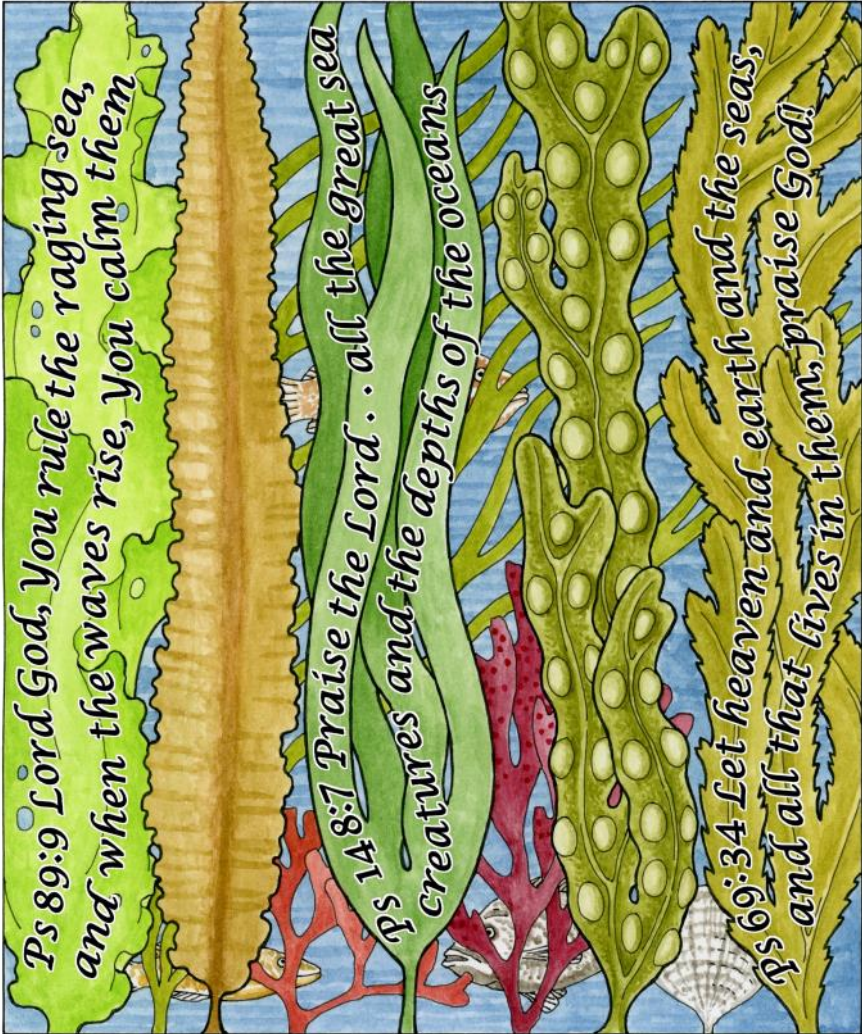


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Stitch and Create. Every other Tuesday. Littleham V.Hall
Coffee & Craft Mornings first Tuesday of every month Monkleigh V.Hall
Coffee Morning Weare Giffard V.Hall every Thursday 10:30 -12pm
Pop-in mornings Littleham Village Hall Thursdays 10:30 - 12:00
Last Friday of every month, Friday Club. Littleham V.Hall 14:00 - 1600
Friday mornings. Breakfast Club. Monkleigh Village Hall. 8:45 - 10:30 am

