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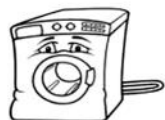
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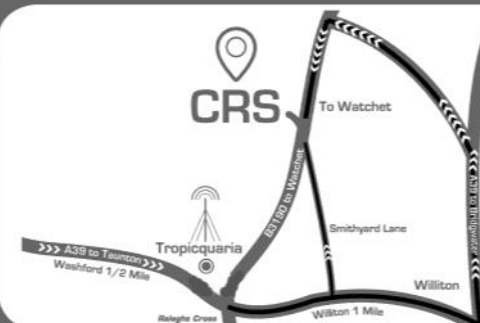
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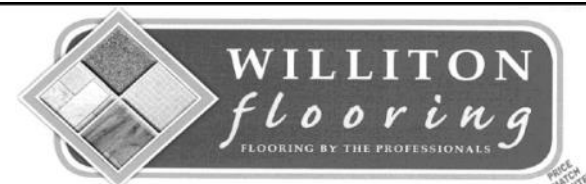
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**Church is open daily during daylight hours for personal prayer**

**SERVICES FOR MARCH 2017**

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Sun 5th	8.00 am	Holy Communion, BCP
	10.00am	All Age Worship
Tues 7th	7.30pm	Lent Group - venue to be announced
Sun 12th	8.00 am	Holy Communion, BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion
Mon 13th	10.00am	Communion at Danesborough view, all welcome
Tues 14th	7.30pm	Lent group at the Vicarage
Sun 19th	8.00 am	Holy Communion, BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion
Tues 21st	7.30pm	Lent group at the Vicarage
Sun 26th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Mothering Sunday Communion
Tues 28th	7.30pm	Lent group at the Vicarage

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*Cover photo: Celandines along the footpath to  
Stream behind Orchard Mill Bakelite Museum*

## FROM CLIVE WOOLDRIDGE - METHODIST CIRCUIT

I had an interesting experience last week while on retreat in Cornwall. On the first evening I was seated next to Rev. Steve Wilde, who was hosting the event. He apologised to me for arriving late and explained that he had been dealing with a very difficult matter, in which he and various other leaders of the church in Cornwall were being accused of underhand behaviour by a member of a local church. Steve had agreed to meet the man to calm things down, but instead of the man being placated he had become more and more unwilling to listen. Steve didn't tell me what they were accused of but said that, as far as he knew, the whole accusation was silly and no wrongdoing had occurred. What should have been a situation which was quickly resolved became a major incident which had taken up his whole afternoon.

In the end, Steve had been able to shake hands with the man and pray with him, but he admitted to me: "How hard it is to love your fellow man sometimes." This, though, is exactly what Jesus told us to do when he instructed us not only to love our neighbour but to love our enemies and pray for them.

Our Christian discipleship is not easy, because Christ calls on us to go against our natural inclination and turn the other cheek. If someone as good as Steve Wilde found this a difficult thing to do, those of us who are not as good must find it a real challenge; but that challenge is exactly what we are to try to overcome as followers of Jesus.

To continue this theme, this morning on breakfast television I saw a very interesting piece about Random Acts of Kindness, when people carry out little acts of kindness to strangers, such as leaving sweets and chocolate paid for in a vending machine, with a note asking people to help themselves. Researchers have found these acts have health benefits both for the person committing the act and those receiving the kindness, with people smiling for the rest of the day. The word "Ractivist" has been coined and we are all encouraged to do likewise - surely a twenty-first century way of loving others!

As we move away from Christmas and towards Easter, may you be touched by the Holy Spirit and through God's grace may you be blessed by a new way of dealing with others, to love your enemies and, by doing so, make the world a more peaceful and better place.

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<b>Coffee and chat:</b>	Fridays 10.00 am - 11.30 am - all welcome
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5th	Mrs Monica Sandy
12th	Rev Malcolm Hope - Holy Communion
19th	Pulpit Exchange
26th	Mrs Jane Sefton

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass is celebrated at 6.30 pm on Saturdays at the Methodist Church, Watchet. For more information contact Deacon Vincent Woods on 01984 634681.

