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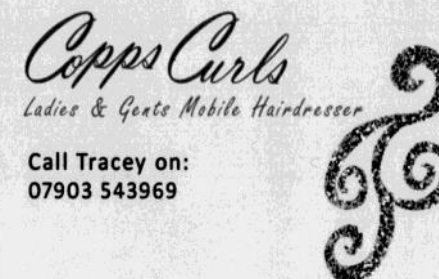
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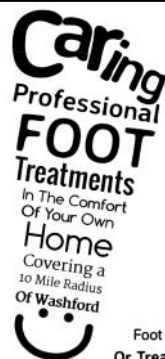
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Sun 30th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
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By popular request, we are organising another fundraising meal at Bengal Spice in aid of St Peter's church on **Tuesday 2 July** at £17 per head.

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FROM REV DEACON DAVID

Lent, this year, seemed to fly by and suddenly the Holy Week of Easter was upon us. As we entered the Holy Triduum, the reality of the true meaning of Easter again became apparent, from the Mass of The Lord's Supper and the humility of the *Washing of the Feet* through Christ's Passion right to the Great Easter Vigil Mass. Starting once again in Wellington Square in Minehead, our Good Friday Walk of Witness was well supported, with Christians from each denomination in the town joining the singing as we walked. Of course, the 3 pm Passion liturgy was as full as ever and very moving.

I love the significance of the Eastern European service of *Swieconka*, The Blessing of The Easter Breakfasts, with its significance of the foods presented in their beautifully decorated Easter baskets. Think about it – we **FAST** for the 40 days of Lent and, to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection, we **BREAK our FAST** with food specially blessed on Easter Saturday (GREAT Saturday in Polish). Thanks must go to the wonderful linguistic help I get from Thomas Glare who fills in so well when my humble Polish runs out. This year we had 76 people in the Church for this celebration and Blessing. To add to our Easter joy, we had two baptisms and one confirmation in Sacred Heart.

The glorious weather helped all of us enjoy the rest of the Easter break, but farther afield, we remembered the good folk of Paris as we watched in dismay the fire that engulfed Notre Dame, the Cathedral of Paris and the Mother Church of the French Catholics. We remember also all those Christians in Sri Lanka who tragically lost their lives whilst at worship that Easter Weekend. May their souls rest in peace.

Now, as we move irrevocably from Spring to Summer, we are still no wiser about what the dreaded “**B-word**” will bring us and our global destiny still awaits around some corner or another, but what will continue, come-what-may, is our Church life and the community spirit that comes with it.

This edition, I would like to finish off this piece with some serious thoughts based on the Beatitudes, but “tweaked” towards those of us who are not getting any younger :

Blessed are they who understand my faltering step and shaky hand
Blessed are they who know my ears must strain to catch the things they say
Blessed are they who never say “you’ve told me that story twice already today”
Blessed are they who have time to stop with a cheery smile and chat a while
Blessed are they who looked away when I spilled on the cloth today
Blessed are they that make it known that I’m not alone, but loved and respected
Blessed are they who know the way to bring back memories of those yesterdays
Blessed are they that help to ease the days of my journey home in caring ways.

Our Lord preached His sermon on the Mount so eloquently and every one of The Beatitudes is beautiful, but I was quite taken by this timely modern interpretation.

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Sara Hempshall, Secretary. (01984 639648)

CRAFT AFTERNOON

Following the very successful Williton's Got Talent event last year, it has been suggested that a Craft afternoon be set up once a month. The idea would be to have fun trying various craft activities, as well as sharing our talents with each other. If you are interested in becoming involved in this, please can you email me on : sara.hempshall@hotmail.co.uk or text on: 07427 969892 with your contact details.

Once I know what sort of interest there is we can get together to sort other details such as venue, day and time etc. I look forward to hearing from all you talented crafters!



GOOD NEIGHBOURS CLUB

Our May meeting was well attended and everyone enjoyed the company of David Milton, who was predictably entertaining. This was followed by a raffle, table top sale and teas and coffees.

