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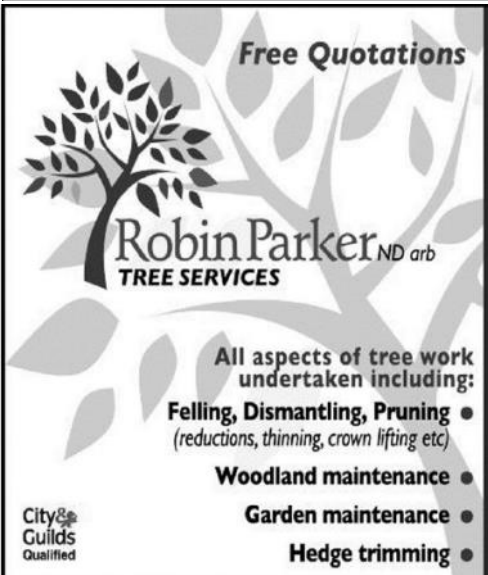
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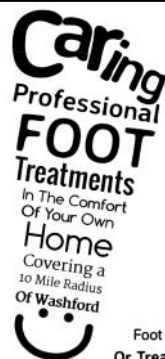
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Tuesdays	11.00 am	Mid-Week Service of Holy Communion		
Thursdays	CAMEO	Will be held at St Peter's Church from now on		

Church is open daily during daylight hours for personal prayer

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL

Tues 2nd	9.30-11am	"Little Saints" Toddler Group at Croft House and then in the Meeting Room each following Tuesday
Wed 3rd	morning	Danesfield School Easter Service in Church
	7.30pm	St Peter's APCM at the Meeting Room next to Vicarage
Thurs 4th	9.45am	St Peter's School Easter Service in Church
	pm	Years 5 and 6 from Danesfield Easter Service
Sun 7th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.00am	All Age Worship
	4.00pm	Music for Passiontide at St Decuman's Watchet
Mon 8th	10am	Communion at Danesborough View- All welcome
Sun 14th	8am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion for Palm Sunday
	4.00pm	TAIZE service for Holy Week
Mon 15th	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross at St Peter's Church
Tues 16th	7.00pm	Evening Prayer for Holy Week at St Peter's
Wed 17th	7.00pm	The Art of Holy Week and Easter in the Meeting Room next to the Vicarage
Thurs 18th	11.00am	Easter Communion at Croft House
	7.00pm	Passover Meal at Watchet Methodist Church
Fri 19th	10.00am	Service for Good Friday at St Peter's followed by distribution of Hot Cross Buns in Williton
	1.00pm	Two Hours before the Cross at St Decuman's and St Peter's - feel free to come and go quietly
Sat 20th	2.30pm	Wedding of Natalie And Alex
	7.00pm	Lighting the Easter Fire and Vigil at St Decuman's and St Peter's
Easter Sunday	6.00am	Early in the Morning Service at Staple Plain
	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP at St Peter's
	10.00am	Parish Communion for Easter Sunday at St Peter's
Sat 27th	10-11.30am	Café Church in Meeting Room
Sun 28th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
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14th	Miss Mollie Brooks
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FROM REV CLIVE GILBERT

Quite rightly we are all encouraged to eat seasonal fruit and vegetables. I'd like us to think about eating seasonal bread. Hot Cross Buns seem to be on sale all year round. Now is the most appropriate season to eat them. In the past they were only eaten on Good Friday. Why? Because they have a cross on them to remind us of the cross on which Jesus died. They are spiced to remind us of the "spices" with which Jesus' body was embalmed for the three days that he spent in the tomb.

There used to be a retreat house in Kent in which there was a cross which I found deeply moving. It had the figure of Christ on the Cross leaning forward and stretching out his arms to embrace those who approached. This reminds me of the Christian belief that He died that we might be reconciled with God and through God with each other.

Surely our world needs that reconciliation as much as ever, because it is not until we are all reconciled together in love that a peaceful and fairer world will be possible. We need to stand shoulder to shoulder with our brothers and sisters of all faiths and none, in solidarity with those who suffer as a result of terror like the people of New Zealand or unjust government like those of Venezuela. We also need to remember at this time of year the new life that Easter represents - new life that followed death. Change for the good is possible.

So please enjoy your Hot Cross Buns and Easter eggs and, in so doing, allow yourself time to reflect upon their meaning. Churches Together in Watchet and Williton will be distributing Hot Cross Buns and Easter Eggs in the village on Good Friday morning. We pray that you will all have a joyful and peaceful Easter.

