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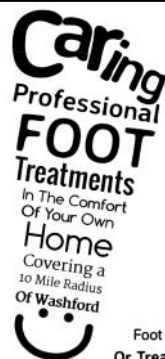
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	10.00am	All Age Worship
	3.00pm	Christians Together Epiphany Service at St Decuman's , Watchet
Tues 8th	9.30-11am	"Little Saints" Toddler group in Meeting Room and each Tuesday following
Sun 13th	8am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion
Mon 14th	10am	Communion at Danesborough View- All welcome
Sun 20th	8am	Holy Communion BCP
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	4.30-6pm	TOAST at the Vicarage
Thurs 24th	11.00am	Communion at Croft House
Sat 26th	10-11.30am	Café Church in Meeting Room
Sun 27th	8am	Holy Communion BCP
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FROM REV KATHRYN FLENLEY

In Memoriam (Ring out the old, ring in the new)

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

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Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

Alfred Lord Tennyson 1809 – 1892

It's interesting how some poems never lose their relevance even though they were written hundreds of years ago. Last November the bells rang out to commemorate the end of the First World War. Wedding couples love to have bells ringing to celebrate their marriage. Bells are used to alert people to danger. They are also used as a sign of an event beginning – the 5 minute bell. In Parliament, the division bell is rung to signify that a vote is to take place; MPs have 8 minutes to get to the voting lobby! The Watchet Town Crier, David Milton, uses his bell to draw attention to his presence before he shouts his 'Oh yez'.

In many churches, the bells ring to herald the New Year. This is what Tennyson is writing about and we would do well to pay attention to what he says about ringing out the old and ringing in the new.

As the New year begins we are presented with a fresh start, a clean slate. The party strife within Government was all too evident as last year came to an end so let's pray for a ringing in of sweeter manners among those of opposing views.

If we concentrate on more local matters, there are so many opportunities to put our own self interest to one side: supporting the Food Bank, volunteering in all the many local initiatives such as Home Start, or hearing children read in our schools - just as a few examples. In other words, ringing in the common love of good.

Finally, are we not all sick of the wars that plague our world? If we are not careful we become numbed to the suffering of our brothers and sisters in war-torn countries. Yet the frightening statistics of so many children dying in the Yemen of starvation and disease shake us out of complacency.

Never was a ringing in of a thousand years of peace more relevant than now. There's a hymn which says, 'Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.' Peace and reconciliation where there is conflict and anger, peace and reassurance where there is worry about how to cope with life when there are few resources. We all have it within our power to make a difference so let us each determine to ring out the old and ring in the new in 2019.

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Somerset Community Foundation has launched this year's Surviving Winter campaign, which encourages people to join the growing number of contributors who donate some or all of their Winter Fuel Payment to help local people living in fuel poverty. This year, any online donations to the campaign made during the week-long Big Give Christmas Challenge - midday Tuesday 27 November to midday Tuesday 4 December - will be doubled!

Last year, over 500 older people living in fuel poverty in Somerset were helped to keep warm and better connected through the winter months, thanks to pensioners and other local donors who gave to Surviving Winter.

To donate to Surviving Winter, visit www.somersetcf.org.uk/winter or call 01749 344949. Please remember to fill in a Gift Aid form if applicable.

WILLITON WINDOW NEWS AND REQUEST

Thank you very much indeed to Mrs Trudy Thomson and Mrs Joy Elgood who have delivered the Williton Window since the magazine was first produced in July 2000. We are extremely grateful to them and to the two gentlemen who have now taken over their delivery rounds.

Distributor needed: Is there someone who would kindly be able to take over delivery at Aller Mead (off Doniford Road, by St Peter's School)? There are 29 magazines to deliver on that one estate.

Please ring Jenny Gibson on 01984 634899 or Phyllis Chidgey on 632755.

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Bto Jenny Berry who was presented with the Chairman of Somerset County Council's Award for services to the community in October 2018. Among her many activities, Jenny delivers the Williton Window to Danesborough View. A very well-deserved award.

Editors

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Happy New Year to you all.

We look forward to seeing visitors at our January Meeting on Thursday 17 January at 2 pm at Danesborough View Common Room, when our speaker will be Peter Hampshire on "Ocean Islands" If you are not a member there will be a charge of £3.50.

