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Readers Bev Machin, Donna Marsden and Julie Pelling (see page 8)

Tuesdays	9.00 am	Prayer Time 10-11.am	Coffee and Chat weekly
Tuesdays	11.00 am	Mid-Week Service of Reflective Communion weekly	
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Sun 2nd	8am	Holy Communion BCP
	10am	All Age Worship including Baptism
Tues 4th	9.30-11am	"Little Saints" Toddler group at Croft House and then in the Meeting Room each following Tuesday
Thurs 6th	9.30-11.30am	CAMEO in Church weekly
Sun 9th	8am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.00am	United Benefice Service at St Decuman's, Watchet. Theme: Overseas Missions: opportunities for our Benefice
Mon 10th	10am	Communion at Danesborough View - all welcome
Sun 16th	8am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion
Thurs 20th	11.00am	Communion at Croft House
Sun 23rd	8 am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion
	11.45am	Communion at Croft House
Sat 29th	10.00am	Café Church in the Meeting Room next to the Vicarage. Come and share breakfast and conversation

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For more information contact Deacon Vincent Woods on 01984 634681.

FROM REV KATHRYN FLENLEY



These dark days of winter can be very depressing, can't they. We are reluctant to get up in the morning and then having to pull the curtains in early evening reminds us that we have a long time to wait before we can turn the clocks forward. Yet, as I write and look at the watery sunset, snowdrops the vanguard of Spring are gradually opening up their pearly-white petals. Sometimes known as the Fair Maids of February they remind us that hope does indeed spring eternal in the human breast as tradition has it that snowdrops instil new confidence and courage within our minds.

As our political and economic landscape is set to change as we prepare to leave the European Union, we are unsure of what opportunities and challenges lie ahead. We hope for confidence and courage in our leaders and stability in our nation so that all can flourish in a society that cares for each individual, whatever their circumstances.

This word 'hope' can appear to be a bit wishy-washy. 'I hope it is going to be fine tomorrow' can mean that I don't particularly think it is going to be, but I'll hope for it anyway. Yet, without hope we descend into despair. Those snowdrops, piercing the bare earth, have been pushing away silently underground without any visual indication that they are at work. That's what hope is like – it looks forward to a brighter future as yet unseen, towards which we all have a part to play, however seemingly insignificant. St Paul puts it this way, 'Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.' So, just like the hidden flourishing of the snowdrop's shoots, we can spread hope like spring sunshine, sharing words and deeds of kindness that will spring up and inspire confidence and courage in those around us.

BAPTIST CHURCH (WATCHET)

The Baptist Church meets at Knights Templar School every Sunday at 10.30 am. For more information, visit the **website**: www.watchetbaptist.org.uk or email mike@watchetbaptist.org.uk or telephone 01984 633755.

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Perhaps you could volunteer at the library? In which case, do come along at 11am on Monday 3 February to meet Ed Monks and see how you could help.

WHEELS needs Volunteer Drivers and Coordinators

WHEELS is your local driving scheme that takes people living in Williton, Watchet and Old Cleeve, who are unable to drive or use a bus, to doctors, hospital or dentist appointments, or to do their shopping or to visit friends, especially the sick or housebound. We often receive thirty to forty requests for lifts per week. Sadly, two of our loyal and long-standing drivers have had to give up after many years, and now we may not have enough drivers to fulfil all the requests.

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If you can help us to help people who have difficulty in getting about, please contact:

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THANK YOU FROM A READER (via PCSO Sue Thompson)

On 5 January, an elderly lady took a really nasty tumble in Fore Street outside the Somerset Farmhouse. She had an extremely bloodied face and was very shocked by her fall. Very kindly members of the public attended, called an ambulance, found her a blanket, mopped up the blood etc and Phillip Brammall even found her a pillow from somewhere! I arrived just before the ambulance, so left her in their capable hands. I've just called in to her to make sure she is OK - she was SO appreciative, and asked if I would put something in the Williton Window to thank the many kind people who helped her in her hour of need. Fortunately she suffered no broken bones or lasting damage, just some spectacular bruising.

ROADWORKS

We are informed that the B3190 will be closed from Washford Cross to Sticklepath for three days from 7th February between 8am and 6pm for new pole installation and tree trimming works.

