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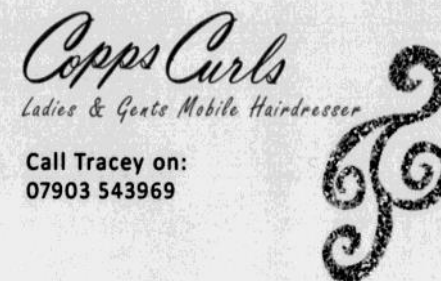
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Sun 1st	8 am	Holy Communion BCP
	10 am	All Age Worship
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Sun 8th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion followed by Barbecue at Church
Sat 14th	1.00pm	Civic Service at St Peter's Church.
Sun 15th	8 am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30 am	Parish Communion
Thurs 19th	11.00am	Communion at Croft House
Sun 22nd	8 am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion
	4.00pm	Taize Service at St Decuman's Watchet
	4.30-6pm	TOAST at the Vicarage
Sat 28th	10-11.30am	Café Church in the Meeting Room
Sun 29th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.00am	Deanery Service at Stogumber

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**Cover photo:** Proud young Red Deer stag with hinds during the October rut above Bicknoller Combe on the Quantocks.

## FROM REV CLIVE GILBERT, Vicar of Williton and Watchet

A couple of months ago as I stood on the bridge near St. Peter's Church I saw an amazing sight. Suddenly a brilliant flash of blue shot from beneath the bridge and there it was: a kingfisher, which flew down the river and out of sight - they really are amazing birds and incredibly beautiful.



Celtic Christians have always fully appreciated the links between creation and their faith. God set us here in this world and has given us the responsibility of being stewards of his creation. Ann Lewin says that the writers of the psalms, together with poets and those who write prayers, can express our wonder and delight in God's creation. The poet W.H. Davies wrote: "What is this life if full of care, we have no time to stand and stare..."

Do you delight in creation? Do you make time to stand and stare? Do you wonder at the beauty of the world in which you live - in the beauty of a butterfly or kingfisher, or are you too busy to see them? For me I know I need to take time to observe the beauty of the natural world and to enjoy and marvel at it, and marvelling at it I ponder on creation and see God's hand at work within it.

I rarely feel closer to God than when I walk out and away from the town or village and walk slowly listening to and looking at the natural world around me. It's at those times that I then feel close to God and know his presence. Perhaps you could try it for yourself? Maybe that walk might bring you closer to God.

Chief Seattle of the Sioux, a Native American leader, said, "This we know; all things are connected. Man did not weave the web of life; he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself. You may think that you own god as you wish to own our land; but you cannot. He is the God of all human beings..... the earth is precious to him, and to harm the earth is to heap contempt on its creator." (Chief Seattle in a speech, 1854 )

I pray that in coming closer to his creation, we might all come closer to God.

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## SERENE SPIRIT KUNDALINI YOGA

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## FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

This month's meeting on Wednesday 30th October will be to help you break through your 'brick walls'. Our friendly group try to help each other to further their Family History research by sharing their 'best websites' or suggest ways to progress their research. New members are always welcome. We meet at Williton Pavilion and start at 7pm. The entrance fee is £1.50 for SDFHS members and £3 for visitors. This includes tea/coffee and a biscuit.

We also hold 4 one- on -one sessions at the Williton Library. October sessions are on Saturday 12th at 10.15am and 11.15am. Each session is for one hour when two volunteers try to help beginners start their family tree or if you have got stuck we will try to push through your brick wall. Booking with the library is essential as we are limited to 4 places.

*Lesley Murray*

## SMALL PRAYER (from the editor)

*Please help me to become ambidextrous - rapidly.*



## YOUR VILLAGE AGENT, IZZY SILVESTER



October brings the dark nights again and is therefore a good time to think about security. Lights on in the house and curtains open at dusk allow people to see all your belongings, so do remember to close the curtains and lock the door. However, remember to take the keys out of the inside of the lock if you have a care alarm. Keys in the back of locks stop the front of the lock from working. If you try to open it from the outside with another key, you can break the lock – trust me, I speak from experience here!

Halloween can be stressful. You do not have to open your door to ‘Trick or Treaters’: feel confident to lock it and report issues to your PCSO or parish council.

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Enjoy the cosy dark evenings in front of the fire and enjoy the autumnal beauty and harvest festivals and other lovely Autumn get-togethers. Check your parish magazine for local events and groups you can join and don't forget to see if you can apply for a warmer homes discount from your electricity or gas provider from 14<sup>th</sup> October if you are on a means tested benefit.

