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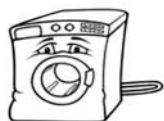
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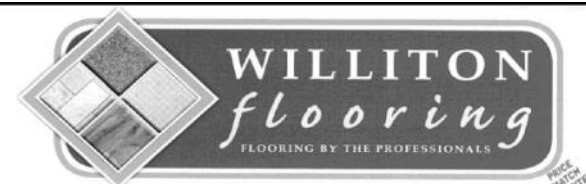
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	9.30am	Parish Communion
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	4.00pm	Sacred Space - a time to pray, listen and keep silence
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Have you picked up your copy of the Autumn quiz yet? The closing date for receipt of completed forms is the end of October so you still have time to do it. The answers will be available in November on the church website or from the shops they are currently available from. *Sara Hempshall*

Cover photo: Autumn leaves on a track by Black Down Wood, Stream

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FROM REV MIKE SHERBURN, Watchet Baptist Church

Hello. My name is Mike Sherburn, and I started as minister of Watchet Baptist Church at the beginning of September.

It took far too long for me to climb up onto Staple Plain for the sunset. Being up high suits me nicely and, in lots of ways, reaching this part of the world feels like arriving at the summit. My wife and I met almost exactly 20 years ago and along the way we have lived in Norwich and on the North Suffolk coastline. All three of our children (two of whom are teenagers) are Norfolk-born – and there is a wonderful sense of distinctiveness and belonging here in Somerset that echoes our time there.

Our last home before this one was by the River Medway in Kent. After years spent working in journalism (talking to the community) and local government (listening to the community), it is exciting to now be doing a job at the heart of the community. With my wife, Jenny, working across West Somerset as a physiotherapist, we are already enjoying exploring the area – which is beautiful; we are thoroughly relishing the chance to show off our photographs to friends from other parts of the country.

On 16 September, at Knights Templar school, we had an amazing time at my induction service, tea and barn dance. And the chance to meet with people from Williton, Watchet and the surrounding area was particularly welcome.

It's great to know, as well, that we aren't here by accident. We believe that trusting in God means we go where he wants us to be. There is a bible verse that says: 'Pray that the Lord your God will tell us where we should go and what we should do' (Jeremiah 42:3). So, if you're a praying person, do pray for the five of us as we settle in. We are looking forward to discovering what it means to live here and finding out about everything that makes this place special. And we look forward to meeting folks in the weeks and months to come.

NEWSPAPER FROM WILLITON POST OFFICE

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Caroline Tyner

FROM YOUR VILLAGE AGENT, IZZY SILVESTER

A bank manager has been telling me about the alarming number of instances where her customers have been the victims of fraud. There are so many fraudsters about that it's worth taking a moment to STOP AND THINK when you get a phone call, an email or even someone knocking on the door who you don't know - **even if they say they're from a trusted organisation like the Police, the Bank or the Inland Revenue.** How do you know? Why are they contacting you in this way and asking for confidential information?

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The moral of this little story is: **Please take the key out of the keyhole when you lock the door!**

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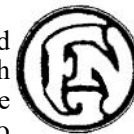
LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF WILLITON HOSPITAL - STOP NEWS!!!

Having waited nine months we at last have the news we've been waiting for. On Monday 25th September the six stroke beds closed at the end of last year will be re-opening. We have campaigned long and hard for this result and would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have fought along with us. **RESULT!**

Barbara Heywood

GLOBAL FRIENDS

We were a small gathering this month. Topics discussed included how to give support prior to an examination in English and the health and wellbeing of past and present members. One of the group is going to visit Bangladesh in December and will be able to deliver cards and gifts to our previous members and visitors.



Our next meeting will be held at the Williton Children's Centre on Tuesday, 10th October, from 2.00 - 4.00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

For more information on Global Friends, please phone 01984 248392 or 01984 634734.

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

After our summer break our meeting in September was well attended and memberships were renewed for the following year. The Christmas party venue was discussed and decided upon by members, as well as the outing to Teignmouth at the end of the month.

