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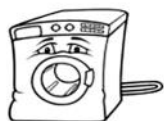
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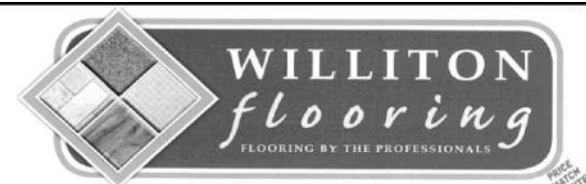
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14th	Mr Clive Wooldridge
21st	Rev Tina MacDonald
28th	Local Arrangement

It was good to see so many young families coming to our Easter Egg Fun morning, we hope that they will join us again. Thank you to all the helpers, you know who you are.

We have a team of very talented ladies who put together a beautiful display of Easter floral arrangements, our thanks to them and the stewards who manned the exhibition.

**CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Mass is celebrated at 6.30 pm on Saturdays at the Methodist Church, Watchet. For more information contact Deacon Vincent Woods on 01984 634681.

*Cover photo: From Bicknoller Hill, looking across Williton to Minehead and Exmoor*

## FROM ROSIE BROWN, Watchet Baptist Church

My husband and I have just returned from our Easter break, which was, for me, something of a pilgrimage. We camped in the village where I spent many years of my childhood and where my mother and I were very involved in the parish church. My father, an Anglican clergyman, died when I was ten and we had to leave the Rectory within three months. Thankfully my parents had bought a house in Norton St Philip to retire to and we were able to move there.

In those days my mother and I used to go to the Three Hour service on Good Friday; spend most of Holy Saturday helping to decorate the church and rejoice in the good news of the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday.

Since those childhood years many things have changed (I'm an OAP now!) but the annual commemoration of those world changing events around 2000 years ago speak to me afresh each year.

As I sat in Norton church in much the same place as I had sat some fifty odd years ago and remembered in the dim light what the death of the Lord Jesus meant for me, time stood still.

I was again overwhelmed by the enormity of what Jesus went through... the cruelty and horror of it all. The church was peaceful except for the familiar chiming of the clock on the quarter hour and the beautiful Taize chants playing softly in the background. How different from the day of noise and violence 2000 years ago. But suddenly there was quietness on that day, too, when Jesus cried out, "It is finished," and the full horror of sin was for ever doomed by the death of the perfect, sinless Son of God. Quietness, too, as the body so disfigured by torture was taken off the cross, wrapped in cloth and gently laid in the cool tomb.

As we left the church, moved and silent, we continued to ponder the depth of love that God in Christ has shown us by taking on himself all the sin of the world that we, through trust in him, might go free.

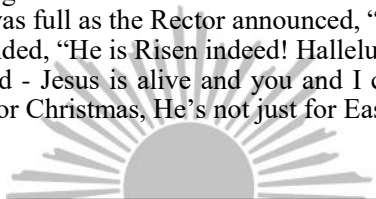
Holy Saturday always feels like a day in limbo somehow. This year for us we spent time walking with some of the family. In years past it was a day full of activity preparing the church for the glorious Easter morning. But all those years ago it must have been a day full of bewilderment for those whose hearts were broken.

For us, after a chilly night in the tent, we were woken by the most amazing bird song! "See, what a morning," I thought, as I poked my nose outside!

We knew the church would be transformed! The joy oozed out of every flower and the scent was glorious! There were smiles and Easter greetings as we gathered and the church was full as the Rector announced, "He is risen!"

We loudly responded, "He is Risen indeed! Hallelujah!"

He is risen indeed - Jesus is alive and you and I can meet with him and know him! He's not just for Christmas, He's not just for Easter, he is for Life!



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The old fivers are also due to go the same way, on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017. After that date it's the long trudge to the bank. New polymer £10 notes will start to circulate in the summer, with the £20 note following in 2020.



