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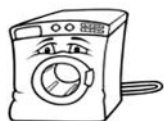
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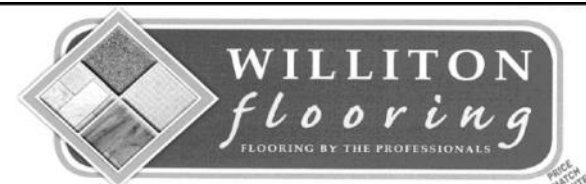
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Tuesdays	10-11.am	Coffee and Chat
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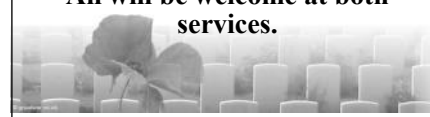
SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2017

Sun 5th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.00am	All Age Worship
Sun 12th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion for Remembrance Sunday
Mon 13th	10.00am	Communion at Danesborough View- all welcome
Sun 19th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 26th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion
	4.00pm	Celtic Evening Prayer with prayer for healing at St Decuman's, Watchet
Thurs 30th	11.00am	Communion at Croft House

REMEMBRANCE DAY

There will be the Remembrance Day service on the Memorial Ground on Saturday the 11th as always - gather at 10:45 for the 11am National Silence.

This year's church service will be at the Methodist Church on Tower Hill at 3pm on Sunday 12th. All will be welcome at both services.



Cover photo: Doniford Beach, photo taken in October 2017

IN FLANDERS FIELDS *by John McCrae*

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
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METHODIST CHURCH Tower Hill, Williton

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Coffee and chat: Fridays 10.00 am - 11.30 am - all welcome

This month our preachers are:

5th	Rev Andrew Vidamour
12th	Mrs Margaret Lintern
12th at 3pm	Remembrance Sunday Service
19th	Mrs Jane Sefton
26th	Rev Tina MacDonald - Holy Communion

PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH at 12 noon on Friday 17th November

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FROM REV TINA MACDONALD

The other day I walked with my son over the hill from Watchet towards Danesfield School. The last time I remember doing this was when I was about thirteen years old, prior to that I remember running half way up it from Danesfield before turning right into a field and heading towards Doniford on school cross country runs – something I dreaded and would have done anything to get out of. I am sure I was not the only one. Always half way through the run I recall gasping for breath and going weak at the knees; I was never a strong runner and afterwards how I disliked running the gauntlet in the girls open shower room. I remember too envying a friend who ran like the wind, her feet hardly seeming to touch the ground.

So, imagine my surprise and delight when this time I actually had my eyes open and could see the scenery surrounding me. I have to say I was taken aback. Never before had I realised that there was such a panoramic view from the top of the hill. My goodness, what a wonderful sight, the Quantocks, the Brendon Hills, Exmoor and, sweeping back down towards Watchet harbour with the majestic line of fir trees along the playing field, reminding me of a scene from a long forgotten foreign holiday, the view over the sea to Wales.

Perhaps I never realised what was here all the time because I was so wrapped up in my own misery – that of being forced into cross country running – that I never thought to lift my eyes. How much more must we miss when we become self-centred rather than broadening our perspectives? I am reminded of Psalm 21, 'I lift my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.'

My son was so taken with the view that he suggested we went back at dark to see the lights. I can honestly recommend this too, and you may also be lucky enough to hear an owl.

FUNDRAISING MEAL for Rohingya refugees

We have all seen reports of the Rohingya people being forced to leave Myanmar and become refugees in Bangladesh. These people have nothing and are living in terrible conditions. Shah and his team from the Bengal Spice restaurant in Williton are planning to go out to Bangladesh in December to take much needed provisions and medicines to them.

To help raise funds for this cause there will be a fundraising meal at the Bengal Spice on Tuesday 5 December arriving at 7.30pm to eat at 8pm. The meal includes a starter and main course and costs £15 per person. As there will be limited places available, tickets **MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE**. So why not get friends and family together to book a table for a great evening?