**Please phone me Izzy Silvester your village agent on 07931 018045, leave me your name and number and I will ring you back. Or e mail me on [izzy@somersetcc.org.uk](mailto:izzy@somersetcc.org.uk). I do only work part-time so it may take a day or two for me to return your call. Thank you.**

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## MINEHEAD AND DISTRICT

A coffee morning with a 40s theme will be held at Williton Pavilion, Robert Street, TA4 4PG on Thursday 17 October from 10.15am to 12 noon. U3A members and visitors welcome - free entry. Do come along, mingle with U3A members and chat to friends old and new over coffee before the talk.

A short talk, 'Bomber Command', will be given by Jonathan Pearman on the personal recollections of a WW2 pilot, followed by a singalong of 40s-era songs, accompanied by U3A ukuleles.

Our interest groups include: Alexander Technique, allotment, art appreciation, bee keeping, bird watching, various book groups, bowed psaltery, chess, classical music, cooking together, computer confidence, creative writing, croquet, discussion group, economics issues, French conversation, general history, geology, German conversation and study group, Italian conversation, jazz appreciation, local history, luncheon club, Mahjong, nature ambling, painting, photography, play reading, poetry, science, scrabble, ukulele.

More information: [www.u3asites.org.uk/minehead](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/minehead) . Membership information from Hilary, our Membership Secretary, on 01643 705272.

## DEMENTIA ALLIANCE - FORGET-ME-NOT CAFE

All welcome between 10:30 and 12:00 in The Sanctuary, Swain Street, Watchet on Wednesdays 9th and 23rd October and at Church Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey on Wednesdays 2nd, 16th and 30th October.

For more information please contact 07973 638030

or email [watchetdementia@gmail.com](mailto:watchetdementia@gmail.com)



## **WASPS - WILLITON AND SURROUNDING AREA PARKINSON'S SUPPORT**

Unfortunately I have to inform you of the death of one of our founding members. Simon Hilditch was only 62 and was a shining example of the tenacity that we all must have to make it through the day. His sense of humour, sharp wit and kindness will always be remembered. Parkinson's gave Simon a really hard time and Simon was constantly trying to outwit its effects, but in the end it was impossible for Simon to fight any more. He will be sorely missed.

We have been reviewing the goals of the WASPS. We wanted to be a community based group offering support to people with Parkinson's. The membership grew from 18 to almost 60 with new members joining us. As we all know that an ever expanding group takes a lot more time and energy for the people coordinating. Since we were amalgamated with Parkinson's we had to abide by the rules and regulations, which is only fair. Volunteers are encouraged to attend workshops to guide them through handling various events. It was getting too much for the WASPS, especially for me as the coordinator. I have wanted to step down and let someone else become coordinator, but no one person came forward. We all wanted the WASPS to continue and came up with an idea that we could be a committee based group. This idea was disallowed by Parkinson's. We had to have a coordinator or the group would have to disband. They would help us to find a coordinator, but we felt that the next coordinator must come from the WASPS. The end result is that we cease to be affiliated with Parkinson's on December 31st 2019 and on 1st January 2020 we become the WASPS, a committee based group just the way we wanted. We will still meet, as normal, on the first Thursday of every month and carry on as usual. Of course we will obey the rules of the Data Protection Act. We have discussed this at length with Parkinson's UK and it has been an amicable split. We recommend that individuals become Parkinson's members as you get a lot of information about Parkinson's. So the WASPS will continue just as they have since February 2013: the WASPS are here to stay.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 3rd October with exercises starting at 1:15 and the regular meeting starting at 2pm. This month we will have a guest speaker giving information on 'Getting your garden ready for Winter'. If you suffer from Parkinson's or are a carer please feel free to come and join us. Our meetings take place at the Williton Pavilion. For further information please call me at 01984 631472.

*Linda Bishop*

## **WILLITON HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS**

Do join us for our Harvest Festival service at the hospital on Wednesday 2nd October at 3pm, with a cuppa afterwards. Everyone very welcome.

*Shirley Dee (01984 633529)*

## **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 this edition go to Elliot's Touch, a Watchet charity to help fund research and find cures for Mitochondrial Disease in children. We are very grateful to the Post Office for their help.

## **NATURAL FLOOD MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR WEST SOMERSET**

Residents in the Exmoor and Quantocks area including West Somerset communities such as Williton, Monksilver, Stogumber and Triscombe, are invited to a free Two Valleys Community event to promote Natural Flood Management. The event will run on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at Williton Pavilion, starting at 10:30 am with sessions running into the evening.

