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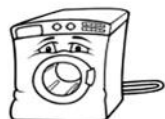
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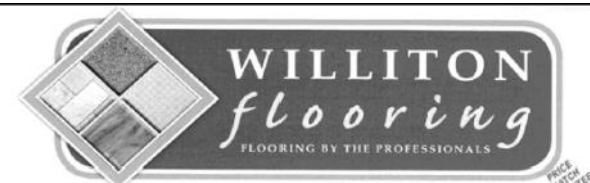
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	9.30am	Parish Communion
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Sun 20th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion for Pentecost
	4.30pm	"TOAST" at the Vicarage
Sat 26th	10-11.30	CAFÉ CHURCH in the Meeting Room
Sun 27th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
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*Churchwardens*



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**The Methodist Chapel building is currently closed** due to falling tiles and holes in the roof. There has been a temporary repair done to make the building safe whilst quotes are obtained for a complete re-roofing, which will be done as soon as possible. **For the foreseeable future we are worshipping in the new Vicarage Meeting Room in Priest Street and all are welcome.**

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**Services:** Sundays at 10.30 am - Please join us.

### **This month our preachers are:**

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13th	Rev Tina MacDonald - Holy Communion`
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## FROM REV ANDREW VIDAMOUR

The title of the novel *Black Dogs* by Ian McEwan refers to an incident where one of the characters, June, is set upon by two wild black dogs in a lonely spot while she is on holiday in France soon after the Second World War.

With great courage (and the help of a penknife), June is able to fend off the dogs and so she escapes, but (not surprisingly) the episode stays with her as a strong memory for the rest of her life. This is partly because the dogs become symbolic, for June, of that dark side of her experience which we may sometimes prefer to ignore but which is often closer to us than we may think.

So Dr Johnson, the eighteenth-century writer, for instance, referred to his experience of depression as being like a “black dog”, a phrase also used by Winston Churchill when he was also going through times of melancholy. In the novel, too, the dogs are symbols of general as well as personal suffering, especially in the shadow of then recent worldwide conflict; at the end of the book, the dogs “move into the foothills of the mountains from where they will return to haunt us, somewhere in Europe, in another time” (with hindsight, of course, we are sadly all too aware of the atrocities committed in Europe and elsewhere since 1945).

However, the black dogs also remain important for June because, during her frightening encounter with them, she has a remarkable sense of spiritual warmth and security: “She tried to find space within her for the presence of God and thought she discerned the faintest of outlines, a significant emptiness she had never noticed before, at the back of her skull. It seemed to flow upwards and outwards, streaming suddenly into an oval penumbra many feet high, an envelope of rippling energy, or, as she tried to explain it later, of ‘coloured invisible light’ that surrounded and contained her.”

In the book as a whole, this spiritual awareness of June’s is balanced and questioned by her husband’s rational scepticism, but her deep experience (of both threat and safety) cannot be denied, nor can it, I believe, be dismissed as merely a reflection of her personality.

We, too, may feel threatened by ‘black dogs’ (of terrorism, pollution, illness and grief, among other realities), but even in the midst of such mysterious difficulties, I believe that the light of God’s loving presence may be found, as Psalm 139 makes clear, in these words addressed to God: “If I say ‘Surely darkness will steal over me, and the day around me turn to night’, darkness is not too dark for you and night is as light as day; to you, both dark and light are one.”

May you know the light of mercy, reassurance, peace and hope in your times of darkness.



## FROM YOUR VILLAGE AGENT, IZZY SILVESTER

Remember **The Talking Café** takes place in Williton on the second Wednesday of every month if you need help with free advice and support. Pop in for a cuppa and have a chat with me, the Living Better Nurse, West Somerset Advice Bureau, the local Energy saving charity (who can help you reduce your bills), Carer's Agent, local PCSO etc! Help with your iPad, mobile phone or computer is available for free on May 9<sup>th</sup> and June 13<sup>th</sup>, as well as help with free training opportunities for getting back to work.

**Dementia Action Week** will take place on Monday 21 May – Sunday 27 May.

We are all increasingly aware that many more people are living with dementia in our society and so it is a good chance to be aware of how a person with dementia may see the world, so that we can be supportive of those trying to live independently with dementia.

