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#### **SERVICES FOR MARCH 2018**

Sun 1st April	9.30am	Parish Communion
Easter Day	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
Sat 31st	7.30pm	Lighting of the Easter Fire and Vigil
	2.00pm	Hour Before the Cross
Good Friday	11.00am	Distribution of Hot Cross Buns in Williton
Fri 30th	10.00am	Service for Good Friday with Hot Cross Buns
Maundy Thursday	7.00pm	Passover Meal and Eucharist at Watchet Methodist Church
Thurs 29th	11.00am	Croft House Easter Service
Tues 27th	7.00pm	Reflections on the Cross in Church
Mon 26th	7.00pm	Reflections on the Art of Lent, Holy Week and Easter in the meeting room next to the vicarage
HOLY WEEK	ζ -	
	6.00pm	Taize Service at St Decuman's, Watchet
	9.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 25th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
Sat 24th	10-11.30am	CAFÉ CHURCH in the meeting room
Thurs 22nd	9.45am	St Peter's School Easter Service in church
	9.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 18th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
Mon 12th	10.00am	Communion at Danesborough View- All welcome
	9.30am	Parish Communion for Mothering Sunday
Sun 11th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
~ · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	10.00am	All Age Worship with Rev Tina McDonald
Sun 4th	7.30pm 8.00am	" The Sanctuary, Watchet / Church Holy Communion BCP
Fri 2nd	2.30pm	Women's World Day of Prayer, Watchet Methodist

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Cover photo: Young hare, near Aller Farm, Williton

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The Methodist Chapel building is currently closed due to falling tiles and holes in the roof. There has been a temporary repair done to make the building safe whilst quotes are obtained for a complete re-roofing, which will be

done as soon as possible.

For the foreseeable future we are worshipping in the new Vicarage Meeting Room in Priest Street and all are welcome.

We would like to thank the Rev Clive for his support and the good wishes and donations from kind friends. We go forward in faith.

For further details please ring Mollie Brooks on 632115.

**Services:** Sundays at 10.30 am - Please join us.

#### This month our preachers are:

4th Mrs Jennifer Bates

11th Mrs Margaret Lintern - Holy Communion

18th Mrs Jean Armin

25th Rev Andrew Vidamour

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The dark days of winter are giving way to the lighter days of spring. Although I'm writing this in early February on the coldest days of the winter, by the time you read it, spring will be virtually here! Meteorological spring begins on March 1<sup>st</sup> and astronomical spring begins on March 20<sup>th</sup> this year. Either way, spring begins in March. The light overcomes the darkness.

Recently I read the account, in Mark 9:14-29 of Jesus healing a boy who was believed to be possessed by an evil spirit. In the conversation with the boy's father, the father says to Jesus, "If you can do anything, take pity on us and help us." Jesus repeats the question back to him, "'IF you can do anything?' Everything is possible to him/her who believes."

Jesus is the evidence that God is good; that he loves us; that he has good purposes for us; that he is the light that overcomes the darkness.

Is Jesus, therefore, saying, 'Everything is possible to him who believes I can do it – whatever you ask me to do' or is he saying, 'Everything is possible to him/her who believes in **ME** – who is prepared to trust me no matter it looks dark; the way looks impossible; even if I do not appear to do what you ask me.'?

We hear the anguished cry of the father echoing in our own hearts, "I do believe, help me overcome my unbelief - I believe in the light, help me overcome the darkness – help me to trust in your goodness and love for me, even if you do not give me the one thing I pray for above all else."

Years ago, I discovered the prayer of relinquishment. When I lay down everything I long for until the only thing I long for is Jesus himself, he makes all things possible and the light of his presence begins to dispel the darkness of despair.

#### \*\* ATHRYNS MERCY HOME IN DEVAKOTTAI, SOUTH INDIA

Following Ben Flenley's article last month, we have been sent pictures of the minibus which will transport the girls from their hostel to school in Devakottai. It will also be used by the Primary School and other groups under Rev Jeyapaul's supervision. Without the generous support received from our churches this result could not have been achieved. God's provision is such that the amount raised has exactly matched the cost of the minibus.

Kathryn and Ben Flenley

#### NITED SERVICE

The congregation of the seven churches in Watchet and Williton gathered together at Danesfield school on Sunday 21st January for a united service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Over 80 people sang God's praises and tied



vine leaves on to a rope that was laid between the chairs in a heart shape to represent the fact that Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. We were each given a grape to eat to represent the fruit we need to bear for Christ.

