

Carisbrooke Parish News

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Award-winning Community Newsletter

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Butterflies, bugs & pigeon peas

A BIG Green Cafe came to Carisbrooke recently, raising funds for and awareness of Christian Aid's harvest appeal in support of farmers in Malawi.

Malawi's mainly rural population is being badly affected by climate change as unpredictable weather leaves millions struggling to provide basic food for their families. The answer may be pigeon peas. The peas are highly nutritious and resist drought and flash flooding, making them an ideal crop for Christian Aid to provide for the farmers there.

The Big Green Cafe provided an informative display on the effects of climate change, along with related activities for children, including bug hunts, biscuit decoration, making dragonfly models and decorating flower pots ready for planting a pigeon pea seed. Adults were treated to a walk

around with a talk on the churchyard in Carisbrooke with Richard Smout.

In order to live up to its name the day also provided hot drinks and refreshments, with a tempting array of cakes available.

Donations for the refreshments along with the proceeds from the Traidcraft stall meant that

around £370 was raised for Christian Aid. The day also introduced a challenge for groups or individuals to raise £100 in 100



Sonny (front right) took part in Richard Smout's bug hunt with Hallam, Victor, Wilbee and Ettie. As well as the bugs found in the churchyard, Richard (kneeling) later spotted dragonflies over the nearby pond.

days to support the 'Peas into Profit' project.

More details about this can be found at www.christianaid.org.uk.



During the day Rowan decorated butterfly and flower biscuits, while Sonny added decoration to a plant pot ready for a pea seed. Stephen Dominy (left), Regional Coordinator for Christian Aid, provided displays for the event.

Gunville Fun Day

IF you have received your Parish News in time, come to our Community Fun Day on **August Bank Holiday, 28th August**, at Gunville Methodist Church, 11am to 3pm. There will be stalls, games, competitions, refreshments and a barbecue. Everyone is welcome: bring the family. This will be followed by a Disco for younger children and families from 3.30pm to 5pm. There is no entry charge.

Holiday Club: For the rest of that week, Tuesday 29th August through to Friday 1st September, the church will be running a holiday club in the mornings for 5-11 year olds.

Isle of Wight Day, Saturday 23rd September: Our planning group will have met by the time you read this, and there will be information on our notice boards, in the press and on the isleofwightday.com website about local events.

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

Community Garden: With Ursula moving house, the Community Garden, originally a patch at the end of her garden, must

now revert to being part of the new tenants' garden. It was officially opened in November 2005, and has seen a number of meetings and events, as well as being a quiet place to sit. Thanks to all those who have helped to maintain it over the past 12 years.

Afternoon Teas: There will be none on the first Saturday of September, because of the Fun Day earlier in the week. The next event will be on 7th October, and the menu will reflect the changing seasonal weather.

Short Mat Bowls will be starting up again in September. Monday afternoons, 2pm-4pm (Sandra on 521360) and Thursday evenings, 7pm-9pm (Martin on 529697). Only £2 a session, to cover hire, heating, insurance, etc.

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: The next visit will be on Monday 2nd October (the bus will be having a week off the road), 1.20pm-1.35pm in Broadwood Lane.

Martin Cooper
Gunville Community Association

New Museum Insights

MUSEUM Insights, arranged to give local people opportunities to find out more about the museum and its collections, are run each winter at Carisbrooke Castle Museum. The new Insights for 2017-18 have now been planned, with outline details below.

14th November - 'Schooldays', using museum objects and the Oral History Project, with speakers Richard Smout, Lisa Kerley and Nick Minns.

5th December - 'The history of Isle of Wight motorised transport 1896-1964', a talk by Mark Chessell, incorporating illustrations from the museum's collection.

23rd January 2018 - The Isle of Wight Home Guard 1940-1944, a talk by Steven Williams, using items from the museum collections.

20th February - History of Carisbrooke Castle Museum: Persons and Places. The origins of the museum from the Isle of Wight Institution to the Governor's House, with a feature on Rev Edward Sydenham by Jane Popov.

13th March - From Regency to Rationing: Highlights of the Costume Collection at Carisbrooke Castle Museum. Discover some of the highlights of the collection. A talk by Curatorial Assistant Kate Tiley.

