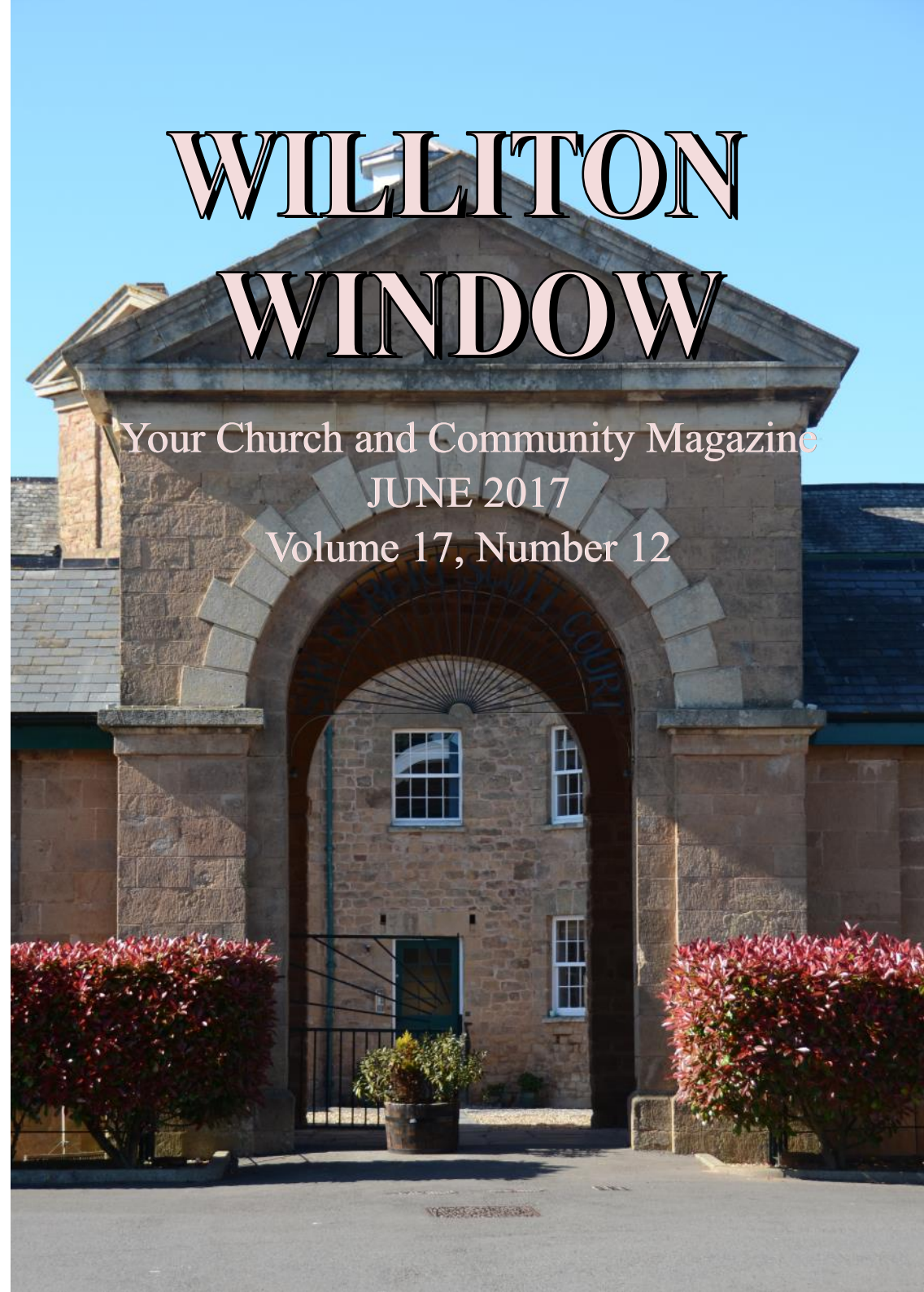


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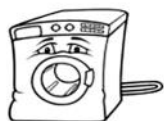
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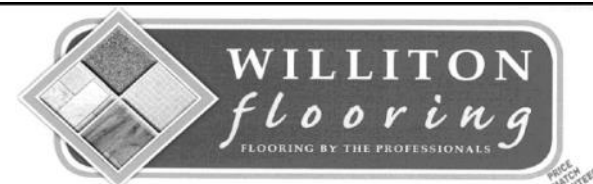
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Sat 10th	11.00am	Marriage of Michael Place and Gemma Lillington
Sun 11th	8.00 am	Holy Communion, BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion
	5.00pm	Benefice Taize Service with prayer for healing at St. Decuman's Church, Watchet
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FROM REV CLIVE GILBERT

I have taken over the past few months to "Walking Prayerfully", a subject that I have discovered has not been written about very much within the Christian tradition, although prayer walking is used a great deal in Buddhist meditative practice. What does it entail? For me it is using the amazing countryside that God has created in West Somerset as an aid to prayer and meditation.

