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THE FUTURE OF THE WILLITON WINDOW MAGAZINE

The Williton Window magazine was started twenty years ago in July 2000 and has been produced monthly ever since by a team of volunteers, and distributed free of charge to every household in Williton parish.

Lockdown has given many people cause to think about some of the jobs they have been doing almost as a matter of habit. In my case, for the past 14 years I have put my heart and soul into producing and helping to distribute the Williton Window (with valuable help from my husband), but health and age have decided us that it is time to stop. The same applies to Tony Guest, who has liaised with advertisers and managed the financial aspects of the magazine since its very beginning.

Because of lockdown, the last two months' magazines have been published online only, as will this, the July edition. We propose producing another online edition in August.

In the meantime, we very much hope that a new team of people will step forward to take over the production and distribution of the magazine. The new team would ideally consist of:

1. Magazine editor, preferably with DTP (Desk Top Publishing) experience (approx 3-4 days work spread over the month) to liaise with contributors, copy-edit and format contributed articles and some advertisements, design the cover and put the magazine together into print-ready form, and email to the printer, after approval by an editorial committee.
2. Advertising "manager" with book-keeping knowledge (approx 2-3 days work spread over the month), to invoice advertisers, chase up payments, keep a spreadsheet record, reconcile bank balance, liaise with editor, etc.
3. Distribution organiser to liaise with the printer, sort the magazines when they are delivered, with two helpers, and organise the team of distributors (1 day a month).
4. More people to help sort and deliver magazines.
5. A person in charge of the whole operation, ensuring that it runs smoothly and liaising with editorial committee.

Needless to say, help would be given during the handover.

However, if nobody has stepped forward to take over by 10th July, the magazine will cease after the August edition, which would be extremely sad. Advertisers would be refunded any outstanding monies.

To find out more, please contact me: Jenny Gibson (Editor) on

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Williton Coronavirus Community Help Group

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To date we have delivered over 350 to the elderly and/or vulnerable in Williton and Doniford. This number is far short of the expected figure, so if you are in the Coronavirus vulnerable group, and have not yet requested your pack, please call **01984 573673** and someone will pop a one through your letterbox.

Please remember that the Doctor's Surgery now requires you to wear a mask when attending appointments as do the hospitals; and you will need to wear one when travelling on public transport. If you don't need one now, you will in the coming months, so please don't delay and call **01984 573673**.

Dawn-Lesley Howes

A BIG THANK YOU

"Paul and Jenny Handisyde are extremely grateful to the Williton Coronavirus Community Help Group for their help with shopping and medication. It is so good to know that people in Williton care for each other."

We are sure this thought is echoed by many other people. Thank you to all those who are helping the elderly and vulnerable. It is appreciated.

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During the period of complete lockdown, the Quantock Foodbank supplied 1045 people with food, toiletries and household items. Sadly, we can only expect the numbers to rise as furloughed workers face an uncertain future and businesses reduce their workforce. We are also coming up to the school holidays when, in the past, the Foodbank has responded with Holiday Hunger projects.

We are truly grateful for every item and cheque donated; it seems that your generosity knows no bounds! Who could have foreseen that we would be in this situation today?

However, our reliance on prayer and Christ's teaching encourages us to embrace the future with confidence, for he says, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Kathryn Flenley, Chair, Quantock Foodbank, Tel: 01984 633568; email Kathryn.Flenley@btinternet.com

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It was a great feeling to be able to place these words on the church door on Sunday. **St Peter's Church is open for silent private prayer on Sundays and Wednesdays from 10.00 am. until 12 noon. Come in and rest in the silent prayerfulness of this ancient Sacred Space.**

As I have said the Eucharist on behalf of the parish for the past three months, in my mind's eye I have tried to picture those who have worshipped in our church in centuries past and will in centuries to come, aware that I am just one of many who have ministered in this village. I pray that we will soon be able to open for public worship in a new normal.