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: FRIDAY 3rd MARCH

This year the service has been compiled by the women of The Philippines. We are lucky to have two services locally: at 2pm at St Peter's Church, Williton, and a shorter service at 8pm, to be held in The Sanctuary, Swain Street, Watchet. Everyone is welcome!

*Anne Gilbert*

## QUANTOCK DEANERY MISSION PROJECT 2017 - Kathryn's Mercy Home Trust

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## WILLITON HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

We continue to campaign for the return of the six stroke beds.

## GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Our February meeting was well attended and the speaker was Izzy Silvester, our Village Agent. She gave a very informative talk concerning the problems many people face and don't know who to contact. She gave examples of problems and how to get in touch through her with the right people.

Our next meeting will be at 2.30pm on 7th March at Danesborough View Common Room, when Shirley Harrington will be giving a talk entitled 'Life as a police woman'. We would be pleased to welcome any visitors or new members wishing to join our very friendly group. Any enquiries to Jenny Berry on 632616.

*Joy Elgood*

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Inspector Joanna Mines, from the Rural Crime Team in Somerset, "We want to hear from anyone who has information about any suspicious or potentially criminal activity in their area, for example - details of people / vehicles seen behaving suspiciously, potentially stolen goods or livestock being offered for sale either to the public or at markets, sightings of stolen vehicles etc."

The number won't be monitored 24/7 but the team will look at it when they are on duty. It therefore shouldn't be used for reporting crimes, or anything which requires an immediate police attendance. In those circumstances please dial 999. The new number is **81819**. You can still pass on information via the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## FRIENDS OF WILLITON LIBRARY

Book of the month: **Secrets of the Sewing Bee** by Kate Thompson

Place: London's East End; Time: 1940/41, the Blitz. This heart-warming story, based on fact, concerns a group of women and girls working in a garment factory making army uniforms in Bethnal Green. The sewing (and knitting) bee was an evening and Sunday activity, making "comfort items" such as socks for the troops. All this happens amid the daily bombings, destruction everywhere and sleeping in the Underground. The stoicism, courage and humour of these women are acknowledged, making for fascinating reading.



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## WILLITON LIBRARY

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## WILLITON GARDENING CLUB

At our next meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 27 March Geoff Hobson will talk about "Easy Orchids". Bring your own sick orchid. Non-members and visitors are always welcome (charge £2). We meet at Danesborough View Common Room, TA4 4SH. More information from Secretary Barbara Cook on 639459.

## WEST SOMERSET VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

The talk on Tuesday 21 February will be by Yvette Staelens about "Somerset folk songs and loft singers". The Society meets at the EMN Hall, Monksilver TA4 4JE and meetings start at 7.45. Non-members and visitors are welcome at a charge of £2 each. For more information email: [nettlecombel@talktalk.net](mailto:nettlecombel@talktalk.net) or ring 01984 640787.

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**Saturday 1st April 2017**

**10.30 am to 3 pm**

Raffle will also be held.

Stalls to include:

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- ☼ Dress jewellery ☼ Children's toys
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Entrance £3 (children under 12 years free) to include tea/coffee and cake.

**ENTRANCE FEE AND PROCEEDS FROM RAFFLE WILL BE DIVIDED BETWEEN MACMILLAN AND MARIE CURIE**



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

We celebrated our 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Williton Hospital on 15<sup>th</sup> February and it was a well attended affair. We continue to grow, which proves the need is there for a group like ours. We do our best to be supportive and forward thinking, and still find time to have some fun.

We took a moment to reflect on the highlights of the past four years and look forward to continuing to work together to provide support to people with Parkinson's and their carers. We would like to thank the merchants and people of Williton for their donations towards our raffle. We feel that the community is very supportive and it is really appreciated.

