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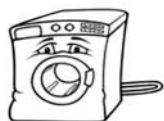
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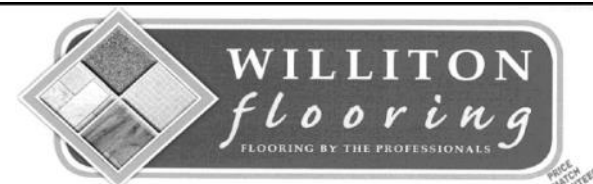
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	10.00am	All Age Worship
Sun 9th	8.00 am	Holy Communion, BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion
Mon 10th	10.00am	Communion at Danesborough View - all welcome
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Sun 16th	8.00am	Holy Communion, BCP
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Sun 23rd	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion
Thurs 27th	11.00am	Communion at Croft House
Sat 29th	1.00pm	Wedding of James Parker and Stacey Aspden
Sun 30th	8.00am	Holy Communion, BCP
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FROM REV JANE SPERRING

You may think I am incredibly stupid but I have never felt a new holly leaf until last week and so didn't realise that they are soft and not hard and prickly! So often things are not what they seem, or things turn out differently from what you expected. We have recently seen this in the general election where Theresa May expected to be returned with a huge majority, and instead lost seats. I wonder how often you have experienced that yourself; perhaps when you have approached someone about doing something and they have turned you down for seemingly no reason at all.

It reminded me of the disciples and their idea of a Messiah. They believed the Messiah would be someone who would overturn the Roman Empire and give the power and glory to the Israelite nation instead. Jesus was pleased when Peter recognised him as the Messiah but only a few sentences later rebuked him because of his mis-understanding of what that meant. Jesus' kingdom was to be one of love and peace, brought about not by force of arms, but by each person doing their small part, where they were, when they could.

This is as true today as it was back then in the 1st century. God wants us to look out for one another; God wants us to love one another; God wants us to live in peace with one another. That was Jesus' agenda, and I think for the vast majority of people that is what they want as well.

So let us hope and pray that each one of us will continue to work for peace and love each and every day, so that God's kingdom may come.

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9th	Miss Mollie Brooks
16th	Mrs Connie Holmes
23rd	Mrs Lynn Wooldridge
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FROM REV KATHRYN FLENLEY - Associate Vicar in the United Benefice of Watchet and Williton

Now that the Licensing Service for the post of Associate Vicar in the Benefice of Watchet and Williton is but a memory, I thought I would introduce myself to the Williton community.

My husband Ben and I, together with our four children, have often visited the village on our annual Spring Harvest visits to Butlins. We have also had family holidays in local campsites over the years and have grown to love the area. So, it is not really a surprise that we have ended up living here. What is a surprise is how I have been led to this particular role in the community.

I was raised in the Methodist tradition, attending church regularly and becoming involved in various youth activities and district events. This firm foundation became the bedrock of the personal and deep-rooted faith in the love and undeserved abundance of God's mercy, which has developed over the years.

Having been someone who regularly took the register of all my toys before sitting them down in rows, you would be accurate in your assumption that I trained as a Primary School Teacher, initially teaching in a school just outside Radstock, then moving back to my home county of Kent. After marrying Ben, we attended both Methodist and Anglican churches. It was when we had children that we chose to make the Anglican church the focus of our attention. Shortly after this decision, Ben responded to God's call on his life leading to his ordination as Priest in the Winchester Diocese. A few years later I was licensed as a Reader. Having given up full time teaching to care for the family, I retrained as a teacher of pupils with Specific Learning Difficulties such as Dyslexia and Dyspraxia and taught for many years in schools in Hampshire.

A significant experience following my mother's death had a profound effect which eventually encouraged me to explore the role of a priest. Thus, in 2013, I was ordained and, unusually, served my curacy with Ben. God indeed moving in his mysterious ways! When Ben decided to step back from full-time ministry, I retired from my teaching role and we moved to Somerset (his home county) in 2015.

Having been given the Bishop's permission to officiate wherever there was a need, I little expected to be able to have such an exciting opportunity as Associate Vicar come my way. Just another instance of God's wacky sense of humour!

Prayerful support from fellow Christians has been important in the development of my faith. Collaboration and cooperation, rooted in prayer, within the whole Christian Community, are essential for us as, together, we seek to represent God's Kingdom in these parishes. I am looking forward to working with Clive and the Readers and pray that we can all, as members of Christ's body, continue to find out what God is doing in Williton and join in!

