

Beer Parish News

June 2026



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Calendar for JUNE 2026

Sun 31st May	9:30am United Communion at BEER	<i>Trinity Sunday</i>
Mon 1st June	11:00am Anna Chaplaincy Activity & Worship at THORNFIELD	
Tues 2nd	5:00pm Choir Practice	
Wed 3rd	8:20am Open the Book at Beer Primary School 10:00am Reflective Prayer 11:00am Anna Chaplaincy Activity & Worship at CHECK HOUSE	
Thurs 4th	6:30pm Holy Communion at SEATON	<i>Feast of Corpus Christi</i>
Fri 5th	10:00am Mickey's Music Makers	
Sun 7th	8:00am Holy Communion 9:30am Morning Praise	<i>1st Sunday after Trinity</i>
Mon 8th	10:45am Anna Chaplaincy Activity & Worship at NETHERHAYES	
Tues 9th	2:00pm~4:00pm Memory Church at St Gregory's Church Centre 3:15pm C.A.B. meeting 5:00pm Choir Practice	
Wed 10th	10:00am Holy Communion at BEER	
Fri 12th	10:00am Mickey's Music Makers	
Sun 14th	9:30am Holy Communion	<i>2nd Sunday after Trinity</i>
Tues 16th	5:00pm Choir Practice	
Wed 17th	8:20am Open the Book at Beer Primary School 2:00pm Anna's Place	
Fri 19th	10:00am Mickey's Music Makers	
Sun 21st	9:30am Morning Praise 4:00pm~6:00pm Chapel Restoration Fund Raiser Music/Refreshments/Come and see the Old Chapel	<i>3rd Sunday after Trinity</i>
Tues 23rd	5:00pm Choir Practice 11:00am Anna Chaplaincy Activity & Worship at THE SEATON	
Wed 24th	10:00am Holy Communion at SEATON 11:00am Anna Chaplaincy Activity & Worship at THE MANOR	
Fri 26th	10:00am Mickey's Music Makers	
Sun 28th	9:30am Family Communion	<i>4th Sunday after Trinity</i>
Tues 30th	5:00pm Choir Practice	

Sunday services in Beer are often on Facebook. If you can't come to church, you can watch and hear them there, either live or later at a time convenient to you!

From JusĀn Rev's Ramblings

One of my earliest memories of the FIFA world cup was in 1986, which included Diego Maradona and that infamous 'goal' that sent England home. However, it was four years later at Italia 90, that really captured my imaginā on as a football-mad boy.

It was John Barnes et al "...singing for England, En-Ger-Land..." and telling us to "...hold and give but do it at the right ĩ me...slow or fast but you must get to the line". It was Cameroonian Roger Milla waggling his hips aĶer scoring against Argenĳ na and David PlaL 's spectacular volley on the turn against Belgium and Lineker's goals that had us trying to replicate our heroes in the garden. Then there was Paul 'Gazza' Gascoigne running rings round the Dutch before his semi-final tears before penalty heartache that turned into tournament torture for England fans year aĶer year.

1990 was a feast of football for a young football fan and the first ĩ me I owned a Panini sĳ cker album, trading swaps enthusiasĳ cally in an opĳ misĳ c aL empt to fill every page and I am sure it's sĳ ll in my mother's loĶ. I also hold with fondness World Cup 2010, when my brother decided it would be wise to have a big screen at his wedding recepĳ on for his guests to watch the England match. That said – they (England!) played terribly but the wedding party more than made up for it!

And so, we turn to World Cup 2026, which kicks off in earnest this month, bringing back memories of England's failure to qualify when the tournament was last held in America in 1994, this ĩ me alongside fellow host countries Mexico and Canada. My aspiraĳ ons for the home naĳ ons are expectant, excited with an open-heart to being disappointed – such is the life of a football fan from the UK.

Now there has been contenĳ on about the flying of the St George flag on our streets recently, for reasons I shall not go into in this arĳ cle. However, there



will no doubt be an upliĶ in flag-bearing come the big kick-off on June 11th. The Cross of St George will be hung upon pubs, on cars, in gardens and homes alongside the opĳ misĳ c cry of 'Football's Coming home'.