It is very hard for the Person with Parkinson's (PwP) and their carers to plan any activity because you never know how you are going to feel. Your social life suffers and your world shrinks. We must keep reminding ourselves that we must keep on trying to function as normally as possible. It is very important for both the PwP and the carer to stay active, both mentally and physically. Parkinson's UK and AGEUK are asking for our input and help in finding ways to achieve this goal. We all know that by getting involved in activities we are happier and feel better. It is very important for the carer to have some time to recharge their batteries and have a break knowing that their PwP is being looked after properly. Like everything with Parkinson's this is a very complex problem, but I am sure that with a bit of brainstorming we will find an answer. We must look after the carers or they will become the next ones to need care. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please do contact me.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at Danesborough View Common Room at 2pm. We will have a representative from Compass Carers addressing the WASPS. It should prove to be a very interesting talk and may show us a way forward to get the help that is needed so that we can live as normally as possible for as long as possible.

If you would like to attend our meetings please do feel free to come along. We are always thrilled to see new faces. We are a very friendly group and do our very best to make new members and guests welcome. If you are new, just come over and introduce yourself to me and I will make sure that you get to meet as many members as possible. We welcome everyone who has Parkinson's or is a carer or is associated with a person with Parkinson's to join us. We are a bright and lively group with a zest for life. For more information about the **WASPS** contact Linda Bishop on 01984 631472 or email [queenwasp@outlook.co](mailto:queenwasp@outlook.co)

*Linda Bishop*

## **FROM OUR VILLAGE AGENT - IZZY SILVESTER**

If you are finding life a bit hard going at the moment, I may be able to help. Please phone me on 07931 018045, leave me your name and number and I will ring you back. Or email me on [izzy@somerset.rcc.org.uk](mailto:izzy@somerset.rcc.org.uk). I do only work part-time so it may take a day or two for me to return your call. *IS*

## **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

*from SD*

Life takes you to unexpected places. Love brings you home.

## **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

On February 13<sup>th</sup> a group of Williton W.I. members were taken by the ATWest bus to Snowdrop Valley. It was a bright sunny day and the countryside looked very beautiful as we drove up to Wheddon Cross. The driver was very helpful and took us safely along the round trip to see the banks beside the stream covered with snowdrops. We then went to the village hall where we could enjoy tea and home made cakes. It was a great afternoon and we are grateful to Ann Smith for arranging it.

At the February monthly meeting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>, the speaker was Emma Duke and the subject of her talk was "Driftwood". She is an artist who works with driftwood collected along the coast of the Bristol Channel. She explained how the wood from the Quantocks and Exmoor came to reach the sea by natural erosion and how other wood came from ships and sawmills. By enabling us to handle many very varied samples she helped us to appreciate the beauty of the driftwood. It was a very interesting afternoon.

The next monthly meeting will be on Thursday, March 16th and the talk will be about the Dog Trust. The competition will be "A Doggy Ornament." As usual, we will meet at Danesborough View Common Room at 2 pm.

*Jenny Handisyde*

## **SHIBASHI TAI CHI CLASSES**

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### **My local classes are held at:**

St Audries Village Hall – Monday 2.00pm to 3.00pm / Williton Children's Centre, Killick Way – Wednesday 6.45pm to 7.45pm / Minehead on Tuesdays. Classes are paid for in a block of 6 for £36.

*Jane Snell, ITEC, CBS, CThA - 01984 634090*

## **SURVIVING WINTER CAMPAIGN**

Thanks to the generosity of people right across the county, this campaign attracted over £90,000 in donations and Gift Aid this year, meaning that nearly 500 vulnerable, older people in Somerset will benefit. Thank you.

## **THANK YOU VERY MUCH**

To the couple in Five Bells for their generous donation of £20 to the Williton Window.

## **ONE OF LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES**

*from SD*

A looked forward to television programme that lives up to its preview.

## THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Thurs	2	Williton Library	3pm Pins and Needles
Thurs	2	WASPS Parkinson Support Group	Danesborough View Common Room.2pm, Talk by Compass Carers
Sat	4	Williton Library	10.30am Lego Club
Mon	6	Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm Full Council Meeting
Tues	7	Probus	The Windmill, West Quantoxhead, 10.30am
Tues	7	Good Neighbours	2.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Tues	7	Watchet & District Audio	2.15pm Sampford Brett Village Hall
Tues	7	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, St Peter's School
Sat	11	Williton Walk	2.00pm Railway Station
Mon	13	RBL Women's Section	2.30pm Fire Station Lecture Room
Tues	14	Global Friends	Children's Centre, 2pm
Tues	14	Probus	Luncheon at The Windmill, West Quantoxhead, 12.15 for 12.45
Thurs	16	Women's Institute	2.00pm Danesborough View, Talk about the Dog Trust
Sat	18	Williton Pavilion	9.00am Coffee Morning Table Top Sale, Parish Office, Killick Way
Tues	21	Probus	The Windmill, West Quantoxhead, 10.30am
Tues	21	Village History	7.45pm EMN Hall Monksilver, Talk on Somerset Folk Songs and Loft Singers
Tues	21	Watchet & District Audio	2.15pm Sampford Brett Village Hall
Tues	21	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, St Peter's School
Fri	24	Memory Loss Fayre	1-3.30pm see page 11
Sat	25	Williton Wanderers	10.30am at Steart Marshes Car Park
Mon	27	Garden Club	7.30pm Danesborough View Common Room, Talk on Easy Orchids
Mon	27	Book Club	2.30pm Williton Library
Tues	28	Probus	The Windmill, West Quantoxhead, 10.30am
Fri	31	Bake Club	3-4pm Williton Library

## SMART ENERGY GB IN COMMUNITIES BRIEFING.

By 2020 all British households will be offered a smart meter by their energy company. To answer all your questions there will be a **Smart Energy GB in Communities briefing on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 1 - 3pm** in Council Chamber 1, West Somerset Council Offices, Williton TA4 4QA.

To book a place or for more information, please reply to Beccy Brown: BBrown@westsomerset.gov.uk. Website: [www.smartenergygb.org](http://www.smartenergygb.org)

## 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 pm	Shibashi Tai Chi	St Audries Village Hall (634090)
Mon 2 - 3 pm	Age UK - Stay Strong	Danesborough View Common Room
Mon 6.30pm	Pilates (info: Pru Wand 656232 /email: pruwandpilates@hotmail.com)	Methodist Church, Tower Hill
Mon 7.30 pm	Badminton	EMN Hall Monksilver (656496)
Tues 9.30 - 10.30am	Mat and floor based yoga	Watchet Community Centre
11 - 12 am	Chair-based yoga	Julie Bolton 01984 633665
Tues 10.30am-1pm	Bead-weaving group	Methodist Church, Tower Hill
<b>Fortnightly. For dates and more information ring Jane Sefton on 01984 656652</b>		
Tue 5.45 pm	Brownies	Guide HQ
Wed 11am	Pilates (See Mondays)	Methodist Church, Tower Hill
Wed 4-5.30pm	Williton Youth Club	Danesfield School (Paul 01643 703155)
Wed 6-7.30pm	Cubs	Guide HQ
Wed 6.30-8pm	Guides (info from Lisa on 01984 632319)	The Guide HQ, Market Street Car Park in Watchet
Wed 6.45 pm	Shibashi Tai Chi	Children's Centre, Killick Way
Wed 7-10 pm	Railways Modellers	Long Hall, Carhampton Rec
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 (please ring Shirley on 633529 for information)
Thur 10.30 am	KFA Movement	Danesborough View Common Room
Thur 10.30-noon	Williton Library	Craft and Chat drop-in. All welcome.
Thur 5.15-6.30 pm	Rainbows	Guide HQ
Thur Term time only	Bowmen of Danesfield	Danesfield School Gym
5 - 7 pm	Juniors	info: doug.human@bowmenofdanefield.co.uk
7 - 9 pm	Seniors	info: Contact John Eastaugh 01643 821521
Fri 9.30 am	Pilates	Williton Fire Station Community Room
Fri 10am -noon	Coffee and chat	Methodist Church, Tower Hill
Fri 12 noon	Health Walk	Meet Killick Way Car park
Fri	Williton RBL Rifle Club	Bridge St. Range. Info 01984 632650
Fri 7.30 pm	Bingo	Danesborough View Common Room
Fri 7.30pm	Walking football	Danesfield School

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## ST PETER'S SCHOOL DIARY

We are now half way through the school year and looking forward to the rest of this term leading up to Easter.