The afternoon continued with a beetle drive, which caused much laughter and was enjoyed by everyone. This was followed by tea, coffee and biscuits, along with a raffle and auction.

Next month will be our 60th birthday and members and guests will be celebrating at Danesborough View Common Room, when we hope everyone will have an enjoyable time.

All enquiries to Jenny Berry on 632616.

Joy Elgood

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

Our meeting in August was our annual outing to a garden centre which was enjoyed by all who were able to go. In September we had a knitting and natter afternoon when one of our members gave us details of baby hats that she is currently knitting for a maternity unit - there was soon a clicking of knitting needles and a look of concentration on people's faces. If anyone is interested in knitting any hats, please contact the chairperson. Our October meeting will be our AGM. In November we have a speaker coming to talk about Women's Medals in the War. There will be no meeting in December.

We meet on the second Monday of each month at the Fire Station, Williton, at 2.30pm and would welcome new members - for further details please contact our Chairwoman, Jenny Ensor, on 01984 631586. *Sara Hemphshall*

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

To the anonymous gentleman in Rylands for yet another of his kind donations to the Williton Window. What a lovely person he must be!

Editors

TWO IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR OCTOBER

After October 15, businesses can refuse to accept the old £1 coin. However, they may still be paid into most high street banks, provided the bearer is an account holder.

British Summer Time ends on Sunday 29 October. The clocks go back one hour at 2am that Sunday morning.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The County and Williton WI celebrate their 100th Anniversary in 2018. Members will have the opportunity to take part in many County events which will be advertised in the County Newsletter. Closer to home Williton WI will do their best to make 2018 a memorable year. The Committee is trying to arrange a short outing to include a party - watch this space!

Sadly, due to unforeseen circumstances, Terry Ransome was unable to give his talk on Education History as advertised in the programme. However, Liz Payne was able to step in with her "Hidden London" talk with slides.

A busy but enjoyable meeting, a good chance to catch up with friends, share holiday stories, news on family etc, a good speaker and a cup of tea - what more can we ask for? The Committee is very grateful to Liz for helping out at such short notice.

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday 19 October at Danesborough View Common room at 2pm. Visitors are welcome (at a charge of £3.00).

Pamela Messenger, Secretary

RECIPE FOR THE MONTH by Shirley Dee

CHERRY CAKE

8 oz (225 g) caster sugar	9 oz (255 g) glace cherries
8 oz (225 g) butter, softened	4 oz (110 g) ground almonds
4 large eggs lightly whisked	Few drops of almond essence
8 oz (225 g) plain flour	2 level tablespoons Demerara sugar
½ teaspoon baking powder	1 tablespoon milk

Preheat oven to 350°F, 180°C, Gas mark 4

Line the base and sides of an 8-inch (20cm) tin. Cream butter and caster sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the whisked egg gradually, a little at a time. Sieve the flour and baking powder together and carefully fold into the creamed mixture. Quarter the cherries and toss into the ground almonds. Fold into the cake mixture, adding one or two drops of essence and the milk. Spoon the mixture into the prepared tin, level off with the back of a spoon and sprinkle with the Demerara sugar. Bake the cake in the centre of the oven until the cake has shrunk away from the sides of the tin and the centre is springy to touch. Leave to cool before turning out onto a wire rack.

WILLITON MARKET

The market will be held on Friday 20 October between 9 and 11.30 in the Parish Council Rooms, Killick Way. We sell fresh produce, flowers, eggs, preserves, jewellery, crafts and greetings cards. *ST*

PARKINSON'S^{UK} CHANGE ATTITUDES. FIND A CURE. JOIN US.

WASPS - WILLITON AND SURROUNDING AREA PARKINSON'S SUPPORT

Our September meeting started off with an exercise session that was greatly enjoyed by everyone. Jenny Manvell led us through chair exercises which made us realise that you can really get a good exercise while sitting down. After the exercises we had an Open Forum and it developed into a very lively meeting. Various members of the group explained how they were trying to cope with the effects of Parkinson's and with different members demonstrating their exercises, it was amazing to see how exercise plays a major role in helping to fight the symptoms of Parkinson's. We all know that exercise benefits everyone, but to see the results of exercise made us all realize just how much it can improve everyone's life.