THE NO 28 BUS

I represent the Citizens Somerset transport committee and we are investigating the issues with the No 28 bus from Taunton to Minehead and the problems that are caused by the tourist influx to and from Butlins and how this affects passengers. I would be grateful for any testimonies to take forward to our committee as we plan action in the spring. Please call / text me on 07760 498209 or email me on trishdobson61@gmail.com.

Trish Dobson

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We would like to invite small local charities and voluntary groups in the West Somerset area, who have a **New Project** they wish to start, that requires funding to help get it off the ground. The crew have been very busy raising funds since May 2019 and once the accounts are verified at the end of our financial year, reserves will be set aside for the sole purpose of awarding donations to successful applicants.

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Visit us at: www.hugillscrow.org.uk contact us at: info@hugillscrow.org.uk. You can also come and meet us at any of our regular rehearsal sessions (Wednesdays 7-10pm) at the West Somerset Hotel in Watchet, where application forms will be available.

Keith Woolgar

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 or Tony Gibson on 634899, email willitonwindow@yahoo.co.uk or go to our website: www.willitonwindow.org.uk/welcome-pack

ONE OF LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES

To see some sunshine at this time of year.

by SD

YOUR VILLAGE AGENT, IZZY SILVESTER



My daughter used to love Thomas the Tank Engine. I was always interested in the fact that his dream was not to be the fastest or the smartest but to be a really useful engine. Self-esteem plays a huge role in our physical and mental wellbeing and you can give your self-esteem a real boost in 2020 by making a positive difference to other people's lives and in turn, make a positive difference to your own!

Small kindnesses make such a difference to people's lives, whether it is lift sharing or somebody collecting your prescription when you are poorly. Sometimes we just need a quick fix to lighten the load and being a good neighbour can help forge strong bonds and a feeling of community together-ness. We can help set up a scheme if you haven't already got one in your area. Watchet is starting one this spring and it would be fantastic to start one in Williton - 'Helping Williton Neighbours' - as so many people are lonely and isolated at home.

Other ways to help your wider community could be participating in parish tidying activities, picking up dropped rubbish and tidying shared spaces such as a sheltered housing scheme, or the path where it gets overgrown. You could start a community group or a tools share scheme if you are lacking the resources. If this sounds like something you'd like to do, CCS Agents can help you find access to grant schemes to start a community group.

If you are house bound, perhaps you could contribute to a telephone befriending service such as Silver Line 0800 4708090 or Age UK 0800 678 1602.

If you are the one needing a bit of extra support, you are always welcome to pop into one of our Talking Cafés. This is an opportunity to connect with your community, chat to our Agents and meet other friendly faces for a cuppa. Come to the new Pavillion building on Williton memorial ground. It takes place every Tuesday morning from 10-12., while Minehead Talking Café is in the Beach Hotel every Monday from 10-1.

Our CCS Agents are spread across Somerset ready to help you get out into the community and provide confidential and practical solutions for people, wherever they are in Somerset, often when others don't, won't or can't. Did you know our growing network of over 50 local experts support nearly 2,000 people in need each year? We support people to be:

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Think of all the positive things we can achieve if we are all more like Thomas in 2020!

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WASPS - WILLITON AND SURROUNDING AREA PARKINSON'S SUPPORT

What a lively group of people we had at our first meeting of 2020. Jenny Manvell, our fitness instructor, got everyone moving and the smiles and laughter marked the start of a bright and happy year. We had two guests at the meeting. Mr Robert Churchill and his son, Phil, a martial arts instructor who was diagnosed with Parkinson's 3 years ago. Robert has taken on the challenge of skydiving to raise money to support research. We all applauded his efforts. Good luck, Robert, and we hope you make lots and lots of money.

I am sorry to report that one of our members passed away on 2nd January. Mr Freddie Hodge was a member of our group for 5 years, but due to ill health he was unable to attend many of our meetings. His wife Jean has been a lively member of our group and we pass on our sympathy to her at this very sad time. The funeral will be for family only, but there will be a get-together to share our memories and celebrate his life. She will inform us of the date closer to the time.

We are now officially independent and no longer under the umbrella of Parkinson's UK. Now it is up to us to make sure that people know about us and what we can offer to people with Parkinson's. We offer support to those who have been diagnosed with Parkinson's and their carers. We are a bright and lively group who have been brought together by a mutual enemy, Parkinson's. We believe that there is not enough understanding of the major impact that Parkinson's has on people's bodies and minds. Among its many symptoms it affects all the muscles in your body, so a tremor is just one of the signs. You can feel overly anxious, with slurred speech, slow gait and trouble with using your hands. Awareness of this condition is needed, so that a cure can be found.