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## SMALL PRAYER

*Please help me to smile even when I don't feel like it.*



## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On April 5<sup>th</sup> four members of Williton W.I. were able to attend the Road Show arranged by the Somerset County Federation at Moorland Hall, Wheddon Cross. They heard reports from the committee responsible for arranging W.I. activities in Somerset. There was also a talk about the Food Bank in Taunton.

The Severn Sea Group Spring Group Meeting was held at Bicknoller Village Hall on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The talk was about Farmers and Growers and the Williton members who were there were pleased that Belinda Martin, one of our Committee, won the competition with a model of Shawn the Sheep made of vegetables!

The monthly meeting on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, began with discussion of current business and arrangements. This was followed by a talk by Mrs Margaret Tatham, representing Dementia Action Alliance. She set us an exercise which involved completing sentences about Dementia. This made us think hard about this important topic, a matter of concern to most members. It was good to hear about the work of the Alliance.

After this, the serious matter of the A.G.M. was undertaken. Reports by Pam Messenger, Secretary, Mary Parsons, Treasurer and Chris Rayner, President, all confirmed what we knew. Williton W.I. has gained new members and we have all enjoyed a variety of interesting meetings plus many other activities over the past year. We are all glad of the friendly atmosphere and are grateful to the ladies mentioned above and others on the committee, who give so much time and effort to making all of this possible. Members next enjoyed the very welcome break for refreshments with time for conversations with old and new friends.

The next meeting will be at the Danesborough View Common Room at 2 p.m. on Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a talk by Yvonne Whittamore about Fabric Flowers. Visitors are welcome.

*Jenny Handisyde*

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If you think you can help, please ring Phyllis Chidgey on 01984 632755 or me, Jenny Gibson, on 01984 634899. Thank you very much.

## GLOBAL FRIENDS

We were a large gathering at our last meeting, including several children. There was a party mood, with everybody sharing delicious, home-cooked Bengali snacks. Discussion ensued about how to advertise items via Facebook; there were exchanges of information and opinions concerning the recent atrocities. On a lighter note, we learned that in Bangladesh children learn to swim mostly in small ponds, while in this country we have purpose-built swimming pools.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 9th May, at the Williton Children's Centre from 2 - 4 pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.

For more information on Global Friends, please phone 01984 248392 or 01984 634734.



## GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Our March meeting was very well attended on a beautiful spring afternoon. The talk this month was on "Care more for Exmoor", which proved very entertaining and was much enjoyed by members. Coffee, tea and biscuits and a raffle followed.

After our outing on 25th April to Blackdown Garden Centre, our next meeting will be at 2.30pm on 2nd May at Danesborough View Common Room. We are a very friendly club and welcome any visitors and anyone wishing to join us. You will get a very warm welcome. Come and visit and see what you have been missing!

Any enquiries to Jenny Berry on 632616.

*Joy Elgood*

## WILLITON MARKET

The market will be held on Friday 19 May 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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## RECIPE FOR THE MONTH *by Shirley Dee*

### RHUBARB AND ALMOND CAKE

8 oz (220 g) soft margarine or butter	1 teaspoon baking powder
6 oz (170 g) caster sugar	3 oz (85g) cornflour
Pinch salt	3 oz (85g) ground almonds
2 eggs (beaten)	1 lb (450 g) rhubarb, cleaned and chopped
8 oz (220 g) plain flour	A few sugar lumps, roughly crushed

Pre-heat oven 180°C, 350°F, Gas mark 4

Beat half margarine or butter with 4 oz (110g) sugar, add the salt and eggs. Mix the flour with the baking powder and half the cornflour. Stir gently into the creamed mixture and add half the ground almonds. Put the mixture into a 9" lined and greased tin, smooth the top and place the rhubarb on top. Rub together the remaining ingredients and spread the crumble mixture over the rhubarb and then sprinkle with the roughly crushed sugar lumps. Bake for about 70 minutes.