The event is open to all local residents, and a 'local larder lunch' and afternoon tea will be provided.

The event will give people the chance to hear from, and speak to, experts in Natural Flood Management (NFM) who will talk about NFM and the financial help from government that could be available to local residents and landowners who have suffered from flooding or want to receive advice on how to better manage water on their land.

NFM has already proved effective in slowing and storing surface water run-off that is threatening residents in Yarde, Stogumber and Triscombe. Following on from this success, the plan is to use a similar approach for those land or property owners whose run-off water drains into either the Monksilver or Doniford streams.

The morning session will explain what NFM is, and there will plenty of opportunities to ask questions of the experts. In the afternoon, and on into the evening, there will be drop-in sessions including interactive workshops, group discussions as well as a film screening.

The event is being organised jointly by the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust (WWT), and the Environment Agency (EA), who are delivering the Defra-funded scheme. Anyone interested in finding out more about NFM can either contact Carina direct on 07557 971449 or email her [carina.gaertner@wwt.org.uk](mailto:carina.gaertner@wwt.org.uk), or visit the project website [www.wwt.org.uk/our-work/projects/natural-flood-management/two-valleys-flood-prevention/](http://www.wwt.org.uk/our-work/projects/natural-flood-management/two-valleys-flood-prevention/)

## **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** In the Children's Centre, Killick Way, every Tuesday 10am - 12.30pm. Tel: 01643 704624  
**Christians Against Poverty** - Free debt help. Freephone: 0800 3280006 [www.capuk.org](http://www.capuk.org)  
**Quantock Foodbank** 07483 815122 email: [quantockfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:quantockfoodbank@gmail.com)

**Williton Police:** Neighbourhood beat manager: PC 4376 Jamie Munro, Mobile: 07889 659436. In an emergency call 999. Otherwise call 101.

## **WILLITON WINDOW NEWS**

If you contact any of our contributors or advertisers, please tell them that you saw their details in the Williton Window. And do look at our advertising pages, where we have several new advertisers, whose services may be useful to you. There are usually spare copies of the current month's magazine in St Peter's Church, Williton Library and the Parish Council Office. The current and previous two months' editions of the **Williton Window** are available on our website.

## THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Tues	1	Good Neighbours	2.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Tues	1	Global Friends	2.00pm see page 22
Tues	1	Williton Pavilion*	7.00pm Bingo, Williton Pavilion
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 exercises, 2pm main meeting Williton Pavilion *
Thurs	3	Williton Library	3-4pm Pins and Needles
Sat	5	Williton Library	10.30am Lego Club
Mon	7	Williton Library	Mon 7th - Sat 12th Libraries Week
Thurs	10	Loop the Loop	3.30-4.30pm Williton Library
Sat	12	Family History	10.15 & 11.15pm At the library
Sat	12	Williton Library	10.30am Friends of Library Coffee Morning
Mon	14	RBL Women's Section	2.30pm Fire Station Lecture Room
Tues	15	Village History	7.45pm EMN Hall Talk on 'Working Wetlands Catchment Project'
Tues	15	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, Williton Pavilion *
Wed	16	Natural Flood Management	10.30am - evening at Williton Pavilion * see page 15
Thurs	17	Women's Institute	2.00pm Danesborough View Talk by Izzy Silvester, Village Agent
Thurs	17	Williton Library	2.30-4pm Scrabble Club
Thurs	17	U3A	10.15am Williton Pavilion * Coffee Morning see page 13
Fri	18	Community Market	9-11.30am Williton Social Club
Sat	19	Williton Pavilion *	8pm Concert full details on page 22
Tues	22	Williton Pavilion *	6.30 for 7pm Film Night see page 13
Fri	25	Bake Club	3.30-4.30pm Williton Library
Sat	26	Williton Wanderers	10.30am Staple Plain car park
Sat	26	Story & Craft Time	10.30-11.30am for children 4-10years at Library
Mon	28	Gardening Club	7.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Mon	28	Book Club	2.30pm Williton Library
Tues	29	Williton Pavilion *	7.00pm Bingo, Williton Pavilion
Wed	30	Family History	7-9.00pm at Williton Pavilion

*Disabled parking (limited) only by Pavilion and make sure you have your disabled badge displayed. Parking in main car park on Killick Way (free after 6pm), two*