Yet the Cross of St George means something far deeper than naĳ onal idenĳ ty or football support, it flies aloĶ above Church of England Churches throughout the country and points to another significant cross, once a sign of execuĳ on, that transformed dramaĳ cally into a sign of eternal hope. I wear a cross on a pendant, carry a holding cross in my pocket, sign myself with the cross, and bless others in the same way. For Chrisĳ ans, the cross is the symbol of Jesus Christ's sacrificial death and resurreĳ on.

On a Friday over 2,000 years ago, disappointment, dread, and defeat hung over Christ's first followers as the Son of God was nailed to a wooden cross. But what they did not realise at the ĩ me — and only understood three days later when Jesus rose from the dead — was that this was not loss but gain. Grief turned to joy, darkness to light, and what appeared to be defeat became victory over sin and death for all who would receive and believe in Jesus as Lord.

For me, it remains the greatest comeback in history — and it is in Him, the Saviour of the world, that my first allegiance lies.

Whatever happens in this tournament, for England, Scotland, Brazil, Mexico or whoever you are supportĳ ng; whether it's penalĳ es, VAR, last minute goals or underdog surprises, enjoy the ride. And if your hopes are crushed or your dreams dashed by what happens during the tournament, be assured by the words of St Paul;

'No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creaĳ on, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Romans 8.37-39 NIV).

Grace and peace.

Revd JusĀn

ANNA CHAPLAINCY JUNE and early JULY worship and events – If



you have a loved one or friend you visit in one of the Seaton care homes, please consider joining us for our monthly worship. You would be most welcome. Kindly check with the care home prior to your visit in case anything changes at the last minute.

Monday 1 June – THORNFIELD 11.00 a.m.

Wednesday 3 June - CHECK HOUSE 11.00 a.m.

Tuesday 9 JUNE– MEMORY CHURCH 2-4 p.m. Church centre St Gregory’s SEATON – For older people who find it difficult to worship in our church buildings. Worship, afternoon tea and making new friends. Interested? Phone 01297 23656

Monday 15 June – NETHERHAYES 10.45 a.m.

Tuesday 16 June - LYME BAY VIEW 10.45 a.m

ANNA’S PLACE at St Michael’s Church BEER. Please join us on Wednesday 17 JUNE 2.00 p.m. Reflective café style worship with Holy Communion followed by refreshments, everyone welcome. A space for carers and those cared for at home

Monday 22 June – THE MANOR 11.00 a.m.

Tuesday 23 June – THE SEATON 11.00 a.m.

JULY

Wednesday 1 JULY - CHECK HOUSE 11.00 a.m.

Monday 6 JULY- THORNFIELD 11.00 a.m.

If you know someone living at home or a resident who would like a one-to-one visit in a care home, please contact either Mary or Sue on their mobile numbers. You will find Information leaflets about Anna Chaplaincy ministry displayed at St Gregory’s and St Michael’s churches. Thank you for your support and prayers.

**Anna Chaplain Mary - 07805655335 Anna Chaplain Sue – 07802649155
The church office - CONTACT 01297 23656**

ANNA'S PLACE
Special 30 minute worship for Older People
Followed by Refreshments
Music and Memories,
Wednesdays from 2pm
at St Michael's, Beer:

**17th June
15th July**
All are welcome!
Dementia Supportive
Come, receive
God's Grace

Memory Church
For Older People and their Carers:
A Place to Meet, Relax & Worship together.
**9th June
14th July**
2nd Tues of the month
2-4pm
St Gregory's Church Centre,
Colyford Rd
Seaton EX12 2DF
Dementia Supportive
Disabled Facilities

Anna Chaplaincy
for older people
Diocese of Exeter
CMC Seaton and Beer

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to book your place Church office: 01297 23656
seatonchurch@hotmail.co.uk

Fine Foundation Centre

Beer Village Heritage

Reg. Charity No.1087162

Beer Village Heritage held its annual meeting on the 20th May when the Trustees outlined the work which they have undertaken at the Fine Foundation Centre over the last year.

Attendees came forward with a variety of ideas for activities which the group could undertake in the future, several of them aimed at including the children from the local school. They also suggested that the annual membership fee should rise to £5 per person, and possibly return to offering a family category. The Trustees will look at all of the suggestions and consider their merits as well as working out how they could be implemented. The Chairman, David Morling, explained that as the current Trustees were appointed when the charity was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and are nearing the end of their term of office, this means that new Trustees are needed. If you feel that you have skills which would be useful to the group, please talk to David on 01297 625045.

