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Great News:

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LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES

Being able to return a favour.

From Shirley Dee

Cover Picture: Natures autumn bounty, Blackberries in Bridge Street.

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FORMER EDITOR MAKES THE NEWS



Picture Tony Guest

Left
Gary Dyer

Centre
Jenny Gibson

Right
Tony Gibson

Williton Window and its former committee showed its appreciation last month of all the hard work put in over the past decade and more, with the presentation of a book and original watercolour painting to the former editor Jenny Gibson and husband Tony.

The presentation was made by Gary Dyer who together with Phyllis Chidgey had served the magazine since its inception.

Tony Guest.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

I can't give you the formula for success but I can give you the formula for failure which is try to please everyone.

Shirley Dee

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Avon & Somerset Police

20/08/20 9788

Somerset: Rogue Traders (Let's get ahead of them)

Dear Readers,

My colleague in South Gloucestershire has shared the below Community Alert message and after reading it I felt this may be important to share with you. They could head our way at some point!

There have been numerous reports of rogue traders throughout the South Gloucestershire area during the last two days. Two males have called on a resident of Bredon, Yate, offering to repair damage to the roof for £800 which was rejected, although it was agreed that the pair would clean the guttering for £180. The suspects then left after 5 minutes, after asking the resident to sign some form of document.

An elderly male was approached by a male as he walked along Quarry Road in Alveston. The suspect claimed that he had done work for the victim before, but fortunately an off-duty police officer noticed what was going on and the offender walked off when the officer approached.

Another vulnerable resident was stopped by a male on Alcacia Road in Staple Hill who said that he had done work for her before and asked if she wanted anything else done. The female said that she needed some damp work done and the offender said he wanted some money in advance to buy some materials. Fortunately, the resident remembered that he hadn't done any work for her before so refused to hand over any money.

We have sent messages previously about cold callers and doorstep traders, but we now want to extend that warning to include anyone who approaches people asking for work and claiming that they know you, or have worked for you in the past.

Always use traders who have been recommended to you by someone you trust. Get a written quote on headed notepaper and never pay in cash. Be wary of anyone asking if you need any work done or someone who "just happened" to notice that there was some damage they could fix straight away.

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Rogue Traders continued on next page

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27/08/20 9788

Somerset: Rogue Traders (Gardeners Tree Specialists)

We have been made aware that there has been a sharp increase in calls relating to bogus "Tree Specialists" who have been preying on the older population within our communities, offering to carry out gardening work. Several residents are reported to have paid vast sums of money for poor quality work to the so called "Specialists" who have also taken the money and never returned to complete the work.

There are a few things that you should be wary of before allowing anyone into your home or garden.

1. Did they put a leaflet through your door claiming to offer discounts for OAPs?
2. Do they offer 20 / 30 / 40 % off for calling within a particular time scale of receiving your leaflet?
3. Do they offer Tree work and then claim to offer a host of other services seemingly unrelated?
4. Does it look like a professionally printed leaflet?
5. If you speak to an operator, do not be bullied into committing to their services or an appointment.
6. If they are in your home, phone a friend and ask them to come round.
7. You can ask them to leave at any point during their sales pitch.

These are just a few points to look out for, but the best rule to go by is that if you require any work you should find the person yourself or go by the recommendation of others that you trust.

There are plenty of websites that can steer you in the right direction to find the right company.

And of course there are some genuine, honest companies so make an informed decision, but remember:

"If you're not sure, don't open the door"

Editor's Note.

We have many established traders who advertise in this magazine, do not respond to unsolicited doorstep requests. Keep Safe!

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Transport Action Committee Citizens Somerset No 28 Bus



Dear All,

Following the 'zoom' Accountability Assembly in July, we are now in the position of taking up the 'promises' made by both David Fothergill of SCC and Alex Carter of First Bus to agree to meet with us to discuss this issue.

I thank you all again for your testimonies and also attendance and participation at our meetings, it has been extremely helpful in furthering this cause.