Wed 1st WeAre Friends 2:30 pm W.Giffard V.Hall (P.22)
Sat 4th Music, BBQ, Beer and more. Littleham playing field (P.11)
Sat 4th American - themed Quiz Night. W.Giffard V.hall (P.23)
Sat 4th Breakfast Rolls W.Giffard V.Hall 10 till Noon
Wed 8th Defibrillator Training W.Giffard V.Hall 7 pm (P.24)
Sat 11th Barton Barn Bash, Weare Giffard 6 pm (P.24)
Sat 11th "Living" Littleham film & Social Club. V.Hall 6:30 for 7pm (P.14)
Mon 13th Emergency First Aid Course. Littleham V.Hall (P.. 14)
Sat 18th & Sun 19th W.Giffard art group Summer exhibition (P.21)
Thur 23rd Quilting Class. Monkleigh Village Hall. 10 am (P.18)
Sat 25th Weare Giffard Produce and Craft Show. V.Hall (P.23)
Sat 25th Weare Giffard Fete. Playing Field. (P.23)



ADVANCE NOTICE AUGUST

Sun August 2nd Littleham Scarecrow Festival (P.15)
Sat August 15th Littleham & Landcross Garden & Craft Show (P.12)

August Crosslet

NOTE: Deadline for contributions: **10th July**

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Dear Friends,



Last month a group from the Bideford & the Four Villages Mission Community met for some training from Mrs. Annie Jefferies. She is the Devon co-ordinator for volunteers who are available to visit in our local community. Members of our pastoral group (who you see each month in the Crosslet) had asked for the course to refresh their training. We learnt more about supporting people with memory issues and those caring for them, as well as helping those who've been bereaved. Gill, Sarah, Penny and Joan are all good listeners: if you've something on your mind, are feeling lonely, or would just like a chat, they are happy to visit. Please call Sarah on ☎ **01237 471441**.

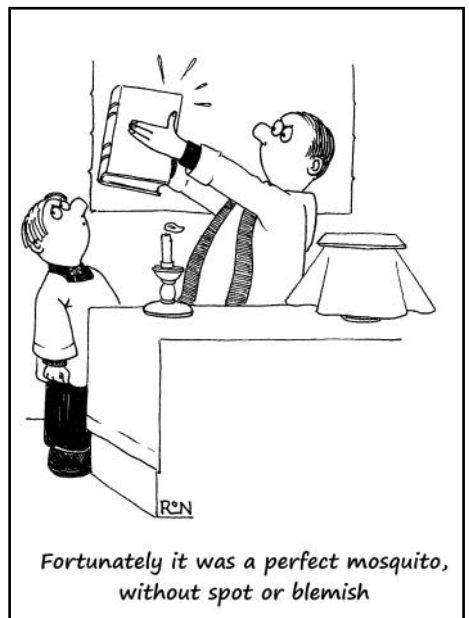
A frail elderly lady was asked by her family if she had any ideas for her funeral when it was time. "Oh, I don't mind," she replied, "Why don't you surprise me?" I love her answer, but some would find it frustrating!

Some folk do have definite ideas – I found several lists of hymn suggestions that my Mum had written out, but this can be a tricky topic to talk about. "Grave Talk" (You will either love or hate the name...) is a series of cards with questions that aim to help people start the conversation. Examples are, "What would you like your lasting legacy to be?"; "Do we 'recover' from grief?" and "What do you think about lighting a candle to remember someone?" It's published by the church, but has no particular religious agenda. People meet for tea, coffee & cake and to chat together. We're thinking of trying this out in the autumn – so look out for this coming to a village hall near you...

In the meantime, take care and God bless you,

Ruth

Team Vicar ☎ **01237 439584**





Appledore Singers

Are pleased to announce their Super Summer Concert which is on Sunday 5th July 2026 at Northam Hall (top of Fore Street) Northam starting at 2.30pm. Admission price is £6 at the door which includes Tea, Coffee and Biscuits (under 16's go free) and there will also be a raffle.

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"A bloke knocked on my door asking for a donation to the swimming pool, so I gave him a glass of water."

"An old lady at a cash machine asked me to check her balance, so I pushed her over."

"Every clairvoyant I've met is either very depressing or way too enthusiastic - why is it so hard to find a happy Medium?"

From the Parish Registers, June 2026:



Nothing to report this month.

Weddings, funerals, memorials, thanksgivings and baptisms – your church is here for you.

