of you who have visited the hall recently will notice that the natural stone paving in front of the hall has been completely re-pointed plus re-laid in places where it was either a trip hazard or had become loose. The pathway leading to the wooden storage shed has also been upgraded with new kerbstone edging and a permeable membrane topped with fresh gravel, and you will notice that the roof of the shed has been re-felted after some of the original felt had been blown off a while ago (see photos of these works below).

We are planning to have the hall interior redecorated during the October school half term. All the regular user leaders have been informed as the hall will not be in use during that period. We plan to have new curtains too - so decisions are going to be made regarding the colour scheme. If you have ideas, then please pass them on to any committee member.

Thank you to the Smith's Farm team for trimming the hedging around the hall.

The next **Pop-Up Coffee Shop** will be on **Saturday 11th July (10.00am – 12 noon)** - you will see the new style poster (thanks to parish clerk Maria) for it in this Newsletter.

There has been another change to the **PILOGA* class** who now meet on a Thursday at 1.00pm rather than the Tuesday at 9.00am - Steph is always on the lookout for new members so do pass the word around. A poster for this is in this Newsletter.
***PILOGA** (often called Yogilates) is a dynamic fitness fusion that combines the core-strengthening principles of Pilates with the flexibility, balance, and mindfulness of Yoga.

And don't forget that **Table Tennis is now available every Monday** starting 6.00pm to 7.00pm for juniors and then going on to 9.00pm for others.

101 CLUB - the next draw will take place at the July committee meeting and the winners will be publicised in the August Newsletter.

A date for your diary - the 'annual' musical evening will be held at the village hall on **Saturday 14th November** with the **LANDLOCKED Sea Shanty Band** booked to entertain us.

Barbara Davis
0796 223 6678









Welcome to our

POP-UP COFFEE SHOP

Saturday 11th July • 10.00–12.00

VENUE:

CLYFFE PYPARD & BUSHTON VILLAGE HALL, SN4 7PX

EVERYONE WELCOME!

COME AND ENJOY DRINKS, HOMEMADE CAKES, AND LOCAL COMPANY.

QUERIES: BARBARA – 0796 223 6678





Bushton Bookworms

continue to read a wide variety of novels and occasional non-fiction. There's a lot to be said for reading another person's choice, opening up both the reading and learning experiences.

In June we discussed "East of the Mountains" by American author David Guterson. Most of us, I think, had enjoyed his "Snow Falling on Cedars" in November 2024 so came to this looking forward to another well-written, unusual story. This had great detail of description – not to everyone's taste but it certainly set the scenes of parts of the USA that most won't ever visit.

The mountains in questions are those in Washington state, east of Seattle where the main character, a doctor with a terminal illness, has gone hunting game birds with his dogs, with the intention of not returning to be a burden to his family or suffer more pain. The countryside is where he grew up in the apple orchards and sage brush that spread through the area.



Events get in his way and from the car crash early in the book through many meetings with a variety of people, his aim changes. He comes across – and actively helps improve – many situations which have a life-affirming effect on him. They include illegal Mexican immigrants, a vagrant, a truck driver and a student on a Greyhound bus.

In July, we will be reading and talking about a Victoria Hislop novel, "Those Who Are Loved". We'll meet on 21st July.

Then in August we go back to Irish writer, Colm Tóibín, for "Brooklyn", the first of two sequential novels.

If you would like to join us, even for just one of these books, do get in touch:

Sally Fox 07568 311823 or sally_fox@btinternet.com

Country Notes

"*Soil is not your property, it's a legacy that you received from previous generations and it's your fundamental responsibility to pass it on as a living entity to the next generation*". Sadhguru, Groundswell Movie 2026 (Amazon Prime)

This is a feeling shared by many farmers, along with the drive and dedication to produce nutritional food.

At Woodhill Park Farm, we recently had some soil analysis carried out on some of our fields in the parish. Unsurprisingly organic matter levels were very good - maintained by the ample slurry from our dairy cows. This reflects the national picture where only 7% of grassland and woodland soils are degraded (Rothamsted Research). Whilst the primary nutrients were all generally strong, interestingly the micronutrients are out of balance. Copper in our soils is very low - something we've seen reflected on blood test results from the cattle in the past. Copper is key for fertility and immunity. Copper absorption is further hampered by a high level of molybdenum - a micronutrient key to nitrogen fixing. Similarly, magnesium, zinc and sulphur are low - sulphur also impacting copper absorption, and even more so when combined with excess molybdenum! The application of Epsom Salts (magnesium sulphate) is permitted in organic farming and will help address these micronutrient deficiencies and work to restore the natural balance.

This is one very small piece of the puzzle but demonstrates how all types of farming are fine tuning their understanding of the environment and with that their approach to farming efficiently and sustainably.

This recent heatwave has highlighted the changing climate. Whilst our cattle have a choice of sheltering in the shed or going outside to shade some have visibly struggled the last few days. Drenching them in water and letting them out earlier has definitely helped, but we'll also be improving the building ventilation to cope better with such intense heat as it will inevitably come more often.