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

<b>Aikido</b>	Williton Pavilion *	Wednesday 7 - 9pm (R Banks 07562 322889)
<b>Bingo</b>	Danesborough View	Friday 7.30pm
<b>Short mat bowls</b>	Williton Pavilion *	Monday 2 - 4pm <b>See page 20 NEW</b>
<b>Brownies</b>	Guide HQ	Tuesday 5.45pm
<b>Chair based exercise</b>	Williton Hospital	Thursday 10-11am (free class) 633529
<b>Community Employment Hub</b>	Children's Centre	Tuesday 9.30-12.30 Relaxed free caring support: CVs, job searching, applications, interview prep, IT for everyone.
<b>Craft and chat</b>	Williton Library	Thursday 10.30-noon
<b>Craft and chat</b>	Danesborough View Common Room	Tuesday 2.30-4.30pm (not 1st Tues in month). For info ring Lyn 634686. Free but donations
<b>Cubs</b>	Guide HQ	Wednesday 6-7.30pm
<b>Dance and Gym</b>	Williton Pavilion *	Monday 4.30 - 5.30pm Term time only Friday 4.30-6.30pm Term time only
<b>Guides</b>	The Guide HQ, Market Street Car Park in Watchet	Friday 7.15-9pm (info from Martha on 01984 248925)
<b>Kundalini Yoga</b>	Williton Pavilion *	Tuesday 7-8.30pm <b>See page 12 NEW</b>
<b>Pilates</b>	Williton Pavilion *	Monday 2 sessions 9.30am-12noon Monday 2 sessions 6-8.30pm Friday 2 sessions 9.30am-12 noon
with Ellie Stuart-Steel 07342 238 723 <i>Booking essential for all classes</i>		
<b>Positive People</b>	Williton Pavilion *	Tuesday 11am - 1pm support for unemployed people aged 18 and over, into employment
<b>Railway Modellers</b>	Wednesday 7-10pm Rear of Washford Mill, Washford	(info: 07773 892085)
<b>Rhyme Time</b>	Williton Library	Friday 10.30-11am Term time only 0-4 years
<b>RBL Rifle Club</b>	Bridge Street Range on Fridays.	Ring for information 01984 632650
<b>Stay Strong Age UK</b>	Danesborough View	Monday 2-3pm
<b>Tai Chi Shibashi</b>	Salvation Army Hall, Watchet	11.15-12.15 £5 Julie 01984 633665
<b>Talking Café</b>	Williton Pavilion *	Tuesday 10am-12noon
<b>UK Online</b>	Williton Library	Monday 10.30-12noon Booking essential
	Williton Library	Thursday 10.30am-12noon
<b>Walk and talk</b>	Meet Killick Way car park by Library,	Friday 12 noon
<b>Walking football</b>	Danesfield School	Friday 7-8.30pm
<b>War-games Club</b>	Ring 01984 639588	Williton Gamers Wednesday 7-11pm
<b>West Somerset Advice Bureau</b>	Children's Centre	Tuesday 9.30am-12.30pm Universal Credit applications & support, Housing, benefits & other enquiries all welcome
<b>Yoga with Karen Abraham</b>	Williton Pavilion (info 07484 187420)	Thursday 1.30 - 2.30pm karenabraham@hotmail.co.uk
<b>Youth Club</b>	Williton Pavilion *	Thursday 6-8pm (Andy 01643 703155)
<b>Zumba with K.t.</b>	Williton Pavilion *	Monday 6 - 7pm Friday 9.30-10.30am



## ST PETER'S SCHOOL DIARY

We've now had time to settle into our new classes and new routines and are enjoying getting to know the new members of staff. It's now time to show how hard we can work! We will be celebrating harvest soon and look forward to the service at church.

The start of the new year has been busy in Ash Class. The children have been exploring their new classroom, dressing up as animal explorers in their role play area and relaxing with a book in their space themed reading area. The class had an unwanted visit from the porridge thief who has since been caught by the police! This led to writing all about the criminal – Goldilocks in English. Geography is a focus this term, so the children will be learning about animals and how they adapt to different conditions all over the world. Ash Class have had a fantastic start and are excited about their learning journey.

Elm Class have had a good start to their year so far too. It is great to see all the Year 3 children back together again, after having been in split classes for the last two years.

This term the children are learning about The Great Fire of London and have enjoyed investigating what Tudor houses were made of and why they had second floors that jutted out.

In Yew Class the children will be learning about Hinduism in RE and have started by looking at the story of 'Rama and Sita'. In English they are learning about 'Finding tales' and had great fun finding something hidden in the school grounds. Whilst in Maths the children are learning about place value and rounding to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000.

Happy Stars, our nurture group, have been enjoying looking at each other's different summer diaries, comparing the different places they have all been to and all the fun things they have done over the summer holidays. The group are thinking about autumn and the role of farmers as it's harvest time and they will be creating leaf pictures of hedgehogs, lions and owls.