27th March - Here and in Eternity: Hymn-writers of the Isle of Wight. This Insight, with Richard Smout, celebrates the men and women who wrote the words to many of our famous hymns.

All Insights run from 2pm - 4pm with tickets costing £8, including tea, coffee & biscuits and entry to the Castle to attend the session. Booking is essential. For more details and to book places please ring 523112 or email info@carisbrookecastlemuseum.org.uk

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September

Sunday Services at 10.30 am and 6.30 pm

3rd	Mr Andrew Hardiman	Mr Gordon Holmes
10th	Mr. John Wigley	Mr Steve Crago
17th	Mr. Bernard Cooke	Mr Peter Young
24th	Mr. Colin Chandler	Harvest Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church

Coffee Morning: Wednesday 10 - 11.30am

Prayer and Bible Study Meeting

2nd and 4th Wednesdays 7.30 - 8.30 pm

*"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up".
(Galatians 6: 9: NIV)*



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Thought for the month

I DON'T know how many of you have ever given more than a brief glance at the tombstones in St Mary's churchyard, as you have passed through on foot. We tend to take them for granted, parts of the scenery, unless we have special reason to look more closely at them. But in them can be found all sorts of people, with all sorts of stories. One such story is the tale of William Keeling, who died 19th September 1619.

Described as 'one of the most flamboyant characters to live on the Island', Keeling was a sea captain who commanded a 1607 expedition to the Orient in search of spices. His voyage was beset by gusts, calms, rains, sicknesses and other problems, but the captain still found time to stop off and perform Shakespearean plays (and kept his crew busy with learning lines and making costumes)! Upon his return, he acted as Groom of the Bedchamber to James I, and his wife erected possibly the most alluring plaque within the church (to the left of the main altar).

But unlike Keeling, most of the stories of the people buried within the churchyard

remain unknown or untold. And if you spend time inside the church, among the tributes and memorials, you cannot help but wonder what stories those mentioned there could tell: tales of the West Indian Islands, of Mbuyuni in East Africa, and of Jellalarad in North Eastern Afghanistan, to name but a few.

But what of our stories - how will we be remembered? Will it be for our loyalty, our bravery, our compassion? Will it be for our riches, our position, our authority? Or will it be said of us, as it was of Keeling, that what the world admired we counted as nothing compared to Christ? For, no matter what faults we might have in this life, that is indeed a fine epitaph for anyone!

Rev Marcus Bagg

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St Mary's Church Carisbrooke Services during September

SUNDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER
Holy Communion 8am
Parish Communion 9.30am
Evensong 6.30pm

TUESDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER
Holy Communion 9.30am

SUNDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER
Holy Communion 8am
Parish Communion 9.30am
Evensong 6.30pm

SUNDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER
Holy Communion 8am
All-Age Worship 9.30am

TUESDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER
Holy Communion 9.30am

SUNDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER
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United Harvest Celebration 6.30pm

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at 6.30pm.**

**There will be a retiring
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work of
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and
refreshments will be
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Spinners' exhibition Prayers and cream teas



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AT this time of year we see lots of sheep and lambs grazing in the fields around Carisbrooke, as they have for centuries. The sheep have been shorn, and the thought of these fleeces gets the members of the Isle of Wight Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers very excited!

You might have seen the Guild members at the Carisbrooke Wool Festivals and local shows, demonstrating how to process the fleeces using traditional skills and transforming them into yarn and fabric. The Guild tries not only to preserve and promote the crafts of weaving, spinning and dyeing but to adapt the techniques for modern life. Wool can be blended with other fibres, dyes can be applied quickly and easily and equipment is now compact.

Newport Minster has kindly invited the Guild to put on an Exhibition of Work from 12th to 16th September, 10am – 4pm but closing at 12.30 on Saturday. Refreshments will be served from 10am - 12.30pm.

After months of restoration work the windows and entrance hall of the Minster are now clear of scaffolding and look magnificent, so come and admire them while viewing the exhibition!

Katherine Skelly

Parish News Coffee morning
COME and join us for coffee and delicious cakes on Saturday, 9th September from 10am to 12 noon in Carisbrooke Church Hall. Hope to see you there!