We have been working hard behind locked doors to find new ways of being church. Our News Sheet is now e-mailed to over 80 people each week and posted to 17. Some of us worship together via Zoom each Sunday and others worship using the same service at the same time in their homes. If you would like to receive our news sheet via e-mail please contact me. Through a group of volunteers we stay in touch, regularly by telephone with church members. Some church members are active in ensuring that the food bank continues the amazing work it is doing. We continue to look for other ways of being church.

Please do visit the church when it is open - it will look a bit different but it is still the ancient sacred space that has been there for everyone over the centuries. It is our prayer that the church will continue to be there for the people of Williton for centuries to come.

God bless you and keep you safe and well as we feel our way gently towards a new normal.

Clive Gilbert

Our Worship each week;

Sunday	10.30 am. An Agape Service in our own homes via Zoom (e-mail Clive for details) 10.00 am. - 12 noon: Church open for private prayer
Monday	9.30 am. Morning Prayer in our homes via Zoom
Wednesday	10.00 am. - 12. noon. Church open for private prayer. 7.00 pm Compline (Night Prayer) in our homes via Zoom.

STOP PRESS

It was just an hour ago that I completed the above and I have just heard the news that as from 4th July we will be able to return to Public Worship on Sundays. This is absolutely wonderful news and we will keep you informed of details as we plan for a return to Public Worship. Notices will be placed on the church door and on the notice board in the village and in our News Sheet.

Having read the guidelines it is clear that this will be a return to a "New Normal" and not to the way we worshipped before lockdown.

Clive Gilbert

BAPTIST CHURCH (WATCHET)

The Baptist Church normally meets at Knights Templar School every Sunday. The Baptist Church is currently meeting online at [youtube.com/watchetbaptist](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=watchetbaptist) on Sunday at 6pm. For more information... visit the **website**: www.watchetbaptist.org.uk or email mike@watchetbaptist.org.uk or telephone 01984 633755.

METHODIST CHURCH

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

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

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WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

To contact Williton Parish Council telephone 01984 633979 and talk to Michelle or Jo, or email Michelle clerk@willitonpc.org.uk or Jo admin@willitonpc.org.uk

Coronavirus Our lives have changed so much since the start of the coronavirus outbreak. We need to find ways that we can carry on and keep safe at the same time. Distancing is the most important thing so with that in mind, our paths must be kept clear to walk on.

Garden hedges We all need to make sure our garden hedges that adjoin the pavements and roads are cut back to our boundaries so people can walk safely on the paths. Hopefully everyone is doing this. If you do come across any hedges that infringe on the highway or pavements, please email the clerk on the above email address.

Walking / dogs mess Like most of you I have been out walking through this pandemic. With everything being shut down it's given us more time to appreciate the countryside around us. I have been to Doniford, Watchet, Washford, East Quantoxhead and the Quantocks, as well as walks around Williton. On all those walks, there did not seem to be a great problem with dog mess other than around Williton. I cannot understand why some people are picking up their dog mess then throwing the bag down on the grass and in verges further on. If there is no dog bin nearby after you have gone and picked it up, can you please take it home and put it in your own bin.

New Parish Councillors: Our village needs 12 councillors to run the affairs of the council efficiently. Currently we have 10 only, so there are 2 vacancies. I know each month we mention this, but we still hope one day we will have 12. The work can be very interesting and rewarding. If you wish to become a parish councillor please contact the clerk on the above email address.

Finger Post: I am sure some of you on your walks, are wondering when the new replacement fingers will be fitted on the post. They are not forgotten. We are waiting for them to be made. The team of volunteers will be doing it as soon as they can.

Children's Play area: At the time of writing this, the government has not said yet when we can open the play area, but as soon as they do Michelle or Jo will put it on the Parish website and Cllr Dawn-Lesley Howes will put it on the Williton Facebook site.

The Pavilion: Like the rest of you, we would like to be able to start doing things again. Please watch our Parish website and Williton Facebook site. We will let you know when we can open again.

Council Meetings We had our first Parish Council meeting via Zoom on the 26th May and more since then. If you wish to join us at our meetings please contact the clerk, so Michelle can send you an invitation to join us.

Please keep safe.