Who can have a service in the parish church? We welcome **anyone** – because your parish church is **yours**. You don't need to have attended a service, cut the grass or given money (although you are very welcome to do any or all of those things!). The parish church is a gift to the nation – please do use what is yours – we are really happy to come and discuss how we can help if you would like to commemorate or celebrate those life-events above.

Ruth (**01237 439584** or speak to any of the team in Bideford or in your local church.

Streams

We had a great afternoon in Littleham Village Hall in June with a wide variety of crafts on offer: resin flower making, summer wreaths, decoupage, mandala art, gift bags and sheep key rings.



We were able to send £30 from donations to Alzheimer's Research. Thank you to all who came and made it so enjoyable.

Sarah

4 Parish Choir dates for 2026

July 12th	Patronal Evening Service Littleham 6pm
Aug 16th	Hymns and Pimms Weare Giffard 6pm
Oct 11th	Healing and Wholeness Service St Mary's 6pm

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Lawyer's son: Will
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Meteorologist's daughter: Haley
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Hairdresser's son: Bob
Gourmet chef's son: Herb
Sound stage technician's son: Mike
Hot dog vendor's son: Frank
Gambler's daughter: Bette
Gambler's son: Chip
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LANDCROSS



4 Parish Lay-Led Service for Trinity May31st

It was a real joy to have all our 4 Parishes represented in the congregation of 23 at Landcross Church, for our Lay-Led service for Trinity Sunday on May 31st. Thank you everyone for your support.

The Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit: 3 persons in 1, is by no means an easy concept to explain....quite daunting, in fact !!! The Lay-Led Team did a sterling job however.



Using images from the natural world and from our daily lives, the Team, by means of photos projected on a large screen in front of the altar, presented pictures of triangles; Tinner's Rabbits; a Celtic knot, an electric plug; 3 leafed clover and an exploding Icelandic geyser, as examples to develop the idea of 3 parts/properties, making 1 whole: a trinity!

April's talk focussed on the nature of God, who, in the words of a Brazilian theologian, Leonardo Boff, is "above" us, holy, worthy of praise, the one Jesus taught us to call Father. But God is also to be found "alongside" us.....Jesus taught us to look for the divine in the face of our neighbour; in the stranger who is hungry and down-trodden; in the sick and the poor. And then there is the 3rd dimension of God dwelling "deep within" us : the Holy Spirit.



Thank you to Sarah for sourcing the liturgy, for her leadership and for all the work she and Penny Chambers did to put the service on the screen.

Thank you Chris Peacock for setting up the projector and for overseeing its proper functioning and to John Hobbs for playing for us so well as always. A big thank you to the whole Lay-Led Team: Sarah, Penny, Andrew, Sue Gethin, Val and Chris Peacock, John and April, for a very interesting and worshipful service. Thank you also to Mike Penny for cutting the grass and making the churchyard a lovely space to walk in.

It was lovely to see so many in the Church and that you all stayed for our time of hospitality of sherry and cake. Many thanks to Nicholas, Sylvia, Elaine, and Scilla for your generous and delicious provisions!

It was heart warming to hear all the chatter and laughter. Thanks to all who gave so generously for the collection: your giving totalled **£104.00!**

Finally, a word about our toilet facilities!! A portaloo has now been reinstated in our shed at the back of the church. Thanks to Ruth and John who so generously donated it to Landcross. All we need now is running water!!
April

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Sadly, the Quiz and Burger Night had to be cancelled due to low numbers. We hope to re-arrange this for a winter evening, when the pull of the great outdoors is not so strong!



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In the meantime, we look forward to welcoming you to our music event on the playing field, on Saturday 4th July 3-7 p.m.

The aim of the event is to bring our families and community together for an afternoon of music, food and refreshments. Knowing the unreliability of the weather on this date over the past few years, the plan will be to move everything into the hall if inclement. Entry will be free but parking on the field will be limited, so please walk if you can.