SURVEYS show that most people pray at some time in their lives, even those of little or no faith. Indeed many of us have found that through prayer we can find direction, support, and strength for our daily lives, and know God's tenderness and compassion should personal tragedies strike. Saturday September 30th is the start of the National Prayer Weekend and Gunville Methodists will be praying for the community, the Island and our nation on that Saturday. Please feel free to send in any requests – use the boxes on the church or around the area or contact us on our web site www.gunville.org.uk

Harvest Festival

On September 10th we will celebrate God's provision by hearing the latest from Uzima, a Kenyan orphanage, pioneered and supported by many on the Isle of Wight

Cream teas

Come and enjoy cream teas and cakes on Saturday afternoon September 16th at the church. All welcome

Sundays (ALL welcome; services start at 10.30, crèche facilities available)

We shall be continuing to learn about how exciting and inspiring the church can be in our own country and how God wants us to experience His love and goodness in fresh and relevant ways.

'Bite size Holiday Club service' on Sunday 3rd September 10.30am to 11.15am, (followed by a picnic together – no Messy church this month)

10th September: Harvest festival - see above, with speaker Joy Moule

17th September: Ritual or Grace. What do communion and baptism really mean? with speaker John Yates.

24th September: Money. Jesus talked a lot about money. What place does it have in building God's kingdom? With speaker John Izzard

Young people's programme

In Connect (our Sunday young people's group) we'll be continuing to look at ways we can get to know God more and live out our faith in Christ in our day-to-day lives.

HUNGRY is for school years 9-13 on Wednesdays 7pm-8.30pm (term time) with pizza, games, lively Bible discussions, creative prayer, sung worship and social action.

ROCK SOLID for school years 6-8 is on Mondays 7pm-8.30pm (term time) with games, fun, food, discussions and short reflective times.

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Swifts and their new homes at St Mary's

FOR the true swift enthusiast, there is no bird that compares with them as a sign of summer, and a sign of hope. The fact that they arrive late, usually in the last days of April, and most leave in the opening weeks of August, means that the birds are around for a remarkably short season, compared with other summer visitors like swallows. When the first swift appears, summer must have well and truly arrived. Letters are written, phone calls made, texts sent.

Swifts are sometimes grouped together with swallows and martins,

but in fact they are not related. Swifts are black, only the chin being white, and they have wonderful sickle-shaped wings, making for a very distinctive profile.

The Latin name *apus apus*, derives from the Greek, meaning no feet. It was commonly believed that they had no legs. This is completely untrue, and the birds are capable of relaunching themselves, on the very rare occasions when they fall to the ground. However, the most remarkable fact about swifts is the amount of time that they spend on the wing. They can fly 500 miles in a day. A seven-year-old swift would then have

flown over a million miles in its life. Birds can roost on the wing; indeed, they may well stay in the air for months on end.

Swifts often form screaming parties, racing around church towers. They are often most conspicuous at either end of the day, when the insects that they are chasing are lower in the sky. In the middle of the day they may fly so high that they are hard to follow. The prospect that they may return to breed on Carisbrooke church offers a real excitement for the coming year.

Richard Smout

IMPORTANT and pleasing renovations have been completed by Emerald Construction to the main aspect of St Mary's Church. This is thanks to you, who have allowed The Friends of Carisbrooke Church to raise money for the upkeep of this grade 1 listed building. As the church has to remain financially independent, responsibility for keeping historic buildings in good order is increasingly one for the community. So please keep coming to the fetes, quizzes, beetle drives, treasure hunts, concerts and village hall and other events.

The oak fascia board has been replaced, with work done to the guttering and metal work. Lime pointing has repaired defective pointing. The buttress has been repaired with rendering and techniques used such as slow drying with Hessian covering. I am particularly pleased with the two oak swift boxes! The total cost of this was £8,494. and with the clock repair at £2675, when a shaft and cog of precise size was fashioned from a single piece of steel by Nicholson Engineering, you can see the Friends have been busy this year!



The swift nesting boxes can be seen directly below the new oak fascia board.

St Mary's Church is the most dominant building in the centre of Carisbrooke, and one of the finest on the Island. Renovation funds are so much appreciated. Thank you all once again.