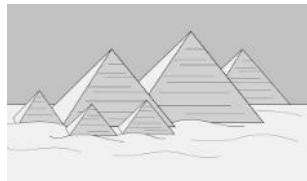
Reception class have been busy making up their own characters to replace 'The Old Man' in 'The Enormous Turnip' story. The children had lots of great ideas from a rabbit to a wolf girl. They also changed the turnip to a different vegetable and again had some interesting ideas.

In Maths the class have been doing lots of work on shape, space and measure. The children really enjoyed measuring with a piece of string the size of 'Superworm', a story by Julia Donaldson. They finished last half term by leading a class worship on friendship, our current value. The children were amazing and Mrs Healey, their teacher, was so proud of them all!

Ash class, on our 'Food around the World' Big Day, focussed on China. The class have a pupil who recently moved from China. They previously had great fun learning all about the Chinese New Year and then, on our Big Day, tasted Chinese food. The children ate egg fried rice, noodles, spring rolls, prawn toast and prawn crackers. They thought it was yummy!

Fir Class have been working hard on their Egypt project. Each child carefully hand crafted a Sphinx model from clay which, after it was thoroughly dried, they painted. Additionally, the children continued to show their artistic flair by drawing their own sketches, based on the work of Picasso. On our food Big Day the children tried some tasty Indian dishes from a local restaurant; it was a new experience for some.

Yew class have also been enjoying learning about Ancient Egypt and are enthusiastic about hieroglyphics. During the next half term they will be creating a model of a pyramid and will be able to decorate it with hieroglyphics. On our food Big Day the class made bread which they moulded into objects from Ancient Egypt; this was enjoyed later! The children also visited Croft House as part of a dementia awareness program and everyone appreciated the inter-generational activities and experience. The children are looking forward to learning about teeth and their uses in humans and animals in the next few weeks.



The whole school have two more Big Days to look forward to before Easter; one on poetry and the other on enterprise. These should be great fun. *SG*

## GLOBAL FRIENDS

Nine adults and three children attended our session this month. We spent an enjoyable time admiring the children's school work, which was very good.

Pauline phoned to say that she could not attend and we all missed her.

We discussed the current situation in America with regards to Muslims but came the conclusion that all our members would not be affected. Our next session will be the 14th March, 2pm at the Children's Centre, all are welcome.

For more information please phone 01984 248392 or 01984 634734.



## RECIPE FOR THE MONTH *by Shirley Dee*

### SIMNEL CAKE

6 oz (170g) butter	4 oz (113g) sultanas
6 oz (170g) caster sugar	3 oz (85g) chopped mixed peel
3 large eggs	1 - 2 tablespoons of milk
8 oz (225g) plain flour	1 lb (450g) marzipan
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon	3 - 4 tablespoons apricot jam
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg	1 beaten egg for glazing
12 oz (340g) currants	7 inch / 18cm lined cake tin

Cream the butter and sugar together and beat in the eggs gradually. If the mixture starts to curdle add a little flour. Sieve the remaining flour with the spices and fold it in, then add the fruit. Mix to soft dropping consistency with a little milk. Put half the mixture into the tin and level it off. Divide the marzipan into three and roll out one third to slightly smaller than the tin and lay on top of the cake mix, cover with the rest of cake mix and level it off. Place in a pre-heated oven and bake at 170°C / 325°F / gas 3 for one hour, reduce the heat to 150°C / 300°F / gas 2 for two more hours or until the cake is firm to the touch. Allow to cool in the tin before turning it out, leave on the lining paper, wrap in foil and store for at least two weeks.

When required, unwrap the cake. Heat the jam. Roll out one of the reserve pieces of marzipan into a round to put on top of the cake. Brush the jam over the cake and press in the marzipan, fluting the edges. Brush with beaten egg. Make the remaining marzipan into small balls, press them into the top and side of the cake and brush with beaten egg. Place cake under grill and brown it, then cool. Use the rest of the marzipan to shape a nest, brush with egg, coat with chocolate strands, place it on top of the cake and fill with little Easter eggs. Enjoy!