### DOWN AT THE STATION

The running season is well under way now and at the time of writing we have been seeing a busy Easter holiday period with many trains very full. In fact on Easter Saturday it was standing room only when the first train came through. Something to do with a visit of The Gruffalo (whoever that might be!). As you receive this issue it is likely that we will be in the middle of the Spring Gala running from 27 – 30 April. Several visiting engines are expected to this all steam event along with many visitors and it will be a busy time for the volunteers.

Speaking of volunteers it has been good to receive enquiries from two or three new ones recently and we are hoping they will soon be part of the team here at the station. We are a cheerful bunch who like to keep the station and its environs clean and tidy for others to enjoy. It is amazing how many visitors from other countries call by, and indeed from other parts of the UK. While there are several heritage lines in the country, ours is always considered rather special - which of course it is! Tea, coffee, ice creams, pasties etc are always available on train running days.

Everyone keeps asking about the visits of the Flying Scotsman engine. Well, it is due on 23<sup>rd</sup> May but for reasons beyond our control is not now likely to come through Williton on that day. However, all being well, it should be taking a special charter train out of Minehead early on the morning of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> for a trip around the West Country, returning to Bishops Lydeard later in the morning before departing again for a second tour. I understand all seats are sold out for these trips. It is due to visit the WSR again in early September when it will be running on the line for seven days. Tickets are now on sale for this all ticket event. Look online at [www-west-somerset-railway.co.uk](http://www-west-somerset-railway.co.uk). On the first day local schools have been invited to take up seats at a very special rate.

On 17<sup>th</sup> May the BBC Antiques Roadshow is returning to Minehead Station for the beginning of its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. It came to Minehead 40 years ago and we are pleased to have been chosen for this return visit. No doubt details will be in the local press nearer the time, but now is the chance to get your boxes out of the attic and see what curiosities you may have - worth thousands!

*John Parsons, Acting Station Master*

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

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

Our AGM was held at the Bicknoller Inn and as usual the food and the service was terrific. The committee stayed the same: Linda Bishop as Coordinator, Ginny Yandle as Treasurer, Deb Withey as Secretary and Paula Mitchell as Events Coordinator. We looked back on a successful past year, and forward to a interesting year to come.

I have been working closely with Parkinson's UK and the WASPS have been chosen to "pilot" a few new ideas to see if they are feasible for us here in Somerset. We have been chosen because our membership area is quite large, which makes it hard for our members to attend more than a monthly meeting. Exercise classes designed for those who suffer from Parkinson's are invaluable, but it is hard for members to attend them. By amalgamating with other groups in the area and working with Age UK we can bring people together who have similar movement problems and offer classes locally so everyone can benefit from regular exercise.

We are also looking at a couple of other new initiatives which would make life easier for people with Parkinson's. It is really good to see and hear that such positive ideas are being offered to us.

Speaking of good things, Chanin & Thomas held a bake sale on 8th April and raised £150 for the WASPS. We would like to thank them and everyone who came out and supported us. The money raised will be used locally to help those who have Parkinson's.

On Thursday 4th May at 2pm at Danesborough View Common Room Jenny Manvell is coming to lead us in some interesting exercises. She is such a positive individual and so full of fun that we always end up having a wonderful time.

If you would like to attend our meetings please do feel free to come along. We are a very friendly group, always thrilled to see new faces, and do our very best to make new members and guests welcome. If you are new, just come over and introduce yourself to me and I will make sure that you get to meet as many members as possible. 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 on 01984 631472 or email me at [queenwasp@outlook.com](mailto:queenwasp@outlook.com)

*Linda Bishop*

### WHEELS: HELP NEEDED!

WHEELS, the Watchet and Williton voluntary Community Car Scheme, is as busy as ever taking people to hospitals, doctors' surgeries and other places they need to get to. Several times in recent weeks we have done more than 40 journeys per week - and we need your help - particularly if you could join our team of drivers who use their own cars and are reimbursed at 45p per mile. It's an enjoyable and rewarding job, and there are no minimum hours.