We have had to change our plans as Dr Cooper can not attend our 7th anniversary. We will still celebrate and you are welcome to come along to our meeting on **WEDNESDAY 5th February**, exercises at 1:15 and the meeting to start at 2pm. The meeting is held at the Williton Pavilion. We look forward to seeing those that have been diagnosed with Parkinson's and their Carers. Remember you do not have to feel alone, we are right there for you. My contact details are: Linda Bishop on 01984 631472 or email me at queenwasp@gmail.com

Linda Bishop

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At our January meeting we welcomed Ross McKee from Sampford Brett, who spoke to us about Lundy Island. We heard about the history of this small island, still without roads, the various owners over the years and the introductions they had made, such as a castle, a stone quarry, two lighthouses and a church. Today Lundy Island is owned by the National Trust and is a wildlife haven which can be accessed from Barnstaple by boat or helicopter, though not perhaps on the day of our meeting, which was extremely wet and stormy.

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday 20th February at 2pm at Danesborough View Common Room, when one of our members, Liz Payne, will give a talk entitled 'An Englishman's Home is his Castle'. New members will always be made very welcome and if you would like to find out more, do visit us at the Williton Open House to be held at the Pavilion on Saturday 8th February between 10am and 2pm.

June Irving, Secretary

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

Come and have a chat with us at the Pavilion on Saturday 8th February at the Williton Open House event from 10am to 2pm to find out more about our group.

Our next meeting is on 27th February at 7pm in the Brendon Room at the Pavilion, where we will have speakers Jenny and Peter Towey talking about DNA for Family History. 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.

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'. This month at Williton the sessions are on Wednesday 19th at 2.15pm and 3.15pm. Please contact the Williton Library to book a session as we are limited to 2 people.

Lesley Murray

DEMENTIA ALLIANCE - FORGET-ME-NOT CAFE

All welcome between 10:30 and 12:00 in The Sanctuary, Swain Street, Watchet on Wednesdays 12 February (Fun with paint with Trampas Brown) and 26 February for coffee, chat and cake. You can also attend the Church Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey on Wednesdays 5 and 19 February for coffee, chat and cake. For more information please email watchetdementia@gmail.com or ring 07973 638030.

Margaret Tatham

WILLITON GARDENING CLUB

At our next meeting on Monday 24 February, there will be a talk by John Addison on Vegetables. 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.

WILLITON'S ANNUAL "GROW YOUR OWN", POTATO DAY AND SEED FAIR

On Sunday 16th February Williton Allotments and Williton Gardening Club will again be hosting Pennard Plants of East Pennard for Williton's second "Grow Your Own", Potato Day and Seed Fair at the Memorial Ground Pavilion from 10:30 to 1:30.

Pennard Plants will have up to 60 varieties of seed potatoes which are sold by the tuber rather than by weight, which is ideal if you only want a one or two to put into a pot for a few earlies or more for a row. It also gives you a chance to try some different varieties rather than the usual favourites. If you don't know what to plant, the people from Pennard Plants really know their stuff and will be happy to give you good advice.

In addition to the potatoes they will have onion and shallot sets and bulbs of garlic for planting, as well as a fantastic range of heritage seeds, fruit trees, soft fruit and kitchen garden plants and much more, so no excuse for not being ready for the start of the new growing season when it arrives in spring.

Entry is free and tea, coffee, soup and light refreshments including homemade cakes will be available. For more information please contact Peter Payne on 01984 633084.

