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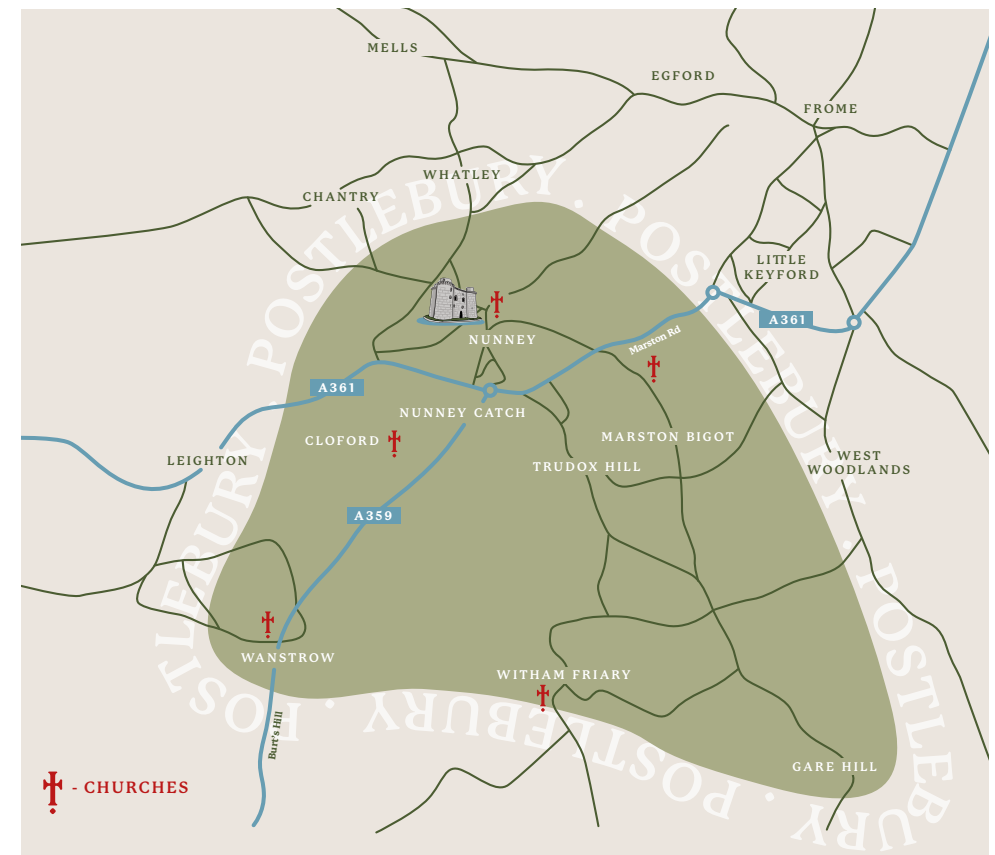
POSTLEBURY ANNUAL GUIDE



Welcome to the Postlebury Annual Guide 2023, a publication for the whole of Postlebury produced by the Parish of Postlebury. This guide is being distributed free to all the homes and businesses in the area and aims to include information which will be useful for residents and visitors alike. The funding has come from the advertisers so please do tell them if you saw their advertisement here.

We hope to publish next year's edition at Easter 2024. If there is anything you think would be useful to add, please do let us know by the end of February 2024 at postleburynews@gmail.com.

Jennifer Brook | Editor
www.postleburychurches.org



NUNNEY STREET FAYRE 2023

29TH JULY 2023

This year sees the return of the famous Nunney Street Fayre after a three year gap. The Street Fayre is run by the Nunney Community Association to raise money for village activities during the year ahead. More than 5,000 people usually turn up for this fun day out.

The roads through the centre of the village are closed all day on the 29th July. There will be car parking in three fields on the routes into the village. The cost is £5 a vehicle which is split between the local organisation running the car park and NCA. There is no charge to come to the Street Fayre.



LIVE MUSIC WILL PLAY FROM
NUNNEY CASTLE WITH LOCAL
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Live music will play from Nunney Castle with local bands playing on the island including a drumming session, and room for the listeners on the bank opposite. There will be entertainment for all in the Market Square and next to the Village Hall.

There will be a wide variety of take away food and drink on offer from stalls, the George Inn and, as always, teas and refreshments on sale in Nunney Church. There will also be bric-a-brac and vintage

items on sale in the church and you can view the eight bells on the ground waiting to be re-hung. You can climb the church tower (if you are fit enough to do so) and view the amazing panorama of Nunney Village. Stalls will line the streets and there will be crafts in the Village Hall.

The Nunney Community Association relies on help from loads of volunteers setting up, helping on the day (with car parks, traffic control, managing

rubbish etc) and clearing up afterwards. If you can offer a couple of hours of your time to volunteer, please email nunneymayrenca@gmail.com

There are still a few opportunities to book a space to sell things. A pitch for non-catering sales costs £60-£70. If you are interested email nunneymayrenca@gmail.com

POSTLEBURY CHURCHES



You are welcome at all the Postlebury Churches. Our five ancient and beautiful churches to the south-west of Frome in Somerset make up the united Parish of Postlebury. The parish covers the villages and hamlets of – Nunney, Wanstrow, Witham Friary, Cloford, Ridgeway, Holwell, Trudoxhill, Gare Hill and Marston – with Postlebury Wood at the centre. Our churches share regular services and communications - including this Annual Guide to Postlebury, a monthly Postlebury Churches newsletter and a website www.postleburychurches.org. We also work together to hold joint social and fundraising events.

Our Sunday services rotate around the parish in a regular pattern. Each village church also hosts services for many of the key festivals such as Christmas, Easter, Mothering Sunday, Harvest and Remembrance Sunday. More information about services can be found on our e-newsletter, on church noticeboards and on our website www.postleburychurches.org

On the second Sunday of each month there is an informal evening service of praise, prayer and words, called Soul Food. The service alternates between Nunney Church and Stoke St Michael Church. See the calendar on the website for timings and location. Once a month there is an evening service of Compline in Wanstrow Church.

We share our vicar, the Reverend Anthony Dickson, with the nearby parishes of Leigh-upon-Mendip with Downhead and Stoke St Michael. The parish office is located in the Rectory in Nunney.

LIFE GROUPS

Life groups meet in homes in the parish on a regular basis to dig deeper into the bible and understand its relevance to 21st century life, to pray for and encourage each other in the ups and downs of life. There are a number of locations and an online (Zoom) option. Gatherings usually involve coffee, cake and plenty of laughter. If you are interested, contact Caroline & Henry Pomeroy at nunneychurchwardens@gmail.com.