I take circular routes from home, walk slowly, concentrating on the sights and sounds around me to help me become still within and then to listen to God. Sometimes I stop and read and pray and often write down my thoughts in a stream of conscience.

One of the Celtic prayers I use talks of Christ being with us as we walk through life, sometimes gently nudging us from behind, sometimes leading the way and often walking beside us. I find that walking away from the vicarage helps me to leave behind the "busyness" of life as Vicar and allows me to spend time in prayer away from the house, the study, the phone and other distractions and as I approach the house again to return in a quieter and better frame of mind.

You may have sensed that I have felt that I have made an amazing discovery - something new in the list of types of prayer, but as ever I have been humbled by a number of conversations I have had with others recently. Talking to one lady outside St. Peter's Church at 7.30 on Easter morning she told me that she has been walking dogs on the same walk into the hills for 40 years and that though she did not go to church very often she had done a great deal of talking to the Lord in that time.

Another lady in Sampford Brett stopped her car as she passed me in a lane and we talked about how wonderful the countryside is to help us relax and forget some of the stresses of life. As we went our different ways she commented that it also gives us space and time to pray to the Lord. Clearly I am not the first to value walking prayerfully! If you have not tried it, I strongly recommend it. "There is gold in them there hills!"

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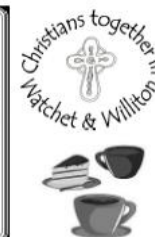
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Editors

MEA CULPA

Many of you noticed that the pages in last month's magazine were in the wrong order. This was nobody's fault but my own. I know what I did, but I don't how I did it, except easily! My apologies to anyone who was inconvenienced.

Jenny Gibson

GLOBAL FRIENDS

This month's session was light on numbers as many people happened to be away for a number of reasons. Nasima has an English exam this month, so we decided to help her with a mock exam on the subject of a fire drill. It was very interesting and we all learned a lot especially Shamoly.



It's Laura's birthday in July, she is currently in Lille in northern France. We had a birthday card and all signed it to be completed at the July session.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 13 June, at the Williton Children's Centre from 2 - 4 pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.

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

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Our outing at the end of April was to Blackdown Garden Centre, where members enjoyed lunch and were able to purchase plants and browse in the outlet stores. The weather was very pleasant, including the ride there and back.

Our meeting on 2nd May was well attended and we extended greetings to three members whose birthdays fall this month. The talk was given by Irene Draper, who is a volunteer guide at Dunster Castle. We learned all about the history of the castle and the various events organised for visitors, including Halloween and ghost tours in November (these are ticket only tours and sell out very quickly). There is also a dressing up room for children, with costumes they can use. At Christmas time, including Dunster by Candlelight, some of the rooms are specially decorated and there is also carol singing. This summer there will be two outdoor theatres. Everyone enjoyed the talk, which Irene made very amusing in parts. The talk was followed by tea, coffee and biscuits and a raffle.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday June 6th at 2.30 pm at Danesborough View Common Room and will be a cream tea for members.

Visitors are always welcome at our friendly club. Why don't you come along and make some new friends?

Any enquiries to Jenny Berry on 632616.

Joy Elgood

WILLITON MARKET

The market will be held on Friday 16 June between 9 and 11.30 in the Parish Council Rooms, Killick Way. We sell fresh produce, flowers, eggs, preserves, jewellery, crafts and greetings cards.

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Hello!

My name is Roman and I am 4 years old. My little brother Hugo and I have been looking after caterpillars in our home with help from our mummy and daddy. We are going to feed them when they are butterflies and then let them free when they are ready to fly away. We need your help. To make sure our butterflies stay healthy, and other butterflies like them, we are asking you to please make a butterfly banquet in your garden. We don't have a garden, so need the help of people who do.



To make a butterfly banquet, you will need old bananas and a knife.

Take an old black banana and massage it with your fingers without breaking the skin. You will feel it go mushy inside. Use a knife to make 3 or 4 cuts across the upper side of the banana. Put it out in a sunny, sheltered place in your garden, ideally near flowers and plants.

That's it!