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Sat	1	Williton Library	10.30am Lego Club
Mon	3	Williton Library	11am Come and talk to Ed Monk talk about volunteering
Tues	4	Good Neighbours	2.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Tues	4	Global Friends	2.00pm
Tues	4	Williton Pavilion*	7.00pm Bingo, Williton Pavilion
Wed	5	WASPS Parkinson's Support Group	1.15 exercises, 2pm 7TH ANNIVERSARY main meeting Williton Pavilion
Wed	5	Williton Library	10.30am Verse & Worse Light hearted look at poetry and prose
Thurs	6	Williton Library	3pm Pins and Needles
Sat	8	Williton Pavilion*	10am-2pm Open House
Mon	10	RBL Women's Section	2.30pm Fire Station Lecture Room
Wed	12	Williton Library	2.30pm Friends of Williton Library meeting
Thurs	13	Loop the Loop	3.30-4.30pm Williton Library
Sat	15	Williton Walk	2.00pm, Meet at the Beacon, Memorial Ground
Sun	16	Williton Allotments	10.30-1.30pm Williton Pavilion Potato Day and Seed Fair
Tues	18	Village History	7.45pm EMN Hall Monksilver History
Tues	18	Williton Pavilion*	7.00pm Bingo, Williton pavilion
Wed	19	Family History	2.15 & 3.15pm At the library
Thurs	20	Women's Institute	2.00pm Danesborough View
Thurs	20	Williton Library	2.30-4pm Scrabble Club
Fri	21	Community Market	9-11.30am Williton Social Club
Mon	24	Garden Club	7.30pm Danesborough View Common Room,
Tues	25	Williton Pavilion*	6.30 for 7pm Film Night see page 11
Wed	26	Family History*	7-9.00pm Williton Pavilion,
Thurs	28	Book Club	2.30pm Williton Library
Sat	29	Williton Wanderers	10.30am Luxborough Car Park

REGULAR WEEKLY VILLAGE EVENTS

Aikido	Williton Pavilion *	Sunday 2.30-4.30pm (R Banks 07562 322889)
Bingo	Danesborough View	Friday 7.30pm
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	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 *	Friday 5-6pm Term time only
Guides	The Guide HQ, Market Street Car Park in Watchet	Friday 7.15-9pm (info from Martha on 01984 248925)
Hugill's Crew	West Somerset Hotel	Every Wednesday from 7-9pm (contact info@hugillscrew.org.uk)
Shanty Singing	Watchet	4.30-7pm Come and meet friends, relax or do homework in the library
Library Hangout	Williton Library	Wednesday 9.45-11am Gentle exercise class for the over-60s. (Anne Panesar 07421762532)
Move it or lose it	Williton Pavilion *	Wednesday 6-7pm and Friday 11-12am Contact Julie Crocker 07984 146003
Physio-based pilates	Williton Pavilion *	Monday 2 sessions 9.30am-12noon
Pilates	Williton Pavilion *	Monday 2 sessions 6-8.30pm
with Ellie Stuart-Steel	07342 238 723	Friday 2 sessions 9.30am-12 noon
Booking essential for all classes		Tuesday 11am - 1pm support for unemployed people aged 18 and over, into employment
Positive People	Williton Pavilion *	Tuesdays 10am (except 2nd Tuesday in month when lunch is at 12 for 12.30)
Probus Club of the Quantocks	Windmill Inn	Wednesday 7-10pm Rear of Washford Mill, Washford (info: 07773 892085)
Railway Modellers	Williton Library	Friday 10.30-11am Term time only 0-4 years
Rhyme Time	Bridge Street Range on Fridays.	Ring for information 01984 632650
RBL Rifle Club	Williton Pavilion *	Monday 2 - 4pm
Short mat bowls	Danesborough View	Monday 2-3pm
Stay Strong Age UK	Salvation Army Hall, Watchet	11.15-12.15 £5 Julie 01984 633665
Tai Chi Shibashi	Williton Pavilion *	Tuesday 10am-12noon
Talking Café	Williton Library	Monday 10.30-12noon Booking essential
UK Online	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 *	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
07738 676832		Friday 9.30-10.30am

*** 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

ST PETER'S SCHOOL DIARY

We are now a few weeks into our spring term, but first we must go back to last term and celebrate the fact that our PTA's Christmas Fair raised £1200. This is an amazing amount, so many, many thanks to everyone who supported us. Also last term we started a Wild Beach project, starting off with years 1 & 2 doing beach cleans. Between the two classes the children managed to collect a lot of man-made debris from the beach, helping to reduce the pollution in the ocean and injury to the wildlife living on the beach and in the ocean. We will be carrying on with this project this year and the Rights Respecting Core Group will be running a school campaign alongside it.

Now to this term. Fir Class came back after the holiday break full of good spirit and put their patience to the test, by making origami book marks. The children used their perseverance to achieve their goal, and were very proud of what they had achieved.

