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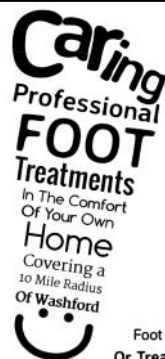
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	10.00am	All Age Worship
Tues 7th	9.30-11am	"Little Saints" Toddler Group at Croft House and then in the Meeting Room each following Tuesday
Sun 12th	8am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion
Mon 13th	10am	Communion at Danesborough View- All welcome
Sun 19th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion
	4.30-6.00pm	TOAST at the Vicarage
Sat 25th	10-11.30am	Café Church in Meeting Room
Sun 26th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
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Thurs 30th	11.00am	Communion at Croft House

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

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Try and learn something new every day.

from CC

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12th Rev Nick Lakin - Holy Communion
19th Mrs Jennifer Bates
26th Mrs Lynne Wooldridge

FROM REV CLIVE GILBERT

As I write this message on Maundy Thursday I am looking forward to Easter, which as well as reminding me of the new life in Christ we received on that day also reminds me that Spring is well and truly here. I look forward to getting out into the garden and to more walks in the countryside. Easter Eggs will have reminded us of the new life of Christ as he rose from the tomb. The vibrant new growth we see in the green pastures around us remind us of the growth to come in the year ahead, and of a harvest to reap later.

My hope and prayer for us all at this time is that we will all see new growth in our lives in the coming months and that as the year draws to a close later we will all have experienced a harvest of the fruits of that growth. It may be that you form a friendship with a new neighbour or an acquaintance that blossoms and bears fruit for you both. It may be that you join an organisation that gives you a new interest. Perhaps you have planted seeds in your garden and really do see them bear fruit in the Autumn.

It may also be that you decide to give yourself more time to be still, to reflect, to be quiet and to pray or to enjoy the beauty of West Somerset. Perhaps as you walk in the park, around your garden or in the surrounding countryside, you will slow down at times and become aware of the source of life that is within you.

Wherever new growth may take place for you I hope it will be fruitful. As all gardeners know great care needs to be taken to encourage growth in the garden. Even greater care needs to be taken to encourage growth in ourselves, as these words from Psalm 23 always remind me:

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul."

I hope you know the truth of them too.

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WATCHET AND THE QUANTOCKS DEMENTIA ACTION ALLIANCE

Programme for May - Everyone is very welcome at all these events.

8 May 1030 - 1200 at The Sanctuary, Watchet: Forget-me-not Café - Coffee, Cake & Chat

Dementia Action Week 19-26 May

22 May 1030 - 1200 At The Esplanade Club, Watchet: Visit of Deputy Lord Lieutenant and 4th Birthday Party

23 May 8 pm at The London Inn, Market St, Watchet: Alzheimer's Society Fund-raising Quiz

24 May 6.45 pm at The Sanctuary, Watchet: Dementia Friends Information Session

CALLING ALL KNITTERS (and those who do crochet)

We need lots of woolly Forget-Me-Nots for bunting in Dementia Awareness Week - May 19 - 26. If you can help with this please either email Margaret (at watchetdementia@gmail.com) for a pattern, call in to Cotton Street in Swain Street Watchet or Williton Post Office. You can download a crochet pattern at www.earlydiagnosis.ca/media/Forget_Me_Not_to_knit_or_crochet.pdf.

All you need to provide are scraps of blue and yellow wool plus your hard work and time! Latest date for flowers is Friday May 17th as we shall need to sew them together. There is a drop-off box at Williton Post Office (thank you very much to them) and at Cotton Street.

Margaret Tatham

GOOD NEIGHBOURS CLUB

Our April meeting was quite well attended and members with April birthdays were congratulated. The talk was by Peter Hampshire and he showed us slides from his cruise in Alaska. The pictures were truly amazing and enjoyed by everyone. This was followed by a raffle, table top sale and teas and coffees.

