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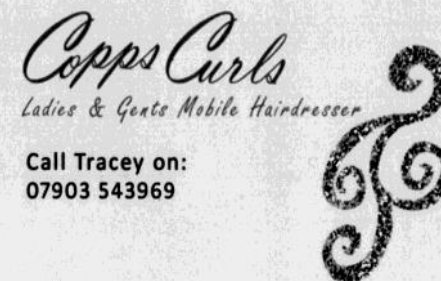
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SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER

Sun 3rd	8am	Holy Communion BCP
	10am	All Age Worship
	4pm	Service of Remembrance at St Peter's Church
Tues 5th	9.30-11am	"Little Saints" Toddler group at Croft House and then in the Meeting Room each following Tuesday
Thurs 7th	9.30-11.30am	CAMEO in Church - <u>C</u> ome and <u>m</u> ee <u>t</u> <u>e</u> ach <u>o</u> ther - tea, coffee and cake - weekly
Sun 10h	8am	Holy Communion BCP
	10am	Benefice Communion at St Decuman's Church with Bishop Ruth Worsley
Mon 11th	10am	Communion at Danesborough View -all welcome
Sun 17th	8am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 24th	8 am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion
	4.30-6pm	TOAST at the Vicarage
Thurs 28th	11am	Communion at Croft House
Sat 30th	10-11.30am	CAFE CHURCH in the Meeting Room
	2-4pm	Family Advent Activities at St Peter's Church

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

On November 3rd at St Peter's Church at 4 pm there will be a service of thanksgiving for the lives of those we love but see no more.

During the service, the names of those whose funerals have been held in our Benefice over the last three years will be remembered. If you wish to add any names please pass them to Kathryn, Clive or any of the Church Wardens.

A FUND RAISING MEAL

will be held at the Bengal Spice Restaurant, Williton, on Tuesday 26 November to help raise funds for essential work on our Grade II listed building. The cost of the meal will be £17 per person. Why not make up a table with friends and family and join us for a great evening?

To book a place please contact Tracey Copp on 07903 543969 or Sara Hempshall on 07427 969892

Cover photo: Williton's war memorial

FROM ROSS FORD, WEST SOMERSET METHODIST CIRCUIT

I would like to introduce myself as your new Lay Pastoral and Community Worker for the West Somerset Methodist Circuit in Williton, Watchet, Roadwater and Brendon Hill.

Married to Susan and with six grown-up children, I and my family are very much looking forward to being part of your fellowship in West Somerset. Until the early nineties, I was farming on the hills above Lynton, carrying on the family farming tradition to which I was born. In the nineties, I was poisoned with OP sheep dip. As the medical prognosis for my recovery was poor, I had to give up farming and had to trust in God to support us for many years. With much prayer and support from Susan, I gradually got better.

In later times I trained to be a care worker in the community, with special emphasis on palliative care and I worked my way up to be a senior care worker. In the job I was doing, it was difficult to share my faith, although some clients would ask for prayer when they knew I was a Christian.

When I saw the job advertised for a Lay Pastoral Community Worker, I felt God was leading me to apply; everything we do as a family is taken to God first.

I am now looking forward with great excitement and anticipation to offering support and help to the Methodist Fellowship and to sharing some of the amazing things that God has done in Susan's and my life.

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Sun 17th	Mrs Monica Sandy
Sun 24th	Mr Tim Hedgecock

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WILLITON REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE – 11TH NOVEMBER

The Williton branch of the of the Royal British Legion will be holding the annual Service of Remembrance at the Village War Memorial, on the Memorial Ground, on Monday 11th November. We would ask all those who wish to attend to assemble at the memorial area for 10.45 am. A small service will precede the sounding of the Last Post and Reveille, in remembrance of the fallen. We look forward to seeing you.

Poppies will be on sale from 26th October, and anyone wishing to order a wreath should contact Tina Yaw, PAO for Williton. You can e-mail her on tina.yaw@themcdonalds.co.uk.

