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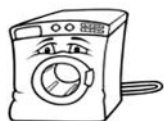
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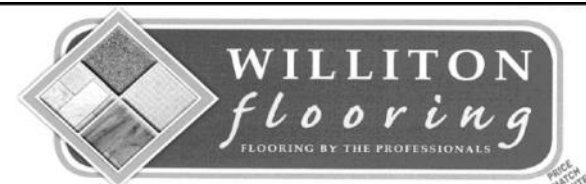
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	9.30am	Parish Communion
Mon 14th	10.00am	Communion at Danesborough View - all welcome
Sun 20th	8.00am	Holy Communion, BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 27th	8.00am	Holy Communion, BCP
	10.00am	Benefice Communion Service at St Decuman's, Watchet
	4.00pm	Sacred Space at St Peter's Church: Silence and reflection for those of all faiths and of none
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**Cover photo:** Ken Sellick of Combecross Farm has planted this wildflower meadow at the top of Ashbeer Hill between Monksilver and Stogumber. It is open to the public through till early August to raise funds for a new MRI scanner for Musgrove Park Hospital.

Our view is taken across the meadow towards Williton. The flowers include cornflowers, corn cockle, corn marigolds, corn camomile and poppies.

## FROM SAM SEARLE, THE SALVATION ARMY

Have you ever thought what it must be like to be housebound or shut in away from the world outside? Especially when all your life you have been free to come and go as you please.

This must be a particularly heavy cross to carry, when week by week you have been part of the going ons and now you can no longer meet with friends in the club, church, Mothers' Union or bowling etc that you used to attend.

Age, infirmity, pains, loneliness and isolation cannot always be comforted by the radio or television (good though these lifelines of communication often can be). What is needed is a 'magic carpet' that will transport you to the heart of activity of which you are being deprived.

It may well be that kind friends or relatives bring your shopping, go to the chemist for your medication, pop in and do a little round the house, meals on wheels or some other form of communal feeding are Godsend indeed.

But what is really missed is being able to join in with others, in the things you used to be able to get to.

Reading this you may be one of those who are housebound. If you are not housebound and have little to restrict you, might you not consider what more you might do to assist those who are not as free as you are.

But there's no need to be lonely for Jesus said, 'I will never leave you,' and he is only a prayer away.

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6th Mrs Monica Sandy

13th Rev Andrew Vidamour - Holy Communion

20th Local arrangement

27th Mrs Jane Sefton

Mrs Monica Sandy is holding another 'Holiday at Home' on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August from 10.15am to 3.30pm. Contact Monica on 01278 734872 for more details and to reserve a place.

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August we will be holding a Quiet Morning at 2 Higher Croft from 10am to 12.30pm. Contact Mollie for details: 01984 632115

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## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Man proposes, God disposes.

*from SD*

## BANK HOLIDAY RECYCLING AND REFUSE COLLECTIONS

During the week of Monday 28 August to Friday 1 September, all collections will be one day later. The Friday collection will take place on Saturday 2 September. Recycling centres are open on their usual days, including Bank Holiday Monday in Williton.

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## DOWN AT THE STATION

I don't think anyone could complain about not having enough summer weather this year - until the beginning of the school holidays, when the heavens opened! It still remains to see what August has in store for us, but whether sunshine or showers, there will always be some people who are never satisfied. However, whatever the weather, our hanging baskets and floral displays have been watered at least once every day and are currently looking as good as ever.

We are about to go on to the Yellow timetable which means six trains each way every day so we hope to see even more people down at the station. Our pasties and ice creams are going at a fine pace despite an increase in the ice cream prices (we blame Brexit!).

Final details of the Flying Scotsman visit have still not been released, although all the seats have been sold in advance. It will be running for two round trips each day (apart from Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept) and we hope to have a second 'special' engine available to take the booked passengers on their return journey. For sightseers, we would warn in advance that all stations along the line will be charging for entry to their platforms at £2 a time as a means to controlling the numbers. I would advise any local folk to walk to the station as parking will also be at a premium. More details in next month's issue.

We have received a large number of books and jigsaw puzzles for sale towards station maintenance so why not come down and have a look and a cuppa at the same time.