Visitors and non-members are very welcome to join us at our next meeting at 2.30pm on Tuesday 4th June at Danesborough View Common Room for what will doubtless be an amusing afternoon. We will make everyone welcome - and even give you a cup of tea and some biscuits!

Enquiries to our Chairlady, Jenny Berry, on 01984 632616.

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Jenny Gibson - Editor

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Our thanks to everyone who has volunteered, or attended a Williton Film Night, and helped make it a success. Please remember these are run by volunteers and we are always looking for more to help out – in exchange for a free seat - so if you are able and willing please 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.

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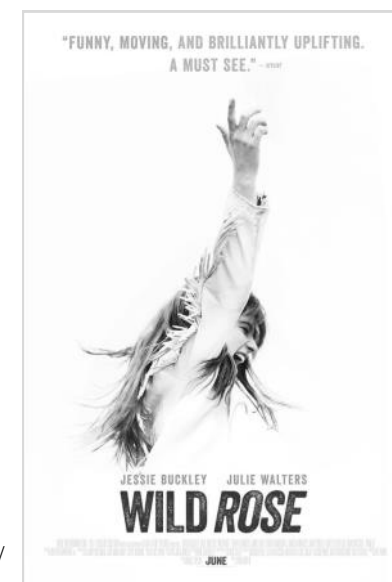
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WASPS - WILLITON AND SURROUNDING AREA PARKINSON'S SUPPORT

We had a lovely meeting in May. Jenny Manvell got everyone dancing around to the music of a Calypso band. It was lovely to see everyone laughing and having a really good time. If anyone thinks that our Parkinson's is stopping us from enjoying life they should take another look. We are all doing our best to make sure that we are doing everything possible to keep living and enjoying life. After our exercises we welcomed Caroline from the Red Cross to give us a bit of a refresher course so we could cope with falls, trips and the like. Accidents can happen and we are trying to make sure that we are prepared.

David and Rosemary Freemantle, who are both members of the WASPS, held an Open Garden day for us on Sunday 5th May and it was very successful indeed. Everyone came out to share in the sunshine, wonderful cream tea, lovely gardens, some lovely mosaic designs, a plant sale, and a tombola. An incredible £1,450.00 was raised and this money will go the Respite fund that serves Taunton, Burnham on Sea and the area that the WASPS covers, Southwest Somerset. It is a remarkable achievement and this was due in no small measure to all those who volunteered to help out on the day and with the setup and cleanup. Thank you so much and thanks to everyone who came out and visited the gardens. Thanks once again to David and Rosemary Freemantle for opening your gardens for us.

If anyone had ever told me when we had our first meeting that the WASPS would one day have over 50 members I would have said that they were crazy. If they would have said that this group would help People with Parkinson's by offering some financial aid through a Respite Fund I would have asked them if they were dreaming. Just over 6 years on and we now have a membership of 58 people with more joining each month and the Respite fund has helped over 50 people in Southwest Somerset. Even more important is the awareness that has been created in the last six years. We have come a very long way in a short time. There is so much more to do, but we have made a good start.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 6th June and we will be enjoying a cream tea at Doniford Farm. It should be lovely and it is so nice to enjoy the summertime. This is a yearly event and we move the venue around so that we can get out to see something different every year. July is BBQ month and that is always lots of fun. For the past 6 years Joe and I have held this event in our garden. This year we are changing our venue and once again David and Rosemary have kindly offered us the use of their garden. A change is good but I think that we will be keeping on our resident chef. He is willing to train anyone else who might like to give it a try.

We do not hold a meeting in August, when everyone has vacation plans. We are back to regular meetings in September and all the information about that will be in the September Williton Window. If anyone would like more information about Parkinson's and/or the Respite fund please do not hesitate to call me or email me at queenwasp@outlook.com and my telephone number is 01984 631472. You do not have to be a member of any group to qualify for the Respite Fund, but you do have to have Parkinson's or be a carer of someone with Parkinson's. Have a great summer.