Ross McKee, Branch Chairman

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SMALL PRAYER

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Open fires and wood burners need to be cleaned regularly. The National Fire Protection Association says, "Chimneys, fireplaces, and vents should be inspected at least once a year for soundness, freedom from deposits, and correct clearances. Also check that your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms (for oil fired heating and open fires and wood burners) are working. Consider a home safety check from Devon and Somerset fire service (<https://www.dsfire.gov.uk>). Call Freephone 0800 05 02 999) who are focussing heavily on fire prevention alongside the proposed service cuts (don't forget to sign the petition!).

Age UK is offering free practical advice about keeping warm and other information about how to insulate well and manage your heating costs for those over 65. Call: 01422 252 040 / 01484 535 994.

Cavity wall and loft insulation can really help and it is worth checking with your provider to see if there are any offers available. Remember to be wary of sharing information with telemarketers, always research their offer independently and don't agree to anything on the phone.

Heating oil costs can be managed by using an oil buying scheme such as the one provided by ourselves <https://somersestrcc.org.uk/oil> 01823331222 or using an online comparison tool such as <https://www.boilerjuice.com>

Health Tip – most of us know it is important to keep hydrated in the summer but did you know that the same can apply in wintertime too? Turning on the heat can lead to dehydration especially as we get older so make sure you are regularly drinking even in the colder weather. Keeping adequately hydrated is especially important in helping to keep urine and other infections at bay. If you have any concerns about your fluid intake then please contact your GP.

Winter tip 1: Drying clothes on a radiator can cause the damp to circulate around the house until it finds a cold patch where it will turn to mould. Try to keep the doors closed and windows open in the room that you use to dry. A bowl of salt can

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WILLITON FILM NIGHTS @ THE PAVILION
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Yesterday

Jack Malik is a struggling singer-songwriter in an English seaside town whose dreams of fame are rapidly fading, despite the fierce devotion and support of his childhood best friend, Ellie. After a freak bus accident during a mysterious global blackout, Jack wakes up to discover that The Beatles have never existed. Performing songs by the greatest band in history to a world that has never heard them, Jack becomes an overnight sensation with a little help from his agent.

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FROM YOUR VILLAGE AGENT (Continued from page 12)

be used to catch the humidity or hanging wardrobe dehumidifiers can be purchased cheaply from discount stores. See Centre for sustainable energy 0117 934 1400 <https://www.cse.org.uk/advice>

Winter tip 2: If you are in the house throughout the day, you may consider volunteering and joining social groups, so that you are not having to heat the house so much and this will also make the evenings less isolating.

Winter tip 3: Don't forget to check your drains and gutters for the build-up of debris which can cause blockages and splits when the water starts to freeze. Local window cleaners often offer this service if you are unable to check

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@somersestrcc.org.uk .I do only work part-time so it may take a day or two for me to return your call. Thank you.

WASPS - WILLITON AND SURROUNDING AREA PARKINSON'S SUPPORT

Although the weather was wet and windy, we had a good turnout for our October meeting at Williton Pavilion. The meeting commenced at 1.15pm with exercises led as usual by Jenny Manvell and much enjoyed by all those taking part. The usual meeting followed this. In the absence of Linda, who was away on a well earned holiday, Jane Cooper informed members about the Christmas Lunch, which will this year be held at the Northfield Hotel Minehead on Thursday 5th December.

Jane introduced Yvonne Gay as our speaker for the meeting. Yvonne gave a very interesting talk on "Putting your garden to bed for the Winter". She gave us information and ideas for protecting our plants, and when to plant and prune shrubs. She also spoke about cleaning the pond and the importance of keeping tools clean. Afterwards, she took questions from members. Gardening is known to be good for people with Parkinson's, it being very relaxing. Jane thanked Yvonne for giving a good talk which everyone enjoyed. Then followed the usual mix and mingle with tea and coffee.

