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ST PETER'S CHURCH

For Home Communion or visits of any kind, please contact:
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Associate Vicar: Rev Kathryn Flenley 633568

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	
Thursdays	9.30 am	CAMEO in Church - <u>C</u> ome and <u>m</u> ee <u>t</u> <u>e</u> ach <u>o</u> ther - tea, coffee and cake - weekly	

Church is open daily during daylight hours for personal prayer

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH*

Sun 1st	8am	Holy Communion BCP
	10am	All Age Worship
Tues 3rd	9.30-11am	"Little Saints" Toddler group at Croft House and then in the Meeting Room each following Tuesday
Thurs 5th	9.30-11.30am	CAMEO in Church weekly (See above)
	11.00am	Communion at Croft House
Fri 6th	2.00pm	World Day of Prayer Service at the Salvation Army in Watchet
	7.00pm	World Day of Prayer Service at the Sanctuary in Watchet
Sun 8th	8am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion
Mon 9th	10am	Communion at Danesborough View - all welcome
Sun 15th	8am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 22nd	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion
	11.15am	Communion at Croft House
Sat 28th	10.00am	Café Church in the Meeting Room
Sun 29th	8 am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion

* We hope the church will be open in March but if the church is still closed for building work then services and activities will be in the Meeting Room at the Vicarage

St Peter's Williton

Future events in 2020 will include

Good Friday Activity Morning for families – April 10th 10am-12am contact julie@nickandju.plus.com

Welly Wanging at Williton Fete on **Saturday 4th July**

Through This Door – Thurs 25th, Fri 26th, Sat 27th June at the church

Car Rally – follow the clues on **July 12th**

Cream Teas at the church **every Sunday in August 2pm-4pm**

Williton's Got Talent on **Sept 26th-27th** showcasing the talented people of Williton: to include crafts, cookery, art etc; competitions, entertainment and lots more!

Contact: Kathryn.flenley@btinternet.com

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Café Church
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Mass is celebrated at 6.30 pm on Saturdays at the Methodist Church, Watchet.

For more information contact Deacon Vincent Woods on 01984 634681.

FROM REV NICK LAKIN, Methodist Minister

Before entering the ministry I was a teacher. I remember in school assemblies at this time of year someone would reiterate the old saying 'March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.' The saying dates back to the eighteenth century, where it was coined by Thomas Fuller in his book, 'Gnomologia'. The saying refers to the month of March being the transition between winter and summer, often starting with storms before becoming milder towards the end of the month. The converse has also been used: 'If March comes in like a lamb it will go out like a lion.'

Interestingly, the saying has been shown to be untrue if it is taken to be a specific weather predictor, with studies failing to find a correlation between especially bad weather at the start of March and good weather at its end - or the converse. However, this saying may refer to the constellation of the stars. At the beginning of March, the constellation of Leo, the lion, is on the eastern horizon at sunset. By the end of the month, the constellation of Aries, the ram, is on the western horizon. This is an interesting idea, but fails to take account of the saying occurring specifically in meteorological folklore.

The saying also has biblical connections. John the Baptist, at Jesus' baptism, calls him the 'Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.' In the book of Revelation, when Jesus' coming again is written about, he is called 'the Lion of the tribe of Judah.' So Jesus is known as both the 'Lamb of God' and the 'Lion of Judah.' Given that the Bible does not make any connection between these titles for Jesus and the weather, perhaps it is best to take the saying at face value, however inaccurate it may be.

Given the storms that we suffered during the month of February this year, I hope that we will all have a much more calm and peaceful March... and whatever happens with the weather, I pray that God will richly bless you as springtime approaches once again.



Quantock Foodbank

Tel: 07483 815122 Email: quantockfoodbank@gmail.com

The Quantock Foodbank is still exceptionally busy after a very challenging Christmas period managing huge quantities of gifts being brought in, whilst trying to pack for food parcels going out. During December we packed 67 decorated Christmas carriers containing seasonal food and chocolates which had been donated to make the usual parcels more festive. The number of families being referred is nearly four times greater than last year and 465 bags have been packed during December and January. Since the Foodbank opened in November 2018, we have supplied food and household items to nearly 2000 people, 900 of these babies and children.

