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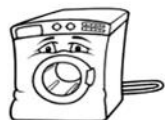
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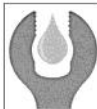
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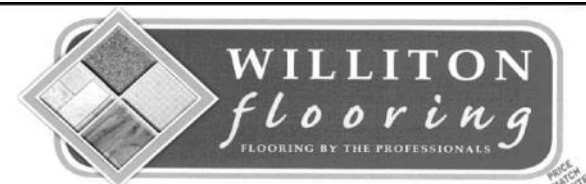
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	10.00am	All Age Parish Communion
Wed 5th	2 - 4.00pm	Easter Family Fun in Church - All Welcome!
	7.30pm	Lent Group at Williton Vicarage
Sun 9th	8.00 am	Holy Communion, BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion
	5.00pm	Benefice Taize Service with prayer for healing at St Decuman's Church, Watchet
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23rd Mr David Day
30th Mrs Margaret Lintern - Holy Communion

On Saturday 8th April children are invited to the church for a free Easter egg. There will also be free refreshments and Easter cakes available, a tombola and a raffle, with a chance to win an Easter bunny. Bring your family. Everyone welcome.

Please also come and admire our Easter Floral Display. The church will be open on Easter Sunday from 12 noon to 4pm and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 am to 4pm.

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FROM DEACON DAVID CROUCHER

Well, here I am sitting at my desk in windy Blue Anchor looking out with pride onto our back garden with its new, green framed, green house. Now, I must explain, because pride is not a good feeling for Lent, that it was a Christmas present from my family and the weather has been simply too cold, too wet or too windy to build it. So, having laid the base, it was time to open the hugely heavy box in which there was waiting a life-sized jigsaw puzzle of frame parts, nuts and bolts, etc etc, and an "instruction book" that would make Ikea look like child's play! But, it's up, no bits left over, and it's watertight.

We've all been plagued by road closures and long traffic light sections, and I know we all agree that our roads all need regular maintenance, but what a difference between two sets of temporary lights! Those between Carhampton and Dunster were operated brilliantly by a chap who was there, I reckon for ten hours a day, for the whole time and judged the traffic flow beautifully. Then – there was the set in Blue Anchor by the Garage which were completely random to the point where I was waiting in a line of cars for 5 minutes until the lady in the front of the line got out of her car and walked into the one-way working to discover there were as many cars the other side, also waiting at a red light! So, for the next few days it was like Russian Roulette – do we wait, just in case the lights MIGHT be working properly, or hazard flashers on and tip-toe through?

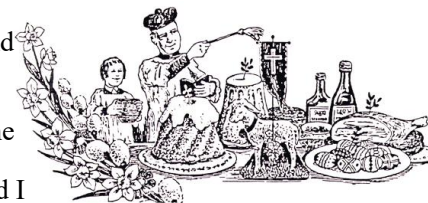
It was good to see a "works train" passing along the West Somerset Railway this week which bodes well for the new season's timetable I admit to having a real thrill every time I see or hear the sound of a steam locomotive pulling out of, or drifting into Blue Anchor Station. It especially brings back my childhood when I see and hear a loco working hard pulling up "Washford Bank" past Marshwood Farm. The Flying Scotsman locomotive is visiting "our" line twice this year and tickets to ride behind that iconic "Pacific" in September are going now on sale. I look forward to standing in our back garden and waving like a child every time it goes up and down, pulling its "Sold Out" full carriages.

Easter always has been a wonderful time for me and this year, as for several years in a previous Parish, we shall be celebrating a very special Liturgy on Easter Saturday at noon in Sacred Heart in Minehead. As we all have fasted or given something up as part of our Lenten observance, the Eastern European tradition of Blessing the Easter Day breakfast foods is especially relevant. After fasting for 40 days, how appropriate it is then, that the breaking of that fast as we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection should be a special breakfast with symbolic foods that were blessed the day before.

So far, it has been mainly Polish and Lithuanian Christians who have brought up to the Altar rails their decorated wicker baskets filled with eggs (new life), bread (the Eucharist), lamb (the Paschal Sacrifice) etc.