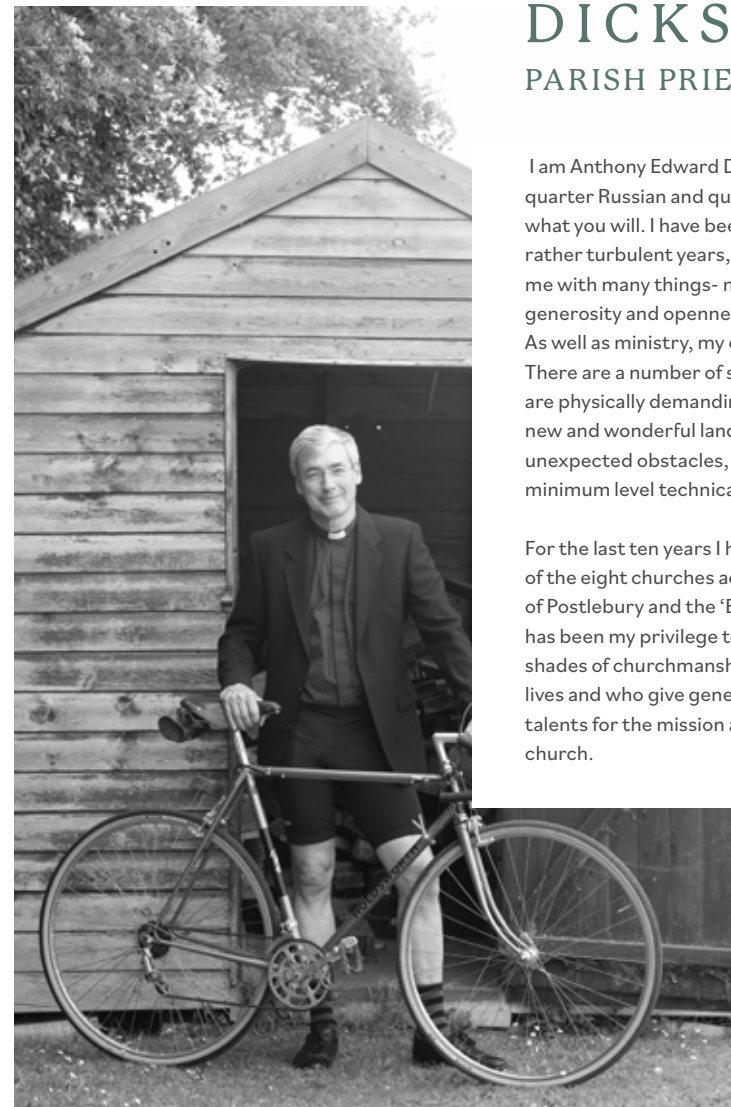
A stay-and-play session for carers and under fives run by volunteers, led by Felicity Evans. The sessions include a craft activity based on a bible theme, circle time and singing. There is an underlying Christian ethos but all are welcome. Delicious refreshments are provided, friendship and loads of toys. There is a voluntary donation of £3 per family for each session, payable on the day. Every Wednesday morning from 9.30-11 am in Nunney Village Hall, during school termtime. Attendees come from across the parish and beyond. For more information, contact Felicity at allsaintslittlesaplings@gmail.com or see the Little Saplings Facebook Page.



THE REVEREND ANTHONY DICKSON ~ PARISH PRIEST

I am Anthony Edward Dickson- half Belgian, quarter Russian and quarter Scottish: make of that what you will. I have been ordained for thirty-three rather turbulent years, in which God has surprised me with many things- not least, the unexpected generosity and openness of complete strangers. As well as ministry, my other passion is cycling. There are a number of similarities: both disciplines are physically demanding, bring you through ever new and wonderful landscapes, expose you to unexpected obstacles, and require planning and a minimum level technical know-how.

For the last ten years I have been priest-in charge of the eight churches across the United Benefice of Postlebury and the 'East Mendip Hills'. Here it has been my privilege to serve among people of all shades of churchmanship who live quiet, faithful lives and who give generously of their time and talents for the mission and ministry of their local church.



LIFE EVENTS

Life events are celebrated by the Church of England through 'Rites of Passage' - ceremonies including christenings, weddings and funerals, that mark important turning points in your life. At the happiest - and saddest - times in our lives, the Postlebury Churches are here for you.



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BAPTISM

The baptism service marks the beginning of your journey of faith. You are welcomed into the community of God's people who will help you understand and share with you what it means to be loved by God. As with most things in life, being baptised won't make a lot of difference if there is no further input. The infant Christian will grow as a Christian only if there is support, example and teaching, primarily from parents and godparents, and also by the wider family of the Church throughout the child's adolescence and into maturity. Similarly adults who have been baptised will want to grow in their faith by getting involved in the worship and life of the church.

When a person feels ready to take on responsibility for their own growth in faith they may choose to be confirmed. If the candidate is a teenager or adult, baptism and confirmation by the Bishop usually take place in the same service.

To be baptised in any of the Postlebury Churches you either need to live in the Parish of Postlebury or have a connection to any of the churches. For more information about what baptism (also known as christening) involves see:

www.churchofengland.org/life-events/christenings

or contact: nunney.rectory@gmail.com

When possible, we hold baptisms during normal Sunday morning services. There are no fees, but donations to support the work of the church are very welcome.

WEDDINGS

A wedding marks the beginning of married life and is centred on a solemn, public and life-long covenant between a man and a woman, declared and celebrated in the presence of God and before witnesses. Those present are invited to express their support and offer their prayers for the couple. That support does not end with the wedding: the couple will value continued encouragement in the days and years that lie ahead of them. For Christians, marriage is also an invitation to share life together in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

In legal terms, to get married you must be 18 years of age or over, or 16 with your parents' permission. There are a number of formal, legal steps you need to go through and you need ideally to start that process at least 3 months ahead of the date. For more information see www.yourchurchwedding.org.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

At the beginning of each year the parish runs a Marriage Preparation Course for couples being married in the coming year in our village churches. This popular course is a great way of helping couples to think through issues that affect all our marriages, and is helpful whether you have just got engaged, have been married before, or are already living together. The course is divided into five themes - communication, conflict, commitment, connection, and adventure. It is based around a series of videos with questions for you to talk through with your partner. You won't be asked to share anything with the group, or tell anyone your secrets. It's an excellent preparation for married life and getting to know other couples also preparing for marriage. For details, contact Caroline or Henry at hcpompomero@gmail.com

You can be married in any of the Postlebury Churches if you live in the parish or one of you has a 'qualifying connection'. For more information see www.churchofengland.org/life-events/weddings. There is a centrally fixed fee for the marriage itself but you may also wish to factor in flowers, organ playing, bell ringing and Orders of Service. However, getting married in one of our churches need not cost any more than any other legally approved venue. The church can also bless a marriage which has taken place elsewhere, and hold special services to renew wedding vows. For more information contact: nunney.rectory@gmail.com 01373 837337.

Sadly, some marriages end in divorce. In certain cases, it is possible to marry again in church provided certain criteria are met, the church is satisfied that past hurts or grievances have been resolved, and the new partnership in marriage promises to be a fruitful one. Contact the Revd. Dickson if you wish to explore this.