The 2019 Programme is almost finished and a copy will be displayed in the show cabinet on the wall between the Hair@Roses and The Co-op as soon as possible.

Pamela Messenger, Secretary

WILLITON COMMUNITY MARKET

The market will take place on Friday 18 January between 9 and 11.30 am at Williton Social Club in Long Street (car park in Killick Way).

Barbara Heywood

SMALL PRAYER

Please let common sense become more common.



FROM YOUR VILLAGE AGENT, IZZY SILVESTER



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Transport and the potential difficulties of getting out and about come to mind when I think of January. Whether it is coming across a flooded lane on the way to work or sliding across icy roads as a driver or a pedestrian, the winter months can present some challenges.

Preparation is important when heavy snow and/or floods can cut off villages and small towns. Suggestions for coping include stocking UHT/Long-life milk and some frozen bread and vegetables. Put a torch in a place where you can find it quickly. Check your oil and have your boiler serviced, cover your outdoor tap and combi boiler condensate pipes (the bit outside that can freeze).

Check on elderly neighbours who may find it harder to get out in the snow and ice and can be trapped at home. If you live alone or are frail, it is important to get out in your local area all year. Use your shops, local pubs and social groups so that people will know about you and think of you at these times. Don't forget to prepare for storms by securing anything outside including taking care of your trees – willow branches are prone to snapping and need branches with cracks or rot removed. Contact Western Power Distribution or telecoms providers if a tree is hanging over or brushing on lines. Listen to local radio and check if buses are running and whether it is advisable to drive.

The roads have all been dressed this year, which improves skidding resistance and helps prevent those nasty potholes but in turn, the gritting routes have been reduced. Check with your Parish Council as some parishes have their own grit stores to distribute. If you do need to drive in snow or ice make sure you are prepared – check your tyres and have a warm coat, boots, torch and a bottle of water with you. When driving on an icy road, the first thing to remember is to slow down. You are more likely to see an ice patch and will be able to correct for it. It is frightening when your car gets a mind of its own and the presence of flood filled, deep ditches at the side of our roads doesn't help.

Surviving Winter grants are available for older people living in Somerset, who are unable to adequately heat their homes. If you are struggling to afford to heat your home this winter contact your Village Agent for more information. Also look at page 12 of this magazine.

Remember there is a new Talking Café offering free support and advice in the new Pavilion building on Williton Memorial Ground. It takes place every Tuesday morning from 10-12. Please come and have a cuppa and see how local professionals and volunteers you can trust can help you or just pop in for chat.

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WASPS - WILLITON AND SURROUNDING AREA PARKINSON'S SUPPORT

The WASPS held their annual Christmas Lunch at the Bicknoller Inn on Thursday 6th December. Our members really enjoyed the food, which was cooked to perfection as usual, and the Landlords and staff were most helpful. Linda unfortunately had to inform us that Jim Stevenson from Stogumber had sadly passed away and our thoughts are with his widow Norma and the family. Jim was one of the founder members of the WASPS six years ago when we started with just 17 members. Now the WASPS have gone from strength to strength, having near to 60 members.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 3rd January 2019 at the new Pavilion on the Memorial Ground in Williton, where we will meet monthly thereafter. To get to the Pavilion drive up Killick Way past the Council Offices and Library, then turn right into Robert Street and left to the Pavilion, which is situated behind the Doctors Surgery. There are 3 disabled parking spaces, but if they are all taken you can use the turning area to drop off your passenger at the entrance. There will be much more room for our meetings, as we have now outgrown our present meeting place.

Jenny Manvell will be coming again to start us with her fun exercises which most of us will need after all the Christmas and New Year festivities. Exercises will start at 1.15 pm followed by the meeting at 2pm. The speaker is a gentleman coming from Porlock Oysters to tell us all about these. If you would like to buy some oysters, please could you let Linda or Ginny know so that he has some idea of how many to bring. We are able to buy them at a special price of 75p each.

The WASPS are extremely grateful for the support they receive from the community and especially Jenny Gibson for donating the proceeds from the sale of her book of Williton Walks.

If you or someone you know has been recently diagnosed with Parkinson's, you are not alone. There is always support available. You do not have to attend a support group (it is a very personal decision) but if you would like further information, please phone Mrs Linda Bishop on 01984 631472 or email queenwasp@outlook.com.

In the meantime we wish everyone a happy and healthy new year and thank you for your continued support.