Local musicians are warmly invited to perform on the stage

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Date	Intercessor	Readers
July 5th	Andrew	Allan Pete
July 19th	Keith	Vicki Andrew

LITTLEHAM



Littleham Methodist Church Services

There is a service at Littleham Methodist Church on the 12th July with Mr. David Ley and on the 26th July with Mr. Paul Booth, both at 10.30am, everyone welcome.

100 Club June Winners!

The June draw for the Littleham 100 Club took place on the 14th of June, drawn by John Longmuir.

The results were as follows:-

First Prize	89 David Read
Second Prize	15 Vicki Scott
Third Prize	63 Dougie Hamilton

Congratulations to them all!



100 Club Subscriptions for Next Year!



The **£12** per entry subscription for the next year's 100 Club is now due! .

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This emotionally charged film deeply touched us all, and engaged our senses, as we watched the dramatic final scenes unfold in silence and awe. Outstanding performances by Jessie Buckley and co-star Paul Mescal.

A special thank you to Trevor our projectionist for the evening and our volunteers Jenny & Stephen, Sally & Rory Akam, Rosie & Juliet and all those attending that helped to make the evening run smoothly.



Our next film on Saturday 11th July, is “Living” a British historical drama directed by Oliver Hermanus (screenplay by Kazuo Ishiguro). It’s a story of an ordinary man, reduced by years of oppressive office routine to a shadow existence. At the eleventh hour makes a supreme effort to turn his dull life into something wonderful. A heartwarming film, and Bill Nighy’s performance is outstanding.

We meet at Littleham Village Hall at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm screening on Saturday 11th July (a week later than usual) and all are welcome.

A bar, amazing raffle, free tea, coffee, and biscuits in the interval, £1 ice creams, tall seats on the back two rows and a warm welcome . Come early if you like to sit in the front and benefit from the sub-titles. Hoping to see you on 11th July. Please bring small change for ice-creams and raffle. (Call Keith – ☎ **07425 392731** for more details).

Emergency First Aid Course Mon 13th July at Littleham V. Hall

Help/protect/support your neighbours/friends in the Parish.

Littleham & Landcross Parish Council has arranged an accredited Emergency First Aid course at the Village Hall on Mon 13th July 2026, to be delivered by a recommended N. Devon training group, “First Aid at Hand”. There are 12 places on this course.

Specialist Defibrillator training, planned for later in the year, will still go ahead and all are welcome.

COSTS / DONATIONS The Parish Council is paying for this course and we are asking for donations of £20 per person. The cost of this course is between £55 and £240 per person depending on the provider. Along with the SW Ambulance Service, we would be able to use the ‘Good Sam App’

that they use to find support if delayed whilst attending a call. First Aiders that sign onto the App, indicate their availability, but can decide whether to accept/attend or not.

PARISH SUPPORT NETWORK

After the course we are hoping to set up a local First Aid Support Network. Full details will be decided by the group who have volunteered but this will not be onerous.



TO APPLY FOR THE COURSE

Preference will be given to those wishing to join the Parish Support network and those who are involved in clubs or activities in the Parish that would benefit from Emergency First Aiders being available. The PC support this and hope that our parishioners' can too. If you want to know more or to apply for a place on the course, please PM or email me: jonathan_gershon@hotmail.com .



Scarecrow Festival

We're hoping to organise a Scarecrow Festival this summer, but we need your help!

To make the festival a success, we need lots of villagers to create and display their own scarecrows.

The plan is for all scarecrows to be in place by **Monday 27th July**, with judging taking place during the following week, culminating on 2nd August, when the winners will be announced at the Village Hall.

Provided we receive enough entries, we will promote the event beyond Littleham, inviting visitors to follow the Scarecrow Trail around the village (on 2nd August) and while they're here, enjoy a delicious cream tea in the Village Hall.