This term is always busy with many different activities to look forward to; first we have a book fair from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October to Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Hopefully, it will be well supported so we can enjoy some new books in our library.

Finally, do you have any spare time? Do you have green fingers or a love of books? If you do, we would love to welcome you to St Peter's as a volunteer, either to support homework, hear readers or do some of the gardening around our school. If you are interested please come into school in person or phone 01984 632480 to find out how you could get involved.

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## COMMUNITY MARKET

Is held on the third Friday of the month at Williton Social Club in Long Street, next to the Killick Way car park. Our next market will be on Friday 18th October from 9 - 11.30am. Fresh local produce, crafts and gifts. Come and shop, or simply enjoy a coffee and chat with friends old and new.

## DOWN AT THE STATION

I'm writing this just following the 2019 '40s weekend when West Somerset seemed to have been invaded by the military! Watchet especially was awash with wartime memories with many of the shop windows being taped up and lots of events on both the station and the Esplanade. At Williton we were not so excited, but did tape up all our windows in case of any shrapnel flying around. Fortunately we got off unscathed! It was great to see so many passengers on the trains though, and each day we had nine trains running each way through the station, so there was plenty to do.

Our plant sales should have topped the £500 by the time you read this. This is fantastic but does mean that we have a target to beat for next year! Thanks to everyone who supplied and purchased the plants.

Our next job is drawing up the schedule of winter maintenance work which seems to remain the same length every year. I am sure we will have plenty to do. There will be the annual Autumn Gala for the four days 3 – 6 October when again there should be many extra trains, and hopefully lots more visitors. Do come down to watch the trains and enjoy a cuppa and/or an ice cream. Some days we have as many visitors as passengers, but it is all good for the station funds. See you there?

*John Parsons, Station Master*

## RECIPE FOR THE MONTH by Shirley Dee

### ROCK CAKES

8 oz plain flour	2 oz lard
Pinch salt	4 oz dried mixed fruit
2 level teaspoons baking powder	4 oz demerara sugar
½ level teaspoon mixed spice	1 large egg beaten
½ level teaspoon ground nutmeg	Grated rind of half a lemon
2 oz butter	Milk to mix

*Preheat oven: 200°C, 400°F, Gas 6*

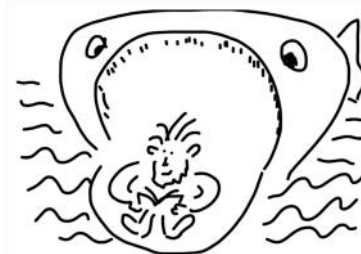
Grease two baking trays. Sieve together the flour, baking powder, salt and spice. Rub in the fats, add the fruit and the sugar, mix well, add the egg and enough milk to make a stiff dough. Using two forks, place the mixture in small rough piles on the baking trays and bake for about 15 to 20 minutes, then cool on a wire rack.

## FRIENDS OF WILLITON LIBRARY

The Friends of Williton Library enjoy meeting each month to plan ways of supporting our excellent Library.

On Saturday October 12th, from 10.30 to 12, we welcome visitors to our Autumn Coffee Morning, which will include a tombola.

The Library is open every day except Tuesday and Sunday in Killick Way. Phone 0300 123 2224. Website: [librarieswest.org.uk](http://librarieswest.org.uk)



## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Life is for living - every day is a bonus.

*from SD*

## WILLITON BOWLING CLUB

This season the club has had a very good time overall, with the men's and ladies' teams having their moments of success. The men more than held their own in their County League and finished second, but in the West Somerset League they finished up holding everybody else up! Because of a lack of numbers the ladies team found some matches difficult, but all but one of their matches completed.

All the teams have been helped by a useful number of newcomers this season, who have enthusiastically joined in with all that goes on at the club. Our roll-up sessions on Monday and Friday evenings and Wednesday afternoons have proved popular with three times the number attending this season than two years ago. A few of our newcomers have improved enough to play in the friendly and County League fixtures and the men and ladies match, which has undoubtedly improved the standard of the teams in years to come.

The social atmosphere at the club is very good, with nearly everyone sitting down and relaxing after matches and roll-ups, and having a drink and a laugh together. During the dark winter nights, the club does not entirely shut down, as social evenings are arranged once a month on the last Saturday in the month in October, January, February and March, with the Christmas dinner taking place at the end of November.

