

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

from the Williton Window to everyone who delivered the Williton Window last month and who volunteered to deliver it this month, too. Because of the government advice to STAY HOME and observe social distancing, we reluctantly decided against producing a printed copy for May. Although this means that some residents without the internet will not receive this magazine, it is safer for delivery people and recipients.

IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE A PRINT-OUT AND YOU HAVE A PRINTER, PERHAPS YOU WOULD BE KIND ENOUGH TO MAKE THEM A COPY.

We also offer huge thanks to all key workers - in the NHS, in care homes and home carers, in the Post Office, shops, restaurants and all public services, with extra recognition to those who are giving away free meals to NHS workers and vulnerable people. Big thanks too to the people running the Williton Coronavirus Help Group and everyone else in the village who is helping other people during this difficult time.

YOU ARE ALL HEROES

Thank you from Liz Grinstead

who - just before lockdown - went to withdraw cash from the ATM outside Lloyds Bank. The machine swallowed her card and she was left cashless and rather distraught. However, she went home, cancelled the card and went to the Post Office, who cashed a cheque for her. The following day, as she was walking past the dentist, a lady on the other side of the road called across to her, asked if she was all right and offered to lend her some money if she needed it. Liz is not aware of ever having seen this lady before and wishes to say a big thank you for her kindness and generosity.

Thank you from Belinda Mountain

to the kind gentleman who changed her car wheel when he noticed that she had a puncture.

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All information in this magazine is correct at the time of going online on Thursday 23 April 2020

WILLITON CORONAVIRUS COMMUNITY HELP GROUP

The Williton Coronavirus Community Help Group, set up in consultation with the Parish Council, can be contacted on:

TELEPHONE: 01984 573673 EMAIL: willitonhelp@yahoo.com

FACEBOOK - www.facebook.com/willitonhelp

Do contact us if you are isolated and need help with grocery shopping, medication, dog walking, errands or need a friendly chat. We can put you in touch with someone who can help you.

KEEP YOURSELF SAFE

IT IS VITAL THAT YOU DO NOT GIVE MONEY OR OTHER FORMS OF PAYMENT TO A STRANGER

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Your goods will be delivered to your doorstep, after your helper has either knocked or rung your bell. Your cash payment should be in an envelope to pass to your helper outside. Your helper can advise more about this once they have been allocated to you. If you need to talk to them - where possible speak from an open window or at a distance of 10 paces.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE GOVERNMENT'S ADVICE TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

The government is advising those who are at increased risk of severe illness from coronavirus to be particularly stringent in following social distancing measures. This group includes those who are:

- Aged 70 or older (regardless of medical conditions)
- Under 70 with an underlying health condition.

These groups should stay at home and limit contact with people outside the home.

- If you are in need of medical help, call the numbers 111 or 999 in an emergency.
- RÉMEMBER TO WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY WITH SOAP AND WATER.
- Watch or listen to the BBC or ITV news for updates.

What is social distancing?

We should ALL (this means people in ALL age groups) be doing our best to adopt the social distancing guidelines. These are:

• Keep 2 metres apart from other people if you have to leave your home and go out in public.

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- Avoid contact with someone who is displaying possible symptoms of coronavirus, such as a cough.
- Avoid non-essential use of public transport.
- Avoid all unnecessary travel.
- Work from home, where possible. Your employer should support you to do this.
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TROM REV CLIVE GILBERT

Can I invite all of you who would like to join me in pausing at 12 noon each day, wherever we are, to this prayer:

Loving God, We pray for all those who are suffering because of the coronavirus, may they know your healing power. When we are afraid for ourselves and our loved ones, give us your strength and courage. When we feel alone and isolated, reassure us with a sense of your presence. Give wisdom to those in authority and may our community work together for the good of all. We give thanks for those who care for others and ask you to bless them in all they do. We ask this in the name of Jesus, healer and physician.

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Amen.

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T F YOU NEED HELP:

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Church Clergy contact details are on page 8 of this magazine

Quantock Foodbank 07483 815122 email: quantockfoodbank@gmail.com

Village Agent - Izzy Silvester email izzy@somersetrcc.org.uk or tel: 07931 018045. Leave a message with your contact details.

West Somerset Advice Bureau Tel: 01643 704624

Williton Coronavirus Community Help Group - ring 01984 573673 or email willitonhelp@yahoo.com

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

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Your local Foodbank is working hard to alleviate food poverty in our area. People ask if there is a need for a Foodbank in such a beautiful part of Somerset and the answer is yes. The scenery is indeed spectacular, yet there are people living on our doorstep who struggle each week to feed their families.