The November meeting will take place on Thursday 7th November, commencing at 1.15pm with exercises and followed at 2pm with a talk by Hayley Hughes of the NHS Trust speaking about Parkinson's medication while in the hospital.

If you have recently been diagnosed with Parkinson's, you are not alone and the WASPS are a lively and friendly group. If you would like more information, please telephone Linda Bishop on 01984 631472 or email queenwasp@outlook.com

Ginny Yandle, Committee Member

WILLITON HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

Williton Community Hospital League of Friends is holding its Annual General Meeting on Monday 11th November at 6.30pm in the Brabazon Room at the hospital. It is hoped that there will be a speaker from the NHS Trust to talk about Community Hospital beds. The meeting is open to everyone so do come along, meet us and learn more about your hospital.

OTHER NEWS

There will be a Remembrance Day service in the Brabazon Room on Monday 11 November at 3pm. Everyone is very welcome. Do stay for a cuppa afterwards.

We have raised £440 so far this year in book sales. Please help us reach last year's total of £700 by donating and buying more up-to-date books.

Don't forget your League of Friends Christmas cards on sale at the hospital now.

Our Christmas Fayre is on 30th November at 2pm. Book a stall on 01984 635665.

Barbara Heywood and Shirley Dee

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood.

from SD

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

This month's meeting on Wednesday 27 November will be a Festive meeting. We will be having a quiz (not necessarily Family History related), nibbles and mince pies, and a chance to chat to fellow researchers. Entrance is £1.50 for SDFHS members and £3 for visitors, who are always made welcome. Tea/coffee and biscuits included in the entrance. Email westsomfhg@gmail.com for more information. We meet from 7 to 9pm at Williton Pavilion.

Don't forget our monthly sessions at Williton and Minehead Libraries. A volunteer will spend an hour with you to try to help in your research either if you are a beginner or someone who has got 'stuck'. Please contact the library beforehand, as we are limited to 4 people. This month at Williton the sessions are on Wednesday 13th at 2.15pm & 3.15pm.

Lesley Murray

DEMENTIA ALLIANCE - FORGET-ME-NOT CAFE

All welcome between 10:30 and 12:00 in The Sanctuary, Swain Street, Watchet on Wednesdays 6th and 20th November and at Church Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey on Wednesdays 13th and 27th November. Coffee, chat and cake, with a speaker in Watchet on 6th November.

For more information please contact 07973 638030

or email watchetdementia@gmail.com

WEST SOMERSET TALKING NEWSPAPER

Our AGM is taking place on Friday 15 November at 2.30pm in the Parish Council Office, Killick Way. If you are interested in what we do, please come along - you will be very welcome.

Jenny Gibson, Secretary

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

The last two months have seen us taking part in a quiz where all the answers began with the letters 'p e n' and enjoying doing jigsaw puzzles. Our meeting on 11 November will begin with our AGM and followed by a talk about skydiving. We meet at 2.30pm on the second Monday of each month at the Fire Station, Williton. New members are always welcome. *Sara Hemphshall, Secretary*

FRIENDS OF WILLITON LIBRARY

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

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

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

Quantock Foodbank 07483 815122 email: quantockfoodbank@gmail.com

Williton Police: In an emergency call 999. Otherwise call 101.