The green has been outstanding this year, with all the visiting teams commenting on it and the home side very much appreciating it as well. This does not come without a lot of hard work and skill by the green staff, which like all the essential jobs in the club are done by volunteers.

The gates of the club will open again next season at the beginning of April, so do think about coming along and seeing what the club is all about. We can provide some practice woods - just bring some flat shoes - and coaching is also available with a qualified coach, which will give you the opportunity to see if you would enjoy playing bowls. The bowling club is a great place to play sport, have fun and meet some great new friends. Come on down.

*David Sully, President*

### CAPTAINS DAY

On Saturday 14 September the club held its final event of the season, which included the Stan Terry Cup competition, played to fun rule changes. A considerable sum of money was raised during the afternoon which will all go to help support Andrew Sully and his family after his very serious accident. We would particularly like to thank the following for providing extremely generous raffle prizes: The Barber's Shop; the filling station; Mr Cabs; the Post Office; Spar; the White House; and the Wyndham Arms.

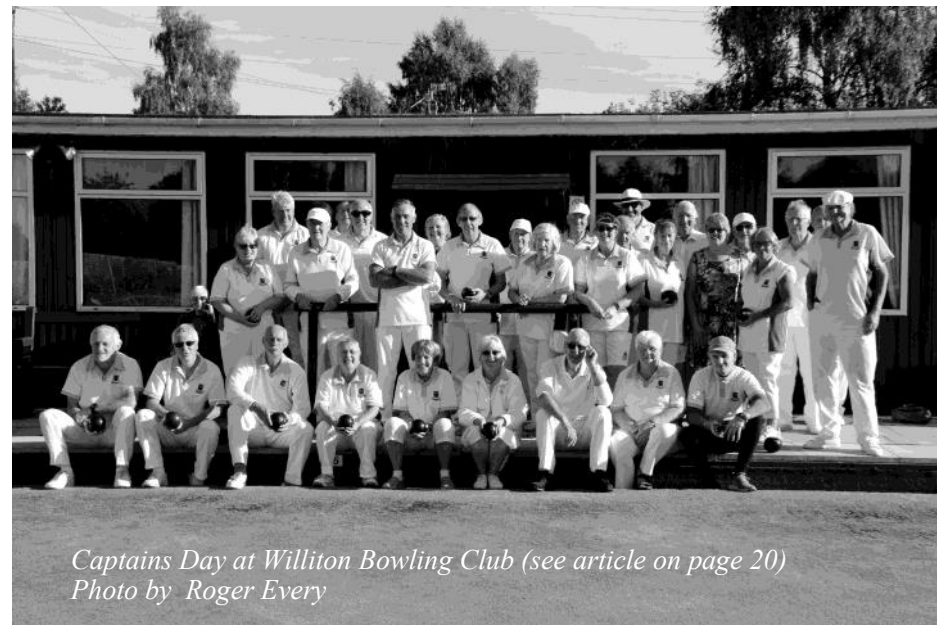
*Tony Gibson*

*See photograph at top of opposite page*

### SHORT MAT BOWLS

Come and have a try at Short Mat Bowling at the new Pavilion. This is a fun game that can be enjoyed by all ages and all physical abilities.

Following the free taster sessions in September, the club will run every Monday afternoon from 2 - 4pm and all you need to start are some flat-soled indoor shoes. For further information, please contact Marilyn or Derek Atkins on 01984 632255.



*Captains Day at Williton Bowling Club (see article on page 20)  
Photo by Roger Every*

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our September speaker was Emma Duke, Driftwood Artist, who was making a very welcome return visit. Emma took us on a travelling time machine along the Somerset coast between Lynmouth and St. Audries Bay. We handled samples of beautifully shaped oak, many hundreds of years old, which had been found on the beach. Emma told us of tanning in Porlock; seaweed at Watchet, which was made into potash then glass; alabaster mined at Blue Anchor; and coastal defence items found at St. Audries Bay. Emma's enthusiasm and talent led us on a most enjoyable journey.

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm at Danesborough View Common Room, when the speaker will be our Village Agent, Izzy Silvester. Visitors and new members will be made very welcome, (a charge of £3.50 is made for non-members).

*June Irving, Secretary*

## WILLITON GARDENING CLUB

At our next meeting on Monday 28 October Peter Triggs will give a talk on 'Wandering through West Somerset'. We meet at Danesborough View Common Room at 7.30pm. Visitors and non-members are welcome at a charge of £2. For more information please contact our Secretary Liz Payne on 01984 633084.