Never tried Indian food before? This is a great opportunity to come and try a variety of dishes whilst supporting a good cause.

The evening will include a raffle and there will be a draw for the lucky ticket number. If you are unable to join us but would still like to support the cause either by a donation or a prize for the raffle, please take this into the Bengal Spice.

Tickets are available from Tracey Copp 01984 633657 or Sara Hempshall 01984 639648.



ROADWORKS A39

The A39 is due to be closed for roadworks for 3 weeks from 6 November for 350 meters east of Dragon Cross. According to the Highways Department it will be shut between 9.30am and 3.30pm, and open at weekends. The official diversion route takes you through Raleighs Cross and Wheddon Cross and down the A396 through Dunster back to the A39. There are other roadworks also taking place on the A39 between Williton and Minehead during the same period, including night closures. But the road should reopen in time for Dunster by Candlelight. To find out more, telephone Highways on 0300 123 2224 or go the website roadworks.org and click on the map for our area. In the right hand top corner is a drop-down box, with a downward facing arrow. Click on this for information about future roadworks. Good luck with travelling!

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We will be having our 'Open Evening' again at the Christmas Festival on 13th December, a chance for us to offer you a glass of sherry or fruit juice along with a mince pie: this is our way of thanking you for your wonderful support throughout this year!

Caroline Tyner

GLOBAL FRIENDS

At the October session we discussed the programme for 2018 plus the welfare of some of our members. Our thoughts were with Pauline who had a family funeral and Kim who went down with a virus. We helped Lita's family with a new job, and their daughter entering university.



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 14 November at the Children's Centre at 2pm and we will need cards for Christmas and birthdays.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

from SD

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To Phyllis Chidgey for being given the Somerset County Council Chairman's Award for Services to the Community. Phyllis has been a stalwart supporter and helper of the Williton Window since its inception in 2000, compiling the Wordsearch every month, sitting on the editorial committee and delivering 80 magazines every month. She also volunteers with the West Somerset Talking Newspaper, helps at the Hospital and, until the end of this summer, was a volunteer at Watchet Tourist Office when it moved to different premises. She also helps at the Community Bookshop, where her professional experience as a librarian is invaluable. For 18 years she was treasurer for Williton Country Market and for a long time she was also treasurer for Wheels Voluntary Car Scheme. At any charity event with a raffle or tombola, Phyllis is quite likely to be organising it! What a star!

FROM YOUR VILLAGE AGENT, IZZY SILVESTER

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Thursday 19th October the ladies of the WI enjoyed a very interesting and entertaining talk by Barbara Fierek about Traidcraft.

Traidcraft is the UK's leading fair trade organisation. Their mission is to fight poverty through trade, practising and promoting approaches to trade that help poor people in developing countries. Barbara showed us some slides of a visit to India with a Traidcraft 'Meet the People' tour, visiting Delhi, Kerala and Mumbai, visiting local people whom Traidcraft had helped to set up small businesses, thus changing their lives. Barbara brought along some items produced through Traidcraft including Christmas cards, tea, coffee and chocolate.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 16th November at 2 pm in the Danesborough View Common Room, when our speaker will be Ian Lee, who will be telling us about Exmoor Rescue. As always, visitors are welcome (at a charge of £3).

Irene Draper, WI Member

RECIPE FOR THE MONTH by Shirley Dee

AMERICAN BROWNIES

2 large eggs	3 tablespoons cocoa powder
8 oz (200 g) caster sugar	½ teaspoon baking powder
2 oz (50 g) melted butter	Pinch salt
½ teaspoon vanilla essence	2 oz (50 g) walnuts, roughly chopped
3 oz (75 g) plain flour	

Pre-heat oven to: 180oC / 350oF / Gas mark 4

Well grease an 8" square tin. Whisk the eggs and sugar together until the mixture is thick and creamy. Beat in the butter and vanilla essence, sieve in the flour, cocoa, baking powder and salt and fold into the mixture with the walnuts. Turn into the prepared tin and bake for approx 35 minutes. When cooked leave in the tray for ten minutes, then cut the brownies into squares and remove from the tin while still warm.