LOCAL SUPPLIERS FOR EVENTS

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Mrs B's Caring Catering www.mrsbscaringcatering.co.uk, 01373 452593
Davies and Davies Crockery Hire 01373 836177

FUNERALS

The death of a family member or close friend is always emotional and sometimes very stressful, and the church is here to help you through this difficult time.

On the death of a family member, the next of kin, (normally a spouse or a child) should contact a local funeral director first to arrange an appointment to discuss the practicalities of the funeral, cremation or burial. If the deceased had a Funeral Plan many of the arrangements may already have been made: for example, whether it should be a cremation or a burial; what the hymns and music there should be; who will give the address or any tributes etc.

When availability has been assessed by the funeral director, they will contact the vicar who will then be in touch with the family to help you plan and prepare for services in the church and/or crematorium.

Sometime after the funeral, relatives may wish to have a stone memorial placed over the site of the burial. If this is in a churchyard, the vicar will

receive an application form with a description of the memorial from the stonemason. It should be noted that churchyard regulations are often more stringent than those of civil cemeteries because all of our churches are listed and so are their churchyards.

The scattering of ashes in churchyards is not permitted. Relatives may wish to hold a memorial service for the deceased, say on the anniversary of the death, but in any case, many churches remember by name those who have died in the previous year at special services on or around All Souls Day, 2nd November.

The Church of England has standard fees for funerals, burials and interment of ashes. For more information about Church of England funerals see – www.churchofengland.org/life-events/funerals and contact nunney.rectory@gmail.com

AND AFTER THE FUNERAL:

All the village halls and some of the pubs are happy to host gatherings after funeral and memorial services. See the village pages for contact details. You are always welcome to come into our churches to remember loved ones.



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PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP

THERE ARE MANY ORGANISATIONS LOCALLY WHERE YOU CAN GET HELP AND ADVICE IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM.

SOMERSET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Village agents offer free, confidential advice and practical support for individuals and community groups. For more information on what they can do to help see: www.somersetagents.org or contact them on telephone **01823 331 222** or email info@somersetccc.org.uk



CITIZENS ADVICE

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General advice: **0808 2787 842**
Help to deal with debts: **0800 240 4420**
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WHY (WE HEAR YOU) CANCER COUNSELLING CHARITY

We Hear You provide free emotional support for patients, families, friends and carers who have been affected or bereaved by cancer or any other life threatening condition, across Somerset, Bath and North East Somerset and Wiltshire. For more

information about how to get support from WHY or how you can help the charity, see wehearyou.org.uk



HEALTH CONNECTIONS MENDIP

Free health and wellbeing support to patients of any of the Mendip GP practices, including Frome Medical Practice. There is a Health Connections team based within Frome Medical Practice. Health Connectors can connect people to free and low-cost local services, such as exercise classes and support groups. They also offer one-to-one appointments where you can tell them your health story and they can support you in managing a long-term health condition or assist you in setting health-related goals to meet your needs. Patients can self-refer to the service by telephoning **01373 468368** and there is a lot more information on the health connections Mendip website: healthconnectionsmandip.org



SOMERSET COUNCIL

Our new middle tier of government is responsible for planning, rubbish collection, housing, refugee support, business support, schools and childcare, environmental service, care of the elderly and registration of births, deaths and marriages in our area. For more information see www.somerset.gov.uk



WITHAM FRIARY †

Witham Friary is a village of some 100 houses and several farms. Hugh of Avalon was tasked by Henry II in 1179 to establish the first Carthusian monastery in England, part of the king's penance for the murder of Thomas Becket. The monastery buildings did not survive Henry VIII's dissolution of the monasteries and the church, which was the lay brothers' chapel, and the Dovecote, (now an architect's studio) are the only remaining buildings and are listed in B.L.Harris' 'Guide to Churches and Cathedrals'. The church is listed Grade I and mentioned in Betjeman's 'Guide to English Parish Churches'. Three fish ponds, reputed to provide for the monks' non-meat diet, can be found a mile outside the village on the site of the mediaeval monastery.

The church has a very rare stone ribbed vaulted roof and a semi-circular east end, typical of Carthusian severe, contemplative design. The south windows by Sir Ninian Comper tell the story of how St Hugh came to Witham and went on to be Bishop of Lincoln where he was responsible for the rebuilding it after a collapse. The east windows are headed by the Carthusian order's vows: Silence, Prayer, Solitude. The organ is a very fine example by William Sweetland of Bath, fully restored in 2018. The main churchyard areas are tended by local people and the church is working on its eco credentials with areas of wilding in the churchyard, bug hotels and bird boxes.



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THE HALL HAS BEEN ENLARGED AND RECENTLY MODERNISED SINCE IT CEASED BEING THE VILLAGE SCHOOL 55 YEARS AGO

The church is now the only remaining Carthusian place of worship in the UK open to the public and is a place of pilgrimage with strong links to Lincoln Cathedral through St Hugh. Church services are held on the second Sunday of the month with a special celebration every November for the Feast of St Hugh. Baptisms, weddings and funerals take place and there are a number of additional 'informal' services and occasional concerts.

The village hall adjacent the church is in frequent use for community events and accommodates a sub-post office on Wednesday mornings. The hall has been enlarged and recently modernised since it ceased being the village school 55 years ago and now hosts the Witham History Society meetings, Parish Council and WI meetings including annual celebrations such as at Christmas, Easter and Harvest festivals, thanks to the very active community spirit in the village across all age groups.

Across the road from the church is the children's playground, the village car park and the village recreation ground generously donated by the Foster Yeoman group over 20 years ago. It now has a full-size football pitch shared with a cricket ground in the summer - the only cricket field in Postlebury. Youth football teams visit from Frome and district and the Witham Cricket Club has regular matches throughout the summer, social events and coaching. A perimeter path incorporates a BMX cycle track in one corner.



The Seymour Arms, the village pub, is well known for its unspoilt features inside and out and atmosphere - meriting richly its entry in the CAMRA Good Pub Guide. Run by the same family for over 60 years, the pub hosts the St George's Day Morris dancers and occasional folk nights. An annual tradition on Rogation Sunday is the 17-mile circular walk round Witham, "Beating the Bounds", with a dawn start and finishing at the Seymour Arms by lunchtime! The pub with its garden (under which flows the infant river Frome) is a very popular destination. The very active "Conker Committee" meet there regularly to organise village events such as the annual 'Witham Friary World Conker Championships', Easter Duck Race, Bonfire Night, litter picking days, village tidying and many other community activities.

Other clubs and societies in the village are The History Society, Sustainable Witham and the WI. Contact details and other village information can be found on the village websites www.withamfriary.org.uk and www.withamfriary-pc.org.uk and you can sign up on the village website for the email monthly village newsletter.