So, whether you're an experienced crafter, or simply fancy having

some fun, we'd love you to get involved. See attached poster for categories. The more scarecrows we have, the bigger and better the festival will be for everyone!

Friday Club

It was great to welcome Sharon Snell (nee Braddick) back to the village hall. She has visited us before and once again kept us amused and spellbound with her 'potted history' of her family- the Braddicks. In this session she described the life of John Joseph Braddick, who 'blew in' to Bideford from South Devon in 1864.



John Joseph met and married Sophia Short, whose family owned a grocery store in Mill Street. John and Sophia had 13 children, 11 of whom survived. John and his father-in-law were strict methodists and they started the temperance movement in Bideford. John owned several different shops including a house agency and fulfilled roles on the town council. He set up the horticultural society in Northam and promoted the widening of the quay, to include tree planting. The village of Westward Ho! expanded too.

John and Sophia's sons pursued local roles in the Bideford community, but son Joseph led an adventurous life in the army, earning the military cross for bravery. Their four daughters stayed locally, Maud with her husband at Mollands garage.

Son Hobart was the entrepreneur of the family. He was a picture framer. He and his wife Ada lived above a furniture shop and had one son, Leslie. They sold furniture at a basic price and anything to go with it, e.g. prams, toys, crockery. Hobart loved prams (he even sold their own!)- pram competitions ensued. A workshop in East the Water rejuvenated second hand furniture to sell too. A field near the 'Haunted House' at Westward Ho! was purchased and the first camp site was set up using WW1 tents and beds. An old coach became their first chalet.

However, in 1954 the field was compulsorily purchased by Northam and is now owned by Natural England. Hobart and Son started building chalets which became Seafeld Holiday Park. The park was commissioned by the army in WW2. During the war Hobart was the mayor of Bideford and his son Les ran the furniture store. Here endeth Part One of Sharon's fascinating family story.

Tantalisingly enough, Sharon is composing another talk about Hobart's War- it sounds very interesting! Suffice to say that John Joseph, Sophia, Hobart and Ada all lived into their 80s.

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DOWN: 1, World. 2, Crib. 3, Entomb. 4, National. 5, Started. 6, Whispering. 9, Harvesters. 12, Imprison. 14, Centaur. 16, Unload. 19, Evils, 20, Give.

MONKLEIGH



Monkleigh Village Hall News

Hello from the village hall team.

We hope this finds you well. A note of our upcoming events in May, please also keep an eye out on the boards- the one on 'the bend' and one outside the village hall car park for more information, and check our Facebook page.

Coffee and Craft Mornings

First Tuesday of every month. 10am
Bring your own crafts, suggest and share some new ones, or just come along for a cuppa and a natter.



'Not at the Pub' Quiz.

We are taking a break over the summer. Next quiz is planned for Weds September 2nd at 7pm



Breakfast club: Friday mornings 0845-1030

Breakfasts and rolls to eat in or take away. Veggie options. Please check our Facebook page and the board at the hall for any updates/changes



A quilting class has started and is proving very popular. The next session is 23rd July with a 10am start. Drop us a line or give us a call if you would like more information.

A reminder we are always looking for new committee members, we meet once a month at a time to suit everyone over a cuppa. If you are interested do reach out to us at our Facebook page, or by email to monkleighvh@gmail.com.

We will be holding our AGM on 21st July at 1930.

The Hall and Skittle Alley are available to hire, to enquire please message our Facebook page or ring Lyn on ☎ **01237 429012**.

Stay safe and well,

Monkleigh Village Hall Committee

Monkleigh School

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Lists

I love to make a list. When I get to the shops and find that I have left it behind on the kitchen counter, I like to try and guess what I put onto it.