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From Roman Ross

Roman has promised to give us progress reports on his butterfly project. Editors

FROM OUR VILLAGE AGENT - IZZY SILVESTER

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I am very keen on helping to set up at least one swimming session per week for local people who require the use of the hoist at St Audries pool. I already have two local people who are interested.

The pool would need to be hired on a weekly basis (which would mean you would **not** have to take out membership of the pool). I need at least 7 people to make the session financially viable as the pool hire is £35 per hour. The session would also need two volunteers to come along each week to help, as the hoist needs two people to operate it. The volunteers could be on a rota so that the commitment would not be too demanding. The sessions proposed would be for one hour, every week, on a Monday. We can choose when we run the session as long as its between 12.30 and 3.00.

Please contact me on the below number if you are interested.

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RECIPE FOR THE MONTH by Shirley Dee RHUBARB CHUTNEY

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Juice and flesh of one lemon	¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
2 cloves garlic (pressed)	3 teaspoons salt
½ lb sultanas	½ pint vinegar
1 lb soft brown sugar	

Simmer the rhubarb gently until soft, before adding the other ingredients. Cook gently together until it thickens. Put into jars and cover.

DOWN AT THE STATION

What a disappointment not to be able to see the Flying Scotsman coming through Williton on 23rd May. For technical reasons this was not possible on the day, although we are hoping there will not be any problems when she visits again in September. Watch this space!

During May we have been able to complete the painting of the waiting room on Platform Two which necessitated erection of some scaffolding to get around the rear side. New stairs have also been manufactured and fitted to the signal box –the old ones suddenly gave up and became dangerous, so these new ones should last a good few years. Hopefully by the time this edition of the Williton Window is published the hanging baskets and flower displays will have been brought down to the station to brighten the place up. We are a fairly bright bunch anyway, but flowers do help!

We have been pleased to welcome several enquiries from new volunteers recently and look forward to them becoming regular faces on the platforms and around.

We have been saving for some years to have the car park resurfaced with tarmac, and hopefully this may well be done within the next month or so. This will really make a difference, and with some discrete marking should allow us to park more cars than at present, as most people seem to park where they wish, often leaving space for a motorcycle in between!

As always you will be very welcome to come down for a cuppa or an ice cream. Trains are running every day now until the end of October. In June, on the 9th, 10th and 11th there will be mainly diesel trains running, which usually brings a different Age of enthusiasts along.

John Parsons, Acting Station Master

NEWS FROM WILLITON POST OFFICE

We want to thank you for your continued support both in the shop and Post Office, where every transaction is footfall for us, so all bills, phone top-ups, Council Tax payments, car taxes, as well as postage, helps us stay open.

As we begin to think of summer and holidays, we would like to remind you about the Multi-Currency Travel Money Card, which is now on the market and performing excellently for our customers. This card enables the holder to obtain the best possible rate of exchange on any day when topped up online or with the easy to use phone app. One of the great benefits is being able to top up while away. It is a secure way to carry cash and the option to load several currencies has multiple advantages. We have had great feedback from our customers, so please ask us about it before you travel, we are here to help.

On the shop side we have recently branched out into helium balloons! So if you are having a party or have something to celebrate do come in and see what we have. We will also fill helium balloons you have bought elsewhere. We also now have a Facebook Page, so watch out for special offers and new products via social media: @Willitonpostoffice.

Brian and I recently celebrated our Ruby Wedding! To mark the occasion we went by motorbike for a long weekend to the west coast of Galway. We had good weather and great fun!

Caroline Tyner

PARKINSON'S^{UK} CHANGE ATTITUDES. FIND A CURE. JOIN US.

WASPS - WILLITON AND SURROUNDING AREA PARKINSON'S SUPPORT

It is with great regret that I must inform you of the death of Mr Ralph Farley who was one of our members. His sense of humour and positive outlook brought much to the WASPS and he will be sorely missed. Ralph told me many times that they loved coming to the monthly meetings. June will continue to come and we will all be there for her.

We are starting off our summer meetings with a Cream Tea on Thursday 1st June. It will make a nice break to get out and enjoy the warm weather and have a chance to chat and catch up on each other's news.

We are following on with summertime fun in July. We are having our annual BBQ on Thursday 6th July and hopefully we will have a good sunny day for it. We have been very lucky with the weather in the past, so let's hope our good luck continues.