Ginny Yandle –committee member



THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Wed	2	Williton Library	10.30am Verse & Worse Light hearted look at poetry and prose
Thurs	3	Williton Library	3pm Pins and Needles
Thurs	3	WASPS Parkinson's Support Group	1.15 pm exercises, 2pm main meeting in Williton Pavilion with a talk on Porlock Oysters
Sat	5	Williton Library	10.30am Lego Club
Sat	5	Friends of Williton Library	10.30-12noon New Year Coffee Morning at Williton Library
Sat	5	Williton Walk	2.00pm St Peter's Church
Tues	8	Good Neighbours	2.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Tues	8	Global Friends	2.00pm see page 22
Tues	8	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, Williton Pavilion
Thurs	10	Loop the Loop	3.30-4.30pm Williton Library
Mon	14	RBL Women's Section	2.30pm Fire Station Lecture Room
Tues	15	Village History	7.45pm EMN Hall Monksilver, Talk on Local Natural History
Thurs	17	Women's Institute	2.00pm Danesborough View, Talk on Ocean Islands
Fri	18	Community Market	9-11.30am Williton Social Club
Tues	22	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, Williton Pavilion
Fri	25	Bake Club	3.30-4.30pm Williton Library
Sat	26	Williton Wanderers	10.30am Combe Florey Church
Sat	26	Story & Craft Time	10.30-11.30am for children 4-10years
Mon	28	Gardening Club	7.30pm Danesborough View Common Room, A talk by the Head Gardener of Dunster Castle
Mon	28	Book Club	2.30pm Williton Library
Tues	29	Williton Pavilion	6.30 for 7pm Film Night see pages 21 and 26

Entry in this diary is free. To have details of your organisation's events included, ring 01984 634899 or email willitonwindow@yahoo.co.uk

REGULAR WEEKLY VILLAGE EVENTS

Mon	9.30-10.30 am	Pilates with Ellie Stuart-Steel	Williton Pavilion - Booking essential 07342 238 723
and	10.45-11.45am		
Mon	10.30 - 12 noon	UK Online	Williton Library, booking essential
Mon	2 - 3 pm	Age UK - Stay Strong	Danesborough View Common Room
Mon	6-7pm	Pilates with Ellie Stuart-Steel	Williton Pavilion - Booking essential 07342 238 723
and	7.15-8.15pm		
Mon	6-7pm	K.t's Zumba	Williton Pavilion - 07738 676832
Tues	9.30-10.30am	Pilates with Nathan Pirt	Watchet Community Centre
	6.15-7.15pm	Pilates with Nathan Pirt	West Quantoxhead Village Hall Info: Nathan Pirt 07762 721 271
Tues	9.30 - 10.30am	Mat and floor based yoga	The Salvation Army Hall Watchet (level access and parking)
and	11 - 12 am	Chair-based yoga	Info: Julie Bolton 633665 / julieboltonyoga@gmail.com
Tues	10am-12.30pm	West Somerset Advice Bureau at the Children's Centre	
Tues	10am-12 noon	Talking Café	Williton Pavilion, Memorial Ground
Tue	5.45 pm	Brownies	Guide HQ
Tues	7-11pm	War-games Club	Info: Williton Gamers 01984 639588
Wed	9-10am	Pilates with Nathan Pirt	Bicknoller Village Hall
and	10.30-11.30am		Info: Nathan Pirt 07762 721 271
Wed	6-7.30pm	Cubs	Guide HQ
Wed	7-10 pm	Railway Modellers	Rear of Washford Mill, Washford (info: 07773 892085)
Thur	9-10am	Pilates with Nathan Pirt	West Quantoxhead Village Hall
and	10.15-11.15am		Info: Nathan Pirt 07762 721 271
Thur	10-11am	Free chair based exercise	Williton Hospital (<i>please ring Shirley on 633529 for information</i>)
Thur	10.30-noon	Craft and Chat	Drop-in at Williton Library.
Thur	10.30-12 noon	UK Online	Williton Library, Booking essential
Thur	5.15-6.30 pm	Rainbows	Guide HQ
Thur	6-8pm	Williton Youth Club	Williton Pavilion (Contact Andy 01643 703155)
Fri	9.30-10.30 am	Pilates with Ellie Stuart-Steel	Williton Pavilion - Booking essential 07342 238 723
and	10.45-11.45am		
Fri	9.30-10.30am	K.t's Zumba	Williton Pavilion - 07738 676832
Fri	10.30-11am	Rhyme Time 0 - 4 years	Williton Library (term time only)
Fri	12 noon	Colin's "Walk and talk"	Meet Killick Way Car park
Fri		Williton RBL Rifle Club	Bridge St. Range. Info 01984 632650
Fri	7.15-9pm	Guides (<i>info from Martha on 01984 248925</i>)	The Guide HQ, Market Street Car Park in Watchet
Fri	7.30 pm	Bingo	Danesborough View Common Room
Fri	7 - 8.30 pm	Walking football	Danesfield School