Those who are in receipt of food parcels are very grateful to all of you who regularly contribute and make their lives a little easier to bear. Thanks are also due to the volunteers who have put in an enormous amount of hard work and extra hours to satisfy the high demand.

The shelves are fairly well stocked at present, with the exception of tinned fruit, potatoes, sweetcorn, carrots and cold meat. Thank you all for your continued support.

Marlene Mason

NEEDED - WILLITON WINDOW DISTRIBUTOR

The lady who currently delivers to North Croft is finding she has too many demands on her time, so we urgently need someone to take over from her. There are 63 magazines to deliver, so it is not very time-consuming. If you can help, I would dearly love to hear from you. *Jenny Gibson 01984 634899 / 07535 086223*

THE NO 28 BUS

There is to be an 'Accountability Assembly' on April 27th at 6.30pm at The Taunton Academy, Cheddon Rd, Taunton. We are hopeful of having many councillors and persons of note at this assembly to whom we can present all your testimonies and ask for answers. Citizens UK have advised us that if any of you are able to attend this assembly to give your testimonies personally, it would be greatly appreciated. I will be addressing the issue on Friday this week at our meeting with Mr John Woodman, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport for SCC, and we will be officially inviting him and other councillors to attend the assembly.

Thank you all for your testimonies and I hope that you will be able to come to the assembly. *Trish Dobson, Citizens UK Somerset*

GLOBAL FRIENDS

At the February session we reviewed the past year and discussed the way forward. We had a message from Ruba with a letter to send to a member living in Scotland. We also discussed what we needed for the Open House event on Saturday 8th February at the Pavilion and a rota was set up.

Our next session will be on Tuesday March 3rd at 2pm. For more information about Global Friends please contact 01984 248392 or 634734. *NH*



HUGILL'S CREW NEW HOME

Conceived in Williton, Hugill's Crew has struggled to locate a permanent home for its regular rehearsals, until now. As of 12th February 2020, Hugill's Crew will be in residence at the Parish Rooms in Killick Way, Williton, every Wednesday evening from 7 to 9pm. This is exciting, because the large car park opposite, which is free after 6pm, is ideal for crew members travelling from Minehead or Taunton directions.

If the idea of Shanty Singing appeals to you, do please come and join us.

Keith Woolgar

WILLITON HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

Thank you for all the books and please keep them coming. Sheet music with words is also needed, please.

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WEST SOMERSET COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT HUBS

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Volunteers are also needed. Please phone if you are interested: 07392 316158

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

WHEELS is Williton's community car scheme, taking people unable to drive or use a bus to vital appointments. As you will see from John Carslake's request below, it urgently needs more volunteers, not only as drivers but as co-ordinators. To be a co-ordinator you do not need even to leave your own home. Please can you help? Who knows, maybe you will be the next person to need the scheme's services???

Editors

WHEELS IN CRISIS

We were encouraged by the number of people who expressed an interest in driving for WHEELS when we met them at the Williton Pavilion Open Day.

Unfortunately, partly due to illness, we are very short of volunteer co-ordinators and it seems likely that we may not be able to accept any requests for drivers in the first week of March.

In January WHEELS did 150 journeys, so there is a great need for the service we offer and it will be a disappointment to many people if we can't offer a full service each week.

IS THERE ANYONE IN THE AREA WHO CAN VOLUNTEER AS A COORDINATOR? We always give support to new coordinators so that they understand the system. We try not to ask them to cover more than one week a month, Monday to Friday. We provide the mobile phone. The coordinator uses it to receive the request for a trip, find a driver who can do it and confirm it with the passenger, telling them the cost. If you can help us please contact

John Carslake (Chair)

or

Chris Moore (Manager)

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WILLITON FILM NIGHTS @ THE PAVILION

Tuesday 24 March, 19:00 hours – Ford v. Ferrari

Academy Award-winners Matt Damon and Christian Bale star in FORD v FERRARI, based on the remarkable true story of the visionary American car designer Carroll Shelby (Damon) and the fearless British-born driver Ken Miles (Bale), who together battled corporate interference, the laws of physics, and their own personal demons to build a revolutionary race car for Ford Motor Company and take on the dominating race cars of Enzo Ferrari at the 24 Hours of Le Mans in France in 1966.