The Quantock Foodbank was meeting the needs of these families with the kind donations from the residents of Quantock villages, Watchet, Williton and various stores until the Coronavirus struck. Now our churches are shut meaning these collection points have evaporated. At the same time, families who have never before needed to turn to the Foodbank discover that they have little or no money coming in each week. A perfect storm!

Fortunately, we have been able to source food from various quarters and are so grateful to the organisations, such as the Haven Holiday Resort in Doniford, who donated much of their stock when they were forced to close. Many of our small, local shops are now providing containers for donated produce for which we are very grateful!

We appreciate that for many, donating food has now become very difficult. If you would like to continue supporting Quantock Foodbank, then would you consider donating the cost of the items you would otherwise have given?

You can pay directly into our bank account: The Quantock Foodbank, Sort Code 60-14-30, Account No.: 57167575. Or you can send a donation to me:

Rev Kathryn Flenley, Chair, Quantock Foodbank, Shardloes, Staple Lane, TA4 4DE; Tel: 633568; email: Kathryn.flenley@btinternet.com

Thank you so much for all your support.

Kathryn Flenley

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T PETER'S CHURCH

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Morning and Evening Prayer are said for the village daily at 9.30 am and 7pm.

FROM REV CLIVE GILBERT

Anyone who has travelled on the London underground may well have heard the expression "Mind the doors please!" Sadly we have all had cause to mind our doors over the past weeks. I have been writing a history of our church entitled "Through this Door", but then to my horror came an e-mail from our Archbishops saying that we must close the doors of the church for the foreseeable future and that we cannot worship together. The situation has changed and continues to change very rapidly and as a church we are learning to be a church differently.

Although the doors of the church are now closed we continue to pray for the village daily and I celebrate Communion on Tuesdays and Sundays for and on behalf of the village.

Our sympathies must be with those whose health has been affected and those who have lost loved ones. We must pray for them all. We must pray for those who have lost work and income and for our local businesses that have had to close.

Thursday evenings remind us of how important it is to be grateful and thankful to all those key workers who continue to work, and especially to all who work in the care and health services.

We all have our part to play and it has been so humbling and encouraging to see the actions of so many - volunteer groups and individuals - that are making a difference to many lives.

We can and will come through this a stronger and better community.

When we face trauma or loss in our lives, and I think we are all facing both at the moment, it is only natural to be up and down, energetic then exhausted, and afraid

We need to be prepared to feel full of energy and willing to help others but we also need to be aware that we may also feel distillusioned at some stage. And we need to know that all this is natural, and that, with God's help and the support of each other, we will come through the other side with hope.

May God Bless you all.

ETHODIST CHURCH
All our church services are cancelled until further notice in line with all other denominations. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all, keep safe and we look forward to worshipping together in the future.

ATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass is normally celebrated at the Methodist Church, Watchet. In these troubled times, please contact Deacon Vincent Woods on 01984 634681 for information.

APTIST CHURCH (WATCHET)

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A note from Keeley Rudd, CEO of Community Council for Somerset (Village Agents)

First and foremost I hope you are well, keeping safe and managing to access the support and essential supplies you need in these difficult times. You may be aware CCS, as a county-wide provider, is very much part of the response for both communities and individuals. I want to let you know what we are doing to ensure that we can continue to serve you the best we can.

All CCS staff are able to work remotely, so that we do not put them at risk. We have set up telephone systems to enable staff to be able to receive calls promptly and action them in the best way possible. We have set up a specific webform which will enable you to complete it with details of the support you require and your request will be given to the best person to help you with your query or problem.

As you can imagine, demand for our Agent staff is extremely high and in the first week of this new system we have handled 2,500 calls. Our Agents provide practical support in many ways and they have unrivalled contacts in local communities, who they can mobilise to assist vulnerable and people, including for our BME residents - if you need Agent support please USE THE CALL-BACK form which is on our website www.ccslovesomerset.org

In addition, we have experienced and knowledgeable staff who can support you if you are part of a Parish or Town Council, a Village Hall Committee, social or community enterprise or community group or charity, again advice is available on our website or you can still call the main CCS number on 01823 331222 for help. We are committed to helping you as much as possible but I would urge you and others you know to follow government guidelines for social distancing - if we all cooperate and work together we can minimise the impact of this unprecedented situation.

If you are a carer and look after a family member or dependent in an unpaid capacity, you may need additional support, so please call our Freephone number on 0800 31 68 600 or visit the website https://somersetcarers.org/ where we have a web chat facility. If you are concerned about a neighbour or someone you know in your local area who is a carer and they do not have access to the

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internet then please give them the advice line number. I hope you will also join me in thanking the dedicated and professional staff at CCS who are working tirelessly, often trying to juggle their own family and caring situations; please bear with us and be patient whilst we try to find the best solution for you.