Towards the end of last month we were invited to the Axe Valley Runners' Presentation evening when they distributed the surplus from the Grizzly to the voluntary groups which had helped on the day. We were delighted to receive a very generous donation from the group – thank you. The evening is always an interesting showcase for the many organisations which have provided marshals and other volunteers.

On another financial topic, we have to ask that future subscriptions and donations are made by cash or bank transfer. If you wish to do the latter, please ask David Morling for our bank details. The reason for this? We bank with Lloyds Bank who will no longer accept cheques at Post Offices (which includes Banking Hubs).

This week has seen temperatures falling very low at night, and a definite need to return to socks and jumpers during the day. They may be redundant again if the forecast for the weekend is accurate! No wonder the flowers are still at sixes and sevens. We now have 3 nasturtium flowers along with some wonderful poppies of various shapes, colours and sizes. The giant red blooms are in contrast with the little yellow Welsh poppies and the small single orange ones. There are also large ragged flowers, both red and deep purple, the latter collected last summer as a seed-head from a churchyard in Worcestershire.

“No-mow May” is progressing well with a beautiful display of daisies. The cold nights have limited the growth of the grass, so, at the moment we don't have a miniature hay-field. We are currently tidying up our pots, ensuring that the compost has been revitalised, and then standing the pot on a tray, either alone or grouped with others. The theory is that we can water into the tray which can act as a reservoir. It also means that watering can be done at different times of the day.

Just a reminder that we are asking cat owners to keep their pets indoors at dusk and dawn during May and June to help protect the baby bats, which are being born around now. They take some time to practice flying and are easy prey to the average cat. As a female bat only has one pup in any one year, the loss of little ones is significant, especially for those species which are struggling.

The Fine Foundation Centre is open every day now, and has been welcoming a steady stream of visitors. This includes a new resident in the fish tanks – a sponge crab. It was caught about 4 miles off the coast and is very identifiable. It has “cut” a piece of the sponge growing there and shaped it to fit over its shell. The crab is using a couple of its claws to hold onto the sponge. Apparently the species is fairly slow moving, and the one in the tank does appear to be rather sloth-like!

Beer Village Heritage is a registered charity, and we rely on annual subscriptions and donations in order to run the Fine Foundation Centre and the Bomb Shelter. You'll find the Beer Village Heritage walks and I-Spy online via our website: <http://www.beervillageheritage.org.uk>. We apologise that some of the links on the site are still not working. Please let us know if you can help to sort out the problem.

If you would like to be involved with running the Fine Foundation Centre and our other activities, whether as an occasional volunteer or as a trustee, please talk to our Chairman, David Morling on 01297 625045.

Cold nights? No sooner had this article been written than we went into an unseasonable period of blistering hot days and sweltering nights! Perhaps we will hear about that next month.

Editor





Saturday 27th June the Lodge will have a table at The Mariners Hall with a display of historic jewels, background information on the Order, how to get involved and membership information.



Garlands Garden Party
In Aid of

Seaton Hospice at Home

Sunday 28th June, 2pm - 6pm

Tickets £7 from Top Shop (Cash Only)

Proudly Funded by Seaton & District Hospital LOF

Live Music, Cream Teas, Cakes, Coffee

Bring Chair, picnic blanket, BYO. Dogs on leads welcome.

Sure to be a sell out, get you tickets today, limited numbers.



Two new members of the Lodge, Paul Dike and Andrew Gregson being presented with their emblems by the WP Bro Dave Mutter ROH

Beer Arts Group
Presents
An Illustrated talk/discussion with Andy Smith

The Extraordinary Art of
OTTO DIX AND EDWARD BURRA
Thursday 11th June
All Welcome at
The Congregational Hall Fore St. Beer
7.00 for 7.30
free entry - donations welcome
bring your own refreshments

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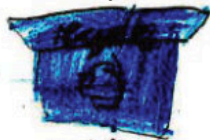
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- Turn off water.
- Turn off lights
- Take short showers.
- Save electricity
- Ride a bike

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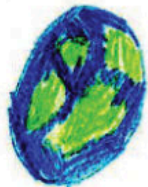