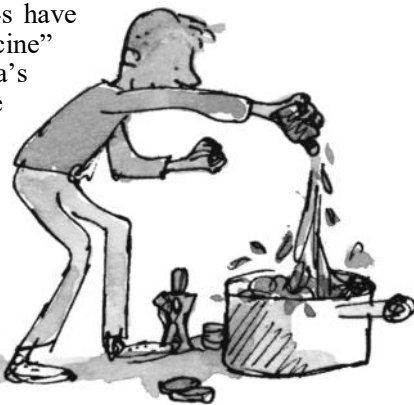
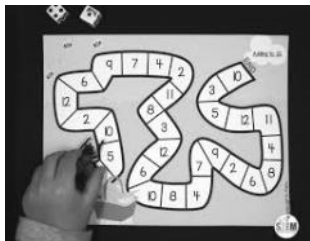
Elm Class, our Year 3s, went on a Geography walk to map out Williton as part of their current class work. During the outing the children visited many places including Danesfield, the fire station, church and the shops.

In English Yew Class, our year 4s have been reading "George's Marvellous Medicine" and really enjoyed the part where Grandma's medicine went missing, so George made his own using some very peculiar ingredients. This inspired the children to make their own Marvellous Medicines – which was great fun! The class have started learning about what happened in 1066 in History and also started swimming lessons and forest school this term.

Happy stars have been thinking about people who might feel a little bit sad after Christmas, when the weather is not so good and there's nothing to really look forward to. The group have decided to do a brew Monday Juice Monday. The children will be able to bring a friend to Happy Stars who might be feeling sad or lonely to have a juice and a chat. They'll finish off with a story, hopefully making them feel a little happier.

We have also had a Maths Big Day this term, where each class did activities focussed on Maths. Elm class for example reviewed all of the learning they had done so far on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, by creating huge board games. The children had to make the board, the pieces, the question cards and the rule card. There were lots of different ideas from snakes and ladder style games to monopoly rules! The children then got the chance to play someone else's game.

SG



DOWN AT THE STATION

Despite the weather, we have managed to get started into the winter maintenance and have so far erected a new fence between us and our neighbour, adjacent to the well head, and we are in the process of finishing this area to make it tidy and presentable. The next major work is to refurbish The Lamp Room. This is an old corrugated covered shed with a curved roof where the oil signal lamps used to be kept and serviced before the signals were converted to electric. It is now a store but is in need of some serious restorative work. Next door to this room is our Garden Shed which also needs a new roof. This was not on the schedule but somehow has crept in, so that job will follow the Lamp Room one!

Storm Brendon paid us a visit and blew down a section of fence which again we had not considered for working on this season, so that too must be sorted before trains commence.

However signs of Spring are about with several bulbs shooting their heads up in the various garden tubs. It is amazing how the seasons come round.

The station will be having an information table in the Pavilion on 8th February advertising various sections of the W.S.R family and how to become involved. There should be some 2020 timetables as well.

Trains will not be running this February half-term due to ongoing track relaying work along the line.

John Parsons, Station Master

RECIPE FOR THE MONTH by Shirley Dee

CRUNCHY BISCUITS WITH A CHOCOLATE TOPPING

125 g unsalted butter, softened	1 teaspoon vanilla extract
110 g light brown soft sugar	230 g self raising flour
110 g caster sugar	½ teaspoon table salt
1 beaten egg	175 g milk or white chocolate chips

Chocolate bits and pieces to decorate

Cream the butter and both sugars together until pale and fluffy. Once creamed add the egg and mix thoroughly. Add the flour and salt to the mixing bowl and mix thoroughly. Then add the vanilla extract and chocolate chips and stir through. Roll the mixture into a long thick sausage shape and wrap in cling film to hold its shape. Place in fridge to harden for about an hour. To bake, pre-heat the oven to 180°C, 350°F, gas mark 4 and line two baking trays. Cut the dough into 1cm thick rounds, place on the trays well apart, bake for 8-10 minutes until just setting. They should be brown on the outside but pale in the middle. Remove from oven and immediately place a chunk of your favourite chocolate bar in the middle of each biscuit, so it slightly melts as the biscuit cools. Leave in the tray for 5-10 minutes, then transfer them to a wire rack. Store in an airtight tin and eat within 5 days.

GOOD NEIGHBOURS CLUB

At our January meeting one of our members cooked an Indian meal. It was absolutely delicious and enjoyed by everyone!