ST PETER'S SCHOOL DIARY

Happy New Year everyone!

As we make the most of the holiday, we look back to the end of the last term. Our Christmas Fair was well supported and went very well, so thanks to everyone who contributed in any way. Our carol service also had good support which was great for the children who had worked hard on the carols. Our final week was very busy with three performances of 'Bah Humbug', our Christmas production, a Christmas lunch and a party. A very exciting time of year for everyone! The play was a great success, thoroughly enjoyed by children, staff and all our audiences. Following each performance we collected for the local charity Elliot's Touch.

Oak class enjoyed being knee deep in glitter and tinsel, preparing for their first Nativity and Christmas Carol Service. The children loved hearing the Christmas story and how it is relevant to us today and learnt to sing together beautifully. The children will all have some wonderful memories of their first Christmas as part of St Peter's School. Alongside preparing for Christmas, the children thoroughly enjoyed finding out about Outer Space - they made rockets, space helmets and planets and read lots of space-themed stories too. In the New Year the class will begin a topic on Travel and Transport.

Ash class enjoyed learning about Christmas in different countries, especially France, where the children leave out their shoes for 'Papa Noel' to fill. They have been learning about seasonal changes and have produced some beautiful winter art work for display. In the new term they are looking forward to learning about plants, farming and food.

Elm class had a cracking Christmas! The children made wreaths and table decorations to sell at our Christmas fair and also had a fantastic time making clay wreaths on our Christmas Big Day. They proudly displayed them on the school Christmas tree in the entrance hall. The class are looking forward to learning about Rainforests of the world in the new term.

Yew class had an exciting term, they walked on the Quantocks to look for inspiration to develop their creative writing skills, they visited Halsway Manor and learnt about local folk lore and with the support of a local folk musician, they wrote a song. Also the class went carol singing at Croft House and Williton Hospital. They had a warm welcome when they sang with the residents and enjoyed drinks and mince pies together. The class worked extremely hard on the Christmas play, so should be very proud of themselves.

Happy Stars, our nurture group, were thinking about the poor little birds outside in the cold, so they made bird feeders to hang in the



tree next to their new bird house to help keep them warm during the winter. When they return after Christmas they will be telling and writing about their holiday adventures!

We hope to have a brilliant New Year, experiencing and enjoying new challenges.

SG



WRBL WOMEN'S SECTION

At our meeting on 14th January we will be looking at pictures of our members when they were babies or toddlers to see if we can work out who is who! If you have a neighbour or friend who is a member of WRBL why not come and join us to see if you can recognise them?

We meet at the Lecture Room at Williton Fire Station at 2.30pm. *SH*

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Following our Christmas lunch in December, our regular meetings will recommence on 8th January. We meet at Danesborough View Common Room at 2.30pm and usually have a speaker or some form of entertainment. We include tea and biscuits and welcome both men and ladies.

Rather than spending a dreary winter afternoon alone at home, come and try our friendly club, whether as a visitor or a new member. You will be made very welcome.

All enquiries to our Chairlady, Jenny Berry, on 01984 632616.

WILLITON HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

A happy new year from the Williton Hospital League of Friends.

Please carry on bringing and buying books for our book stall, which is open every weekday afternoon between 2 and 4pm. Last year we raised over £400 towards equipment for the ward.

Shirley Dee

THE BIG WELLY DROP!

Welly Boots, Walking Shoes and Raincoats!

In the back of cupboards, and sheds....

Do you have children's and adults' raincoats and welly boots that are no longer in use?

Danesfield School and Exmoor National Park's FUN Project (Families united through Nature) are needing outdoor clothing for activities for families in Williton for outdoor events being planned!