Cllr Diane Hooper

TREASURE WHAT YOU HAVE

During my time in lockdown I have used the local footpaths and lanes. To my horror, I could not believe the mess that was being left behind during our recent period of good weather in the fields and the streams, including beer cans, soft drink cans, plastic bottles, cardboard containers, Costa cups and other general waste, that should have been taken home or disposed of in a suitable container.

We all live in a beautiful area and country side, visitors pay a lot of money to visit the area we have on our doorstep and can enjoy on a daily basis. All it takes is to respect what we have. The land that we walk through is also the livelihood of farmers and their animals. People also walk their dogs that need to be cared for. They **all** deserve our respect and care.

For adults, this is our today. For the younger generation, this is your future.

Could I ask you, in future, please respect the area we all live in and enjoy. Leave it as you would expect to find it. Clean and tidy. Please take care and stay safe.

Cllr Robert McDonald

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There are several planning applications that have been forwarded from the District Council to the Parish Council for comments. These are:

Application Number 3/39/20/008 **Location** Land off Bank Street with link to Fore Street, Williton **Description** Outline planning application with all matters reserved, except for access, for the redevelopment of the site to provide a food store (A1), retail shops (A1), professional and financial services (A2), food and drink uses (A3), health services (D1), residential dwellings (C3), vehicle and pedestrian accesses, associated car parking and landscaping

Application Number 3/39/20/009 **Location** Mamsey House, 30 Priest Street **Description** Change of use from a care home to provide 4 No. holiday units along with manager accommodation

Application Number 3/39/20/010 **Location** Mamsey House, 30 Priest Street **Description** Erection of 2 No. detached dwellings with associated works

The Parish Council is just a consultee that represents the parishioners; it is the District Council that makes the final decision on whether permission will or will not be granted. Therefore, could I please ask that if you would like to comment on any of the above applications, you log into the District Council website (link below) and search under planning for these applications. When you are on the homepage, please click the box "Find a Planning Application", on the next page, click "West Somerset Planning Search". Enter the application number, you will then see a tab you can click onto to leave your comments. Only comments that are left on their website will be considered.

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Cllr Peter Payne, Chairman, Williton Parish Council

DOWN AT THE STATION

We continue to work from a distance and are just beginning to be able to start cutting the hedges etc. It's amazing how quickly the growth takes over when it is not cared for. Some weeding between the tracks is also on the cards.

Our Plant Stall at Dovetons Drive has now closed, and again thank you to everyone who was able to support this venture. We took just over £500 in the six weeks we were open which is a valuable boost to our funds.

The next project is to run a Book and Bric-a-Brac Stall, this time from 6 Long Lakes, and this will be every Friday and Saturday, weather permitting of course. Plants can sit in the rain, but it is not so good for books etc! There are a few jigsaw puzzles as well and we have some specialist railway books which are inside the garage. Anyone interested please to ring the bell and they can step in and have a peruse.

May I just reinforce the fact that the whole railway is private property and it is not wise to go dog walking along the track as some have been doing. In fact it will be trespassing if you do.

John Parsons, Station Master

ON-STREET PARKING PATROLS TO RESUME

On-street parking patrols restarted in Somerset on 1 June, following the easing of coronavirus restrictions. With more pupils returning to schools and some businesses starting to reopen, Somerset County Council's civil enforcement officers will return to help keep roads clear and traffic moving. At first, they will serve penalty notices on vehicles parked on double yellow lines, in places with loading restrictions, bus stops and dropped kerbs in public areas – all locations where no vehicles should be parked. For the first seven days, penalties will not be served where parking is permitted, such as resident bays, pay and display locations, limited waiting bays and single yellow lines (at times). The vehicle may have been left correctly and the driver may have, for example, self-isolated. A warning letter will be left on these vehicles asking that it is immediately removed to avoid receiving penalties in future.

Requests for residents' paper permits have been on hold since the start of the UK lockdown but preparations are now being made to issue them. The expiry date will be extended to make sure people receive a full 12-month period. All annual virtual resident permits are being extended for two months to cover the period of suspension and ensure everyone receives a full 12 months' value. Please check with your district council for information on car parks in your local area.

NEWS FROM WILLITON POST OFFICE

We do hope that you have managed to stay safe and well during lockdown.