YOUR VILLAGE AGENT, IZZY SILVESTER

Izzy is on leave at the time that we go to print, but should have returned by the time you read this. To contact her, please ring 07931 018045, leave your name and number and she will ring you back. Or email her on izzy@somersetcc.org.uk. She works Monday to Thursday. *Editors*

COMMUNITY MARKET

Is held on the third Friday of the month at Williton Social Club in Long Street, next to the Killick Way car park. **Our next market will be on Friday 19th April from 9 - 11.30am.** Fresh local produce, crafts and gifts. Come and shop, or simply enjoy a coffee and chat with friends old and new.

WILLITON GARDENING CLUB

Our next meeting on Monday 29 April will be our AGM and Members Meeting. Meetings start at 7.30pm at Danesborough View Common Room. Visitors are welcome at a charge of £2. For more information, please contact Liz Payne on 01984 633084.

In last month's Williton Window, we mentioned the possibility of a Williton Open Gardens, but due to insufficient response, this won't be happening.

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. Please ring Jenny or Tony Gibson on 634899 or go to our website: www.willitonwindow.org.uk/welcome-pack

WASPS - WILLITON AND SURROUNDING AREA PARKINSON'S SUPPORT

We are really enjoying our new, large venue and are feeling very comfortable in all this space. Every month sees us welcoming new people to the WASPS. Most of these people join the exercise group and they see and feel better for doing these exercises. Jenny, our fitness guru, is very impressed with the improvement shown by those taking part in the exercise class. There is still room for lots more and you do not have to be a member of the WASPS or Parkinson's UK to join in.

Speaking of memberships, you do not have to be a member of Parkinson's UK to join the WASPS. However, Parkinson's UK has a lot to offer and is changing the membership fee structure. The fee used to be £4 per year but now you can pay what you feel like paying. For more information about Parkinson's UK membership just go to their website and the information on how to join will be there. I have been a member since 2013 and I think that it is good value for the money.

Guy Denton of the Fire department came to our March meeting and made sure that we were all aware of what we should do to keep ourselves safe in our homes. When was the last time you dusted your fire alarm and checked to see that it was working? It was really good to be reminded of how we can do simple things to ensure our safety.

Thursday 4th April will see us holding our AGM at the Williton Pavilion at 2pm (after our exercise session at 1.15pm). It promises to be a lively affair and after exercising our bodies and our brains we will have a well-deserved buffet to tuck into.

We are hoping that more of the WASPS will take an active role in guiding the WASPS and keeping us in a positive frame of mind in the years to come. It never hurts to be reminded that the WASPS was formed to give support to everyone who has Parkinson's and their carers. That is our role in the community - we don't have the manpower to raise funds. The communities in and around Williton have been very generous and given us support and we thank all of you very much. Your support enables us to fulfil our mandate and it makes us into one big circle of people helping people. Who could ask for more?

If you have been recently diagnosed with Parkinson's you might feel very lost, alone and frightened; these are all perfectly normal reactions. You need to know that you are not alone, there is help and advice right around the corner. Come to our meeting and see if it helps you or talk to me privately. If you would like to find out more about our group, or wish to discuss Parkinson's and how it affects people, you can reach me at 01984 631472 or email me at queenwasp@outlook.com.

Linda Bishop

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 the books go to charity. The current charity is the WASPS and, so far, £150 has been raised by sales of this Williton Walks Book. We are very grateful to the Post Office for their help.

SAVE THE DATE: FUTURE VILLAGE EVENTS

Easter Sunday, 21 April at 2pm: **Easter Egg Hunt**

Spring Bank Holiday, Sunday 26 May at 2pm: **Duck Race and car boot***

Saturday 6 July at 2pm: **Village Fete*, including Companion Dog Show and Produce and Handicrafts Show**** (See page 12)

Wednesday 11 December at 6pm: **Christmas Festival ***

*Please contact Parish Office for details of stall booking (01984 633 979)