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th February at 2.30 pm at Danesborough View Common Room and are looking forward to meeting anyone who would like to join us. Enquiries to our Chairlady, Jenny Berry, on 632616.

Joy Elgood

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

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

In January the Parish Council set its budget for next year which starts on 1st April when your Council Tax will be due. There are fewer households paying tax this year which means increasing the rate to raise the same amount. Despite this, the Council's budget can be covered by a rise about the same as inflation. Other authorities financed from Council Tax are the County and District Councils, Fire Service, Police and Somerset Rivers Authority. Please bear in mind that most of it goes to the other authorities. For a Band D property only £100.56 of it goes to the Parish.

Two vacancies on the Council have been filled by people who want to be involved in helping to provide a service for the community. They did not need to be elected. All they had to do is fill in a form and hand it in to the Parish Clerk. It gets put before the Council and it usually means co-option at first try. Jean Stanford has joined us and Rosemary Woods has returned to the Council. Why not apply for one of the remaining vacancies? We are a friendly bunch and always pleased to welcome new people with fresh ideas. Welcome to Jean and Rosemary.

In the budget there is money for "projects", things councillors put forward to be done next year. The list includes a vehicle speed indicator device or SID for short. Simple, buy one and fix on a post somewhere! Well not quite. Highways have to approve the position of the posts. Those are still in place from when Highways financed SIDs. What type of device is best? Does it only show if a vehicle is too fast or display the actual speed? Should it record the speeds for statistical purposes? What does it cost? How much does it cost to train an installer to work safely on the highway? Our Clerk or her Assistant have limited time and councillors have to help by looking into its feasibility. It is not always understood how long this can take. However, anything that reminds us, me included, of our poor driving habits that endanger others and ourselves must be worth doing.

It has been reported that food waste is being left on Bellamys Corner. Whilst we understand bread for feeding the birds, it is not appropriate to leave vegetable peelings! Please could food waste not be put out, otherwise we will have a vermin problem!

Two interesting presentations have been arranged. At 6.45pm on 3rd February the Steam Coast Trail Project Officer will be telling us about a proposed cycle trail from Williton to Watchet. On 2nd March at 6.45pm the National Trust will give a short talk on the Riverlands Project and the release of beavers in an enclosed area. Both will be in the Parish Office and you are very welcome to attend.

Christmas is a good time for scammers. Unfortunately they don't stop, so please be wary of anyone trying to sell to you by phone or the internet, anyone trying to get your bank details, or trying to gain entry to your home as bogus service engineers etc. One of our councillors is looking into setting up a Scam Marshall scheme. More about that in future.

Cllr Ian Aldridge

MEMORIAL GROUND AND PAVILION

Registered charity (211212) with all fundraising events run by volunteers. On **Saturday 8 February** we have the first **Williton Open House** where many of the local groups, clubs, associations – of which there are a great many – will have a small table in the Pavilion. Many of these have regular editorial slots in this magazine, and some don't, but do come along - it's a free event open from **10am to 2pm**, tea/coffee and biscuits will be available - and meet everyone and maybe you'll find a new group or two to join for 2020. If you're a group and want to take part please contact Michelle in the Parish Office, there is no charge for not-for-profit groups. A list of groups taking part are on our website.

We're still collecting your **unwanted magazines and books**, thank you to those of you who have already taken some to the Parish Office. As a reminder, we're looking for fact or fiction books as well as any factual/hobby magazines when you've finished them, in good condition of course. Magazines do not need to have the free gifts many of our crafting ones come with, but we do ask that templates are included (even if they are photocopies because you've already used them).

Liz and Peter Payne have almost finished the schedule for the next **Flower, Produce and Craft Competition** to be held at the Village Fete on Saturday 4th July; it will be available early March.

Our next **Event Team Meeting** is on Thursday 6 February @ 19:00 at the Pavilion in the Quantock Room (upstairs), if you want to join please do come along, we'd give you a very warm welcome.