The History Society have produced a record of the village's oral history and published a transcript with

photographs entitled 'Village Voices' in 2015. An excellent guide, 'Witham Friary Church and Village' by Michael McGarvie is also available. The book can be purchased in the pub or from the History Society.

VILLAGE FACILITIES

Village Hall

Available for private hire.

Bookings: Flora Griffin

Email: withamfriaryvillhall@gmail.com

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CLUBS

Cricket Club

A full programme of matches for summer 2023 can be found on the Facebook page www.facebook.com/Witham.cc or on the web at www.witham.cc. The club offers kids' coaching for 5-8 year olds and 8-11 year olds on Sundays from May for about 8 weeks provided the parents have registered with the ECB via the All Stars or Dynamos hubs (<https://ecb.clubspark.uk>). They are also starting an U13's side with training and hopefully matches on Tuesday evenings. There are also junior side matches and social events. The club is fundraising currently for a new net and artificial wicket for practices and matches. Email: captain@witham.cc

Badminton Club

Every Monday from 7pm (with children until 8pm, then adults only) in the Village Hall. Email willshep82@gmail.com for more information.

History Society

Organises regular talks at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall and occasional trips. The programme for September 2023-February 2024 will be out shortly. For more information. Email withamhistory@gmail.com.

Conker Committee

See facebook.com/ConkerCommittee/

Witham Womens Institute (WI)

Meets on the first Thursday of each month at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall, normally. It organises talks and outings, including joint events with other neighbouring WIs. New members from across Postlebury are welcome. Contact Ann Stradling on **01373 836270**.

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ALL SAINTS
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All Saints Church lies at the heart of the busy, picturesque village of Nunney, overlooking Nunney Castle. The church has been the focus of Christian worship for over 800 years. Its tranquil interior is brightly lit by four dormer windows in the barrel-vaulted ceiling – restored by the Friends of Nunney Church in 2017.

The church hosts a variety of formal and informal worship services, weddings and funerals, concerts, plays and exhibitions throughout the year. There is a regular service every Friday morning at 10am and on the fourth Sunday of every month at 9.30am. There are other services on special days and weddings, baptisms and funerals.

The form of services varies between a formal Holy Communion and less formal Morning Worship. With its proximity to Nunney Castle it is popular with tourists as well as residents, and is open every day. All are welcome to sit quietly, pray and soak up the atmosphere. On summer Sunday afternoons, teas are available and there is a popular second-hand book stall.

Members of the church and community are involved in all aspects of the life of the church including leading music, prayers and children's groups during services, serving teas, cleaning and decorating the church with flowers and caring for the churchyard.

Nunney Church has signed up to the Eco-Church scheme. Lesser horseshoe bats were rehoused in a purpose-built bat sanctuary above the vestry in 2016 and a team has been working to re-wild sections of the churchyard. Church members lead regular “Open the Book” assemblies at Nunney First School bringing bible stories to life and it is hoped to re-start “Messy Church” after school in the next term. The Little Saplings Carers and Tots group set up by church members now takes place every Wednesday morning in term time in the Village Hall. A ‘Life Group’ meets fortnightly on Monday evenings in a home in the village to study the Bible and encourage each other in their journey of faith.

The churchyard is a calm spot to sit and enjoy the wildlife and views of the castle and countryside.

THE CHURCHYARD IS CLOSED FOR BURIALS, BUT INTERMENT OF ASHES IS PERMITTED IF THERE IS A VILLAGE CONNECTION.

We are currently raising funds to install an accessible toilet in the church so that we can welcome even more visitors to events in the church. We offer secondhand books (in exchange for a donation) in the church and sell teas on Monday Bank Holidays from Easter-September.

This Spring, two extra bells are being added in the tower of the church to complete the ring of eight. The cost has been raised by the Postlebury bellringers to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ending of the First World War. They will be available to view on Nunney Street Fayre day (29th July) and will be hung, dedicated and rung by the Autumn.



HISTORY OF NUNNEY CHURCH

It is possible that the church has its origins in the Saxon period, but nothing from that age survives, save a fragment from a Saxon preaching cross dug up in 1901 and stolen from the church in 2002. The church retains a font from the Norman period and was rebuilt by the De Montfort family in the 13th century. The style of the chancel windows, and also those of the aisles reflect this period. The stained glass is Victorian. The De la Mare family extended the church in the 14th century: the aisles were said to have been added – or possibly reconstructed – around 1375-1380. The arcades and tower arch may be of this period.

The church received considerable attention in the 19th century, beginning with the extension of the aisles themselves in 1820 at the West end and the relocation of the major effigies into the St Katherine Chapel to improve the seating capacity of the nave. The sacristy was added in 1853. The wood screen is an early 15th century example which has been moved and mended several times in its life. The cornice with its angels, vine leaves and crests is particularly fine.

The tower was erected in the early 1500s and is of characteristic Somerset type. The spirelet tops a semi-octagonal staircase and there is a richly decorated and moulded

parapet on top, gargoyles on the sides and a gilded cock weathervane installed in 1774. The panel below the clock face represents the badge of the Paulet family, Lords of the Manor in the 15th and 16th centuries. The clock has an early 18th century blacksmith forged frame and a wrought iron birdcage movement.

The wall painting of St George on the north clerestory wall, with symbols possibly related to Richard II, suggesting a date in the last quarter of the 14th century. This was uncovered when Benefactor boards (now in the meeting room) were taken down in 1895.

The effigies in the north transept (St Katherine Chapel) consist of a figure of a recumbent knight – possibly a member of the De la Mare family, of 14th century date. In front, two fine monuments; one featuring a recumbent knight and his lady – probably Sir John Paulet (died 1437) and his wife Constance set on a tomb chest; the second a recumbent couple of the Elizabethan period, probably Richard Prater who bought Nunney Castle in 1577, also set on a tomb chest.

The coat of arms over the door to the South Porch is that of King Charles II and commemorates the restoration of the monarchy in 1660.

NUNNEY VILLAGE

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EASTER DUCK RACE



EASTER BONNET COMPETITION

The village and its satellites form a thriving community. At the heart of it is Nunney Castle and All Saints Church, joined by a bridge over Nunney Brook. There are great walks around the village and alongside the brook. Many events are organised by different village organisations throughout the year.

