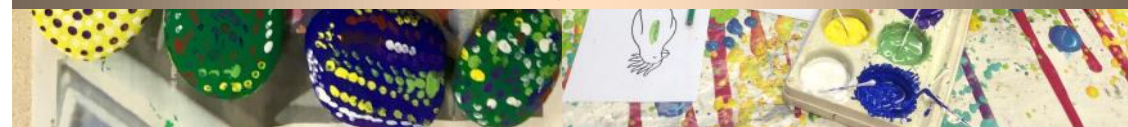




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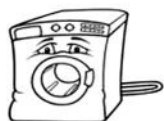
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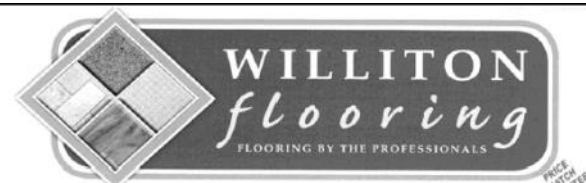
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## FROM DEACON DAVID CROUCHER

I hope that you have had a fruitful and fulfilling Lent this year as Easter rushes towards us. They say that time goes by more quickly as you get older – well, I must be very old because 2018 seems to be flying by.

By the time you read this piece, plans will be well underway for this year's Easter Triduum. For me, this is a special time, as we all gather to re-live Our Lord's Passion following on from that falsely welcoming entry into Jerusalem. Human nature is so fickle and we have to remember that it was the same people who hailed Jesus as their King on Palm Sunday, who yelled out for His crucifixion less than a week later. But, WE are an Easter People and as such we are formed by Jesus' suffering for each one of us and are eternally overjoyed by His resurrection.

I once asked a group of school children, "Which is more important? Christmas or Easter?" Overwhelmingly they answered "Christmas" and when I asked why? they replied, "Well, we get better presents at Christmas." Hey ho! Some need for R.E. there I fear.

Just reflecting on the date of Easter Sunday this year reminds me of the Atheist Group who approached the High Court and appealed for a "Atheist Holiday" like the Christians and Hebrews etc all have. The judge thought for a while and said they could have April 1<sup>st</sup>. When they protested that this was April Fool's Day, he replied, "Well, only a fool would believe there is no God."

After Easter we can hopefully look forward to warmer times as the days lengthen, the trees burst into leaf once again (isn't nature wonderful?) and at 10.15 each morning, Minehead seafront and town centre will reverberate to the sound of a steam locomotive's steam whistle announcing the departure of the day's first train up to Bishops Lydeard, Butlins will soon get fully occupied for the season and around goes the calendar once again.

So, what's next? My summer will include joining the West Somerset Railways' "On-train Crews" as a Travelling Ticket Inspector. My first two training duties were during the February half term holiday. And what great fun that was too, though one father with his family looked a little surprised and worried when I pointed out that my ticket clippers wouldn't open wide enough to clip the "eTicket" on the screen of his mobile phone!

On the platform at Minehead, waiting to let the passengers on to the afternoon departure to Bishops Lydeard, I noticed a family of four in deep debate quite close to where I stood, in full uniform and cap. Shortly the older of the children approached and politely asked, "Excuse me Sir, but, are you the THIN controller?" I haven't been so chuffed for ages!

Also, I have been tentatively asked to play some of the Shadows' repertoire using professional backing tracks at a charity concert/cabaret in Williton some time in the Spring, and look forward to the chance to share my love of that wonderful group from back in the 60s.

Meanwhile, I wish everyone a very Happy and Blessed Easter.

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Spring may be the time for a clean and tidy, but for some this can be a struggle, either because you do not have the physical strength or because everything has got a bit on top of you. If you decide to get rid of stuff, there are many online Facebook buy and sell groups which are great because you can see if anyone wants your things before you lug them to a car boot. You can also advertise small items for free in local newspapers. Call me or Google the Somerset micro provider list for ideas of people who can help in other ways.

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We meet on the second Monday of each month in the meeting room at Williton fire station from 2.30pm to 4 pm. Please come and join us. For further details please contact our Chairperson on 01984 631586.