Please drop off any items at Danesfield School reception. Many thanks!

For further information please contact Lucy McQuillan on 07966 515580

or email lmcquillan@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk



WELCOME TO WILLITON - WELCOME PACK

Have you recently moved to Williton or do you know someone who has? If so, you may like a free Welcome Pack, which gives a map of Williton, details of services, clubs and organisations. Please ring Jenny or Tony Gibson on 634899 or go to our website: www.willitonwindow.org.uk/welcome-pack

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Everyone laughs in the same language.

from SD

TEA PARTIES - WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

I am the local coordinator for Contact the Elderly, a national organisation which changes the lives of people aged 75 and over who live lonely and isolated lives, by taking them out to tea on one Sunday afternoon each month. Each guest is collected from their home by a Volunteer Driver, and taken to a Volunteer Host's home, where they join a small group for tea, cake and company. The group is warmly welcomed by a different host each month, but the charity's drivers and guests in the group remain the same. This means that over the months and years, acquaintances turn into friends and loneliness is replaced by companionship.

Interest in the local tea parties has grown enormously over the past year and I now have many guests from your area wishing to join us but unfortunately have insufficient drivers to take them to the tea parties. I would love to hear from anyone who can spare three to four hours once a month as a volunteer driver. All drivers will need a DBS check and the cost of this will be covered by the charity.

The tea parties really do change a lonely person's life.

For more information call Freephone 0800 716 543 or look at our website www.contact-the-elderly.org.uk or contact me direct on 01643 841276 / 07826 702958.

Christine Payne

WILLITON GARDENING CLUB

At our next meeting on Monday 28 January, we will be enjoying a talk by Robin Andrews, the Head Gardener of Dunster Castle. Meetings start at 7.30pm at Danesborough View Common Room. Visitors are welcome at a charge of £2. For more information, please contact Liz Payne on 01984 633084.

RECIPE FOR THE MONTH by Shirley Dee

SOMERSET APPLE CAKE

8 oz (225 g) self-raising flour	4 oz (100 g) butter or margarine
1 lemon (grated rind)	4 oz (100 g) soft brown sugar
3 oz (85 g) sultanas	1 teaspoon cinnamon
8 oz (225 g) Bramley apples peeled and diced	5 dessertspoons milk
1 egg	Demerara sugar for sprinkling

Sieve the flour and spice together, add lemon zest, rub in the butter, add the sugar, apple and sultanas, and mix with the beaten egg and milk to make a stiff batter. Place in a prepared tin and sprinkle with the Demerara sugar. Cook for about 30 minutes in a pre-heated oven at Gas 4, 180°C or 350°F until firm to touch.

WILLITON POST OFFICE

It has been pleasing to see good-tempered (well, for the most part!) queues at the Post Office during the pre-Christmas period, and to notice lots of people buying cards, calendars and gifts. Please don't forget that to survive, our Post Office needs customers all the year round. A lovely letter in the Free Press voiced one person's satisfaction with their passport renewal service. Remember that you can also pay in cheques, obtain cash, arrange a mortgage, get foreign currency and countless other services. If in doubt, ask one of the very helpful staff. Our Post Office is an asset we cannot afford to lose.

Jenny Gibson - Editor

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

To contact Williton Parish Council telephone the Clerk (Michelle) or her assistant (Jo) on 01984 633979 or email clerk@willitonpc.org.uk

The Williton Christmas Festival had a fantastic turnout, we hope everyone enjoyed themselves; the feedback so far has been very positive. Thank you to everyone involved.

We are currently reviewing our contractors list, from Handyperson to Electricians, and if you are interested in registering your business with the Parish Council, please contact Michelle or Jo.

We have vacancies on the Council, if you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact us for more information.

After 20 years in the planning, the Williton Pavilion is now open, so it will be much easier to keep any healthy new year resolutions with a range of classes - Pilates and Zumba - now a regular occurrence. Don't forget SASP still runs exercise events at the Pavilion and Memorial Ground to really ramp up to a new healthy you in 2019.

Bingo has now moved into the Pavilion, every other Tuesday, starting on 8 January.