After the service we all shared lunch. It was a time of great celebration and fellowship.

Jane Sperring

FROM YOUR VILLAGE AGENT, IZZY SILVESTER
Stories are an amazing way to enrich our lives, whether we watch them as a TV drama, share a sofa and a book with the younger members of the family or curl up and read or listen to a talking book alone. There are plenty of exciting ways to enjoy stories at libraries around the county too. Try a shared reading group, where poems and stories are read aloud together, followed by discussion into which everyone is encouraged to participate.

If you are unable to get to the library, you can ask for a volunteer to visit you on a regular basis, bringing books of your choice and stopping for a cuppa. It is a lovely volunteer position to take too. Contact your local library if you are interested.

Williton Library has many activities for all ages, which are listed on the Williton Window events pages. The staff will also support you with internet access, which is necessary for those changing to universal credit and to compare your utility bills. The library is a safe, warm and welcoming place to visit.

It may be useful to know that libraries keep book collections on autism, self-help for people with mental health issues and a dementia collection to help people steer their way through their changes and promote understanding of the issues involved. They also have books on prescription – self- help books that a doctor can prescribe for borrowers or that people can take out for themselves.

Have your say on this remarkable free resource by going to your local library and filling in a survey by 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Ask your librarian about the changes that are planned. The consultation document is also online at http:// somersetlibraries.co.uk/consultation/

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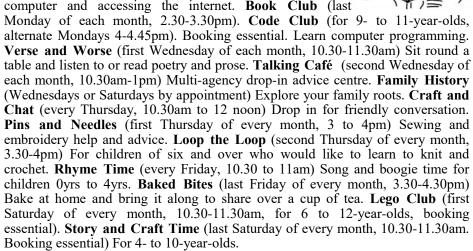
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**Taunton (Priorswood) Library** - Tuesday 13 February, 2pm-5pm

Watchet Library\* - Wednesday 7 February, 2pm-5pm

Wiveliscombe Library\* - Wednesday 21 February, 2pm-5pm

\* Small group discussions taking place every hour. Feel free to join a session or just drop-in during the specified hours to talk to the team. Alternatively, you can ask staff at any library or go online for more information.

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#### THANK YOU VERY MUCH

■ To the lovely people who have been drinking coffee and chatting at the Methodist Church and collected £47.25 for the Williton Window. Your generosity in face of your own troubles is greatly appreciated.



by SD

Enjoying the scent of hyacinths in bowls around the house.

#### **₹OOD NEIGHBOURS**

In spite of the very cold weather our February meeting was very well attended.

The meeting began with the Lord's Prayer being said and the business conducted for the month.

Following this, the talk this month was given by Roger Hurst, a retired police detective, entitled "Rogues and Royals". Mr Hurst gave a very entertaining account of his experiences both with the royal family and with some of the well known criminals in society. We are extremely grateful to Mr Hurst for a lovely afternoon.

We then held our usual auction and raffle, and refreshments were served. We meet again at 2pm on 6th March at Danesborough View Common Room and we should be delighted to welcome any visitors or anyone who would like to join our lovely club. We are very proud of our 60 years' existence.

All enquiries to Jenny Berry on 632616. Jov Elgood

#### → LOBAL FRIENDS

A very small group met up, due to illness and holidays. Many participants, past and present, are in touch with each other via the internet and by telephone. We look forward to continuing our group and the next meeting will be at 2 pm on Tuesday 13th March. Everyone is welcome.



This informal group meets on the second Tuesday of every month at the Williton Children's Centre in Killick Way. Its remit is to encourage people of all ages and nationalities, including native English, to meet up and learn about each other's cultures and customs and to celebrate diversity, while enjoying the company of others. The group also offers informal advice and support on local issues, such as housing, education and finances. For more information on Global Friends, please phone 01984 248392 or 01984 634734.

# WILLITON GARDENING CLUB The next meeting will be at 7.30

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 26 March when Diana Redfern will be talking about "A vear in the life of a meadow".

Visitors are always welcome (charge £2). We meet at Danesborough View Common Room, TA4 4SH. More information from Secretary Barbara Cook on 01984 639459.

# WEST SOMERSET VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 20 March at the EMN hall, Monksilver, TA4 4JE at 7.30pm for 7.45pm. Mary Ewing will be talking about work done by the Historic Buildings Committee of SANSH in "Recording the old buildings of Porlock". Visitors are most welcome at £2.