WEARE GIFFARD

Weare Giffard Village Hall

Coffee Morning
Every Thursday

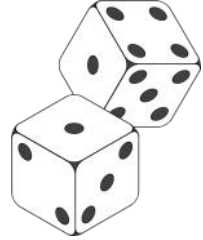
10:30 am - 12:00 pm



Weare Giffard Village Hall Lottery results

Lottery Results for June

1st prize. Glen Landolfi
2nd prize. Sharon Picard
3rd prize. Mandy & Andy Rintaul



Weare Giffard Village Hall

The Village Hall has been active and it's always lovely to see groups of people gathering for one social occasion or another; the background hum of chatter is very 'warming'. Breakfast Rolls & Afternoon Teas seem to be very popular; a similar theme clearly offers the right temptation; good food at a very good price!

We hope that the forthcoming film night with the accompanying temptation of BBQ & Bar has the same outcome!?



Then on 4th July we are hosting a '250th Anniversary of American Independence Day' themed Quiz Night with Bar and Snacks; please do come and join us, either bring along a team or join up with others on arrival.

Hopefully we will see you at one of these events or of course at breakfast rolls and/or afternoon tea.

The village hall is being used as the central 'hub' for the forthcoming fete; donations for raffles/tombolas etc can be delivered here; a couple of dates will be advertised soon to assist in the collection of these goods. Please support this event in any way you can.

Don't forget to go to www.wearegiffard.org for all village news and events.

Vanessa Saunders

chairWGVH@icloud.com

Weare Giffard Art Group

Summer Exhibition

at the Weare Giffard Village Hall

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th, July

10.00am until 4.00pm

Free Parking

Home Made Refreshments

Cash Sales Only

A poster for the Weare Giffard Summer Exhibition 2026. The top part features the text 'Weare Giffard' in a red, cursive font, followed by 'Summer Exhibition 2026' in a black, serif font. Below this is a watercolor illustration of a village scene with houses and trees. At the bottom, the text 'Art Group' is written in a red, cursive font. Below the illustration, the text 'Weare Giffard Village Hall' is written in a black, serif font, followed by 'Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th, July' and '10:00am. until 4:00pm.'. At the bottom, the text 'Free Admission', 'Free Parking', and 'Home-made refreshments available' is written in a black, serif font, followed by 'CASH SALES ONLY' in a red, bold font, and 'W3W : //stuffyjets.diets' in a black, serif font.

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Breakfast Rolls

Saturday July 4th

10 till noon

Weare Giffard Village Hall



HISTORY NEWS

BOOKS:- I have just one set available to sell of the two History Books – ‘The Story’ and ‘The Illustrated’. These are now very scarce, so if you are interested ‘seize the moment’.

GEOPHYS:- A number of you have asked about the results of a Geophys survey we had undertaken for us by a professional company, this at the end of March this year, unfortunately we are still awaiting their report, this some 10 weeks on. When we get it, you will get it.

ORAL HISTORY RECORDINGS:- All 42 of these are now in the new archive at the village hall, and are available to be listened to, at the archive, using the playback machine available. The archive has a list of individuals recorded, plus some nine recordings of the history of specific places of interest in the village, including the four History Walks.

HISTORY WALKS:- To clarify, I am not advertising further walks, but if a group, society, club or even a group of friends (minimum 6) asked for one of the walks, I would be happy to consider their request.

Further information on any of the above – Keith Hughes ☎ 01237 475168.

WeAre Friends June Meeting

A big thank you to everyone who attended our WeAre Friends meeting on Wednesday 3rd June. We were delighted to welcome such a fantastic turnout for what proved to be a fascinating and enjoyable afternoon.



Our speaker, John Puddy, gave us a wonderful insight into life on Lundy Island during the 1980s. Through his personal experiences and stories, John brought to life the unique challenges and rewards of living and working on this remarkable island. His talk was both informative and entertaining, and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Thank you also to everyone who helped with refreshments, setting up the hall and supporting the event. WeAre Friends continues to thrive thanks to the enthusiasm and support of our members and volunteers.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our next meeting on Wednesday 1st July at 2.30pm, when former RAF Squadron Leader and Air Traffic Controller Nick Clyburn will be joining us to give a fascinating behind-the-scenes look at the world of air traffic control.