Since the assembly, Somerset West and Taunton have started up a 'Task & Finish' scrutiny group dealing with Transport across the South West and we have been asked to submit our research on this matter to them as well.

It is with this information that I am writing to you all again to ask:

- 1: Have you experienced any problems with the No 28 Bus since lockdown has eased?
- 2: Are the problems with overcrowding exacerbated now that the amount of people on the bus is severely restricted?
- 3: Are any of you experiencing problems with delays or nonappearance of Buses as fewer are being supplied on the route?
- 4: Are any of you able to access the information on the First Bus website and is this accurate per day?
- 5: Any other problems?

We would be grateful if any of you, as before, would be willing to attend the next Transport Action 'Zoom' meeting on October 13th at 3pm and the subsequent (hopefully) meeting with David Fothergill and Alex Carter?

I would be most grateful for any up to date input you can give me in relation to the above queries and look forward to hearing from you soon. If you would like to contact me e-mail trishdobson61@gmail.com, Telephone 07760498209 with many thanks.

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WILLITON WEATHER



SEPTEMBER

September looked good following a nice bank holiday, and on the 7/8th we had very hot days, the hottest Sept 7th, in 17 years! (*not here only very hot at 28C*). As I predicted we had a very good spell of hot sunny weather in the middle two weeks (*almost an "Indian Summer"*).

AUGUST

August was really warm (*though people said it was a wash out*) but there was a lot of very heavy rain: total 133mm.

The maximum temperature on the 12th 33C.

The minimum temperature on the 27th was 12C.

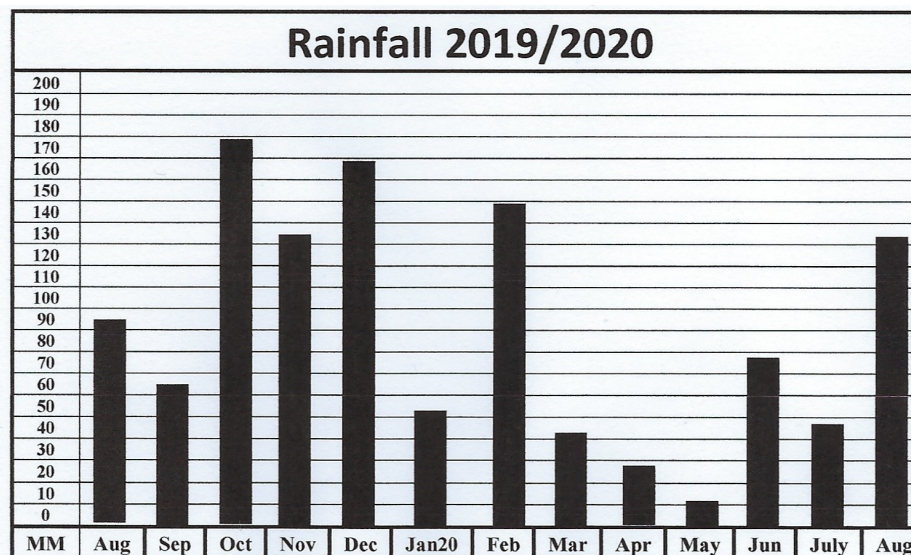
The maximum pressure on the 23rd was 30.2 inches.

The minimum pressure on the 19th was 29.8 inches.

So on the whole it was a very good August with lots of hot sunny days, but remembered for the dull heavy rainy days!

Nature Notes

You may see (*or have seen*) the Swallows and House Martin's on the wires getting ready to fly off to warmer land. A large Slow Worm was seen at Staple Plain Woods. Young Herring Gulls are annoying people calling, a lot of squawking round on the Roughmoor roofs. A number of trees are losing their leaves. But the weather lets us enjoy lots of flowering plants. Pj.