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Sat	2	Williton Pavilion*	9am-1pm Indoor car boot sale
Sat	2	Memorial Ground*	10am Rake up Conkers - see page 21
Tues	5	Good Neighbours	2.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Tues	5	Global Friends	2.00pm see page 22
Wed	6	Williton Library	10.30am Verse & Worse Light hearted look at poetry and prose
Thurs	7	Williton Library	3pm Pins and Needles
Thurs	7	WASPS Parkinson's Support Group	1.15 exercises, 2pm main meeting Williton Pavilion*
Sat	9	Williton Library	10.30am Lego Club
Mon	11	RBL Women's Section	2.30pm Fire Station Lecture Room
Mon	11	Williton Hospital	3pm Remembrance Day Service in the Brabazon Room
Mon	11	Williton Pet & Equine	7pm Bicknoller Village Hall Equine Vet Talk
Mon	11	Royal British Legion	10.45am Remembrance Day Service on the Memorial Ground at the War Memorial *
Mon	11	Williton Hospital	6.30pm League of Friends AGM
Tues	12	Williton Pavilion*	7.00pm Bingo, Williton Pavilion
Wed	13	Family History	2.15 & 3.15pm At the library
Thurs	14	Loop the Loop	3.30-4.30pm Williton Library
Fri	15	Community Market	9-11.30am Williton Social Club
Fri	15	WS Talking Newspaper	2.30pm AGM in the Parish Council Office
Sat	16	Williton Walk	2.00pm, St Peter's Church
Tues	19	Village History	Meet there at 7..30pm Visit to Halsway Manor
Tues	19	Williton Pavilion*	6.30 for 7pm Film Night see page 13
Thurs	21	Women's Institute	2.00pm Danesborough View Common Room
Thurs	21	Williton Library	2.30-4pm Scrabble Club
Mon	25	Gardening Club	7.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Tues	26	Williton Pavilion*	7.00pm Bingo, Williton pavilion
Wed	27	Family History*	7-9.00pm Williton Pavilion
Thurs	28	Book Club	2.30pm Williton Library
Fri	29	Bake Club	3.30-4.30pm Williton Library
Sat	30	Williton Wanderers	10.30am at Steart Marshes Main Car Park
Sat	30	Story & Craft Time	10.30-11.30am for children 4-10years
Sat	30	Williton Hospital	2pm Christmas Fayre
Sat	30	St Peter's Church	2-4pm Advent Crafts Event

* 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 minutes walk from the Pavilion.

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

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

ST PETER'S SCHOOL DIARY

In Oak Class this term the children have been learning about all things 'Autumn', by exploring changing leaves, conkers and pumpkins. In keeping with their class story 'The Little Red Hen' the class have also tried grinding corn, kneading dough and baking delicious bread rolls!

Ash Class have been innovating the story of Goldilocks in English. Their new character, Smellysocks, tasted three bales of hay in a little cottage home to three bulls! The children loved experimenting with different, interesting ideas. Ash Class love Science and have braved the rain to explore microhabitats. This has helped them to think about how animals all over the world have adapted to their own habitats. In Geography, they have been considering why leopards have spots and why polar bears are white. To the class' surprise, a pair of sneaky aliens have been creeping into the classroom and having a nonsense conversation! Fortunately, the children's phonics helps them to read these words and guess what the aliens might be up to!

Fir Class have been identifying different properties of materials in Science. They have also investigated which materials are recyclable and were able to identify which bins different materials should go into, to be properly recycled. To bolster their learning, the children made 'junk' instruments, out of old unused recyclable materials which they brought in from home.

In History lessons, Elm Class have continued learning about the Great Fire of London. In addition to this, the children were very lucky to be able to join in with Year 4's talk from Mr Witchard, a historian who is very knowledgeable about the World Wars. So on the day he visited, Elm class had a 'Big Day' to learn about World War 2. This leads on very nicely to the next 'Big Day' the school has in November for Remembrance. In art, the class are exploring how to use pencils, oil pastels and paints to create images in the style of Paul Klee.

Yew Class are continuing their learning of Hinduism in RE and over the next few weeks they will be looking at 'What Hindu people believe about: Dharma, Deity and Atman'. In English they are learning about newspaper reports, whilst in Maths they are moving on to addition and subtraction. In History the class have been reflecting on the amazing WW2 experience afternoon they had with Mr Witchard, which really enhanced their knowledge.

Happy Stars have also been thinking about autumn and have enjoyed going on leaf walks and making different crafts using the leaves. The children are looking forward to having a coffee morning for all their parents to meet and greet Miss Donovan, our new head. In preparation, the children have been busy making cakes.