There are many types of dementia. Most people will have heard of Alzheimer's which is where proteins build up in the brain and stop the signals from being accurately transmitted. Vascular dementia is the result of small strokes which damage the brain. Both will get worse with time but how rapidly can vary. Alzheimer's is a smoother process and vascular can be more stepped. There are many other forms, including damage to the brain through alcohol consumption.

The change to the person can also vary but you may see a change in personality, mood, confusion and frustration. People may start to avoid social situations as they feel anxious and exhausted. Later symptoms can include reduced hand eye co-ordination, visual disturbance and of course forgetting immediate information and living in the past.

You may come across someone experiencing symptoms when you are out. Being aware that someone may become bewildered because they have forgotten where they are, or perhaps because the mat in a shop door looks more like a lake, will help us all to be more patient and understanding.

There is a huge range of publications available that are all worth a read. Ask me or your surgery and the Alzheimer's Society on 01458 251541 for information. There is also a super booklet called "When Grandma came to stay" to help children understand and be prepared.

Look out for local dementia awareness events and press releases for organisations.

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**Watchet Dementia Alliance** meets every other Wednesday morning in the Sanctuary (2nd, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30th May - and the 23<sup>rd</sup> is a café birthday party). For more information, please contact Margaret Tatham on mobile 07973 638030 or [watchetdementia@btinternet.com](mailto:watchetdementia@btinternet.com).

There will be some dementia friends sessions during the week of 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> May – please contact Margaret for more information - and a cake sale in the Methodist church room on the morning of Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

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**Come and join our friendly team.** If you would like to help our charity provide an essential service across West Somerset, please pop along and chat to us over a cup of coffee about what we do and how you could contribute. June 27<sup>th</sup> 10:30 -12:30 pm - Parish Office, Killick Way, Williton TA4 4PG

**If you have a coffee morning or group,** we could come along to tell you more about our work. Please contact Sue or Sally on 01643 700240 or 708862.

## WEST SOMERSET TALKING NEWSPAPER – Volunteers needed

The Talking Newspaper is a local charity which provides fortnightly local news broadcasts to blind and partially sighted persons across West Somerset and large parts of Exmoor. 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 couple of extra **readers** and a reserve **recording engineer**. Experience is not essential for either position, as training will be given. Volunteers should be expected to commit to a few hours on a Thursday evening no more than once a month.

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## 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.

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## GOOD NEIGHBOURS

At the end of March members met together for lunch at the Wyndham Arms, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Our April meeting was very well attended by members and visitors. The talk was given by Peter Hampshire, who showed us slides and gave a running commentary on his and Sue's holiday in the Galapagos Islands. Members were thrilled with the marvellous pictures and commentary and Peter received a very great votes of thanks.

Also this month, we celebrated the 90th birthday of one of our members and a surprise cake was produced and enjoyed by everyone.

The outing this month will be to the Copper Kettle in Dulverton.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st May at Danesborough View Common Room at 2.30pm and we will welcome any visitors or anyone wishing to join our lovely club.

All enquiries to Jenny Berry on 632616.

*Joy Elgood*

## GLOBAL FRIENDS

There was no members meeting in April. But officers met to discuss our future programme and how we can help and support our members. The date of our next members meeting is 8th May. For more information, please phone 248392 or 634734.



## WHEELS VOLUNTEERS

### Can you help? Could you be a coordinator?

So many people find themselves lonely and isolated and unable to get to appointments when they no longer have access to a car.

WHEELS volunteers address this problem by providing lifts at low cost to help people, mainly the elderly, from Williton, Watchet, Washford and Old Cleeve, to travel to medical appointments, shopping etc.

Wheels has 30 volunteer drivers but a vital role in our organisation is played by our voluntary coordinators. Their role is to receive requests from passengers, find a driver from our list, and inform the applicant. In addition, a record of passengers, drivers and journeys is kept so that a subsidy provided by Somerset County Council can be claimed.