If you are interested in helping us, please contact Michael Freeman, 6 Wristland Road, Watchet, TA23 0DH, on 01984 634378, or email [freemmic@talktalk.net](mailto:freemmic@talktalk.net).



## THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Tues	2	Good Neighbours	2.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Tues	2	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, St Peter's School
Thurs	4	County Council Elections	Council Chamber, West Somerset Council Offices, Killick Way
Thurs	4	Williton Library	3pm Pins and Needles
Thurs	4	WASPS Parkinson Support Group	Danesborough View Common Room 2pm Jenny Manvell
Sat	6	Williton Library	10.30am Lego Club
Sat	6	Williton Bowling Club	10 am - 4 pm Open Day and barbeque
Sat	6	RBL Women's Section	Garden Party 28 North Croft
Mon	8	RBL Women's Section	2.30pm Fire Station Lecture Room
Tues	9	Global Friends	Children's Centre, 2pm
Sat	13	Williton Walk	2.00pm, Railway Station
Tues	16	Village History	7.45pm EMN Hall Monksilver, Display of Finds by local detectorists and AGM
Tues	16	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, St Peter's School
Thurs	18	Women's Institute	2.00pm Danesborough View, Talk about fabric flowers
Sat	20	Williton Pavilion	9.00am Coffee Morning Table Top Sale, Parish Office, Killick Way
Sat	20	Williton Wanderers	10.30am at Hillsford Bridge. See p 20
Mon	22	Gardening Club	7.30pm Danesborough View Common Room, "Some Turkish Gems", a talk by Graham Salmon
Mon	22	Book Club	2.30pm Williton Library
Fri	26	Bake Club	3-4pm Williton Library
Sun	28	Parish Council	2.00pm Duck Race and Car Boot sale on Memorial Ground
Tues	30	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, St Peter's School

Entry in this diary is free. To have details of your organisation's events included, ring 01984 634899 or email [willitonwindow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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
Mon 6.30pm	Pilates	Methodist Church, Tower Hill
Mon 7.30 pm	Badminton	(info: Pru Wand 656232 /email: <a href="mailto:pruwandpilates@hotmail.com">pruwandpilates@hotmail.com</a> ) 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
<b>Fortnightly.</b> 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
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	Rear of Washford Mill, Washford (info: 07773 892085)
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 Term time only	Bowmen of Danesfield	Danesfield School Gym
5 - 7 pm	Juniors	info: <a href="mailto:doug.human@bowmenofdanefield.co.uk">doug.human@bowmenofdanefield.co.uk</a>
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	Colin's "Walk and talk"	Meet Killick Way Car park
Fri	Williton RBL Rifle Club	Bridge St. Range. Info 01984 632650
Fri 6 pm	Bowling Club	Roll-up
Fri 7.30 pm	Bingo	Danesborough View Common Room
Fri 7.30pm	Walking football	Danesfield School

## ST PETER'S SCHOOL DIARY

It's now the summer term and everyone is looking forward to having lots of fun leading up to the holidays. We had a lovely Easter break, which was needed, but everyone has settled back to work now.

At the end of last term we enjoyed Shakespeare Week, which concluded with each class showing the rest of the school something related to Shakespeare and included art work, facts and mini versions of his plays. It was good fun for all.

There was also Red Nose Day with most dressing in red; this culminated with a cake sale. Many thanks to those who supported us, we raised over £300!

We held another 'big day', this time it was Enterprise Day. This involved creating various items such as weatherproof dwellings, 3D settings and aeroplanes. The older children had St Peter's Pound notes to spend too! Everyone enjoyed being off timetable using their creative skills.

We briefly welcomed back Mr Pegg when he officially opened our Castle library. He designed and built the castle before he moved schools. The children were very pleased to see him again.

On the last day of term the whole school walked to church, in the sunshine, for our Easter service, where we celebrated with songs and readings.

This half term Oak Class will be planting seeds, looking after them and watching them grow as part of their topic 'Watch it grow'.