And towards the end of every month we are pleased to announce that we will be running Film Nights; the first – *Mama Mia, Here We Go Again* - is on Tuesday 29th January, 6.30 for 7pm. Advance tickets are available from the Parish Office at £4 or on the Door at £5 and we will be serving a range of refreshments before the showing. We have many more films planned for this year so keep your eyes peeled for notices around the village, on the Williton Community Facebook page, the Williton group on Nextdoor.co.uk and here in the Williton Window

So here's to a happy New Year to you all, and a great first year in the Williton Pavilion.

Cllr Howes

WILLITON PAVILION

Williton's wait for a community building finally ended when we received the keys for the building on 23rd November. Although we are able to use the building, there still remain a number of issues to be addressed by the contractor, these will be ongoing throughout December. Work has also commenced on the remodelling of the old building, the work is planned to complete by the end of January. The additional storage space created within the old building will allow us move equipment from the Pavilion and free up storage space for more user equipment.

The open day arranged for 1st December was well attended and we were pleased by the level of interest being expressed by the public in using the facility. It has been a challenge, during these initial weeks, to integrate all those who wish to use the building, as we are just coming to terms with how to manage the building. This has required training for both Trustees and staff.

Those now using the building have witnessed some of the teething problems, electronic access being one. Working with our contractors, we should have these issues ironed out in time for the New Year.

The website (<https://www.willitonmemorialgroundandpavilion.co.uk/>) is

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now fully functioning. Click on the Pavilion tab then select the Event Calendar to see what events are scheduled and hover your cursor over the event to find out more details. Other tabs give you information about hire charges and terms and conditions of hire. You can submit an enquiry via the website and we will send you a copy of the hire agreement for you to confirm your booking, or just pop in to the office and talk to Michelle or Jo about availability and pick up a copy.

A user instruction sheet for the building is available on the booking page of the website, or you can collect one when you collect your key.

Cllr Bill Vaughan

OUR CONGRATULATIONS

Oto Councillor Bill Vaughan, Councillor Diane Hooper and everyone else who have worked so hard to make the Pavilion a reality. It is a very attractive looking building on the outside and, on the inside, seems to have every possible facility. We hope everyone in the village and beyond will make full use of this superb community space.

Editors

DOWN AT THE STATION

DWe are writing this fairly early in December, so some of it must be guesswork! However, at the station, we have just had the first two evenings of Carol Trains coming in, and as usual the music and singing was good. It is great to see the carollers around and up over the footbridge while the band plays in the newly tarmacked car park. They are already singing away when the second train from Minehead arrives, almost unheard, but then the two engines swop trains ready to carry the festive crowd back to their starting stations.

Santa Expresses have been running every Saturday and Sunday since the beginning of December. You may still be able to book by phone or on line for the remaining few trains, right up till Christmas Eve.

Some winter maintenance has already commenced, but we will be getting down to the main jobs once we are into January.

Press reports indicate that we will not be opening for the February half-term break this next year. This allows additional time for infrastructure work on the line to be completed.

In the meantime however, there will be trains running from December 27th through and including January 1st, so why not take the opportunity to view the line in its winter glory! Our shop/tea room will be open on those days, a chance to walk off your Christmas excess, and come down for a coffee.

John Parsons, Station Master

GLOBAL FRIENDS

GWe have had reduced sessions this autumn due to illness or family problems. We learn that one of our members will be flying home to Bangladesh. We sorted out all our Christmas and birthday cards and posted them. And we have now received contact details of one of our founder members in Canada, and I will be sending him all our news. Our next session will be on the second Tuesday in January on the 8th, between 2 and 4pm.

For more information on who we are and where we meet, please phone 01984 248392 or 01984 634734.



FRIENDS OF WILLITON LIBRARY

Enjoy January with our New Year Coffee Morning on Saturday January 5th, from 10.30 to 12, with a tombola.

The Library is not just books: our regular activities include:

Computer courses (Mondays and Fridays 10.15-11.45) Help with your computer and accessing the internet. *Book Club* (last Monday of each month, 2.30-3.30) *Code Club* (for 9- to 11-year-olds, alternate Mondays 4-4.45. Booking essential) Learn computer programming. *Verse and Worse* (first Wednesday of each month, 10.30-11.30)

Sit round a table and listen to or read poetry and prose. *Family History* (Wednesdays or Saturdays by appointment) Explore your family roots. *Craft and Chat* (every Thursday, 10.30 to 12) Drop in for friendly conversation. *Pins and Needles* (first Thursday of every month, 3 to 4) Sewing and embroidery help and advice. *Loop the Loop* (second Thursday of every month, 3.30-4) For children of six and over who would like to learn to knit and crochet. *Rhyme Time* (every Friday, 10.30 to 11) Song and boogie time for children 0yrs to 4yrs. *Baked Bites* (last Friday of every month, 3.30-4.30) Bake at home and bring it along to share over a cup of tea. *Lego Club* (first Saturday of every month, 10.30-11.30, for 6 to 12-year-olds, booking essential) *Story and Craft Time* (last Saturday of every month, 10.30-11.30. Booking essential) For four- to ten-year-olds.