The Wheels mobile phone is given to the coordinator so there is no cost to you. You may receive calls from 9 am to 5 pm from Monday to Friday and you would be on duty about once every five or six weeks. Around 40 journeys are arranged each week. There is an answerphone so you don't have to stay in the house.

If you feel you could help us in this very worthwhile task, please contact **John Carslake** (Chairman) on **01984 639083** or email **jjcarslake@tiscali.co.uk**. He can tell you more about the role and arrange for you to meet one of our experienced coordinators to see what exactly is involved before you decide. *JJC*

## WILLITON GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 21 May for a talk by Alan Eason on "The Importance of Foliage". Visitors are always welcome (charge £2). We meet at Danesborough View Common Room, TA4 4SH. More information from Secretary Barbara Cook on 01984 639459.

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

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

April turned into a very busy month for the WASPS as we had our AGM which was followed two days later by our Parkinson's Awareness Concert which was very successful. The concert was held at the Minehead Methodist Church and 130 people enjoyed the performance of the Minehead Male Voice Choir and the West Somerset Brass Band. The Williton and Watchet Co-op very kindly donated the refreshments and the merchants of Williton and Watchet donated raffle prizes. Chanin & Thomas printed the posters and programs. As you can see the WASPS are very lucky to have the support of the communities in our area and we really appreciate it.

Our May meeting will be held at the Danesborough View Common Room on Thursday 3rd May. We will be exercising with Jenny Manvell starting at 1:15 followed by the regular meeting at 2pm, when we will be having round table discussions. These discussions are very worthwhile as they allow a good deal of interaction. Through discussion we can help each other by telling how we cope with Parkinson's. It really is good knowing that others are going through the same problems and we are not alone. These sessions are very informative and make us all feel better and even have a giggle at the methods that some of us employ to solve a problem. There is always a new way to solve a problem, you just have to be open to change.

Speaking of change, after 5 years of being the Co-ordinator of the WASPS I will be stepping down and letting someone else pick up the reins. I, along with 17 other people, started the WASPS and it has grown and flourished and is a real part of the community. It is time for a new Coordinator to come forward and carry on bringing aid, support and a helping hand to those of us who suffer from this disease. Parkinson's is starting to really affect me and I must put myself and my family first. I will still be a member of the group and really look forward to coming to future meetings.

I will officially resign in July and the new Co-ordinator, whoever they are, will have a very supportive committee and group to work with. It was not an easy decision to make but I feel that it is the right decision for me at this time. The WASPS will continue as a strong support group and they have the backing of so many people including Parkinson's UK. I will continue to talk to people about Parkinson's so 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*

## WEST SOMERSET VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 15 May at the EMN Hall, Monksilver, TA4 4JE at 7.30pm for 7.45pm. The AGM will be followed by a talk by Tony Wight on "Ruins in Worthy Woods - explaining decaying overgrown structures around the woodland paths". Visitors are most welcome at £2.

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

## THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Tues	1	Good Neighbours	2.30pm Danesborough View Common Room,
Tues	1	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, Danesfield School
Thurs	3	Williton Library	3pm Pins and Needles,
Thurs	3	WASPS Parkinson's Support Group	1.15 exercises, 2pm main meeting Danesborough View Common Room, Round Table Discussions
Sat	5	Williton Library	10.30am Lego Club
Sun	6	St Margaret's Hospice	2-5.30pm Open Garden at Aller Farm, Williton
Mon	7	St Margaret's Hospice	9.00am West Somerset Riding Club - Sunflower Showing Show, Stockland Lovell Manor, Coultings, Cannington TA5 1JJ See page 14
Tues	8	Global Friends	
Thurs	10	Loop the Loop	3.30-4.30pm Williton Library
Fri	11	Somerset Day	
Fri	11	St Margaret's Hospice	10.30-12noon Great Somerset Tea Party at Miles Tea and Coffee, Porlock
Mon	14	RBL Women's Section	2.30pm Fire Station Lecture Room
Tues	15	Village History	7.45pm EMN Hall Monksilver AGM and talk on the Ruins in Worthy Woods
Tues	15	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, Danesfield School
Thurs	17	Women's Institute	2.00pm Danesborough View Common Room
Thurs	17	Positive Birthing	7.00pm Williton Parish Office, Killick Way
Sat	19	Williton Walk	2.00pm, St Peter's Church
Sun	20	Memorial Ground	2.00pm, Duck Race and Car boot sale
Mon	21	Gardening Club	7.30pm Danesborough View Common Room, The Importance of Foliage, Alan Eason
Fri	25	Bake Club	3.30-4.30pm Williton Library
Sat	26	Williton Wanderers	10.30am Nutcombe Bottom
Sat	26	Story & Craft Time	10.30-11.30am for children 4-10years
Tues	29	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, Danesfield School
Mon		Book Club	2.30pm Williton Library, date to be confirmed