Finally, our book fair was a huge success, exceeding all our expectations, raising around £360 to spend on new books. Many thanks to everyone who supported this event, it will benefit the whole school. SG

COMMUNITY MARKET

Our next market will be "Preparing for Christmas" at Williton Social Club in Long Street, next to the Killick Way car park on Friday 15th November from 9 - 11.30am. Fresh local produce, crafts and gifts. Come and shop, place a Christmas order, or simply enjoy a coffee and chat with friends old and new.

DOWN AT THE STATION

By the time this issue is published we will be practically at the end of the running season on the West Somerset Railway. From the station's point of view I think we have had a successful season with lots of visitors coming through. Our plant sales topped the £500 as anticipated last month, and that is really satisfying following the hard work put into the venture. Sadly the floral displays around the station are now being taken down, although there are some new planted out tubs which should be flowering right through the winter.

At the end of the month the annual Santa Trains will be running over the weekends, but only as far as Crowcombe Heathfield (renamed Snowcombe for the period!). These train only run from Bishops Lydeard and full details can be found on the WSR website. No doubt there will be some publicity in the press as well. I will show some details next month and also for the Carol Trains which are due to run on the 9th and 10th December.

I am in the process of writing up the winter maintenance programme. This is when the real work starts in keeping the station spick and span. There is always plenty to do and it also gives us a chance to meet regularly with each other.

John Parsons, Station Master

RECIPE FOR THE MONTH by Shirley Dee

GINGERBREAD

4 oz butter block	8 oz plain flour
6 oz black treacle	1 rounded teaspoon ground mixed spice
2 oz golden syrup	1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
2 oz soft brown sugar	2 teaspoons ground ginger
¼ pt milk	4 oz sultanas
2 beaten eggs	

Preheat oven: 300°F, 150°C, Gas mark 2

Grease and line a 7" square tin. Warm the butter, treacle, syrup and sugar in a saucepan, stir in the milk and allow to cool. Then mix in the beaten eggs. Sieve the dry ingredients into a mixing bowl, add the sugar mixture and the sultanas., fold in gently, put into the tin and cook for about 1¼ to 1½ hours, until a skewer inserted comes out clean. Leave to cool in the tin for five minutes, the turn out onto a wire rack.

WEST SOMERSET VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

On Tuesday 19 November, we are looking forward to a visit to Halsway Manor, meeting there at 7.30pm. Our usual meetings take place at 7.30 for 7.45pm at the EMN Hall, Monksilver TA4 4JE. Visitors and non-members are welcome at a charge of £3. Information: www.westsomersetvillagehistorysociety-wsvhs.com/

SOMERSET WASTE PARTNERSHIP

All recycling sites are now on winter timetables until April. When open weekdays, sites operate 9am-5pm. Weekend hours remain 9am-4pm on both Saturday and Sunday at all sites all year-round. Van and trailer permit holders should ignore their card's "expiry date"; the permit scheme has proved successful and is rolling on unchanged.

For more local recycling news go to somersetwaste.gov.uk.

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Village Crier – With many events in the planning for next year, especially the VE Day Celebrations in May, we're looking to recruit a Village Crier. Please see page XX for more details. We'd also be looking out for tailors or sewists in the village who wouldn't mind giving their time to make the costume – please let Michelle in the Parish Office know if you can help.

Chatty Benches - You asked and we've delivered. I am happy to report that we now have three 'Happy to Chat' benches, one on Bellamys Corner, one on bench in Killick Way and one on a bench in the Memorial Ground alongside the stream. There is one sign left – would anyone like to nominate a fourth bench?

Dog Bins – I have been asked by a fellow dog owner if I could raise at the next meeting the possibility of siting a new dog poop bin in the entrance to Roughmoor Industrial Estate, which I will. Our next meeting is on 4 November so if there are any other areas that you feel a poop bin would be useful then please email me cllr.howes@willitonnpc.org.uk or call the Parish Clerk. Please remember that these bins must be sited within 20 metres of a main road to be emptied.