More information on www.westsomersetvillagehistorysociety-wsvhs.com

# WILLITON MARKET

The market will be held on Friday 16 March between 9 and 11.30 in the Parish Council Rooms, Killick Way. We sell fresh produce, flowers, eggs, preserves, jewellery, crafts, greetings cards and seasonal items.

WASPS - WILLITON AND SURROUNDING AREA PARKINSON'S SUPPORT
We celebrated our 5th Anniversary by holding a special meeting at the Williton Community Hospital. Almost 60 people gathered to hear Dr Simon Cooper talk about Parkinson's and its effect on the person with Parkinson's and their family. There is still no cure, but people who have Parkinson's can do their best to fight back. Parkinson's affect everyone differently, but some basic symptoms can be slowness of movements, loss of balance, inability to speak clearly and handwriting problems. By exercising, not just your body but your mind, you are helping to fight back and stave off the effects of Parkinson's. It isn't easy to fight back, but it is worthwhile.

After the talk two members of the WASPS, Maureen Hilditch and Norma Stevenson, were presented with plaques to thank them for all their hard work and dedication to the WASPS. We rounded off the afternoon with a raffle and lots of cake and tea. Everyone had a wonderful time. We would like to thank all the merchants who donated raffle prizes; we do appreciate your help.

Our meeting on Thursday 1st March will be held at Danesborough View Common Room with exercises at 1:15 and the regular meeting starting at 2pm. We will be having an Open Discussion, which gives us all a chance to discuss issues and learn from each other and is a great benefit to all of us.

The WASPS Spring Music Extravaganza Concert will be on April 7th in Minehead Methodist Church and will feature the Minehead Male Voice Choir and the West Somerset Brass Band. This concert is to raise the awareness of Parkinson's Disease. Barclays Bank have once again agreed to be a sponsor and to match every £ we raise up to a limit of £1,000. Doors open at 6:30 and the concert starts at 7pm. The entrance fee is only £5 per person, so do mark it in your calendar. It will be a evening full of music and song.

The money that we raise goes to help local people who suffer from Parkinson's and are in need of assistance. We work with three other Parkinson's Support Groups in the Southwest to ensure that local people with Parkinson's have the help they need. You do not need to be a member of any support group. To find out more about this fund you can contact Sarah Barter on 0844 225 3698, who handles all the requests in strict confidence.

If you would like to find out more about our group, or wish to discuss Parkinson's and how it affects people you can reach me at 01984 631472 or email me at queenwasp@outlook.com. Linda Bishop

WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?
On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 7:30pm at The Regal Theatre Minehead the film QU'EST-CE QU'ON ATTEND? (What are we waiting for?) portrays a year in the life of the French village of Ungersheim and how it embraced Transition. The film's characters, the Mayor, the young, the old are real, ordinary people doing extraordinary things. We see growing happiness and pride of acting together for a universal cause: the protection of the planet. Tickets from the Regal Theatre Box Office on 01643 706430. For information about the organisers West Somerset LETS please see www.westsomersetlets.co.uk or ring 01643 821768 (Hester).

## THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Thurs	1	Williton Library	3pm Pins and Needles
Thurs	1	WASPS Parkinson's Support Group	1.15 exercises, 2pm main meeting Danesborough View Common Room. Open Discussion
Sat	3	Williton Library	10.30am Lego Club
Sun	4	St Margaret's Hospice	9.00am onwards, Great Somerset Walk Wimbleball Lake
Tues	6	Good Neighbours	2.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Tues	6	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, Danesfield School
Tues	6	Watchet & District Audio Society	2.15pm, Sampford Brett Village Hall
Thurs	8	Loop the Loop	3.30-4.30pm Williton Library
Mon	12	RBL Women's Section	2.30pm Fire Station Lecture Room
Mon	12	Parish Council Office	2.00pm Armistice Day Planning Meeting
Tues	13	Global Friends	Children's Centre, 2pm
Tues	13	NSPCC	10.30am Coffee Morning Bicknoller Village Hall
Wed	14	Talking Café	10.30am-1pm Williton Library
Thurs	15	Women's Institute	2.00pm Danesborough View
Sat	17	Watchet Methodist Church	10.00am, Table top Sale
Tues	20	Village History Society	7.45pm EMN Hall Monksilver Talk on Recording the Old Buildings of Porlock
Tues	20	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Easter Bingo, Danesfield School
Tues	20	Watchet & District Audio Society	2.15pm, Sampford Brett Village Hall
Sat	24	Williton Wanderers	10.30am Porlock Weir
Mon	26	Gardening Club	7.30pm Danesborough View Common Room Year in the life of a Meadow, Diana Redfern
Mon	26	Book Club	2.30pm Williton Library
Tues	27	Flood Wardens Meeting	7.00pm Parish Council Office
Fri	30	Bake Club	3.30-4.30pm Williton Library
Sat	31	Story & Craft Time	10.30-11.30am for children 4-10years
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#### MALL PRAYER