Next month we have invited David Milton, Watchet Town Crier - among other things! - to entertain us. Visitors and non-members are very welcome to join us at 2.30pm on Tuesday 7th May at Danesborough View Common Room for what promises to be an extremely interesting and amusing afternoon. We will make everyone welcome - and even give you a cup of tea!

Enquiries to our Chairlady, Jenny Berry, on 01984 632616. *Joy Elgood*

WILLITON HOSPITAL

We always welcome new volunteers. If you would like to help in any way at our lovely community hospital, please phone Chris on 01984 635600.

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

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

DESPERATELY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP AT THE VILLAGE FETE

Now that the Pavilion is open we (The Trustees) want over the next year or two to build the fete and bring in more stalls, entertainment, fun and games.

We've made a start this year with the Craft and Produce show which we hope many of you will have a go and enter.

But to grow the Fete we need volunteers both before and during the event, as there are currently only 7 Trustees and a handful of volunteers. Things to volunteer for would be setting up – the more the merrier – and running stalls and games, such as (hopefully) a “Children’s Make & Take” stall.

If you can give us some of your time on the day – **Saturday 6 July** – please do contact the Parish Council on 01984 633979.

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Cllr Michael White

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**Williton Duck Race
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2pm
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Saturday May 18, 9am: **Indoor Car Boot** in the Pavilion

Sunday May 26, 2pm: **Duck Race & Car Boot***

Saturday July 6, 2pm: **Village Fete***, including **Companion Dog Show** and **Produce & Handicraft Show****

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

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

WILLITON FILM NIGHTS @ THE PAVILION

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered or attended a Williton Film Night, and helped make it a success; we are pleased to say that these film nights will continue on a monthly basis. We are always looking for volunteers to help out, especially to lay out and put away the chairs – in exchange for a free seat – so if you are able and willing please do contact the Parish Office on 01984 633979 or email clerk@willitonpc.org.uk and let them know. You don't need to commit to every film.

CHILDREN'S FILMS

We have been asked to put on a children's cinema, especially during the school holidays. However, as most of us volunteers for the adult Film Night work during the day, we are looking for new volunteers to run this – running projection (you will be trained), taking tickets at the door, laying out the chairs and/or putting away, running refreshments. We have already had one person volunteer, but we still need more, so if you are able to do any of this, please let the Parish Office know, call 01984 633979 or email clerk@willitonpc.org.uk. Unfortunately, without volunteers this idea will have to be shelved.

Cllr Dawn-Lesley Howes

WILLITON FILM NIGHT @ THE PAVILION

Tuesday 21 May at 7pm

Holmes and Watson

Detective Sherlock Holmes and Dr John Watson join forces to investigate a mysterious murder at Buckingham Palace. It seems like an open-and-shut case as all signs point to Professor James Moriarty, the criminal mastermind and long-time nemesis of the crime-solving duo. When new twists and clues begin to emerge, the world's greatest sleuth and his trusted assistant must now use their legendary wits and ingenious methods to catch the killer before the queen becomes the next victim.

Rating: PG-13 (for crude sexual material, some violence, language and drug references)
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EDITORS' COMMENT

We are so much enjoying the Williton Film Nights @ The Pavilion and congratulate Cllr Howes and all the other volunteers for providing such an excellent evening out. We - and several other people we know - went to see Bohemian Rhapsody twice, it was so good.

WASPS - WILLITON AND SURROUNDING AREA PARKINSON'S SUPPORT

We had over 40 members at our AGM, which made all our preparations worthwhile. I am not sure whether it was the AGM itself or the promise of a wonderful feast that brought them together but it worked. After the business was discussed we all tucked into a lovely buffet provided by Glenmore Bakeries and the Somerset Farm Shop.

We have become a victim of our own success, which is terrific. It means that the whole idea of having a support group really works. Knowing that there are others nearby who are facing the same challenges makes all the difference. Each month we welcome new members to the WASPS. It is really good to see new people start to relax and smile as they are greeted and made to feel comfortable. Many people are worried about coming as they fear that we are all sad and miserable due to our condition, but once they come and experience a meeting they find us full of life and having a good time. We really love to have a good laugh and it is proven to be the best medicine.