**Entry forms available from Parish Council Office, Post Office and Somerset Farmhouse

FILM NIGHT @ THE PAVILION FUTURE DATES

Tuesday 21 May: Holmes and Watson **Tuesday 18 June:** Film to be confirmed

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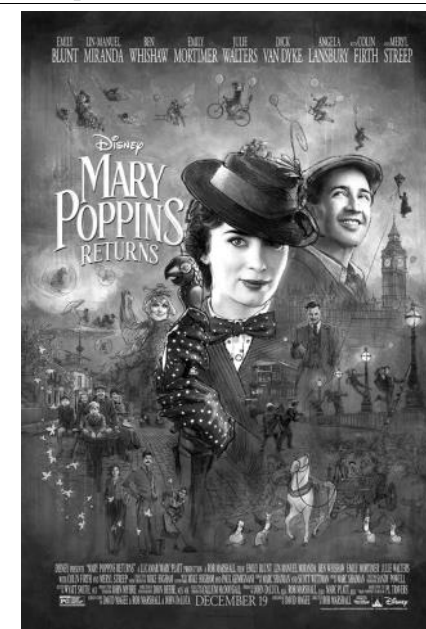
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The Royal British Legion Women's Section (RBLWS) is an organisation for women which provides care and support to the Armed Forces community both serving and ex-service. For over 90 years our specially tailored welfare schemes have helped thousands of people who are in financial hardship or in need of extra support. The RBLWS was formed in 1921 to safeguard the interests of wives, widows and children of men who served in the Great War and we continue to support those in need through educational sponsorship, grants and annuities. Our help is still relevant today, supporting veterans and their families affected by recent conflicts in Northern Ireland, Falklands War, Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan. Welfare is the heart of our organisation and our members are our lifeblood. Last Christmas the RBLWS was able to support several families whose children would have had no presents at all on Christmas Day.

The RBLWS depends on the fundraising of local groups and it is only with their ongoing support and generosity that it can continue to help those in need.

We are holding a coffee morning at the Parish Rooms on Saturday 13 April between 10am and 12.30pm. Tea, coffee and hot cross buns, raffle, plants, books and bric-a-brac. We hope to see as many people as possible there.

THE WILLITON RBLWS BRANCH MEETS ON THE 2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE FIRE STATION MEETING ROOM, WILLITON. We would welcome any new people to our monthly meetings.

For further details please ring 01984 639648.

Sara Hempshall

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Pat Brigdon, a member of our own WI, was our speaker at the March Meeting. Pat was a Judge at Crufts before she retired - we are lucky to have such talented ladies at Williton. She was the perfect speaker as she informed, amused and smiled at us throughout her presentation. Dog lovers - and non-dog lovers - learned a lot more than they had known about Crufts!

On Thursday 18th April Mr Ken Atherton will be our speaker on "Saucy Postcards". Visitors are always welcome - there is a charge of £3.50 on the door. A reminder to members: the competition is a small interesting object starting with the letter J.

We meet at Danesborough View Common Room on the third Thursday of the month between 2 and 4pm. Please contact Pamela Messenger on 01984 248412 for more details about Williton WI and our future programme.

GLOBAL FRIENDS

We were a very small group in March, due to illness and family commitments. Our member who returned to Dhaka recently was only about a mile away from the awful fire - he was unhurt but had to be evacuated. We now look forward to hearing from him about his impressive new job. Our next meeting will be held at 2pm on Tuesday 2nd April. Please telephone 248392 for more information.



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

from SD

When things go wrong, pick yourself up and start again, however hard.

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

The West Somerset Family History group is hosting a special Digital Collection day at Williton Pavilion on Saturday 6th April.

"Lest We Forget" is a nationwide initiative, led by the University of Oxford and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, and funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, which aims to recognise and record those stories, objects, and memories from the First World War that survive - not in museum collections or history books - but in the hearts and homes of the very people and families affected. The aim is to create a digital archive of the First World War artefacts that are stored in bedrooms and attics across the UK.

Volunteers from West Somerset Family History group invite you to bring along your World War One artefacts (photographs, diaries, letters, poems, paintings, trench art etc) on 6th April. between 10am - 3.30pm. Every item will be photographed, and the photos, along with the written stories, will be sent to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Foundation for future generations to see. Your artefacts will be given back to you the same day.

If you have any questions about the event please contact Jane Sharp on 01984 639428 or email janeyb8@hotmail.co.uk.

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We are also holding our usual monthly meeting on Wednesday 24 April at the Pavilion from 7 to 9 pm - help with your family history research. Visitors are welcome at a charge of £3, members £2.

Lesley Murray

WILLITON FETE FLOWER PRODUCE AND CRAFT SHOW

In the March edition of the Williton Window there was a suggestion of a flower and produce show being held to coincide with the village fete on Saturday 6 July. I am very pleased to say that a show is now definitely going ahead.

Posters are already advertising the event in the village and schedules and entry forms are available from the Parish Office, the Post Office and Somerset Farmhouse. They are also available on the Williton Window website at: www.willitonwindow.org.uk/flower-and-produce-show-2019.

The idea is for it to be a fun show that will inspire 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.

Even if you have never entered a show before, do give it a try, so you don't go away from the fete and show saying, 'I've got bigger or better at home'!