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 and 10.45-11.45am	Pilates with Eleanor Rutter	Maglands Community Room, Watchet 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 And 7.15-8.15pm	Pilates with Eleanor Rutter	Danesborough View Common Room Booking essential 07342 238 723
Mon 7.30 pm	Badminton	EMN Hall Monksilver (656496)
Tues 9.30-10.30am 6.15-7.15pm	Pilates with Nathan Pirt Pilates with Nathan Pirt	Watchet Community Centre West Quantoxhead Village Hall Info: Nathan Pirt 07762 721 271
Tues 9.30 - 10.30am and 11 - 12 am	Mat and floor based yoga Chair-based yoga More info from Julie Bolton 633665 or email <a href="mailto:julieboltonyoga@gmail.com">julieboltonyoga@gmail.com</a>	The Salvation Army Hall Watchet (level access and parking)
Tues 10am-12.30pm Tue 5.45 pm	Children's Centre Brownies	West Somerset Advice Bureau Guide HQ
Tues 7-11pm Wed 9-10am and 10.30-11.30am	War-games Club Pilates with Nathan Pirt	Info: Williton Gamers 01984 639588 Bicknoller Village Hall Info: Nathan Pirt 07762 721 271
Wed 4-5.30pm	Williton Youth Club	Danesfield School (Paul 01643 703155)
Wed 6-7.30pm	Cubs	Guide HQ
Wed 7-10 pm	Railway Modellers	Rear of Washford Mill, Washford (info: 07773 892085)
Thur 9-10am and 10.15-11.15am	Pilates with Nathan Pirt	West Quantoxhead Village Hall Info: Nathan Pirt 07762 721 271
Thur 9.30-11.30 am Thur 10-11 am	St Peter's Church Free chair based exercise	Drop in for coffee and cake Williton Hospital ( <i>please ring Shirley on 633529 for information</i> )
Thur 10.30 am	KFA Movement	Danesborough View Common Room
Thur 10.30-noon Thur 5.15-6.30 pm	Craft and Chat Rainbows	Drop-in at Williton Library. Guide HQ
Fri 9.30-10.30 am and 10.45-11.45am	Pilates with Eleanor Rutter	Williton Fire Station Community Room Booking essential 07342 238 723
Fri 10.15-12.45	UK Online	Williton Library, booking essential
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 7.30pm	Walking football	Danesfield School

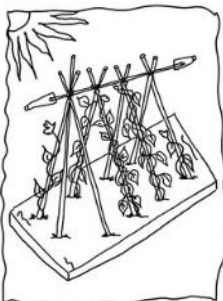


## ST PETER'S SCHOOL DIARY

We are now enjoying the start of a new term – hopefully with good weather so the children can play out on the field and have fun going on trips. Our first whole school trip will be to the Brewhouse in Taunton to see ‘What the ladybird heard’ in May. This should be great fun.

Oak class have been enjoying growing things! The class have planted runner beans and sunflowers and the children are busily keeping bean diaries to show how their beans are growing. They are also enjoying reading the wonderful story ‘We’re Going on a Bear Hunt’, which will involve going on their own bear hunt around the school grounds. All the children are hoping to spend lots of time in their outside area as the weather warms up too.

Elm class have recently started their new topic of Oceans and Seas. This is an exciting time for the class as there is lots to learn, especially about Isambard Kingdom Brunel. So far all have been engaged and willing to find out more in their free time.