Linda Bishop WASPS Coordinator

FLOODING MATTERS

Parts of Williton are prone to flooding. These are usually flash floods and can happen at any time of year, when heavy deluges of water and run-off from fields cause the Monksilver and Doniford Streams to rise, overflow their banks, flooding any properties that get in their way, and then continue down the village streets. These floods can be exacerbated by blocked street drains and gullies. They affect not just the residents of flooded properties but the whole village, through impassable roads and increased insurance premiums.

PREVENTION

We would encourage everyone in the village to play a part in keeping an eye out for any blocked street drains or gullies and thank you for any part you feel you could play however small. Also for blockages in streams, culverts and other waterways. **Please report your findings** to the Parish Office on 01984 633979 or email clerk@willitonpc.org.uk. If the blockage is serious, such as a fallen tree across a waterway, please contact the Environment Agency on 0800 80 70 60.

SIGN UP FOR WARNINGS

by phone, email or text message if your home or business is at risk of flooding. The service is free. Call Floodline on 0345 988 1188 or go to: <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>.

Flood warnings - know what to do?			Environment Agency
yellow	 FLOOD ALERT	PREPARE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare a bag that includes medicines and insurance documents • Visit flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk
red	 FLOOD WARNING	ACT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn off gas, water and electricity • Move things upstairs or to safety • Move family, pets and car to safety
red	 SEVERE FLOOD WARNING	SURVIVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call 999 if in immediate danger • Follow advice from emergency services • Keep yourself and your family safe

PREPARE FOR FLOODING

If you know you may be at risk of flooding, make sure your home insurance covers you for flood and prepare a personal flood plan to avoid a last minute panic. You can download one from the Environment Agency website on <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/personal-flood-plan>. We hope to have a comprehensive leaflet available soon in the Parish Office and other locations around the village.

FLOOD DEFENCES

Sandbags are available from local builders' merchants. Or go to bluepages.org.uk, a directory of property flood products and services.

RIPARIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

If you live next to a watercourse you probably have responsibilities for the stretch of watercourse adjoining your property. Find out more on <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse>.

Williton Flood Group

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Sat	1	Williton Library	10.30am Lego Club
Sat	1	Williton Walk	2.00pm, St Peter's Church
Tues	4	Good Neighbours	2.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Tues	4	Global Friends	2.00pm see page 20
Wed	5	Williton Library	10.30am Verse & Worse Light hearted look at poetry and prose
Thurs	6	Williton Library	3pm Pins and Needles
Thurs	6	WASPS Parkinson's Support Group	Cream Tea at Doniford Farm
Mon	10	RBL Women's Section	2.30pm Fire Station Lecture Room
Tues	11	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, Williton Pavilion
Thurs	13	Loop the Loop	3.30-4.30pm Williton Library
Sat	15	Williton Pavilion	9am-1pm Indoor car boot sale
Sat	15	Gardening Club	9.00-12noon Plant Sale Parish Rooms
Sat	15	Family History	10.15 & 11.15am at the Library see page 22
Tues	18	Williton Pavilion	6.30 for 7pm Film Night see page 13
Thurs	20	Williton Library	2.30pm Scrabble Club NEW!
Thurs	20	Women's Institute	Outing
Fri	21	Community Market	9-11.30am Williton Social Club
Sun	23	Village History	2.00pm Summer Outing Nynehead Church
Mon	24	Book Club	2.30pm Williton Library
Mon	24	Gardening Club	Trip to Kilver Court
Tues	25	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, Williton pavilion
Wed	26	Family History	7-9.00pm at Williton Pavilion, Smash your brick walls
Fri	28	Bake Club	3.30-4.30pm Williton Library
Sat	29	Williton Wanderers	10.30am Layby near Pinkery see page 23
Sat	29	Story & Craft Time	10.30-11.30am for children 4-10years