Showing a highly respectable 98% audience score (from 23,894 reviews). If you check out the reviews you will see that this not just a "guy flick".

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YOUR VILLAGE AGENT, IZZY SILVESTER



Mothering Sunday was traditionally a time to return to the Mother Church, to your family and your roots, a time to reflect and feel grateful for the support you have received and the beautiful world around you. Today, mindful reflection and gratitude for even the smallest things has been proven to increase your mental well being, and an important way to feel good – try five minutes of this type of thinking when you wake up in these lighter mornings, it's a great positive start to your day!

CCS Somerset Agents are also all around you to help you to get the most out of your life. Village Agents work with anyone who asks for support and can be found on our website www.somersetagents.org.

Carers Agents will support you if you are over 18 and are looking after someone in an unpaid capacity whether that's your child if you are their carer, or your partner, relative or friend. Lots of advice and support options can be found at www.somsetcarers.org or by calling our freephone helpline 0800 3168 600.

Community Agents will support you with a referral from Adult Social Care (call Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224) or may work direct from your local doctor's surgery.

To find out more pop-in to any of our Talking Cafés – free drop ins – and meet one of the CCS Agents, who can set you up with the right support for you. Your local Talking Café: is in Williton Pavilion, Killick Way, every Tuesday between 10am and 12 noon.

Not sure who to turn to? Village Agents are a charity that work with individuals and social groups to give confidential support and advice. We can enable people to be more independent in their home, manage personal finances, care for family members and advise on just about anything!

Please phone me Izzy Silvester your village agent on 07931 018045, leave me your name and number and I will ring you back. Or email me on izzy@somsetrcc.org.uk I do only work part-time, so it may take a day or two for me to return your call. Thank you.

DEMENTIA ALLIANCE - FORGET-ME-NOT CAFE

All welcome between 10:30 and 12:00 in The Sanctuary, Swain Street, Watchet on Wednesdays 11 March (Making Cakes in the Corner Café with Liz Snell) and 25 March for coffee, chat and cake. You can also attend the Church Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey on Wednesdays 4 and 18 March for coffee, chat and cake. For more information please email watchetdementia@gmail.com or ring 07973 638030.

Margaret Tatham

MARIE CURIE DAFFODIL APPEAL

I do hope that you will see the Daffodil Boxes which I have placed around the village and please give generously to this worthwhile appeal. If you are able to give two hours of your spare time to collect at Morrisons in Minehead for the appeal please visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/get-involved/collecting to see available dates in March.

Lesley Murray

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by SD

WASPS - WILLITON AND SURROUNDING AREA PARKINSON'S SUPPORT

Our February meeting was very different from planned. We were supposed to have Dr Cooper update us on the research that is constantly being done and catch us up on any new advice on coping with Parkinson's. Unfortunately, he was called away, but he will be with us on Wednesday 1st April. Instead, one of our members had lots of puzzles and quizzes and we had a really lovely time. There was also a wonderful cake for us to enjoy on this our 7th birthday.

Very sadly, we lost two of our members last month, Mr Freddie Hodge and Mr Alex Hollweg. Both gentlemen had been ill for some time and unable to come to our meetings, but they will be sorely missed. It is so hard to lose friends.

We attended the Williton Pavilion Open Day and were impressed with the turnout. We had our new brochures all ready thanks mainly to the hard work of one of our committee, David. We are in the process of changing our information sheets and making sure that everything reflects our new independent status. Our official name is The WASPS and that has to appear on any official documents.