Please help me to be less neurotic.



## **D** EGULAR WEEKLY VILLAGE EVENTS

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Mon	9.30-10.30 am	Pilates with Eleanor	Maglands Community Room, Watchet
	10.45-11.45am 10.15-12.45	Rutter UK Online	Booking essential 07342 238 723
			William Library, booking essential
Mon	10.30 - 11 am	Story and Rhyme Time 0 - 4 years	Williton Library (term time only)
Mon	2 pm	Table Tennis	Watchet Youth Centre
Mon	2 - 3 pm	Age UK - Stay Strong	Danesborough View Common Room
	6-7pm	Pilates with Eleanor	Danesborough View Common Room
Mon	7.15-8.15pm 7.30 pm	Rutter Badminton	Booking essential 07342 238 723 EMN Hall Monksilver (656496)
Tues	9.30-10.30am 6.15-7.15pm	Pilates with Nathan Pirt Pilates with Nathan Pirt	Watchet Community Centre West Quantoxhead Village Hall Info: Nathan Pirt 07762 721 271
	9.30 - 10.30am 11 - 12 am	Mat and floor based yoga Chair-based yoga	The Salvation Army Hall Watchet (level access and parking). More info from Julie Bolton 01984 633665 julieboltonyoga@gmail.com
Tue	5.45 pm	Brownies	Guide HQ
	9-10am 10.30-11.30am	Pilates with Nathan Pirt	Bicknoller Village Hall Info: Nathan Pirt 07762 721 271
Wed	4-5.30pm	Williton Youth Club	Danesfield School (Paul 01643 703155)
Wed	6-7.30pm	Cubs	Guide HQ
Wed	7-10 pm	Railway Modellers	Rear of Washford Mill, Washford (info:
			07773 892085)
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#### T PETER'S SCHOOL DIARY

We are now half way through the school year, looking forward to our Easter activities and World Book Day. This year we are running a sponsored read alongside World Book Day with the help of Usborne books, to help us improve our library. Although this half term has been fairly short, it has still been busy.

Oak class have enjoyed making up new stories by replacing 'The Enormous Turnip' with a new vegetable. They had the giant broccoli, the gigantic

carrot and the huge pea. The children heard the story 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson and then used a piece of string the size of Superworm to measure things inside and outside the classroom, as they were learning about measuring. It was great fun. They also enjoyed the art day we had, where they created representations of Henri Matisse's 'Snail'.

Elm class have been working very hard with their reading this term and as a result celebrated the success of Becky Plumbley, who achieved her Gold award, and Jenson Webber, who gained his Bronze award. Well done to everyone who worked really hard with their reading.



The children in Ash class have been working hard in Maths; the year one children tackled subtraction whilst the year two children were learning all about money. This was something they particularly enjoyed, but had to think really hard about! In English they have been focussing on poetry, exploring rhythm and pattern when reciting poems.

Fir class learnt the 'rags to riches' tale of Jack and the Beanstalk in English. As part of the Talk for Writing sequence, the children used the format of the story to continue their focus on settings by changing the story to fit in with their topic work on rainforests. The children enjoyed telling readers that, 'Jack had to sell the pet jaguar for three brown bears', The next morning Jack climbed up the giant swinging vine and found a magical toucan that laid golden eggs!'

Yew class have been learning about states of matter, solids, liquids and gases. They created ice hands and observed what happened to different parts of the hands as they defrosted and also melted chocolate, again observing how that melted. As part of their topic on the rainforest, children created their own undiscovered animal. They then wrote letters describing their animal to David Attenborough!