A couple of members of the WASPS will be attending a Research Day in early October and will report back on their findings to the group at our October meeting which will be held on Thursday 5th October in the Danesborough View Common Room. Exercises start at 1:15 with the meeting to follow at 2pm.

Our Table Top Sale in Sampford Brett on September 16 was well attended and we raised £215. Thanks to all who supported us, without your support we would cease to exist. We have worked very hard for over four years to raise the awareness of Parkinson's and we feel that this is starting to happen. We really do appreciate all the support everyone has shown and continues to show.

Is there anyone who would have a couple of hours a week at first and then probably a couple of hours a month to help with the administrative side of the WASPS? My computer skills were never that good and now the Parkinson's is giving me problems. If you feel that you could help just give me a ring and we can discuss it. My number is at the bottom of the page.

We have new people coming to join us every month, and while it is sad to see more people being diagnosed with Parkinson's, it is good to know that no one has to feel alone. If you would like to find out more about our group, or wish to discuss Parkinson's and how it affects people, you can reach me at 01984 631472 or email me at queenwasp@outlook.com

Linda Bishop

WILLITON HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS - Men or women!

Please do think about volunteering at our lovely local hospital. You will be most welcome. We need bedmakers on a Friday, someone to help the handicraft ladies, visiting to chat, play cards, dominoes and reading to the patients etc, gardening, playing the piano for a singsong - the list is endless. Do give me a ring on 635600 for a chat and a look around. *Shirley Dee, Volunteer Co-ordinator*

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

There will be a Harvest Festival service at the hospital on Thursday 5th October at 3pm. Everyone is very welcome. There will be a cup of tea and biscuits afterwards.

Christmas cards will be on sale from 6th November on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The League of Friends AGM will be held at the hospital on 13th November at 7pm. Do come and hear about your local hospital.

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Tues	3	Good Neighbours	2.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Tues	3	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, St Peter's School
Tues	3	Watchet & District Audio Society	2.15pm, Sampford Brett Village Hall
Thurs	5	Williton Library	3pm Pins and Needles
Thurs	5	WASPS Parkinson Support Group	1.15pm exercises, 2pm main meeting Danesborough View Common Room
Thurs	5	Williton Hospital L of F	3 pm Harvest Festival Service at the hospital
Sat	7	Williton Library	10.30am Lego Club
Mon	9	RBL Women's Section	2.30pm Fire Station Lecture Room, AGM
Tues	10	Global Friends	Children's Centre, 2pm
Sat	14	Williton Library	10.30am Friends of Williton Library hosting a Coffee Morning
Mon	16	Gardening Club	Early afternoon Visit to Lift the Latch in Forton
Tues	17	Village History Society	7.45pm EMN Hall Monksilver, Lime Kilns and the uses of Lime
Tues	17	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, St Peter's School
Tues	17	Watchet & District Audio Society	2.15pm, Sampford Brett Village Hall
Thurs	19	Women's Institute	2.00pm Danesborough View Common Room
Sat	21	Williton Pavilion	9.00am Coffee Morning Table Top Sale, Parish Office, Killick Way
Sat	21	Williton Wanderers	10.30am Meet outside Bicknoller Village Hall
Fri	27	Bake Club	3-4pm Williton Library
Mon	30	Book Club	2.30pm Williton Library
Tues	31	Watchet & District Audio Society	2.15pm Sampford Brett Village Hall
Tues	31	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, St Peter's School

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

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REGULAR WEEKLY VILLAGE EVENTS