We are having new members joining our group all the time which is really good to see. We understand the need for support when diagnosed with Parkinson's. It is a baffling condition with many symptoms and the side effects from the medications can be many and baffling too. By talking to others with Parkinson's everyone in the group feels comforted in knowing that they are not alone. Some people who are newly diagnosed worry about coming to a support group because they do not want to see how badly affected some members may be. Instead they find a lot of people having a good time and making new friends. Groups are not for everyone and that is fine, but if you have been diagnosed as having Parkinson's and are feeling very alone come and give us a try.

If you would like to attend our meetings please do feel free to come along. We are always thrilled to see new faces and we will do our best to make you feel welcome. If you would like to find out more about our group, or wish to discuss Parkinson's and how it affects people, you can reach me at 01984 631472 or email me at queenwasp@outlook.com. If I am not available you can contact our secretary Deb Withey on 01643 705848.

Linda Bishop

CO-OP LOCAL COMMUNITY FUND AND WSAB

The Co-op Local Community Fund means that every time members buy Co-op branded products and services, 1% of their spend can go to a local cause of their choosing. For the next 6 months, the West Somerset Advice Bureau will be part of the Fund and will be supported by all Co-op food stores and funeral homes. If you would like to help us, please go to the Co-op member centre and identify us as your charity. Your 1% will help us make improvements to the WSAB building which is in dire need of refurbishment.

Staff at the Bureau work in an old Victorian fire station in Minehead which needs ongoing TLC, and improvements are long overdue. Coop funds will enable us to make private rooms, provide facilities for Universal Credit applicants and maximise the cramped working space that we have.

Our preventative advice services help people to avert a crisis, improve living conditions and support the health and well-being of families. Over the last year, we helped 3,500 households, including nearly £1.5 million of debt advice and increasing local incomes by £742,057.

Keith Routledge - WSAB Trustee

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Thurs	1	Williton Library	3pm Pins and Needles
Thurs	1	WASPS Parkinson Support Group	Cream Tea
Sat	3	Williton Library	10.30am Lego Club
Tues	6	Good Neighbours	2.30pm Danesborough View Common Room, Cream Tea
Thurs	8	General Election	Council Chamber, West Somerset Council offices, Killick Way
Sat	10	Williton Walk	2.00pm, Memorial Ground beacon
Mon	12	RBL Women's Section	3.00pm Fire Station Lecture Room, 90th Anniversary Tea
Tues	13	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, St Peter's School
Tues	13	Global Friends	Children's Centre, 2pm
Wed	14	Williton Wanderers	10.30am Simonsbath See page 21
Sat	17	Williton Pavilion	9.00am Coffee Morning Table Top Sale, Parish Office, Killick Way
Thurs	22	Women's Institute	Summer Outing
Sat	24	Williton Wanderers	10.30am Timberscombe See page 21
Mon	26	Book Club	2.30pm Williton Library
Mon	26	Gardening Club	7.30pm Danesborough View Common Room, Talk on Garden Pests, Diseases and Weeds
Tues	27	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, St Peter's School
Fri	30	Bake Club	3-4pm Williton Library
July			
Sun	2	Volunteers Service	3.00pm Williton Methodist Church
Sat	8	Village Fete	2pm Memorial Ground

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

THANK YOU FROM KATH REED

Thank you to all who attended and helped at my 80th birthday celebrations on 8th May, making it the most special day. Also for the lovely gifts, which I will treasure with fondest memories. All good wishes from me to you.



