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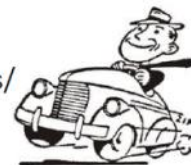
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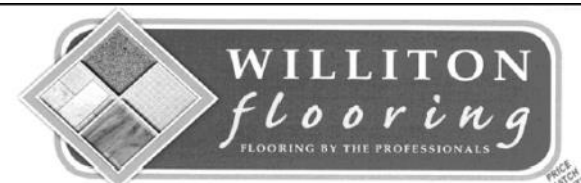
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FROM DEACON VINCENT WOODS

In her excellent article for the St Decuman's Parish News in July, Rev Kathryn Flenley wrote about the need to welcome children into our churches and to nurture the experience of church they receive. All our churches in this area can readily share this sentiment, but so often the pews are bereft of children. So, I thought that for this month's article I would consider the aspect of children's religious belief and practice.

Almost all our local primary schools (and by local I mean the wider Williton area) and our middle school have a church-related background and there is religious input into the curriculum which is welcome. What is missing from so many children's lives, however, is religious practice. The school can instil some understanding of religious belief but, by its nature, it can only very partially develop religious practice. One assembly each week is barely habit-forming.

Rev Kathryn, in her article, made reference to Jesus' approach to children and the great respect and love he had for them, counter as it was to the prevailing culture of his time in Israel. However, there was one element of the Bible story which was missing from the article, namely that "people were **bringing** children to Jesus". This is, sadly, what is missing in our children's religious formation today.

Children need to be **brought** to school, **brought** to the doctor's, even to their friends' birthday parties, so why not to church, which effectively means to Jesus? If parents don't attend church themselves, how can their children ever learn the principle of church-going? We hear so much today about wholeness and we do see to it that our children are educated and kept healthy in body, but if we subscribe to a need for wholeness why leave the spiritual aspect to chance?

I can already hear the counter-argument, "let them decide for themselves when they are older". If we don't set an example in any aspect of life, how can children ever know how to decide for themselves? Let them see for themselves, experience the idea of *community* (belonging to a wider family) and then make up their minds when they have the background to do so wisely. As Jesus, himself, said: "Let the little children come to me, do not stop them".

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Another potential strain is that this is when most people take their annual leave (me included) and so it begins to feel like nothing gets done! Appointments are thin on the ground and groups take their annual break.

Farmers will be working hard to bring in the crops or worrying about the quality of their harvest if it continues to remain so dry and whether they will get a second crop of hay/silage.

The best stress relief is free and all around us. So take advantage whilst the weather is good (oh, I hope I haven't jinxed the weather by saying that!). Take time to sit under the shade of a tree and appreciate the way you can feel the temperature drop on your skin as you move out of the sun. When it rains, look out of a window and look closely at the patterns of the rain on the windows. Take time with children to look closely at nature. I whiled away several hours with my daughter once, banging the earth to bring up worms and studying their movements. We then watched the way the ants run in circles and work as a team.

Belly breathing is an amazing way to slow down and reduce stress. Take 5 minutes to stop and slowly breathe in, inflating your stomach, holding for a count of 10 and then breathing out for 10 for a count of 10. Repeat 10 times, listening to your breath and imagining breathing out all the bad air and feelings, and bringing in the new. There are many apps to help you do this such as "Calm" and "Headspace". I found it very difficult to breathe slowly enough at first and would count very fast and finish quickly, but discipline and practice have helped me slow down and I find it really works! There are also some lovely children's meditation videos that you could complete as a family so you don't get disturbed mid-breath!

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We look forward to welcoming back our regulars and raising money once again for local charities. If you've never visited us do come along and see what's on offer and also take the opportunity to have a look round the lovely "new" Social Club. You will be made very welcome.

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Barbara Heywood

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Editors

Please see page 20 for the Parish Council's response to this situation.

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The past few weeks have seen an increase in passengers travelling through Williton on the W.S.R., and it has been good to welcome students from Danesfield School as they have gone on their annual trip to Minehead, armed with packed lunches and sun hats. They could not have had better weather. It has been interesting during July to see from the Visitors Book that we have had people sign in from Switzerland, Canada, New Zealand and Russia (that was during the World Cup – perhaps they came across to get away from football?). Others visited from Porlock and Bristol. The continued hot weather has meant very good sales in the shop, especially for ice cream, and we have need to replenish supplies two or three times a week.

