

Carisbrooke Parish News

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Award-winning Community Newsletter

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Opening our gardens

OUR English weather is so unpredictable. However it is pleasing to report that we had perfect weather for our Open Gardens event.

We have had many complimentary remarks about the event - with numerous comments about the range of gardens, the organisation of the event and the delicious refreshments! There was a real "buzz" around the village with 340 visitors to the gardens.

Our huge thanks to those who kindly opened their gardens and those who helped in other ways on the day. A good community event - raising £2466 for the Friends of Carisbrooke Church.

The Friends have agreed to pay for the repairs to the church clock and it is good to hear that this should be completed very soon.

More from the Friends on page 2

Peter Ednay
Friends of Carisbrooke Church

Will bigger mean better?

WELL, in this case only with your help.

For a few issues starting in September we will be trialling a larger version of the Parish News by increasing to 12 pages instead of 8. There are a large number of activities taking place within the area which makes up the parish and we would very much like to have space to report on more of them. We can only do this with your help, so if you take part in a local activity or have an interest which is never or rarely mentioned in our pages, now is the time to let us know about it.

If you, or someone in your group, can send a short report, with or without a photo, to me at carisbrooke.editor@aim.com I will do my best to include it in one of our larger issues. We are especially lacking in articles and photos of sport within the area, from both schools and community, so if you take part do let me know.

The Trustees will decide in the new year whether this is something which can be continued, so if you would like to see your particular interest represented now is the time to act!

Brenda Hall, Editor

INSIDE YOUR PARISH NEWS

- Farewell to Bowcombe Chapel
- **Parish News Coffee Morning**
- Summer Holiday Club at Gunville Methodist Church



Lukely Brook meanders through the beautifully peaceful garden owned by Louisa Killpack.

More photos of village gardens on page 7

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Gunville welcomes summer

GUNVILLE Community Association welcomed about 100 people to their fun day in June. They enjoyed refreshments, including soup, and activities such as face and cup cake decorating, balloon sculpting, stocks & wet sponges, craft, giant games, tombola and raffle, stalls run by Guides and Friends of the Animals, and two magic shows by Randini. There was also a 40s theme, with characters in 40s dress, posters and ration books.

The aim was enjoyment rather than fund-raising,

but the money given for refreshments allowed for the "twinning" of a third toilet in the church, helping people in the Third World to have safe sanitation. Thanks to everyone who helped and who came along.

A.G.M.: Our Annual Meeting was held in June. Reports on the work of the Association were given, and the steering committee elected. We always need more help in organising things if we are to keep going: if you can join in, ring 529697 and we can tell you who to contact.

Nellie's: Our award-winning Wednesday afternoons of coffee, cake and chat continue, 2pm-4pm.

Short Mat Bowls: Monday sessions (2pm-4pm) continue each week; information about the summer break will appear on our notice board outside the church hall. The Thursday group is taking a break until September.

Notice Boards: Don't forget to look on our community notice boards outside the Methodist Church and by the Central shop car park for information about events and useful contact information.

Library Bus: Mondays 22nd July and 19th August in the church car park, Broadwood Lane, 1.30-2pm. Let's use our library so we keep the service!

Martin Cooper



Photograph: Terry Martin

Throwing a wet sponge at a victim in the stocks was a popular activity at the fun day!

Fun with the Friends

By the time that you read this the Carisbrooke Village Fete will have been held - hopefully with good weather- and so thanks to all who contributed in any way with particular mention to the local firms for their support.

Don't forget the activities run by the Friends of Carisbrooke Church every month. Come along to our beetle drive on Wednesday, 17th July to enjoy an evening of fun with no special skills involved, or try

out your knowledge of a range of topics by signing up for our fun quiz on Thursday 11th July at the Eight Bells. Both activities cost just £2.50 per person, with light refreshments included at the beetle drive. To book a team (up to 4 people) for the quiz please phone the Eight Bells direct on 01983 825501.

A date for your diary!! Sunday 8th September, at 2.30pm for Treasure Hunt and Cream Teas.

Peter Ednay

Thought for the month

DO you ever dabble in the stock market? I have to admit that the thought of purchasing a few shares and seeing what happens to them, whether their value rises or falls, is rather compelling. Of course, for some this is a full-time occupation, investing millions of pounds of other people's money, in a bid to make it grow. But where do you invest this money – are some funds more ethical than others?

Obviously, I'm not a financial advisor, so I can't comment on that, but I am surprised at the wide range of investment opportunities, some in what appear to be some very strange businesses. For example, did you know that in the 27th August 1842 edition of the Hampshire Telegraph there is mention of one hundred shares that had been taken up 'in the new Cemetery for the Isle of Wight'? A public meeting of the shareholders was subsequently held to agree the constitution of the company and a table of fees.

While this might not be the way that we'd choose to invest our funds, it is a legacy that has lasted. I suspect that a list of the names of those who had these shares still exists somewhere, but more importantly the cemetery would have been of lasting

benefit to those who laid their loved ones to rest there. (Although a few months later the same paper apparently mentioned the funeral of the infant son of John Weeks, from Barton Villa, who walked 4 miles for the funeral and then had to wait more than two hours while the vicar returned from a leisurely walk with his wife!)