The new term brings with it a new topic, and this time, Fir class are learning about Vikings. The children started the topic off with an off timetable day when they researched information about Vikings and made models of Longboats in pairs. The class will soon be designing and making their own Viking style brooches out of cardboard, string and tinfoil. An exciting way to learn something new!

Yew class are looking forward to their residential to Croft Farm, where they will get together with other year 4 children from local schools and take part in team building games. The residential is an important part of the transition to middle school. Back at school the children will be learning about animals, including humans, and their habitats in science, and Vikings in topic, which all promises to be very exciting. In maths they will deepen their understanding of number, time, geometry and statistics, using resources, games and pictorial representations and computer technology to enhance the learning experience.

Yew class, together with Fir class, recently enjoyed a visit from a local poet to get them started in a poetry competition. There are some great poets in these classes, so we look forward to reading their efforts.

Our nurture group, Happy Stars, have been learning about Prince Harry and his forthcoming marriage to Meghan. The group have been making preparations for their own ‘royal wedding’, organising invitations and designing the cake. It should be great fun.

This is just the start of a busy summer term!

SG



## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Fay Ross Ward entertained members with her Holiday Experiences. We were informed and enlightened with Fay's holiday adventures. It was a busy April meeting, as it was our AGM. West Somerset Free Press took a group photograph to record our 100th birthday.

Ann Smith and Glynis Maule are to represent Williton WI at Wells on Saturday 28th April when Somerset County WI also celebrate their 100th year of formation with a banner parade.

We are supporting St Peter's yarn bomb on 28th and 29th April. Members are still knitting and we are hoping to have a Teddy Bear display in the church.

We have spring in our step and are all looking forward to the better weather. Look out for the Library window display between 7th and 19th May. We hope you will learn more about your local WI and maybe feel the urge to come and join us in the future.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 17th May at 2pm at Danesborough View Common Room.

*Pamela Messenger, Secretary*

## DOWN AT THE STATION

Where did our down time go? Suddenly since last month the season has come into its own starting with the Spring Gala at the end of March and then in to our Red timetable where we have four trains each way every day, although some Mondays and Fridays have been free during April. Plans are well in hand now for the Diesel Gala coming up 8th – 10<sup>th</sup> June when several visiting diesel engines will be on the line and the Diesel sheds open to visitors.

Also at the beginning of June there will be the visit of Paw Patrol, a Meet and Greet day at Minehead followed the next day by the now Annual Classic Car run when a great many classic cars drive from Bishops Lydeard station via country roads visiting all the other stations on their way to Minehead, where they will all be on display in the car park adjoining the station there. So Paw Patrol for the boys and girls and Classic Cars for the Dads!

It has been good to welcome many visitors to the station this month; some just people passing by on the A39, but also from the local community as well. A good venue for an afternoon walk, with a cup of tea/coffee or an ice cream at the end!

*John Parsons, Station Master*

## HARBOUR COMMUNITY BOOKSHOP

7, The Esplanade, Watchet TA23 0AJ

Open 7 days a week between 10.30 and 4.30 from March to October.

We are a charity bookshop, opened in 2009 and staffed throughout the week by over 40 volunteers. We have a wide selection of books in good condition. The shop is small but there is a large store of books and the stock is updated every day. Each week there is a special promotion by author or genre and frequent special offers. We also offer a book search facility

If you have books which you would like to donate please call 01984 634749. If you are interested in volunteering please call 01984 633895 or 07817057882.

## WILLITON HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

Do please carry on supporting our book stall by donating your books once you have read them and dropping in to buy others, Monday - Friday afternoons 2-4pm. We are holding a craft fayre on Saturday 23 June from 2 to 4.30pm. If you would like a stall, do give Barbara a ring on 634725.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are always welcome, even if you only want to be a relief - bed makers, craft work, trolley dolly, etc. Or perhaps you could take a turn on the book stall. Come and have a chat and look round the hospital. Phone Shirley or Chris on 635600 - we will return your call.