*John Parsons, Acting Station Master*

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## FROM OUR VILLAGE AGENT - IZZY SILVESTER

Lovely August - and time to think about your heating!

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Once you have thought about the cold weather, now think about the hot weather! Independent Age have a super booklet called Summerwise which you can download and print or call 08003 196789. It contains useful tips such as checking the effect your medication can have on your hydration and skin sensitivity. They have also produced a new free booklet discussing scams - phone 08003196789 to get a copy.

If you are finding life a bit hard going, and need someone to talk things over please give me a ring. I can call to your home or talk on the phone and it is free! You can find me at local coffee mornings and events or call me on 07931 018045 or email me at [izzy@somersetccc.org.uk](mailto:izzy@somersetccc.org.uk)

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## WILLITON HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS

Do think about volunteering at our lovely hospital. How about visiting, playing cards or dominoes, or just having a chat with patients? Bed makers are urgently required for Mondays and Wednesdays. Come and have a look around and a chat about volunteering. If neither I nor Chris are there, we will get back to you. Please ring: *Shirley Dee, Volunteer Co-ordinator - 01984 635600*

The League of Friends thanks everyone who supported our stall at Williton Fete. We raised £113.

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### RECIPE FOR THE MONTH *by Shirley Dee*

#### MY VERSION OF RATATOUILLE

½ lb (225 g) onions, peeled and finely chopped	2 tablespoons oil
1 lb (450 g) ripe tomatoes, skinned and chopped	2 cloves garlic crushed
1 red pepper de-seeded and sliced	1 teaspoon chopped parsley
1 lb (450 g) courgettes, washed and cut into ½ inch slices	Season to taste with salt and black pepper

Cook the onions and garlic very slowly for 10-15 minutes, so they become translucent. Then add all the other ingredients and simmer with the lid on for about half an hour.

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## WILLITON MARKET

The market will be held on Friday 18 August between 9 and 11.30 in the Parish Council Rooms, Killick Way. We sell fresh produce, flowers, eggs, preserves, jewellery, crafts and greetings cards. *ST*

## HAVE YOU EVER FANCIED TRYING TARGET SHOOTING?

If the answer is YES then why not come and visit Williton RBL Target Shooting Club and give it a try? You'll be given a warm welcome.

Williton RBL Target Shooting Club, currently celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary, is a very active organisation with a range nestled in the old quarry behind Tower Hill. At present the main emphasis is on .22 prone (lying down) small bore rifle shooting but there are plans to increase the number of options available. The existing clubhouse, dating back to the 1940s, is well past its sell-by date so the club has ambitious plans to replace it with a modern building. Fund raising is under way for this project which will also include a 50 metre range.

The club encourages people of all ages to take part in a safe and challenging form of target shooting. It also offers facilities to the Watchet Sea Scouts to shoot air rifles as part of their training plan. This has led to a number of their members joining the club and becoming successful small bore shooters. Throughout its history the club has provided members for the Somerset County and also the English and Welsh national teams. Two of our newer members, one of whom is a junior, were recently awarded their county colours for the 2016/17 season. The club also organises guest visits and would be pleased to welcome any local organisation interested in bringing a group of members to one of these.

Further information about the club, including contact details, can be found on our website at [willitonrblrifleclub.org.uk](http://willitonrblrifleclub.org.uk) or by contacting the Club Chairman on 01984 632650. *GM*

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## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

Our June meeting saw us celebrate our 90th birthday with a celebration tea. The afternoon included a trip down memory lane with a look at old minute books and scrapbooks spanning several years. A good time was had by all. In July we had a fund craft afternoon when we made coasters of various shapes, sizes and colours.

There will not be a meeting in August. But normally, we meet on the second Monday of each month at the Fire Station meeting room and would welcome new members - for further details please contact our Chairwoman, Jenny Ensor, on 01984 631586. *Sara Hempshall*

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## FUND RAISING QUIZ

Rather than doing a fund raising quiz for St Peter's Church in the summer and another at Christmas, this year there will be just the one which will be available towards the end of August / beginning of September. It will be available at Tina's Hair Fashions, Chanin & Thomas, Williton Flooring and Silhouette Hair Salon. All entries will need to be returned by end of October 2017.