ŚWIECONKA is the name of the liturgy and I commend it to all to join in and share this act of faith.

By the time you read this, Easter will be upon us, and so I offer you all the Blessing of the Risen Lord, and wish you a happy Spring season as we prepare to greet another season of holiday makers.



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GLOBAL FRIENDS

A good number of us attended our March meeting. There was a lot of swapping of information concerning shared friends and their well-being. Some of us gave support for both maths and English - looking at fractions, discussing English grammar terms and extending vocabulary.

A letter was read out from Ruba, now living in Sylhet, Bangladesh, and working as a teacher at the Banyan British School. She is teaching graphic design, marketing, newspaper reporting and has responsibility for curriculum planning and supervision. She is also studying for an on-line diploma for enhancing teaching skills of teachers.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 11th April from 2 - 4 pm at the Williton Children's Centre - everyone is welcome. For more information on Global Friends, please phone 01984 248392 or 01984 634734.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Shrove Tuesday three lucky members of Williton W.I. were able to attend the Pancake Party at Kilve. There is always good fun at this event. We were pleased to hear that Sue Ashman had won a race!

Twelve members enjoyed lunch at the Masons Arms on Thursday 2nd. We were made very welcome and enjoyed the delicious food. Needless to say it is always a joy to be together with our friends and have time to chat.

Following the appeal by the County Federation, members have been busy knitting a beautiful collection of Beanie hats. These will be taken to a local Oncology unit for the use of cancer patients who have lost their hair following treatment. To date over thirty hats have been made - sincere thanks to all members who have made it possible for us to help cancer patients, albeit in a small way.

The speaker for March was Amy from Dogs Trust, with her dog Foxy. Members were interested in the many aspects of the Trust. Dogs are taken in for short term and long term help before being adopted by the public. Volunteers help out the staff by fund raising, fostering a dog whilst the owner is in hospital or getting over an operation etc.

Our membership is on the up. We now have 26 members who enjoy a wide variety of topics and often we are surprised at how a good speaker can inspire a new hobby or interest. Our next meeting will be at 2pm on Thursday 20 April at Danesborough View Common Room. Visitors are always made welcome - information on speakers can be found on our poster in the white framed display case outside the Co-op.

Jenny Handisyde and Pamela Messenger



RECIPE FOR THE MONTH *by Shirley Dee*

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Pinch of salt	

Pre-heat oven 200°C, Gas mark 6

Cream butter and sugar until creamy, then beat in the egg yolk, and fold in the sieved flour, salt and currants. Add the spice and enough milk to make a soft dough. Put in the fridge to firm. Knead lightly and roll out to about a quarter inch thick. Cut with a 2 inch cutter. Put on a baking tray and prick all over with a fork. Bake for ten minutes, then brush the biscuits with egg white and sprinkle with caster sugar and bake for a further 5-10 minutes.

DOWN AT THE STATION

Good to report we have had some fine weather so far this month and have been able to get on with a lot of painting at the station and the place is looking really spruced up ready for the season. Obviously still more to be done, but that is always the case! We have also been able to fit a new roof to the volunteers work hut located between the station and the A39 road bridge. Previously felted, the felt had blown off a couple of times, so it now has a more substantial roof which looks much better anyway.

Following my appeal in the Williton Window some time last year, I am pleased to say that we have received several good luggage trunks and cases for our on platform displays. Thanks to everyone who either brought along or asked us to collect them. For the time being I should say we now have sufficient to keep us going for a while. It was an excellent response, thank you.

The trains will be running again every day during April (apart from Monday 24th). The last four days of April will be the Spring Gala when we hope to have several visiting engines and an enhanced timetable of probably ten trains each way every day. This makes for a lot of work for the staff and we would always welcome enquiries for new members, both as platform staff or to help in the shop / refreshment room.

John Parsons, Acting Station Master

RECYCLING AND REFUSE COLLECTIONS, EASTER 2017

Usual collection day:	Revised collection day:
Good Friday (14 April)	Saturday 15 April
Monday 17 - Friday 21 April	All collections one day later
Early May Holiday Monday 1 - Friday 5 May	All collections one day later
The bank holiday dates can also be viewed on our website on http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/collections/days/	

SMALL PRAYER

Please help me to be more tolerant of people who do not share my opinions.