*Shirley Dee, Volunteer Co-ordinator*

### RECIPE FOR THE MONTH by Shirley Dee

LEEK, POTATO AND MINCED BEEF BAKE FOR FOUR

2 lbs (1 kg) potatoes, peeled and cut into ½ pt beef stock (use stock cube)

½" slices

2 oz (50 g) butter

4 oz (100 g) grated cheddar cheese

2 leeks, washed and sliced

½ teaspoon dried oregano

1 lb (500 g) lean beef mince

Salt and pepper to taste

Pre-heat oven to 200°C, fan 180°C, gas mark 6

Melt most of the butter into a large saucepan over a medium heat. Sweat the sliced leeks until softened, add the beef and cook until browned all over. Add the stock, bring the mixture to the boil, then reduce to a simmer for 15 minutes. Season to taste, then remove from the heat. Spoon in to a baking dish, layer the potatoes on top, seasoning well between layers. Dot the top with the remaining butter, then cover with foil and bake until the potatoes are soft, approx 40-45 minutes. Remove from the oven and discard the foil. Sprinkle the grated cheese and oregano on top and return the dish to the oven for about 15 minutes, until the cheese is melted and golden. Remove from oven and leave to stand for a few minutes before serving.



### Chair based exercise class with Shirley

**Thursdays 10 – 11am**  
at Williton Hospital

*Help build up strength for everyday  
living in a fun class. You will feel  
happier, fitter and stronger!*

Cost: Donations

For more information call  
Age UK Somerset on 01823 345626  
or just go along .....

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

### THE GREAT

### SOMERSET TEA PARTY

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 Jane  
Lillis for more information. Email:  
jane.lillis@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk  
or telephone: 07736 886174

## ONE OF LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES

Fish and chips with crispy batter on a Saturday evening.

*by SD*

## WILLITON PAVILION PROJECT UPDATE

April has seen the construction continue to schedule, scaffolding should be erected by the end of the month and work commence on the first floor and upper roof level. According to the schedule, during May, the upper roof will be completed and the top level windows installed. The working group has been active in developing the documentation required for the hire and use of the building, and these will soon be appearing on the Pavilion web site.

The official handover date to the Charity is 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and we remain on schedule. Only when we take ownership of the building can we start to install all the equipment. Throughout the remainder of November, the staff and Trustees will need to familiarise themselves with the building controls and all the health and safety procedures that will apply to its use. Bookings through the website are planned to commence from 1<sup>st</sup> December, though if you wish to use the building prior to this date, then please contact the Clerk to the Charity on 01984 633979 and discuss your requirements to see if they can be accommodated.

*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)*

As I write this it is nice to be able to say what a lovely few days of sunshine we have been treated to recently. Time is moving along swiftly, the Annual Parish Assembly would have been held recently and we will be holding the Annual Meeting where positions on the Parish Council are voted upon. At present we have vacancies, if you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact Michelle who will be able to give further information.

You may have noticed a piece of play equipment in the park needed repair and temporary measurers were put in place to secure the area to try and keep everyone safe – unfortunately these have been repeatedly vandalised, which has had a great cost impact to parishioners. Please can we ask, if you see any damage to report it to the Parish Office or the Police. The damaged equipment has been replaced and is now safe to use again.

On a happier note, the Annual Easter Egg hunt was held on Easter Sunday and it was lovely to see so many families out enjoying the event. The 'Golden Egg' was found by Hope – well done, I hope you enjoyed the chocolate!

Hopefully everyone will enjoy the upcoming Duck Race and car boot sale on the afternoon of Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

*Michelle Francis, Parish Clerk*

## TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

**Robert Street, Williton** from 20m south of the junction with Killick Way for a distance of 75m south for one week from 8 May.

**Bridge Street** from 10m west of the junction with Bridge Close westwards for a distance of 35m for one day on 7 May.

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Every face tells a different story.

*from SD*



## FREE BUS SERVICE

Don't forget that a free community bus service for local residents runs three times a day, Monday to Friday, between Bridgwater and Minehead, via Cannington, Nether Stowey, Holford, Doniford, Watchet, Blue Anchor and Carhampton. This service is courtesy of Hinkley Point C and you do not require a bus pass to use it.