## DOWN AT THE STATION

We have had a busy month getting on with repainting. Some people have asked whether we are changing the colour scheme - NO! It is just that we get a better finish with these undercoat colours. The redecoration of the toilets is nearly completed as well, really bringing home how much it was needed! One of the long benches in the waiting room has been re-upholstered, where the springs had come away from their restraints. Hopefully it will now last for many years to come.

Preliminary planning is in place for the visits of The Flying Scotsman in May and September. We understand the May trips being organised by a tour company are already fully booked. Tickets for the WSR trains in September will go on sale online on March 14<sup>th</sup>. It would be good to have some more volunteers in place before then!

Anyone who has travelled to Minehead will have seen much activity at the level crossing, where a large section of the line is being completely relaid. Sometime, probably in the autumn, the crossing itself will be replaced.

Half-term trains have been using only the three car DMU diesel, travelling from Bishops Lydeard to Watchet only. Several people have taken advantage of the special combined trips to visit Snowdrop Valley at Wheddon Cross. No more trains now until 11 March when trains will then run each weekend until the full service commences in April. *John Parsons, Acting Station Master*

## WILLITON PAVILION PROJECT UPDATE

During February, the working group met with members of the user management team to update them on project progress and discuss issues that may impact the use of the memorial ground should construction commence later this year. This topic will feature as part of the overall project briefing, to be given at the forthcoming Parish Assembly in April.

As part of our preparation, the working group is to establish a data base of potential contractors who are suitably qualified to undertake this type of work and who have expressed an interest in tendering for the project. Undertaking this activity now will allow the tendering exercise to commence almost immediately after we receive a decision from the lottery on the funding.

Other than being advised of the name of our contact at the lottery who will be responsible for assessing our application, we have yet to receive any feedback or questions. Hopefully we will have some positive news in time for the April edition of Williton Window.

*Councillor Bill Vaughan*

## WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

**To contact Williton Parish Council telephone the Clerk on 01984 633979 or email [willitonpc@btconnect.com](mailto:willitonpc@btconnect.com)**

I am pleased to announce we have welcomed a new councillor to the Parish Council – Ian Birkett. Ian has served on various committees and organisations, both here and abroad, and brings with him a wealth of experience which I am sure will be a great asset to our village. Unfortunately, Michael White has recently resigned as Parish Councillor; I would like to thank him for all his hard work whilst on the Parish Council, he will be sorely missed.

Subsequently, we are still left with two vacancies and are looking to co-opt members. Are you passionate about Williton and the people who live here? Do you have ideas for improving the village environment? Would you like to become involved in organising social events? If so, have you considered becoming a Parish Councillor? If you are interested and would like further information, please contact Michelle on the above number, or pop into the office.

You may have heard discussions in regards to the Public Conveniences; the Parish Council are still in negotiation with District Council. We will keep you updated as soon as we have further information.

Doniford car park fence will be replaced during the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> February. Due to the cliff erosion this will be moved in 2 meters and parking space will be reduced. The car park will remain open. Whilst this may be unpopular the Parish Council must place the Health and Safety of our community first and take this action.

### Upcoming Events

Easter Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, we will be holding an Easter Egg hunt on the Memorial Ground for all to enjoy. It will be held from 2pm until 4pm so please come along and have some fun. There will also be a competition running in the village in the lead-up to Easter, so please look out for the clues which will appear in business windows. Maybe you will be the lucky finder of the 'Golden Egg'!

*Michelle Francis, Clerk to Williton Parish Council*

## DOGS ON WILLITON WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND

There is an ongoing problem with dog fouling and dogs not being kept under control by their handler on the Memorial Ground. We are trying to resolve these problem and would welcome your views on the following possible solutions:

- |       |   |     |    |
|-------|---|-----|----|
| 1     | A total ban on the Memorial Ground  | Yes | No |
| 2     | Employ a dog warden (as necessary) which could cost £160 a day  | Yes | No |
| 3     | a) Fencing an area off for exercising dogs  | Yes | No |
|       | b) If you would like to see a fenced off area, where would you like to see this area?   |     |    |
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| 4     | a) To look for an alternative site away from the Memorial Ground  | Yes | No |
|       | b) If you would like an alternative site, where would you like this area?   |     |    |
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|       | c) If you are a landowner and you have an area you would be prepared to let dog walkers use, please leave your contact details: |     |    |
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| 5     | Do you use the Memorial Ground?   | Yes | No |
| 6     | Are you a dog owner that uses the Memorial Ground?  | Yes | No |