Richard Knight, Chairman of Friends of Carisbrooke Church

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Brightening the village

FRIDAY 9th of June was the second quarterly meeting of the year for the Carisbrooke Society. It was held in the Church Hall and was well attended. Our speaker on this occasion was Mark O'Sullivan. Mark gave us a very interesting talk about his time in the police force. He joined the police force as a young man and stayed in the job for 37 years, serving those years on the mainland and the Island. Some of the cases were very interesting and of course others were every day police work.

During May and June most of the many planters and flower beds in the High Street were planted up with summer plants. Some of the planters are planted up by June Sole. June also does a lot of 'gardening work' in the village keeping other flower beds neat and tidy. Julia Lockley, Mary Cranshaw and Marie Plant look after the planters in the car park. Those on the right-hand side of the High Street, between the Co-op and the steps up to the church are looked after by Mark O'Sullivan and son Craig. A couple of house holders also look after planters in that section. Pat Smith looks after the planters at the top of the High Street. If anyone would like to adopt a planter outside their home the Society is quite willing to fund the cost of the plants.

Our next quarterly meeting is on September 8th at 7.30pm in the church hall. This meeting is also the Carisbrooke in Bloom prize giving. The speaker for this meeting is John Sole. The Carisbrooke in Bloom competition attracted a lot of garden entries. These were judged in July and the winners notified in August. They will also be listed in the October Parish News.

Committee of the Carisbrooke Society



The planters are particularly colourful this year.

Thanks for Harvest

HARVEST is my favourite time of year. I love the changing colour and shape of the countryside. Our Harvest service, where we can give thanks to God for the fruits of his creation, fills the Chapel with a wonderful perfume only found from fruit, veg and flowers.

We don't just think of the harvest from our fields, but of the produce all through the year from around the world. We are spoiled for choice, aren't we?

We are fortunate that, wherever our food comes from, we are well fed. A few lines from a harvest hymn to sum up:

*'We thank Thee then, O Father,
For all things bright and good,
The seed-time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.'*

September Services at Bowcombe

September 3rd	6.30pm	Rev Izzard with sacrament
September 10th	11am	Mr R Felton
September 17th	6.30pm	Circuit service at Wootton Bridge
September 24th	11am	Harvest Festival

**Sunday School - from 10th September 11am - 12 noon
Contact Linda on 529065**

**Christian Endeavour, alternate Mondays, 6.45 - 7.45
Contact Russell Chick on 07824860932**

Linda Humber

Ten years ago ...

In the Parish News of 2007 Richard Smout was writing on dialect of the Isle of Wight. Do you know what an emmet or a mallyshag is? Maybe we should ask Richard for another talk ...

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Memories of Carisbrooke

ARE you new to Carisbrooke or have you lived here all your life? What do you know about your village? There is a chance for everyone to find out. Some will reminisce, others will discover things for the first time. A chance for you to show your grandchildren about times past! Friends of the Church have two connected events for you to enjoy:

Friday 1st September at 7.30pm sees a talk with slide presentation on "Carisbrooke in Times Past", with Brian Greening. This will take place in Carisbrooke Church Hall.

Saturday 2nd September from 10am – 6pm and **Sunday 3rd September** from 1.30pm – 6pm

An exhibition of photos, paintings and articles about "Carisbrooke in Times Past" to be held in the Church and the Church Hall (upstairs), with refreshments available downstairs. This is a chance to find out more about the village and its surroundings so we hope to see you there!

Admission to both events is free - donations to the Friends of



Photo: Daniel Hall

Although dampened by early rain, Carisbrooke Village Fair, organised by the Friends of Carisbrooke Church, benefitted by brighter weather later in the afternoon. Attendance in the garden at the Eight Bells was good, which allowed £1883 to be raised for the Friends' funds.

Carisbrooke Church gratefully received.

We are also looking forward to seeing you at the **Walking Treasure Hunt and cream tea**. This popular annual event returns on **Sunday 3rd September**, leaving from the Church Hall at 2.30pm. It will suitable for

adults, children, families or dog walkers, just solve the clues and return for a cream tea! The cost will be adults £3.50, children £1.50. If you don't want to walk then just come and have a cream tea – available from 2.30pm in the hall.