** 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 (R Banks 07562 322889)
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
Community	Children's Centre	Tuesday 9.30-12.30
Employment Hub		
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 Monday 2 sessions 6-8.30pm Friday 2 sessions 9.30am-12 noon
with Ellie Stuart-Steel 07342 238 723		
<i>Booking essential for all classes</i>		
Positive People	Williton Pavilion *	Tuesday 11am - 1pm support for unemployed people aged 18 and over, into employment
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 9.30am-12.30pm
Yoga with Karen Abraham	Williton Pavilion (info 07484 187420)	Thursday 1.30 - 2.30pm karenabraham@hotmail.co.uk
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

This has been a busy half term, so everyone has appreciated our half term break to rest and recharge themselves. The next few weeks will also be demanding, with more trips to look forward to, sports activities, a sponsored walk and move up day, not to mention all the academic studying!

Oak class have been busy learning all about growing. The children have based their topic around the story 'Jaspers Beanstalk'. They have loved watching their bean grow and enjoyed planting sunflowers and cress. In Maths they have learnt about time and their daily routine and also had fun matching and ordering numerals to quantities. All children have produced some beautiful art work of Van Gogh's 'Sunflowers'.

Ash class, our year ones, have been enjoying the start of their new topics - 'animals including humans' and 'We are Britain'. They have completed a sensory walk around the school and grounds and have created portraits, golden frames and titles to add themselves to the royal family. Soon the children will be going on a trip to Allerford Rural Life museum, where they will have a chance to play with Victorian toys, look at old equipment and take part in a Victorian school experience.

Elm class have been learning about Anglo-Saxons and Vikings in topic this term. So far the children have learned all about Viking Life and imagined what it would have been like to be at the raid at Lindisfarne. They are looking forward to a trip next half-term to the Museum of Somerset where they will become Saxon warriors for the day and take part in a fierce battle re-enactment!

Fir class have been learning all about plants in science. In the first lesson the children went outside, sketched the plants they could find and labelled the names of the parts of the plant that they knew. Then, the class designed an investigation into the requirements of plants for growth. Each child potted a sunflower seed and then decided whether to put it on the windowsill with water or without water. Other children even put some seeds in a dark cupboard! The class hope that their investigation will help them to answer the research question 'Do plants need water AND sunlight to grow?' They can't wait to see whether the predictions are correct.

Yew class returned from their three day residential in the Cotswolds, exhausted but happy. They took part in kayaking, paddle boarding and other exciting activities. It was an amazing experience for them. This term the children are learning about Oceans, Mountains and Rivers in topic and 'Animals including humans' in Science. The children are also learning a selection of songs to sing at the Regal Theatre in Minehead in June.

Happy stars, our nurture group, have been so excited over the new royal arrival, baby Prince Archie, that they have made him a card and posted it to him. They have also started to design him a royal christening cake, which the children plan to make.

SG

This month's magazine cover is a collage taken from the work Pete the Poet did with children of St Peter's School around the theme of a Rights Respecting School. We are so impressed and wholeheartedly support the sentiments. Editors

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

The Parish Council recently held its Annual Meeting and Cllr Tony Perrett has again been voted in as Chairman for the coming year, with Cllr Elizabeth Peeks as Vice-Chairman. We have recently lost Cllr Vaughan, Cllr Pearson and Cllr Bramall, all of whom did not wish to stand this year, which is a great shame and we would like to thank them for all of their hard work.

This means, unfortunately, that we are very low on numbers. Currently there are only 7 Councillors – giving 5 vacancies at present. If you are interested in standing, please contact me and I will be happy to provide further information.

You may have noticed the roundabout play equipment in the park has needed repair and temporary measures have been put in place to secure the area to try and keep everyone safe. Unfortunately items being vandalised has a great cost impact on parishioners. Please can we ask: if you see any damage to report it to the Parish Office and to the Police. The damaged equipment is being repaired and will hopefully be available again shortly.