**Happy Quizzing!**

*Sara Hempshall*

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## SOMERSET WEST LOTTERY

Buy a lottery ticket and support good causes in your area. Tickets are only £1 per week, with a 1 in 50 chance of winning and with a jackpot of £25,000. To buy a ticket go to <https://www.Somersetwestlottery.co.uk>. If you're one of the many good causes that have already signed up, remember to promote the link for your organisation so you can enjoy 50p in every £1 your supporters spend.

## **WASPS - WILLITON AND SURROUNDING AREA PARKINSON'S SUPPORT**

We had a wonderful day for our BBQ and many WASPS came along to make it a very good event indeed. There was lots to eat and drink and everyone had lots of time to mix and mingle. The meal was partly sponsored by The Somerset Farm Shop and the Williton Co-op and we owe them a very large THANK YOU. It was very kind of them to help us out and we do appreciate it.

We have decided that August is not a good month to have a meeting, what with so many of us enjoying a holiday. We will return to our normal location, Danesborough View Common Room on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September, but we will be starting out with 45 minutes of exercises at 1:15pm. We have been very lucky to have Jenny Manvell offer her services to us every month. What a wonderful way to start a meeting. Jenny has the ability to teach exercises and make them completely enjoyable. These exercises are designed for people with Parkinson's and can be done sitting in a chair. You do not have to come to the exercises, but why miss out on all the fun?! The regular meeting starts at 2pm until approximately 4pm.

We have a lot of things planned for the autumn apart from our regular meeting. On 16<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding a Bring & Buy Coffee Morning at Sampford Brett Village Hall with the doors opening at 10am. This is an excellent way to support the WASPS and you never know you might just find that perfect gift for someone for Christmas. So mark that date on your calendars and come and enjoy. The money we raise goes to help local people with Parkinson's who are in need of assistance. This fund was created last year in partnership with other local Parkinson's support groups and has been proven to help people locally. It is done anonymously through the groups' facilitator, Sarah Barter, whose number is 0344 225 3698. This fund is for everyone who has Parkinson's, not just members of a support group. All information is kept by Sarah. We don't know who receives the money but we do know that people are being helped and that is fantastic.

We have new people coming to join us virtually every month. It is sad to see more people being diagnosed with Parkinson's but it is good to know that no-one has to feel alone. 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 on 01984 631472 or email me at [queenwasp@outlook.com](mailto:queenwasp@outlook.com). If I am not available you can contact our secretary Deb Withey on 01643 705848

*Linda Bishop*

**BRENDON HILL (Beulah)**  
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## **GLOBAL FRIENDS**

This month we were outnumbered by young students visiting this country - two from France, one from Germany and one from Italy. We were also joined by our member from Bangladesh, who is imminently sitting her math examination - we wish her every success.



The session centred around the differences and similarities in our respective countries, in terms of education of young children, higher education, hobbies and favourite beverages. The drinking of tea came out top in the majority of countries!

We wish to take this opportunity of wishing everyone a lovely summer - our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 12th September, at Williton Children's Centre, 2 - 4 pm. Everyone is welcome. For more information on Global Friends, please phone 01984 248392 or 01984 634734.

## **GOOD NEIGHBOURS**

For our outing in June we visited Monkton Elm Garden Centre. Members were able to find something nice for the garden and shop in the centre where there were some very unusual things to buy. Some members enjoyed a lovely mid-day meal, while others browsed among all the lovely plants followed by a cuppa.

On 4th July the talk was on deafness. People were made very aware of how to speak to deaf people, including looking directly at them, to enable them to communicate. There were lots of questions and answers and everyone agreed it was very informative. There followed the usual raffle, tea, coffee and biscuits.

We have no meeting in August and we meet again for the AGM on Tuesday 5th September at 2.30pm at Danesborough View Common Room. Visitors are very welcome. Come and meet us and decide for yourself!

All enquiries to Jenny Berry on 632616.

*Joy Elgood*

## **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

Our visit to Taunton Museum was enjoyed by all. The staff and volunteers were very helpful and the lift to the upper floors made viewing possible for all.