Being this successful also means that there is a lot more responsibility for organizing events. More and more WASPS are now stepping up and helping to organize events that we hold throughout the year. It makes it so much easier when we all share in the work, and everyone has a good time.

Speaking of good times one of our members has offered to hold an Open Garden in support of Parkinson's. Hartwood House Garden (at Crowcombe Heathfield TA4 4BS) will welcome visitors on Sunday 5th May from 2 to 5:30pm. Eight acres of garden, woodlands and paddocks to explore. Many unusual trees and shrubs, cream teas, a plant stall and a tombola. Entry is £4, children free. Dogs on leads welcome and there is good wheel chair access. Signposted off A358 between Bishops Lydeard and Williton. Ten minutes walk from Crowcombe Station. Ample parking. Any queries 01984 667202. Please mark that date in your calendar and come out and have a lovely time.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 2nd May at the Williton Pavilion with exercises beginning at 1:15 and the general meeting at 2pm. A lady from the Red Cross will be there to make sure that we know how to cope in an emergency.

We welcome anyone who has been diagnosed with Parkinson's and their carers to join us. If you have any questions about Parkinson's please feel free to contact me by email, queenwasp@outlook.com or by phone 01984 631472.

Linda Bishop

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

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.

YOUR VILLAGE AGENT, IZZY SILVESTER



At last it is time to get out in our open spaces and enjoy the goodness of fresh air, physical exercise, company of our neighbours and the wellbeing that we get from greenery around us. See page 23 of this magazine for **Williton walks**. But if you cannot walk, the **South West Trampler mobility** scheme allows disability access to many beautiful locations for an annual £10 membership fee and small hire cost. Visit <http://www.countrysidemobility.org/> membership, telephone 01392 459222 or email info@countrysidemobility.org



Trampers and walkers above Woody Bay

Gardening! Even if you have a tiny garden or budget, you can feel the pleasures associated with growing your own vegetables or flowers. If you are short of a bit of cash, try the discount stores and buy pots to put next to your front door or on your window ledge. Alternatively buy a grow bag, sometimes as low as £1 from discount stores, plant directly in it and skip the cost of pots! I love putting a few of my leftover sprouting potatoes in the ground and later digging up lovely new ones. It is like buried treasure! I also love to pop in some petunias which flower beautifully throughout the summer. Tools can be an expense. SHARE – a Library of Things in Frome (<https://sharefrome.org>) - hosts a wide range of items members can borrow for a small charge. Like a normal library, you sign up as a member and borrow items you need from power tools to sporting equipment. Perhaps someone could consider setting up something similar in Williton?

Remember there is a Talking Café offering free support and advice in the Pavilion building on Williton memorial ground every Tuesday morning from 10-12. Please come to relax and have a chat with free refreshments either for advice or just come to enjoy the company of other local people!

Please phone me Izzy Silvester your village agent on 07931 018045, leave me your name and number and I will ring you back. Or email me on izzy@somersetccs.org.uk. I work Monday to Thursday.

SOMERSET CCS

You probably know about the work that CCS do in your local community through our team of village, community and carers agents. We are currently expanding our team and looking to recruit individuals who want to support their local area. We want to reach people who don't necessarily have a background in similar work or relevant qualifications, but are supportive, approachable people who are passionate about their community, can use their initiative and have bucket loads of common sense. The roles particularly aimed at West Somerset include two Somerset West & Taunton Village Agents and a Transport Agent.

Go to <https://somersetccs.org.uk/recruitment/> where all of the roles are listed along with the relevant application forms.