Any further comments:

**Thank you for your support. Please return your completed survey to Williton Parish Council, Killick Way, Williton TA4 4PG**  
**no later than 24 March**

email: [willitonpc@btconnect.com](mailto:willitonpc@btconnect.com)



## WILLITON FOOTBALL CLUB

Hi all. The few of you who come and watch Williton rockets on a Sunday morning will know we have been involved in some close games recently. It's been frustrating with the results going against us when we have played and battled really well. Our Sunday team hopefully can draw inspiration from this for the last few games of the season and carry it into next season.

On that note, it is Williton Rockets' 40th anniversary next season and we are still on the lookout for anything to do with The Rockets, photos etc, but also anyone who played for us. We are having an old boys match and reunion on August bank holiday weekend, day to be confirmed, but Saturday is looking favourable at the moment.

Our under 9s and 10s are progressing nicely and we have high hopes for the coming seasons. We will be entering some tournaments in the summer months.

Walking football on Fridays from 7 - 8.30pm at Danesfield School is doing really well with around 20 players turning up each week. It looks promising that it will continue past its initial 12 week run. If you are interested in joining in, contact me on details below.

Thanks. Ian Whitehead [williton.rockets@gmail.com](mailto:williton.rockets@gmail.com) If you have any queries about being involved with any of the above in any form please contact me.

*Ian Whitehead* email: [williton.rockets@gmail.com](mailto:williton.rockets@gmail.com)

## 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 and Talk"** walks start **every Friday** at 12 noon by the Library in Killick Way. Wear suitable clothing and footwear. During the winter we usually have a pub or café lunch. For more information, ring Colin Broom on 632721.

\* The **Williton Walk** will be held on **Saturday 11 March** starting from the railway station at 2pm. We will walk towards Torweston Farm before crossing Teddy Bears crossing. From here we will pass Sampford Mill on our way to Sampford Brett. Once in Sampford Brett our route will take us along part of Aller Lane to Aller Farm. This will involve crossing the 'penny bridge' so remember to bring some pennies with you! We will then return downhill past St Peter's Church to the village. For more information please ring me on 01984 632318. *Elizabeth Peeks*

\* The **Williton Wanderers** will meet at 10.30am on **Saturday 25 March** at WWT Steart Marshes main car park (TA5 2PU) for a 6 mile circular walk with lunch at the Anchor Inn at Combwich. **Level (!)**, probably muddy. Take A39 direction Bridgwater to the Cannington West roundabout, turn left to Hinkley Point and Combwich, then follow the signs to Steart Marshes. Dogs under close control welcome. Bring binoculars. Please let me know if you are coming so I can tell the pub how many to prepare for. *Jenny Gibson 01984 634899*

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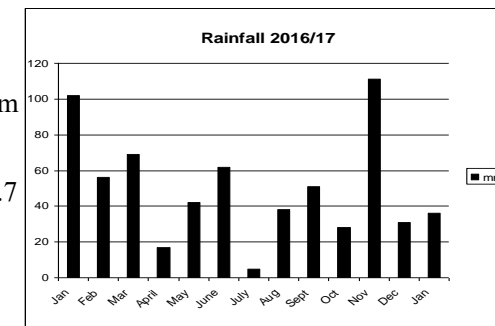
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## WEATHER JANUARY 2017

Look outside. Aah! Remember in the middle of February when the temperature in the warm sun reached 14°C???

### January:

On 7th and 31st January we had a maximum temperature of 12.5°C (but the humidity was 100%). The minimum was in the night of 21st at -4°C, and there was frost on 8 nights. Maximum pressure 30.5 inches and minimum 29.7 inches. The cold wind came from all directions of the compass and there were gales on 11th. The total rainfall was 36 mm (1.42 inches). *PJ*



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