Despite these changes we are still the same support group, like a large family, doing our utmost to ensure that everyone is treated in the same way and nobody feels left out. Between the exercise classes, general meeting and the tea/coffee at the end of the meeting everyone certainly seems to enjoy themselves.

The meeting on Thursday 5th March will have to do with different types of healing and I am positive it will be entertaining. It will start with exercises at 1:15 and the regular meeting at 2pm.

We are introducing a blue walking stick with "I Have Parkinson's" on it. This will make it easier for people to recognize those of us with Parkinson's and realise that we are doing our best and please be patient. It is being produced locally and will be on sale through the WASPS, costing £15. Hopefully, in time, this blue stick will become as recognizable as the white cane for the blind. It was the dream of our member Simon Hilditch, who died a few months ago, and we are taking his dream forward. We all feel that this will create more awareness and hopefully one day a cure!

If you would like further information or would like to attend our meetings please contact Linda Bishop at queenwasp@outlookcom or telephone me on 01984 631472

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 25th March in the Quantock Room (1st floor) of the Williton Pavilion. We try to help each other resolve issues with our Family Trees - and have had some good results in the past few months. 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, Watchet 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 session is on Wednesday 18th at 3.15pm. Contact the Library to book a session as we only have one session left.

Lesley Murray

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Tues	3	Williton Walk	2.00pm, Railway Station
Tues	3	Good Neighbours	2.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Tues	3	Global Friends	2.00pm see page 12
Tues	3	Williton Pavilion*	7.00pm Bingo, Williton Pavilion
Wed	4	Williton Library	10.30am Verse & Worse Light hearted look at poetry and prose
Thurs	5	Williton Library	3pm Pins and Needles
Thurs	5	WASPS Parkinson's Support Group	1.15 exercises, 2pm main meeting Williton Pavilion
Thurs	5	Sampford Brett	7.30pm Sampford Brett Village Hall, 'Celebration
Sat	7	Williton Library	10.30am Lego Club
Sat	7	Williton Pavilion*	6.30pm Murder Mystery Evening
Mon	9	RBL Women's Section	2.30pm Fire Station Lecture Room
Mon	9	Williton Library	10.30-12.30 Making Digital Music 6-12 years
Thurs	12	Loop the Loop	3.30-4.30pm Williton Library
Tues	17	Village History	7.45pm EMN Hall Monksilver History
Tues	17	Williton Pavilion*	7.00pm Bingo, Williton Pavilion
Wed	18	Family History	3.15pm At the library
Thurs	19	Women's Institute	2.00pm Danesborough View Common Room
Thurs	19	Williton Library	2.30-4pm Scrabble Club
Fri	20	Community Market	9-11.30am Williton Social Club
Mon	23	Gardening Club	7.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Tues	24	Williton Pavilion*	6.30 for 7pm Film Night see page 13
Wed	25	Family History	7-9.00pm Williton Pavilion *
Thurs	26	Book Camp	2.30pm Williton Library
Sat	28	Williton Wanderers	10.30am Horner Car Park
Sat	28	Williton Pavilion*	9am-1pm Indoor car boot sale
Tues	31	Williton Pavilion*	7.00pm Bingo, Williton Pavilion

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.