REGULAR WEEKLY VILLAGE EVENTS

Mon	9.30 am	Pilates	Williton Fire Station Community Room
Mon	10.30 - 11 am	Story Time 0 - 5 years	Williton Library
Mon	2 pm	Table Tennis	Watchet Youth Centre
Mon	2 pm	Shibashi Tai Chi	St Audries Village Hall (634090)
Mon	2 - 3 pm	Age UK - Stay Strong	Danesborough View Common Room
Mon	6pm	Bowling Club	Roll-up
Mon	6.30pm	Pilates	Methodist Church, Tower Hill
		(info: Pru Wand 656232 /email: pruwandpilates@hotmail.com)	
Mon	7.30 pm	Badminton	EMN Hall Monksilver (656496)
Tues	9.30 - 10.30am	Mat and floor based yoga	Watchet Community Centre
	11 - 12 am	Chair-based yoga	Julie Bolton 01984 633665
Tues	10.30am-1pm	Bead-weaving group	Methodist Church, Tower Hill
Fortnightly. For dates and more information ring Jane Sefton on 01984 656652			
Tue	5.45 pm	Brownies	Guide HQ
Wed	11am	Pilates (See Mondays)	Methodist Church, Tower Hill
Wed	4-5.30pm	Williton Youth Club	Danesfield School (Paul 01643 703155)
Wed	2 pm	Bowling Club	Roll-up
Wed	6-7.30pm	Cubs	Guide HQ
Wed	6.30-8pm	Guides (info from Lisa on 01984 632319)	The Guide HQ, Market Street Car Park in Watchet
Wed	6.45 pm	Shibashi Tai Chi	Children's Centre, Killick Way
Wed	7-10 pm	Railways Modellers	Rear of Washford Mill, Washford (info: 07773 892085)
Thur	9.30-11.30 am	St Peter's Church	Drop in for coffee and cake
Thur	10-11am	Free chair based exercise	Williton Hospital (please ring Shirley on 633529 for information)
Thur	10.30 am	KFA Movement	Danesborough View Common Room
Thur	10.30-noon	Williton Library	Craft and Chat drop-in. All welcome.
Thur	5.15-6.30 pm	Rainbows	Guide HQ
Thur	Term time only	Bowmen of Danesfield	Danesfield School Gym
	5 - 7 pm	Juniors	info: doug.human@bowmenofdanefield.co.uk
	7 - 9 pm	Seniors	info: Contact John Eastaugh 01643 821521
Fri	9.30 am	Pilates	Williton Fire Station Community Room
Fri	10am -noon	Coffee and chat	Methodist Church, Tower Hill
Fri	12 noon	Colin's "Walk and talk"	Meet Killick Way Car park
Fri		Williton RBL Rifle Club	Bridge St. Range. Info 01984 632650
Fri	6 pm	Bowling Club	Roll-up
Fri	7.30 pm	Bingo	Danesborough View Common Room
Fri	7.30pm	Walking football	Danesfield School

ST PETER'S SCHOOL DIARY

Half term is now upon us and after the break we are looking forward to going out on trips, hopefully in good weather. Earlier in the term Reception class planted seeds and have enjoyed watching them grow. The class have been out and about in the woods to spot things growing and have been talking about changes in the environment. The children have loved learning the story 'Jasper's Beanstalk' and many have been acting the story out using the story props. They have also created various masterpieces - 'a representation of Van Gogh's Sunflowers' and a mosaic - as part of our perseverance theme. In Maths they have started to double and share.

Elm class have worked really hard and Mrs Atkins has enjoyed becoming their class teacher since Easter. In their topic work, 'Oceans and Seas', they have been researching the different continents and oceans. The focus has mostly been on Antarctica so far, as this is the setting of their Talk for Writing story, 'Lost and Found'. The children have a trip to the SS Great Britain to look forward to at the end of the topic. In Science they are looking at plants and will be planting some flowers in our class planter in the forthcoming weeks. Our school value this half term is 'perseverance' and the class have really been focusing on trying their best and not giving up!

This month brings an end to Fir and Yew classes' swimming lessons, with all children achieving a reward for their efforts. In Fir class particularly big congratulations go to: Ben Williams, Ely French, Poppy Taylor, Ysabel Taylor, Mercy Rutter, Ryan Lobley, George Parker, Rufus Dunlop, Rosie Lovell, Georgina Ley-Sale and Charlotte Humphries; these children were all able to achieve their Bronze award, which is fantastic. Poppy Taylor was even able to achieve her 800m award. Well done Poppy!

Year 4, Yew class, had a fantastic residential at PGL. They met children from other schools, experienced high ropes, the zip wire and many other challenging activities. They are now preparing for the transition to year 5 and will be taking part in inter-schools activities, which will provide opportunities for the children to get to know each other and also meet some of the year 5 teachers.

Finally, the whole school went on a sponsored walk to Orchard Wyndham. This event was organised by our PTA and turned out to be a lovely day out, despite a short shower around lunchtime. As well as the walk, the children enjoyed making some dens in the woods. Many thanks to those parents who walked with us and to Nikki Cottrell for arranging access to the estate.

SG

FRIENDS OF WILLITON LIBRARY

Book of the month: *Silas Marner* by George Eliot

This classic novel, written in the nineteenth century and set in the seventeenth, is slow at first, but when the short-sighted weaver Marner sees what he thinks is a pile of his stolen gold by the fireplace one winter's day, your heart will melt and you will go on reading to the novel's simple and warm conclusion. Generations of readers have been enchanted by 'Silas Marner'.

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DEMENTIA AWARENESS AND THE FORGET ME NOT CAFE

The Watchet area Dementia Action Alliance is dedicated to providing free information about enabling better life styles with dementia, as well as running a café for people living with the condition, and their carers

Like Alliances all over the country we are educating individuals, businesses, organisations and clubs about ways to make small changes to help local people living with dementia or other memory problems.