- Clothes
- Books
- Bags
- Boxes

recycle



- Water bottles
- fizzy drink cans
- Newspaper
- Food tin cans



Save The Planet Today



Simon Watson and Mark Harvey visited us on May 6th from Lyme Bay Auction House. They have been trading for 13 years and deal in jewellery, precious metals, bladed weapons, military items and more. They explained that they had six successful years before the pandemic, and during that time they introduced internet bidding with just 200 items listed online. This enabled them to continue trading, and the system soon took off. When they resumed normal trading, they found that fewer people were visiting in person, so they gradually moved to an internet-only bidding system. They no longer hold in-house auctions or allow visitors to browse freely. Instead, they are open Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm, for viewings and valuations. People can make appointments to examine items they may wish to bid for from the catalogue. From the point an item is entered for auction to the final sale, the whole process is now completed online for both buyers and sellers. They charge 20% commission to buyers and 18% to sellers. Buyers also have 14 days to change their minds under Distance Selling Regulations.

Simon also shared some interesting facts about auctions. The word "auction" comes from the Latin *auctus*, meaning "to increase". The earliest auctions took place in Babylon around 500 BC and were mainly for wealthy noblemen seeking wives. Today, many women own highly successful auction houses, including Bea Harford at Bonhams.

Mark then spoke about valuations. Clients can make an appointment to bring in items either for sale or simply for a valuation. He also assessed several items brought along by members. One member had what looked like a darning mushroom, but it turned out to be a Victorian cabbage presser. Who knew such a thing existed?

Members learned some fascinating facts about their items and received approximate valuations. It was an entertaining and enjoyable evening.

The WI Spring Group meeting was held in Colyton on 23 April 2026. The fake cake competition was won by Seaton WI with their superb chocolate cake, and the limerick competition on the theme of food was also won by Seaton. We also welcomed speaker Chiara Tomasoni, head chef at River Cottage and a finalist on MasterChef.



Our next meeting is on June 3rd with a talk about the Children's Hospice Southwest.

Visitors are always welcome. Please contact Chris Paul 01297 792129

Beer Film Society

Russell Crowe Rami Malek Richard E. Grant

Card payment preferred

Bring your own cushions!

NUREMBERG

NEW
start time
!

Thursday June 18th

Mariners' Hall

15

Doors open 7.00pm start time - 7.30 pm

Members £5.00 non members £7.00

numbers limited - to book tickets email beerfilmsociety@gmail.com

Beer Film Society

HOLLYWOOD stars Russell Crowe and Rami Malek plus Britain's own Richard E. Grant star in our next film 'Nuremberg, 15, 2hrs 28mins' on Thursday June 18th.

The Nuremberg trials at the end of World War II were one of the most seismic events of the 20th century and this film is based upon a book written by U.S Army psychiatrist Douglas Kelly.

Kelly spent 80 hours interviewing and assessing Hitler's malevolent but charming second-in-command Hermann Goering - a mesmerising performance by Crowe, arguably his best since Gladiator - along with 21 other Nazi officials.

Using that source material director James Vanderbilt has produced an intense historical drama, in which the psychological battle between Kelly and Goring is at the very heart of the movie.

At times unsettling but also highly relevant in that it laid the foundation in law that individuals could be held accountable for war crimes and couldn't hide behind the excuse of 'just obeying' orders.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Following representations from regular film goers we have decided to revert to our original film times so the Mariners' Hall doors will now open at 7pm and the Nuremberg film will start at 7.30pm.

Tickets on the door, £5 for members and £7 for guests. Card payment preferred please.

The bar will be open and Baboo Gelato ice creams will be on sale.



At the time of writing my report I was twenty days into doing my RNLI Mayday Miles in rain or shine, locally and on days out including at West Somerset Seam Gala and Clevedon Cars & Cuppas Car Show. We were preparing for our RNLI Mayday Appeal Welly Walk Day at Seaton on Saturday 30th May.

All were invited to come and take part with us. Registration to be at 9.45am by Fisherman's Gap for 10am start to walk to and fro along the East and West Walks during the day. The pupils from Seaton Primary School have entered our Colour in a Wellington Boot Competition with the judging to take place at Seaton Library on Friday 29th May. All support to our RNLI Mayday Appeal



fundraising will be greatly appreciated and donations will still welcome until the middle of June via our <https://www.justgiving.com/page/wendysmaydaymiles>.