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



THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Tues	2	Good Neighbours	2.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Tues	2	Global Friends	2.00pm see page 14
Tues	2	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, Williton Pavilion*
Wed	3	Williton Library	10.30am Verse & Worse Light hearted look at poetry and prose
Thurs	4	Williton Library	3pm Pins and Needles
Thurs	4	WASPS Parkinson's Support Group	1.15 exercises, 2pm main meeting Williton Pavilion AGM and Buffet*
Sat	6	Williton Library	10.30am Lego Club
Sat	6	Family History	10am-3.30pm Williton Pavilion, "Lest we Forget" See page 12 *
Mon	8	RBL Women's Section	2.30pm Fire Station Lecture Room
Thurs	11	Loop the Loop	3.30-4.30pm Williton Library
Fri	12	Williton Library	10.30 Rhyme Time for 0-4 year olds
Sat	13	Williton Wanderers	10.30am Roadwater Valiant Soldier Car Park
Sat	13	RBL Women's Section	10.00am Coffee Morning, Parish Rooms
Sat	13	Williton Library - Friends of Williton Library	Coffee morning 10.30-12.30
Sat	13	Bowling Club	2.00pm Opening of the Green
Tues	16	Village History	7pm to view Crowcombe Church and Church House
Tues	16	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, Williton pavilion*
Thurs	18	Women's Institute	2.00pm Danesborough View Common Room
Fri	19	Community Market	9-11.30am Williton Social Club
Sat	20	Williton Walk	2.00pm St Peter's Church
Sat	20	Williton Pavilion	9am-1pm Indoor car boot sale *
Sun	21	Easter Egg Hunt	2.00pm at the Pavilion*
Tues	23	Williton Pavilion	6.30 for 7pm Film Night Mary Poppins Returns*
Wed	24	Family History	7-9.00pm Williton Pavilion, 'Smash your brick walls' *
Wed	24	Parish Assembly	7-9.00pm Williton Pavilion *
Fri	26	Bake Club	3.30-4.30pm Williton Library
Fri	26	Williton Library	10.30 Rhyme Time for 0-4 year olds
Sat	27	Story & Craft Time	10.30-11.30am for children 4-10years
Mon	29	Garden Club	7.30pm Danesborough View Common Room, AGM and Members Meeting
Mon	29	Book Club	2.30pm Williton Library
Tues	30	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, Williton Pavilion*

* 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.

REGULAR WEEKLY VILLAGE EVENTS

Mon	9.30-10.30 am	Pilates with Ellie Stuart-Steel	Williton Pavilion - Booking essential 07342 238 723
Mon	10.45-11.45am		
Mon	10.30 - 12 noon	UK Online	Williton Library, booking essential
Mon	2 - 3 pm	Age UK - Stay Strong	Danesborough View Common Room
Mon	6-7pm	Pilates with Ellie Stuart-Steel	Williton Pavilion - Booking essential 07342 238 723
Mon	7.15-8.15pm		
Mon	6-7pm	K.t.'s Zumba	Williton Pavilion - 07738 676832
Tues	9.30-10.30am	Pilates with Nathan Pirt	Watchet Community Centre
Tues	6.15-7.15pm	Pilates with Nathan Pirt	West Quantoxhead Village Hall
Tues	9.30 - 10.30am	Mat and floor based yoga	Info: Nathan Pirt 07762 721 271
Tues	11 - 12 am	Chair-based yoga	The Salvation Army Hall Watchet (level access and parking)
Tues	10am-12.30pm	Info: Julie Bolton 633665 / julieboltonyoga@gmail.com	West Somerset Advice Bureau at the Children's Centre
Tues	10am-12 noon	Talking Café	Williton Pavilion, Memorial Ground
Tue	5.45 pm	Brownies	Guide HQ
Wed	9-10am	Pilates with Nathan Pirt	Bicknoller Village Hall
Wed	10.30-11.30am		Info: Nathan Pirt 07762 721 271
Wed	6-7.30pm	Cubs	Guide HQ
Wed	7-11pm	War-games Club	Info: Williton Gamers 01984 639588
Wed	7-10 pm	Railway Modellers	Rear of Washford Mill, Washford (info: 07773 892085)
Thur	9-10am	Pilates with Nathan Pirt	West Quantoxhead Village Hall
Thur	10.15-11.15am		Info: Nathan Pirt 07762 721 271
Thur	10-11am	Free chair based exercise	Williton Hospital (<i>please ring Shirley on 633529 for information</i>)
Thur	10.30-noon	Craft and Chat	Drop-in at Williton Library.
Thur	10.30-12 noon	UK Online	Williton Library, Booking essential
Thur	6-8pm	Williton Youth Club	Williton Pavilion (Contact Andy 01643 703155)
Fri	9.30-10.30 am	Pilates with Ellie Stuart-Steel	Williton Pavilion - Booking essential 07342 238 723
Fri	10.45-11.45am		
Fri	9.30-10.30am	K.t.'s Zumba	Williton Pavilion - 07738 676832
Fri	10.30-11am	Rhyme Time 0 - 4 years	Williton Library (term time only)
Fri	12 noon	Colin's "Walk and talk"	Meet Killick Way Car park
Fri		Williton RBL Rifle Club	Bridge St. Range. Info 01984 632650
Fri	7.15-9pm	Guides (<i>info from Martha on 01984 248925</i>)	The Guide HQ, Market Street Car Park in Watchet
Fri	7.30 pm	Bingo	Danesborough View Common Room
Fri	7 - 8.30 pm	Walking football	Danesfield School