There are certain restrictions on travel between Minehead and Carhampton, Cannington and Bridgwater, where other bus services are in operation. For more information, ring the Customer Helpline on 01278 557001 between 10am and 3pm.

## FRIENDS OF WILLITON LIBRARY

The Talking Cafe, a drop-in advice centre, is held at the Library on the second Wednesday of each month, at 10.30 am.

Our other regular activities include:

\*Computer courses\* (Mondays and Fridays 10.15-11.45) Help with your computer and accessing the internet. \*Book Club\* (last Monday of each month, 2.30-3.30) \*Code Club\* (for 9 - to 11-year-olds, alternate Mondays 4-4.45. Booking essential) Learn computer programming. \*Verse and Worse\* (first Wednesday of each month, 10.30-11.30) Sit round a table and listen to or read poetry and prose. \*Talking Cafe\* (second Wednesday of each month, 10.30-1pm) Multi-agency drop-in advice centre. \*Family History\* (Wednesdays or Saturdays by appointment) Explore your family roots. \*Craft and Chat\* (every Thursday, 10.30 to 12) Drop in for friendly conversation. \*Pins and Needles\* (first Thursday of every month, 3 to 4) Sewing and embroidery help and advice. \*Loop the Loop\* (second Thursday of every month, 3.30-4) For children of six and over who would like to learn to knit and crochet. \*Rhyme Time\* (every Friday, 10.30 to 11) Song and boogie time for children 0yrs to 4yrs. \*Baked Bites\* (last Friday of every month, 3.30-4.30) Bake at home and bring it along to share over a cup of tea. \*Lego Club\* (first Saturday of every month, 10.30-11.30, for 6 to 12-year-olds, booking essential) \*Story and Craft Time\* (last Saturday of every month, 10.30-11.30. Booking essential) For four- to ten-year-olds.



**The Library is open every day except Tuesday and Sunday in Killick Way.**  
Phone 0300 123 2224. Website: [librarieswest.org.uk](http://librarieswest.org.uk)

## WILLITON MARKET

The market will be held on Friday 18 May between 9 and 11.30 in the Parish Council Rooms, Killick Way. We sell fresh produce, flowers, eggs, preserves, jewellery, crafts, greetings cards and seasonal items.

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## SMALL PRAYER

*please could you let the sun shine for a long time.*



## WORDSEARCH FOR MAY by Phyllis Chidgey

### BACK TO SCHOOL

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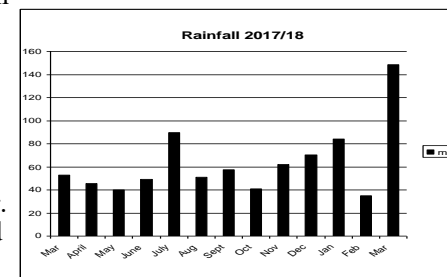
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## MARCH WEATHER

I expect we have forgotten the snow (and the traffic problems it caused) at the beginning of the month. We had snow of up to 15 inches (this melted to a measure of 15mm of rain) making a total rainfall of 148.5mm (5.85ins) for March. Despite this, we still had 19 sunny days. The warmest day was on the 23rd with 14°C and the coldest day was on the 2nd when it was -4°C all day! The maximum pressure was 29.9 inches on 21st and the minimum was 29.2 on 14th.

There have been reports of frog spawn, signs of birds nesting, swallows flying over the village and the cuckoo has been heard on the Quantocks and Exmoor. The rooks are nesting high - which should mean a good summer!

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 19 May** starting at 2pm from St Peter's Church. We will walk to Aller Farm and then on to Capton. From Capton we will cross the fields to Sampford Brett before returning to Williton via Sampford Mill. The walk will include one hill (up to Aller Farm) and the rest of the walk is generally flat or downhill. If you would like any further information please ring Elizabeth Peeks on 632318. *Elizabeth Peeks*

\* **Williton Wanderers** will meet at 10.30am on **Saturday 26 May** at Nutcombe Bottom car park (TA24 6TA) for a bird and nature walk led by Jeff. About 7 miles, including some hills. Wear seasonal everything and bring a picnic and binoculars. To get to Nutcombe Bottom, drive southwards through Dunster on the A396 and take the first turning left (Bonniton Lane) and follow the brown signs. 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 Sunday 20 May at Raleghs Cross Inn TA23 0LN for a 7-mile steep hilly walk to Beulah Chapel, the old Brendon Village and the Winding House, before going down the Incline to Comberow, through the woods to Leighland Chapel and back via a picturesque waterfall. 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 **3rd May**. For further information please contact Dorothy 01984 248105.