**The Library is open every day except Tuesday and Sunday in Killick Way.
Phone 0300 123 2224. Website: librarieswest.org.uk**

DEMENTIA ALLIANCE - FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ

DA second fortnightly 'Forget -Me -Not Café' for people living with dementia or other memory problems and their carers start in Stogursey Church Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey on 9 January 2019. It will run from 10.30 to noon on alternate Wednesdays to the Café in The Sanctuary, Swain Street, Watchet, thus enabling there to be a Café somewhere locally each week. The Watchet café resumes on 2nd January 2019.

At the Sanctuary, Watchet

2 Jan - Coffee, Cake & Chat

16 Jan - Fire and safety in the home

31 Jan - Coffee, cake and chat

At the Church Rooms, Stogursey

9 Jan - Grand opening

23 Jan - Coffee, chat and cake

6 Feb - Coffee, cake and chat

For more information contact Margaret Tatham 07973-638030 or email watchetdementia@gmail.com

MYSTERY BOOKS STILL NEEDED!

Many thanks to everyone who responded to my previous requests for crime/mystery books. Do please tell friends and add book clearance to your New Year Resolutions! All donations very much appreciated. Please contact Jacqui Brown on 01984 631371 or by email jacquiannebrown@gmail.com to arrange collection.

WORDSEARCH FOR JANUARY by Phyllis Chidgey

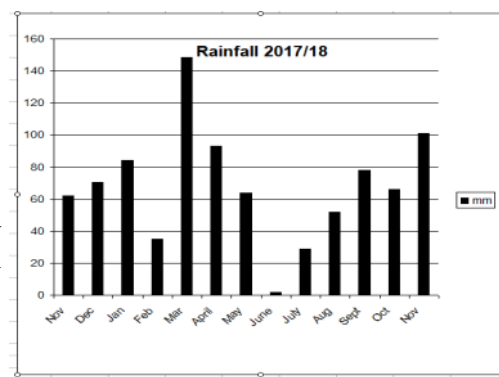
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WEATHER NOVEMBER

The month was warmer than we should expect with day temperatures up to 16°C, but on three days we had cool nights with frosts. The maximum pressure was 30.2 inches on the 1st and the minimum was 29.4 on the 10th (heavy rain). We had gales of over 50mph on 3rd. We had a rain total of 101mm (4 inches) for the month, but even so we saw the sun on 22 days! Pj



WILLITON WALKS

We are always pleased to welcome new walkers on all walks, but please note that you participate in the walks entirely at your own risk.

You do not have to live in Williton to join in these walks.

* **Colin's "Walk, talk and pause to regain your breath"** walks start **every Friday** at 12 noon by the Library in Killick Way. Wear suitable clothing and footwear. You can bring a picnic or more probably we'll eat at a café or pub. For more information, ring Colin Broom on 632721.

* This month's **Williton Walk** will be on **Saturday 5 January**. We will start from St Peter's church at 2pm. We will follow the footpath through the wood behind Orchard Mill onto the Williton - Stream road. From here we will make our way to Bardon and return via Stream. For more information please ring me on 632318.

Elizabeth Peeks

* **Williton Wanderers** will meet at **10.30am on Saturday 26 January** outside the church at Combe Florey (postcode TA4 3JD - turn right off A358 just before the second railway bridge) for a muddy circular walk including lunch at the recently re-opened Farmers Arms at about 1pm. Please let me know if you are coming to lunch, so I can give numbers to the pub. For more information, please email willitonwindow@yahoo.co.uk or ring Jenny on 01984 634899.

* **West Somerset Mineral Railway walks.** At the time of going to print, we don't have the 2019 programme. But if you are interested in participating, keep an eye on the website: <http://www.westsomersetmineralrailway.org.uk/walks.php> or telephone 01398 323841 or email NPCDulverton@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk.