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Ralegh's Cross Long Walk

We hope this walk on October 17th, will take place, but in view of Covid we cannot be certain. There will be up to date information on the website:-

<http://www.westsomersetmineralrailway.org.uk/walks.php>

Saturday 17th October - Ralegh's Cross Long Walk

Meet 9.45am at Ralegh's Cross Inn TA23 0LN

We visit Beulah Chapel, the old Brendon village and 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. About 7 miles. Steep. (max 6 people, socially distanced please book on 01398 323841)

Phoenix Club Watchet

**WATCHET
PHOENIX
CENTRE**

To all Volunteers, Helpers, Members & Hirers

The Trustees had a meeting on September the 8th 2020 to discuss the way forward with the centre. We had advice from local Council and it was considered that we will not open before next year.

We will review the situation at our November Meeting and will contact all volunteers and helpers personally of any decisions or any changes made.

We have to go by advice from government & local Council. Hope this will help you to save asking when will we open again.

On behalf of the Watchet Phoenix Club Trustees. *Edwin May Chairman.*

K. T's Zumba Classes are Back at Williton Pavilion

Monday evenings 6-7pm

Friday mornings 9.30-10.30am

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR YOUR SPACE

Contact details :-

07738676832, katie0704@live.co.uk and K.T's Zumba Classes on Facebook

Grant Funding Available

We're keen to support a wide range of groups from across Somerset. "We are particularly interested in giving the best start in life to the most disadvantaged children, growing the life skills of young people, improving the mental health of people of all ages, increasing opportunities for better physical health, supporting people with disabilities and life-limiting illnesses and their carers, combating loneliness and isolation."

Cut Off Date Friday 16th October. Contact Details:- Telephone: **01749 344949**

Email: info@somersetcf.org.uk

Website:- <https://www.somersetcf.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant>



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My Story as a Visually Impaired Person

I was trained to use a white cane to get around which made me feel vulnerable in society, and for this reason would never go shopping or visit the hole in the wall to get money from my account or even just to get a balance on my account. My family had been nagging me for many years to apply for a guide dog, which I always either refused or turned a deaf ear to. This was to change one sunny day when I had a bad fall where I seriously broke my left wrist, which had to be reassembled with the aid of a titanium plate and seven screws.



My family got their way and I sent off an application to Guide Dogs for the Blind asking to be assessed for a guide dog, knowing from what I had read that the process of being assessed and then getting a guide dog, could take anything up to a year to eighteen months.

Into My Life Came Burnie

Six months after I was assessed, I was contacted to say that a dog had been found that appeared on paper to meet my requirements e.g. height of dog, in relation to me, the speed at which the dog walked in relation to me and its overall ability to do the job he had been trained to do. So a date was made for a Lady called Louise Malthouse (a guide dog trainer from Weston-Super-Mare) when she would bring the dog with her. I shall never forget that day as long as I live because a brindle Labrador named Burnham (Burnie for short) was to dramatically change my life from that moment on. We commenced an intensive four weeks of training twice daily so that I would learn how to work Burnie, understand the commands to give him while at the same time learning to read signals he would give me through the guide dog harness.

We qualified as a guide dog unit in July 2010 and received regular visits from the trainer to see how we were progressing. First monthly, then quarterly, followed by half yearly assessments. We were now out and about here, there and everywhere just me and Burnie, going to new places and getting back safely, going on holidays, the theatre and even taking up bowls! Wherever, we wanted to go, or whatever I wanted to do, we did it together. He would take me to work and spend the day relaxing under my desk, supposedly sleeping, but always keeping one eye on me so that he would be ready to resume working if required.

The Winning Team

Yes, we did join a local bowls club, which Burnie took me to, where he would lay and watch me play lying in the shade of a large marquee, for roughly four and a half hours. The photo (above) is the result of five years practicing and playing at my local bowls club, as the only registered blind person, We won both the Men's Singles and Men's Pairs competitions.

We were together for over nine years as a working unit. It was at a regular visit to the vets, to have his teeth cleaned (This process requires the dog to be sedated for easier access to the back teeth) where the vet noticed a growth on Burnie's soft palate. She removed and sent away for analysis, the results of which were that it was a very aggressive form of cancer and the expectation was that he would only live for a month or two.