In the middle of April and in early May we enjoyed taking our RNLI gifts and souvenirs to the Musbury Church Table Top Sale then the Craik and Flower Show. As May was progressing we were looking forward to being at Axe Yacht Club on Saturday morning of the 23rd May for Seaton Pirate Day and being at the Seaton Carnival Street Fair on Monday 25th May. As we move into June we look forward to being at the Abbeyfield in Colyton to do a talk about the RNLI on Wednesday 17th June then being at Offwell Village Fete on Saturday 27th June.

Our Beer Lifeboat Weekend 2026 is in a few weeks time and I still can't believe that twenty years have passed since our first one. Our programme is as follows and further information will be published via my reports, posters and social media.

Saturday 4th July: We are having a Street Collection throughout the day and additional collectors are needed and welcome on a rota basis between 10am and 6pm.

We are also having a Coffee Morning at the Mariners Hall from 10am to 12.30pm. There will be tea, coffee, hot chocolate, bacon baps and cake, a raffle and Card Tombola plus we will be taking our RNLI gifts and souvenirs and having our RNLI information table and display.

Sunday 5th July: The day starts at approximately 11am. Duck numbers at £2 a go to the guess the winning duck will be available near the top of Sea Hill. On the Jubilee the Lyme Regis Water Safety Team will be in attendance plus Beer Coastguards. (subject to operational requirements) We will be having our Duck Tombola and hope that Stormy Stan can come and see us and that the weather is suitable for the Inflatable Shannon. The crew and Lyme Regis Spirit of Loch Fyne lifeboat and Exmouth R & J Welburn lifeboat will be doing their display at 2pm. (subject to weather and operational requirements) The Duck Races will start at 3pm opposite the Cream Shop. Twelve heats of yellow plastic ducks will be racing down Beer Brook and the first and second ducks go in the Grand Final. Prizes for winning duck sponsors are kindly donated by Beer and local businesses.



Pupils from Beer Primary School will be taking part in our Colour in a Duck Competition and the entries will be displayed during the weekend.

Our Shop at Jubilee Gardens is open daily from 10am to 4.30pm until the end of October and may be adjusted due to weather and volunteer availability. Additional volunteers are always needed and welcome on a rota or relief basis. Please contact our Shop Manager Richard Hare on 07752393640 or call in to the shop when he is there most Friday mornings. Help is needed with fundraising collections, at our events we all end in our area. Please come and say hello when you see us or email me on wac500@hotmail.co.uk.

Best wishes to everyone as we look forward and go through a busy 2026.

Wendy Cummins

Secretary Fundraising/Events

Seaton Beer and District Branch RNLI

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CHAPEL ASSOCIATION BEER

Situated by the sea on the Jurassic Coast
in the Old Cemetery, Clapps Lane, Beer, LA9 3HE

~ *By, with, and for the Community*

Chapel Association Beer (CAB) – June Update

A little over a year ago, around 60 of us sat in the Chapel to envisage what it might take to refresh and revive this historic and unique building, to both preserve and open it for the benefit of the community and visitors. Firstly, to say a huge thank-you to the many local organisations and individuals who have provided their support with generous donations and expertise to move this exciting project forward. This has already enabled several works to be set in motion.

Importantly, as mentioned in previous updates, the roof was repaired and made water-tight ahead of the winter. It received a real 'testing' with the storms throughout and into early 2026 and passed with all tiles intact and no leaks. We are grateful to Ridge Roofing for enabling the scaffolding to be left up throughout this period in case of emergency repairs, which has now been removed. We have also recently accepted a quote from the National Grid to provide a power supply to the Chapel pending faculty approval – this is the Church of England process for building consent.

The CAB working group is made up of experienced, multi-skilled and diverse collective of people from the local community. If you would like to get in touch, find out more or support the project in anyway please do get in touch.

In early December, Carol's on the Clifftop in Beer has been a much-enjoyed event by everyone who attends, bringing that early festive spirit ahead of Christmas. It has sadly been cancelled the last few years mainly due to the weather. However, it has been agreed to host this in the chapel by candlelight in the chapel in 2026 – rain or shine! A plant sale has now been set-up outside St Michael's Church in aid of the Chapel, with an honesty 'Kettle' – do come and have a browse. If anyone has any excess plants, they wish to donate they would be gladly received.