I look forward to my association with Williton and am eager to meet as many people as possible as I wander through this delightful corner of Somerset.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Smiles work wonders, so practise yours.

from SD



FROM ROMAN ROSS (age 4)

Dear Williton Window readers,
I was very proud to see my letter in the Williton Window about the butterfly banquets.

I have spotted some butterflies around Williton. They are

- 1 male Common Blue
- 2 Painted Ladies
- 2 female Brimstones
- 1 more which I think is a Small Tortoiseshell

I am growing 5 more Painted Lady butterflies at home which are doing really well. They are already in their chrysalis and will turn into butterflies any day now.

Did you know that a group of butterflies is called a flutter or a kaleidoscope?

FROM OUR VILLAGE AGENT - IZZY SILVESTER

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RECIPE FOR THE MONTH by Shirley Dee RASPBERRY CUSTARD

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| 3 oz sugar (or sugar substitute) | 1 pint milk |

Grease a pie dish and put in the raspberries. Sprinkle with 2 oz of the sugar. Beat the eggs, mix with the remainder of the sugar and add the milk. Whisk well, pour it over the fruit and bake in a moderate oven until well done and slightly browned.

SMALL PRAYER

Please help me to try to understand the way other people think.



WILLITON FETE

THE ANNUAL FETE WILL BE HELD ON THE MEMORIAL GROUND ON 8 JULY, STARTING AT 2PM.

This will be a great day out for all the family to enjoy packed full of events including a duck race. There will be a tea and cake sale in the changing room building, a burger bar, a licensed bar, and many stalls, dog show, majorettes, cadets and children's races and many more. There will also be a car boot sale. Programmes will be available on the gates with a donation box. Please give generously, the upkeep of the Memorial Ground continues to grow.

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Sadly we have lost another member, Mr Matt Vaughan. Matt and Ruth joined the WASPS shortly after we formed the group. I would run into Matt in the village taking his exercise and we always found time for a chat. We will miss his sense of humour and his lovely smile.

Our June meeting was held at Torre Cider Farm on a lovely warm day. We all tucked into a lovely cream tea. Most of our members turned up and we also welcomed five new members so we filled up the tea room and kept the staff very busy for most of the afternoon. They looked after us very well and we appreciate all their hard work.

Let's hope that we have good weather and a good turnout for our BBQ which will be held on Thursday, 6th July starting at 3pm. We are not having a meeting in August, but will be holding our regular meeting on Thursday 7th of September.

It has been proved that exercise makes people feel better. It is a good way of keeping us fit and able to enjoy our lifestyle. Everyone should try to take some exercise daily to keep the mind and body working well. We have been very lucky as our favourite fitness teacher has offered to come to our meetings and lead us in a 45 minute workout preceding our monthly meetings. Jenny Manvell will be with us starting in September, so we will start our exercise classes at 1:15pm until 2pm when our regular meeting starts. Jenny is so good at combining fun and exercise and we all finish with a huge smile and are ready for anything!

One of our new members told me after coming to their first meeting, "It was not what I expected at all. I thought that it would be a bit sad and quiet. Instead I saw a group of people chatting and having a really good time. I will be back." I feel that everyone in the WASPS has come together to share experiences, both good and sometimes bad, and that is what makes the group work well. We tend to look past the tremors that some of us have, as well as the other symptoms, and see the person inside. We are there for each other and new members are always made to feel welcome. 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.

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

WEST SOMERSET MINERAL LINE - Join us for a bus trip!

A guided tour of one of West Somerset's finest feats of Victorian engineering: the remains of iron mines, a railway, the incline and the engine houses. Easy walking. Back about 3pm. Bring a packed lunch. **Meet on Saturday 8 July at 10am at Watchet Railway Station.** Bus Stop TA23 0AU Fare: £10. Donations to the mineral line welcome. **Please book by July 1 on 01398 323841.** Further information www.wsmla.org.uk or www.westsomersetmineralrailway.org.uk

GLOBAL FRIENDS

Our session this month consisted of helping Nasima with a maths exam. She will be travelling to Bangladesh next month and will be taking a letter with her for Ruba. Genie will be moving away but will keep in touch. Finja is going home to Germany and will keep us informed of what is happening in that part of the world. She will be given a leaving card before she goes. The rest of the session we were discussing the future of our members in the current situation.

We next meet on Tuesday 11 July between 2 and 4 pm at Children's Centre, Killick Way, Williton. For more information on Global Friends, please phone 01984 248392 or 01984 634734.

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Our meeting on 6th June was very well attended on a lovely sunny day. The Lord's Prayer was led by our chairperson, Jenny Berry, and a minute's silence was held for the victims of the Manchester and London attacks.