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Wed	1	Williton Library	10.30am Verse & Worse Light hearted look at poetry and prose
Thurs	2	WASPS Parkinson's Support Group	1.15 exercises, 2pm main meeting Williton Pavilion Talk by Red Cross on coping in an emergency
Thurs	2	Williton Library	3-4pm Pins and Needles
Sat	4	Williton Library	10.30am Lego Club
Tues	7	Good Neighbours	2.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Tues	7	Global Friends	2.00pm see page 19
Thurs	9	Loop the Loop	3.30-4.30pm Williton Library
Mon	13	RBL Women's Section	2.30pm Fire Station Lecture Room
Tues	14	Williton Pavilion *	7.00pm Bingo Williton Pavilion
Wed	15	Family History	Afternoon sessions at Library see page 19
Thurs	16	Women's Institute	2.00pm Danesborough View, AGM
Fri	17	Community Market	9-11.30am Williton Social Club
Sat	18	Williton Walk	2.00pm St Peter's Church
Sat	18	Williton Pavilion *	9am-1pm Indoor car boot sale
Mon	20	Gardening Club	7.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Tues	21	Williton Pavilion *	6.30 for 7pm Film Night Holmes and Watson
Tues	21	Williton Pavilion *	11.00am-1.00pm, Positive People
Tues	21	Village History	7.45pm EMN Hall Monksilver, AGM
Sat	25	Williton Wanderers	10.30am Meet Tarr Steps car park
Sat	25	Story & Craft Time	10.30-11.30am for children 4-10years
Sun	26	Duck Race/Car Boot *	2.00pm Memorial Ground
Mon	27	Book Club	2.30pm Williton Library (Date will change)
Tues	28	Williton Pavilion *	7.00pm Bingo, Williton Pavilion
Tues	28	Williton Pavilion *	11.00am-1.00pm, Positive People
Wed	29	Family History *	7-9.00pm Williton Pavilion, Talk about Somerset Home Guard
Fri	31	Bake Club	3.30-4.30pm Williton Library

* 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.

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

REGULAR WEEKLY VILLAGE EVENTS

Aikido	Williton Pavilion *	Wednesday 7 - 9pm
Bingo	Danesborough View	Friday 7.30pm
Bowls roll-up	Bowling Green	Monday and Friday 6pm Wednesday 2pm
Brownies	Guide HQ	Tuesday 5.45pm
Chair based exercise	Williton Hospital	Thursday 10-11am (free class) 633529
Craft and chat	Williton Library	Thursday 10.30-noon
Cubs	Guide HQ	Wednesday 6-7.30pm
Dance and Gym	Williton Pavilion *	Monday 4.30 - 5.30pm Term time only Friday 4.30-6.30pm Term time only
Guides	The Guide HQ, Market Street Car Park in Watchet Friday 7.15-9pm (info from Martha on 01984 248925)	
Pilates	Williton Pavilion *	Monday 2 sessions 9.30am-12noon
with Ellie Stuart-Steel 07342 238 723		Monday 2 sessions 6-8.30pm
Booking essential for all classes		Friday 2 sessions 9.30am-12 noon
Railway Modellers	Wednesday 7-10pm Rear of Washford Mill, Washford (info: 07773 892085)	
Rhyme Time for 0-4 years	Williton Library	Friday 10.30-11am Term time only
RBL Rifle Club	Friday at Bridge Street Range Ring for information 01984 632650	
Stay Strong Age UK	Danesborough View	Monday 2-3pm
Talking Café	Williton Pavilion *	Tuesday 10am-12noon
UK Online	Williton Library	Monday 10.30-12noon Booking essential
	Williton Library	Thursday 10.30am-12noon
Walk and talk	Meet Killick Way car park by Library, Friday 12 noon	
Walking football	Danesfield School	Friday 7-8.30pm
War-games Club	Ring 01984 639588	Williton Gamers Wednesday 7-11pm
West Somerset Advice Bureau	Children's Centre	Tuesday 10am-12.30pm
Yoga with Karen Abraham	Williton Pavilion (info 07484 187420)	Thursday 1.30 - 2.30pm
Youth Club	Williton Pavilion *	Thursday 6-8pm (Andy 01643 703155)
Zumba with K.t.	Williton Pavilion *	Monday 6 - 7pm Friday 9.30-10.30am

ST PETER'S SCHOOL DIARY

The new summer term has just started and hopefully it will bring us some lovely sunny weather! Traditionally this is the time when we go out on various trips and enjoy being out on our field during break times.