## WEST SOMERSET VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

At our next meeting on Tuesday 15 October, Carina Gaertner will be talking about the 'Working Wetlands Catchment Project'. We meet at 7.30 for 7.45pm at the EMN Hall, Monksilver TA4 4JE. Visitors and non-members are very welcome at a charge of £3. For more information visit our website: [www.westsomersetvillagehistorysociety-wsvhs.com/](http://www.westsomersetvillagehistorysociety-wsvhs.com/)



## WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

To contact Williton Parish Council telephone the Clerk (Michelle) or her assistant (Jo) on 01984 633979 or email [clerk@willitonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@willitonpc.org.uk)  
**New Parish Councillors:** Our village needs 12 councillors to run the affairs of the

council efficiently and we have only 8, so there are 4 vacancies. I know each month we mention this, but as we cannot seem to attract people to join us It's worth mentioning that you can become a parish councillor if you live within a three mile radius of Williton, say from Watchet or Washford. If you would like to become a parish councillor please get in touch with the clerk on the above number. Some of you might have sons, daughters or friends who feel affiliated to Williton and who would like to become a parish councillor. The work is very interesting.

**Finger Posts:** Some of you will have seen Liz, Roger, Myra, Ian and Barbara painting the finger posts in Williton and around our parish. They are doing a good - and voluntary - job. Things like this keep are village looking good. Thank you.

**Children's Play area:** The last 8 weeks you would have seen that the council is having the play equipment repaired. It is coming along fine but please be patient as we are waiting for some parts to still come in. We hope to have it finished soon. Unfortunately items are still being vandalised, (even though they have just been repaired!) which has a great cost impact to parishioners. Please can we ask, if you see any damage to report it to the Parish Office and to the Police. The CCTV is regularly checked and please be assured information is passed on to the PCSOs. We are unable to 'name and shame' but incidents are reported and we do have the support of the Police, who do follow up and pay visits to those responsible.

**The Pavilion:** on 14<sup>th</sup> September the Pavilion was officially open by Elizabeth Peeks, 22 years after it was decided again by the parish council to have a hall for Williton. For me it was very special, as I had been on that committee for 21 of those years. The day went fantastically. Michelle, Jo, my fellow councillors and families worked hard to see it was a perfect day. Thank you all for that. [See next page.]

Don't think that means that we can stop **fund raising**. Our planning permission allowed us to build the Pavilion, do the old changing rooms up (the new name for this is The Barn) and build a MUGA (an outdoor sports facility). We have completed two of them, we now need to do the MUGA.

One thing we do to fund raise is collect clothing, shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains and towels. The last lot we sent off gave us £130. If you have any of these to donate please take them to the Parish Office between 10am and 12noon or bring them to me at Roughmoor House, Station Road, just on the trading estate next door to the café. You can also ring me and I will pick them up 01984 632497.  
*Cllr Diane Hooper*

### Watchet Community Choir

And

#### Watchet Town Band With Guest singer

At Williton Pavilion  
Saturday 19th October

Doors open 7pm for  
complimentary bread roll and  
bowl of soup

**Concert starts at 8pm**

Light refreshments available  
and bar open before concert and  
during the interval.

Advance price £4

Tickets available in the Parish  
Office

*In aid of Williton Pavilion.*

## WILLITON PAVILION OFFICIAL OPENING

The Official Opening of the Pavilion took place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019. It was a glorious day attended by well over 100 people, including many who have been involved with the project for many years.

Mrs Elizabeth Peeks, who was on the original steering committee, carried out the 'Official Ribbon Cutting'. Elizabeth read out the history over the years, including all of the names who have helped – a copy of the speech will be available on the Memorial Ground Website. The PowerPoint presentation with photos from before when building started will also be on the website.

A commemorative book was available for everyone to write their messages – if you were unable to attend the opening, but would like to contribute to the book, please call into the Parish Office.

It is a fantastic facility for Williton residents and for the wider community. Regular classes include Pilates, Yoga, Zumba, Gym and Aikido. Bingo, film club and indoor car boot sales are held every month. Short mat bowls has just started – it is hoped table tennis will follow shortly. Youth club is weekly during the school term. If you are interested in running any courses, please contact Michelle or Jo in the Parish Office – we would love to hear from you.

*Michelle Francis. Parish Clerk*



*L to r: Elizabeth Peeks. Mo Mossman. Carol Sully, Alison Calloway, Di Hooper, Joan Scott*



*L to r: Elizabeth Peeks. Tony Perrett, Di Hooper*

## WILLITON MEMORIAL GROUND & PAVILION FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Wednesday 11 December 2019 - Christmas Festival

Friday 13 December 2019 - Christmas Carol Concert

Sunday 12 April 2020 – Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 8 – Sunday 10 May 2020 – VE Day Celebrations

Saturday 23 May 2020 – Duck Race and Car Boot

Saturday 4 July 2020 – Williton Village Fete

## NEWS FROM WILLITON POST OFFICE

We now have the official Royal Mail last recommended posting dates for Christmas delivery.