WILLITON MARKET

The market will be held on Friday 17 November between 9 and 11.30 in the Parish Council Rooms, Killick Way. We sell fresh produce, flowers, eggs, preserves, jewellery, crafts, greetings cards and seasonal gifts. *ST*

WILLITON HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS - Men or women over 17!

Please do think about volunteering at our lovely local hospital. You will be very welcome. We need bedmakers, 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*

WEST SOMERSET MINERAL LINE ASSOCIATION

Do come to our Exhibition on October 31 at the Sanctuary in Swain Street, Watchet from 10 am, followed by the AGM at 3 pm. More information is available on our website: www.wsmla.org.uk

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

WASPS - WILLITON AND SURROUNDING AREA PARKINSON'S SUPPORT

It is always good to see a lot of smiling faces, and that is just what I see when I start the regular monthly meeting. The reason is simple, they have participated in the 45 minute exercise class run by Jenny Manvell and are now relaxed and ready to get on with the meeting. It is really amazing to see the benefits of exercise so clearly demonstrated. We know that it will not cure us of Parkinson's, but it will help us to fight back and to take back control of our lives.

Deb Withey and I went to a Research Information Day at Buckfast Abbey in Devon and came away with some very positive information. There are quite a few research projects going on in the Southwest. We are able to participate in this research which might one day find a way to help us slow down or ultimately stop Parkinson's in its tracks. One of the key points that was made is that if newly diagnosed people with Parkinson's are given information and start exercising they stand a much better chance of reducing and/or delaying the effects of Parkinson's.

We have come a long way in a few short years. Many new support groups have been formed and there is so much information available to those diagnosed. Unfortunately there are as many different forms of Parkinson's as there are people who have it. This makes it very complex and hard to deal with but that does not deter researchers from looking for a way to fight back and hopefully one day a cure will be found.

Our next regular meeting is on Thursday 2nd November at the Danesborough View Common Room in Williton. Exercises start at 1:15 and the main meeting starts at 2pm. This month we welcome Mr Ron Philips who will tell us about running a bakery during the 2nd World War. It promises to be very interesting.

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 LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

Williton Community Hospital League of Friends will be holding its Annual

General Meeting on Monday November 13th at 7 pm at the hospital.

This year's speaker is Rev Kathryn Flenley, Associate Vicar for Watchet and Williton. This is an open meeting, which anyone can attend, so do come along.

There will be a Remembrance Day service on Saturday 11 November at 3pm at the hospital. Everyone is very welcome. Cup of tea and biscuits afterwards.

Christmas cards will be on sale from 6th November on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 2 and 4pm.

Williton Hospital Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 2nd December from 2 - 4.30pm. Crafts, games, bric-a-brac, refreshments. If you would like to reserve a stall, please call Sarah on 01984 635665. Cost £10. (No cakes or refreshments please.)