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

Hopefully everyone will enjoy the upcoming Duck Race and car boot sale on 26th May 2019.

The next event will be the **Fete, including Companion Dog Show and Produce and Craft Show on Saturday 6th July**. If you would like a stall at the fete, please let me know as there are a few spaces still available.

As always, if you have any comments on how to improve the village and its facilities please drop me a line or pop into the office and we will bring it to the attention of the council.

Michelle Francis, Parish Clerk

WILLITON FETE FLOWER PRODUCE AND CRAFT SHOW

By the time you read this the Flower Produce and Craft Show, which is being held alongside the Village Fete on Saturday 6th July, will only be a few weeks away.

The idea is for it to be a fun show and there are classes for children, vegetables, flowers, herbs, fruit, domestic and crafts, so there should be something for everyone to bake, make or grow.

Entry forms are available from The Parish Office, the Post Office and Somerset Farmhouse.

If you have never entered a show before or even entered this type of show many times, do give this show a try so you don't go away from the fete and show saying, 'I don't know why that won, because I've got bigger or better at home'!

Any queries or offers of help please contact Peter Payne 01984 633084 or email peterstjohnslock@aol.com

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

from SD

Life is not about the cards you've been dealt, it's about the way you play the hand you have got.

DOWN AT THE STATION

Following all the disruption with additional works at Blue Anchor it is good to see that (at present!) all is well and we are able to run a normal service to Minehead. There may still be a couple of days when we have restricted running but that could be later in the year.

At Williton our new Plant Stall is certainly up and running with some good sales so far this season. There are still plenty of tomatoes and cabbages available as well as a choice of peppers, courgettes etc. Shortly there are likely to be some bedding plants as well. Our thanks to Phil, Avril and Peter for providing these plants. Other good news is that we have two new members of staff who have started work in our shop/refreshment room, which is great. However, another volunteer here would not go amiss! Just one day a week would be helpful. Why not call down and see what it is all about?

June is going to be a busy month. The annual Classic Car run is taking place on Saturday 2nd June when up to eighty cars will follow the route from Bishops Lydeard to Minehead, calling in at all the stations on the way and then being on display outside Minehead station. They are due at Williton about 11.35.

The following weekend, at the W.S.R. we are celebrating our 40th Anniversary since the line finally reopened. The final stage from Stogumber to Bishops Lydeard was opened on June 7th/8th 1979. There will be special trains and events including a 14 carriage train, double headed, running non-stop along the whole route during the evening. Tickets for this special evening train are available, online, priced at £10 each for the return journey. Obviously to ride on this train you will need to get to Bishops Lydeard.

Then, 20th – 22nd is the Annual Diesel Gala when we hope to have several visiting engines and 23rd will include a steam engine or two, joining the diesels.

As ever you are welcome to call down and see us, and the trains, at any time. A good selection of ice creams are available, plus other goodies. We also have a large selection of second hand books and jigsaw puzzles.

John Parsons, Station Master

GLOBAL FRIENDS

We were pleased to have a visit from a member who is now a nurse at Musgrove Park Hospital, and her husband. We wish to send our congratulations to our friend in Sylhet, Bangladesh, on her recent marriage. We welcomed a new member to the group.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 4th June, from 2 - 4pm. Please contact 01984 248392 for more information.



WILLITON HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

We have been given a lovely dolls house, which is on view at the Parish Rooms from 3rd June. We are raffling it at £1 a ticket and the raffle will be drawn at Williton Fete on 6th July.

VOLUNTEERS: Is there anyone who would like to do some basic gardening for us - dead-heading, weeding etc? Please phone 01984 635600. *Shirley Dee*

ONE OF LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES

Sleeping in one's own bed after a hospital one.

by SD

FRIENDS OF WILLITON LIBRARY

The Friends enjoyed another Coffee Morning before Easter, welcoming old and new acquaintances. We have said goodbye to Librarian Corrie, and welcomed the team who are now staffing the desk. The Library has a tremendous stock of books, of course, but is also a hub for a wide range of activities including our Lego Club and computer training. Verse and Worse each month is the chance to listen to and to read poetry, and our Book Club has just enjoyed the classic "The Go-Between".