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Nunney Community Association runs events to bring the community together and raise funds to support other village organisations. Their major events during the year include the Easter Duck race and the Nunney Street Fair (see pages 2 & 3). They also organise quiz nights, a scarecrow competition, the Coronation picnic, the market square and school Christmas trees and many more activities. For more information or to volunteer, contact nunneycommunityassociation@gmail.com

Nunney Village Hall had most of its roof replaced this year. There is a large hall (with stage) and meeting room, bar, commercial kitchen, WCs and coat lobby. They also organise social events to help fund it including petanque evenings in summer and film nights (second Friday of the month except in summer holidays). A range of classes are held throughout the week. There is a Post Office on Thursday mornings. The Little Saplings Carers and Tots Group meets on Wednesday mornings. Both halls are available for rent. The committee would welcome more volunteers to come on the committee: tonyblyth45@gmail.com

Nunney Flower Show Committee puts on a variety of events including a spring Seed Swap, Open Gardens (May 28th), the annual Flower Show and Fete (2nd September), and "Nunney Makes Christmas" – a craft and gift Fair in the Village Hall (25th November) and Christmas Wreath Workshops (3rd December). The Flower Show committee also organise a variety of workshops and garden visits throughout the year, and details of these are posted on their Facebook page. [f NunneyFlowerShow](https://www.facebook.com/NunneyFlowerShow)

Nunney Players have a proud history of putting on shows ranging from the serious to pantomime. The last production was "The Titfield Thunderbolt" and the pantomime this year will be "Alice in Wonderland". Loads of volunteers are needed for costumes, back stage, front of house etc. [f Nunney Players](https://www.facebook.com/NunneyPlayers)

Nunney Pre-school is under the umbrella of the Little Discoveries childcare group, is OFSTED registered and caters for children aged 2 to reception. It operates in the Sharon Dobson building next to the First School in Catch Lane, Nunney. There are fees but government funding for children 2+ is accepted. It is run by qualified staff from 8.45 am to 2.45 pm in termtime only.

01373 836353 | nunney@sslcic.co.uk
littlediscoverieschildcare.co.uk/nunney

Nunney First School has three classes for ages 4-9 this September and is very popular. It is situated on Catch Road and has a good area of grass and playground. There are a number of activities after school run by volunteers, including Mucky Pups (gardening activity) and Messy Church. Volunteers are always welcomed (with appropriate checks) to help in the school grounds or with reading practice, for example. office@nunneyfirstschool.co.uk | 01373 836429.





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CLOFORD & ITS CHURCH

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The Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Cloford is Grade 2* listed and is in a glorious setting in the very heart of the village hamlet of Cloford, between Nunney and Wanstrow. It has been on the same site since the 11th century.

The tower was added in the 15th century. The Nave was re-roofed and the Chancel re-built and enlarged in 1856. In 1867 a stone-laying ceremony was held for the organ chamber and vestry, which was dedicated in 1869 by the Reverend J.H. Horner, Rector of Mells and Patron of Cloford. There are no

side aisles, but the church has great spatial unity and has one side chapel on the north side – the Horner chapel, in which is a 1676 monument to Sir George Horner (the rebuilder of Cloford Manor).

This significant local family has a history over many centuries as benefactors of the church, despite making their main residence Mells Park after building it in the 1720s. Indeed, Cloford remained within the 4,300 acre Mells Estate right up until it was sold and broken up in 1923.



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The graveyard has magnificent views over agricultural country (as well as to the Manor), has several notable historic monuments and ancient, clipped yews which line the path from gate to church porch.

During 2022, thanks to the generosity of many individuals, and grant-giving bodies, the splendid Horner monument (see picture below) was restored to its full glory.

Following that, the church at Whatley handed over its pipe organ which has now been installed in Cloford Church and is being restored.

Cloford Church has a service at 11am on the 4th Sunday of each month, alternating between Communion and Matins (the latter from the Book of Common Prayer). Dates are posted on the notice board by the gate and on www.postleburychurches.org. A particular highlight is the candlelit carol service each year. The

church also welcomes weddings and baptisms from qualifying couples and funerals are also held there.

The church is normally closed for security reasons. However, Richard Mawer 07967 651240 and Wendy Maxwell 07512 681111 are always available and keen to open it for visitors and those seeking solace, private prayer, or just wanting to see the lovely interior.

More information about the history of this church can be found at www.postleburychurches.org



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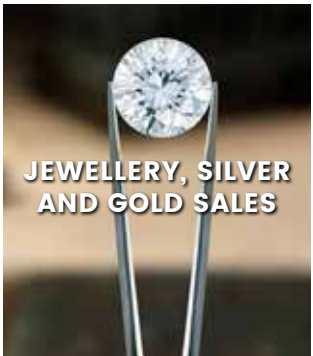
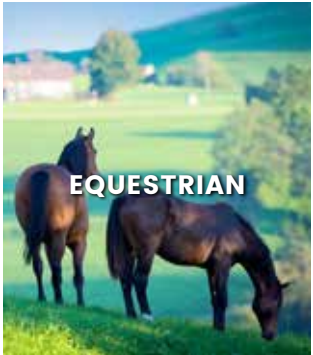
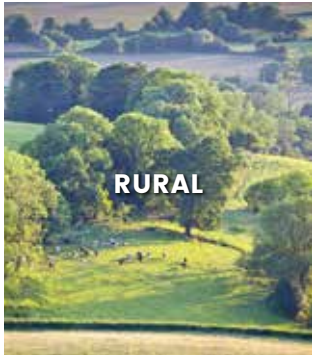
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The church stands at the head of the ancient village street, Church Street, near the Manor House at BA4 4SU. It is not in the centre of the village, although it is central to the Parish of Wanstrow.

The church hosts a variety of formal and informal worship services, baptisms, weddings and funerals, throughout the year. Sunday services usually take place on the first Sunday of each month at 9.30am. There are additional services on major feast days such as Christmas, Easter, Ash Wednesday and All Souls' Day.

It is known for the welcome provided at services of all kinds and at the community events. Teas are available in the church from Easter to September on the 4th Saturday of each month and during Spring 2023, the church has held an informal Chat Cafe on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, providing a warm space, a hot drink (and toasted teacake) and a Wanstrow welcome.

Should you wish to enter the church for private prayer, or to discuss music for weddings and funerals then the Churchwarden, Malcolm Parr <wanstrowchurch@gmail.com> is happy to open the church. St Mary's offers a peaceful and reflective atmosphere. On the second Thursday of each month at 6.00pm the church is open for a short service of Compline (Night Prayer) following a time of meditation.



Members of the church and community are involved in all aspects of the life of the church including leading music and prayer in addition to organising fund-raising events such as a very popular village band concert last November when “The Somerset Russets” raised £575 towards the Frome cancer charity We Hear You. In total, over £1600 was raised for other charities.

Wanstrow church has signed up to the Eco-Church scheme and is working to be more active in caring for the environment, planning to celebrate “Climate Sunday” on 4th June during the morning service with the planting of two trees and keeping an eye on the wild-flower seeds sown in Spring. The churchyard is a calm haven in which to sit and enjoy the wildlife and views of fields which surround much of the church.



HISTORY

The first official record of a church is in 1189 when Roger, the Chaplain of Wandestrew, witnessed a land grant. In 1404 the priest John Wryngton, asked in his will to be buried before the altar of St. Katherine in the north transept, and bequeathed to the church a gold and blue cloth for a vestment and a surplice. The church was probably rebuilt in the 13th century and there have been many alterations since then.