PARKINSON'S^{UK} CHANGE ATTITUDES. FIND A CURE. JOIN US.

WASPS - WILLITON AND SURROUNDING AREA PARKINSON'S SUPPORT

We had a very enlightening meeting in March. A member from Compass Carers outlined how they could help us to cope with our special needs, as well as helping us to apply for and get the help we need.

Sadly some members of our group find it very hard to attend the meetings due to the effects of Parkinson's. Some members are uncomfortable going out for a meal or shopping. Some cannot make themselves heard, which precludes them having a conversation. Some suffer badly from anxiety and are uncomfortable when away from their homes. It is hard to fight the effects of Parkinson's but by giving in the person with Parkinson's become more and more isolated. This also has an impact on the carer as they are "on duty" 24/7. They lose the ability to go out and their world shrinks too.

The WASPS are doing their best to reverse this scenario and you can help. If you see someone swaying about or having trouble while doing simple tasks such as paying their bills please, try to understand. Do not point at them or make rude remarks about their perceived incompetence. Help, when you can, and don't forget the biggest help is a smile and a helping hand. We are very lucky that we do not suffer from a lack of understanding locally. The shop keepers never rush us and are very courteous - as are most people we meet. Thank you so much - we appreciate your courtesy.

April 10th-16th is Parkinson's Awareness Week and Chanin & Thomas in Williton will be hosting a Charity Cake Sale on Saturday 8th April from 10 am to 12 noon, so please indulge your sweet tooth and support your local Parkinson's Support Group, the WASPS. Hope to see you there.

Our AGM takes place on Thursday, April 6th at the Bicknoller Inn. We are back at Danesborough View Common Room for our meeting in May on Thursday 4th beginning at 2pm. Jenny Manvell will be there to take us through some very interesting exercises. She has the ability to make exercise fun! Our tea/coffee time gives members a chance to catch up with each other and have a good chat. As usual there will be lots of fun and laughter.

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.com

WILLITON GARDENING CLUB

Our next meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 24 April will be the AGM and Members' Meeting. 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

The talk on Tuesday 18 April will be by Paul Upton on "Watchet Historic Buildings". The Society meets at the EMN Hall, Monksilver TA4 4JE and meetings start at 7.45. Visitors are welcome at a charge of £2 each. For more information email: nettlecombe1@talktalk.net or ring 01984 640787.

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Sat	1	Williton Library	10.30am Lego Club
Sat	1	Williton Walk	2.00pm, St Peter's Church
Mon	3	Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm Full Council Meeting
Tues	4	Probus	The Windmill, West Quantoxhead, 10.30am
Tues	4	Good Neighbours	2.30pm Danesborough View Common Room, AGM and Talk on Exmoor
Tues	4	Watchet & District Audio Society	2.15pm Sampford Brett Village Hall
Tues	4	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, St Peter's School
Thurs	6	Williton Library	3pm Pins and Needles
Thurs	6	WASPS Parkinson's Support Group	AGM at the Bicknoller Inn
Sat	8	WASPS Parkinson's Support Group	10-12noon Charity Cake sale at Chanin and Thomas, Fore Street, Williton
Mon	10	RBL Women's Section	2.30pm Fire Station Lecture Room
Tues	11	Global Friends	Children's Centre, 2pm
Tues	11	Probus	Luncheon at The Windmill, West Quantoxhead, 12.15 for 12.45
Tues	11	Williton Hospital	10.30am - noon Coffee Morning
Sat	15	Williton Pavilion	9.00am Coffee Morning Table Top Sale, Parish Office, Killick Way
Sat	15	Bowling Club	Season Commences
Mon	17	Parish Council	2 - 4 pm Easter Egg Hunt, Memorial Ground
Tues	18	Probus	The Windmill, West Quantoxhead, 10.30am
Tues	18	Village History	7.45pm EMN Hall Monksilver, Talk on Watchet Historic Buildings
Tues	18	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, St Peter's School
Tues	18	Somerset Sight Mobile Unit	1.30-3.30pm Killick Way Car Park
Thurs	20	Women's Institute	2.00pm Danesborough View
Mon	24	Gardening Club	7.30pm Danesborough View Common Room, AGM and social evening
Mon	24	Book Club	2.30pm Williton Library
Tues	25	Probus	The Windmill, West Quantoxhead, 10.30am
Fri	28	Bake Club	3-4pm Williton Library
Sat	29	Williton Wanderers	10.30am at Anstey Gate