Williton Fete was also a success, it was nice to chat to everyone who visited the stall. The sundries left at the end of the day were taken to St. Margaret's Hospice shop to carry on raising much needed funds. A big thank you for the support given before, on and after the day.

At our July meeting, Myra Barratt was excellent and entertained and informed us with her interesting talk and visual display of handmade dolls. Visitors were made welcome. The next open meeting will be on 21 September when Terry Ransome's subject 'Education History' will give us food for thought.

The committee is pleased to report that our membership is now thirty. We are getting a bit tight for space, but the future for Williton WI is looking good.

A reminder for members and associate members that the Garden Party in August starts at 2 pm and will include a garden quiz, name the photograph and a happy hat competition.

*Pamela Messenger, Secretary*

## **ONE OF LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES**

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## THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Thurs	3	Williton Library	3pm Pins and Needles
Sat	5	Williton Library	10.30am Lego Club
Sat	5	West Somerset Railway Association	10am- 5pm Norton Fitzwarren Railway Fields
Sun	6	West Somerset Railway Association	10am- 5pm Norton Fitzwarren Railway Fields
Tues	8	Williton Walk	6.30pm, Memorial Ground Beacon
Tues	8	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, St Peter's School
Sat	12	Williton Pavilion	9.00am Coffee Morning Table Top Sale, Parish Office, Killick Way
Sat	19	Gardening Club	1pm Annual Barbecue
Sat	19	Williton Wanderers	10.30am Tiverton Canal Basin Car Park
Mon	21	Book Club	2.30pm Williton Library
Tues	22	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, St Peter's School
Fri	25	Bake Club	3-4pm Williton Library
Sat	26	Macmillan Cancer Support	2.15pm Annual Garden Fete at Old Orchard Bicknoller

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

### CLUBBERCISE

Award-winning personal trainer, Sophie Knapp, is holding a 6-week Clubbercise class at the Lysaght Hall, Old Cleeve, on Wednesdays from 6 - 6.45pm. The class is going back to the old skool music, with simple, easy to follow routines. Come along for a bit of exercise with a twist while having fun. Hire your glow sticks or purchase some from us.

### FITCAMP BOOTCAMP

This camp will cover all forms of exercise from strength, conditioning, abs, legs, upper body - the lot... Mondays 6 -7pm on Williton Memorial Ground.

**For more information, please ring Sophie on 01984 634842**  
<http://skjemsophie.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	Methodist Church, Tower Hill
	(info: Pru Wand 656232 /email: <a href="mailto:pruwandpilates@hotmail.com">pruwandpilates@hotmail.com</a> )	
Mon 7.30 pm	Badminton	EMN Hall Monksilver (656496)
Tues 9.30 - 10.30am	Mat and floor based yoga	<b>The Salvation Army Hall Watchet</b>
11 - 12 am	Chair-based yoga	(level access and parking). For further details phone Julie Bolton 01984 633665 or email <a href="mailto:julieboltonyoga@gmail.com">julieboltonyoga@gmail.com</a>
	<b>NEW VENUE</b>	
Tues 10.30am-1pm	Bead-weaving group	Methodist Church, Tower Hill
<b>Fortnightly.</b>	<i>For dates and more information ring Jane Sefton on 01984 656652</i>	
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 <i>Term time only</i>	Bowmen of Danesfield	Danesfield School Gym
5 - 7 pm	Juniors	<a href="mailto:doug.human@bowmenofdanefield.co.uk">doug.human@bowmenofdanefield.co.uk</a>
7 - 9 pm	Seniors	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

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## ST PETER'S SCHOOL DIARY

We're now enjoying a well-earned rest; the last half term was extremely busy, but very enjoyable.

Oak class, as part of their topic 'People who help us', had a visit from the Williton firefighters. They spent the morning talking to the children about what sort of emergencies they go to and then the children got to use the walkie talkies, bandage each other up and look around the fire engine. Of course, the best bit was squirting the hose! It was a fantastic morning with lots of learning! The children also spent time understanding why it is important to go to the dentist and look after their teeth, then created a poster on how to look after teeth.