ST PETER'S SCHOOL DIARY

The Easter holidays are nearly upon us and we are all looking forward to a break to rest and recharge ourselves. This has been a very busy half term with World Book Day, science week and Red Nose Day, not to mention Easter activities.

All our children enjoyed a wonderful Science Week. Every child took part in different science activities each day within their classes – paper aeroplane design, liquid races, Insta-snow and building challenges to name but a few! They also took part in some amazing science-based experiences which have hopefully inspired them to develop their love of science.

Oak and Ash classes enjoyed a visit to the farm, where they were lucky enough to feed baby lambs and sheep, were introduced to lots of dairy cows and a very large bull called Church! They also enjoyed a fantastic theatre show called 'Grass' in our own school hall, which was all about minibeasts and really engaged the children.

Elm, Fir and Yew classes enjoyed a very exciting trip to 'We The Curious' in Bristol, where they had a wonderful time exploring the hundreds of science exhibits and even got to watch a 3D planetarium show. Some of them also took part in a team engineering challenge, where they had to use their science, design and teamwork skills to make a floating garden suitable for growing crops.

Finally, the whole school thoroughly enjoyed a visit from Fizz Pop, who showed the children their amazing Bubble Assembly and then gave different science workshops in each class.

Oak class have been busy learning all about mini beasts this half term. The children have enjoyed taking part in activities linked to the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', have been on a mini beast hunt, danced like mini beasts and are awaiting the arrival of some caterpillars so that they can watch them change into butterflies.



Ash class really enjoyed science week, especially as they made sherbet which they could take home. Our year 2 children investigated how far a sneeze could travel and what is the best way to prevent their germs spreading! Also each class has enjoyed a visit from 'Pete the Poet', who created poems about diversity and gender equality together with some amazing art work. Thank you Pete.

Yew class also had a trip to Wells Cathedral which was part of their transition to year 5. Pilgrim Day saw children from other Somerset first schools join together in drama, music and craft workshops, culminating in a church service. A lovely experience for everyone.

Happy Stars, our nurture group, had a special visitor for breakfast who brought an electric orange juicer and oranges with her. The children each had a go at making their own glass of fresh orange juice which they thoroughly enjoyed drinking.

SG

WILLITON BOWLING CLUB

At 2pm on Saturday 13th April, members of Williton Bowling Club will once again be walking through the gates of the club, situated in the corner of the Memorial Ground near the Catwell entrance, to start the 2019 season.

The Bowling Club, which has been in existence since 1923, is one of the few sports clubs in the village playing during the summer months and, like any club, needs to maintain its membership. Playing members have the choice of taking part in club friendly roll-ups on Monday and Friday evenings at 6pm or Wednesday afternoons at 2pm. The club also plays league matches, with the men playing in the Somerset League and West Somerset League, and the ladies in the local Evelyn Yandle League. Mixed matches are played in the Exmoor Trophy League and friendly fixtures.

Those who have never played before can come to the club for a trial period just to see if they would enjoy the challenge. They can either call in to the club and make enquiries or phone 01984 632564, when they can arrange a time suitable to them to come to the club and try playing the game. We have a trained coach, who will guide you through the early stages. All we ask you to bring is a pair of flat shoes, as training woods will be provided. There is a membership fee, but for the first year it is low, rising in the second and paying full membership in the third year. For those who have mobility problems, we have two specially adapted wheelchairs to help people up and down the green.

To anyone interested in joining the club, I can assure them that they will be most welcome. The Bowling Club has a lovely setting and is a great place to come and relax or challenge yourself on the green. We are a very friendly bunch and people can join as playing members or social members.

Anyone just interested in joining as a social member can pick up an application form any time the club is open (or download one from our website) and this gives them entry to the club, and to have a drink and join in any social activities being held. There is a small fee for this also.

The club used to shut during the months between September and April, but now we are holding social evenings once a month in November, January, February and March for members to meet up. These are proving very popular.