Our team of four, Sharon, Karen, Becky and Michelle have done a great job running the Post Office with Brian and me in the background – ready to step in if any of them were unable or unwell.

Now we are back at work and returned to normal opening hours: 8.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday and 8.30am to 1pm on Saturday. Social distancing is still to be observed, but at least one does feel that some normality is returning to our lives! We would like to thank our team and you our customers for your continued support during this time. Stay safe!

Caroline Tyner

FROM AVON AND SOMERSET POLICE

29/05/20 9788 Somerset Loft Insulation Scam Warning

Numerous residents in the Somerset area have reported that they have received telephone calls from individuals who claim to be from government funded companies and that they needed to make an appointment so they could inspect their loft insulation.

A check online reveals that there have been reports from residents all over the country who have had similar calls, so it is highly likely that this is a scam and your area could be approached soon.

Always be wary of any cold callers, whether in person, by email or by phone. Never give out any personal details, especially financial information. If you have any concerns, hang up and contact the company or business the caller claims to represent using a telephone number from a phone book or old invoice or letter. You should always wait at least five minutes before making this call as the fraudster may still be on the line. If possible, use a different phone such as a mobile.

If you have any information regarding this incident contact the Police on 101. Alternatively you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111

11/06/20 9788 AW052 Residential Burglary.

A property in Long Street, Williton has been burgled between the 7th and 9th of June. A window to the rear of the property has been jemmied open and visible tool marks are evident in the framework. Once inside the offender/s have entered the bedroom and conducted an untidy search where jewellery has been stolen, before making off. If you contact the Police about this incident, please call 101 and quote Reference number: 5220126177 or Call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111, thank you.

SOMERSET LIBRARIES PRESENTS!

Staff from libraries across Somerset have been busy creating dozens of great videos for children of all ages to enjoy each week online. These include regular story times, health and wellbeing videos, top tips on cooking and gardening, and of course some useful book reviews.

There have already been thousands of views for the different videos and the digital library offer has also been extended to include quizzes, podcasts and even a very helpful guide on what flowers to look out for in verges when walking the beautiful Somerset lanes.

To see the videos created so far visit www.glassboxtaunton.co.uk/videos or find Somerset Libraries UK on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to see regular new content. The full programme of online events and activities can be found at www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Confidence is something you have to grow into.

from SD

NUMBER 28 BUS

Following the Zoom meeting we held on 2nd June, I would like to invite you all to attend a Zoom assembly meeting on July 15th. It would be great if as many of the residents that are able to access 'Zoom', whether online or by telephone, would be willing to attend to give their testimonies, feelings and concerns about this issue and the worries of how First Bus is going to go forward in the light of Butlins plans to re-open in July.

I have received emails from First Bus that state that they are adhering to social distancing rules but that this means that only 1 in 4 seats are taken at this time but since then I have received another email stating that they intend to add more buses to each route to compensate for this and that all details are on each timetable. I have looked into this and found that there are, as yet, no changes on the timetable for the 28 route and have emailed First bus to ask them to clarify if and when there are to be extra buses on this route in light of Butlins' plans to re-open. I have not yet received a reply.

To those of you who requested a recorded copy of the last meeting, this is being dealt with and I shall send a copy out as soon as I receive a transcript.

I would be grateful if any of you who would be interested and willing to attend the Zoom meeting in July would contact me. We hope to have Alex Carter the CEO of First Bus, members of SCC, and hopefully someone from Butlins, to attend to deal with the issues that we are concerned with.

Trish Dobson (Mrs), Transport Committee, Citizens Somerset

TONEWAY CREECH CASTLE UPGRADE SET TO BE POSTPONED TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC RECOVERY

A major road improvement scheme to upgrade the busy Toneway Creech Castle junction in Taunton is set to be postponed until next year to support the economy as it recovers from the coronavirus pandemic.

Somerset County Council originally planned to begin work in April 2020 but this was temporarily paused due to the start of lockdown and uncertainty over materials, sub-contractors and key utilities work. Now, following discussions with the business community, it is proposed to postpone the scheme for another 12-18 months. This is to help support the local economy during the recovery by minimising any temporary disruption on a key route into Taunton.