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Thurs	2	Williton Library	3pm Pins and Needles
Thurs	2	WASPS Parkinson Support Group	1.15pm exercises, 2pm main meeting Danesborough View Common Room
Thurs	2	Talking Newspaper	2.30pm AGM, Parish Council Rooms
Sat	4	Williton Library	10.30am Lego Club
Tues	7	Good Neighbours	2.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Sat	11	Remembrance Day	10.45 for 11.00am at the War Memorial in the Memorial Ground
Sat	11	Williton Hospital	3.00pm Remembrance Service
Sat	11	Macmillan Cancer Support	7.15pm A West Country Evening, Bicknoller Village Hall
Sun	12	Remembrance Day	3.00pm Service at the Methodist Church
Mon	13	RBL Women's Section	2.30pm Fire Station Lecture Room
Mon	13	Williton Hospital L of F	7.00pm AGM at the Hospital
Tues	14	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, Danesfield School
Tues	14	Global Friends	Children's Centre, 2pm
Tues	14	Watchet & District Audio Society	2.15pm, Sampford Brett Village Hall
Thurs	16	Women's Institute	2.00pm Danesborough View, Talk on Exmoor Rescue
Sat	18	Williton Wanderers	10.30am Brendon car park
Tues	21	Village History	7.45pm EMN Hall Monksilver, Talk on "Beating the Bounds"
Fri	24	Bake Club	3-4pm Williton Library
Sat	25	Williton Walk	2.00pm, St Peter's Church
Sat	25	Parish Council	9.30am Defibrillator Course
Mon	27	Garden Club	7.30pm Danesborough View Common Room, Talk on Growing Orchids
Mon	27	Book Club	2.30pm Williton Library
Tues	28	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, Danesfield School
Tues	28	Watchet & District Audio Society	2.15pm, Sampford Brett Village Hall

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	
Wed 4-5.30pm	Williton Youth Club	Danesfield School (Paul 01643 703155)
Wed 6-7.30pm	Cubs	Guide HQ
Wed 7-10 pm	Railways Modellers	Rear of Washford Mill, Washford (info: 07773 892085)
Thur 9.30-11.30 am	St Peter's Church	Drop in for coffee and cake
Thur 10-11am	Free chair based exercise	Williton Hospital (<i>please ring Shirley on 633529 for information</i>)
Thur 10.30 am	KFA Movement	Danesborough View Common Room
Thur 10.30-noon	Craft and Chat	Drop-in at Williton Library. All welcome. Guide HQ
Thur 5.15-6.30 pm	Rainbows	
Fri 9.30 am	Pilates	Williton Fire Station Community Room
Fri 10am -noon	Coffee and chat	Methodist Church, Tower Hill
Fri 12 noon	Colin's "Walk and talk"	Meet Killick Way Car park
Fri	Williton RBL Rifle Club	Bridge St. Range. Info 01984 632650
Fri 7.15-9pm	Guides (<i>info from Martha on 01984 248925</i>)	The Guide HQ, Market Street Car Park in Watchet
Fri 7.30 pm	Bingo	Danesborough View Common Room
Fri 7.30pm	Walking football	Danesfield School

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

Half term is upon us; it hardly seems possible that 7 weeks have gone so fast! Christmas will be in the forefront of our minds when we return. The whole school will be looking forward to our Christmas production and all the other activities leading up to this celebration. First though, we go back a few weeks.

Oak class are now in school full time and have settled in well, although they are very tired. They have been out collecting autumn leaves for leaf printing and have made some lovely colourful leaf pictures. The children enjoyed learning songs for harvest and were excited, but well behaved, to go to church for the service. The children brought in photographs of people who are special to them to share with the class as part of their RE work too.

The children in Ash class worked really hard for Harvest Festival. They learnt a tricky poem by George Cooper off by heart and sang a beautiful song. In English they have been learning about diary writing which has been a different subject for them to grasp, but have done very well and will continue with this after half term.

Elm class have started this term fantastically well and worked extremely hard especially in Maths, adding and subtracting numbers within 100. The children were also able to demonstrate how great they are at singing at Harvest Festival.

Fir class wrote a poem called 'Walking Through the Field' for Harvest. They used their senses to think about things they associate with autumn and harvest. The children also thought about how it compared with the song they had learnt 'The Harvest Samba'. Then they proudly and confidently recited their poem at the front of the church and sang beautifully.

Yew class have settled in well and are enjoying the responsibilities of being the oldest children in school. The children have started taking part in the Archie dementia awareness programme and paraded through Williton to Croft House dressed as scarecrows and then sang wartime songs to the residents. Afterwards everyone ate homemade cakes and enjoyed getting to know each other.