The children will also be looking at the life cycle of the frog, doing more writing practice ready for transition to Ash Class and, after studying Van Gogh's famous Sunflower painting, creating their own sunflower paintings.

Elm Class have started on their new topic 'Oceans and Seas' and are looking forward to a trip to Bristol to see the SS Great Britain. The children also are interested in discovering facts about the Great Barrier Reef.

Fir Class were very proud of their performance of Romeo and Juliet at the end of last term; they all put lots of effort into their mini play. Madinah Hussain was successful with her model aeroplane design on Enterprise Day and Charlotte Humphries with her magnificent Easter drawing of the Last Supper.

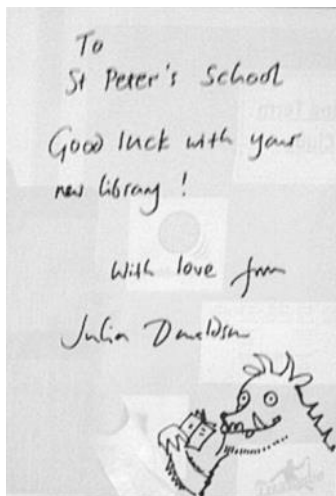
This term the children have the topic 'Rivers, Mountains and Coasts' and look forward to studying this outside. They also are enjoying swimming at Knight's Templar every week together with Yew Class.

Yew Class are looking forward to an exciting final term at St Peter's. They will be going on a residential trip to PGL, where they will get to know some of the other children going to Danesfield in September.

The children will be learning about electricity and sound in science, exploring rivers, mountains and coasts in their topic work and continuing their visits to Croft House, supporting the Archie Project.

As usual, we will be very busy this term.

SG



## WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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

It has been a busy time with the recent Parish Assembly and Annual Parish Council Meeting being held recently – further details will appear in next month's edition. There are still two vacancies on the Parish Council, if you have some spare time and would like to help improve Williton, please contact the office who will be happy to provide further information.

I am pleased to say that the Community Speed Watch has been out and about again, helping keep our roads safe. Thank you to the small group of volunteers who enable this to take place – we desperately need extra volunteers though, so if you are able to spare a few hours a week, please let me know – all help is gratefully received.

On Easter Monday we held an Easter Egg Hunt on the Memorial Ground. It was lovely to see families of all ages taking part – great fun was had by all, (I hope everyone ate their tea and weren't too full on chocolate!) The 'Golden Egg' was won by Josh Atkins, so well done Josh – he was very determined and it certainly was worth the effort! Entries for the quiz are still coming in, so please pop them back to the office.

A reminder that the mobile NatWest bank is at the Parish Office on Tuesday mornings from 10.30am – 11am – please use this service if you can.

### Upcoming Parish Events

Duck Race & Car Boot Sale - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Annual Fete – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July

*Michelle Francis, Clerk, Williton Parish Council*

## WILLITON PAVILION PROJECT UPDATE

Following a review of the tenders submitted for the role of Employers Agent & Quantity Surveyor, the charity has selected Slade Parry Ltd to manage the construction phase of the project. Their formal appointment shall only follow a positive decision by the Big Lottery.

Slade Parry Ltd is a Yeovil based company with offices in Minehead. Slade Parry Ltd has previous experience working on similar projects that have been lottery funded. In the interim the charity, working with Slade Parry, has established a list of potential contractors who have expressed an interest in tendering for the construction phase of the project.

During March we also met with a representative of the Big Lottery who was on a fact finding mission. After visiting the site, we discussed various aspects of our submission which resulted in a number of actions. These were addressed and a response provided for his end-of-month report to the Lottery panel.

A decision is still expected during April and details of their decision will be included in the June edition of the Williton Window.

*Councillor Bill Vaughan*

## ONE OF LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES

Never having time to be bored.

*from SD*



## RBL WOMEN'S SECTION

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Coffee Morning. Also thanks to Matt and Lisa at the Railway Inn for hosting the morning.