Birthday greetings were extended to two members whose birthdays fall this month, one of whom was 80. Then we had a delightful cream tea and social hour which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The afternoon concluded with a raffle and auction.

There will be a half day outing to Monkton Elm Garden Centre at the end of June. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th July at 2.30pm at Danesborough View Common Room. Any visitors are always made very welcome, so please do come along and see us. Perhaps you may even like to join. See you there!

Any enquiries to Jenny Berry on 632616.

Joy Elgood

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The outing to Taunton Museum in June was instead of the usual monthly meeting. The July meeting will be held on Thursday 20th July at Danesborough View at 2 pm, and, as usual, non-members will be made welcome. A reminder that our speaker will be local artist and needlewoman, Myra Barratt, who will be telling us about her beautiful handmade dolls.

The County Newsletter for June has been delivered to members and the JULY edition will be available at the meeting. I am sorry if this is a bit confusing but when we meet at different venues in June and August, which has been the case in the past few years, it causes a few difficulties. *Pamela Messenger, Secretary*

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Summer

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Sat	1	Williton Library	10.30am Lego Club
Sun	2	Volunteers Service	3.00pm Williton Methodist Church
Tues	4	Good Neighbours	2.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Thurs	6	Williton Library	3pm Pins and Needles
Thurs	6	WASPS Parkinson Support Group	3pm Annual BBQ
Fri	7	St Peter's School	Summer Fair, straight after school
Sat	8	Village Fete	2pm Memorial Ground
Sun	9	Garden Fete	2pm Aller Farm House - See page 23
Mon	10	RBL Women's Section	2.30pm Fire Station Lecture Room
Tues	11	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, St Peter's School
Tues	11	Global Friends	Children's Centre, 2pm
Fri	14	St Peter's Church	7pm Quantock Musical Theatre Company see page 11
Sat	15	Williton Walk	2.00pm, St Peter's School
Sat	15	Williton Pavilion	9.00am Coffee Morning Table Top Sale, Parish Office, Killick Way
Thurs	20	Women's Institute	2.00pm Danesborough View, Talk about handmade dolls by Myra Barratt
Sat	22	Williton Wanderers	10.30am, Brendon Two Gates
Mon	24	Gardening Club	7.30pm Danesborough View Common Room, Crevice Gardening by Paul Cumbleton
Tues	25	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, St Peter's School
Fri	28	Bake Club	3-4pm Williton Library
Mon	31	Book Club	2.30pm Williton Library

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

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 (info: Pru Wand 656232 /email: pruwandpilates@hotmail.com)	Methodist Church, Tower Hill
Mon 7.30 pm	Badminton	EMN Hall Monksilver (656496)
Tues 9.30 - 10.30am 11 - 12 am	Mat and floor based yoga Chair-based yoga NEW VENUE	The Salvation Army Hall Watchet (level access and parking). For further details phone Julie Bolton 01984 633665 or email julieboltonyoga@gmail.com
Tues 10.30am-1pm Fortnightly. For dates and more information ring	Bead-weaving group	Methodist Church, Tower Hill
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@bowmenofdanesfield.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

We're now into the last few weeks of term, but there are still a lot of exciting things to look forward to, as well as saying goodbye to our year 4s.

Firstly though, we look back to the beginning of the half term. Oak class have been finding out about people who help them. The children have looked at people who help them at home and at school and recently at how the police help in the community. They have made finger print pictures and talked about how the police can identify people who do wrong things using fingerprints. The class will be learning about firefighters next.

Ash class have been exploring changes within living memory. The children have focussed on how toys, clothes, houses and play have changed over the last 100 years. Everyone in the class created a piece of work that highlighted their favourite singer or band, where they go to school, their favourite toys and the type of clothes they like to wear. All of the work was put into a time capsule and buried in one of the planters in school. The box has a sign to tell the finder to not open until 2117!

Elm class have enjoyed going swimming at Knights Templar School this half of term. In science they have started to learn about the seven life processes; movement, respiration, sensitivity, growth, reproduction, excretion and nutrition. The children enjoyed looking at and drawing different adult and baby animals too.

Fir class have been working really hard on their new science topic of 'Plants'. The children have focussed on the structure of plants and been explaining the different parts that make up a plant, as well as doing their own research. One interesting fact that Lewis found out was that rubber is produced from plants!