Stay up to date with the Council's highways teams by following @TravelSomerset on Twitter.

FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ

We are still functioning! Every Saturday afternoon at 4pm there is a Zoom meeting for members, family and friends, as well as an invited speaker. Cake and coffee or tea provided by Zoomers! For those without computers we are keeping in touch with phone calls and the post.

If you know anyone for whom this might be a help or interest, please ask them to contact me on 07973 638030 or email watchetdementia@gmail.com

We will meet again

*Margaret Tatham
Watchet and the Quantocks DAA*

SWP SITES AND SERVICES

All SWP recycling sites are on their usual summer schedule but with restrictions to ensure social distancing for the safety of customers and staff. Reduced loading bays can mean long queues. If queuing, turn off engine, maintain social distance with those waiting, and then unload on site swiftly to let others take your place.

The widening range of materials taken at all recycling sites now includes wood, paint, small electricals, and plastic pots, tubs and trays.

All 16 sites accept these materials:

- NEW: Plastic pots, tubs and trays (recycled in UK)
- NEW: Man-made wood – chipboard, MDF, etc. (recycled in UK)
- NEW: Natural wood – painted, treated and untreated timber etc (recycled in UK)
- NEW: Small household electrical items (recycled in UK)
- NEW: Paint (water-based recycled in UK; other paint landfilled in Somerset)

Not yet taken: cardboard, Tetra Paks/beverage cartons, and more. These household recyclables should be put out weekly as part of the usual kerbside collection.

CITIZENS ADVICE

The national network of Citizens Advice is made up of over 300 independent charities. In Somerset there are 5 member organisations working within their respective District Council boundaries.

Citizens Advice are known and trusted as a reliable source of advice and thousands of people a year turn to them for help when they face troubling circumstances. It was no surprise to their teams that at the onset of Covid-19 they saw a huge increase in demand for advice on benefits, employment, housing, relationships and money issues.

Thanks to the incredible staff and volunteers who were able to make a fast channel shift to deliver advice by phone and email as the face to face services closed due to lock-down. Through conversations with the public and voluntary sector partners it became apparent that some people who needed Citizens Advice help didn't know how to get in contact. The opportunity to bid to the Somerset Community Foundation for funding to set up a new, central, point of contact, couldn't have come at a better time.

The new Citizens Advice Somerset partnership offers anyone a quick way into advice either by Adviceline (**03444 88 9623**) or through the website.

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, and other useful information. Please ring Jenny or Tony Gibson on 634899, email willitonwindow@yahoo.co.uk or go to our website: www.willitonwindow.org.uk/welcome-pack

ONE OF LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES

A beautiful sunset.

by SD

ST PETER'S SCHOOL DIARY

School is different, but still exciting! With only our Reception and year 1 children allowed in school at present, we have created a new class for our keyworker children. So now we have Rainbow class, which as the weeks have past, has expanded and now we have Sunshine class too! Ash class, our year 1s, has also grown, so now we have Ash Keys and Ash Leaves. All our children have been very busy over the last few weeks as you will see.

Oak class have spent time reading stories and learning songs. One of their favourite stories is 'The Snail and the Whale' and the children enjoyed adding and subtracting snails and drawing and cutting spirals. As a treat they got to watch the film too. Phonics has been a focus, as well as PE. The class has concentrated on their balance and jumping skills and had fun learning social distancing games. A lot of learning has taken place outside too, digging for treasure and painting stars.

Ash class designed and constructed a bug hotel as part of their science learning. The children thought about where creepy crawlies might like to live, sleep and eat, so hopefully it will soon fill up! They had fun going on a 2D and 3D shape hunt and then produced 2D pictures with chalk. The children created Australian dot paintings in art using cotton buds using an array of colours making their pictures so effective! These can even be spotted on Mr Rushforth's office wall! In RE they talked about how Zog (our favourite dragon) showed perseverance when trying to earn a golden star. This is one of our Christian values so the class has been trying to persevere, just like Zog, every single day.