## A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE LOVELY PEOPLE WHO WROTE THIS LETTER

*"My wife and I bought a cottage in Williton a few years ago and have come to love the village and feel really at home here. We have always enjoyed reading the Williton Window and it has helped us to feel more engaged with the village and the surrounding area. The fact that it is free and delivered to every home in Williton is quite an amazing feat and so we just wanted to offer the enclosed cheque for £100 as a way of saying that we appreciate all of the hard work involved and that we hope that it helps towards the running costs. All we'd ask is that we'd rather remain anonymous."*



## GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Our March meeting was quite well attended. Members were sad to hear of the death of Jean Brooks and our thoughts are with her family at this sad time.

Our speaker was John Mees from Oak Funeral Services, whose talk was very informative about all aspects of the subject. He answered many questions and the afternoon proved to be light-hearted and entertaining, and we definitely owe a very great vote of thanks to John, who spoke so well and even had members laughing at times. Following this, refreshments were served, followed by a raffle and auction.

At the end of March we shall meet for lunch at the Wyndham Arms, which we look forward to. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 3 April at 2.30pm at Danesborough View Common Room. We welcome visitors and anyone wishing to join our friendly club.

All enquiries to Jenny Berry on 632616.

Joy Elgood

## GLOBAL FRIENDS

It was a small session this month, with 7 members present. We are not now meeting at the Children's Centre, but for the present we are going to members' houses, so please telephone one of the numbers below if you would like to join us.



We had a discussion about some members attending an ESOL English course next Autumn. We also talked about helping a member to apply for a university course, again in the Autumn. We also learnt that one of our members has been in hospital for an operation on her back, but has recovered and is back with us. A letter from Ruba was read to the assembled members.

For more information, please phone 248392 or 634734.

## CHARITY DINNER AT BENGAL SPICE

Following on from the very successful fundraising meals at Bengal Spice in December, we are arranging another meal for Tuesday 8 May at 19.30 hrs.

On this occasion the fundraising is for Home-Start and St Peter's Church - both local in Williton. The meal costs £15 per person. If you would like to book a place or table, please contact either Tracey Copp 01984 633657 or Sara Hempshall 01984 639648.

## WEST SOMERSET VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 17 April at the EMN hall, Monksilver, TA4 4JE at 7.30pm for 7.45pm. Marilyn Crothers will give a talk on "Seven Sacrament Fonts, with reference to Nettlecombe - lovely mediaeval haute couture!". Visitors are most welcome at £2.

More information on [www.westsomersetvillagehistorysociety-wsvhs.com](http://www.westsomersetvillagehistorysociety-wsvhs.com)

## SMALL PRAYER

*Can someone please explain why I seem to be working harder than ever now I have retired?*



## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The road to hell is paved with missed opportunities.

from SD

**PARKINSON'S<sup>UK</sup>** CHANGE ATTITUDES. FIND A CURE. JOIN US.

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

Our regular meeting in March had to be cancelled due to the snowstorm. This was a shame because we all enjoy our get-togethers once a month. Everyone was notified as quickly as possible not to even try to venture out as it was too dangerous. I went over to the meeting room just in case someone arrived, but thankfully no one appeared.

On Thursday 5th April we will be holding our AGM at the Bicknoller Inn. It is interesting to hear a review of what we have done in the past year and our plans for the year to come. We continue to grow and with new people come new ideas and of course more support for those of us suffering with Parkinson's.

There is a lot of help out there, help which should enable us to get better at coping with the ravages of this disease. More professional care is being made available closer to home. Parkinson's has been known as the quiet disease with little understanding of the impact that it makes on our daily lives. We are finding our voices and people are responding. We are seeing exercise classes and speech therapy and other activities being adapted to help us hold back the effects of Parkinson's. It is great to know that so many people are working with us to make our lives a bit easier and we really do appreciate it.

Parkinson's Awareness week is from 9th to 13th of April. The WASPS are holding a concert on April 7th in Minehead featuring the Minehead Male Voice Choir and the West Somerset Brass Band. This concert is to raise the awareness of Parkinson's disease and will be held at the Minehead Methodist Church. Barclays Bank has 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 please mark it in your calendar. It will be an evening full of music and song. We hope to see you there.

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; she handles all the requests anonymously.

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](mailto:queenwasp@outlook.com).