The present floor plan is much as it would have been in medieval times. In 1810, the low, square tower with a pitched roof was taken down, rebuilt and raised. Drastic action was needed in 1874 when a builder called in to do a much-needed repair of the church, fell through the chancel roof. The Rector noted that “a feeling of insecurity is widely prevalent among Parishioners which is likely to affect seriously their attendance at Divine Worship”. When funds were finally raised, the church was restored and made safe. A gallery on the west wall was dismantled, the harmonium and font moved, and the west wall rebuilt. A new vestry was added, and new windows put in. In the nave, box pews and floor tiles were replaced and a wooden barrel roof installed.

A church clock, now sadly in need of some serious repair, was placed in the tower in memory of Elizabeth Clarke, the Lady of the Manor House, in 1908. The old “mass dial” near the south door: a sundial with the times for Mass scratched round a circle, can now be found in the east wall. It is, however, facing away from the sun and upside down.

The pipe organ is a one-manual historic instrument with attractively decorated metal pipework built in the 1870s by Henry Bevington of London. Our organ has a “sister” in the parish church at Tellisford, outside Rode in Somerset but that organ has a fuller set of pedals.

WANSTROW VILLAGE

Wanstrow is a rural farming community mid-way between Frome and Bruton and has the smartest village hall in Postlebury, having been rebuilt a few years ago with Lottery funding.

Much goes on at the Village Hall: regular events include Pilates classes, Yarn Time (a textile crafting group for adults), an Activity Lunch once a month for the over 50s, the Wanstrow Hub and the mobile Post Office. See the Village Hall website for up-to-date information.

The Wanstrow Hub, at Wanstrow Village Hall, will operate on alternate Thursdays from 10 am-1 pm. If you would like any more information on the Wanstrow Hub, check on the Village Hall website.

One-off events organised by or in the Village Hall also form a good way of meeting people – Wanstrow Open Gardens in June, the Harvest Show in September, the Christmas Fair in

November, the Christmas Lectures in December and the New Year’s Eve party. Other events include the occasional breakfast or lunch, an over-60s Tea Party, Bingo evenings and other social occasions.

The skittles alley (traditional nine pin) in the King William IV pub has two games a night (6 players per team) playing from Monday to Friday starting at 8pm and it is another way to meet the locals. Most teams are in need of new players (men or women), no experience is required, and you will quickly meet a new bunch of people at each game.

Or just take a dog for a walk – other dog-walkers will quickly make you welcome.

There is lots of up-to-date news of what is happening on the Wanstrow Green Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/176398289041639/>





VILLAGE FACILITIES

Village Hall

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enquiries@wanstrowvillagehall.co.uk

Post Office - in Village Hall on Thursday 1-3 pm.

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Mobile Library - it is hoped that the mobile library will be starting to visit Wanstrow later this year.

Allotments - 11 plots (half plots are available also), a community shed, bench and a composting toilet, managed by Wanstrow Allotment Group. For more information, contact Tess Ridge 01749 850470 or email bob.sargent@wanstrowparishcouncil.gov.uk

King William IV pub - with a thriving skittles competition. <https://www.facebook.com/pubatwanstrow/> | 01749 850455

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Somerset County Council also provide footpath maps on line at <https://roam.somerset.gov.uk/roam/map> and there are printed routes available in tourist information offices. There is also guidance about rights of way and safety. Keep dogs on a lead near farm animals and shut gates behind you.

Postlebury lies on or near three long-distance footpaths: the Macmillan Way, a 290 mile trail from Boston in Lincolnshire to Abbotsbury in Dorset and is close to the Colliers Way (Radstock to Frome section – see www.colliersway.co.uk) and The East Mendip Way, three well-marked long-distance footpaths.

Lighthouse, then you can either return the same way or cross fields to Lower Marston. Turn right onto the lane, right at the crossroads and walk back to the church where teas are served on Summer Sundays.

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on the Colliers Way – a tarmac path next to a former railway track. It is used by cyclists and horseriders also. Good for pushchairs and avoiding mud. Park under the railway bridge (GR752498 on the Buckland Dinham road from Great Elm and leave a car at Kilmersdon GR695525) if you do not want to walk both ways.

GARE HILL

park in one of the laybys on the road between Gare Hill and Kilminster (GR 772389) and walk along the footpaths through the woods on the West side of the road, with stunning views over Witham Vale.

VALLIS TO MELLS

along the river and back. Start at the car park at GR 757485 off the back road between Great Elm and Frome. Walk alongside the Mells River, through Bedlam, and back or carry on to Mells past the Fussells ironworks (under restoration).

FARLEIGH HUNGERFORD CASTLE TO IFORD MANOR

Park in Farleigh Hungerford on the A366 and walk alongside the River Frome on the Macmillan Way to the beautiful estate of Iford Manor. The gardens at Iford Manor are iconic. There is also a good café in the walled garden, accessible also from the car park for Iford Manor. Farleigh Hungerford Castle (BA2 7RS) is in the care of English Heritage. An alternative walk takes you from Freshford Station via Friary Wood to Iford manor.

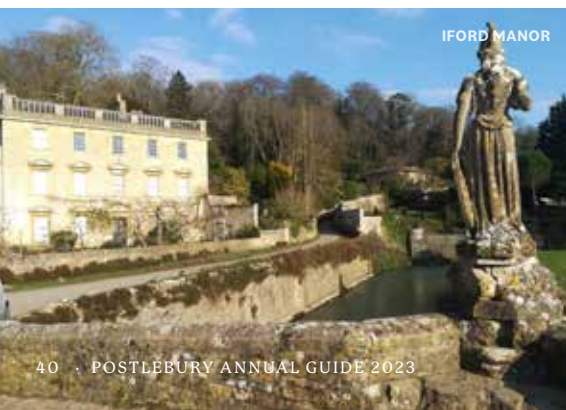




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CLOFORD MANOR

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near Wanstrow GR 706417. Park in Church Lane and walk 400m along the lane past the church until you come to a right hand bend with a footpath straight ahead. This leads you across a field and the railway (cross with care) into this beautiful wood with well marked paths. A circular walk is about 1 mile around the wood, returning the way you came.

CLOFORD VILLAGE

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St Leonard's Church is in one of the finest settings in our parish, looking over wide fields and woods. It stands on the edge of the lawns of Marston House, a Grade II listed building with a magnificent sweeping façade. St Leonard's is the parish church for the civil parish of Trudoxhill which includes Marston Bigot, and Gare Hill, now part of the wider parish of Postlebury.

Despite its somewhat isolated position, the church has an enthusiastic community of worshippers and friends. On the third Sunday of the month at 9.30 am, there are alternating Holy Communion and Mattins (BCP) services as well as seasonal services at Easter, Harvest and Christmas. Even the minstrel's gallery is filled for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols just before Christmas.