Councillors - The parish council has responsibility for local issues, including setting an annual precept (local rate) to cover the council's operating costs and producing annual accounts for public scrutiny. The parish council evaluates local planning applications and works with the local police and district council officers, on matters of crime, security, and traffic. The parish council's role also includes initiating projects for the maintenance and repair of parish facilities, as well as consulting with the district council on the maintenance, repair, and improvement of highways, drainage, footpaths, public transport, and street cleaning. Conservation matters (including trees and listed buildings) and environmental issues are also the responsibility of the council.

Our council is made up of 12 councillors, although at present we only have nine, so we are looking for three more parishioners to join us.

In 2011 Williton demographics showed the village age range as

0-19 yrs	20-29 yrs	30-39 yrs	40-49 yrs	50-59 yrs	60-69 yrs	70-79 yrs	80+ yrs
20.4%	8.7%	8.5%	9.7%	13.1%	15.6%	14.5%	9.5%

So looking at the current councillors we could really with more representation from the age group 20-39, as you will have a much better idea of what you and the children need in Williton than we do. Although that said, we will not turn away anyone coming forward outside of that age group. So if you can commit to three Monday evenings a month to attend meetings then please give Michelle a call on 01984 633979 and she can give you more details.

Councillor Dawn-Lesley Howes

MEMORIAL GROUND AND PAVILION

As you are no doubt aware, Williton Memorial Ground and Pavilion (WMG&P), excluding the Children's Play Area, is a registered charity. The Parish Council supports WMG&P by paying for the ground maintenance, but any other repairs, maintenance or improvements to the Pavilion and the ground, comes from

fundraising. This is what the funds raised by the Bingo Nights, Film Nights and other events go towards.

As well as this, we are looking to give you more bang for your buck, but we are only 9 people, many whom also work during the day, or volunteer our time to other organizations, so we are limited in what we can do. And we are looking at ways that we can maintain and improve the spaces without spending too much money.

One way is to operate a "volunteer register". For example, we would send out an email to everyone on the list asking for help for a specific task, with a date/time/location. For example:

Can you help rake the conkers up by the War Memorial on Saturday 2 November at 10am. If you can help please bring tools?

Tea/coffee will be served after.

If you can, just turn up, if you can't, no pressure; maybe you can help the next time; and who knows, you may well make a new friend or two. And yes, this is a real request, so if you can join us in the clean-up, we'd love to see you there.

We're also going to need help decorating the Pavilion for Christmas – for the Christmas Festival and the Christmas Carol Concert, so please join the register, if you think you'd be able to help.

We've got a whole host of ideas for events to put on at the Pavilion and on the Memorial Ground but without your help – through the Volunteer Register - these will sadly just remain ideas. So, please, if you think you'd be able to help, even just once a year, email admin@willitonnpc.org.uk with the subject Volunteer Register and we will add you to it. If you don't have email, then give Michelle or Jo a call on 01984 633979 with your mobile number and we will look at sending you a text message.

Our next Event Committee Meeting is on Thursday 17 November at 7pm at the Pavilion in the Quantock Room (upstairs); if you want to join the team please do come along, we'd love to welcome some new members.

Keep an eye on the website for up and coming events:

www.willitonmemorialgroundandpavilion.co.uk/memorial-ground-events/

Trustee Dawn-Lesley Howes

Village Crier Vacancy

"Oyez, Oyez, Oyez!"

Can you command a crowd and out shout the wind?

Do you like dressing up?

Williton Parish Council is seeking to recruit a Village Crier. This is an unpaid position. You will be expected to attend pre-arranged events and follow simple Council guidelines and protocols. A Village Crier costume (except shoes) will be provided for use at village events.