Happy Stars, our nurture group, have been learning about the Chinese New Year, making lanterns, fans, oriental blossom trees and lucky fortune cats. They finished the topic by making a Chinese restaurant and cooking Chinese food, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

The whole school had lots of fun on our Art Day including creating painted pebbles, making rainbow serpents and drawing rainforest animals.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February, our speaker was Robert Heard. Rob told us about his 'Shrouds of the Somme' project. In 2016, Rob single-handedly created 19,240 figures to represent all who died on the first day of the Battle of the Somme. They were displayed in Exeter on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle, and later in Bristol. Rob is now working hard to create 72,396 figures, again singlehandedly, to be laid out in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London in November 2018, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WW1. Each figure represents a British Servicemen killed at the Somme and who have unknown graves. It was a very interesting and moving talk and we wish Rob all the very best.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 15th March at 2pm in the Danesborough View Common Room, when our speaker will be WI Member Mrs Pat Pope, who will tell us about 'A Secret Life'.

As always, visitors are welcome (at a charge of £3).

Irene Draper, WI Member

#### OWN AT THE STATION

Well, half-term has come and gone; how times flies. It seems that the schools have only just returned from Christmas holidays! Trains have been quite busy during this half term week despite the wintery weather, although I have not seen too many buckets and spades being carried.

So, no more trains now until the weekends of 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> /18<sup>th</sup> March. Then the following week is the Spring Gala which runs from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> March. Normal services will resume after that with the exception of the odd Monday or Friday, right through till the end of October.

There are several visiting engines running during the Gala including the 14XX Class 0.4.2 1450 and Autotrailer 178, a favourite visitor; 6990 Witherstack Hall; USA S160 6046, which is also staying for most of the running season, and the Kerr Stuart 1930s pannier 7714. There will also be our own 7F 53808, Raveningham Hall and one or two others. With up to ten trains running each way every day this will be a great time to come down and take in the atmosphere of 'real' trains once again. Our shop/refreshment room will be open every day with hot and cold drinks, pasties and much more!

An additional feature this year will be a military freight train each day which had been very much in evidence during the two world wars.

John Parsons, Station Master

#### **D** ECYCLING AND REFUSE COLLECTIONS **N** Bank Holiday Changes Easter

Usual collection day	Revised collection day
Good Friday 30 March	Saturday 31 March
Easter Monday 2 April	That week's collections one day later with
	Friday collected on Saturday

Revised collection days above also apply to assisted and clinical waste collections. Recycling sites remain on their usual schedules; all are open on Easter Monday and on every other bank holiday Monday until Christmas.

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

The Parish Council wishes to welcome back to the council, Councillor Robert McDonald, who has been co-opted back onto the council, having been away for 9 months. The council is still looking for a further two members to join us, at what is a very exciting time for the council and the community. Contact the Parish Council Office for details.

**Flooding:** We are now into that time of the year when we should be ensuring that we are prepared for any flood eventualities. The council has held a meeting recently to discuss our contingency plans in the event of us having to deal with any flooding. Whilst we have a plan, we do not have all of the volunteer wardens that we would require in the event that they had to be deployed to offer assistance. Their role is to help the village in preparation prior to a flood, assist the emergency services during a flood and, subsequently, help to re-establish the village once the event has passed, and monitor throughout the year. Are you one of those people? If you are, please contact the Parish Council office for details. The Flood Wardens are due to meet again on Tuesday 27th March 2018, at 7 pm. If you are able to make it you will be made very welcome.

Speed Watch: The council would also like to re-establish the Community Speed Watch. When it was running before it was very successful, but due to members relocating and bereavement, we were not able to continue. We have had requests from the public to consider re-forming - and there is a need. Again, if there are any of you who can spare an hour one or two times a week, we would like to hear from you. Training will be given by the police and we are monitored by the police. If you wish to volunteer, please contact the Parish Council office to register your interest.

**Dog Fouling on the Memorial Ground:** It is a great pity that we have to raise this subject again, but we must, due to the fact that young children in the youth team play football on a Saturday and the senior football is played on a Sunday. Before they start to play they have to patrol the ground to clear the pitch and the surrounding area of dog fouling. We know there are responsible dog owners and there are five bins in and around the ground. So there is no excuse for those owners who choose not to clean up after their pets. We ask you to support the majority of users and the Trustee who try to provide the village with a communal area for all to enjoy safely.\*

Doniford Car Park: It is with regret that the Council gives notice that the Doniford Car Park will close to vehicle access with effect from 1st March 2018, for an indefinite period. This is due to Health and Safety concerns regarding cliff erosion and the stability of the lime kiln. There will be an update in due course. Meanwhile the footpath to the beach remains open.