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My Story as a Visually Impaired Person continued

Guide Dogs for the Blind instantly retired him and started the process of finding me another dog to train with. When the new dog arrived, it was clear that Burnie would not cope with such a young and boisterous playmate, so a foster home was found for Burnie in Kingsbridge, South Devon.

Sadly and with a massive amount of tears on my part, I received a phone call on July the 13th 2020 when Burnie passed away. Burnie was my life and as for the new dog, well after just a few months, my Parkinson's got worse and my balance became unpredictable, having on some occasions to walk with two walking poles. Having a deep and difficult conversation with my new trainer, the new dog was returned to the Guide Dogs Exeter training at the beginning of March this year.

Memorial to Burnie Appeal.

Like all charities, Guide Dogs for the Blind went into complete lockdown with all but essential staff being put onto furlough. This meant that all dogs at the National Breeding Centre could not progress to training, while those dogs in the middle of their training and clients waiting for dogs or in the middle of their training all came to a halt. From Lockdown so far, the charity has lost vast sums of potential new revenue and had like all other charities, had to dig into their reserves simply to maintain the high standard of health of all their dogs.

Burnie would have been twelve years old on September the second 2020 and in memory of him and the number of times he saved me from danger, I would like people to help raise £1,000 to help with the cost of training new dogs to the same high standard as my best mate Burnie was. Burnie will then be remembered with when every new guide dog and visually impaired person become a **Guide Dog Unit.**



If you love dogs as much as I do, then why not take this opportunity to support Guide Dogs for the Blind by visiting our crowdfunding page details below and help us reach our target of **£1,000** .

Keith Woolgar

Memorial to Burnie

Sadly and with a massive amount of tears on my part, I would like to let local people know that on July the 13th 2020 my Amazing Guide Dog Burnie passed away after being diagnosed with cancer back in March 2019. He had been my life since July 2009. I soon learned to trust him implicitly, because on several occasions he Saved My Life for which I could never repay him. He would have been 12 on the 2nd of September so in his memory I will be hosting two Zoom events which you can take part in and make a donation.



**I have launched an online Memorial to Burnie
a Crowd Funding appeal to raise
£1,000.00p**

In aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind

To donate please Visit:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/memorial-to-burnie> or [@Nimrod77662523](https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/memorial-to-burnie)
Email klw-shantyman@outlook.com

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Williton and Surrounds Parkinson's Support

We would like to thank the Williton Window and all the readers for their support. In the past couple of years we have twice asked for help from the readers and twice the readers have responded. "It just goes to show you that this is a good magazine and the people in Williton are very supportive."

While the WASPS have not been able to meet, just like all the other clubs and organizations we have been keeping in contact with each other by telephone or emails. The committee have been keeping a careful eye on the rules and regulations and are ready to resume meetings when we are given permission. We have to be very careful not to rush into having meetings but rather take a step back and wait for safer times.

However, we continue to be there for all members and those that are affected by Parkinson's. If you or someone you know has been diagnosed with Parkinson's, we are here for you. Whether you just want a quick conversation, or you are looking for information please feel free to contact us and we will do our best to help you out. You do not have to feel alone. All information is strictly confidential. You do not have to become a member of the WASPS, the choice is up to you.

For further information we can be reached at **01984631472**.

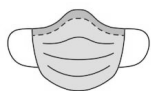
Linda Bishop Committee Member

FREE FABRIC FACE COVERINGS

Do you live in the Parish of Williton?

Are you over 70?

Are you in the COV10-19 vulnerable group?



You are entitled to **2 FREE face masks**
made by the ladies & gent
(in Williton & surrounding villages).



These are cotton & are washable at 60°.

Please call the
Williton Coronavirus Community Help Group
on **01984 573673** to request yours.

Dawn-Lesley Howes

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News from Williton Post Office



You may have noticed that we have a few Christmas Cards on sale. These are mainly with overseas postage in mind. We also have a wonderful selection of Calendars from our local Photographer, Paul Savage. He has added to the range, so do come in and have a browse!