With Easter being late this year all our related activities were at the end of the spring term, which seemed a little early. We were able to have our Easter service at St Peter's Church this year, as the weather was kind to us. It was lovely to have lots of parents, friends and family joining us in the church enjoying the celebration. In school the children had fun making cards and other Easter craft activities.

Going back to our sponsored read in March, we are happy to say that it raised over £600 again this year! This means, with the partnership with Usborne Books, we will get another £1000 of new books for the school. A massive thank you to everyone who helped in any way sponsoring our children, we are very grateful. We are looking forward to the new books arriving very soon.

As it is the beginning of a new term, each class will have new topics and will be discovering new things in science. Topics will include invaders, Vikings and Anglo-Saxons, rivers, mountains and coasts and oceans and seas. There will be lots of learning about plants, covering different aspects of plants as well as plenty of growing. Maybe there will be some tasting of the produce too, if the children are successful in caring for their plants!

Our year 3 children have a residential trip to look forward to in June at Hestercombe House. They will be camping with year 3 children from Old Cleeve School. Our year 4 children have a longer residential trip to Croft Farm - an activity centre organised by JCA. During their stay the children will meet other year 4s and be able to take part in activities such as rafting, abseiling, kayaking and archery. Both trips will be great experiences for the children.

Our year 1 children will have the opportunity to go swimming this term and the whole school will have some more 'Big Days' to enjoy on gardening and poetry. We will also have a whole school sponsored walk organised by our PTA a little later on.

Finally, we had to say goodbye to one of our teachers, Mrs Stenner, at the end of last term. She will be missed by everyone, but we wish her good luck in her new school.

SG

PARISH ASSEMBLY

Apologies to everyone who turned up on 24 April. The Parish Assembly now appears to be taking place at 7pm in the Pavilion on Wednesday 29 May. *Editors*

BICKNOLLER OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 19th May from 12 noon to 5pm, in aid of the British Red Cross. Tickets £6 at the Village Hall on the day. Sorry no dogs.

RUSSIAN ENSEMBLE "LYRA"

will be performing a programme of sacred and secular music on Friday, 10th May at 7pm at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Nettlecombe

Tickets £10 (to include one glass of wine or soft drink)

Contact: Richard and Lucy Devitt (01643 821102) or at the door

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

Thank you to everyone who came to 'Lest We Forget' at the Pavilion on 6th April. We heard fascinating stories and saw and handled many treasured family items from WW1. Thank you for entrusting your treasured items to us. All this information will be uploaded to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission site over the coming months. In the meantime you can see what has been uploaded so far from other parts of the country on cwgc.org/lest-we-forget

Those who came will have seen 'soldiers' dressed in their WW1 uniforms and the wonderful banner quilt of horses in WW1, done by a local quilting group. Thanks go to the Watchet Scout & Sea Scouts who brought their exhibition showing the part they played during the war. Thank you also to the volunteers who interviewed visitors to get their amazing stories and to the tech guys who photographed, scanned and copied treasured possessions. We mustn't forget the ladies in the kitchen making teas and coffees and the wonderful cakes baked by our volunteers.

Next month's meeting will be at the Williton Pavilion on Wednesday 29th May between 7 and 9pm, and Jeff Wilson will be talking about the Somerset Home Guard. We hope you will come and join us. Visitors £3, members of SDFH £1.50, with tea or coffee included.

May we also remind you that each month we hold 4 one-on-one sessions at Williton Library, when two volunteers give up two hours of their own time each month to help beginners start their family tree or help if you have got 'stuck'. The May sessions are on Wednesday 15th May for 1 hour starting at 2.15pm, with the second session at 3.15pm. Please book your session with the library as places are limited to four.

Lesley Murray

GLOBAL FRIENDS

While we were a small number meeting up this month, we were pleased to share lots of news of past members: one of our members is now working as a primary school teacher; the member who recently returned to Bangladesh, has been promoted at work and has also become engaged - many congratulations from everyone at Global Friends. We look forward to receiving photographs of the happy event.