Entry in this diary is free. To have details of your organisation's events included, ring 01984 634899 or email willitonwindow@yahoo.co.uk

REGULAR WEEKLY VILLAGE EVENTS

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 6pm	Bowling Club	Roll-up (from April 17th)
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
Fortnightly. For dates and more information ring		Jane Sefton on 01984 656652
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 2 pm	Bowling Club	Roll-up (from April 19th)
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 <i>Term time only</i>	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 6 pm	Bowling Club	Roll-up (from April 21st)
Fri 7.30 pm	Bingo	Danesborough View Common Room
Fri 7.30pm	Walking football	Danesfield School

ST PETER'S SCHOOL DIARY

We have had an extremely busy few weeks which has included two achievements; gaining Rights Respecting School Level 1 and receiving our letter from Ofsted confirming we are a good school. We are very proud of both these achievements.

Oak class have been busy reading about 'The Little Red Hen' and have enjoyed making up their own stories. The children will be moving onto writing instructions for making bread and will visit Brook Foods to make bread and pizzas. They will also be visiting Tesco in Minehead for the 'Farm to Fork trail'. Their topic for this half term has been 'Animals and Mini beasts' and the children are really looking forward to a bug hunt in the nature garden.

Elm class have been learning about Explorers, especially Neil Armstrong and how he landed on the moon. The children collected bottles, card and other bits and pieces which they used to make their own rockets. It was a fun afternoon.

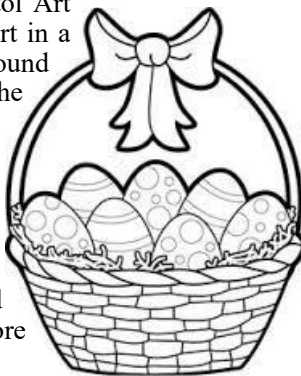
Fir Class celebrated the recent successes of: Charley Shattock, Oscar Williams, Riley Gamblin, Monty Denton, Ely French, Salehin Zaman, Freddie Jephcott and Jason Alcock, who were all involved in a KS2 football team. St Peter's hosted Old Cleeve, in what was a very competitive game. The game was won by St Peter's 3-2. Mr Venning would like to congratulate these children on showing great sportsmanship and teamwork.

Yew class recently visited Wells Cathedral for Pilgrim Day, which celebrated their journey from reception class, through first school and on to middle school. The children met other schools and took part in drama, music, storytelling and craft workshops. They also enjoyed a guided tour around the ancient building and tried on costumes. It was a great experience for everyone. Also, as part of their research into Ancient Egypt, the year 4s visited the Bristol Art Gallery with year 3. During the visit both classes took part in a small workshop looking at Egyptian artefacts, looked around the Egyptian gallery and spent some time discovering the rest of the museum. It was great fun.

The whole school, both children and staff, got involved in World Book Day; we held House Cross Country races which Luttrell won; and the children enjoyed another of our 'big days', this time on poetry.

At the time of writing, we still have Shakespeare Week, Red Nose Day, a big day entitled 'Enterprise' and an Easter service and activities to look forward to. More busy times ahead.

SG



SUMMER FETE AT ALLER FARM

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: On Sunday 9th July Williton and District Nursing Association and Wyndham's Charity will be holding a Summer Garden Fete at Aller Farm House (by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Richard Chandler). All the usual fete attractions will be included, with musical entertainment provided by Watchet Brass Band.

Williton and District Nursing Association and Wyndham's Charity have recently made donations to the Croft House amenities fund.