In Williton the doctors' surgery, Oak Funeral Services and St Peter's Church are already members, with more groups in the pipeline, whilst the schools have both taken part in the Archie project run by Reminiscence Learning in Wellington. This teaches about dementia in a child friendly way through a story about a lonely scarecrow.

Two thirds of people living with dementia are in their own homes and some may be your friends, neighbours and family.

To discover more about all this and Dementia Friends, an Alzheimer's Society initiative, please contact Margaret on 07973 638030 or email watchetdementia@btinternet.com

The Forget-me-not Café takes place at The Sanctuary, Swain Street, Watchet and is open between 10.30 am and 12 noon on:

14 June for Coffee, Cake and Chat

28 June 'Kathryn's Mercy Home': Kathryn Flenley

12 July 'Summer Flowers': Mary Parsons and Pam Messenger

26 July Pete the Poet

Margaret Tatham

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The meeting held on Thursday 18th May was a busy and informative time as members enjoyed Ms Yvonne Whittamore talking on Fabric Flowers. On Thursday 22nd June we will be having an outing to the County Museum in Taunton. Members will share the educational visit with friends and the café will no doubt be a popular place to catch up.

Visitors will be made welcome at our July meeting on Thursday 20th July at Danesborough View at 2 pm when the speaker will be Mrs Myra Barratt. Myra is a local lady and very talented, her subject is hand-made dolls.

We will be having a stall at Williton Fete on Saturday 8th July. Please do visit us and buy a bargain: books, jewellery, scarves and handbags, to mention just a few of the many items that will be on display. For that matter, call at the stall and find out more about your local WI. Members will be pleased to see you and discuss our future programme.

Visitors can join us for just £3 a meeting, if they prefer not to join.

Pamela Messenger, Secretary

FRIENDS OF WILLITON LIBRARY (Continued from page 18)

One of thousands of titles in your library, which also offers DVDs, computer training (with six terminals for the public), Lego Club, Knit, Chat and Needlework and a Baking Club. Book Club meets at 2.30 on the last Monday of each month. The Library is open every day except Tuesday and Sunday in Killick Way. Phone 0300 123 2224. Website: librarieswest.org.uk

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

To contact Williton Parish Council telephone the Clerk on 01984 633979 or email willitonpc@btconnect.com

PUBLIC TOILETS

Unfortunately the public toilets located within Killick Way remain closed and will do so for the foreseeable future. The Parish Council is still in discussion with West Somerset Council, though have yet to agree the terms associated with the lease or transfer of the building to the Parish Council.

The issue of the transfer is complex. There are concerns over the state of the building and required refurbishment costs. The main sticking point is that the public toilets were built alongside the main car park in order that revenue from the car park would contribute to their running costs - this approach provided a minimal cost impact to the local tax payer. Within the proposed arrangement, West Somerset Council are to retain the income and pass the responsibility of running the toilets over to the Parish Council, at an estimated cost of between £10,000 to £12,000 per annum, an increase of around £15 to the parish precept.

The decision to close the toilets is that of West Somerset Council; Williton Parish Council understands the impact by this closure and although they have in principle agreed to support and maintain the facility, they will only do so on terms that do not provide for an unacceptable cost burden on the local tax payer. In the meantime the Parish Council is exploring other options that may provide a more cost effective solution.

OTHER PARISH COUNCIL NEWS *from Cllr Ian Aldridge*

It is with regret that Robert McDonald has resigned from the Parish Council this week. We would like to express our sincere thanks for all that he has done over the past 5 years. The Parish Council will not be the same without you. THANK YOU, ROBERT.

If anyone would like to become a parish councillor please phone the office on 01984 633979.

A week is a long time in politics is a quote that is remembered for what it says rather than who said it (Harold Wilson, remember?). While the politics may be with a small "p" in our case, the quote is true of how the issue of child safety in Doniford Road changed when finally some definite proposals were put forward by the County Council. At this point we need to consider who does what. The School is largely independent of Local Education Authority control, which is County Council. Highways are also part of County Council responsibilities. The Parish Council is trying to co-ordinate the views of the parishioners of Williton. I have used the term child safety as that is at the heart of the matter. That was translated into campaigning to have a crossing installed in Doniford Road. With the County Council proposal coming forward it looked like the campaigning was over and there would be a positive result. There then ensued a degree of consultation with residents affected by the roadside parking restrictions that a crossing scheme would require. Residents attended the Parish Assembly, an annual meeting where the Parish Council reports back to the public and answers questions. There was clearly much concern from residents whose properties pre-date the school and who were about to lose their only on-street parking. Subsequently the residents and the head teacher of St. Peters School attended the May Parish Council meeting and