This is a great little club, so do think about coming down, relaxing, watching the players or taking part, and making new friends.

David Sully, President

Website: www.willitonbowlingclub.org.uk

WEST SOMERSET TALKING NEWSPAPER

The Talking Newspaper is a local charity which provides fortnightly local news broadcasts to blind and partially sighted persons across West Somerset. The charity is run entirely by unpaid volunteers and is based at a studio in the Parish Council Offices in Killick Way, Williton.

We are looking for a **reserve recording engineer** to record our readers onto tape and CD. Experience is not essential as training will be given. You would be expected to commit to a few hours on a Thursday evening no more than once a month. For more information please contact Roger Hurst on 01984 640060 or Martin Spink on 01984 631827.

DOWN AT THE STATION

We have been able to get quite a lot of maintenance done this past month in preparation for the new season which commences on Saturday 30th March. Due to work on the line which will still be underway in the Blue Anchor area, trains will only be running from Bishops Lydeard to Watchet and back until 18th April. There will be three trains each way each running day, departing from Williton to Watchet at 10.51, 11.51 and 14.31. There will be a ten minute stopover at Watchet before they return, and then from Williton to Bishops Lydeard at 11.20, 13.20 and 15.20. Trains will **not** be running on the Mondays or Fridays during this period.

Many people will not have known but there used to be a tall Victorian water tower building at Williton between the A39 and the level crossing. This served two filling points for the smaller steam trains passing through. This building was removed back in the early 1960s. However a large 8ft diameter well-head was left partly filled with the old bricks from the tower and covered over with sleepers and other debris. For several years I have been hoping we could make this a feature to be seen by passengers as they come in to the station on the train. This month we have been able to clear the site and West Country Blacksmiths (formerly Aller Forge) have manufactured and fitted a galvanised security grid right over the well. We are really pleased with the result. There are still two to three feet of clear water. Our work hut has had a couple of coats of stain and some of the old 1932 warning signs adjacent to the crossing have been repainted.



We could do with some more help in the shop/refreshment room; maybe for just one day a week? Do drop down and see us once we are running again. All the usual goodies: ice cream, pasties, sweets, crisps etc. etc.

John Parsons, Station Master

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Myra Barratt and friends celebrated International

Women's Day on 8 March with a picnic on Staple Plain. Left from front: Myra Barratt, Veronica Wilbourne, Gill Hall, Judy Robinson, Nesta Wood, Vivian Upton, Jenny Berry, Jan



Photo by Sue Perrett

Chadwick, Lesley Barclay, Rachel Irvine, Jenny Lake, Madeline Hocking.

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

To contact Williton Parish Council telephone the Clerk (Michelle) or her assistant (Jo) on 01984 633979 or email clerk@willitonpc.org.uk

We have some new councillors on the parish council, with new voices and ideas. We welcome Councillor Peter Payne, who has just joined. We are always looking for new councillors so consider getting involved and making a difference to our village and community.

The Memorial Ground is coming back to life after the winter season. I walk the ground on a regular basis and am still dismayed to see litter and drink cans thrown away or even left right next to the bins. I have also noticed a very few dog owners not picking up after their dogs. We have some events coming up both on the ground and in the Pavilion. We are so lucky to have these facilities, please keep the ground tidy and free from dog mess so we can all enjoy it.

The play area is being well used and it is great to see children enjoying it. We have had a few issues with equipment, but these have all been rectified. Please let the Parish Clerk know of any breakages you see or concerns you have.

The Pavilion looks great and is being well used. We have received excellent feedback on the facilities in the building and the film nights, which have been very well attended. Look on page 13 of this magazine for more information about films and other events coming up on the Memorial during the year. If you have any requests or ideas, do let us know.

Please consider the Pavilion when you are arranging an event. It is available for parties, weddings (with a stage and bar), and sporting events. The rooms are great for meetings, presentations and training. Have a look on the website for all the facilities, booking form, dates available and prices for hire. www.willitonmemorialgroundandpavilion.co.uk or ask at the Parish Council Office.

Cllr Michael White

WILLITON PAVILION

As we near project completion, our contractor Harris Brothers and Collard Ltd (HBC), will soon be vacating the site and, weather permitting, the ground levelled and seeded ready for the summer. The remodelling of the old building is now complete. This will provide much needed additional storage, the facility also includes a kitchenette and disabled unisex toilet. Outside there is an amenity area that we can use for small functions. Details on hiring the facility can be obtained from either Michelle or Jo at the Parish Office.