Ash class have been learning about money in Maths, which proved to be quite tricky! However, the children persevered and are now able to add up amounts to £1 and beyond. They especially enjoyed playing money bingo! The class have thoroughly enjoyed listening to their class story, 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. They were excited to find out if George could recreate his magical mixture and what happened to the horrid Grandma!

Elm class spent a wonderful day in Bristol together with the year 2 children from Old Cleeve to help in their learning about Isambard Kingdom Brunel. First, the children walked over the Clifton Suspension Bridge and then visited the SS Great Britain. As well as exploring the ship, the children took part in a workshop culminating in a recreation of the launch of the SS Great Britain.



Fir class, our year 3s, spent the night in Crowcombe at the Woodlands Activity Centre together with year 3s from Old Cleeve. The trip was a great success and a huge achievement for all of those who stayed. The children were taught essential life skills, which varied from team building, communicating with others, camping out and fire making. A particular highlight was the way the children mixed with each other, making a broader range of friendships. Many thanks to the parents who gave up their time to help.

A few weeks ago, Yew class went on a trip to Lynton and Lymouth with the year 3 children as part of their topic 'Mountains, rivers and coasts'. It was a beautiful day, in fact a little too hot at times, but nonetheless, they enjoyed a walk by the river learning about the Lymouth flood in 1952, a ride on the cliff railway and an ice cream!

This last half term has been a time for our year 4s to reflect and celebrate the last five years of school at St Peter's, as they will start a new journey at Danesfield in September. At the time of writing these children are practising for their leavers' assembly and looking forward to 'St Peter's Got Talent!' More about that next time.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who supported our summer fair, it was a lovely afternoon and very successful, raising over £700 for our school.

SG

## WILLITON PAVILION PROJECT UPDATE

At the recent Fete we displayed the drawings for the new building and associated ground works, and during the day we received many visitors who expressed a great deal of interest in the project and asked many questions. Most questions were associated with the availability of the building, running costs and what it will be able to offer. In consequence, I thought it a good idea to focus on this within this month's report.

**Availability:** Providing we can contract for the work by no later than October 2017, we anticipate completion and availability for limited hire during October 2018. By November 2018 we should be fully operational. We have already been approached for bookings and we expect this to continue throughout the construction phase. A number of organisations have already registered their interest, though we still have plenty of space for those who wish to use the facility.

**Running cost:** The business plan originally drafted in 2013 has been subsequently updated in line with the evolution of the building design and capability. There is no expectation that the new building will pay for the maintenance and upkeep of the entire memorial ground. But there is an expectation that the building will be self-financing and, in the long term, contribute towards reducing the subsidy paid by the Parish Council.

The charity has based its forecasts on current known costs along with costs obtained from similar community buildings, while basing its income on pessimistic usage figures.

Income includes both the parish council subsidy of £6,500.00 per annum along with our current fund raising efforts which are in excess of £8,000.00 per annum, this shall continue.

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
Current 2015-16	£19,863.00	£ 9,365.00
Forecast:		
Year 1 =	£20,340.00	£12,580.00
Year 2 =	£25,500.00	£16,405.00
Year 3 =	£27,460.00	£21,345.00

A copy of the business plan has been available in the Parish Office since 2013 for members of the public to read if they so wish during office opening hours.

**Building functionality:** The building will be equipped to provide for a variety of activities. In the main hall, there will be a hearing loop system, a 4m x 3m retractable screen for film nights and projection, a portable stage and lighting for theatre and events, up to 200 folding chairs and a variety of folding tables and banqueting tables. There will be sufficient floor area for a badminton court, walking football, four table tennis tables and three mats for indoor bowls. We also have registered interest for yoga, keep fit and Zumba classes.

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The building will have two meeting rooms equipped with tables and chairs: the ground floor meeting room will have a retractable screen for projection; the first floor meeting room, accessed by both stairs and a lift, will be fitted with its own kitchenette. The main kitchen will be of a commercial standard to cater for in excess of 100 people, equipped with a cooker, fridge and dishwasher.

In addition to the men's and ladies' toilets, there will be a separate baby changing room and two further disabled toilets, one on the ground floor and one on the first floor.

The changing facilities will be accessed both internally and externally and in addition to the two main changing rooms, there will be a disabled changing room and an officials' changing room, all equipped with lockers.