Linda Bishop

## HOME-START

Would you like to support a young family in your area? Do you know of young families who need support? If so, please get in touch with us at [admin@homestart-westsomerset.org.uk](mailto:admin@homestart-westsomerset.org.uk)

Home-Start West Somerset has successfully made it through to the second round of the Hinkley Community Cohesion grants programme, so we are publicising our service in anticipation of expanding into the east of the district. For more information, visit

our website: [www.homestart-westsomerset.org.uk](http://www.homestart-westsomerset.org.uk),

or facebook: <http://en-gb.facebook.com/homestartwestsomerset>





## THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Sun	1	Easter Egg Hunt	2pm Memorial Ground
Tues	3	Good Neighbours	2.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Tues	3	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, Danesfield School
Tues	3	Watchet & District Audio Society	2.15pm, Sampford Brett Village Hall
Thurs	5	Williton Library	3pm Pins and Needles
Thurs	5	WASPS Parkinson's Support Group	AGM at the Bicknoller Inn
Fri	6	Living Better	1-5pm West Somerset House, Killick Way
Sat	7	Williton Library	10.30am Lego Club
Sat	7	WASPS Parkinson's Support Group	7.00pm, Spring Music Extravaganza Concert at Minehead Methodist Church
Mon	9	RBL Women's Section	2.30pm Fire Station Lecture Room
Tues	10	Global Friends	See page 14
Wed	11	Talking Café	10.30am-13.00 at Library see page 12
Thurs	12	Loop the Loop	3.30-4.30pm Williton Library
Sat	14	Williton Walk	2.00pm, St Peter's Church
Sat	14	Williton Bowling Club	2.30pm Opening Day
Sun	15	Macmillan Cancer Support	12.30pm Open Farm Bicknoller
Tues	17	Village History	7.45pm EMN Hall Monksilver Seven Sacrament Fonts with reference to Nettlecombe
Tues	17	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, Danesfield School
Thurs	19	Women's Institute	2.00pm Danesborough View, AGM
Fri	20	Williton Market	9-11.30am Parish Rooms Killick Way
Sat	21	Williton Wanderers	10.30am Winsford Car Park
Sat	21	Watchet Methodist Church	10.00am-12noon Table Top Sale
Mon	23	Gardening Club	7.30pm Danesborough View Common Room, AGM+ Members Meeting
Wed	25	Parish Assembly	7pm Danesfield School
Fri	27	Bake Club	3.30-4.30pm Williton Library
Sat	28	Story & Craft Time	10.30-11.30am for children 4-10years
Mon	30	Book Club	2.30pm Williton Library

Entry in this diary is free. To have details of your organisation's events included, ring Tony or Jenny on  
01984 634899 or email [willitonwindow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:willitonwindow@yahoo.co.uk)

## REGULAR WEEKLY VILLAGE EVENTS

Mon 9.30-10.30 am	Pilates with Eleanor	Maglands Community Room, Watchet
and 10.45-11.45am	Rutter	Booking essential 07342 238 723
Mon 10.15-12.45	UK Online	Williton Library, booking essential
Mon 2 pm	Table Tennis	Watchet Youth Centre
Mon 2 - 3 pm	Age UK - Stay Strong	Danesborough View Common Room
Mon 6-7pm	Pilates with Eleanor	Danesborough View Common Room
And 7.15-8.15pm	Rutter	Booking essential 07342 238 723
Mon 7.30 pm	Badminton	EMN Hall Monksilver (656496)
Tues 9.30-10.30am	Pilates with Nathan Pirt	Watchet Community Centre
6.15-7.15pm	Pilates with Nathan Pirt	West Quantoxhead Village Hall
		Info: Nathan Pirt 07762 721 271
Tues 9.30 - 10.30am	Mat and floor based yoga	The Salvation Army Hall Watchet
and 11 - 12 am	Chair-based yoga	(level access and parking)
	More info from Julie	<a href="mailto:julieboltonyoga@gmail.com">julieboltonyoga@gmail.com</a>
	Bolton 633665 or email	West Somerset Advice Bureau
Tues 10am-12.30pm	Children's Centre	Guide HQ
Tue 5.45 pm	Brownies	Info: Williton Gamers 01984 6399588
Tues 7-11pm	War-games Club	Bicknoller Village Hall
Wed 9-10am	Pilates with Nathan Pirt	Info: Nathan Pirt 07762 721 271
and 10.30-11.30am		Danesfield School (Paul 01643 703155)
Wed 4-5.30pm	Williton Youth Club	Guide HQ
Wed 6-7.30pm	Cubs	Rear of Washford Mill, Washford (info: 07773 892085)
Wed 7-10 pm	Railway Modellers	West Quantoxhead Village Hall
Thur 9-10am	Pilates with Nathan Pirt	Info: Nathan Pirt 07762 721 271
and 10.15-11.15am		Drop in for coffee and cake
Thur 9.30-11.30 am	St Peter's Church	Williton Hospital ( <i>please ring Shirley on 633529 for information</i> )
Thur 10-11 am	Free chair based exercise	Danesborough View Common Room
Thur 10.30 am	KFA Movement	Drop-in at Williton Library.
Thur 10.30-noon	Craft and Chat	Guide HQ
Thur 5.15-6.30 pm	Rainbows	Williton Fire Station Community Room
Fri 9.30-10.30 am	Pilates with Eleanor	Booking essential 07342 238 723
and 10.45-11.45am	Rutter	Williton Library, booking essential
Fri 10.15-12.45	UK Online	Williton Library (term time only)
Fri 10.30-11am	Rhyme Time 0 - 4 years	Meet Killick Way Car park
Fri 12 noon	Colin's "Walk and talk"	Bridge St. Range. Info 01984 632650
Fri	Williton RBL Rifle Club	The Guide HQ, Market Street Car Park
Fri 7.15-9pm	Guides ( <i>info from Martha on 01984 248925</i> )	in Watchet
Fri 7.30 pm	Bingo	Danesborough View Common Room
Fri 7.30pm	Walking football	Danesfield School