Mon 9.30 am	Pilates	Williton Fire Station Community Room
Mon 10.30 - 11 am	Story Time 0 - 5 years	Williton Library
Mon 2 pm	Table Tennis	Watchet Youth Centre
Mon 2 - 3 pm	Age UK - Stay Strong	Danesborough View Common Room
Mon 7.30 pm	Badminton	EMN Hall Monksilver (656496)
Tues 9.30 - 10.30am 11 - 12 am	Mat and floor based yoga Chair-based yoga	The Salvation Army Hall Watchet (level access and parking). For further details phone Julie Bolton 01984 633665 or email julieboltonyoga@gmail.com Guide HQ
Tue 5.45 pm	Brownies	Danesfield School (Paul 01643 703155)
Wed 4-5.30pm	Williton Youth Club	Guide HQ
Wed 6-7.30pm	Cubs	Guide HQ
Wed 6.30-8pm	Guides (<i>info from Lisa on 01984 632319</i>)	The Guide HQ, Market Street Car Park in Watchet
Wed 7-10 pm	Railways Modellers	Rear of Washford Mill, Washford (info: 07773 892085) Drop in for coffee and cake
Thur 9.30-11.30 am	St Peter's Church	Williton Hospital (<i>please ring Shirley on 633529 for information</i>)
Thur 10-11am	Free chair based exercise	Danesborough View Common Room
Thur 10.30 am	KFA Movement	Craft and Chat drop-in. All welcome.
Thur 10.30-noon	Williton Library	Guide HQ
Thur 5.15-6.30 pm	Rainbows	Williton Fire Station Community Room
Fri 9.30 am	Pilates	Methodist Church, Tower Hill
Fri 10am -noon	Coffee and chat	Meet Killick Way Car park
Fri 12 noon	Colin's "Walk and talk"	Bridge St. Range. Info 01984 632650
Fri	Williton RBL Rifle Club	Danesborough View Common Room
Fri 7.30 pm	Bingo	Danesfield School
Fri 7.30pm	Walking football	

CLUBBERCISE

Award-winning personal trainer, Sophie Knapp, is holding six-week Clubbercise classes with simple, easy to follow routines in Old Cleeve on Wednesday evenings from 6 - 6.45. Come along for a bit of exercise with a twist while having fun. Hire your glow sticks or purchase some from us.

FITCAMP BOOTCAMP

This will cover all forms of exercise from strength, conditioning, abs, legs, upper body - the lot... Mondays 6 -7pm in Williton. **For more information, please ring Sophie on 01984 634842 or visit <http://skjemsophie.co.uk/>**

ST PETER'S SCHOOL DIARY

This half term has started well and everyone is getting back to working hard and enjoying their learning.

Reception class have been busy settling into school life. The children have been getting to know each other by playing games in circle time and completed an 'All about me' sheet for homework. So far they have made paper plate faces, painted pictures of their families and where they live. The children are also practising songs for Harvest festival. A great start to their time at school.

Elm class children shared many fantastic summer stories and adventures with each other on their return to school after the holidays. They have started this term looking at The Great Fire of London and are beginning to understand how different life was back in 1666. An exciting topic for sure!

Fir class are getting to know their new teacher and have settled in well. This term the children are enjoying learning about dinosaurs and have recently researched different dinosaurs, finding out which period they came from. They are also enjoying their first lessons in French.

Yew class, our year 4 children, have also had a great start to the autumn term. The children have been learning key skills in Maths and English and in science have researched facts about electricity, circuits and different types of energy. The class have the topic 'Dinosaurs, fossils and local history' which is great fun and they hope to take part in some hands-on workshops.

Our Happy Stars nurture group have been busy looking at crops and tractors, leading up to celebrating Harvest. The children collected blackberries and apples and made a delicious crumble which they really enjoyed eating.

We are looking forward to our annual Book Fair, which begins on Tuesday 3rd October and remains in school for a week. We hope to be able to add to our library by selling many books, so we would love to see lots of people supporting us.



If anyone feels they would like to hear children read in school, we are looking for some more volunteers. Reading is always a focus at school and so supporting the children in this key skill is extremely important. Please contact our office if you would like to help.

SG

ART GROUP

A small group of us meet at Williton Methodist Church on Tower Hill between 9.30 and 11.30 on Wednesday mornings. We have room for a couple more people. If you are interested phone 01984 632115.