Weare Giffard Fete Saturday 25 July

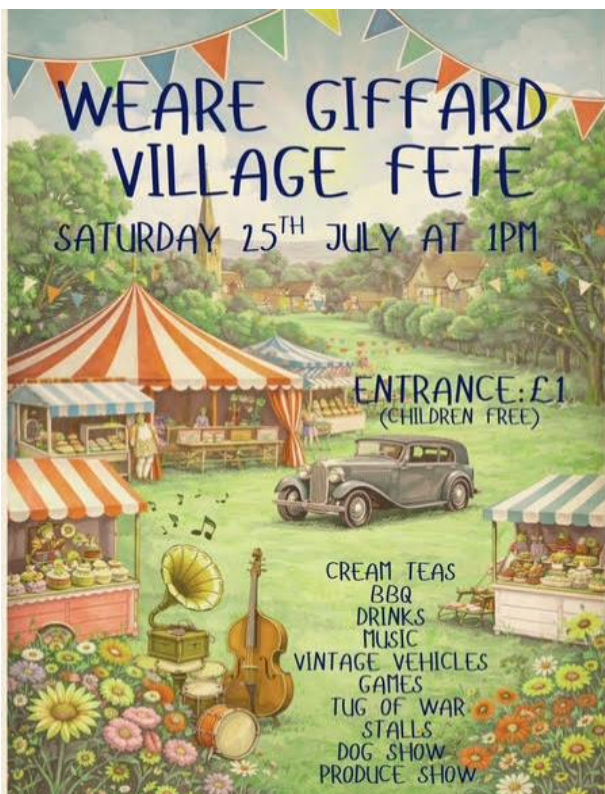
Local bands will be playing between 5 pm and 7pm .

The bar and BBQ will remain open during this time . Cash only .

Bell Ringers

Weare Giffard are happy to train new Bell ringers should anyone like to have a go .

We meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 and would be pleased to see some new faces .



Horticultural, Produce and Craft Show



In the Village Hall at Weare Giffard Village Fete

Saturday 25th July 2026



Schedules/Entry Forms are available from The Cyder Presse and WG Village Hall, also Annery Kiln and Chopes Bridge noticeboards.

Please post completed entry forms in the red post box to the right of the main door at the village hall, or the post box just inside the front door at the Cyder Presse by July 20th.

??? QUIZ ???

US American Independence Day Theme US

Saturday 4th July

7:30 PM Start



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Bucket list

I'm proud to announce that I have completed the first item on my bucket list. I have the bucket.



Weare Giffard Parish Council

CPR and Defibrillator Awareness Training

There are two defibrillators in Weare Giffard. One in the red phone kiosk at Annery Kiln and the other on the outside wall at the Tavern Gardens side of the pub. Both cabinets are unlocked and accessible 24/7.



On an annual basis South West Ambulance provide CPR and familiarisation training on how to use our defibrillators and this year's session will take place on Wednesday 8th July 2026 at 7pm in Weare Giffard Village Hall. All are welcome to attend this free training whether as first timers or as a refresher as the more of us who have an understanding of CPR and using our defibrillators the more effective we can be should the situation arise.

Numbers are limited so please contact me on 0791 3977106 or email wearegiffardpc@gmail.com to book a place.

David Branston Parish Clerk

London Marathon

Nicky and Sophie Headen have just completed the London Marathon. It was Nicky's 6th run and Sophie's 1st (and not the last I think).

Nicky has raised over £3,820 (and still rising) for the charity "Care For Kids North Devon". Well done to the both of them!