Our Happy Stars nurture group have been thinking about the animals that live outside in the winter and have made bird feeders. The children covered fir cones with peanut butter and rolled them in bird seeds and also filled adapted empty milk bottles with bird seed and then hung them on the trees outside; a lovely winter feast for the birds. Also they made a bug hotel to keep the bugs warm this winter!

Finally, our Book Fair was a huge success, ensuring our library will have £300 worth of new books. Many thanks to everyone who supported this event, making it our best book fair ever!

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.



WEST SOMERSET VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

There was a packed house to listen to Phil Gannon's fascinating talk about lime kilns in October. Let's hope the next meeting proves equally popular when Brian Wright tells us about "Beating the Bounds - an ancient ceremony from Saxon Times" on Tuesday 21 November at the EMN hall, Monksilver, TA4 4JE at 7.30pm for 7.45pm. Visitors are most welcome at £2.

More information on www.westsomersetvillagehistorysociety-wsvhs.com

WILLITON GARDENING CLUB

Members of the Gardening Club had a lovely outing to "Lift the latch" near Chard in October, ending our garden visit with delicious home-made cake!

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 27 November when Steve Burnett will be talking about "Growing Orchids". Visitors are always welcome (charge £2). We meet at Danesborough View Common Room, TA4 4SH. More information from Secretary Barbara Cook on 01984 639459.

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

The outing to Teignmouth at the end of September was very nice. The weather was lovely and everyone enjoyed themselves.

On 3rd October we had our 60th birthday party at Danesborough View Common Room. It was a lovely party, which everyone enjoyed, with some superb food provided by the committee. Special thanks go to Geraldine, who made a lovely cake. The cake was cut by our previous Chairperson, Audrey Scrace, who was presented with a gift from all the members.

We would like to think that this year the club will increase membership and we would welcome new people to our meetings. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th November at 2.30pm at Danesborough View Common Room. Come along and see what we do and enjoy good company.

All enquiries to Jenny Berry on 632616.

Joy Elgood

FRIENDS OF WILLITON LIBRARY

Book of the month: *Golden Hill* by Francis Spufford

Ingenious and hugely entertaining, this novel is set in the early years of New York, a small town in the eighteenth century, at a time when it was possible that America would break away from British rule. Spufford writes in a fascinating mock-eighteenth century style. The book has been widely praised for its creativity.

One of thousands of titles in your newly refurbished library, which also offers DVDs, computer training (with six terminals for the public), Lego Club, Bake Club, Knit, Chat and Needlework. 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



WILLITON PAVILION PROJECT UPDATE

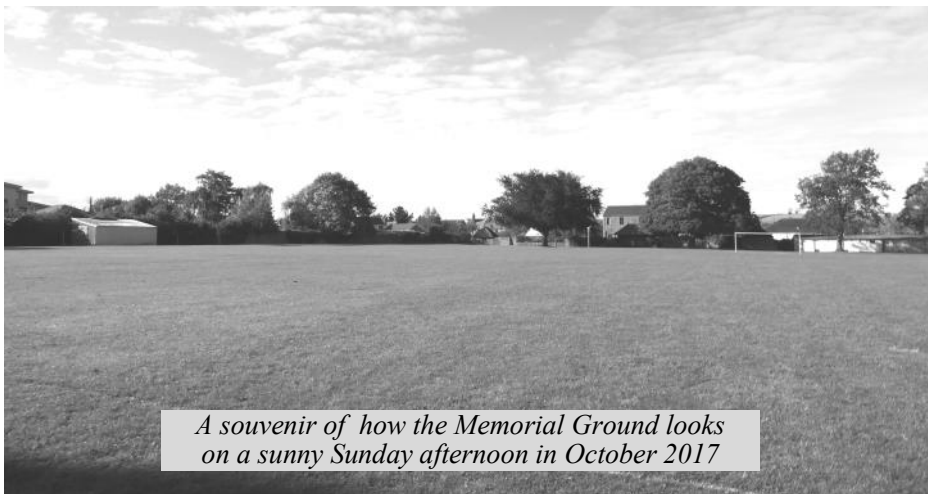
Following a review of the tenders received, we can now confirm that, subject to agreement of the required contract terms and conditions, Harris Brothers & Collard Ltd (HBC) has been selected as the preferred contractor for the construction phase of the Project. HBC are a company located in Bridgwater and they have recently completed the build of Wembdon Village Hall, which can be seen if you travel through Bridgwater towards Junction 23 of the M5. HBC provided the most compliant and affordable solution. Their pricing was at the top end of our budget and we will need to wait and see if we can secure enough of the remaining contingency to remodel the old building as part of this phase. We are currently optimistic that we can and as our fund raising activities continue, we believe we will secure the balance of the budget required to complete the works.