But whatever we decide to do with our finances, meagre or plentiful as they may be, perhaps we should also spare a thought to those who need them more than us. Jesus once said "you will always have the poor with you" and that still remains true today. How we 'invest' our money (and that includes giving it away) can speak volumes about us as an individual – and as we're seeing at our Fruitful@9.30 services, it doesn't always take that much to be seen as a hero!

Rev Marcus Bagg

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 Evensong 6.30pm

TUESDAY, 16TH JULY

Holy Communion 9.30am

SUNDAY, 21ST JULY

Holy Communion 8am
 Fruitful@9.30 9.30am

SUNDAY, 28TH JULY

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 Evensong 6.30pm

SUNDAY, 4TH AUGUST

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TUESDAY, 6TH AUGUST

Holy Communion 9.30am

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 Evensong 6.30pm

SUNDAY, 18TH AUGUST

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TUESDAY, 20TH AUGUST

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Cream teas for the W. I.

THIS month our W.I. did something different, we visited Briddlesford Farm where we were made very welcome by Judi and Chris, who told us some of the history of the family.

We heard that they moved to this farm in 1923 from another farm on the Island, and were shown a picture of the wagon that they used to transport all the furniture and farm tools. There are still a lot of artefacts in the Farm Museum which came with them, including buckets with a yoke for carrying, which made us realise how heavy they were! The family were also noted for their cream from Guernsey cows, as they are today. The great grandchildren now run the farm and the shop.

We then went to the café and Lynn opened the meeting, presenting Pam with a birthday posy.

Lynn reminded us that we are holding a photographic competition in July, the photos should be postcard size and must be taken this year in Carisbrooke, one photo only to be entered. The winner will be presented with a special spoon. A spoon is also the item for the monthly competition in July.

A list of ideas for speakers and venues for lunch were handed to Lynn for consideration.

Lesley was congratulated on becoming a W.I. Advisor.

At the meeting in July we are having a craft taster afternoon, so we hope to introduce the members to something they haven't done before.

After the meeting we had some delicious cakes and tea served by the ladies from the Briddlesford café. They were thanked by Rosie.

Laura Hunt

A Big Thank You

THANK you to everyone who took part in this year's Christian Aid week house to house collection, in aid of improved service and infant care in Sierra Leone.

So far we have collected a little over £1560 pounds including the gift aid donations. We had our own target of raising £1000, and so we are very grateful to all the deliverers, collectors and donors who gave so generously of their time and money. £1500 is enough money to fund five delivery beds in a new health centre, or other equally important facilities, so thank you so much for making this happen.

Richard Smout

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July and August

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Celebrating the fellowship at Bowcombe

FORTUNATELY it's the people that make a 'church' and we had many a tale of those to share on 2nd June.

Our story began in the 1820s, when a few folk in Bowcombe were inspired by a Bible Christian Evangelist to form their own regular fellowship. They had no building or funds to build one, so their enthusiastic meetings were held outside or squashed into a cottage when wet. Unfortunately this behaviour was not approved or condoned by many in the Church of England in those times. (I wonder what they would have thought of the Lion Heart Christian Music Festival planned for next year on the Island?)

Persecution followed.

Farm workers and their families living in cottages tied to their work were threatened by being made jobless and homeless if they did not give up these meetings. Somehow the fellowship hung on to their beliefs and continued meeting.

Eventually, in 1882, a corner of a field was loaned to them to erect a galvanised tin chapel, but their real hope was to build a bigger, more permanent place of worship.

A plot of land, just next to the tin chapel, and £20 was given to the chapel folk by Sir Charles Seely. The building work began and was completed in 1908. The chapel was dedicated in the same year.

Some churches have their treasures, and I would argue that their most valued asset would be the body of people who work and worship there. I couldn't say exactly what went on in the early years of the fellowship, but at various times large numbers of children and teens attended the Sunday School, Bible Class, Christian Endeavour and took an active part in the preaching team, FF3. Garden parties, concerts, plays, suppers, outings and quizzes were all part of the life of the fellowship and, where possible, the youth of the church were encouraged to help run them.

And so we come a full circle. Falling membership resulted in us no longer being able to maintain our dear chapel as we would wish, and we reluctantly have to close the door on a sometimes very exciting era. We offer thanks for the support of our sister church in Newport in these last few years and also for the encouragement given by the editor of this news sheet.

Our Thanksgiving Service was led by our Minister, Rev. John Izzard along with past and present members of the



Just a few of those celebrating the life of Bowcombe Chapel, with Linda Humber front row, second from right and Rev John Izzard front row, second from left.

chapel. With the chapel full to overflowing, we just about had breath to sing our last hymn, the words of the chorus being "We're marching to Zion, the beautiful city of God", before having a welcome cup of tea.

God bless you all,
Linda.