Promoting healthy soils provides one of the biggest opportunities to reduce climate change by restoring the balance of carbon (organic matter) in the soil. Hopefully, food producers will get better at showing when their products contain ingredients farmed on healthy well managed soils. If consumers demand it, the market will follow.



BUSHTON & CLYFFE PYPARD W.I.

PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 5th September

Bushton Village Hall

From 3:00 pm

Come and enjoy an afternoon celebrating local talent, home-grown produce, baking, crafts and more.

- View the exhibits
- Support local entrants
- Meet friends and neighbours
- Enjoy refreshments



ADMISSION OPEN FROM 3:00 PM

For further information, please contact Bushton & Clyffe Pypard W.I.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Bushton and Clyffe Pypard WI

Produce Show

Saturday 5th September

Always a popular community event, our Produce Show this year has a few classes that might require a little time to prepare entries for!

We have two new pictures for the children in your family to colour - one for key stage 1 and one for key stage 2 - a lovely, cool, calm thing to do on a hot day. If you would like a copy, please let me know; I can email it/them to you, or print a copy and deliver it. Please write the child's name and age on the back and enter it with your other items. Contact Sally Fox, 07568 311823, sally_fox@btinternet.com

Then, when you are out and about this summer, make sure you have your camera to take pictures of

Farm Animals **Country Life** **Friendship** **an Arch or Arches**

Two photos to illustrate Tidy and Untidy

(Of course, you can also look in your archive!)

The judge will look at content, the composition and your interpretation of the title.

Print size should be no larger than 18cm/7" x 13cm/5" and mounted on card or paper.

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And back to calm pastimes for a hot day – the handicraft section. The classes are:

A wearable knitted or crocheted item

A cushion cover, no larger than 40cm/16" square

A landscape in any medium (not a photo)

An item of 3D craftwork in any medium

And non-listed handicraft work



For a show schedule, please contact Madelaine Flight, 07748 075377

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Entries should be brought to the hall on Friday 4th September, between 5.30 and 7pm, or on Saturday morning , 9 – 11.30am.

Next time.....more about the baking and gardening entries.

Bushton & Clyffe Pypard W.I.

June's meeting occurred before the current very hot weather, so we were able to sit comfortably and listen to Victoria Walsh telling us all about a Bletchley girl. Victoria was an excellent speaker who had met Rena Stewart, aged one hundred years, an old lady with a most interesting life. On leaving university Rena joined the ATS in World War Two and was stationed at Bletchley Park translating documents written in German. Immediately post war she was sent to Germany for more translating, including Hitler's will. It was rumoured that three different wills existed, so it was never certain that the one she and her friend worked on was the one that mattered.

War work was followed by her first ambition – to be a journalist and launched into pioneering work in the BBC World Service, a world where it was thought a woman couldn't possibly cope with such important work! Much of Victoria's talk was about how she researched information, how one little nugget led onto another train of thought, so that eventually a thick wad of notes morphed into a book.

The July meeting is our summer supper in a member's garden, so sorry you are not invited to that one, but you would be welcome in August when we will be learning about pets as therapy.

Advance notice: the popular produce show returns on Saturday 5 September in the Village Hall. Schedules have been distributed, if you didn't receive one but would like to know more about it please contact Madelaine on 07748075377 and she will ensure one is delivered to you.



REALIGN

at Clyffe Pypard & Bushton Village Hall

STRENGTH & MOBILITY CLASSES FOR EVERY BODY

Realign Exercise combines the principles of **Pilates, Yoga, mobility** and **functional strength** – with small equipment to add variety and support your progress.

WEDNESDAY
AT CLYFFE PYPARD & BUSHTON VILLAGE HALL

9.30AM WEIGHTS (BANDS+BALLS) (45MIN)

A strength class using different weight resistance bands and weighted balls.

THURSDAY
AT CLYFFE PYPARD & BUSHTON VILLAGE HALL

1PM FLOOR PILOGA (60MIN)

Floor based exercises focusing on core strength, mobility and joint stability. Predominantly Pilates/Yoga mix. Must be able to kneel with hands.

BENEFITS YOU CAN EXPECT:

- IMPROVE STRENGTH
- INCREASE MOBILITY
- SUPPORT JOINT HEALTH
- ENHANCE BALANCE
- FEEL GOOD MOVING

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Clyffe Pypard & Bushton Wildlife Group

It has been a punishing last few weeks with record heatwaves interspersed with heavy rain – and summer has only just started!

Having said that, while crops, livestock and many other many creatures have been suffering, butterflies (or at least some) seem to have been thriving. What is your experience?

Last month we held a few events.
Open Farm Day at Woodhill Park Farm went well with visitors able to see the workings of an organic farm with a focus on dairy. Visitors came from all around including from the USA!
On the same day, we had a lovely walk around Clyffe Woods Meadows. We were lucky to have Michael, who has his bees on the site, show us the insides of his hives. Even he was thrilled to hear the rare singing of a queen bee. Visitors also enjoyed the sheer variety of life on show including a last few remaining rare Marsh Fritillaries.