The old changing rooms will be partially demolished and a new unisex disabled public toilet will be available during the day. This facility will be provided by the charity with support from the Parish Council. The new building will provide additional storage along with a small mess room with kitchenette, which will provide an opportunity for small scale events to be held on that side of the ground. Completion of this element of work is subject to available budget.

Should you have any questions concerning the project or wish to register your interest in using the facility, then please contact the clerk to the charity on Tel No 01984 633979 or email [Willitonpc2@btconnect.com](mailto:Willitonpc2@btconnect.com) providing your name and contact details.

*Councillor Bill Vaughan*

## **W**ILLITON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

*To contact Williton Parish Council telephone the Clerk on 01984 633979 or email [willitonpc@btconnect.com](mailto:willitonpc@btconnect.com)*

The fete was held on 8<sup>th</sup> July and was a great success, taking over £2500 on the day. There were different things going on this year to include a display by the Doniford Cadets and the Red Arrow Majorettes.

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that the agreement to allow the Natwest Bank to park their van at The Parish Office will continue, so please use this service.

Whilst it is still summer we need to look forward to the winter and we need people to come forward to volunteer as flood wardens. The Parish Council has purchased a number of sand bags to enable us to protect our community in times of flooding. Please contact the office if you are interested in becoming part of the flood group.

The Parish Council is looking forward to holding the Christmas festival again this year but volunteers will be required to enable the event to go ahead.

The Parish Office is open Monday to Thursday, please call in and talk to the Clerks with any concerns you may have. Anyone able to help out with any of the above please contact the Clerks on 01984 633979.

*Cllr Keith Richards – Chairman Williton Parish Council*

## **P**AVILION PROJECT FUNDRAISING GROUP

Last month has seen over £340 raised through the sale of clothes (£144) and a coffee morning and table top sale (£204). The next coffee morning and table top sale will be held on Saturday 12 August at the Parish Office on Killick Way and we look forward to seeing you there.

If you have any good quality adults' and children's clothes, shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties and soft toys you no longer want and would like to give them to us to help raise funds for the pavilion project, please contact Diane Hooper on telephone number 01984 632497 to arrange collection or leave them at Diane's - Roughmoor House on the industrial estate, next to Station Café.

*Elizabeth Peeks*

## **N**EW MACULAR SOCIETY SUPPORT GROUP

A new, free, support group is being launched in Dulverton to help increase the confidence and independence of people affected by macular degeneration. It will meet on the fourth Thursday of every month, starting on 28<sup>th</sup> September, from 2p.m. to 3.30pm at Exmoor Medical Centre, Oldberry House, Fishers Mead, Dulverton, Somerset TA22 9EN. We shall be waiting for you at the reception.

The aim of the group will be to offer information, encouragement and friendship to people in the West Somerset area who are affected by the condition. Friends and family are also welcome.

The group will invite guest speakers to talk about the various aspects of MD: medical causes and effects, most recent research projects and results, helpful gadgets, diet, tricks and tips how to overcome problems, and how to get emotional and financial help and advice. There will always be an opportunity to have your questions answered by the experts and to socialise with people who know what you are going through.

For more information ring Marion on 01398 371450.

## **F**RIENDS OF WILLITON LIBRARY

**Book of the month:** *Unforgettable Walks* by Julia Bradbury

Of course, in beautiful Williton even popping over to the Library is an unforgettable walk. But this book can inspire you to take your boots further. Eight great walks in England and Wales are covered, and unlike the usual guide books, this is a very thoughtful and personal account which can be enjoyed in an armchair.