## S T PETER'S SCHOOL DIARY

We have just finished a very interesting and exciting term, which included Science Week and a whole school visit to Tropiquaria.

Oak class have been learning all about mini beasts as part of their topic. The children have looked after stick insects, read 'The very hungry caterpillar' and found out many interesting facts. Creatively, they have made a home for a worm,, made caterpillar collages, symmetrical butterflies and mini beast pebbles!

Ash class really enjoyed Science week. During this time they made their own slime, investigated different types of milk, made birds' nests and took part in some newspaper challenges. At Tropiquaria their highlight was seeing all the outdoor habitats with gibbons, lemurs, wallabies and meerkats.

Elm class had a fantastic term with many children making great progress in their reading., in particular, Lily Nunn, who has now moved up to our Accelerated Reader scheme. The children had a wonderful time at Tropiquaria and were able to experience many new animals; the class favourite was a python which lots of children enjoyed holding!

This term in Fir class the children really enjoyed learning about the world's rainforests. They know that there are four layers; the forest floor, the understorey, the canopy and the emergent layer. They know how each layer differs and about the different types of animals living in each layer. The children have linked this knowledge to their English; writing persuasive texts to encourage people to save the rainforest by stopping the devastating effects of deforestation.

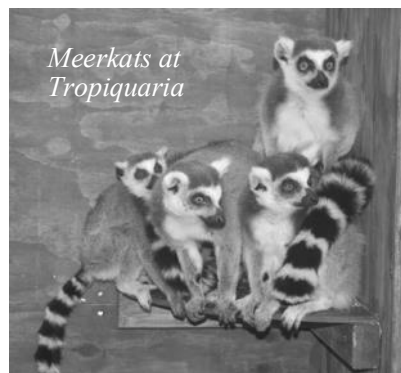
Yew class enjoyed a visit to Wells Cathedral, giving them a chance to meet other year 4 children from Somerset and to celebrate their journey from year 4 to middle school. They too have had fun in Science week, learning new facts and completing exciting experiments. The class took part in a music workshop with Onyx orchestra and then accompanied them in front of the whole school using percussion instruments!

Happy Stars have had great fun doing activities relating to the story 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson. The children re-enacted the story, made scenes from the book, made their own stickman, baked stickman cakes and have even turned the tree at the front of the school into Stick Man! It was unveiled by Mr Johnson and Mr Rushforth with Stick Man music.

We all had fun dressing up for World Book Day, a week after the original day because of the weather! At the same time, we held a sponsored read in conjunction with Usborne books. This went fantastically well and we are now looking forward to receiving about £1,000 worth of new books. Many thanks to everyone who supported this.

At the time of writing, we have an Easter service and Easter craft activities to look forward to before the holidays.

SG



## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Thursday 15th March a longstanding member, Mrs Pope, spoke on 'A Secret Life'.