The official Royal Mail last recommended posting dates for Christmas

International Economy (Surface)

5th October	Australia, Middle and Far East (except Hong Kong and Singapore) New Zealand and all other not-European destinations (except Canada, South Africa, USA)
12th October	Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore, South Africa, U.S.A.
2nd November	Cyprus, Eastern Europe, Greece, Iceland, Malta, Turkey
16th 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.

One piece of disappointing news is that **Priory Cleaners will no longer be collecting laundry**. We are sorry for any inconvenience this will cause.

We would like to reassure you all that we continue with our daily sanitizing protocol and aim to keep you Covid safe as far as possible. So far we have been able to keep our door wide open since 'Lockdown' however this might have to change as we move into Autumn.

Caroline Tyner

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, and other useful information. Please ring Jenny Gibson on 634899, email: welcomepack2020@yahoo.com or go to our website: www.willitonwindow.org.uk/welcome-pack

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BAPTIST CHURCH (WATCHET)

The Baptist Church normally meets at Knights Templar School every Sunday. The Baptist Church is currently meeting online at youtube.com/watchetbaptist on Sunday at 6pm. For more information visit the **website**: www.watchetbaptist.org.uk or email mike@watchetbaptist.org.uk or telephone 01984 633755.

METHODIST CHURCH

Worshipping at Danesborough View Common Room TA4 4SH

All our church services are cancelled until further notice in line with all other denominations. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all, keep safe and we look forward to worshipping together in the future.

Services Via Zoom

Members of the Methodist Churches in West Somerset, including Williton Methodist Church regularly meet for Sunday worship. If you would like to join any of our zoom events you can get in touch with the circuit administrator of the local Methodist Church, simply email wsmc2425@gmail.com and someone will be in touch. It would be helpful if you could provide your name and a telephone number.

THE SALVATION ARMY WATCHET CORPS

Salvation Army Hall, 1 Brendon Road, Watchet. All are welcome.

(Part of Churches Together in Williton and Watchet)

All enquiries to the Corps leader, Miss Sam Searle on 07979 575 453.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass is normally celebrated at the Methodist Church, Watchet. In these troubled times, please contact Deacon Vincent Woods on 01984 634681 for information.

Parking Charges Resumed

Charges were reintroduced in Somerset West and Taunton owned car parks from Monday 31st August. The Council introduced free parking at the start of the Coronavirus lockdown and extended the offer as part of its wider plan to support the re-opening of High Streets and help rejuvenate the local economy.

It has taken the decision to start charging again in line with other district councils in Somerset, although key health workers who display permits provided by their NHS Trust can continue to park for free.

Signage will be placed in the car parks reminding people that charges now apply. All SWT car parks are now fully open except Paul Street Car Park where the top three levels remain closed until they can be opened safely under Covid-19 guidance.

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Faith Reflection

‘When it works, the church is like Lego – accommodating each other’s knobbly bits makes us all stick together.’

Milton Jones, the stand-up comic who you sometimes see on the television, has some interesting things to say about the church and faith. Like that one.

People who trust Jesus are at their worst when we expect everyone to have smooth sides and no rough edges. And we’re at our best when we accept people as they are, by sharing hope and being caring to everyone, even when they’re really not like us.

If you’re not usually part of church things, I’d like to let you know that we (people who trust Jesus) have good news to share. It’s news that is all about hope – and care. We don’t pretend that bad things don’t happen. And we don’t pretend that we know the answer to all the awkward questions, either.

But we are confident of this: life makes more sense with Jesus in it, and when we share it with each other, too. Want to know more? Ask!

mike@watchetbaptist.org.uk

Down at the Station



Very little to report this month other than we are still weeding between the tracks, but getting further away from the station towards Teddy Bear's Crossing. I am amazed at how quickly the brambles have encroached onto the tracks. If we don't keep on top of this then the whole line will get choked.

The Book Stall outside my home at 6 Long Lakes has continued during September, weather permitting, and hopefully will continue into October. There is a very good supply of good reading books there, and easier to access than the library!! Why not drop by one Friday or Saturday.. Nearly all priced at 50p each, or even less, and for a good cause, to keep Williton station looking good as it has done for the past 150 years or so.