Any couple with a qualifying connection to the Parish of Postlebury can be married in this beautiful church- contact nunney.rectory@gmail.com for more information. The church also hosts regular music events (see www.marstonmusic.co.uk) and is open for teas on Sunday afternoons in July and August.

In recent years a number of significant improvements have been made including a fully-accessible lavatory, a kitchenette, an efficient heating system, the restoration of the stained glass windows, the rebuilding of large parts of the graveyard wall and an extended car park with the best view in the parish.

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

The histories of both church and house have been closely connected through many generations and changes of ownership. The present building was constructed in 1786, replacing a 12th century church which had fallen into disrepair. The tower was added in 1809 by the owner of Marston House, the 8th Earl of Cork & Orrery, and when his youngest son became the rector, the cruciform chancel was added in 1844 to permit the use of the full ritual. This last addition was to the design of Edward Davis, the Bath City Architect, who also "Normanised" the remainder of the church. The outstanding treasures of the church are the beautiful stained-glass panels of the east window, created in Flanders and the Rhineland in about 1500; the three nave windows on the north side date from the mid-19th century and were designed by the then Rector's wife, Eleanor, of the Boyle family. The minstrels' gallery is a significant feature as well as the pipe organ, a classic example of the Victorian period built by Thomas Robson in 1856 and restored and rededicated in 2008.

Two former places of worship are within the parish: St Michael's at Gare Hill was built as a chapel-at-ease c.1857 for the Duke of Somerset and is now a private house. A Congregational Meeting House was established in Trudoxhill in 1699 but is now a home also.

Marston Bigot was listed in the Domesday Book of 1086 as Mersitone-tora. The full name came into being when William the Conqueror gave the land to Robert de Bigod. It is now in the civil parish of Trudoxhill and includes the settlements of Gare Hill, Smythwick and Nunney Catch, as well as numerous farms and individual houses. The population is largely employed in agriculture and its supporting industries. Most of the facilities are in the adjoining villages of Trudoxhill and Tytherington and at Nunney Catch.

MUSIC AT MARSTON CHURCH

The stunning and tranquil location of St Leonard's Church makes it a great venue to host music and theatrical events. Marston Music have organised a programme of concerts throughout 2023. See www.marstonmusic.co.uk for the latest information and to book tickets.

There are Open Mic events on the second Sunday of each month from 3.00 to 6.00 pm in the afternoons for which there is a modest fee and refreshments are included.

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TRUDOXHILL

In Anglo Saxon times King Cenwahl gave a hilly area to his kinsman Truttoc. And the village of Trudoxhill came into being. Monks Ham and Smithwicks have existed from medieval times and at Iron Mills the people of Trudoxhill made suits of armour. The French Bigod family held Marston for many years and Marston Bigot forms a large part of Trudoxhill parish in which Richard, first Earl of Cork, bought land in 1641 to build Marston House. In the 19th century Trudoxhill was a thriving community with an impressive variety of shops and trades and two pubs, the Theobald Arms and the White Hart.

Today Trudoxhill village and parish is an active community lying in the River Frome valley with dairy farming at its core. Postlebury Wood forms a large part of the parish area and Marston House, once derelict and restored by Angela Yeoman in the 1980s to use as offices, is once again a private residence. Marston Park is a leisure complex for glamping centred on the beautiful Marston Lake.

The village has plenty to offer its residents and visitors. "Your view" a newsletter about activities and businesses around Trudoxhill is published three times a year. There is a coffee morning on the last Friday of the month in the Village Hall and Parish Walks are organised to explore the area twice a year. The Village Hall has a new kitchen and bar and its committee organise many events.

VILLAGE FACILITIES

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TYTHERINGTON

Tytherington is a small hamlet in rolling countryside close to the A361 and adjoining the Marston House Estate. There are footpaths across the land behind The Lighthouse – a guest house with conference facilities and café – and across the Marston Estate.



VILLAGE FACILITIES

The Fox Inn – not currently operating as a pub but providing takeaway meals on Friday and Saturday nights. Campsite and holiday homes <https://thefoxfrome.co.uk/> open March to October.

Marston Park – annual membership, events, art installations, glamping site and bar www.marstonpark.co.uk

Tytherington Milk Station, Bullsbridge Farm – self service machine to vend pasteurised milk at the farm gate. Glass bottles available for purchase or bring your own.

GARE HILL

Gare Hill is a small, close knit community at the south east corner of the parish on the borders of Somerset and Wiltshire. Victorian archaeologists claim to have found a prehistoric encampment here so insisted on spelling the name Gaer Hill (occasionally still in use) deriving from the Celtic word caer meaning a fortress.

In Roman times, the road from the lead mines on the Mendips to present day Southampton passed over Gare Hill and is still shown on Ordnance Survey maps.

Today, Gare Hill is dominated by the Church of St Michael. The church was designed by the noted architect William Butterfield and the foundation stone was laid in 1857. It is in Gothic style and grade 11* listed. It was declared redundant in 1981 and is now in private hands.

In the nineteenth century, Gare Hill was a remote part of the Earls of Cork and Orrery estate with squatters taking up residence. The estate improved Gare Hill, helping fund the church and building houses nearby. Gare Hill was described at the time as “a colony of poor persons, poachers and thieves”, a far cry from the quiet community we know today.



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THINGS TO DO

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There are well-maintained playgrounds for children of all ages in each of the Postlebury Villages apart from Cloford.



Little Saplings

Set up with funding from the Parish of Postlebury, Little Saplings is a “Stay and Play” session for carers and babies-4 years old. It takes place every Wednesday morning from 9.30-11am in Nunney Village Hall and is led by Felicity Evans. There are loads of toys, refreshments and a healthy snack for the children. Every session includes craft activities and a bible-based story and sing-song. For more information contact allsaintslittlesaplings@gmail.com



East Somerset Steam Railway

a short ride from Cranmore Station to Shepton Mallet and back on restored original steam drawn trains. Regular schedule every weekend and mid week in the summer holidays.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

17th June 2023 - Meet Paddington Bear
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Shepton Mallet Lido

heated outdoor pools in summer, including splash area for toddlers. See <https://www.fusion-lifestyle.com/centres/shepton-mallet-lido/> for opening dates.

Creative Aquatic, Tytherington

indoor pool, where swimming classes for children and baby swim on Monday at 10 am and Friday at 9 am. See www.creativeaquatic.co.uk



Soft Play at Writhlington Sports Centre

Knobsbury Lane, Radstock BA3 3NQ
01761 252631 | see www.dragonflyleisure.co.uk
Water babies on Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 10 am. Book online.

Soft Play at Farrington’s Play Barn

Farrington’s Play Barn at Home Farm, Farrington Gurney BS39 6UP (just off A362). Café also.