One of thousands of titles in your library, which also offers DVDs, computer training (with six terminals for the public), Lego Club, Baking Club, Knit, Craft and Chat. Over the summer, children can join the popular Reading Challenge. 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](http://librarieswest.org.uk)

# WORDSEARCH FOR AUGUST *by Phyllis Chidgey*

## ROCKS & MINERALS

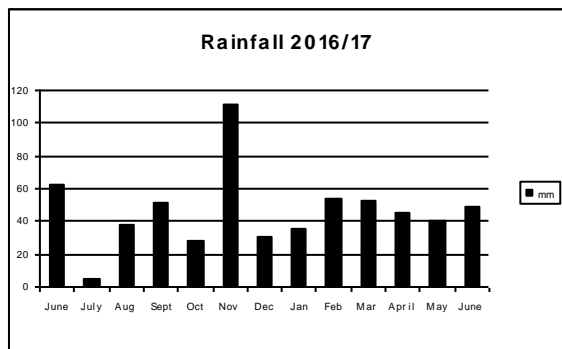
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## JUNE WEATHER

The third and fourth weeks of the month were hot well above average. We had temperatures up to 33°C and I recorded 31°C on 21st. The coldest night was 6°C on 6th. The maximum pressure was 32 inches on 7th and the minimum was 29.3 on 5th. I measured a rain total of 49mm for the month, though a friend in another part of Williton recorded 55.8! The wettest day was 28th with 21mm. We had gales on 5th and 6th.

Pj



# 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** this month will be around the outskirts of Williton on the evening of **Tuesday 8 August**. Please meet at 6.30pm at the beacon in the Memorial Ground. From there we will walk along the footpath behind Townsend from where we will walk down Union Lane and Watery Lane which will bring us out onto Doniford Road near Aller Mead. The route then follows the stream next to Danesfield School from where we walk down Doniford Road to Shutgate Meadow. The footpath along the fields will bring us out onto Almshouses Lane. We then cross the field towards St Peter's Church and walk back to the Memorial Ground. There is the possibility of rounding the evening off by visiting a local pub if so wished. For further information please ring me on 632318. *Elizabeth Peeks*

\* **Williton Wanderers** are venturing into Devon on **Saturday 19 August** for a walk led by Mike and Lesley Collyer - Exe Valley hills and the Grand Western Canal. We shall meet at the Tiverton Canal Basin car park (post code EX16 4HB) at 10.30 am. There is a parking fee of £3. The walk is about six miles and we shall have a late lunch at the Canal Café on our return (bring nibbles if you are likely to get hungry!). There is a map on the website or ring me for map or more information. Car sharing is possible. Do come - it should be fun. *Jenny Gibson* 01984 63489

\* **Mineral Line:** Meet Raleigh's Cross Inn TA23 0LN at 9.45 am on **Tuesday 8 August**. Explore the engineering connected with iron mining and its setting in the Brendon Hills. We visit Beulah Chapel, Brendon village and the Winding House. Then we go all the way down the Incline to Comberow, through the woods to Leighland Chapel, circling back via a picturesque waterfall. Bring a packed lunch. About 7 miles (6 hours). Steep. Wear walking boots. Booking essential on 01398 323841. Free but donations welcome. More information: [www.wsmla.org.uk](http://www.wsmla.org.uk)

*Williton Wanderers with the new sculpture of 'The Walker' in Lynmouth*



**W** Our club has gone through a few changes over the close season, and some not for the best.

Our two youth teams, which will be U10 (year 5) and U11 (year 6) next season, have lost a few players for various reasons. Although it's not the best situation to be in, we can still continue, but any new players are very welcome in either age group, so don't hesitate to contact me on the email address below. We have some new coaches and ideas, so this should keep the kids interested and motivated during the season.

We will only be running our adult team on Sundays, the same as last season but hope to resurrect the Saturday team the following year. We are currently training Wednesday evenings at 6pm on the Memorial Ground for any new players interested.

Our walking football team has now become part of the club officially. We meet Friday evenings 7pm - 8.30pm at Danesfield School. It's a great way to get back into football, meet new people and help keep fit. Occasionally we have a few social beers afterwards!

We are always on the lookout for new players, coaches and volunteers in any of teams, so please get in contact if you would like to join us.

With the news of the new sports pavilion being given the go-ahead our club is looking forward to the new facilities helping us to attract more interest in all our club's teams. I am convinced this will help us grow and develop in all areas, so anyone joining us now will have a bright future to look forward to.

*Ian Whitehead* williton.rockets@gmail.com

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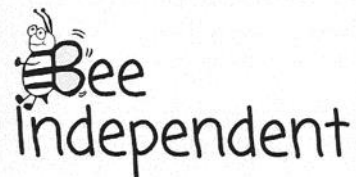
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