spoke on the issue. Residents stressed their support for child safety measures, but asked that alternatives should be looked at. The head teacher put the views of the school and there seemed the possibility to resolve the issue with a bit of good old British compromise. Below is the last email I have seen as a Parish Councillor on the matter. It is dated 12th May and is from the Highway Department of the County Council. If ever there was a complete turn-around and lack of drive to work with communities, this is it. Now it looks like nothing will be done instead of considering what is possible in the interests of child safety but with due regard to those who live in the area. The email says:

Dear all

Following from consultation on the above scheme and the very negative feedback received from all parties we are putting the scheme forward to our HISP (Highways Improvements Scheme Programmes) board of senior managers to see if they will formally abandon the scheme.

Regards, Martyn Evans

WILLITON WALKS

We are always pleased to welcome new walkers on all walks, but please note that you participate in the walks entirely at your own risk.

* **Colin's RENAMED "Walk, talk and pause to regain your breath"** walks start **every Friday** at 12 noon by the Library in Killick Way. Wear suitable clothing and footwear and bring a picnic. For more information, ring Colin Broom on 01984 632721. (See photo on page 23.)

* The **Williton Walk** will be on **Saturday 10 June** starting at 2pm from the beacon on the Memorial Ground from where we will walk to Sampford Brett via Sampford Mill. From there we will walk to Woolston and Cottiford before returning to Williton by walking back through Sampford Brett making this a figure of 8 walk. This walk uses part of the Coleridge Way and Macmillian Way. If you would like any further information please ring me on 632318. *Elizabeth Peeks*

* Instead of a **Williton Wanderers** walk in June, I offer two Exmoor Society walks. I am leading one on **Wednesday 14 June**, meeting at Simonsbath Ashcombe car park (TA24 7SH) at 10.30am visiting Cow Castle Iron Age fort and Wheal Eliza mine. Stunning moorland and riverside country, with big changes since we were last there. On **Saturday 24 June** Anna is meeting at the Lion Inn Timberscombe (TA24 7TP) at 10.30am, to walk up Grabbist Hill, along the Avill Ridge and back through Wootton Courtney. Both walks are hilly and about 8 miles. Bring a picnic. Donations to the Exmoor Society are requested. For more information ring *Jenny Gibson* 01984 63489 or visit www.exmoorsociety.com

* **Mineral Line** Meet Chagot Woods Car Park Grid Reference SS975355 **23rd June** 9:45am-12:45pm A 1 hour easy stroll to look at Langham Engine House and the history of iron mining in the Brendon Hills. Then a 2 hour walk down the steep miner's track looking at other features connected with iron mining. We may also visit Burrow Farm Engine House or Kennisham Hill. Walking boots are needed. More information on www.wsmla.org.uk Free but donations welcome and booking essential on 01398 323841 *Teresa Wilson*

WORDSEARCH FOR JUNE by Phyllis Chidgey

OXBRIDGE COLLEGES

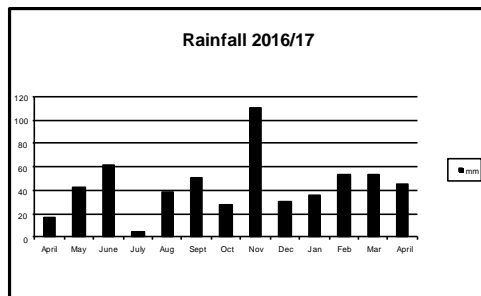
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APRIL WEATHER

After the dry April, the rain came on 16th May. Even so the weekend of 13th/14th was very warm, with temperatures of 21-22°C.

In April the temperature was up to 20°C on 8th. The coldest night with a frost was 27th. The maximum pressure was 30.45 inches on 19th and the minimum was 29.5 on 30th (heavy rain). April had a rain total of 45.5mm, even so we saw the sun on 27 days - remember, it was sunny all Easter week! We also had hail or snow on 25th. Swifts and swallows were seen from the start of May. Have you seen any Martins yet? PJ



WILLITON FOOTBALL CLUB

Hi everyone, I managed to beat the deadline this month!

Our season has come to end but we already looking forward to the next one for all our teams. Williton Rockets battled on as usual through a tough season, although we tend to make it hard for ourselves.