What could this be? Her early years were shaped in Birmingham with two years at a Commercial School (shorthand, typing and commerce), but also some laboratory work, 'doing things with Bunsen burners'. She married a Devonian and had a daughter. The family ran a greengrocer's shop in Watchet which developed into a real general stores. They came to Williton where Mrs Pope worked in Danesfield School, taking the position of cook for eleven years, which she loved as well as the children! Her cooking skills transferred to a riding school at Timberscombe - where she would invent food for those going on country rides. She stayed for twenty years 'until her car broke down'.

Now what did she do? Much to OUR surprise, she became a 'Life Model'. This 'secret job' was good and well paid. Introduced by a woman friend, she enjoyed the work and companionship of the artists of all ages up until ten years ago. She learned much about drawing skills and claimed that she never felt cold. She is a Life Member who is to be congratulated.

The next W I meeting on Thursday 19th April is the AGM.

*Mary Tong, W I member*

## DOWN AT THE STATION

Well I am hoping that by the time you read this magazine winter will finally have departed, though the station and the surrounding area has looked beautiful in the snow.

By the time this edition of the Williton Window is published we shall have had the W.S.R Spring Gala, when several visiting engines should be running, and we are expecting ten or eleven trains each way on each of the four days. I am going to say that it will be a great success - as I am sure it will.

Although never finished, we have been able to carry out a lot of maintenance work at the station during the closed season and will continue with some painting jobs right through the summer. The winter is not the best time for outside painting jobs. The flower plants are doing well I am told and hopefully by the end of the month will be appearing along the fences and in the hanging baskets.

As usual a warm welcome will be given to anyone calling down to watch the trains or for a cuppa. The tea room is normally always open on running days from about 10.30 am - 4 pm each day.

*John Parsons, Station Master*

## DORSET AND SOMERSET AIR AMBULANCE

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May we shall be holding our eighth annual Coast to Coast Cycle Challenge, starting at 11am in Watchet and ending in West Bay, Dorset.

We would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience this event may cause you. 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: fundraising@dsairambulance.org.uk*

## ONE OF LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES

An all clear from the dentist.

*by SD*



## WILLITON PAVILION PROJECT UPDATE

March has been an eventful month, construction of the main steel frame commenced just as we were experiencing freezing temperatures and snow. Luckily, this quickly cleared and did not cause any significant delay. The main steel frame and upper roof level was completed on time and the flooring for this area should be completed by mid-March. Work will then start on the lower level sections of the building and the Pavilion will start to take shape.

During the month we also met with our partners West Somerset Council and EDF Energy for a project review. This was followed by the signing of the main contract for the construction phase of the project with our contractor HBC. This activity had to wait until the final design for the building had been agreed.

We have received some questions about the building and for clarification, the main hall will be 9M x 18M with a wooden semi-sprung floor, marked for badminton and there will be a temporary stage available that will be adjustable in height and size. The ground floor meeting room will be 7M x 5M and the first floor meeting room will be 6M x 4.7M.

The annual Parish Assembly will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> April at Danesfield School where we will give a detailed account on progress, along with an indication of some of the challenges we have faced and design changes that have occurred since work commenced.

We are pleased to announce that the website is now active, though still under construction. It will evolve as we move forward and hopefully by the end of April it will have all the required information available for the booking process. This will include an active calendar to allow potential users to see availability and the type of activities that are taking place.

With the Pavilion comes an opportunity for employment and the charity would like to hear from anybody living locally who would be interested in offering their services as a self-employed cleaner. The basic hours will be 2 hours per week on a Monday, though the job role will be a flexible arrangement and the total number of hours required each week will be based on the frequency and type of bookings. An hourly rate will be agreed with the charity which shall be reviewed on an annual basis. As the building will not be available until November, this is a request for information and an opportunity for somebody to register their interest. Nearer the time they will be contacted and invited along for an interview.

Also, as part of the Pavilion Project we made improvements to the War Memorial, most evident being the hard standing and CCTV. We have also upgraded the electrical supply within the building to support activities to be held on the ground. This work has been undertaken in conjunction with the RBL who have for a number of years maintained the garden within the gated area. At their request, the charity has agreed to adopt the garden and we are now looking for a volunteer who would be prepared to give some time, perhaps an hour or two a month, to tend the area and keep it neat and tidy.