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Don't say you can't do something before you have even tried.

from SD

DOWN AT THE STATION

There she was, gone! I hope many of you managed to catch a glimpse of The Flying Scotsman as it went through Williton some thirty-eight times in all. The anticipated crowds did not materialise as, with hindsight, if it had been a one day event with perhaps two passings through the station, then many more might have called down. But as it was, there were so many opportunities and alternative viewing places along the line, that the people were spread out over the whole period. The staff worked very hard and the days were very long, often from 8am till 8pm. However, from all accounts, the travellers on the trains thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the feedback to the WSR so far has been very favourable.

We are now gearing ourselves up for the last main event of the season with the Autumn Gala which runs from 5th to 8th October, when some ten trains will be running through each way, every day. There should be one or two visiting engines but details of these have not all been confirmed as yet. Do feel free to call down to watch them – there will be no platform tickets to buy! The refreshment room / shop will be open as usual each day.

Now is also the time to be considering the Santa Trains and Carol Trains running through during the Christmas period – Festive Fun leaflets are available at the station.

John Parsons, Acting Station Master

WEST SOMERSET VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be at the EMN hall, Monksilver, TA4 4JE at 7.30pm for 7.45pm on Tuesday 17 October. The speaker will be Phil Gannon and his subject will be "Lime Kilns and the Uses of Lime from agriculture to industry". Visitors are welcome at £2. www.westsomersetvillagehistorysociety-wsvhs.com

WILLITON GARDENING CLUB

Our 16th October meeting will take the form of an early afternoon visit to Lift the Latch in Forton near Chard, the enchanting garden of Pauline and Dave Wright. More information from Secretary Barbara Cook on 01984 639459.

FRIENDS OF WILLITON LIBRARY

Book of the month: *Budget Weddings for Dummies* by **Meg Schneider**

The title is irresistible! It's a very practical but also a very cheerful guide, in five sections beginning with 'Coming Up with a Game Plan'. The ceremony itself is then covered, followed by celebrating with your guests. Chapter 18 is 'Ten Traditions to Reconsider When You're on a Budget'. For example, why not hold your reception at a parent's home?

One of thousands of titles in your library, which also offers DVDs, computer training (with six terminals for the public), Lego Club, Knit and Natter, Craft and Chat, and on Fridays Bake Club. Book Club meets at 2.30 on the last Monday of each month. The Library is open every day except Tuesday and Sunday in Killick Way. Phone 0300 123 2224. Website: librarieswest.org.uk



On Saturday October 14th, at 10.30, do drop in to our National Libraries Week Coffee Morning, with a tombola.

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

To contact Williton Parish Council telephone the Clerk on 01984 633979 or email willitonpc@btconnect.com

I reported last month about a letter being sent regarding the parking on Long Street, outside Sir Gilbert Scott Court, to residents within the vicinity, asking for thoughts on the possible double yellow lines. Several responses have been received. If you are not directly affected but would like a copy of the letter, to enable your comments, please contact the office.

Again, as reported last month, the mobile NatWest bank has changed the time it visits. It is now parked outside the Parish Office, still on a Tuesday, but the time has changed to 2pm – 2.30pm.

The NatWest Community Banker, Trudi Henderson, is also now available every Tuesday in the meeting room at the Parish Office from 9am – 12pm. If you are unable to come to the office, she also undertakes home visits and can be contacted on 07920 414030.

A forward date for your diary – the Parish Council has booked St Johns Ambulance to give a demonstration on how to use the defibrillator (which as you know is located in the SPAR). This will be held on Saturday 25th November – time and venue to be finalised, but it will start at approximately 9.30 / 10am and will probably take place in the Parish Office (depending on how many people wish to attend). Please let me know if you would like to attend; there is no cost and ultimately it could save lives, and in fact has already done so. It will be a worthwhile way to spend a Saturday morning. Please do come along.

I know it is only the beginning of October but we are already planning the Christmas Festival which will be held on Wednesday 13th December. If you would like to become involved, or have any suggestions, please let me know.