#### **Future Events for your diary / calendar:**

• Easter Egg Hunt - Easter Sunday 1st April at 2pm on the Memorial ground. This was very successful last year and we hope more will come along this year. Two hours of fun for the children.

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- Parish Assembly Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April, location and time to be confirmed.
- Armistice Day This year is a special year of commemoration, 100 years after the end of the 1st World War. The Events Committee is planning a special event for the village. If there is anyone who would like to help in organising the service, there is a meeting planned for Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm at the Parish Council Office.

Cllr Robert McDonald

\* There is also increased dog fouling on pavements in the village itself. I trod in a particularly large and disgusting pile opposite Gliddons the other day. (Editor)

WILLITON PAVILION PROJECT UPDATE
For those of you who have ventured onto the ground to view the works, you may have noticed that it is rather muddy. Although we have yet to have a prolonged dry spell, we remain on schedule and the excavation work continues. The contractor has commenced with the foundations and now the concrete has been poured in, the footprint of the building is starting to take shape. The Surgery fence is in place though completion of the work on the earth retaining wall has been put back while heavy plant equipment still requires access.

There is still a large amount of work to be done below ground relating to the services and surface water management. Once this is completed I am advised that we will start to see some rapid progress. The footpath from Robert Street will remain open during the construction work, unless the contractor is moving large amounts of equipment and then it will be closed for safety reasons.

Planned events on the ground for later this year will be going ahead and the entrance will be opened to allow access onto the ground.

We have requested updated drawings of the building, both elevations and floor plans, and once received these will be displayed in the Parish Office.

Councillor Bill Vaughan

#### TEW SCHEME FOR CARE HOME RESIDENTS AT HOSPITAL

Patients who are admitted to Musgrove Park from some local care homes can now store their health information in one place throughout their hospital stay.

Care home staff and hospital clinicians have worked together to develop an initiative whereby an easy to spot red bag is kept with the patient until they return home. This bag includes vital healthcare information, which anyone involved in the patient's care can easily access. It contains a list of the person's likes and dislikes, as well as their normal routines and hobbies. Other personal items such as hearing aids, dentures, and glasses are also kept in the bag, and are safely returned home with the patient when they leave hospital.

At the end of their stay, the bag will contain a discharge summary and medications so staff at the care home know what treatment they have had, and any post-discharge care that they need to be aware of.

The scheme is being trialled at three care homes - Lavender Court and Hamilton Park in Taunton and Oak Trees in Bridgwater. If the trial proves successful it could be introduced across all care homes in Somerset.

Paul Hopkins, Musgrove Park Hospital

WILLITON HOSPITAL
There will be an Easter Service at the hospital on Tuesday 27 March at 3pm, followed by a cuppa and a biscuit. Everyone is very welcome - do come and bring a friend.

The book stall is now up and running, Monday to Friday, 2 - 4pm. Do drop in and buy a book (all books have been donated).

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are always very welcome and much needed. Extra help is especially needed to help run the new book stall. No DBS/CRB check is needed for this.

Do phone Shirley or Chris to arrange a chat and look around the hospital. Shirley Dee, Volunteer Co-ordinator 01984 635600

#### **RECIPE FOR THE MONTH** by Shirley Dee LEEK, ONION AND POTATO SOUP (FOR 4 - 6)

4 large leeks, finely sliced 1 pint (570 ml) chicken stock (cubes!)

2 medium potatoes, peeled and sliced 10 fl oz (280 ml) milk 1 medium onion, chopped small Seasoning to taste

2 oz (50 g) butter

Melt the butter in a saucepan, add the leeks, onion, potatoes and seasoning and allow the vegetables to sweat over a low heat for 15 minutes. Add the stock and milk and simmer gently for 20 minutes until the vegetables are soft. Puree with a blender, re-heat gently and add a swirl of cream and chopped chives or parslev just before serving. Serve with a crusty roll or granary bread and butter.

#### A celebration at St Peter's Church on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> – Sun 29<sup>th</sup> April.

We are on the lookout for hidden and not-so-hidden talents in our community. so that we can all come together and share the wonderful diversity of the talented people of Williton.