If you wish to register your interest for the role of cleaner, or offer your services for tending the garden, please contact the clerk on 01984 633979.  
*Cllr Bill Vaughan*

## WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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

**Doniford Car Park.** This is a subject that pleases no one, the imminent closure of Doniford Beach car park. It is a well used facility provided by Williton Parish Council. The Council finds itself in a difficult situation. The erosion of the shoreline is weakening the fence and the land to such an extent, that the fence needs to be repositioned back from the cliff edge by several metres. The result will be an unusable car park as it will be so small. There is also a hazard of masonry falling on to people or cars, evidenced by the crack in one of the lime kilns next to the car park. The lime kilns are not in the ownership of the Council. The Council has been told by its professional Health and Safety advisors that the car park is considered unsafe and it should be closed. The Council will do all it can to find an alternative place to park. Meanwhile, please be mindful of the narrowness of the road and poor visibility and not to make the situation worse by parking on the highway. Please also respect that the lane is the entrance to a private home and should not be used for parking. There is a public right of way from the highway to the concrete ramp down to the beach and this will remain as a pedestrian access only.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armistice.** Plans are being made to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armistice. This year November 11<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday. A service to mark the sacrifice of the men from the Parish who gave their lives in the Great War and conflicts since then will take place at the War Memorial on the Memorial Ground, starting at 10.45 and to include the two minute silence at 11.00. When the service is finished there will be a parade from the Memorial Ground to St. Peter's Church. An interdenominational service will be held reflecting the wider consequences of war and all those both on the front line and the home front who were involved. A poetry competition is being organised for the students at St. Peters First School and Danesfield Middle School. Winning students will be invited to read their poems at the services. We want this to be a special event. It will need people to help plan it and run it on the day. If you are able to help in any way, please contact the Parish Clerk.

**Williton Twinning Association.** "Twinned with Neung-sur-Beuvron" is on the village road signs. What's all that about? Well, the Twinning Association was formed in 1984 to promote friendship and understanding between the two villages. Now, it is looking for members of the next generation to continue the tradition. If you want to make some French friends, contact Pat Bryant on 632833 or me on 634727. The Association's AGM will be at the Bowling Club, Catwell on 22 April at 6.30pm. The old guard have enjoyed much from the Twinning Association, and want to see it thrive with some new members. Why not become one of them by joining?  
*Cllr Ian Aldridge*

**The Parish Assembly takes place at 7pm on Wednesday 25 April at Danesfield School. If you care about what has happened and is happening in Williton, including with the Pavilion, please try to attend.**



## WILLITON HOSPITAL

The book stall is doing well, thanks to all helpers and book donors.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The problem with Somerset Can Do has now been sorted out and one lady has already been signed up. Volunteers are very welcome and much needed. Do phone Shirley or Chris on 635600 to arrange a chat and look around.

*Shirley Dee, Volunteer Co-ordinator*

### THE GREAT SOMERSET TEA PARTY

This year we are appealing to our supporters to host a Great Somerset Tea Party in aid of St Margaret's Hospice. Our Time for Tea will tie in with **Somerset Day** celebrations and launch on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May**, but you can hold your tea party at any time and wherever you like. We will provide you with a fundraising pack to help you plan and promote your event. Please contact your Community Fundraiser, Jane Lillis, for more information. Email: [jane.lillis@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk](mailto:jane.lillis@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk) or telephone: 07736 886174

*Making each day count*  
**St. Margaret's**  
HOSPICE CARE



### RECIPE FOR THE MONTH *by Shirley Dee*

#### CHICKEN IN PARMESAN CREAM for two

1 tablespoon breadcrumbs	1 tablespoon butter or soft margarine
2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese	2 tablespoons of cream
2 chicken breasts, skinned	Make ½ pint (250ml) cheese sauce, using Parmesan cheese

Pre-heat the oven to 180°C, 350°F or Gas 4. Mix the breadcrumbs with half the cheese, coat the chicken with this mix and fry in the butter or margarine until brown all over. Add the cream to the cheese sauce and put half the sauce in to an ovenproof dish. Transfer the chicken to the dish and cover with the remaining sauce. Sprinkle with the rest of the Parmesan and bake for about 30 minutes until brown. Nice with small new potatoes and broccoli.