Chatty Crafters	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
Hugill's Crew Shanty Singing Library Hangout	Parish Rooms, Killick Way, Williton	Every Wednesday from 7-9pm (contact info@hugillscrew.org.uk)
Move it or lose it	Williton Library	4.30-7pm Come and meet friends, relax or do homework in the library
Pilates	Williton Pavilion *	Wednesday 9.45-11am Gentle exercise class for the over-60s. (Anne Panesar 07421762532)
with Ellie Stuart-Steel 07342 238 723		Monday 2 sessions 9.30am-12noon
<i>Booking essential for all classes</i>		Monday 2 sessions 6-8.30pm
Positive People	Williton Pavilion *	Friday 2 sessions 9.30am-12 noon
Probus Club of the Quantocks	Windmill Inn	Tuesday 11am - 1pm support for unemployed people aged 18 and over, into employment
Railway Modellers	Wednesday 7-10pm	Tuesdays 10am (except 2nd Tuesday in month when lunch is at 12 for 12.30)
Rhyme Time	Williton Library	Friday 10.30-11am Term time only 0-4 years
RBL Rifle Club	Bridge Street Range on	Fridays. Ring for information 01984 632650
Short mat bowls	Williton Pavilion *	Monday 2 - 4pm
Stay Strong Age UK	Danesborough View	Monday 2-3pm
Tai Chi Shibashi	Salvation Army Hall, Watchet	11.15-12.15 £5 Julie 07796 853584
Talking Café	Williton Pavilion *	Tuesday 10am-12noon
UK Online	Williton Library	Monday 10.30-12noon Booking essential
Walk and talk	Williton Library	Thursday 10.30am-12noon
Walking football	Meet Killick Way car park by Library, Friday	12 noon
War-games Club	Danesfield School	Friday 7-8.30pm
West Somerset Advice Bureau	Ring 01984 639588	Williton Gamers Wednesday 7-11pm
Yoga with Karen Abraham	Children's Centre	Tuesday 9.30am-12.30pm Universal Credit applications & support, Housing, benefits & other enquiries all welcome
Youth Club	Williton Pavilion *	Thursday 1.30 - 2.30pm karenabraham@hotmail.co.uk
Zumba with K.t.	Williton Pavilion *	Thursday 6-8pm (Andy 01643 703155)
07738 676832		Monday 6 - 7pm
		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

Ash Class have been innovating their Talk for Writing text 'The Magic Porridge Pot'. The children substituted parts of the original story, such as the characters, setting and magic item, with their own imagined ideas. One member of the class substituted the magic porridge pot with a magic golden bowl that makes delicious chocolate gold coins when you say the words 'cook, little golden bowl, cook'. As well as changing the story, the children have been focusing on how to write accurately using capital letters, full stops, finger spaces, Fred finger spelling and writing on the line. They have produced some AMAZING innovations that have been written with care and accuracy, we are so proud of their perseverance and independence. The most independent learner each day is awarded the 'Independent Bear' and it is safe to say the whole class deserved the bear after this piece of work!

Elm class have been learning the value of money and how the principle of this is strongly linked to the place value work they did in the autumn term. The children have been learning how to write a newspaper article linked to their story 'Sandy Cove'. Their next focus in English will be poetry. The starting point is a poem by Kit Wright called 'The Magic Box'. The children will innovate the poem by thinking about what they would like to include in their version of the poem, the delicate swish of a butterfly wing, warm woollen mittens in the soft snow, or wild geese that fly with the moon on their wings.

Ash and Yew classes went over to Danesfield to visit the space planetarium and had a great time learning about all of the different planets in our solar system.

Yew class also visited Croft House Care Home, where they enjoyed singing songs and chatting to some of the residents.

On 12th February, we had a focus on road safety. The whole school came off timetable to learn about how to keep safe when crossing the road, or exiting cars near a busy road. We have been concerned about the safety of the children during drop off times as drivers often drive too fast past our school, or park unsafely, making it hazardous as visibility is compromised. As well as doing class work, the children spent some time outside by the road side to practise crossing the road safely.

Happy Stars, our nurture group, is like a big umbrella with lots of different sections for different children's needs under it. One group of children have been learning the story massage program, which Mrs Brooks and Mrs Rutt are both trained in and are both working towards the best practice award. The children absolutely love it, so this month some of the parents and grandparents came in to work together using the story massage program. It was a great morning for everyone.

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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

DOWN AT THE STATION

Spring is just round the corner and the cobwebs are being brushed away. Remember we start running again on Saturday 21st March, but do please note that the timetable has changed slightly this year including a few less Monday s and Fridays – see Timetable for details.

Work continues on general maintenance and the next project started is the Lamp Hut adjacent to the level crossing. Planning has started on the plants that will be for sale this year. Anyone with any specific requests for vegetable or bedding plants please let us know at the Station or phone Phil Chapman on 01984 631734 before the end of April.