Michelle Francis, Parish Clerk

WILLITON PAVILION PROJECT UPDATE

The tenders for the construction phase have now been received and are currently being assessed. Out of six contractors who expressed and interest in tendering for the project, only four were able to meet our programme requirements. The Project Manager will assess the content of each tender for compliance and provide his recommendations for the charity to consider. The outcome and details of the selected contractor will be included in next month's report.

As we move forward, the charity has to consider its budget for the coming year. These considerations have to take into account costs associated with the new building along with the proposed hire charges. We hope to release details of the proposed hire charges for 2018-19 prior to the end of December. The charity is also looking to develop a website for the building that will allow potential users to view a calendar of events along with hall and meeting room availability. Other aspects of social media, such as Facebook, to market and promote the building are also being considered.

Part of our forward planning is to look at ways to encourage volunteers to come forward and help run some of the activities identified within the parish survey, such as table tennis. Also, working with the village agent Izzy Silvester

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and AGE UK, we will be looking to encourage activity groups for the over 65s, along with luncheons and coffee mornings. All these activities will require voluntary effort, which in itself can be rewarding by providing an opportunity for residents to become actively involved within the community. Should you be interested in becoming involved with the project as a volunteer, please contact Sarah at the Parish Office.

Councillor Bill Vaughan

COMMUNITY NEWS FROM WEST SOMERSET COUNCIL

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Avon and Somerset Police - Safe place service

This offers a dedicated 24/7 phone line to help people with communication difficulties stay safe when they are out and about. It provides a number they can call if they are lost, in crisis, or need some help. There is a toolkit which gives more information about the service and how it will work. For further information contact Charli Bate email: charlotte.bate@avonandsomerset.police.uk or ring: 01275 816313 Ext. 66313.

New evening and weekend GP services

You can now access primary care appointments in the evening and at the weekend if you are registered at a Somerset GP practice. Local practices are working together to provide improved access for routine appointments. You can book these appointments by talking to the receptionist at your registered practice during opening hours. If you or your family members become ill overnight or at the weekend and need medical advice outside of opening times, you should continue to call NHS 111.

The Communication Trust

A coalition of over 50 not-for-profit organisations who provide a range of resources for parents and others who work with children and young people - Go to www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk website.

West Somerset Council - Credit Card Charges Discontinued

Please note that with effect from 1 September 2017, West Somerset Council has agreed to cease charging customers additional card payment transaction fees for those customers who make payment to the Council by credit card.

Stay Healthy & Happy!

Age UK Somerset are pleased to announce two new classes coming to Sainsbury Hall, Minehead. They started on Tuesday 5 September, and are Tai Chi (2pm-3pm) and Mature Movers (3.30pm-4.30pm). There is a variety of other classes throughout West Somerset including:

Tea Dancing, Swimming and Table Tennis (Minehead)

Easy Dance (Roadwater, Old Cleeve, Wheddon Cross and Stogursey)

Pilates (Roadwater)

Table Tennis (Watchet)

Chair based Exercises and Stay Strong Stay Steady Class (Williton)

For more details ring: 01823 345626 or email: ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk or visit www.ageuk.org.uk/somerset/

ONE OF LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES

from SD

Something to do, someone to love, something to look forward to.

WORDSEARCH FOR OCTOBER by Phyllis Chidgey

CHEERS!

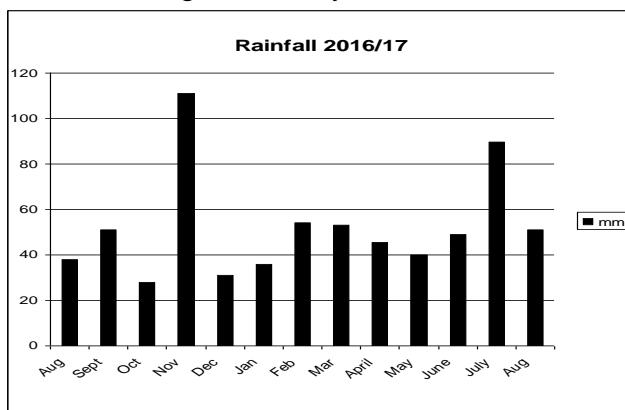
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AUGUST WEATHER

The first, middle and last weeks of August were very warm, with temperatures up to 24°C. The coldest night on 31st was 9°C. The total rainfall was 51mm (2ins), the wettest day being 31st with 7.5mm rain. The pressure: maximum 30.1 and the minimum 29.7 inches. The sun shone on 26 days. (N.B. the temperature shown is recorded in a shaded north place, so it felt a lot higher to us!)