*John Parsons
Station Master*

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Face Coverings:

We are all getting to grips with remembering our face coverings when we go out and I thought it would be useful to refresh people on where you must wear face coverings. Face coverings are now compulsory in a range of public places including: shops, shopping centres, retail spaces and supermarkets, public transport, indoor transport hubs, banks, building societies, and post offices.

The government has full details here: <https://tinyurl.com/y7pd957e>

There are some people who are exempt from wearing face coverings including (but is not limited to):

- Young children under the age of 11 (Public Health England do not recommend face coverings for children under the age of 3 for health and safety reasons).
- Not being able to put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability.
- If putting on, wearing or removing a face covering will cause you severe distress.
- If you are travelling with or providing assistance to someone who relies on lip reading to communicate.
- To avoid harm or injury, or the risk of harm or injury, to yourself or others.
- To avoid injury, or to escape a risk of harm, and you do not have a face covering with you.
- To eat or drink if reasonably necessary.
- In order to take medication.
- If a police officer or other official requests you remove your face covering.

There are also scenarios when you are permitted to remove a face covering when asked

- If asked to do so in a bank, building society, or post office for identification
- If asked to do so by shop staff or relevant employees for identification, the purpose of assessing health recommendations, such as a pharmacist, or for age identification purposes including when buying age restricted products such as alcohol
- If speaking with people who rely on lip reading, facial expressions and clear sound. Some may ask you, either verbally or in writing, to remove a covering to help with communication

If you fancy making one there are 4 great free patterns available on this website:
<https://www.sewcanshe.com/blog/5-free-diy-face-mask-tutorials-using-fabric>

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Staying Connected

The pandemic has forced many of us to be creative in the way we stay connected with one another.

Carers in particular may have found themselves more isolated and struggling as their usual support groups have stopped running. You can find connections with other people online, & you might be able to find a little respite in non traditional ways, such as joining facebook groups or online forums. This months Carers Newsletter found here: <https://tinyurl.com/y3tkkg13> and has lots of ideas of groups you could join – whether you are a carer or not! You may find a new way of virtually meeting people with shared hobbies and interests. Here's a few ideas to set yourself a little time aside for you:

- ♦ The Virtual Village Hall is a programme of themed online activities designed to enjoy at home by the Royal Voluntary Service. Lots of online activities can be found here: <https://www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk/virtual-village-hall/>
- ♦ Home Pamper Session www.wikihow.com/Pamper-Yourself-at-Home
- ♦ Online Book Clubs - Good Housekeeping recommends: <https://tinyurl.com/y5288tn5>
- ♦ Take a mindful moment in nature: Simply sit and enjoy being outdoors, use it as mindful relaxation time, listening to the birds & being in nature. Mind.org.uk has tips here: <https://tinyurl.com/y2k26uq3>
- ♦ SEED – Creative Lives under Lockdown www.seedsedgemoor.com/creative-lives-under-lockdown/
- ♦ Reading or Listening: Set yourself up in a comfortable space, with nourishing snacks, a cuppa, plenty of water & a good book or Audible book

Hydration

Good hydration can assist in preventing or treating ailments such as: Urinary infections and incontinence; Memory or thinking problems; Constipation; Dizziness leading to falls; Reduces hospital admissions.

It can be tough to remember to drink enough so here's a few tips

- ♦ Make it social! Take time out to have a cup of tea
- ♦ Make sure drinks are available at mealtimes
- ♦ Set reminders on your phone to drink every hour
- ♦ 1.5 litres a day is what we each should be drinking - make a jug of water of that amount and keep in fridge - make sure it is gone by the end of the day! Add mint or cucumber in for added refreshment!

CCS Village Agents can now supply you with your very own water bottle for free to help keep you hydrated! There is even a handy guide on the side to help remind you to drink throughout the day!