Our next meeting will be at 2.00 pm on Tuesday, 7th May. Please contact us on 01984 248 392, for more information.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

Firstly, we want to say a big thank you to everyone who supported our recent coffee morning and helped us raise just over £180.

At our next meeting on 13th May we will be having a quiz which is being organized by one of our members. Why not come along and test your knowledge? Don't worry if you don't think you are very clever as you can compete with me for the 'going' prize!

We meet on the second Monday of each month at the Fire station meeting room, Williton, from 2.30pm to 4pm. We would love to see you there.

Sara Hempshall, Secretary. (01984 639648)

DOWN AT THE STATION

I hope all local people have been able to hear the trains running again. It's amazing how many let me know they are glad to hear them each day. It's part of our heritage. Unfortunately, we have only been able to run three trains a day during April, from Bishops Lydeard to Watchet and back, but there have been several people on the trains including several party bookings. By the time this Williton Window is published trains will be running the whole line through to Minehead and back (BBC Points West featured this return to service as their main news item on Good Friday). However, there is still some track and sleeper work to be done in the Blue Anchor section before we are fully operative.

At Williton there are signs of summer as over the Easter weekend our Plant Sale Stall has opened. For a few years now we have been selling excess plants and this has been a good source of income to our station funds. Each station tries to be self supporting and we pay for all the materials for the upkeep of the fencing, painting etc around the station, and any other repairs. This year we have a specially constructed market stall on which can be displayed far more stock and I'm told there will be several varieties of tomatoes; cucumbers, courgettes, lettuce, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli. There will also be a selection of flower plants for sale. Once the cold winds ease and the summer sun comes out, the station hanging baskets and other floral displays will appear.

As always we would be glad to welcome you, both for watching the trains and staying for a coffee, tea or an ice cream etc.

We also have a website for the station - willitonstation.org.uk Why not look us up?

John Parsons, Station Master

NEW SOMERSET WEST AND TAUNTON COUNCIL

West Somerset Council ceased to exist on 31 March 2019 and the new Somerset West and Taunton Council was formed on 1 April. Elections to the new Council will be held on Thursday 2 May 2019.

As part of the transition all email addresses changed to the following format: initial.lastname@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk. Therefore p.smith@westsomerset.gov.uk became p.smith@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk. Current Elected Members will keep their Taunton Deane and West Somerset emails until the election on 2 May.

Our main offices at Deane House, Taunton and West Somerset House, Williton remain open as usual. However, since **1 April 2019**, when the new Council officially stood up, our telephone number, postal address and website also changed.

Our postal address is:

Somerset West and Taunton Council
PO Box 866
Taunton
TA1 9GS

Telephone: **0300 304 8000** Lines opening hours 8am-6pm Mon -Fri

Website : www.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk

SPRING CLEANING? WANTED - CRIME/MYSTERY BOOKS

Do you have any mystery/detective stories cluttering up your bookshelves, which you would be willing to donate free? On behalf of the Royal Voluntary Service Home Library Service (RVS HLS) all donations received are delivered to readers who are unable to visit the library. Many thanks to everyone who has responded to my previous requests and please continue to donate whenever possible. All donations are much appreciated. Please contact Jacqui Brown on 01984 631371 or by email jacquiannebrown@gmail.com to arrange collection.

HARBOUR COMMUNITY BOOKSHOP

The Harbour Community Bookshop in Watchet has for the last 10 years sold good quality second-hand books from its shop on the Esplanade. The shop is entirely volunteer run and relies totally on book donations. To date we have been able to donate nearly £200,000 to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and to local good causes and individuals in need.

The premises on the Esplanade are to be refurbished this year. We have therefore had to relocate for this summer while the refurbishment is being undertaken to 53 Swain Street (formerly the West Coast Angling Centre). We intend to open around mid-May and look forward to seeing old and new customers from then on. We will be open every day except Mondays 10.30 – 4.30 throughout the summer.