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.

* 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 and bring a picnic. For more information, ring Colin Broom on 632721.

* There will be no Williton Walk this month. Sorry. Elizabeth Peeks

* Williton Wanderers will meet at 10.30 am on Saturday 21 October outside Bicknoller Village Hall (TA4 4EQ) for a circular wander over the Quantocks in the hope (but not the certainty!) of seeing red deer during the rut. About 5 miles. We will lunch at the Bicknoller Inn, so please let me know if you are coming, so I can give them a number. There is limited parking (small charge) at the village hall or you can come by bus. Those who do the latter could walk off lunch by walking back to Williton (3 miles)! For more information ring Jenny Gibson 01984 634899

* There are two Exmoor Society walks you may be interested in in October. On 4th, Mike and Lesley are doing a 6-mile walk around Winsford, meeting at 10.30 at Winsford car park. On 18th, I am doing a "deer walk" on Dunkery, meeting at Webbers Post at 10.30. More information at www.exmoorsociety.com JG

* Mineral Line: Meet at Raleigh's Cross Inn TA23 0LN on 21st October at 9.45am for a 7 mile / 6 hour circular walk. Explore the engineering connected with iron mining and its setting in the Brendon Hills. We visit Beulah Chapel, Brendon village and the Winding House. Then we go all the way down the Incline to Comberow, through the woods to Leighland Chapel, circling back via a picturesque waterfall. Bring a packed lunch. Steep and hilly. Walking boots and rain wear are essential. More information: www.wsmla.org.uk Booking essential on 01398 323841 Charge: Free. Donations welcome.

FROM A WILLITON DOG OWNER

I am a newcomer to Williton and, as a dog owner I enjoy taking my dog for a walk around the village daily. I took part in the survey about dogs in the Memorial Ground and enjoy playing ball there with my dog. It makes me very angry to see that dog owners have been and enjoyed the area with their dog or dogs but have been too LAZY or just NOT BOTHERED to clean up after them. There are bins and signs which presumably they feel do not apply to them. If they are unable to bend down to pick up the mess, I would suggest that they should not be out alone with them.

Almost worse are poo bags that have been left on hedge branches. It beggars belief that if you take the trouble to pick up the mess you think it is acceptable to hang the bag rather than put in in the bin nearby. (I actually saw a bag and a pile not yards from a specific dog bin.) This is not only LAZY but shows responsible dog owners in a bad light.

I cannot be the only one who is tired of the irresponsible and ignorant owners. It is such a shame to ruin our surroundings, when here in Williton we have an abundance of dog bins to get rid of the bags correctly.

I do hope that the rumoured legislation is soon brought in to make it a legal requirement for dog walkers to carry poo bags.

Why is it so hard? I really can not understand it.

WILLITON BOWLING CLUB

The 2017 season for Williton Bowling Club closed on Saturday 16 September with the Club season having proved enjoyable and successful.

The start of the season did not look too promising, as we had unfortunately lost several excellent playing members for various reasons, so trying to fulfil friendlies and play some league matches was proving a little difficult. However, over 3000 leaflets were distributed by members to Williton and neighbouring village homes and, because of this, we have welcomed several new members and selections for matches became much easier.

Playing-wise, the club did quite well with the men's county team only just missing out on promotion by a handful of points. The ladies came good at the end of the season by winning the Ray Thorne Trophy played for by the four local clubs. As for the West Somerset League and friendly teams, they had a mixed bag of results but upheld the honour of Williton.