Jenny Headen



Barton Barn Bash July 11th

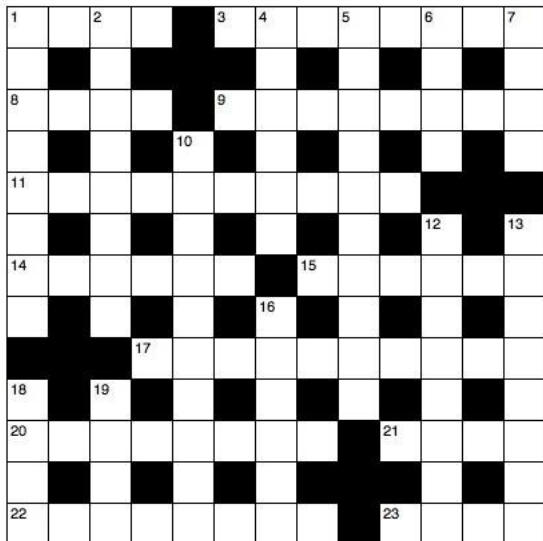
Once again we have the Barton Barn Bash at the Barton Farm, Weare Giffard.

Bands this year include **Big Al and the Wild Strawberries** and the **Wild Hearts Band**.

Tickets £15. Opens 6 pm. All proceeds to local charities.

Tickets from Sharon ☎ **0794 3033057** or Ross ☎ **0797 4988052**

Crossword Clues July 2026



Across

- 1 Proverbs describes her as being 'of noble character' (Proverbs 31:10) (4)
- 3 'Shall we go up again — — against the Benjamites, our brothers?' (Judges 20:23) (2,6)
- 8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)
- 9 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my — ' (Luke 14:27) (8)
- 11 Resentment (Ephesians 4:31)(10)
- 14 In Cain(anag.)(6)
- 15 'Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to—' (Psalm 139:6) (6)
- 17 Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5)(10)

- 20 Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church(8)
- 21 'At midnight the cry rang out, "Here's the bridegroom!Come out to — him"' (Matthew 25:6) (4)
- 22 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in — ' (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)
- 23 'As the — pants for streams of water,so my soul pants for you, O God' (Psalm 42:1) (4)

Down

- 1 Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A. Studdert Kennedy, — Willie (8)
- 2 Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)
- 4 'We three kings of — are' (6)
- 5 Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)
- 6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)
- 7 'Open your — and look at the fields!' (John 4:35) (4)
- 10 Also known as the Feast of Lights (John10:22)(10)
- 12 Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)
- 13 Forebear(James2:21)(8)
- 16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha(6)
- 18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis25:34)(4)
- 19 Rear(anag.)(4)

Answers in the August Crosslet

Our pastoral visiting team 2026



If you would like a visit from one of our friendly team members or know someone who does then please call Sarah Cordingley

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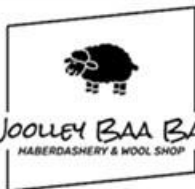
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Date	Monkleigh	Littleham	Weare Giffard	Landcross
Thursday 2nd July				Taizé Service 7pm
Sunday 5th July <i>Trinity 5</i>		11am Morning Praise Gen 24:34-38, 42-49,58-end Romans 7:15-25 Matt 11:16-19, 25-end	9:30am Holy Communion Gen 24:34-38, 42-49,58-end Romans 7:15-25 Matt 11:16-19, 25-end	
Sunday 12th July <i>Trinity 6</i>		10.30am Methodist Chapel <i>Ley</i>		11am Celtic Communion Gen 25:19-end Romans 8:1-11 Matt 13:1-9,18-23
	6 pm Evening Service for St Swithun's Day - Littleham Church			
Sunday 19th July <i>Trinity 7</i>		11am Holy Communion Gen 28:10-19 Romans 8:12-25 Matt 13:24-30, 36-43	9:30am Morning Praise Gen 28:10-19 Romans 8:12-25 Matt 13:24-30, 36-43	
Sunday 26th July <i>Trinity 8</i>		10.30am Methodist Chapel Holy Communion <i>Booth</i>		11am Holy Communion Gen 29:15-28 Romans 8:26-end Matt 13:31-33, 44-52

**Need to talk? It doesn't matter if you attend church or not,
we are here for you.**

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