The shop will be open as usual on running days, so all are welcome to come and see us and have a cup of tea/coffee and cakes or ice creams.

Phil Chapman – Assistant Station Master

RECIPE FOR THE MONTH by Shirley Dee

HOT SAUSAGE SALAD FOR FOUR

1 tablespoon olive oil	16 cherry tomatoes
1 pack sausages	2 little gem lettuces
1 roughly chopped red onion	1 large avocado
1 heaped tablespoon whole grain mustard	¼ cucumber
1 tablespoon light brown sugar	1 tablespoon red win vinegar

Heat the oil in a deep frying pan (or wok if you have one). Snip the sausages into four and put them in the pan. Add the onion and fry for a few minutes until brown, stirring occasionally. Spoon in the mustard and sugar, tip in the tomatoes, and cook for a few more minutes, until the tomatoes start to split and the mixture is covered in the mustard glaze. Separate the lettuces into leaves. Peel, stone and slice the avocado. Halve and slice the cucumber. Mix them all together and pile on to a platter. Spoon the hot sausage mix on top. Stir the vinegar and a tablespoon of water into the pan, dislodging any sticky bits, and spoon the pan juices over the salad and serve with crusty bread.

GOOD NEIGHBOURS CLUB

Our meeting on 4th February was very well attended. The talk was given by Roger Hurst with regard to policing the seas around the Isle of Wight. The talk was very interesting, together with pictures, and everyone really enjoyed it. We had our tea and biscuits and a social time for the rest of the meeting.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd March at 2.30 pm at Danesborough View Common Room and we are looking forward to meeting anyone who would like to join our friendly club. We welcome all visitors!

Enquiries to our Chairlady, Jenny Berry, on 632616. *Joy Elgood*

HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT PROVIDING CARE CLOSER TO HOME

Health and care services in Somerset are running an engagement programme, which runs until 12 April, to gather feedback from local people about providing care closer to home. You can read the full engagement document on their website at www.fitformyfuture.org.uk, telephone 01935 384119 or contact them by email somccg.fitformyfuture@nhs.net. Everyone's ideas and suggestions are vital to helping make sure that we have the right services in the right place.

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

March is always a special time for me. It heralds the beginning of the end of the long dark winter nights and what seem to be endless days of rain. I am sure we all look forward to the spring and all of the festivities that it brings.

We have been very busy at the Parish Council throughout the winter, organising contractors and working on behalf of the parishioners.

The Open Day for the clubs and organisations in Williton was very well attended on Saturday 8th February at the Pavilion. Good to see so many people attend and hopefully some found a new hobby or group to join (I did). A big thankyou to all the volunteers for setting all the tables and chairs up then putting them all away again. Tea and coffee was served and great cakes were available. Well done to everyone. The Parish Council had a stand giving information on various plans that concern the village and the work of the council. Just a reminder we still have three vacancies on the council so if interested please contact Michelle or Jo at the council office to see how you could be co-opted on and join us.

We receive good feedback, concerns and complaints at the Parish Council, which we act on. Please keep us informed of anything in the village that needs to be brought to our attention. Either write to us, phone or call in to the office between 10.00am and 12.00 noon weekdays.

Now some good news about The **Steam Coast Trail (SCT)** - it is coming to Williton.

This project was initially conceived ten years ago by local environmental group, Forum 21. Although the original name 'Cycle West Somerset' has changed, the concept has remained the same, to create a breath-taking network of multi-user paths around West Somerset, weaving together walkers, runners, cyclists, mobility scooter and wheelchair users through glorious coast and countryside.

The ultimate aim of the SCT is to link Minehead all the way to Williton. With two phases complete, the project is gaining momentum and exponential community support; in 2019 alone the two paths recorded a total of 70,500 trips, around a quarter of which were cycle journeys.