Yew class are enjoying learning about electricity, sound and light. The children are looking forward to the 'Big Sing' at Danesfield at the end of June, which will involve a large number of children from other local schools and are also planning their leavers' assembly. As part of their topic 'Oceans, mountains and coasts' Yew class, together with Fir, will be making a trip to Lynton and Lynmouth. This should be a great day out, looking at the river, riding on the cliff railway and maybe eating an ice cream to round the day off!

Happy Stars, which is a Nurture group run within our school, handmade a card to celebrate the Queen's 91st birthday, which they then sent to the Queen. As you can imagine the group were very excited when they received a reply!

Finally, our PTA is organising a Summer Fair on Friday 7th July, straight after school. There will be many stalls, games, a barbecue, Punch and Judy, the very popular 'sponge the teacher' and other entertainments. Everyone is welcome, so please come and support us if you can.

SG



DOWN AT THE STATION

Despite June so far recording very wet, to date we have had some favourable weather and have managed to get the platform edges repainted. This is an annual job where we wash, re-point, where necessary, and then repaint with masonry paint the whole length of the two platforms - that is just over three hundred meters in total, plus the crossing marking lines!

Painting of the waiting room on platform two is complete and a new section of wicket fencing alongside has now been renewed and painted. At the time of writing we are finishing the fencing and gate to our maintenance sheds, which will make that end of the site much tidier. AND, hopefully during July, we are also going to have the station car park resurfaced, or rather, properly surfaced for the first time since it was originally part of the coal yard.

All the summer bedding plants are in and the hanging baskets and fence floral displays are really coming into their own. Our thanks go to Phil and Avril Chapman for their dedicated work on this. There is a lot more to it than just hanging them up and I know they have both spent many hours nurturing and caring for the plants for some months before they arrived at the station. Watering is a daily job for the rest of the staff.

A reminder that our shop/refreshment room is normally open 10am till 4.30pm each day, where you will be made welcome. Further help here would be appreciated. Training would be given and you would become one of the happy team here on the station.

John Parsons, Acting Station Master

FRIENDS OF WILLITON LIBRARY

Book of the month: *Testament of Youth* by Vera Brittain

As we remember the First World War, this very moving autobiography gives us the perspective of an intelligent and ambitious young woman who had to leave her hard-won place at Oxford to serve the war effort. Also serving were her fiancé Roland, her brother and her brother's best friend. After the war, Brittain became a powerful advocate for peace.



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

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WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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

It was great to see a large number of our Community turn out for the recent Duck Race held on Williton War Memorial Recreation Ground (WWMRG). The event was a great success, with a number of activities enjoyed by all. The teas and cakes went down well as did the burgers and hotdogs. The stalls did well too. Again this year there was a car-boot sale which was well attended. The whole event raised £613.53 for the WWMRG Charity.

It is with sadness, the Parish Council must report more vandalism in the children's play area; one of the gates was ripped off its post; this has now been repaired.

The Parish Council and the District Council are still in negotiations concerning the public toilets in Killick Way and hope to update you soon on any progress made.

The annual fete will be held on the WWMRG on 8 July, and I look forward to seeing you there.

If you are interested in your village/community have you thought of becoming a Parish Councillor? If so please call into the Parish Office or give the Clerks a ring on 01984 633979.

Cllr Keith Richards – Chairman Williton Parish Council

WILLITON PAVILION PROJECT UPDATE

I am sure by now most readers are aware through recent reports within the press and social media, that we have been successful in our application to the Big Lottery. The lottery has agreed to fund the balance of the project cost and awarded the charity £949,087. Together with grants from both West Somerset Council and EDF we now have the £1,470,000 required to commence build. This is a significant investment within our community and indicates a level of confidence by our funders that the new community building will be both viable and sustainable.

For those newcomers to Williton, the requirement for a community building has been in the pipeline for over twenty years and seen a large number of our residents become actively involved with fund raising activities. These activities have been co-ordinated by three key people who I believe require a mention, Diane Hooper, Maureen Mossman and Elizabeth Peeks. They have raised in excess of £100,000 through table top sales, bingo, selling tea towels, recycling, Christmas post and of course the village Fete, which is now run by the charity. Their efforts and those who have been actively involved over the years in raising money has provided our funders with an indication that there is a genuine need for a community facility within Williton.

Combining this need with the proposed improvements to the Memorial Recreation Ground enhanced our ability to attract funding. The building design and other improvements to the ground have evolved through public consultation, input from the user groups and those specific requirements of our funders.

The total funding includes an equipment budget in excess of £50,000, which will allow us to furnish the building and will include amongst other things, seating, tables, portable stage, stage lighting, catering and media equipment and a hearing loop system.