And - **NEW!** - we have started a Scrabble Club which will meet on the third Thursday of every month at 2.30pm.

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

WEST SOMERSET TALKING NEWSPAPER

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we need two more readers. While readers of either sex would be welcome, we do have a shortage of male voices! You would need to be present in our Williton studio for about two hours on a Thursday evening once every four weeks. If you think you can help, please ring Roger Hurst on 01984 640060 or Martin Spink on 01984 631827.

RECIPE FOR THE MONTH *by Shirley Dee*

CHERRY AND BANANA LOAF

8 oz (225 g) SR flour	2 beaten eggs
6 oz (175 g) soft brown sugar	4 oz (100 g) chopped glace cherries
4 oz (100 g) soft tub margarine	2 mashed ripe bananas

Sieve the flour into a bowl and stir in the sugar. Add the margarine, beaten eggs, chopped cherries and mashed bananas, and beat for about two minutes until well mixed. Put into a 2lb lined loaf tin and bake for 1½ hours at 160°C, 325°F, gas 3. Cool on a rack.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Thursday 16th May, Williton WI held its Annual General Meeting. This was very well attended and we were pleased to welcome our guests WI Volunteer Advisor Marilyn Symonds and Trainee Advisor Tracy Jackson. Marilyn gave us some very helpful advice and encouraged members to become committee members, and we were very successful in recruiting some new committee members to replace those who were retiring from their posts.

After the business of the afternoon was completed, we enjoyed tea, biscuits and a chat, followed by a very entertaining quiz! Our June meeting will be our annual outing, then on July 18th we shall be back at Danesborough View Common Room at 2pm when our speaker will be Ken Atherton who will tell us about the history of 'Saucy Seaside Postcards'. Visitors and new members will be made most welcome (a charge of £3.50 is made for non-members).

Irene Draper, WI Member

WILLITON BOWLING CLUB

The club is having an excellent start to the summer season with several potential new players and members joining us at roll-ups and some, more experienced, playing in matches.

If you are interested in joining, do call in to the club and make enquiries or phone 01984 632564, to 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. 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.

We have a website that not only contains information about the club but is kept up to date with match results as they happen and performance tables showing how members are doing. Visit: www.willitonbowlingclub.org.uk

David Sully, President

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

Our June meeting is to see if we can help break down 'brick walls' in your research of your family history. Help, advice and tips from your fellow researchers in ways to research you may not have thought of. Come along to the meeting with your questions and we will try to help you.

Each month we hold 4 one-on-one sessions at Williton Library, when 2 volunteers try to help beginners start their family tree or if you have got 'stuck' we will try to push through the 'brick wall'. We use the Libraries version of Ancestry. The June sessions are on Saturday 15th June for 1 hour starting at 10.15am with the second session at 11.15am. Please book your session with the library as places are limited to 4.

Lesley Murray

WEST SOMERSET VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

Instead of a meeting in June we have an outing to Nynhead Church and house on Saturday 22nd, meeting in the church car park at 2pm. Non-members are welcome but a small charge may be made. For more information email marilyn@westsomersetvillagehistorysociety-wsvhs.com.

COMMUNITY MARKET

Is held on the third Friday of the month at Williton Social Club in Long Street, next to the Killick Way car park. **Our next market will be on Friday 21st June from 9 - 11.30am.** Fresh local produce, crafts and gifts. Come and shop, or simply enjoy a coffee and chat with friends old and new.

WILLITON GARDENING CLUB

We are holding a plant sale at the Parish Office on Saturday 15 June between 9am and 12 noon-ish. Then, on Monday 24 June we are going on a trip to Kilver Court at Shepton Mallet. For more information on either of these, please contact Liz Payne on 01984 633084.