WILLITON WALKS BOOK

A book of 9 circular walks around Williton by Jenny Gibson is on sale at Williton Post Office for £2.50. All proceeds from the books go to charity. Since the first edition in 2015 several hundred pounds have been shared between the Williton Window, Macmillan Cancer Support, St Margaret's Hospice and a children's cancer research institute. **The current charity is the WASPS and, so far, £150 has been raised by sales of this Williton Walks Book.**

SOMERSET PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

You can view our public right of way network on the Explore Somerset mapping site (<https://roam.somerset.gov.uk/roam/map>) to plan a walk, ride or cycle, or simply check where a public right of way is. You will also be able to see what type of assets (for example, stiles, gates and bridges) are on the paths or view and report issues on the network.

To report an issue, please locate the issue on the map as accurately as possible, as this makes it easier for the wardens and rangers to locate and investigate. Issues will be assessed and where necessary, action taken to try and resolve them. If you supply your email address on the form you will receive updates when the issue has been assigned and resolved or closed. This is particularly useful at the moment when we are suffering from a lot of fallen trees.

To report problems on the road go to: <http://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-transport/problems-on-the-road/>

IF YOU NEED HELP:

Williton Surgery Robert Street TA4 4QE Tel: 01984 632701
Out of hours: 111 In an emergency call 999.

NHS Health Trainer Rebecca Pitchers: mobile 07500 064683 or free phone 0800 412 5502

West Somerset Advice Bureau Market House Lane, Minehead TA24 5NW. Tel: 01643 704624 In the Children's Centre, Killick Way, Williton every Tuesday between 10am and 12.30pm.

Christians Against Poverty - Free debt help. Freephone: 0800 3280006
www.capuk.org

Quantock Foodbank 07483 815122 email: quantockfoodbank@gmail.com

Williton Police: Neighbourhood beat manager: PC 4376 Jamie Munro, Mobile: 07889 659436; Police Community Support Officers: PCSO 9273 Sue Thompson, Mobile: 07889 655209 and PCSO 7292 Peter Bolton, Mobile: 07889 655193. In an emergency call 999. Otherwise call 101.

WEST SOMERSET VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

At our next meeting on Tuesday 15 January, Graeme Ryan will be giving us a talk on "Local Natural History". We meet at the EMN Hall, Monksilver, TA4 4JE. Visitors are welcome at a charge of £3. For more information email marilyn@westsomersetvillagehistorysociety-wsvhs.com

The Coleridge Committee of
MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT
invite you to a

Murder Mystery Play and Supper

A one act panto-crime play will be
presented by Taunton Thespians

A hot supper will follow after which the
audience will participate in
discovering who committed the crime

At Bicknoller Village Hall, Saturday 2nd
February 6.30pm for a 7pm start

Tickets £12.50

Bring your own drinks and glasses

Tickets Available from
Maggie Pumphrey 656394
Clive Raisey 656124

*Our Murder Mystery evenings are always
very popular, so book your tickets early*



**Tuesday 29th January
6.30 for 7pm
At Williton Pavilion**

Advance tickets available from
the Parish Office at £4
or on the Door at £5
Refreshments will be served
before the film showing.

SWP RECYCLING AND KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS

Christmas and New Year 2018/19

Usual collection day
Tuesday 25 December
- Friday 28 December

Monday 31 December
Tuesday 1 January -
Friday 4 January
Monday 7 January

Revised collection day
All two days later, including Tuesday collections on
Thursday 27 December and Friday collections on
Sunday 30 December

No change
All one day later, including Friday collections on
Saturday 5 January
Usual collections resume

No garden waste collections 24 December - 4 January; resuming 7 January. Revised days also apply to assisted and clinical waste collections.

Recycling sites follow usual schedules, except **all sites close at 4pm** on Monday 24 and 31 December. All sites closed 25-26 December and 1 January.

Christmas trees - either: home compost, or take to a recycling site or, if you have a garden waste subscription, undecorated trees under 6ft can go out for collection on your usual garden waste collection day from 7 January, or look for local charity shredding/collections. (Last resort: send tree to costly, wasteful, polluting landfill. Place next to your rubbish bin on your usual collection day 7-18 January 2019).



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