Over the last few months the group has had talks on beading, the fire service and enjoyed an Easter tea with Easter bonnet competition. In May we will be putting on our thinking caps for an anagram quiz. We meet at the Fire Station meeting room at 2.30 pm on the second Monday of each month and would welcome new members.

On Saturday 6 May we are holding a Garden Party and Cream Tea at 28 North Croft, Williton. During the afternoon there will be plants for sale plus a bookstall and raffle.

In June the group will be **90 years** old! We would like to invite you all to help us celebrate our birthday with a special birthday tea at our meeting on Monday 12 June at the Williton Fire Station meeting room. We will have past minutes and scrapbooks on display for people to look back down memory lane over the last 90 years.

*Sara Hempshall*

## 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 RENAMED "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 01984 632721. (See photo on page 23.)

\* The **Williton Walk** will be held on **Saturday 13 May** starting at 2pm from the railway station. We will walk via Egrove Farm to Doniford. From Doniford we will walk to Watchet along the beach. In Watchet we can stop for an ice cream before walking along the mineral line and back to Williton via Kentsford Farm, St Decuman's Church, Parsonage Farm then down Watchet Hill back into Williton. If you would like any more information please ring me on 01984 632318.

*Elizabeth Peeks*

\* **Williton Wanderers** will meet at 10.30am on **Saturday 20 May** at Hillsford Bridge NT car park (EX35 6LF Grid ref: SS739 477) at the back of Lynmouth for a hilly, stunningly beautiful circular walk through East and West Lyn to Lynton and Lynmouth, then back along the river through Watersmeet and up past the waterfalls to the car park. About 8 miles. Bring a picnic. For more information ring *Jenny Gibson* 01984 63489

\* **Mineral Line** Meet Raleghs Cross Inn TA23 0LN **21st May** 9:45am-3:45pm Explore the engineering connected with iron mining and its setting in the Brendon Hills. We visit Beulah Chapel, Brendon village and the Winding House. Then we go all the way down the Incline to Comberow, through the woods to Leighland Chapel, circling back via a picturesque waterfall. Bring a packed lunch. About 7 miles. Steep. Walking boots and rain wear are essential. More information on [www.wsmla.org.uk](http://www.wsmla.org.uk) Free but booking essential on 01398 323841 *Teresa Wilson*

## WORDSEARCH FOR MAY by Phyllis Chidgey

### CORDON BLEU

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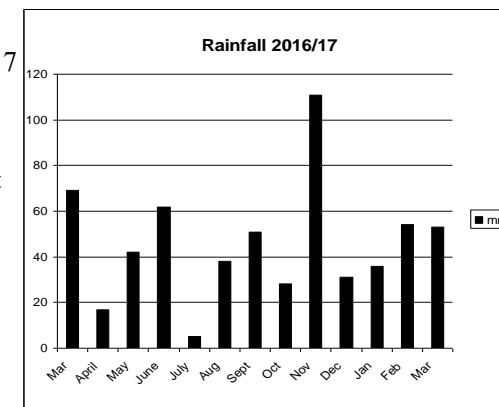
## MARCH WEATHER

In the first part of April we had over 17 sunny days.

### MARCH:

The maximum day temperature was 20°C on the 30th. The minimum night temperature was -1°C (frost) on 23rd. The maximum pressure was 30.4 on 15th and the minimum 29.2 on 5th. The total rainfall was 53mm (2.08in). The cuckoo was heard during the first week of April and a lark (red list) on the 4th.

*PJ*



## DORSET AND SOMERSET AIR AMBULANCE

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 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](mailto:tina.viksna@dsairambulance.org.uk)*

## WEST COUNTRY ULTRA

On Saturday 20th May you may notice a few more runners than normal going through the outskirts of Williton as there is an event called The Westcountry Ultra happening whereby people are running 50 or 100 miles on a route that passes through the edge of Williton.