We had a stall at the Williton Fete on the 7th July – perhaps you called by. Several leaflets were handed out as we were looking for volunteers, especially for the shop, and other leaflets advertising the new Annual Tickets which were introduced during the month. I understand that the take up on these has been good.

July also saw the re-introduced Best Kept Station Competition taking place. All done very professionally and we will not know until later in the month which station came first. We know Williton is best but it still remains as to whether the judges know that! All the flower baskets and hangers were looking at their best anyway, and it was a good opportunity to clean and polish the windows etc. We will let you know the results next month.

Finally I understand we have a couple of engines visiting the line shortly. By the time you receive this issue of the W.W. No. 7820 Dinmore Manor should have arrived and will be with us for a few weeks, and then during August there will be the return of No 34046 Brainton, which will remain on the WSR until the Autumn Gala at the end of September.

John Parsons, Station Master

SOMERSET'S NEW SAINT

A new, dedicated, school immunisation team has been launched in Somerset to give children and young people greater protection against many life-threatening diseases.

The Somerset school-aged immunisation nursing team, also known as Somerset SAINT, is a dedicated team of qualified nurses and support staff who will be giving primary school children the flu vaccine (nasal spray), and secondary school children the HPV vaccination, Meningitis ACWY vaccine and the 3-in-1 teenage booster (tetanus/diphtheria/polio).

Immunisation helps to improve protection against life-threatening diseases at the very earliest opportunity. They often concentrate on young children, as they're particularly vulnerable to many potentially dangerous infections.

Vaccination helps keep diseases under control and in some cases eliminate them all together and that's why it's really important to have support from schools and parents. Sometimes letters can get lost in book bags and, also, some children are taught outside of the traditional classroom setting so SAINT is hoping to offer sessions at clinics outside of schools and outside of school times to make it easier for families.

If you have any questions about the team or immunisation programmes, please email somersetSAINT@sompar.nhs.uk or ring 0300 323 0032.

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

WASPS - WILLITON AND SURROUNDING AREA PARKINSON'S SUPPORT

Once again the sun shone down on us and made our 5th annual WASPS BBQ a real success with about 40 people attending. Special thanks go to the chef and all those who helped out in the kitchen. There was not a scrap left, which leaves me pondering the name WASPS, maybe we should have been called locust! Every time food is on the agenda the WASPS are there in strength. Thanks to the Co-op and the Somerset Farm Shop for their donations, they have been very supportive over the past 5 years and it is really appreciated.

Despite attempts to find a new Coordinator no-one has put their hand up, which means that I must stay on. Parkinson's UK says that a support group must have a Coordinator or they cease to be. Luckily I have the support of an excellent Committee and they are going to take on more responsibility which will take a lot of pressure from me. I will do my best to ensure that the WASPS do not have to disband, but my Parkinson's is making itself known more and more in my daily activities and I can't go on forever. I have asked and will continue to ask for someone to take the group forward. Like in says in a TV advertisement "Because we're worth it".

Look at how far we have come in just over 5 years, from 18 to over 50 members and more joining each month. I think that we have made a difference, so consider it carefully. We need someone who has good organizational skills and is not worried about public speaking and has a good sense of humour - this could be you! If you have any questions just give me a ring and I would be happy to chat with you.

August sees all of us taking a break and spending time with family and friends and making the most of this lovely warm weather. Our next regular meeting will take place at Danesborough View Common Room in Williton. This will be on Thursday 6th September with the exercises starting at 1:15 and the regular meeting starting at 2pm. The exercises are great fun and you really should not miss them. Please do your best to be on time for the exercises. There is a small room to wait in if you are just coming for the meeting.

If you have just been diagnosed as having Parkinson's you will probably have a million questions. You might not be ready to discuss it with anyone, much less join a group, because it is a very scary time. But remember you are not alone. If you would like to find out more about our group, or just wish to discuss Parkinson's and how it affects people, you can reach me at 01984 631472 or email me at queenwasp@outlook.com