Dependant on the overall project cost advised by the selected contractor, we plan to include the remodelling of the old changing rooms, which will provide additional storage and a unisex disabled public toilet.

The charity has formally appointed Slade Parry Ltd as the Employers Agent/Quantity Surveyor who will manage the project on our behalf. The Big Lottery consultants will also take an active role and form part of the management team.

During the coming months we will be undertaking the tender process with a view to commencing work late September. We will also be starting to address some of the management and administration aspects of the building, including the formation of a steering committee, consisting of both councillors and members of the user community.

There will be a tent with details of the project on display at the village FETE which will be held on Saturday 8th July. Members of the working group will be in attendance to answer any questions you may have regarding the project.

Councillor Bill Vaughan

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

* The **Williton Walk** will be on Saturday 15 July starting from St Peter's School at 2pm. We will walk along Watery Lane and Union Lane to Townsend from where we will walk across the fields to Sampford Brett before going to Aller Farm and finishing at St Peter's Church. The walk is about 3 ½ miles long. If you would like any further information please ring me on 632318. *Elizabeth Peeks*

* **Williton Wanderers** will meet at 10.30am on **Saturday 22 July at Brendon Two Gates**, 2½ miles north of Simonsbath on the B3223 in the layby before the cattle grid, for an 8-mile walk over rough, hilly moorland, along Cheriton Ridge to Roborough Castle iron age fort, then back over Furzehill Common to Hoar Oak. We are fording a couple of streams, so webbed feet or waterproof shoes are advisable. Bring a picnic. For more information ring *Jenny Gibson 01984 63489*

IF YOU NEED HELP:

NHS HEALTH TRAINER Rebecca Pitchers: mobile 075 000 64683 or free phone 0800 412 5502

WILLITON SURGERY Robert Street TA4 4QE Tel: 01984 632701

Out of hours: 111

WEST SOMERSET ADVICE BUREAU Market House Lane, Minehead TA24 5NW. Please ring 01643 704624 about appointments in Williton.

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY - Free debt help Freephone: 0800 3280006 website: www.capuk.org

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: 07889655193

WORDSEARCH FOR JULY by Phyllis Chidgey

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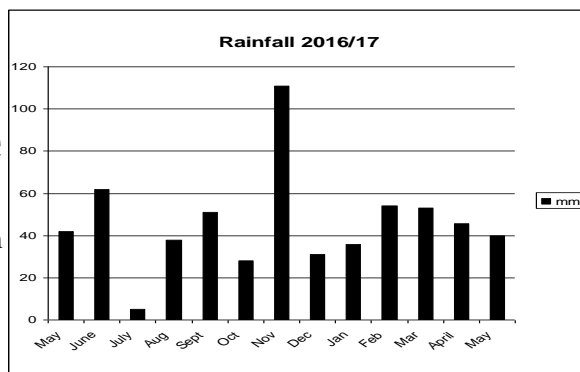
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MAY WEATHER

The first week of June we had strong gales causing tree damage, including one down in The Avenue Minehead

May

There was a temperature of 27°C on 26th. The coldest night was 2°C on 10th. The maximum pressure was 30.2 inches on 24th and the minimum was 29.6 on 1st. May had a rain total of 40 mm(1.58ins) for the month and we saw the sun on 25 days! PJ



WILLITON GARDENING CLUB

At our next meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 24 July Paul Cumbleton, the retired Head of the Alpine Section at RHS Wisley, will be giving a talk on "Crevice Gardening". Visitors are always welcome (charge £2). We meet at Danesborough View Common Room, TA4 4SH. More information from Secretary Barbara Cook on 01984 639459.

WATCHET CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Dr Tony Serjeant, Somerset County Ecologist, will give a talk on 'The Flora and Fauna of The Mineral Line' at the Methodist Schoolrooms, Harbour Road, Watchet at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18 July. Members free. Visitors £2.

LADIES NEEDED!

At Williton Bowling Club we are so pleased to have welcomed several new members this summer, but we badly need a few more lady players. Bowls is a sport for all ages, sexes and abilities. Free tuition will be given if you would like it. So if you (men and women!) would like to try your hand at bowls, do 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

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Taunton - First Monday of every month,
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Community Centre, 13-14 Eastwick Rd,
Taunton TA2 7JW

Wellington (for friends and family of
patients) - Every Friday, 2pm to 4pm,
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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?

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Tracey Bland on 01984 635980 (Williton) on Tuesday mornings

Jill Dillamore on 01278 733615 (Stogursey) on Wednesday morning

John Bowcock on 01984 248169 (Watchet) Thursday mornings

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