We shall be putting some bits of red/white tape on gates/lamp-posts etc. along that way a few days or so before the event to help runners find their way on the day. They will have maps/route descriptions but it always helps if they have a little bit of extra course markings to help them find the way. So please do not remove these bits of tape: they will get taken away after the event.

Thank you.

*Dave and Natanya, Albion Running*

## WILLITON GARDENING CLUB

At our next meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 22 May Graham Salmon will talk about "Some Turkish Gems". 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 meeting on Tuesday 16 May will be the AGM followed by a display of finds by local metal detectorists. 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](mailto:nettlecombe1@talktalk.net) or ring 01984 640787.

## BEWARE OF THIEVES!

A friend of ours was gardening in the back garden of her bungalow when someone walked through her (unlocked) front door and helped themselves to her handbag and some jewellery she had left out in her bedroom. Remember - not everybody is as honest as you are.

*Jenny Gibson*

## MURDER MOST FOUL

A One Act Play

Presented by Taunton Thespians  
at Bicknoller Village Hall

**Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7 pm**

Hot Supper will be served  
during the Interval,  
after which the audience will  
solve the mystery and  
discover the murderer.

Bring your own drinks and glasses

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Raisey - 656124 or Bicknoller Shop

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**Opening Dates Summer 2017**

Monday 1st May	Thursday 18th May
Friday 19th May	Saturday 27th May
Sunday 28th May	Monday 29th May

Open 2pm

Group Bookings 6-30 people £8.00 each  
Individual booking £11.00



*Colin's "Walk and Talk" Friday walkers making their way back to Williton*

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

*from SD*

Count your blessings. There may be a lot more than you thought.

## WILLITON BOWLING CLUB, Catwell, Williton TA4 4PF

Join us on Monday and Friday evenings at 6pm or Wednesday afternoons at 2pm for a roll up. If you are a little shy and wish for private tuition, please contact David Sully on 01984 632564.

We will be holding an open day for all, with a free barbeque (while supplies last), between 10 am and 4 pm on Saturday 6th May. Do join us.

*Tony Gibson, Press Officer*



Exmoor Trophy Presentation Match hosted by Williton Bowling Club, the 2016 winner Sunday 23 April

### RECYCLING AND REFUSE COLLECTIONS, MAY 2017

Usual collection day:	Revised collection day:
Early May Holiday Monday 1 - Friday 5 May	All collections one day later
Spring Bank Holiday Monday 29 - Fri 2 June	All collections one day later

<http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/collections/days/>

### 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. Please ring 01643 704624 about appointments in Williton.

**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



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**WEST SOMERSET**

### COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT HUBS

**Pop in for free, positive friendly help and support!**

**Anyone welcome, tea and coffee provided.**

**Gain support in:**

- Access to the internet/IT
- Help with job searching/applying for work
- CV writing and updating
- Assistance with interview preparation

**Contacts and information:**

**Every Tuesday:** 'The River', West Somerset Children's Centre, Williton, 9.30am-12.30pm  
Tel: 01984 635980 (Williton)

**Every Thursday:** The Sanctuary, Watchet 9.30am-12.30pm, Tel: 01984 248169 (Watchet)

**Fortnightly: Wednesdays,** 'The Well' at 'The Church Rooms', Stogursey, Tel: 01278 733 615

**Every Friday:** 'The Bridge' @ 'The Hub', Hopcott Rd, Alcombe, Minehead 9.30am-12pm  
Tel: 01643 707598 (Minehead)

### VALUED VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Could you support people in your community?

If the answer's yes you could be just the valued volunteer we need to help with our 'Community Employment Hubs' in West Somerset.

To become a volunteer, you need the desire to help others and a bit of spare time. If you think you would like to be a volunteer please contact hub leaders in your area of choice:

**Tracey Bland** on 01984 635980 (Williton) on Tuesday mornings

**Jill Dillamore** on 01278 733615 (Stogursey) on Wednesday morning

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