### IF YOU NEED HELP:

**NHS HEALTH TRAINER** Rebecca Pitchers: mobile 075 000 64683 or free phone 0800 412 5502

**WILLITON SURGERY** Robert Street TA4 4QE Tel: 01984 632701

Out of hours: 111

**WEST SOMERSET ADVICE BUREAU** Market House Lane, Minehead TA24 5NW. Tel: 01643 704624 In the Children's Centre, Killick Way, every Tuesday between 10am and 12.30pm.

**CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY** - Free debt help  
Freephone: 0800 3280006 website: [www/capuk.org](http://www/capuk.org)

**WILLITON POLICE:** Neighbourhood beat manager: PC 4376 Jamie Munro, Mobile: 07889 659436; Police Community Support Officers: PCSO 9273 Sue Thompson, Mobile: 07889 655209 and PCSO 7292 Peter Bolton, Mobile: 07889655193

## WORDSEARCH FOR APRIL *by Phyllis Chidgey*

### A HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL

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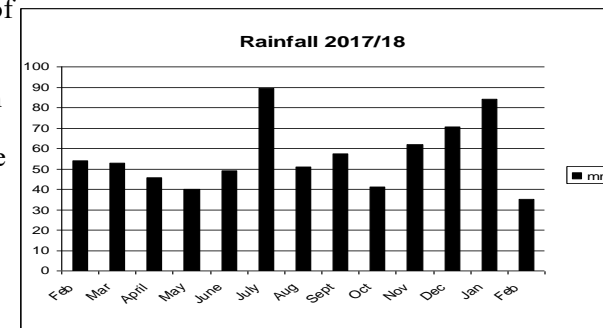
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### FEBRUARY WEATHER

The snow that fell on 28 February was 8" deep by 8pm and was much more disruptive than that of January 2013.

February was a chilly month at times, with frosts on nine mornings. The maximum temperature was 12°C on 19th and the minimum -5°C on 28th. There was 35mm (1.4ins) of rain.

*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.

\* This month's **Williton Walk** will be on **Saturday 14 April**. Please meet at 2pm at St Peter's Church. We will walk up to Aller Farm and then across the fields to Blackdown Wood. From there we will follow the track down past the wood and carry on into Stream. We will return to Williton following the stream and then the leat that takes us to Orchard Mill. If you would like any further information please ring me on 632318. *Elizabeth Peeks*

\* **Williton Wanderers** will meet at 10.30am on **Saturday 21 April** at Winsford car park (TA24 7JE) for a circular, hilly walk of about 6 miles, back in time for a cream tea. Bring a picnic and wear seasonal everything. For more information ring *Jenny Gibson 01984 634899* or email [willitonwindow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:willitonwindow@yahoo.co.uk)

\* **Mineral Line:** Meet at 9.45am on Wednesday 18 April at Raleghs Cross Inn TA23 0LN for a 4-mile walk to the Winding House and the iron mines near Beulah Chapel, including part of the Incline, which steep, spectacular but optional. Booking essential on 01398 323841. The walk is free but donations to West Somerset Mineral Line Association are welcome. More information: [www.wsmla.org.uk](http://www.wsmla.org.uk)

\* **West Quantoxhead Walking Group** meets monthly on a Thursday for a leisurely local walk of 3 to 4 miles usually over fairly level ground. Optional pub lunch at the end of the walk. All walks are informal and at your own risk. Meet at West Quantoxhead Village Hall car park at 10am. The next walk is on **12th April**. For further information please contact Dorothy 01984 248105.

## WILLITON BOWLING CLUB

Saturday 14 April sees Williton Bowling Club opening their gates for the start of their 95th season and looking forward to existing members and prospective new members coming along at 2.30pm.

During the winter period, we have been holding a social evening once a month for members to meet and take part in fun activities. Fund raising has also taken place and we were lucky enough to be given £2,000 by Tesco in their charity draw when shoppers put discs in for their favourite choice of three worthy causes. We came second and the club would like to thank all those who supported us. This money, plus a generous donation, allows the club to buy two special wheelchairs for use on the green by players with restricted mobility.

The club would like to invite anyone interested in trying out bowls to come along on Saturday 14 April when they can talk to members and find out more about the game. If you would like a go, please bring a pair of flat shoes to go on the green. Anyone who takes an interest and wishes to have more practice before deciding to take up the sport, can come along on a Monday or Friday evening at 6pm or Wednesday afternoon from 2pm, when they can have training sessions with the club coach or arrange other times with myself.

*Dave Sully, President, 01984 632564*

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