The planned activity is due to start by the first week of November and by the time this edition of the Williton Window is published, the construction phase may well be underway. A leaflet will go out to those living in Robert Street to advise them of the start date for the Project. Completion is currently scheduled for October 2018.

We are sad to announce that after about twenty years of fund raising within the village, Di Hooper and Mo Mossman have decided to call it a day with their regular table top sales and coffee mornings at the Parish Offices. Both Di and Mo have been instrumental in raising many thousands of pounds toward the Project. Their presence within the village will be sadly missed by many who just drop in for a chat and a coffee. Di plans to carry on fund raising in the new Pavilion later next year by selling pitches to traders and providing teas and coffee for those wishing to stop by.

We are now working on a new website for the charity with the Pavilion having its own section. This will include all relevant data about the building including, size of rooms, facilities on offer, hire arrangements and charges for the coming year. We hope to launch the website around January 2018.

Councillor Bill Vaughan



A souvenir of how the Memorial Ground looks on a sunny Sunday afternoon in October 2017

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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

Flood Wardens are still needed for Williton. Please contact us if you would be interested in becoming a Flood Warden.

The Parish Council is pleased to report that Williton Doctors' Surgery has accepted a grant from us to enable the public to use its toilet facilities.

See page 24 for news about NatWest Bank Community Banker and mobile banking unit.

Dates for your diary:

* Places are still available on the defibrillator training course to be held in the Parish Rooms on Saturday 25th November at 9.30am. Please call in to book a place or just turn up on the day.

* Williton Christmas Festival will be held on Wednesday 13th December. If you would like to be involved please call into the Parish Office.

Sarah Towells, Deputy Clerk

DOWN AT THE STATION

By the time you read this it is likely to be November 1st so there will be no trains at all during this month, not really until 27th December, when there will be a week of trains running through until the last day of the year. However during December there will be several Santa Trains of varying sorts, from the Santa Express trains running from Bishops Lydeard to Williton and back and the Santa Specials from Bishops Lydeard to Crowcombe and a few from Minehead to Blue Anchor. The most popular are the first listed, which run on eleven days and up to five trains on many of those days. If it is just adults travelling, on many of these special trains are additional options of Sherry and Mince Pie. Full details are available on leaflets around or on the web at www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk where bookings can be made online.

Many people also travel to the Dunster by Candlelight events by train as well, although you have to get the train from Bishops Lydeard as it is a non-stop through to Dunster and Minehead. Finally it is not too early to consider the two days when Carol Trains run from each end of the line, meeting at Williton and then returning to the start station. Each train has a band on board and carol sheets are provided. The dates for these are the 11th and 12th December.

Finally may I advertise the Minehead Christmas Market being held on Minehead Station on Saturday 9th December, between 11am and 5pm. A good opportunity to buy all your Christmas presents!

In the meantime, when there are no trains Williton station staff will be launching into their winter maintenance mode, repairing fencing and repainting lots of things which we missed out on last year. We will be resting in between and even holding an end of season buffet at The Railway Inn to get over it all!

Thank you to those regular visitors to the station and shop, it has been good seeing you and having your support.