SMALL PRAYER

Please help me to be in two places at the same time.



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 1 June** 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 lead to Orchard Mill. If you would like any further information please ring me on 632318. *Elizabeth Peeks*

* **Williton Wanderers** will meet at **10.30am on Saturday 29 June** on the B3358 about 4 miles from Simonsbath in the direction of Challacombe at the first layby on the right. This will be a long, hilly, but stunning walk (9-10 miles) up to Pinkery Pond, past the Long Stone and down to Challacombe, returning via South Regis Common and Moles Chamber. Bring a picnic and wear suitable clothing for rough exposed terrain. Do ring me for more information. *Jenny Gibson 634899*

* **West Somerset Mineral Railway** Meet 9.45am on **Wednesday 19 June** at Chagot Wood car park (SS 975355) for a one hour stroll to Langham Engine House, then a two hour walk down the steep miners' track to see Bearland Flue and other features connected with iron mining. We may also visit Burrow Farm Engine House or Kennisham Hill.

Tessa Wilson

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.

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

WORDSEARCH FOR JUNE by Phyllis Chidgey

THE WEATHER FORECAST

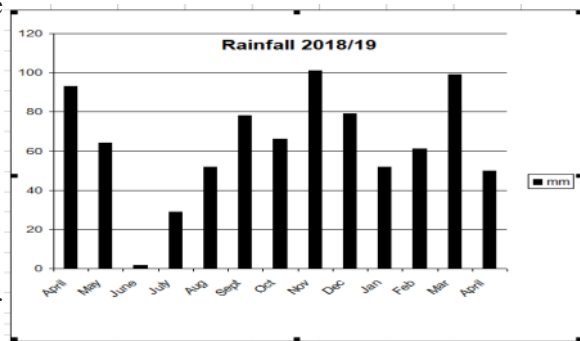
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SUN	MIZZLE	NIMBUS	BLACK FROST
SMOG	MIZZLY	FREEZING	HURRICANES
RAINY	SOLANO	LIGHTNING	

WEATHER APRIL

Another record: we had the highest Easter temperature for 12 years - Easter Monday was only half a degree less than the highest temperature since records began! Temperatures were up to 24°C on the 22nd and 23rd. The coolest night was +1°C on 4th. The maximum pressure was 31.2 inches on 20th and the minimum was 29.2 on the 4th. We had a rain total of 50mm (1.97 inches) for the month.

PJ



DEMENTIA ALLIANCE - FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ

A fortnightly 'Forget -Me -Not Café' for people living with dementia or other memory problems and their carers takes place in The Sanctuary, Swain Street, Watchet and Stogursey Church Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey. For more information contact Margaret Tatham 07973-638030 or email watchetdementia@gmail.com

At the Sanctuary, Watchet 10.30 - 12 noon

5th June - Coffee, cake and chat

19 June - Fun with flowers - Pam and Mary

At the Church Rooms, Stogursey 10.30 - 12 noon

12 June - Coffee, chat and cake

26 June - Coffee, cake and chat

THE WILLITON WINDOW

The current and previous two months magazines are available on our website. So if you live outside Williton, whether in Sampford Brett or Timbuctoo, you can still keep in touch with all our news and check out our advertisers.

Our advertising rates, deadline dates and other useful information are always available on our website.
willitonwindow.org.uk

PLANT SALE

Saturday 15th June

9am - 12 noon

At the Parish Rooms
Williton Gardening Club



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

VALUED VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

at all hubs please phone if you can help!

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ORCHARD WYNDHAM, WILLITON



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Orchard Wyndham Estate Office
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Website www.orchardwyndham.com
Please contact Rachael Tattersall at the Wyndham Estate Office at wyndhamest@btconnect.com

Opening Dates Summer 2019

Sat 1st June Mon 3rd June

Sat 29th June

Tues 2nd July Sat 13th July

Tues 16th July Sat 20th July

Tues 30th July Wed 31st July

Open 2pm

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

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