Thank you for your understanding. If you have positive comments about how our staff have helped you we would be really grateful to receive this feedback, as it will make a huge difference to us to know that we are doing the right thing. Please submit your feedback here: info@somersetrcc.org.uk.

WHO TO CONTACT THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN FOR SUPPORT:

- Contact CCS via the usual website and our COVID 19 response form www.ccslovesomerset.org This will get an agent to contact you with the relevant local volunteers, shops, restaurants that are delivering etc. And any other support regarding benefits, housing etc.
- Contact Somerset Direct if you have safe guarding concerns or care plan issues 0300 123 2224
 - Somerset County Council on their dedicated helpline: 0300 790 6275
 - Contact your local parish council or help group for doorstep support
- · Contact your GP, NHS 111, and pharmacy or well-being advisors for medical concerns

Our amazing communities in Somerset have all risen to the challenge of providing support to those that need it very quickly, and our agents can help put you in touch with your local group. If nothing else this crisis has shown how people in Somerset have endless compassion, kindness and community spirit. I feel very proud to be part of Somerset.

TEWS FROM WILLITON POST OFFICE

I Greetings at this time when life has suddenly become so very different to anything we have ever known.

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Mondays to Fridays - open at 8.30 until 2.00

- open at 8.30 until 12.30 Saturdays

We welcome Michelle to our team

Brian and I would like to thank our team who have continued to serve vou, while the rest of us have been on Lockdown.

You will notice that our door is open, to avoid unnecessary contact. We are sanitising all surfaces and wearing gloves as a precautionary measure. Please observe social distancing while you are in the Post Office.

Caroline Tyner

POST OFFICE ASK-A-FRIEND CASH ACCESS SCHEME

This initiative is actually called the Post Office Payout Now scheme, and it allows an individual to have a trusted friend or volunteer withdraw cash on their behalf from any Post Office, using a single use voucher. Previously, only a named

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individual - such as a carer - could collect cash in this way on someone else's behalf. Now any trusted neighbour or volunteer can do so. The idea of the scheme is to allow people who are shielded or self-isolating, to maintain access to cash without having to hand over a debit card and Pin to somebody else.

In April 2020 the Post Office announced that this scheme will be available to all UK banks, including building societies and credit unions, so that it is available to any and all customers who may need it. To use the Payout Now service, you'll need to get in touch with your bank, building society or credit union, who will then be able to issue you a one-time barcode sent via text, email or post for a stipulated amount. This voucher can then be exchanged for cash at a Post Office branch on your behalf by a family member, friend, carer or volunteer.

ASPS - Williton and Surrounding Area Parkinson's Support Members of the group have been phoning around and emailing to chat to others as we are finding this terrible situation very difficult to deal with. It is good to know that we are such a friendly group and can help each other through this.

If you, or anybody you know has been diagnosed with Parkinson's we would give you a very friendly welcome and, in due course, hope you will be able to attend our meetings which are usually on the first Thursday afternoon each month. Please remember you are not alone.

If you would like any further information regarding the WASPS, please Ginny Yandle, Committee Member contact Linda Bishop on 01984 631472.

OWN AT THE STATION

Over the past couple of years we have had a very successful stall where we have sold plants, mainly vegetables, but some other bedding plants as well, such as cabbage, courgettes, peppers, tomato etc. and this has raised useful funds to help us continue to maintain the station. As volunteers there, we are responsible for all the upkeep of the station – repairing and repainting the fencing. and the painting of just about everything, including the white lines along the platform edges.

Most of the plants are grown from seed, but we do buy in a lot of plugs, grow them on and pot them up for sale. As you may realise this has to be done well in advance of the season. This year was no exception and, certainly before the lockdown because of this terrible virus we are all trying to escape from, the plants were well under way to have been available for the Easter weekend.

As it is unlikely that we will be able to have these plants at the station before they expire and die, we are planning on having them available nearer the village.

From the beginning of May there will be a table on the drive outside No. 7 Dovetons Drive. As you take your allowed daily exercise why not walk round that way and have a look. They will be available on a self-service basis with a donation box for you to place your money (sorry – no change given!)

> Please bring your own bags and adhere to the two metre distance rules. Your support will be appreciated.