Caroline Harding, CCS Agent Manager, explains how here:

<https://youtu.be/DELeiGPEBvk>

Call 01823 331222 or contact me Izzy Silvester on **07931 014045**

izzy@somersetccc.org.uk

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

To contact Williton Parish Council telephone 01984 633979 and talk to Michelle or Jo, or email Michelle clerk@willitonpc.org.uk or Jo admin@willitonpc.org.uk

Another month has passed so quickly and just as we thought we were seeing light at the end of the tunnel we are back into a potential second phase of the COVID 19 epidemic. We are all anxious to ensure our children can go back to school, parents can go back to work, even if some are working from home. We also want be able to go out and visit play areas and socialise with friends and family. We can do all of these things providing we abide by the rules and advice that has been issued. Most importantly though, is ensuring we maintain our social distancing and hygiene. Wearing of masks in public places, use of hand sanitiser and maintaining our distances. Please stay safe and well.

General. The Parish Council continues to meet on zoom to ensure we continue to manage the day to day issues in the village. If you do have any concerns or issues you should still contact the Parish office by phone or e-mail. 01984 633979 or e-mail clerk@willitonpc.org.uk. We would like to extend a welcome to Williton, to new people/families that have moved into the village. We hope you settle in and are able, in due course to get involved in the activities, when we are able to start opening the Pavilion and other events.

One Somerset. Some of you will be aware that Somerset County Council have put in for a proposal to make Somerset a Unitary Authority. Simply to remove the District Councils. A paper has been sent to the government for a decision. In the meantime, another group are putting together another proposal to have two Unitary Councils, West and East Somerset. Both groups have put outline proposals together, which can be viewed online, Stronger Somerset and Somerset County Council.

My reason for bringing this to your attention is the fact that you are going to be approached by both camps to canvass your views on the future of Somerset and in particular your village and surrounding area. Change is going to happen and you should have your voice heard.

There are still vacancies on the Parish council and we need people with varying skills and expertise to be able to meet the challenges, now and in the future. If you feel you are able to help you should contact the Parish Clerk at the parish office in Killick Way.

Thursday the 24th September 2020 will see the 25th anniversary of Cllr Elizabeth Peeks as being a Parish Councillor. Elizabeth has put so much of her personal time into this voluntary role and given so much to the village, for which we are all very grateful. Thank you, Liz, for all that you have done and are doing – here's to the next 25!

Councillor Robert McDonald



Williton Memorial Ground & Pavilion

Events scheduled at time of going to print

Move it or Lose it (Anne) Tel: 07421762532

Every Wednesday 10.00 -11.00am

Pilates (Ellie) Tel: 07342238723

Every Monday 9.30am to Midday

New Slimming World (Louise) Tel: 07960173142

Wednesdays Afternoon & Evening

Youth Club (Andy) Tel: 01643 703155

Every Thursday during October (except 29th Half Term) 6.00-8.00pm

Zumba (Katie) Tel: 07738676832

Every Monday 6.00 –7.00pm & Every Friday 9.30 -10.30am

Please Note

If you wish to attend any of the above you need to contact the individual organisers to book and confirm conditions of attendance with the respective groups.

If you have a regular event you would like listed in the diary please e-mail the details to us at willitonwindow@yahoo.co.uk or Telephone 01984 631595

Update from Somerset Waste

Somerset's move away from landfill has been completed with construction of the £317m Viridor Resource Recovery Centre (RRC)

at Avonmouth. It turns all kerbside rubbish and 60% of non-recyclable materials from Somerset's recycling sites into electricity.

Recycle More is being introduced across Somerset in four phases over 18 months: Mendip end of October 2020; South Somerset late June/early July 2021; Sedgemoor and Somerset West & Taunton by February/March 2022. A phased roll-out allows Somerset's five depots to be upgraded to handle the thousands of tonnes of extra recycling.

Wearable clothes only kerbside. Kerbside collections have resumed for only clothes and shoes good enough to be worn again. No textiles, such as bedding, curtains etc, will be taken. Poorer items could have home uses – such as cleaning rags – or be put in the rubbish to generate electricity. The changes reflect the decline of the global second-hand market caused by COVID-19 and disposable fashion. Other Textiles now dispose of in the ordinary bin.