Memorial Ground & Pavilion Events for 2020:

- 08 Feb Williton Groups/Clubs Open House: 10:00 – 14:00
- 07 Mar Murder Mystery Evening (*tickets on sale now from Parish Office, Post Office, Holly Barn & Harbour Fish Bar (Watchet)*)
- 12 Apr Easter Egg Hunt: 14:00
- 24 Apr Quiz Night: (time tbc)
- 09 May Live VE Day Celebrations on the Big Screen: from 14:00
- 10 May VE Day Celebrations –
Afternoon Tea Dance: 14:00 – 16:00
- 10 May VE Day Celebrations –
Evening Dinner Dance: 19:30 – 23:00
- 14 Jun Duck Race & Car Boot: 14:00 – 17:00
- 04 Jul Village Summer Fete: 14:00 – 17:00
- 08 Aug VJ Day Presentation: (time tbc)



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For more information contact Dawn-Lesley on
dlh@dawn-lesley.co.uk or Nigel McBrayne on
nmcbrayne@yahoo.com

PROBUS CLUB OF THE QUANTOCKS

Our club meets every Tuesday at the Windmill Inn, West Quantoxhead, from 10 - 12, except for the second Tuesday of the month, when there is a pre-booked lunch and we meet at 12 noon for 12.30. The annual membership is £25 and non-members are invited for two meetings as guests, to see if the club is for them. There is a visiting speaker every month and we make some outside visits.

Our speaker on 25 February will be Debbie Birtwhistle talking about the Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance

New members will be made very welcome. For more information contact Patrick Scribbans on 01643 224204.

GLOBAL FRIENDS

Our next session will be on Tuesday 4th February 2020 at 2pm. For more information please phone 01984 248392. *NH*



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. 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 on Saturday 15 February starting at 2pm from the beacon on the Memorial Ground. We will walk to Sampford Brett via Sampford Mill then onto Woolston and Cottiford before returning to Williton by walking back through Sampford Brett making this a figure of 8 walk. This walk uses part of the Coleridge Way and Macmillian Way. If you would like any further information please ring me on 632318. *Elizabeth Peeks*

* Williton Wanderers will meet at 10.30am on Saturday 29 February at Luxborough (Kingsbridge) car park (TA23 0SH) for a 5 mile muddy, hilly, circular walk via Monkham Hill. We should be back by 1.30pm if you want lunch at the Royal Oak (Tel: 01984 63641498 I'm not booking tables any more). *Jenny Gibson 634899 / 07535 086223*

* West Somerset Mineral Railway. Meet Thursday 20 February at 9.45am at Chagot Wood Car Park Grid ref SS975355 for a one-hour stroll to look at Langham Engine House, then a two-hour walk down the steep miners' track to see Bearland Flue and other features connected with iron mining. We may visit Burrow Farm Engine House or Kennisham Hill. Walks are free, but donations are welcome. Dogs on leads and only with permission. Booking and further information: Exmoor National Park Authority on 01398 323841. www.wsmr.org.uk

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.

SMALL PRAYER

Why don't I understand what is glorious about mud?



WORDSEARCH FOR FEBRUARY by Phyllis Chidgey

TREES AND SHRUBS

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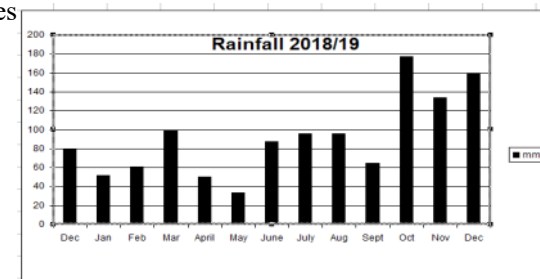
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WEATHER - DECEMBER

All we remember is lots of rain and floods. However, the second week was very warm with lunchtime temperatures of 15°C. The maximum pressure on the 28th was 30.4, the minimum on 13th was 29.1. The total rainfall was 159mm (6.2 inches). Nasa and other world weather bodies now confirm that the years 2015 to 2019 were the hottest on record.

PJ



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The most important things in the world aren't things at all.

from SD

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

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WEST SOMERSET VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

On Tuesday 18 February Tina Notley will be giving a talk on Monksilver History. Our 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/

WEST SOMERSET TALKING NEWSPAPER

needs a Treasurer with basic book-keeping skills. A very necessary but not time-consuming appointment. For more information, please ring Chairman, Roger Hurst, on 01984 640060. Thank you for helping blind and visually impaired people in West Somerset.

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NEW TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Williton Table Tennis Club is to be launched on Saturday 8 February at the Williton Open House event being held in the Pavilion from 10am - 2pm. You are welcome to come along and have a go. Bats and balls will be provided!

More details will be available on the day or by phoning Rob Hay on 07561498732.

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