For more information contact the Parish Council for a copy of the Village Crier's information sheet. To apply, please write to the Parish Clerk, with a short paragraph explaining why you would like the position and why the Parish Council should choose you.

Closing date for applications is Friday 13 December. Auditions will take place on the evening of Thursday 9 January.

The position is open to anyone aged 18 years and over.



NEWS FROM WILLITON POST OFFICE

International Economy (Surface)

2nd November Cyprus, Eastern Europe, Greece, Iceland, Malta, Turkey

16th November Western Europe

International H.M.Forces

25th November Airmail to Operational H.M. Forces

13th December Airmail to Static H.M. Forces

We have great news with regard to the Post Office Travel Money Card! It now carries 23 currencies! These are the ten which have recently been added: Czech Koruna, Japanese Yen, Hungarian Forint, Norwegian Krone, Danish Kroner, Swedish Krona, Chinese Yuan, Hong Kong Dollars, Saudi Riyal, and Singapore Dollar.

We understand that many of you who have these cards are not receiving notification of the Special Rate Flash Sales. In order to get these you need to switch on your 'notifications' on your mobile phone. If you need assistance with this please pop in to see us at the Post Office and we will gladly help.

We now have our full range of Christmas Cards, Calendars, Advent Calendars and gift wrap items on sale. Also a wide range of gift options!

We will be having our traditional Christmas Celebration on 13 December, please do join us for some festive cheer! This is our way of saying Thank You to you, our valued customers, for your patronage during the past 12 months!

Caroline Tyner

GOOD NEIGHBOURS CLUB

The October meeting was our AGM; the committee were re-elected together, with Jenny Berry as our Chairlady. The meeting was well attended, with four visitors, some of whom will be joining us as members. The talk this month was given by Debbie from the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance service and was truly amazing concerning the running of this whole operation and its achievements since its beginning in 2000. They have undertaken 13,000 missions and, following the delivery of the 169 helicopter in 2017, are now able to bring the best quality service to us.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th November at Danesborough View Common Room and we should be delighted to welcome any visitors or anyone wishing to join us.

Joy Elgood

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

GLOBAL FRIENDS

A few members in attendance this month. For one of our members it was the day of his wedding and an email of congratulations was sent to him and his wife. English lessons were discussed regarding another member, and it was desirable that she continue with them. Also discussed was the progress of a member away at university who we support.

The date of the next session is Tuesday November 5th, for details please phone 01984 248392.

NH

ONE OF LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES

Watching a firework display while eating a piece of gingerbread.

by SD



WORDSEARCH FOR NOVEMBER by Phyllis Chidgey

LAST ORDERS, PLEASE

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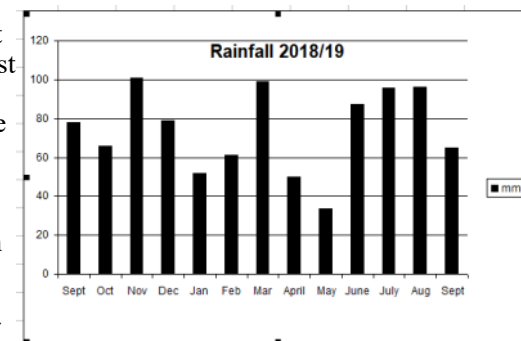
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WEATHER - SEPTEMBER

Looking back we forget the many hot days which, as I mentioned last time, helped to make this summer the third hottest on record. The hottest days in September were 19th to 21st with sunny temperatures of 24°C to 26°C. The minimum temperature was 8°C on 8th yet many nights were warmer than average being 11°C to 13°C. The air pressures were maximum 30.4 inches on 13th and minimum 29.1 inches on 10th (very low). The rain total was 65 mm.(2.7ins)

Pj



WILLITON WALKS

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

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

* Colin's "Walk, talk and pause to regain your breath" walks start every **Friday** at 12 noon by the Library in Killick Way. Wear suitable clothing and footwear. 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.