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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

Bellamy's Corner is looking nice with the flowering bulbs, thanks to the diligent work of the volunteers making this focal point attractive.

We are pleased to confirm that the fence has been replaced at Doniford car park.

There are still two vacancies on the Parish Council. If you would like to help improve Williton, please contact the office who will be happy to provide further information.

Somerset County Council elections will be taking place on Thursday 4th May 2017. Please ensure that you are registered by Thursday 13th April at the latest to be eligible to vote in these elections. To register to vote or for more information, ring West Somerset Council on 01984 635276 / 635288.

With agreements reached on Hinkley Point C and work on site now well underway, you are reminded that the **£7.2million Community Impact Mitigation Fund** is open and available for projects that aim to help mitigate the impact of the Hinkley Point C development or any of its associated works, such as the park and rides, campuses and roadworks. Projects can apply for funding for small grants up to £1000 or funding for larger projects. To discuss the fund and find out if your project is eligible to apply, please email HinkleyCIMFund@westsomerset.gov.uk or ring 01984 635218.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

On Easter Monday, 17th 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 shop windows. Maybe you will be the lucky finder of the 'Golden Egg'!

Cllr Guy Denton

THE PAVILION FUNDRAISING GROUP

The coffee morning and table top sales held at the Parish Office in Killick Way are now held on a Saturday once a month and we welcome everyone to drop in, have a natter and to browse (and hopefully buy) some of the goods on offer.

Our last collection of clothes raised £148, so we are now looking for more clothes, shoes, belts, handbags, ties and soft toys. If you have any you would like to donate, these can be left at Roughmoor House, Roughmoor, Williton, which is next to Station Café or if you would like them collected, please ring Diane Hooper on 632497.

Elizabeth Peeks

WILLITON MARKET

The market will be held on Friday 21 April between 9 and 11.30 in the Parish Council Rooms, Killick Way. We sell fresh produce, flowers, eggs, preserves, jewellery, crafts and greetings cards.

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ONE OF LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES

from SD

The weather being nice enough to start spring-cleaning in the garden.

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Our March meeting was very well attended and congratulations were extended to Jean and David Brook, who are celebrating their diamond wedding this month, and who have been members of the Club for a very long time.

The talk this month was given by Mrs Shirley Harrington, who gave a very amusing account of her life as a police woman. Members really enjoyed the talk and there was much laughter. It was followed by tea, coffee and biscuits, together with a raffle and table top sale.

Our outing this month will be a lunch. Our next meeting will be at 2.30pm on 4th April at Danesborough View Common Room and the talk is entitled "Care more for Exmoor". We look forward to any visitors and anyone wishing to join us. Any enquiries to Jenny Berry on 632616. *Joy Elgood*

NEW MOBILE NUMBER TO COMBAT RURAL CRIME

Please note the new text number for the Avon and Somerset Police rural crime combat campaign given in last month's magazine will change to 07492 888109 at the end of March. You can also ring Crimestoppers on 0800 555111. For anything which requires an immediate police attendance please dial 999.

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** this month will be on Saturday 1 April starting at 2pm from St Peter's Church. We will walk to Stream via Orchard Mill and from there we will walk up along the track next to Blackdown Woods. At the top of Blackdown Woods we will take a breather and admire the views before returning to Williton via Aller Farm. If you would like any further information please ring me on 632318. *Elizabeth Peeks*

* **Williton Wanderers** will meet at 10.30am on **Saturday 29 April** at Anstey Gate (guidance postcode EX36 3NT) for a 6-mile circular moorland walk with lunch at the London Inn, Molland. To get to Anstey Gate, go to Dulverton, drive through the town and over the bridge. Turn left along B3222 for 0.3 miles, then turn sharp right up Andrews Hill. After 0.4 miles turn right direction Hawkridge. After 2.1 miles go straight ahead (take middle road) along the ridge road for 2.9 miles. Just past memorial on right there is a big parking area by cattle grid. Allow about an hour to drive from Williton. *Jenny Gibson 01984 634899*