The Rockets will become 40 years old next season and we are planning on celebrating with an old boys match on August bank holiday weekend. We will be playing in a new yellow kit which is the Rockets original colours, kindly sponsored by Cottrell Garden Care. Any old players please get in contact with me as we are planning a reunion even if you don't want to or can't play any more.

Our two youth teams go from strength to strength, attracting more players in both age groups. We are very pleased and proud of our young players and look forward to developing their talent and making sure they enjoy it. We have a couple of summer tournaments coming up which are good fun and experience. Next season we will be playing in U10s and U11s age groups.

Anyone who thinks their playing days are numbered should think again, as I have been running walking football sessions at Danesfield school on Friday evenings. It has been quite a success and any new players are welcome. There is no pressure or keeping track of scores, just good fun and a love of the game. Players can do as much or as little as they please.

Please contact me about any of the above at williton.rockets@gmail.com
Many thanks, Ian Whitehead

WILLITON BOWLING CLUB

We enjoyed seeing a number of new faces at our open day on May 6th, as a result of which we have been delighted to welcome several new members.

If you were unable to come to the open day but would still like to try your hand at bowls, please come along to one of our roll-ups on Monday and Friday evenings from 6pm or Wednesday afternoons at 2pm. The only condition is that you wear a pair of flat shoes!

For more information, ring David Sully on 01984 632564 or visit our website www.willitonbowlingclub.org.uk
Tony Gibson

WILLITON GARDENING CLUB

At our next meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 26 June Julie Steed will be giving advice on "Garden pests, diseases and weeds. Visitors are always welcome (charge £2). We meet at Danesborough View Common Room, TA4 4SH. More information from Secretary Barbara Cook on 01984 639459.

ALLER FARM HOUSE

TA4 4LY

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Sunday 4th June, 2pm - 5pm

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Never look back. The past is past.

from SD

STUCK LOOKING FOR A JOB - help is at hand with a biscuit!

A new project has just started in Somerset which provides free support to help people move one step closer to work.



The Positive People Project is aimed at giving people help to increase confidence, independence and ultimately reach their fullest potential. A whole host of businesses are contributing to the project to offer help with IT training, interview skills, application writing, health and wellbeing support. Whatever advice is needed, help will be at hand as well as tea and biscuits.

To get started on the project one of the Positive People partners, Cosmic, a digital agency, are supporting the Williton Community Employment Hub with their job club at the Children's Centre. Every Tuesday morning from 9:30-12:00 a team of volunteers and professionals are available to help you with your job search, with access to computers and the internet. Cosmic's team can offer one on one time to answer any technology questions, no matter how silly they may seem. Cosmic can help set up an e-mail account, general help with Universal Job Match or simply answer basic IT questions from how to use a mouse to cloud storage. People are encouraged to just come along with their questions and Cosmic will work through it at their best pace.

There is also the opportunity to take part in a course which will run through the real basics of computers. To find out more please come along to one of the drop ins and speak to the team or call Chloe on 01404 548 405.

Positive People is funded by the Big Lottery Fund and European Social Fund. For more information on Cosmic's Positive People events visit:

<https://www.cosmic.org.uk/portfolio/positive-people/somerset>

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HISTORIC MANOR HOUSE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Guided tours this summer
For information or to
book a place please ring 01984 632309

Opening Dates Summer 2017

Thursday 8th June	Friday 9th June
Thursday 15th June	Friday 16th June
Saturday 24th June	Sunday 25th June
Thursday 29th June	Friday 30th June

Open 2pm

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

COMMUNITY DROP INS

Regular local Community Connect drops ins are taking place in various places across West Somerset to make it easier for people to have a conversation and get quick advice.

Minehead Talking Café - Every Monday, 10am to 1pm, held at The Beach Hotel, The Avenue, TA24 5AP
Taunton - First Monday of every month, 9.30am to 12 midday, held at Priorswood Community Centre, 13-14 Eastwick Rd, Taunton TA2 7JW
Wellington (for friends and family of patients) - Every Friday, 2pm to 4pm, held at Wellington Community Hospital, Bulford, TA21 8QQ
Williton - Every Tuesday, 2.30pm to 4.30pm, held at Williton Hospital, North Road, Williton, TA4 4RA



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WEST SOMERSET

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT HUBS

Pop in for free, positive friendly help and support!

Anyone welcome, tea and coffee provided.

Gain support in:

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

Contacts and information:

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

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

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

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

VALUED VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Could you support people in your community?

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

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

Tracey Bland on 01984 635980 (Williton) on Tuesday mornings

Jill Dillamore on 01278 733615 (Stogursey) on Wednesday morning

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