Before that, summer has arrived and we are delighted to invite everyone to the Chapel for a summer event on Sunday 21st June 4-6pm, with live music from local band Jurassic cRocks, cream Teas, nibbles and Pimm's. No booking or tickets necessary. Donations on the day to the Chapel project are very welcome.

See you there.

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CHAPEL RENOVATION Fund

Fundraising Event

Sunday 21st June 2026
from 4pm to 6pm
at the Old Cemetery,
Clapps Lane, Beer Village.



Free entry with donations welcome
to the Chapel Renovation fund.



Cream teas and
refreshments available.



Come and see the plans for the Chapel
and listen to live music by the
'Jurassic cRocks'



Help us restore our Chapel for future generations 

PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 2026

Cllr Karen Stevens

So, the baton of responsibility for the PC Newsletter passes to me this month and having to follow the excellent and precise Newsletters written by my fellow Councillors in the last few months, I was not sure whether to laugh or cry! However, in the words of the late Frank Sinatra, 'I'll do it my way!'.

The May meeting kicked off with the AGM where, by law, a Chairman and Vice Chairman has to be elected or re-elected every year! Thankfully, both Cllrs Tim Stevens and Martin Shobbrook agreed to stand for one more year as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively and this was voted for unanimously by those of us around the table after a great sigh of relief!

District and Parish Councillor John Heath gave his monthly report regarding remedial works undertaken by EDDC around the village. In short, the broken handrail at West Underleys has finally be fixed and work at Peazan Flats continues apace and work will hopefully be finished in July, presumably 2026! Very frustratingly our County Councillor was absent once again (having only attended one meeting since his election last year) as there are many questions we need to be answered by him personally as our County Councillor! However, am sure he'll magically reappear again if our votes are ever needed to keep him in office! He did however, find time this month to send a round robin report and both these reports can be found on the PC website or via our Clerk at clerk@beer-pc.gov.uk.

The Horticultural Society ground crew, namely, John, Di, Dave and Anne have been busy preparing the village planters ready for planting out the summer display of flowers. Am sure it will, once again be a

superb and beautiful display. However, they desperately do need more volunteers to lend a hand. as sadly, the last request for help, fell on deaf ears! Now, I appreciate we are all busy but the truth is that if the Fab Four as I call them are unable to continue then there will be no flowers in the village ever again, how awful would that be as EDDC certainly won't take over! You do not need to make volunteering a full time job, a small commitment of an hour here or there towards helping any of the village organisations would greatly be appreciated!

We were lucky enough to hear and see the wonderful Buggies in Beer back with us again! The weather forecast initially wasn't great with rain predicted but thankfully Nigel Groves must have been an extra good lad this year and the weather gods decided at the last minute to let the sun shine on the whole weekend! I do hope they return next year as they are a great crowd pleaser! Thanks Nigel for taking time to organise this colourful event once more.

The Beer Blazer was a huge success, well done to all the event organisers and helpers whose only aim is to raise much needed funds for the PTFA at our Primary School! When it comes to the PTFA, I am reliably informed that if you are a parent or guardian of a child who attends Beer Primary School that you are automatically a member of the PTFA, so no signing up is needed! Am sure the 'usual faces' would welcome more of you going to their meetings when the time comes and will more than welcome any new ideas and help that can be given in making school life more pleasurable for the children!

For the time being we are very lucky to still have the free services of the Community Payback Team! They continue to work hard, mowing, strimming and tidying up any areas the Parish Council require of them. They were overwhelmed on their last couple of visits by the vast number of you all who took time out of your day to go and personally thank them for all that they are doing for the village especially on the Jubilee and

surrounding area! Thank you so much, it not only means a lot to them but also to myself as their PC representative! Without knowing it, your kindness in doing this helps to secure their services in the future as the Team Supervisors and myself make sure all comments are relayed back to their headquarters as it is they who obviously decide on any ongoing visits.