John Parsons, Acting Station Master

WORDSEARCH FOR NOVEMBER by Phyllis Chidgey

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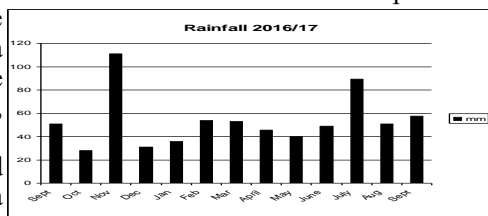
SEPTEMBER WEATHER

Red October. Some people saw the sun red or orange on Monday morning (16th) when we were waiting for Storm Ophelia. The colour was caused by dust from the Sahara and smoke from wildfires in Portugal.

SEPTEMBER

The first three weeks of September were above averagely warm with temperatures up to 24°C on 5th. The coldest night was 8°C on 20th. The maximum pressure was 30.1 inches on 19th and the minimum was 29.5 on 3rd. We had a rain total of 57.5mm (2.6ins) for the month, but even so we saw the sun on, yes, 26 days!

This is a good year for fruits and nuts. It being so warm we saw a hedgehog in Catwell. *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.

* This month's Williton Walk will be on Saturday 25 November starting from St Peter's church at 2pm. We will follow the footpath through the wood behind Orchard Mill onto the Williton - Stream road. From here we will make our way to Bardon and return via Stream. For more information please ring me on 632318.

Elizabeth Peeks

* Williton Wanderers' first walk took place on 5 November 2007 in the Doone Valley, so this month we are celebrating our tenth anniversary. We have discussed whether the event should be marked by a straightforward pub crawl, but decided in the end to do a morning walk followed by a pub lunch! So, on Saturday 18 November we shall meet at Brendon car park (EX35 6PS) at 10.30am for a circular walk followed by a 1.30 pm lunch at the Staghunters. You don't have to have walked with us before to join us - and you are even welcome to come just for the lunch! But please could you let me know beforehand if you intend lunching, so I can let the pub know. For more information ring Jenny Gibson 01984 634899

* Mineral Line: Bus trip on 11 November starting at 10am from Watchet Railway Station Bus Stop TA23 0AU. This trip will give you an overview of past iron mining in the Brendon Hills. The Mineral Line carried the ore to Watchet for shipment to South Wales. We travel by minibus as close as possible to the Mineral Line and see the sites along the way. Booking essential on 01398 323841 before 3 November. Easy walking. Bring a packed lunch. Charge: £10 per person for the bus. The trip is free. Donations for West Somerset Mineral Line Association are welcome. More information: www.wsmla.org.uk



NATWEST COMMUNITY BANKER AND MOBILE BANKING VAN

NatWest Community Banker Trudi Henderson will be in Williton Parish Council Rooms on Tuesdays between 9am and 12 noon with the Mobile Banking Van being in Killick Way from 2pm until 2.30pm for transactions.

As part of their role, NatWest Community Bankers:

- Host regular events across the community to educate customers on being financially fit, living in the digital world and preventing fraud.
- Conduct financial health checks with customers to identify opportunities to help them with new products or services appropriate to their goals, needs and priorities.
- Help customers understand the different ways to bank, supporting them in choosing the right service options for their needs.

For more information or to book an appointment contact Trudi Henderson on 07920 414030 or email trudi.henderson@natwest.com.

Trudi Henderson

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St. Margaret's
HOSPICE CARE

NEWS FROM ST MARGARET'S HOSPICE

HELP US PAY FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas is a time for friends and family, a time for festive fun when everyone comes together to celebrate and make wonderful memories. This year St. Margaret's Hospice is asking the Somerset community to help us 'Pay for Christmas Day'. To help make each day count for families facing their most challenging journey and to ensure memories can be made and treasured at this special time of year.