Phase One: Completed Dec 2016, 2.2km of beautiful beachfront path running from Dunster Beach (almost!) to Blue Anchor—this path saw 6,500 trips in August 2019 alone.

Phase Two: Completed September 2018, just over 1 km of new path linking Old Cleeve (Dragon's Cross) to Washford. This path avoids a notoriously dangerous stretch of the A39 and opens up previously inaccessible countryside, and with fantastic views of the heritage trains!

A further four links are in varying stages of feasibility and concept design:

Phase Three: link the Phase One path all the way to Blue Anchor.

Phase Four: link Watchet to Williton via Doniford.

Phase Five: link Minehead to Dunster Beach.

Phase Six: link Washford to Watchet.

An exciting project which deserves all our support.

Cllr Michael White

MEMORIAL GROUND AND PAVILION

Registered charity (211212) with all fundraising events run by volunteers.

Thank you to all the groups and visitors who helped make the first **Williton Open House** such a success. Almost 40 groups – some from outside the village – came, and most signed up new members. It's an event that we will repeat.

March sees our first Murder Mystery Evening – **Who Killed The Farmer?** – on Saturday 7th March. Tickets, which cost £8 each and include a ploughman's supper, are available from Post Office, Parish Office and Holly Barn Antiques.

Our next **Event Team Meeting** is on Thursday 5 March at 7p, at the Pavilion in the Quantock Room (upstairs). If you would like to join please do come along, we'd give you a very warm welcome.

Memorial Ground & Pavilion Events for 2020:

07 Mar Murder Mystery Evening (*tickets on sale now from Parish Office, Post Office and Holly Barn*)

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 Fete: 14:00 – 17:00

15 Aug VJ Day Presentation: (time tbc)

<https://www.willitonmemorialgroundandpavilion.co.uk/memorial-ground-events/>

Cllr Dawn Howes

WILLITON FETE FLOWER, PRODUCE AND CRAFT SHOW

Preparations for this year's Flower, Produce and Craft Show, which is being held with the fete on Saturday 4th July are already well advanced.

Schedules and entry forms have been produced and are available from the Parish Office, the Post Office, Somerset Farmhouse and Holly Barn.

As last year, the idea is for it to be a fun show that will inspire and encourage people to enter. There are classes for children, vegetables, flowers, herbs, fruit, domestic and craft, so there should be something for everyone to bake, make or grow.

Any queries or offers of help contact Peter Payne 01984 633084 or email peterstjohnslock@aol.com



Williton Pavilion Fundraisers
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Murder Mystery Evening



Who Killed the Farmer?

Teams of 6! The best team sleuths of the evening will win a prize!

Ploughmans supper (*included*)
Smaller groups will be joined to make 6

Williton Pavilion

Sat 7th March 2020

Doors open at 6:30pm start at 7:30pm

Tickets only £8 available from Williton Post Office, Parish Office and Holly Barn Antiques

For more information contact Dawn-Lesley
on dlh@dawn-lesley.co.uk

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 March 24th will be Alan Radford a retired BA pilot who will take us behind the scenes on a long haul flight from Heathrow to Hong Kong.

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

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 Tuesday 3 March, starting from the railway station at 2pm. We will walk towards Torweston Farm then across Teddy Bears crossing. From here we will pass Sampford Mill on our way to Sampford Brett, where 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 down hill past St Peter's Church to the village. If you would like any more information please ring me on 632318. *Elizabeth Peeks*

* Williton Wanderers will meet at 10.30am on Saturday 28 March at Horner car park (TA24 8HY) for a 6-7 mile muddy, hilly, circular walk with great views. Please wear weatherproof everything and bring a picnic. *Jenny Gibson 634899 / 07535 086223*

* West Somerset Mineral Railway. Meet Sunday 24 March at 9.45am at Raleghs Cross Inn TA23 0LN for a 4-hour walk to the Winding House and the iron mines near Beulah Chapel, as well as part of the Incline, steep, spectacular but optional. 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.

COMMUNITY MARKET

Takes place in Williton Social Club, Long Street, from 9-11.30 am on Friday 20th March. Do come in to buy local produce or simply have a coffee and chat.