Bouncy Castles

at Palette and Pasture, Pyle Farm, Trudoxhill weekends and Bank Holidays. See www.paletteandpasture.co.uk for details of all the seasonal events. Ice Cream Parlour serving homemade gelato (also takeaway).

Scarecrow Trail from May 20th
Maize maze from 22nd July

BMX tracks

Witham Friary - corner of playing field - parking available. Nunney - Next to Castle Hill car park.

Farm animal petting corners

White Row Farm Shop, Beckington BA11 6TN.
Stay and Play and animal petting area.

Redrow Rare Breeds, Wanstrow, BA4 4SZ.
Open Monday to Saturday 9am to 6 pm.
www.redrowrarebreeds.wordpress.com

Fairfield Animal Centre, in Southwick Country Park, BA14 9QD. See www.fairfieldanimalcentre.co.uk

Feed the ducks on Nunney Brook. Park in Castle Hill car park and buy duck food in the Spar shop.

Be Wilder Camping - at Field 725

22nd May - 5th June 2023. For late dates and more information see www.field725.co.uk

Temporary water slide - Bookings at www.ultimateslipnslide.co.uk - July to September at Redrow Rare Breeds BA4 4SZ

Indoor Rock Climbing Centre

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Church services in Postlebury

see church noticeboards and
www.postleburychurches.org

Film nights: Nunney Village Hall. 7.30pm on second Friday each month except July-August. Tickets on sale in Nunney Spar shop £5 adv / £6 on the door. Programme on [Facebook/NunneyVillageHall](https://www.facebook.com/NunneyVillageHall) and on posters around the village.

Open Mic sessions for musicians and singers:

St Leonard's Church, Marston
3-6pm on 23rd April and 9th July

Choral Evensong: 3pm on Monday - Friday and 5.15 pm on Sundays in Wells Cathedral

Organ Recitals: 1 pm on 20th April, 11th May, 8th June, 13th July, 10th August, 14th September in Wells Cathedral

Teas in Nunney Church: 3-5 pm Bank Holiday Mondays (Easter to August)

Teas in Wanstrow Church: Saturday afternoons in the summer

Teas in Marston Church: Sunday afternoons in July/August

Frome Independent Market: First Sunday of the month, March - December, 10 am - 3pm

Concerts in Marston Church
www.marstonmusic.org

Witham Friary History Society talks Sep to May.
Email withamfriaryhistory@gmail.com

Witham Friary Cricket Club events
[Facebook.com/WithamFriaryCC](https://www.facebook.com/WithamFriaryCC)



9TH MAY**JUNIORS CRICKET COACHING**

Course starts. Witham Friary Cricket Club.

[facebook.com/WithamFriaryCC](https://www.facebook.com/WithamFriaryCC)13TH MAY**WITHAM FRIARY LOCAL HISTORY DAY**

Witham Friary Village Hall, 10am - 2pm.

14TH MAY**FLEA MARKET & CRAFT FAIR**

Frome Showground, West Woodlands, Frome

26TH - 28TH MAY**WELLS COMEDY FESTIVAL**www.wellscomfest.com27TH - 28TH MAY

Civil War Weekend with the Wardour Garrison.

Bishops Palace, Wells27TH MAY - 4TH JUNE**SCAVENGER HUNT**Bishops Palace Garden, Wells bishopspalace.org.uk28TH MAY**NUNNEY OPEN GARDENS**

11am - 5pm. Tickets and plant sale at the village hall and over 20 gardens in various locations across the village. Park in Castle Hill car park or Village Hall car park. £10 per adult over 16. Refreshments on sale in Nunney Church from 12.30.

1ST - 3RD JUNE**ROYAL BATH & WEST SHOW**

Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet

3RD JUNE**PUBLIC OPENING OF "GRUPPENAUSTELLUNG" ART EXHIBITION**Hauser & Wirth, Bruton. hauserwirth.com/events8TH JUNE**SPEED DATING**

at the Mells Walled Garden

www.walledgardenatmells.co.uk11TH JUNE**MELLS OPEN GARDENS**1ST - 18TH JUNE**ANTIQUE, VINTAGE & COLLECTORS FAIR**

Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet

11TH JUNE**SUSTAINABLE WITHAM****"FAMILY BIKE DAY"**

1-4 pm at Witham Friary Sports Field.

Bike Health Checks, Maintenance

demonstrations, Bike Swap and BBQ.

16TH - 18TH JUNE**NUNNEY INTERNATIONAL HORSE TRIALS**

£10 per car on Friday, £15 Saturday/Sunday

www.nunneyhorsetrials.co.uk22ND - 25TH JUNE**GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL**30TH JUNE- 1ST JULY**OPERA BRAVA**

Outdoor at Bishops Palace, Wells.

www.bishopspalace.org.uk2ND JULY**NUNNEY FIRST SCHOOL SUMMER FETE**

2.00 - 4.30pm.

6 - 9TH JULY**NASS FESTIVAL**

Street art, music, bmx and skate.

Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet

12TH JULY**NINEBARROW**

St Leonard's Church, Marston.

Tickets from Frome Festival box office.

7 - 16TH JULY**FROME FESTIVAL**

Art trail, food festival, music, hidden gardens

www.fromefestival.co.uk16TH JULY**BLACK SWAN ARTS SUMMER ART****CAR BOOT SALE**

Old Cattle Market car park, Frome 10 am-3 pm.

23RD JULY**FROME CARNIVAL**29TH JULY**NUNNEY STREET FAYRE**

10 am-5 pm. Parking on village edge in three

locations - £5 per car. Disabled parking in Village

Hall car park. Refreshments in Nunney Church.

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31ST JULY - 11TH AUGUST**BRISTOL OLD VIC THEATRE****SUMMER SCHOOL**

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20TH AUGUST MID-SOMERSET SHOW

Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet

2ND SEPTEMBER NUNNEY & DISTRICT FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

2-5pm, Nunney Village Hall.

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Entries 6-8 pm at Village Hall, 30th August.

9TH SEPTEMBER FROME AGRICULTURAL & CHEESE SHOW

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CHRISTMAS AT STOURHEAD
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16TH SEPTEMBER - 1ST OCTOBER SOMERSET OPEN STUDIOS

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25TH NOVEMBER NUNNEY MAKES CHRISTMAS (CRAFT FAIR)

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longleat.co.uk/the-festival-of-light

2ND DECEMBER NUNNEY FIRST SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

3RD DECEMBER
WREATH WORKSHOPS
10.30am - 12.30pm / 2 - 4pm,
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17TH DECEMBER CAROLS IN THE QUARRY (Nunney residents only)

OTHER EVENTS IN FROME
Discover Frome website and office
in the Black Swan Arts building
by Frome old market. **www.
discoverfrome.co.uk**
has information and links to venues
include Black Swan Arts, Rook Lane
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