John Parsons, Station Master

T PETER'S SCHOOL DIARY

The last few weeks have seen a different way of learning, with most children having their parents or carers as teachers! For the others, however, their days continue at school only with fewer children, teachers and assistants, including some from Old Cleeve School. With the structure of English and Maths still carrying on, other parts of the day have more creativity in them; more art and craft based activities. The children have also exercised with Joe Wicks in the mornings, a great way to start the day!

So far the children have made Easter cards, made stained glass crosses, written prayers about the things they are thankful for, made fabric scrap eggs and various Easter decorations. They even had an Easter egg hunt. There has been time to make Rice Krispie cakes, create photo frames and beaded bracelets and have fun riding bikes round the school field. They also really enjoyed making a large banner thanking the NHS and keyworkers for all their hard work during this testing time. It is proudly displayed in the Co-op window.

Although we started off at St Peter's, with dwindling numbers of children, it was decided that we should move to Danesfield and now have settled into our own base there



By pupils at St Peter's - take another special look at our magazine front cover, too. Well done to you all.





RECIPE FOR THE MONTH by Shirley Dee CHOCOLATE CRISPIES

3 oz Cornflakes 4 oz caster sugar

1 oz mixed dried fruit 2 oz syrup

1 rounded tablespoon cocoa 2 oz margarine

Mix all together and boil for three minutes before dividing between cake

NE OF LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES

Having someone to worry about you in these troubled times.

/ ILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Office can be contacted by phone 01984 633979 or email clerk@willitonpc.org.uk.

Your Parish Council has been upskilling in these extraordinary times. We were advised to curtail our meeting schedule, and we voted at our Finance Committee meeting on 16th March not to have face-to-face meetings from that date until we are instructed to start again. We now have permission to commence virtual meetings, which is where the upskilling comes in.

My first remote meeting was the HPC Transport Forum conducted through on-line conferencing. I found the news that the free bus, which Hinkley Point C runs from Bridgwater through Doniford, Watchet and Blue Anchor to Minehead, was being cancelled as of the next day. At the time this was difficult to swallow, because I hadn't realised the full implications of the Coronavirus crisis. I expressed my dismay during the conference call, my concern being principally for residents at Doniford who might rely on this service. Good news is that we expect the service to be reinstated when things are normal again.

More good news is that Williton has stepped up to help through these difficult times. Two of our Williton ladies offered to coordinate a help line, 'Williton Coronavirus Community Help Group" and this has been helping people who are self-isolating to get their shopping and prescriptions etc. See their article on pages 9 and 10 of this magazine. The Parish Council has been acting as facilitators, sponsoring printing of leaflets and posters. Over fifty volunteers are involved in the group, including some of our Parish Councillors.

Some of you will have noticed that grass cutting has been continuing where we have the remit to do this. A new cut has taken place opposite 'The Liddymore Estate' in Doniford Road, Williton. This has a two-fold use, one to make the visibility clearer on a corner which is often neglected from cutting and the plan was to plant it with wildflower seed, to brightens up this corner with smaller flowers. Well, part of the plan has taken place with our contractor cutting very well, but as I write the seeds have yet to be sourced (seed companies have been affected by the virus).

Yet more good news – at present Williton car park has free parking, to enable those who are helping due to the virus to park more easily.

Keep well and take care.

Cllr Rosemary Woods

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

from SD

Don't save things for a special occasion. Being alive is a very special occasion.

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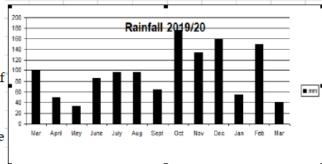
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WEATHER -

March was a very sunny month with 27 sunny days, including a few half days. The warmest day was on 11th at 19°C, the coolest lunch-time was on 5th at only 8°C. There was a frost on the night of 26th with a



temperature of -3°C. The total rain for the month was 41mm (1.61 inches), with very heavy rain on Sunday 15th. Barometer readings: the pressure was high the whole month, with the highest reading of 30.7 on 29th (very very high) and the lowest 29.3 on the 1st. PJ

LOCKDOWN WALK

Robin Venner sent us this stunning photo taken early on a frosty morning on 1st April 2020, looking across Orchard Wyndham to Withycombe Hill from the gate by the seat on the track to Aller Farm, variously known as the 'de-stressing' and 'Ooh-aah' gate. I couldn't resist having a look at the same view on a warm, hazy afternoon, exactly three weeks later, to see how much the landscape had changed. What an extraordinary spring we are having in every respect.

Jenny Gibson



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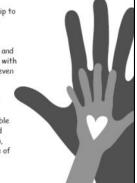
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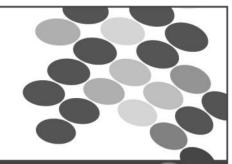
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