### International Economy (Surface)

**5<sup>th</sup> October** Australia, Middle and Far East ( except Hong Kong and Singapore) New Zealand and all other not-European destinations (except Canada, South Africa, USA)

**12<sup>th</sup> October** Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore, South Africa, U.S.A.

**2<sup>nd</sup> November** Cyprus, Eastern Europe, Greece, Iceland, Malta, Turkey

**16<sup>th</sup> November** Western Europe

When choosing cards for overseas we recommend that you select the smaller ones to keep postage costs to a minimum. Calendars that fit into the Large Letter category will of course be cheaper to post than the larger ones which would be classed as a parcel. We are very happy to weigh your cards and calendars when you purchase so that you can budget for the postage. There are some items which are listed as prohibited for overseas postage, to avoid disappointment please ask us for a referral pamphlet to help you with your gift choices. We still have some of our 'very own' Christmas Cards, taken during the snow last year! Also all the Local Calendars!

Following our recent visit to the Birmingham Trade Fair in September we have a lovely selection of new stock. So why not do your Christmas shopping at Williton Post Office right here on your doorstep!

*Caroline Tyner*

## GOOD NEIGHBOURS CLUB

We started back for the new year with lovely weather and had a good attendance of members. The talk for this meeting was given by Mark Ward, who works for the Somerset Wildlife Trust and was about Somerset's brilliant coast. Mark was a very enthusiastic speaker, showing us slides of the coast where we live and sharing some surprising facts. The talk was followed by a raffle and auction, and tea, biscuits and chat.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st October when there will be a talk on the Air Ambulance. We meet at 2.30pm at Danesborough View Common Room. Please come and join us.

*Joy Elgood*

Enquiries to our Chairlady, Jenny Berry, on 01984 632616.

## GLOBAL FRIENDS

Our Session this week was hit by illness and holidays. We were able to bring ourselves up to date on how our members are doing and sort out any problems they have. We also discussed the contact details of members living in other countries. Then we admired some photographs of past members. The date of our next session is Tuesday 1st October. For information about who we are and where we meet, please phone 248392 or 634734.



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## ONE OF LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES

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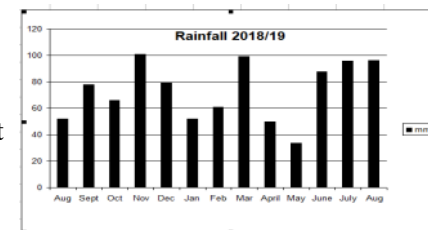
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## WEATHER - AUGUST

I hope you all enjoyed the September 'Indian Summer'. This summer is the third hottest on record!

### AUGUST

The hottest days I recorded were 2nd and 24th at 25.6°C, though others recorded higher. The minimum temperature was 10°C on 29th. The pressures were: maximum 30 inches on 24th, minimum 29.35 inches on 9th ( heavy rain). The two sessions of very heavy rain (flash floods in places) contributed to a total for the month of 96mm (3.78 inches). With all the wet, newts were seen, along with lots of hedgehog sightings. The clear autumn night skies are good to spot the stars. Jupiter, Saturn and Venus are quite bright. *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.*

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\* 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. Please bring a picnic unless the weather is very bad, in which case we'll probably eat at a café or pub. For more information, ring Colin Broom on 632721.

\* There will be no **Williton Walk** this month.

*Elizabeth Peeks*

\* **Williton Wanderers** will meet at **10.30am on Saturday 26 October** at Staple Plain car park (on the Quantocks above West Quantoxhead) for a 7 mile circular meander on the Quantocks. Bring a picnic and wear weatherproof everything. Ring me for more information.

*Jenny Gibson 634899 / 07535 086223*

\* **West Somerset Mineral Railway.** Meet on **Saturday 12 October** at Raleghs Cross Inn at 9.45 for a 7 mile walk, which will be steep. We visit Beulah Chapel, the old Brendon Village, the Winding House, then we go down the Incline to Comberow, through the woods to Leighland Chapel and circle back via a picturesque waterfall. Bring a packed lunch. Free but ring to book on 01398 323841. [www.westsomersetmineralrailway.org.uk](http://www.westsomersetmineralrailway.org.uk)

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