* This month's **Williton Walk** will be held on **Saturday 16 November** starting from St Peter's Church at 2pm. We will walk to Aller Farm and then onto Capton. From Capton we will cross the fields to Sampford Brett before returning to Williton via Sampford Mill. The walk will include one hill (up to Aller Farm) and the rest of the walk is generally flat or downhill. If you would like any further information please ring me on 632318. *Elizabeth Peeks*

* **Williton Wanderers** will meet at 10.30am on **Saturday 30 November** at Steart Marshes car park TA5 2PU for a 5 mile bird-watching meander. Bring a picnic and wear warm weatherproof everything because we won't be moving quickly! Ring me for more information. *Jenny Gibson 634899 / 07535 086223*

* **West Somerset Mineral Railway.** Meet at 9.45am on **Tuesday November 12** at Charget Woods Forestry Car Park along the B3224 (GR SS975355) for a short easy walk around Langham Engine House, followed by exploration of other sites. Free but ring to book on 01398 323841. www.westsomersetmineralrailway.org.uk

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our October speaker was David Milton, the town crier of Watchet, taking over in 2012 from the previous town crier of 25 years, Alec Danby. He told us of the history of the position of town crier from the ancient court leet, with many court leets ceasing to exist, but still living on in Watchet, one of nine burgh towns of old Wessex. We learned about the time table of events for the year, from Trafalgar Day on 21st October, through The Act of Remembrance in November, to Christmas markets, Watchet Carnival and much more, including stories of some his tours around Watchet. We saw the green, black and gold coat of the previous town crier and David wore his current red livery. He had also brought along - and we heard - his bell, plus other mementos of his position. He spoke with enthusiasm, keen to promote Watchet, sometimes with reverence, as when speaking about those fallen in battle, but with a lot of humour at other times and with even a few shanties/folk songs to conclude matters.

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday 21st November at 2pm at Danesborough View Common Room, when our speaker will be Graham Harvey talking about 'The Archers and Since'. Visitors and new members will be made very welcome (a charge of £3.50 is made for non-members).

Chris Smith, W.I. Member

WILLITON GARDENING CLUB

At our next meeting on Monday 25 November, Helen Kearney, Medicinal Herb Farmer, will be telling us 'How I propagate herbs'. 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.



Do come and join us for a Christmas Concert

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Or any Coleridge Committee Member

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Sun 1 - Tue 3 | Dec: A Willow Christmas Bounty (Course)

Thu 5 | Dec / 8pm: Belshazzars' Feast (Concert)

Fri 6 - Sun 8 | Dec: Christmas in Mellstock - West Gallery Carols (Course)

Sat 7 | Dec / 8pm: Christmas Frolics with the Mellstock Band (Concert)

Mon 9, Tue 10 or Wed 11 | Dec: Make a Reindeer in a Day (Workshop)

Thu 12 | Dec / 8pm: Yuletide! A Tudor Christmas with PIVA (Concert)

Fri 13 | Dec / 6pm: Murder Mystery Dinner

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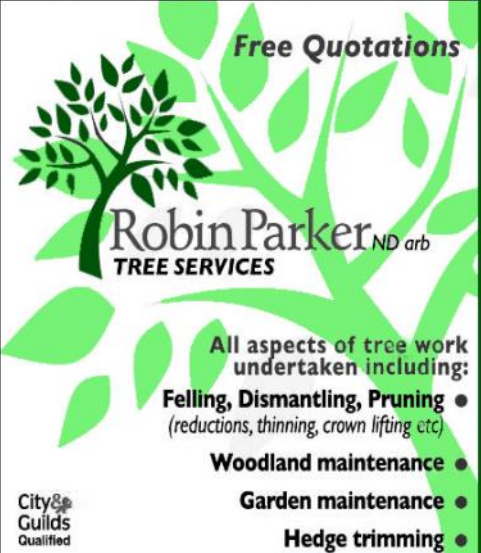
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