If you could organise a Christmas jumper day, Christmas bake sale, raffle or use our Easy Christmas Card to send your Christmas greetings then please call us on 0845 345 9671 to request your 'Pay for Christmas Day' fundraising pack.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Our 2017 Christmas cards are now available from our shops, including the Williton shop. There are some lovely local designs including Exmoor ponies and images of Exmoor. If you are unable to get to one of our shops (Dulverton, Minehead, Watchet, Williton and Wiveliscombe) the cards are available online from our website (www.somerset-hospice.org.uk) or by mail. Please contact West Somerset Community Fundraiser, Jane Lillis, on 07736 886174 for more details.

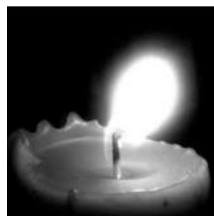
LIGHT UP A LIFE SERVICES

A reminder that our local Light Up a Life Services will take place as follows:

St. Decuman's Church, Watchet at 6.30 pm on Tuesday, 12th December

St. Andrew's Church, Minehead at 6.30 pm on Wednesday, 13th December

Everyone is warmly invited to join us. The service offers an opportunity to pause, reflect and remember, and in the flame of a little candle, to kindle again the memory of our loved ones. Light refreshments and mince pies are available at the church after the service. We look forward to seeing you there.



COMMUNITY NEWS FROM WEST SOMERSET COUNCIL

Travel Somerset website/ Public and Community Transport information

This is not only good for traffic and travel information but also holds information on public and community transport, including a toolkit on how to set up a community transport scheme. For more information go to www.travelsomerset.co.uk

Making a Difference Together - Giving Service Users a Voice!

The perspectives and views of people who use mental health services are the most important drivers for making a difference to current and future services. Service users with personal experience of using mental health services are invited to help evaluate mental health services to support service quality and developments. Service users' travel costs (mileage only) will be paid. Wednesday 15 November 1.30pm – 3.30pm Compass Disability, Well-being Centre, Unit 7, Belvedere Trading Estate, Taunton, TA1 1BH

Woodland Trust - Free trees for schools & communities

Schools and communities can apply for free tree packs to plant trees in school grounds and community spaces. The Woodland Trust is giving away hundreds of thousands of trees that can be planted as copses, hedges, shelter-belts or in other creative ways. For more details see Woodland Trust website.

Forget Me Not Free Café For Dementia Sufferers, 10.30am on 1 November

Watchet is a "Dementia Friendly Town" and anyone living with dementia or other memory problems are welcome to come along to The Sanctuary, Swain Street.

West Somerset Landlord Forum 4-7pm at West Somerset Council Offices, 7 November

Free information, advice and support on a range of grants, loans and other housing initiatives currently available. Legal advice and tenancy law, getting the most from your empty property, housing standards including Homes of Multiple Occupancy, fire and space standards and amenities, plus grants available to landlords for upgrading the heating systems in rental property. Information on Council services. Representatives from Hinkley Point and the DWP. FREE Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors available to current landlords of domestic lettings (subject to terms and conditions). For more information, please contact Beccy Brown, T: 01984 635314, E: bbrown@westsomerset.gov.uk.

Council Meetings: Cabinet – 4.30pm on 1 November 2017

For further information see website.

Care, conversation and a cuppa

Contact the Elderly, a national charity set up in 1965, arranges tea parties once a month for people over 75 who live alone and are without friends or relatives nearby, normally on a Sunday afternoon in the guest's local area. A team of volunteer drivers collect the guest from their home and take them to a volunteer host's home. The group is warmly welcomed by a different host each month but the drivers and guests remain the same, which means that over the months and years acquaintances turn into friends. We would welcome more guests and volunteer hosts and drivers. Please contact Chrissie T: 01643 841276 / 07826 702958 or E: christine.paynel@outlook.com

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**WEST SOMERSET TALKING
NEWSPAPER**
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday 2 November at 2.30pm
in the Parish Council Rooms
Killick Way TA4 4PG

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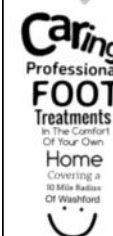
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