If you contact our contributors or advertisers, please tell them that you saw their details in the Williton Window. There are usually spare copies of the current month's magazine in St Peter's Church, Williton Library and the Parish Council Office. And the last 3 months' magazines are on our website.

WORDSEARCH FOR MARCH by Phyllis Chidgey

QUICK MARCH

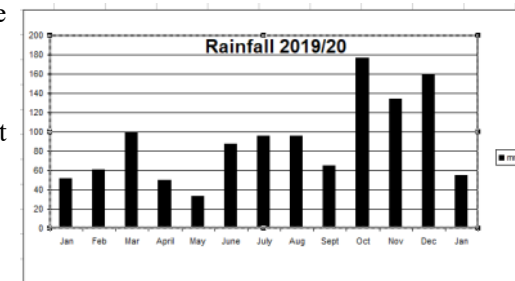
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WEATHER - JANUARY

Our current stormy weather in February is very different from the third week in January when we enjoyed summer-like weather, with temperatures up to 16°C and pressure of 30.9 inches, which is the highest since 1957. The minimum pressure was 29.6 on the 15th and the coolest nights with frosts were from 18th to 21st. We saw the worst gales from 13th to 16th. The total rain for the month was 55mm (2.2 inches).

PJ



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

There is always one moment in childhood when the door opens and lets the future in.

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 Healthcare Useful Contacts: westsomersethealthcare.co.uk/info.aspx?p=13

West Somerset Advice Bureau In the Children's Centre, Killick Way, every Tuesday 10am - 12.30pm. Tel: 01643 704624

Christians Against Poverty - Free debt help. Freephone: 0800 3280006 www.capuk.org

Quantock Foodbank 07483 815122 email: quantockfoodbank@gmail.com

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

FRIENDS OF WILLITON LIBRARY

Just take a look at what is going on.

Wednesday March 4th, 10.30am Verse and Worse Last month we wandered from Masfield to a Monologue. Being March maybe a certain crowd of golden daffodils will make an appearance. Drop by and find out, all very informal.

Saturday March 7th, 10.30am Lego Club Children have fun on a Saturday morning. Each month a different challenge. For March the theme is transport - carbon neutral of course.

Thursday March 19th, 2.30pm Scrabble Club Did you know there are more than 4,000 Scrabble Clubs around the world? The one in your library caters for all, experienced players to beginners. Come and try your hand.

Thursday March 26th, 2.30pm Book Camp You can disappear inside the novels of Kate Morton and, during March, members can be found reading "The Secret Keeper". Interested? Phone Sue Bulpin on 01984 633275 to find out more.

And there is yet more to your library!

Phone the library on 0300 123 2224 to find out more.

WILLITON GARDENING CLUB

At our next meeting on Monday 23 March, Lady Christine Skelmersdale will be speaking about growing bulbs all the year round. 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.

WEST SOMERSET VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

On Tuesday 17 March, Jane Sharp will tell us 'How to start on Family 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/

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday 19th March at 2pm at Danesborough View Common Room, when Dr Francis Burroughs will give a talk entitled 'Can you play Jerusalem?' Visitors and new-members will be most welcome, a charge of £3.50 being made for non-members.

June Irving, Secretary

www.willitonwindow.org.uk

WE ARE UNDEFEATABLE

We Are Undefeatable Somerset is a new local campaign, launched by Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership (SASP) with the aim of inspiring those living with long-term health conditions to be more active and move more. The need for this campaign came about when a country wide study showed that 1 in 4 people were living with a long-term condition and were more likely to be inactive as a result.

Using local ambassadors from across the county, who have one or more health conditions, SASP wants to motivate and encourage others to move more in ways that suit them and support the challenges that can be faced. Currently the majority of the Ambassadors are in the West Somerset area, including Chris, who lives in Williton.

If you're interested in finding out more about this campaign and available activities, please visit www.sasp.co.uk/long-term-conditions.



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