Am pleased also to report that the Regatta preparations are going extremely well, although they do need more volunteers on the evening of Regatta Day fireworks to take around the collection buckets! No experience is necessary although due to H&S and Insurance, you will have to be sober! The same can be said for the preparations of the Xmas Forum whose aim this year is to stage a weekend of events, do look out for the posters for our fun Bingo nights with Olly as we continue to raise funds to stage the extra activities! The theme this year is set for the Victorian era, best I dust off my penny-farthing then!

As always, the Parish Council continues to work hard behind the scenes, not only dealing with the day to day running of the village but also those concerns that are hovering on the horizon! We also continue to fight to get our village heard at EDDC and DCC levels which is becoming increasingly difficult as their budgets are being squeezed even tighter! We currently have two vacancies on the Parish Council so please consider finding the time to join us (applications available from our Clerk Tess at clerk@beer-pc.gov.uk) in helping to become the 'voice' of the village! Please never let us get to the stage that we haven't enough Parish Councillors to legally function as a PC! If that ever happens, which is always a strong possibility as some retire or move away, then EDDC (or whatever set up comes later with the Unitarian Authority) will take over the running or everything that happens to the village and we, as residents, then will have no say whatsoever and that would be catastrophic for the younger generations who wish to remain here

[Supporter News from Hospiscare](#)



Improvement works at Searle House

If you have paid a visit to our hospice in the last six months, you may have noticed a lot of building work taking place.

Last July, we were allocated £540,000 of capital funding by the government, followed by another £175,000 in January this year, to improve our buildings, facilities, equipment, and infrastructure.

After consulting with our teams, it was decided that the funds would be spent on re-developing our visitor accommodation and supportive care and spiritual care spaces.

We have undertaken the following work:

- Changes to the clinical spaces to improve sound-proofing and allow for confidential conversations with patients and families.

- Creation of a new, self-contained two-bedroom visitor accommodation, with private outdoor garden.

- Paths in the garden have been widened to allow easier manoeuvring of patient beds.

- The chapel room has been given a new ceiling with added skylights and glazing, to make it a brighter area for users of the space.

We're really pleased how these works are coming along, and the difference they will make to our patients and their loved ones, when visiting Searle House.

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

Meeçng held in St. Michael's 12th May 2026

All agreed the Easter Fundraising weekend went really well and feedback from those who attended and supported us was very positive.

At the meeting ideas were discussed for the Church Weekend of July 18th -20th 2026, please remember to put these dates in your diaries and look out for posters and information on posts via FB etc for further details and confirmation of plans.

No other news to report from this time but as always we thank our community for all their support and you are always very welcome to come and join the St. Michael's events and church services, it will be lovely to see you.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 7th July 2026 @10.00am

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JUNE 7th - 10am MORNING SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION

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JULY 5th - 10am MORNING SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Coffee Mornings on Thursdays July 11th and 25th from 10-30am to 12 noon in the Hall.

“A swarm in June is worth a silver spoon.”

There it was, clamped on the branch of an apple tree, a dark living mass, thousands of bodies, all holding onto each other, a glistening cluster of bees in the sunlight. They had split from their hive and were pausing here with their queen while scout bees were out searching for a new home. Holding together here for the time being, they were of one mind.

Beekeepers refer to a 'hive mind' – that is, a single impulse driving each individual bee towards one purpose: to survive and thrive. In the height of summer a bee hive may contain sixty to eighty thousand individuals, and every one of them will have a specific role which contributes to the survival of the whole.

Bees have a collective purpose: breed and multiply, and collect and store enough food to see them through winter. Humans do not have a single purpose, but they do have a collective. The great psychotherapist Carl Jung spoke about the Collective Unconscious in humanity: that is the one common sense of Being that all humans possess. Under our surface differences, to do with where and when we are born and all the influences that shape us, humanity is One Collective Consciousness, and every single one of us is not only connected to the whole, but each of us has input, has influence upon the whole.

At this point in our evolution, we seem to be far from seeing humanity on planet earth as one integrated family. Our ingenuity in finding ways of separating ourselves from others is endless. This results in a mass of combined energies. Some people are selfless shining lights of wisdom and enlightenment. They live in conscious presence. Some people are deeply unconscious -- in the sense that they identify completely with their personal ambitions, they are unconscious and are driven by ego, the need to magnify and enhance the self.

Are you aware of your own contribution to the Collective Consciousness of Humanity?

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