This celebration will include exhibitions, demonstrations and performances throughout the weekend, so start thinking about what YOU can contribute to make this

#### a really memorable event!

Contact any of the people named below as soon as possible, please, and let them know you wish to take part.

Kathryn Flenley 633568 / Kathryn.flenley@btinternet.com Sue Withycombe 632596 / Susan.withycombe7@btinternet.com Sara Hempshall 639648

#### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

from SD

Life is an opportunity - use it wisely.

## **JORDSEARCH FOR MARCH** by Phyllis Chidgey

#### "K" WORDS

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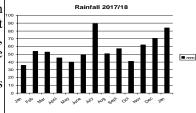
#### **ANUARY WEATHER**

• On 6 February snow fell for the first time this year, but the ground was above +1°C. (It settled to ¼" on Dunkery Beacon where we were walking our dogs.) January was warm, with well above average temperatures up to 16°C on 23rd

and 28th. The coldest night was -10°C with frosts on 12th and 30th. The

maximum pressure was 30.4 inches and the minimum was 29inches on 3rd and 4th, when there were gales up to 80 mph. The wettest days were 15mm on 21st and again on 23rd, giving a rain total of 84mm(3.3ins) for the month.

Astro note: in the western sky Mars is prominent and near it is the star Antaries. PJ



#### THE WALKS PAGE

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 and bring a picnic. For more information, ring Colin Broom on 632721.
- \* There will be no **Williton Walk** this month. Sorry. *Elizabeth Peeks*
- \* Williton Wanderers will meet at 10.30am on Saturday 24 March at Porlock Weir car park for a circular walk to Culbone Church, followed by lunch at the Bottom Ship at about 1.30. About 5 probably muddy miles. Please let me know beforehand if you intend lunching, so I can let the pub know. For more information ring Jenny Gibson 01984 634899 or email willitonwindow@yahoo.co.uk
- \* Mineral Line: Depart at 10 am from Watchet Railway Station Bus Stop TA23 0AU on 24th March on a minibus trip. We shall follow as closely as possible to the route of the old mineral line, which carried iron ore from the Brendon Hills to Watchet, and see the sites along the way. We stop for coffee at Ralegh's Cross Inn, but bring a packed lunch if you want it. An easy stroll! Return to Watchet about 3 pm. Booking essential on 01398 323841 before 16 March. Charge: £12 per person bus fare. The walk is free but donations to West Somerset Mineral Line Association are welcome. More information: www.wsmla.org.uk

#### \* The Great Somerset Walk – Wimbleball Lake

In aid of St Margaret's Hospice -13km around Wimbleball Lake, this year's event will take place on **Sunday 4 March** with walkers setting off from 9 am. The walk takes around 4 hours to complete. Registration costs £15 for adults and £10 for children and can be done on <a href="https://www.somerset-hospice.org.uk">www.somerset-hospice.org.uk</a>. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult and dogs on leads are welcome. More information, sponsorship forms and Terms & Conditions are available on the hospice website at the address above.

\* West Quantoxhead Walking Group meets monthly on a Thursday for a leisurely local walk of 3 to 4 miles usually over fairly level ground. Come along and enjoy a social occasion, fresh air and this beautiful area. Optional pub lunch at the end of the walk. Residents and visitors alike are always welcome. All walks are informal and at your own risk. Meet at West Quantoxhead Village Hall car park at 10am. The next walk is on 1<sup>st</sup> March and the following on 12th April. For further information please contact Dorothy 01984 248105



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#### **NSPCC**

South Quantocks District Committee invites you to an Easter Coffee Morning at Bicknoller Village Hall TA4 4EL Tuesday 13th March 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

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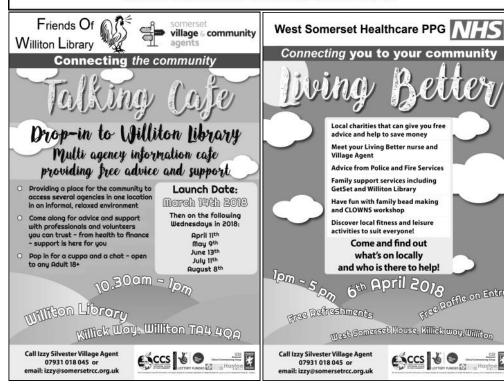




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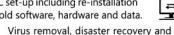
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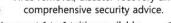
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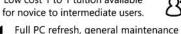
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