Peter Ednay,

Going back to school - a tale of past Septembers

THE return to school often has its fraught moments as well as its successes. These entries from the log book for Carisbrooke Boys Board School up on School Lane give a picture of this at the end of the 19th century

Monday 9th September 1889: Recommended work today. The school has been cleaned, and looks quite bright when one enters it. I should like to have seen the ceiling white-washed.

Wednesday 11th : Commenced a song "The Harvest Moon".

Wednesday 18th : George Barton is absent this week suffering from toothache.

Thursday 19th : Harry and William Gill came to school this week. They each owe two weeks before the Holidays. Their

parents refuse to pay it, so I sent them home. (Note that not only were parents made to pay for their children's schooling, but some children were drifting back to school after harvest ten days after the rest).

Monday 23rd: Harold Haynes has hurt his foot.

Thursday 26th: Spelling is improving. The 4th Standard are learning the Counties of Scotland.

Friday 27th : The Attendance dropped this afternoon. Some are gone picking blackberries.

Tuesday 23rd September 1890: William and Frank Gill came in school at 10:20. Their brother Harry at 10:30. Their excuse was they had to take their father's dinner.

Richard Smout

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Diary of Events for September

Friday, 1st September - Talk and Slide presentation by Brian Greening on "Carisbrooke in Times Past". Starting at 7.30pm in the Church Hall

Saturday, 2nd and Sunday 3rd September - Exhibition on "Carisbrooke in Times Past" in the Church and Church Hall (upstairs), from 10am to 6pm.

Sunday 3rd September - Walking Treasure Hunt. Meet at 2.30pm from the Church Hall. Cream Teas available from 2.30pm

Monday, 4th September – the next meeting of Bee-Jays social club, for anyone wanting to enjoy a sociable afternoon and make new friends. Taking place in Carisbrooke Church Hall from 2pm to 4pm, with an opportunity to join in beetle or bingo games, play cards or board games, or just chat to friends old and new. More details if needed from Brenda on 520666 or Jill on 528287.

Wednesday, 6th September – 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!

Friday 8th September –the Carisbrooke Society's Carisbrooke in Bloom garden competition prize giving evening. Starting at 7.30pm in the Church Hall the speaker for the evening is John Sole who will be giving an illustrated talk about the Light Ships. All are welcome and there are refreshments during the interval.

Saturday, 9th September – a coffee morning and cake sale in Carisbrooke Church Hall from 10am-12 noon. This is supporting the Parish News, so come along and say hello, meet with friends, enjoy coffee and some of our delicious cake then take some home with you for tea!

Tuesday 12th - Saturday 16th September - the Isle of Wight Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers will be presenting an Exhibition of Work in Newport Minster, from 10am – 4pm but closing at 12.30pm on the Saturday. Refreshments will be served from 10am - 12.30pm. See page 4 for more details.

Thursday, 14th September – 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, 16th September – Cream teas and cakes available in Gunville Methodist Church, 2.30pm - 4pm, all welcome, proceeds to church funds.

Monday, 18th September- Bee-jay's lunch club meets at the church hall from 12.15pm-3pm. Please check with Jill on 528287 or Brenda on 520666 for details or to book a place.

Wednesday, 20th September – Friends of Carisbrooke Castle Museum are presenting a talk entitled 'Three Isle of Wight First Sea Lords', by Paul Bingham. This talk will include Prince Louis of Battenburg, brother-in-law of Princess Beatrice, and his son, who was also Governor of the Isle of Wight. In the Castle Museum starting at 7.30pm, gates open at 7.15pm. Visitors are welcome but will be asked for a small donation.

Saturday, 30th September – Handicraft Group (SOCKS) meeting in the Eight Bells from 10am to 12 noon. Bring a handicraft project of your own or join in with the group activities. Refreshments available, everyone welcome.

NEXT COPY DATE

FRIDAY, 15th September is the copy date for the October issue. If you would like to contribute news or an article please contact the editor, Brenda Hall, on tel: 520666, or send an e-mail to carisbrooke.editor@aim.com

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