Car parking: people who use the Pavilion will be aware that parking is prohibited within the entrance lane and access is restricted to disabled vehicles and those vehicles required to load and unload equipment. We ask that the public adhere to these guidelines, as it will ease access for those with mobility issues and, if required, emergency vehicles.

Cllr Bill Vaughan

PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on 24th April from 7 - 9 pm at the Pavilion. The Parish Assembly is a meeting for residents, giving them the opportunity to learn more about the work of the Parish Council during the past year and to discuss local issues. Everyone is welcome to attend. Doors open at 6.30pm to start at 7pm. Refreshments available.

FRIENDS OF WILLITON LIBRARY

The Friends of Williton Library are holding a coffee morning in the library between 10.30am and 12.30pm to which everyone is welcome.

The Library is open every day except Tuesday and Sunday in Killick Way. Phone 0300 123 2224. Website: librarieswest.org.uk

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Our Good Neighbours Club enjoyed a very nice meal at the Wyndham Arms at the end of February. This was our first outing of the year.

At our meeting on 5th March, there was a talk on St Margaret's Hospice in Taunton and the wonderful work that is done there. Members enjoyed the talk and a visit is planned there in April. Teas, coffee and biscuits were followed by a raffle and a table top sale. Our next meeting on 2nd April will be at Danesborough View Common Room at 2.30pm. We are looking forward to a talk by Peter Hamshire about his travels. We all enjoy these talks very much and would like to welcome any visitors.

Enquiries to Jour Chairlady, Jenny Berry, on 01984 632616.

Joy Elgood

NEWS FROM WILLITON POST OFFICE

We have been busy processing International Drivers Permits recently. All you need for us to set one up is a recent photograph and your in date drivers licence. We can even use the original paper style licence. It takes just a few minutes!

We have been collecting used stamps for charity ever since we took over the Post Office thirteen and a half years ago. You might have noticed recently that the stamp jar is no longer in its normal place on the parcel counter. We have had to put it behind the counter for safety as not long ago the entire contents were stolen. So please keep bringing in your used stamps, it is a good way to recycle, and raise funds!

We are also collecting all plastic jar and bottle tops for recycling. These are being used to make children's garden play equipment. Let's do our bit for the environment!

We have just taken delivery of a new range of affordable gifts decorated with country designs, which we hope you will like.

2019 local Tide Times are also available now!

Caroline Tyner

WILLITON HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

Thanks to everyone who gives us books and those who give up their time to sell them. We do need a helper for Friday afternoons. We also need another canine care dog, since our lovely Charlie passed away. There are some rules and regulations. Our Easter service will be on Wednesday 17 April at 3pm, followed by a cuppa. Everyone is welcome.

Volunteers: If you would like to help in any way, please phone Chris. For all details, please contact us on 01984 635600.

Shirley Dee

ONE OF LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES

Your favourite spring flowers surviving another winter.

by SD

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.

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. You can bring a picnic or more probably we'll eat at a café or pub. For more information, ring Colin Broom on 632721.

* This month's Williton Walk will be held on Saturday 20 April starting at 2pm from St Peter's Church from where we will walk to Stream and Bardon before returning to Williton via Shells Lane. Please could you let me know if you are coming or are thinking of coming. My number is 632318. *Elizabeth Peeks*

* Williton Wanderers will meet at 10.30am on Saturday 13 April at the Valiant Soldier in Roadwater (we have permission to park responsibly in the pub car park) to walk via Croydon Hall (with its new private members club aimed at providing "fun, passion and pure indulgence"!) and the lovely Rodhuish church of St Bartholomew, then back to a pub lunch at about 1pm. Please let me know if you are coming by Thursday 11th so I can give numbers to the pub. *Jenny 634899*

* West Somerset Mineral Railway No walk this month but a bus trip! Meet 10am on Sunday 28 April at Watchet Railway Station bus stop (TA23 0AU) for a minibus trip taking us close to the route of the Mineral Line and looking at the sites along the way. Bus fare £14. Easy walking. Return to Watchet at about 3pm. Please book by 18 April on 01398 32384 (ENPA). Further information on our website www.westsomersetmineralrailway.org.uk.

Tessa Wilson

RECIPE FOR THE MONTH by Shirley Dee

LIME AND COCONUT CRUNCHIES

50g (2 oz) butter softened

75g (3 oz) icing sugar

Zest and juice of 2 limes

1 large egg

To decorate:

25g (1 oz) large coconut shreds

100g (3½ oz) plain flour

¼ teaspoon baking powder

50g (2 oz) desiccated coconut

65g (2½ oz) approx icing sugar

Cream butter and sugar together until fluffy. Reserving 1 tablespoon lime juice, add the remaining juice, zest, beaten egg, flour, baking powder and coconut and mix well to form a soft dough. Place 6 spoonfuls well apart on a baking tray, flatten with a fork and sprinkle over the coconut shreds. Bake for 10-12 minutes until golden brown at 180°C, 360°F, gas 4 until golden brown. To decorate mix the remaining lime juice with the icing sugar and drizzle over the biscuits.