We are always pleased to receive book donations. Arrangements can be made to collect these by phoning 01984 634749 or through our website: watchetcommunitybookshop.co.uk.
Mary and Jeff Bird

FRIENDS OF WILLITON LIBRARY

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

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At our April meeting, Mr Geoff Rickson and his colleague Emily from Taunton Samaritans gave members a good insight into being a volunteer Samaritan and answered the many questions that their talk presented. Taunton Samaritans are always looking for volunteers to train and the information they gave was very inspiring to all the ladies in the room.

At our AGM on 16th May, Marilyn Symonds, a Voluntary Adviser for the Somerset County will be guiding us through the business. Anyone interested in joining Williton WI is welcome to join us at 2pm at Danesborough View Common Room (there is a charge of £3.50 to non-members).

We usually meet on the third Thursday of the month between 2 and 4pm, but June will be our annual meeting. Please contact Pamela Messenger on 01984 248412 for more details about Williton WI and our future programme.

RECIPE FOR THE MONTH

We are sorry that there is no recipe this month, because Shirley is unwell. We wish her all the best and hope she will be better very soon.
Editors

ONE OF LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES

Raindrops splashing in puddles.

by PS

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. Please bring a picnic unless the weather is very bad, in which case we'll eat at a café or pub. For more information, ring Colin Broom on 632721.

* This month's **Williton Walk** will be on **Saturday 18 May** starting at 2pm from St Peter's Church. We will walk up to Aller Farm and then across the fields to Blackdown Wood, where we will follow the track down past the wood into Stream. We will return following the stream and then the leat to Orchard Mill. If you would like any further information please ring me on 632318.


Elizabeth Peaks

* **Williton Wanderers** will meet at **10.30am on Saturday 25 May** at Tarr Steps car park (TA22 9PY) for a circular walk to Hawkridge, approx 7 miles. There is a steep climb at the beginning (which I for one shall take very slowly!) followed by a gradual uphill to Hawkridge.. But most of the rest is downhill or level beside the River Barle. Superb views and beautiful countryside. Please bring a picnic and wear suitable footwear.

Jenny Gibson 634899

* **West Somerset Mineral Railway** Meet 9.45am on Saturday 18 May at Raleighs Cross Inn (TA23 0LN) to visit Beulah Chapel, the old Brendon Village and the Winding House. Then walk down the Incline (steep) to Comberow, through the woods to Leighland Chapel and circle back via a picturesque waterfall. Bring a picnic. 7 miles. Hilly.


Tessa Wilson



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WORDSEARCH FOR MAY by Phyllis Chidgey

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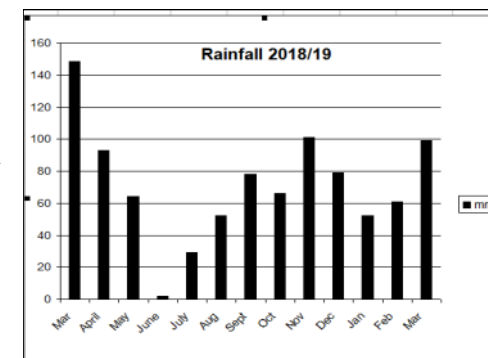
WEATHER MARCH

Temperatures were 15°C in the 3rd week of March and the coolest night was -2°C on 26th, with frosts all week.

The maximum pressure was 30.35 inches on 20th and the minimum of 29.3(very low!) was on 12th (the 11th and 12th were very wet - 16mm of rain). We had a rain total of 99mm (3.9ins) for the month, even so we saw many sunny days.

Nature notes: It is said that many of the spring things we see are between 4 and 6 weeks ahead of average. The cuckoo was heard on the Quantocks on Easter Sunday.

Pj



WILLITON BOWLING CLUB

Our summer season has now started with beautiful weather. Let's hope it lasts.

But it's not too late to join. Those who have never played before can come to the club for a trial period just to see if they would enjoy the challenge. You can either call in to the club and make enquiries or phone 01984 632564, when you can arrange a time suitable to you 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. We have roll-ups every Monday and Friday evening starting at 6pm and on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm. We are a very friendly bunch and people can join as playing members or social members. Do think about coming down, relaxing, watching the players or - better still - taking part, and making new friends.