Moth trapping and identification **Sunday 12th July**
9- 10.30am (moths are dozy at this time)
Tockenham Farm (off Breach Lane).

Hebrew Character *Orthosia gothica*



***Adult** • Aberdeenshire • © Chris Harlow*

Once again Christopher Berry is kindly hosting a session to see what moths have been about. Please email clyffenature@gmail.com to secure a place (we need to know numbers!) and directions

Clyffe Pypard & Bushton Wildlife Group cont'd……

Big Machines and arable farming. Early august – date tbc
Upper Bupton Farm



We are hoping to be able to get up close and personal with the big farm machines again and to see how the harvest of 2026 has fared.

Britain's Favourite Butterfly Vote: result

It was the Peacock!



Pic: Courtesy of BBC

Perhaps not a surprise as it is one of the more flamboyant and frequent visitor to our parks and gardens.

We look forward to seeing you soon. If you have any queries, or would like to get more involved then please contact us at clyffenature@gmail.com

Clyffe Pypard and Bushton Parish Council

https://clyffepypardbushton.org.uk

Parish Council Meeting 24th June 2026

Wednesday 24th June was the first Parish Council (PC) meeting following the Annual PC meeting in May. While the meeting was only 1 month after the annual PC meeting, it was felt appropriate as there will now be a summer break with the next PC meeting taking place on Wednesday 30th September 2026.

There were 11 members of the public in attendance including a sizeable delegation from the Church Group who now own 3 The Barton. Led by Mr Herman Limbu (Group Secretary) they were keen to meet members of the Parish Council and explain how they hope to use 3 The Barton and contribute to parish life.

The meeting covered the usual administrative, finance and other matters. Full meeting minutes can be found on the PC website https://clyffepypardbushton.org.uk

Key points to note were:

- The PC adopted a revised Planning Policy. In essence, this ensures that the PC will comment on every planning application submitted within the parish having first garnered information/views from any parishioners affected by said planning application.
- The PC considered the current maintenance contract for St Peter's Churchyard. Further action will be taken in consultation with the PCC.
- The PC discussed the establishment of an Energy Initiative Working Group (EIWG). A pre-Group was agreed which will develop a set of Terms & Conditions. These will guide the sub-committee once it is formed at a future PC meeting. In summary, this group will look at initiatives for local power generation to find out what is possible in our parish and what support (financial and material) is available. Members of the parish will be welcome to join the EIWG once it is established.
- The Chair confirmed that a grant up to a maximum of £2590.00 has been received from the Bradenstoke Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund. This will be used for the purchase and installation of a second parish defibrillator to be installed in Clyffe Pypard village. This grant is very welcome, and it is the PC's aim to have the defibrillator installed and available for use no later than September 2026. Training on the use of a defibrillator will also be provided for any parishioners wishing to attend such training.
- The internal auditor's report for the last year was discussed. There were only 2 minor comments, and both have been addressed by the PC. The auditor felt that the parish accounts were very well presented and that the accounts are well run by the PC. Thank you to PC Clerk Maria for her in this respect.
- Councillor Hughes briefed the meeting on progress on improvements to the signage and road surfacing on Clyffe Hill. He had a very good site meeting with Wiltshire Council's Principal Engineer (Traffic Engineering) and anticipates a formal response in the next few weeks outlining steps to be taken to improve this stretch of road from a safety perspective.

Future Meetings

Agreed dates for the Parish Council meetings for the year 2026/2027 are:

Wednesday 30th September 2026
Wednesday 25th November 2026
Wednesday 13th January 2026
Wednesday 27th January 2027
Wednesday 24th March 2027

All meetings will take place in the Clyffe Pypard and Bushton Village Hall at 7.00pm.

GARDEN PARTY RESULTS

Thank you all so much for your hard work at the Garden Party in May. We made just over £1000 which is an amazing effort on so many people's behalf. This is all going towards the church roof fund which continues to be the focus of our fund raising activities. We still have a long way to go to help preserve our wonderful Parish building.

Again THANK YOU for supporting us
Clyffe Pypard and Bushton PCC

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Village WhatsApp Group
Clyffe Pypard & Bushton network

A village WhatsApp group has been created to enable residents to share village information quickly and easily, for example: local road accidents affecting access, fallen trees, flooding, lost pets, anything of relevance to the community etc. etc.

Everyone is welcome to join the group - just right click on the link below:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/E1WopNfzp49KeHMHXpaTis

www.10green.co.uk

Ten Green Bottles is an initiative by Berkeley Farm in Wroughton to deliver fresh milk, dairy, veg & bread to local villages. They now deliver to Clyffe Pypard and Bushton!

If you would like to sign up, go to their website or download the App. It's easy to do and a great way to reduce plastic usage.

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A social club for older people

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church Hall,
High Street, Royal Wootton Bassett

Mondays 2-4 pm







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... to help out in the community ? ✓

... a flexible volunteering opportunity? ✓

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We are looking for additional **COMPANION DRIVERS** to help expand our volunteering offer.

Do please get in touch.

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There is no charge for our help but the Link scheme depends on donations from anyone who uses our service.

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