WEST SOMERSET VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

Our next meeting on Tuesday 16 April will be a visit to Crowcombe Church and Church House, with Mark Wilson, Rachel Billinge and Peter Meneer. We will meet there at 7pm. Non-members are welcome at a charge of £3. For more information email: marilyn@westsomersetvillagehistorysociety-wsvhs.com

WORDSEARCH FOR APRIL by Phyllis Chidgey

EASTER GREETINGS

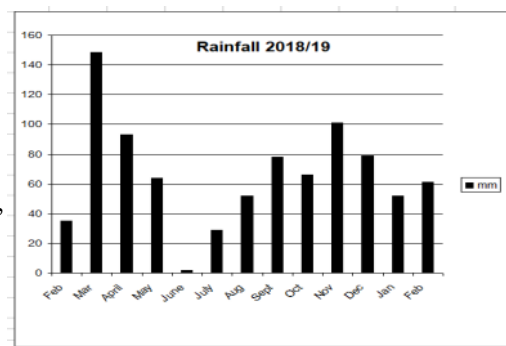
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 DAFFODILS GOOD/FRIDAY PALMS PRIMROSES
 MAUNDY/THURSDAY

WEATHER FEBRUARY

This has been the warmest February and winter since records began in 1850. It is now 1.5°C warmer. Temperatures were up to 18.0°C on 27th. The coolest night was -3°C on 2nd with frosts on 25th. We had a rain total of 61mm (2.4 inches) for the month. There was a lot of rain at the end of the second week, when the lowest pressure was 29.4 inches. The maximum pressure was 30.4 on 12th. Did you see the "Super Worm Moon" at the equinox? The farmers found that all the extra rain caused the worms to come to the surface.

PJ



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 Advice Bureau Market House Lane, Minehead TA24 5NW. Tel: 01643 704624 In the Children's Centre, Killick Way, Williton every Tuesday between 10am and 12.30pm.

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

Quantock Foodbank 07483 815122 email: quantockfoodbank@gmail.com

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: 07889 655193. In an emergency call 999. Otherwise call 101.

DEMENTIA ALLIANCE - FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ

There are weekly 'Forget -Me -Not Cafés' for people living with dementia or other memory problems and their carers from 10.30 to noon on alternate Wednesdays in The Sanctuary, Swain Street, Watchet and the Church Rooms, Stogursey. For more information contact Margaret Tatham 07973-638030 or email watchetdementia@gmail.com

At the Sanctuary, Watchet

10 April - Australia - a grey nomad's tale

At the Church Rooms, Stogursey

3 April - Coffee, chat and cake
 Closed until 1 May

IMPORTANT ADVANCE INFORMATION		
Williton Recycling Site		
New opening hours from 1 April 2019		
	Summer 1 Apr—30 Sep	Winter 1 Oct—31 Mar
Monday	9am to 6pm	9am to 5pm
Tuesday	9am to 6pm	9am to 5pm
Wednesday	Closed*	Closed*
Thursday	Closed*	Closed*
Friday	Closed*	Closed*
Saturday	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm
Sunday	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm

*When this site is closed, open site options include: Minehead and Wellington.

From 1 April, all recycling sites will open 9am-4pm Saturday-Sunday all year. All recycling sites that are open on weekdays will operate from 9am to 6pm April-September, and 9am to 5pm October-March.

Details, including permits and charges:
www.somersetwaste.gov.uk
 0300 123 2224
somersetdirect@somerset.gov.uk

**HISTORIC MANOR HOUSE
 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
 Orchard Wyndham Estate Office
 01984 632309
 Website www.orchardwyndham.com
 Please contact Rachael Tattersall at the
 Wyndham Estate Office at
wyndhamest@btconnect.com

Opening Dates Summer 2019

Mon 22nd April Easter Monday
 Fri 26th April Sat 27th April
 Mon 6th May (Bank Holiday)
 Tues 7th May Sat 11th May
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ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS to Somerset West and Taunton Council on Thursday 2nd May 2019

West Somerset Council ceases to exist on 31 March 2019 and the new Somerset West and Taunton Council will be formed on 1 April, with 59 councillors representing 36 wards. Elections to the new Council will be held on 2 May 2019.

Register to vote: The closing date for registering to vote for the above elections is Friday 12 April 2019.

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