David Sully, President

Website: www.willitonbowlingclub.org.uk

Looking to gain confidence in a new skill, relight an old passion or just try something new?

The following sessions are available free of charge to residents of West Somerset

Singing for enjoyment

April 26th - 10am-11.30am
October 18th - 10am-11.30am

A singing session to learn how to nurture our voices and enjoy singing together. A simple repertoire of songs will help complete beginners to build confidence and those with some experience to try out harmonies and develop their musicality.

Introduction to drumming

May 24th - 10am-11.30am
November 29th - 10am-11.30am

A fun, interactive djembe drumming circle. We'll follow our own inner rhythm, establishing a strong pulse based upon the human heartbeat, and see where it leads us. No prior experience needed, just a willingness to follow the beat and have fun!

Willow Weaving

June 21st - 10am - 11.30am
August 30th - 10am - 11.30am

Discover willow work with Somerset basket-maker and sculptor Sarah Webb. No experience necessary. Sarah will provide an enjoyable introduction to this traditional skill, and you'll go home with your own, unique handmade items. Each session will focus on a different project, so you'll learn something different each time.

Yoga and wellbeing

July 26th - 10am - 11.30am
September 27th - 2pm-3.30pm

Mindful movement and breathing exercises to reduce stress, create ease and calm, improve mental focus and overall sense of wellbeing. Sessions are suitable for all and will include learning a relaxation sequence and discussion about what wellbeing means to us and how to develop it in everyday life.

All workshops will be held at Halsway Manor, TA4 4BD near Crowcombe. Although these workshops are free booking is essential.

To book onto any of these workshops please call 01984 618274



WILLITON GARDENING CLUB

At our next meeting on Monday 20 May Nigel Phillips will be giving a talk on the Flora of the Somerset Coast, including Rock Pools. We meet at Danesborough View Common Room at 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome at a charge of £2. For more information please contact Liz Payne on 01984 633084.

WEST SOMERSET VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

Our next meeting on Tuesday 21 May will be our AGM and Interesting Items and Exhibits brought by members. We meet at the EMN Hall, Monksilver, TA4 4JE. Visitors are welcome at a charge of £3. For more information email marilyn@westsomersetvillagehistorysociety-wsvhs.com **BEWARE OF MONKSILVER ROADWORKS**

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.

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Sat 29th June

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SKILL UP – support for businesses seeking to set up apprenticeships and train staff

This new service developed for West Somerset provides information to businesses on apprenticeships, traineeships and skills. The online portal www.skillupws.org.uk is a service that signposts opportunities, vacancies and useful information. It also introduces the Skill Up team, who are there to help, and contact details.

For Businesses: Marie Howard, the Skill Up Apprenticeships and Skills Adviser, provides information and support of all kinds for your business. Email: m.howard@skillupws.org.uk
Telephone: 07395796297

For individuals: Jane Parker, the Skill Up Information Adviser and Employment Coach, can provide information and support to anyone in the area and is regularly available across West Somerset's Employment Hubs. You can get information and support to enter employment or for your next career move. To explore the opportunities available to you, get in touch with Jane on email: j.parker@skillupws.org.uk
Telephone: 07734494755



WEST SOMERSET

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT HUBS

Pop in for free, positive friendly help and support!

- Access to internet/ Universal Credit journal
- Help with job searching/applying for work
- CV writing and updating
- Assistance with interview preparation
- **West Somerset Advice Service** are at the hubs for the whole community to access

Every Tuesday: Williton Children's Centre, Williton, 9.30am-12.30pm Tel: 01984 635980

Fortnightly: Wednesdays, The Greyhound Inn, Lime Street, Stogursey, 9.30am-12pm Tel: 01278 733 615

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

First Thursday of the month: Dulverton Library, Dulverton, 10.00am – 12:00pm Tel: 0300 123 2224

Every Friday: @ The Hub, Hopcott Rd, Alcombe, Minehead 9.30am-12pm Tel: 01643 707598

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