The green has now been officially 'put to bed', but during the closed season a number of social events are being planned, so that members can keep in touch until the season opens again next April.

This is an excellent little club which gives its members the opportunity to play at all levels of the game. We have our own car park, free to members. The clubhouse is spacious, with large picture windows looking across the green, with its own licensed bar. The green was recently upgraded with an access ramp for disabled players. The clubhouse and green surrounds are suitable for wheelchair and mobility scooter users.

Please have a think during the winter months about coming down next April to see if it's the game for you. Whatever your age and whether you are a new or experienced bowler, you will be made very welcome. You can borrow a set of bowls and have a try. We even offer free tuition for novices.

For more information, do give me a ring on 01984 632564. We look forward to seeing you next year.

David Sully, President

The club thanks Oak Funeral Services for their support.



Members of Williton Bowling Club on Captains Day

WILLITON FOOTBALL CLUB

In August Williton Rockets celebrated their 40th anniversary with a special match featuring players past and present with a BBQ afterwards at The Wyndham Arms. On a very warm sunny bank holiday Sunday, the Rockets present-day team came out winners 3-1 in an entertaining match for the many supporters who had gathered for the occasion. Many thanks to everyone who played, supported and helped out on the day.

The season kicked off the following week and the Rockets overcame local rivals Watchet Blue Waves 5-3 after extra time in a cup game. The first league game didn't go well with a 4-0 loss and a heavy defeat in another cup weren't what we hoped for. Spirits still high so onwards and upwards!

Our youth teams have trained hard during the summer and prior to the season starting Williton Co-op hosted a fundraiser for our youth teams holding a raffle and tombola. Robbie and Xander are pictured helping out, with other parents and players dropping in during the day. Many thanks to Co-op manager Darren for supporting the day and special thanks to Kim Bedford for organising it all. £260 was raised which has gone towards new goal posts for the team. Now the season has begun both U10s and U11s have both had encouraging starts with wins.

Williton jets U10s & U11s train on a Thursday evening at 5-30 and any new players are very welcome.

Everything is looking good for the club and we hope to hold more fundraising and other events in the coming months. Please contact me with any questions or queries regarding any of our teams.

Ian Whitehead williton.rockets@gmail.com



The Rockets (left) and the Legends (right) with Bert Hargadon, one of the club's founders, who managed the Legends side.

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Tickets from Maggie Pumphrey
656394 or Clive Raisey 656124

QUANTOCK QUESTION TIME

**Bicknoller Village Hall at 7.30pm on
Thursday 5th October**

The panel will consist of:

- Viv Sellick, Farmer, Commoner,
Chairman of the Quantock Hills
Management Committee
- Chris Edwards, AONB and
Friends of Quantocks
- Nigel Garnsworthy, National
Trust Area Warden
- Facilitator: John Payton,
Somerset Farmhouse, Williton

The event will be followed by a buffet
supper supplied by Bicknoller Women's
Institute.

Tickets are £7, available from Maggie
Pumphrey on 01984 656394; Mary Cox
on 656224; or Ann Leigh on 656575.
Early booking is recommended for this
popular event.

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HOSPICE CARE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are currently looking for new volunteers in
the **WILLITON** area. There are lots of ad hoc
roles such as putting up posters, checking on
collecting boxes, or spending a few hours
assisting with a stall at a fete or fair. There is
no need to commit to a regular slot every
week. If you can spare a few hours each
month to help St. Margaret's please contact
Jane Lillis on mobile: 07736 886174 or email
jane.lillis@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk

OPEN GARDENS

If you would be prepared to open your garden
in 2018 to raise funds for St. Margaret's,
please contact the Fundraising Team on 0845
345 9671 or go to **www.st-margarets-
hospice.org.uk** and search 'open gardens'.

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over 11. Under 11s are free.

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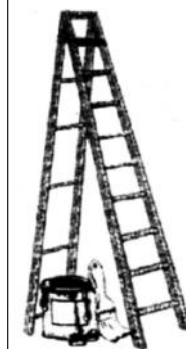


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