Winter starts at recycling sites. Somerset recycling sites go to winter timetables from Thursday 1 October: weekday opening hours 9am -5pm and weekends remaining 9am to 4pm. **Williton Recycling Centre** being open Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays. **Closed Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.**





September once again sees the end of Williton Bowling Club's season but it was a season which the club has never had to deal with in the past.

The start of the season was delayed for a few months because of the Corona Virus, which meant that all the men's and ladies league matches and friendly fixtures with other clubs had to be cancelled. This left those who joined only playing club competitions and Roll Ups. To do this the club had to follow all the government and Bowls England guidance of safety, making it as safe as possible for those playing.

There is a very friendly atmosphere at the club. That is one thing the virus hasn't diminished, good numbers turning out for the Monday, Wednesday and Friday Roll Ups. Because of problems at Minehead Bowling Club with the green, four of their members regularly visited Williton to take part in the Roll Ups, they appreciated the warm welcome they received.

The green has now been put to bed, which entails scarifying, cutting, reseeding and dressing the playing surface so that next season the green is at its best.

No one is sure what next year will bring. If the virus can be controlled enough to get things back to something like normal. The gates of the club will open in April to welcome members and anyone who would like to come and learn the sport of bowls. Coaching and club woods can be provided, all you would need are a pair of flat shoes to use on the green.

Please stay safe!

Dave Sully President Williton Bowling Club

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 stocking this book.

This Months Recipe

Wild Blackberry & Rosewater Cake

Serves 8



Ingredients

150g Caster Sugar
75g Butter, melted and cooled
75g Plain Yoghurt
1 Egg, beaten
½ tsp Rosewater
50g Ground Almonds
175g White Self-Raising Flour
125g Blackberries

Icing - optional

2 ½ tbsp Icing Sugar
150g Cream Cheese

To Serve - Optional

A Sprig of Blackberries
Some Rose Petals

Method

1. Heat the oven to 180 C gas mark 4 and greese a 20cm circular cake tin.
2. Mix together the sugar, butter, yoghurt, egg, rosewater and ground almonds. Then sift and fold in the flour, followed by the blackberries.
3. Spoon the mixture into the prepared tin and bake for around 20 minutes until risen, pale golden and a skewer inserted comes out clean. Remove from the oven and leave to cool in the tin for a few minutes before turning out on to a wire rack.
4. Make the frosting by sifting the icing sugar into the cream cheese. Stir until smooth.
5. Once the cake is cool, ice the top and decorate with a sprig of blackberries or rose petals.
6. An iced cake is best kept in the fridge and eaten within a day or two. The unfrosted cake will keep for around three days in an airtight container.

Janet Cook

PICK YOUR OWN QUINCES FREE

I have an abundance of Quinces this year, ready to pick in October.



If you would like some please contact me

to arrange to pick your own.

Telephone Belinda on : - 01984 631491



The quince is the sole member of the genus Cydonia in the family Rosaceae. It is a deciduous tree that bears a pome fruit, similar in appearance to a pear, and is bright golden-yellow when mature.

They can be used in jam making, crumble and other things. Not recommended to be eaten raw.

Williton Coronavirus Community Help Group

If you are still isolated and need help with grocery shopping, prescriptions, dog walking, errands or just need a friendly chat, we can put you in touch with someone who can help you.

Helpline Number

01984 573673

willitonhelp@yahoo.com

www.facebook.com/willitonhelp

If you need help, call or message us now

Phone lines are operational every day from 8:00 am until 10:00 pm. You can leave a message at other times and we will get back to you.

There's a list of traders and their opening times on our website as the situation changes frequently.

www.willitonhelp.co.uk

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE FROM SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL

All our help and information is now available in a single place on the Somerset County Council website:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/coronavirus/covid-19-latest-advice/>

This page is refreshed through the day so please check in regularly to keep across developments and news.

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WORDSEARCH FOR OCTOBER

by Phyllis Chidgey

Give us a Cluedo



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