Rainbow Class supported 'National Rocky Road Day' and using their maths skills worked out equations allowing them to calculate the amounts of ingredients needed. They then applied their knowledge of instruction writing to create a step by step guide to making the best Rocky Roads. The children worked hard to make the class planters look lovely, digging out lots of weeds. They learnt about the dangers of plastic in the oceans, looking at food chains and how plastic can affect them and about sustainable habitats. The class have also been fascinated by the recent Space Launch, even writing a personal letter to NASA in hope to hear back from the active astronauts!

Our new Sunshine class worked hard at making their own board games which contained knowledge that they had accumulated over the weeks. Later they got the chance to play them, their creativity shining through their games.

Some of our Happy Stars and Forest school children have been tackling the flower beds, working hard digging out the beds and planting new flowers. The results are amazing. The school is looking beautiful again. They had fun making plant pot men and animals, planting wild flowers and poppies and getting the planters ready for sowing vegetables. The children are really proud of their hard work and the difference it is making to the school.

When the staff at Gliddons found out that the children were working hard to improve the outdoor area, they wanted to contribute by donating a wheel barrow, together with a 'grabber' so that litter could be safely picked up and cleared away. We feel very lucky to live in a community that is so supportive of our school. The children have written a letter to the staff at Gliddons to thank them for their kindness.

SG

MORE LOCKDOWN PHOTOS FROM ROBIN VENNER



Early morning at
Porlock Weir.

RECIPE FOR THE MONTH *by Shirley Dee*

CHEESE SCONES

8 oz self-raising flour 2 oz butter
1 teaspoon dry mustard 3 oz grated strong cheese
1 teaspoon salt ¼ pint milk

Pre-heat oven to 200°C, 425°F, gas mark 7

Sieve dry ingredients, then rub in the butter, add the cheese and quickly mix to a soft dough with the milk, as required. Shape into two rounds and slash them into four. Brush with milk and bake for about ten minutes until well risen and golden. As with all scones, work quickly!

THE EXMOOR SOCIETY PINNACLE AWARD

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An increased award of £5,000 is available to develop an idea, project or business proposal by individuals or groups aged between 18 and 35 who live, work or study in the Greater Exmoor area [which includes Williton].

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Applications are being taken now and the extended deadline is **Monday, November 2nd 2020**.

Full details are available on the Exmoor Society website under 'What We Do/Competitions and Awards'.

or from the Society office:

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WORDSEARCH FOR JULY *by Phyllis Chidgey*

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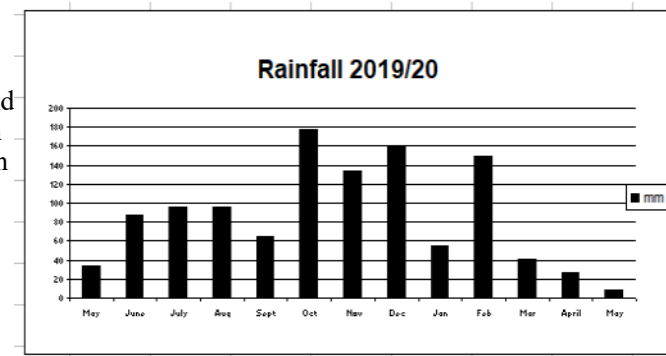
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WEATHER - MAY

Yet another record: May was the driest month ever (and 2020 saw the warmest spring!). Temperatures were up to 25°C on the 20th and the coolest night was +0.5°C on the 12th. The maximum pressure was 30.4 inches on the 23rd and the minimum 29.9 on the 10th. We had a rain total of 9mm (0.35 of an inch) for the month and we saw the sun on most days! Pj



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View over Williton from Beacon Hill on the Quantocks

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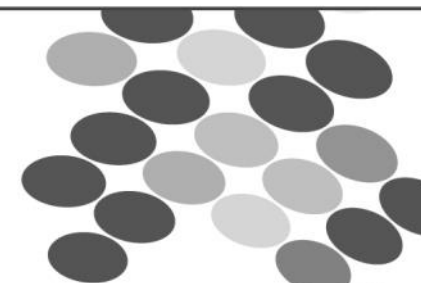
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