* **Mineral Line** Meet Raleighs Cross Inn TA23 0LN on Wednesday 19th April at 9:45am for a 4-hour 3 mile walk to explore the main centre of iron mining in the Brendon Hills. We visit mines sites, the Beulah Chapel and the Winding House. We go down part of the incline: steep, spectacular, but optional. Walking boots and rain wear needed. Charge: Free. Donations welcome. Booking essential on 01398 323841. More information: www.wsmla.org.uk *Teresa Wilson*

WORDSEARCH FOR APRIL by Phyllis Chidgey

EASTER GREETINGS TO YOU ALL

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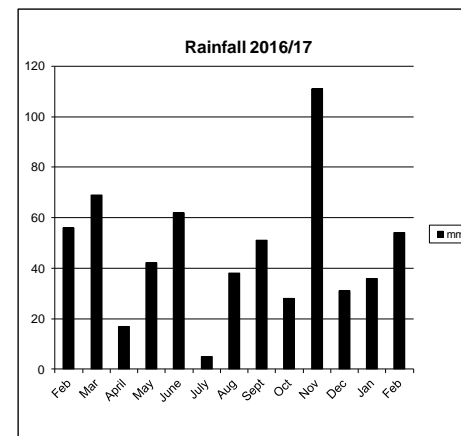
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GOOD FRIDAY

FEBRUARY WEATHER

The first two weeks of March were warm above average, like the last two weeks of February, with temperatures ranging from 11°C up to 16°C on 14th March.

It was very warm at 17°C on February 15th. February had a rain total of 54mm (2.13ins) for the month, but not much rain on the day of Storm Doris! Even so, we saw the sun on 16 days! The maximum pressure was 30.3 inches on 15th and the minimum was 29.17 on the 27th. *PJ*



WILLITON BOWLING CLUB NEW SEASON STARTS 15 APRIL

Williton Bowling Club will celebrate 100 years of bowling in Williton in 2023, but we do need more members - male, female, young and old - to reach this milestone and beyond.

Our club is in a beautiful location, next to the Memorial Recreation Ground in the centre of Williton, with stunning views across to the Quantock Hills. We have our own car park, free to members. The clubhouse is spacious, with large picture windows looking across the green, with its own licensed bar. The green has recently been upgraded with an access ramp for disabled players. The clubhouse and green surrounds are suitable for wheelchair and mobility scooter users.

Bowls is a sport for all ages. Our current members range from 18 to 85, from college students to great-grandparents. Whether you are a new or experienced bowler, please come and have a look at our facilities. Younger players would be particularly welcome. If you have never played bowls before and want to see if it is for you, come along and have a try. If you don't enjoy it, there's nothing lost, no commitment made.

If you do enjoy it, it is not expensive to get started. The first year's membership is only £20. As for gear, all you need is a white shirt, grey trousers or skirt, and flat soled shoes, and the club has sets of bowls that you can borrow until you decide to buy your own.

We are a friendly and sociable club. If you just wish to play for fun or prefer to play seriously we will offer you a warm welcome.

For more information, ring David Sully on 01984 632564 or visit our website www.willitonbowlingclub.org.uk

Tony Gibson

DORSET AND SOMERSET AIR AMBULANCE

On Sunday 14th May we shall be holding our seventh annual Coast to Coast Cycle Challenge, starting at 11am in Watchet and ending in West Bay.

In 2016, 539 supporters took part in this event to help raise funds to keep Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance flying and in doing so collaboratively rode just over 28500 miles (that's approximately 41 journeys from London to Paris and back!) and raised more than £78,000 – that's enough to fund approximately 31 missions by the air ambulance.

This event is not a race and involves cycling along some of Dorset and Somerset's glorious countryside, riding through picturesque villages, with a mix of quiet back roads and busier main roads, interspersed with some demanding climbs and hairy descents this challenge definitely offers something for everyone!

We are aware that this event may cause you and your neighbours some slight disruption and would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused.

If you would be willing to help marshal this event in your neighbourhood and help us keep everyone safe, we would love to hear from you.

Tina Viksna, Fundraising Manager, Tel: 01823 669604

Email: tina.viksna@dsairambulance.org.uk



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