*Williton Wanderers at the Caratacus Stone, 21 April*



## RECYCLING AND REFUSE COLLECTIONS

The weeks of Early May Bank Holiday Monday 7 May and Spring Bank Holiday Monday 28 May collections will be one day later than usual, with Friday collections made on Saturday. Revised collection days above also apply to **assisted and clinical waste collections**. Recycling sites remain on their usual schedules; all are open on bank holiday Mondays until Christmas.

## 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*

## WILLITON BOWLING CLUB

On 14 April the new season started at Williton Bowling Club on a lovely sunny afternoon and we were delighted to welcome several new members.

Since then we have bought the two special wheelchairs for use on the green by players with restricted mobility. These are thanks to Tesco's charity draw when shoppers put discs in for their favourite choice of three worthy causes. The photo below shows the wheelchairs being modelled by two of our members, Sandra Every and Graham Scott.

Anyone interested in trying out bowls is very welcome to come along on a Monday or Friday evening at 6pm or Wednesday afternoon from 2pm, when they can have a go and arrange free training sessions with the club coach. Please bring a pair of flat shoes to go on the green. *Dave Sully, President, 01984 632564*





## POSITIVE BIRTHING MOVEMENT WILLITON

We are a friendly and welcoming group who come together once a month to discuss all things birthing over a hot drink and piece of cake.

We are part of a grass roots movement, spreading positivity about childbirth via a global network of free Positive Birth groups, linked up by social media. We aim to challenge the current epidemic of negativity around childbirth by bringing women together to - Meet Up, Link Up, and Shake Up Birth. It is free to attend but we ask for a small donation for drinks and cake which goes towards the cost of the venue hire and other overheads.

Future birthing mummies, partners, birth professionals and anyone with a story to share are more than welcome.

We meet every **THIRD THURSDAY** of the month at 7.00pm in the foyer of the Williton Parish Office, 2 Killick Way, Williton, TA4 4PY (there is a car park opposite)

For more information regarding the monthly topics we shall be discussing check out our facebook page - Positive Birth Movement Williton - or email [frankie.wright2012@gmail.com](mailto:frankie.wright2012@gmail.com) - or for more information on Positive Birth Movement itself visit [www.positivebirthmovement.org](http://www.positivebirthmovement.org)

## HAVE YOUR SAY

### New Opportunities for Women in West Somerset to access Employment and Training

You may have heard that West Somerset has been allocated some funding from the Department for Education (DfE) and we would like your help to decide how to spend it!

**We are keen to understand:** The barriers that prevent you and other women from accessing jobs and learning opportunities in and around West Somerset; and the type of support you would like to see available to help you, and other women, make the most of these opportunities. This information will help us to develop the required support.

Over the next few weeks a number of drop-in information gathering sessions will take place to give women the chance to have their say. The session in Williton will be on Tuesday 8 May at the Children's Centre, Killick Way between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

Alternatively, you can help us in gathering this information by completing a short online survey. To complete the survey please go to: <https://www.surveymoz.com/s/4302055/New-Opportunities-for-Women-in-West-Somerset>. The survey will close to the public on Friday 11th May. If you require a paper copy, please get in touch on the telephone number below.

The survey should take you no more than five minutes to complete and, if you are happy to provide us with your contact details, you will also be entered into a prize draw to win a £50 book token.

**Look Out** for other opportunities to Have Your Say on this at schools, West Somerset Community Employment Hubs and a range of other community venues.

If you would like any further information please contact Emily Wishart, Employment and Skills Officer at West Somerset Council on 07881218669.

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