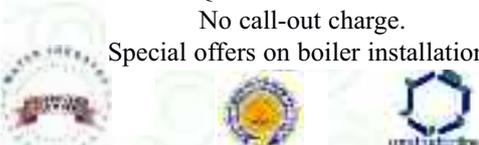
PS The result of our retiring collection and various donations stands at over £300 as I write and will be sent to the charity 'Send a Cow'.
Linda Humber



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Weather in May More open gardens

IF April's rainfall of 30mm was a disappointment to Carisbrooke gardeners, May's 20mm was even worse with bright green lawns beginning to change to a pale yellow by the end of the month. It started well enough with 10mm on the 8th, then just the odd millimetre or two until the end of the month when the 28th and 29th produced another 4mm. This has been a very dry year so far with only February and March producing a reasonable 82mm and 64mm.

The lack of rain did not mean the weather was particularly warm except between the 20th and the 25th, when the temperature hovered around 20C, peaking at 22C on the 24th. Day time temperatures were around 13C to 15C at the beginning of the month rising to 15C to 17C towards the end. There were two cold nights when the temperature dropped to 1C on the 5th and the 13th but in general, minima were about 4C at the beginning of the month rising to 11C at the end.

The Met Office produce a useful UK rainfall radar map which shows the movement of rainfall over the previous six hours at five minute intervals. The colours vary from dark blue for light drizzle through yellow and red to white for "raining cats and dogs". By running the charts as a video, it's often possible to work out when rain will arrive to within a few minutes. Go to www.metoffice.gov.uk, click **Maps & Charts** and then **Weather Radar** and finally put **PO30** in the postcode box.

John Sole

Celebrate World Cricket

TO help celebrate the Cricket World Cup, Newport Cricket Club are holding a Family Fun Day at Victoria Recreation Ground on Sunday 7th July. Entrance is free and the fun starts at 11am. Come along and enjoy a game of soft ball cricket (play or just sit back and watch), bounce on our inflatable castles, play giant jenga or connect 4, take part in the adult and child prize quiz, join us at the BBQ or just pop along for a tea or a drink at the bar.

All welcome - bring your family and friends!

Rachel Mills

Secretary Newport Cricket Club



There were many ideas to be taken away from the open gardens. Here Christine Cave has made imaginative use of a step stool to show off brightly coloured planting.



A tranquil corner of the garden owned by John and June Sole.

Parish News Coffee Morning

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Diary of Events for July/August

Monday, 1st July and every Monday – Parson's Pantry is open in the church hall, 10am – 12 noon. Come with a friend to enjoy our range of teas, coffees and cakes. All proceeds to St Mary's Church.

Monday, 1st July – Bee-Jays social club, meeting at Carisbrooke Church Hall at 2pm. More details if needed from Brenda on 520666 or Jill on 528287.

Sunday, 7th July – Newport Cricket Club are holding a Family Fun Day, to help celebrate the Cricket World Cup, at Victoria Recreation Ground starting at 11am. All welcome - bring your family and friends! More details on page 7.

Monday, 8th July – the W.I. meets in Carisbrooke Church Hall at 2pm for a craft taster afternoon.

Thursday, 11th July – a Fun Quiz organised by the Friends of Carisbrooke Church, 8pm at the Eight Bells, with teams of up to 4 people, £2.50 per person. Ring The Eight Bells to book in your team.

Saturday, 13th July – Parish News Coffee Morning and Cake Sale, in the church hall from 10am - 12 noon. Come along to enjoy our range of teas and coffees and sample our delicious cakes, then take some home for tea!

Monday, 15th July – Bee-jay's lunch club meets in the church hall, 12.30pm. All are welcome to join us, please check with Jill on 528287 or Brenda on 520666 for details or to book a place.

Wednesday, 17th July – Friends of Carisbrooke Castle Museum are presenting a talk entitled 'The Domination of Newport by the Pittis family', by John Matthews. In the Castle Museum starting at 7.30pm, gates open at 7.15pm. Visitors are welcome but will be asked for a small donation.

Wednesday, 17th July – a Beetle Drive organised by the Friends of Carisbrooke Church, 7pm in the Church Hall, costing £2.50 per person including refreshments. No experience needed, just come and join us for an evening of light hearted fun!

Thursday, 18th July - a changed date for the multi-generational cafe, now taking place today at St Thomas of Canterbury School.

Saturday, 27th July – Newport Roman Villa is having a day of free entry for the Festival of British Archaeology from 11am to 3pm. There will be an identification of archaeological finds by the Finds Liaison Officer, Frank Basford, and a chance for families to use the sandpit for some excavation and hands on archaeology.

Saturday, 27th July – Handicraft Group (SOCKS) meeting in the Eight Bells from 10am to 12noon. Bring a handicraft project of your own or join in with the group activities.

No Bee-Jay's Social Club or lunch club during August.

Monday, 5th August and every Monday except bank holiday – Parson's Pantry is open in the church hall, 10am – 12 noon. Come with a friend to enjoy our range of teas, coffees and cakes. All proceeds to St Mary's Church.

Saturday, 31st August – Handicraft Group (SOCKS) meeting in the Eight Bells from 10am to 12noon. Bring a handicraft project of your own or join in with the group activities.

NEXT COPY DATE

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