Linda Bishop

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 details of services, clubs and organisations, and how to obtain more information. Please ring Jenny Gibson on 634899 or go to our website:

www.willitonwindow.org.uk/welcome-pack

Welcome
to Williton

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Thurs	2	Williton Library	3pm Pins and Needles
Sat	4	Williton Library	10.30am Lego Club
Sun	5	Brendon Hill Church	6.30pm Anniversary Service
Tues	7	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, Danesfield School
Tues	7	Global Friends	2.00pm see page 22
Tues	8	Williton Walk	6.30pm The Beacon, Memorial Ground
Wed	8	Talking Café	10.30am Williton Library
Thurs	9	Loop the Loop	3.30 - 4.30pm Williton Library
Mon	13	RBL Women's Section	2.30pm Fire Station Lecture Room
Tues	21	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, Danesfield School
Sat	25	Williton Wanderers	10.30am Porlock Parish Church
Sat	25	Story & Craft Time	10.30-11.30am for children 4-10years
Sat	25	Macmillan Cancer Support	2.15pm Garden Fete, Bicknoller
Fri	31	Bake Club	3.00-4.00pm Williton Library

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

ACTIVE SPACES PROJECT

Somerset Activity and Sports Partnership (SASP) is excited to announce the launch of the new Active Spaces project in West Somerset. The high quality exercise sessions will be delivered by experienced, well qualified and insured instructors, provided at low cost, and include family activities, fit for your life general fitness sessions and running groups. All details can be found on the website www.activespaces.co.uk and Facebook page 'ActivespacesSASP'.

This project has been created to help combat inactivity levels in Somerset, and also to encourage families and friends to take part in fun social activity together. The Active Spaces project is set to launch in August 2018 and will take place on Williton Memorial Ground. The project is funded through EDF and the Hinkley point CIM fund and will also be working with several local partners including Sedgemoor District Council.

For more information please contact Gareth John on phone 01823 653990 and email enquiries@sasp.co.uk

REGULAR WEEKLY VILLAGE EVENTS

Mon 9.30-10.30 am and 10.45-11.45am	Pilates with Eleanor Rutter	Maglands Community Room, Watchet Booking essential 07342 238 723
Mon 10.30 - 12 noon	UK Online	Williton Library, booking essential
Mon 2 pm	Table Tennis	Watchet Youth Centre
Mon 2 - 3 pm	Age UK - Stay Strong	Danesborough View Common Room
Mon 6-7pm And 7.15-8.15pm	Pilates with Eleanor Rutter	Danesborough View Common Room Booking essential 07342 238 723
Mon 7.30 pm	Badminton	EMN Hall Monksilver (656496)
Tues 9.30-10.30am 6.15-7.15pm	Pilates with Nathan Pirt Pilates with Nathan Pirt	Watchet Community Centre West Quantoxhead Village Hall Info: Nathan Pirt 07762 721 271
Tues 9.30 - 10.30am and 11 - 12 am	Mat and floor based yoga Chair-based yoga More info from Julie Bolton 633665 or email julieboltonyoga@gmail.com	The Salvation Army Hall Watchet (level access and parking)
Tues 10am-12.30pm	Children's Centre	West Somerset Advice Bureau
Tue 5.45 pm	Brownies	Guide HQ
Tues 7-11pm	War-games Club	Info: Williton Gamers 01984 639588
Wed 9-10am and 10.30-11.30am	Pilates with Nathan Pirt	Bicknoller Village Hall Info: Nathan Pirt 07762 721 271
Wed 6-7.30pm	Cubs	Guide HQ
Wed 7-10 pm	Railway Modellers	Rear of Washford Mill, Washford (info: 07773 892085)
Thur 9-10am and 10.15-11.15am	Pilates with Nathan Pirt	West Quantoxhead Village Hall Info: Nathan Pirt 07762 721 271
Thur 9.30-11.30 am Thur 10-11am	St Peter's Church Free chair based exercise	Drop in for coffee and cake Williton Hospital (<i>please ring Shirley on 633529 for information</i>)
Thur 10.30 am	KFA Movement	Danesborough View Common Room
Thur 10.30-noon Thur 10.30-12 noon	Craft and Chat UK Online	Drop-in at Williton Library. Williton Library, Booking essential
Thur 5.15-6.30 pm Thur 6-7pm	Rainbows Williton Youth Club	Guide HQ Memorial Ground See page 25 (Contact Andy 01643 703155)
Fri 9.30-10.30 am and 10.45-11.45am	Pilates with Eleanor Rutter	Williton Fire Station Community Room Booking essential 07342 238 723
Fri 10.30-11am	Rhyme Time 0 - 4 years	Williton Library (term time only)
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 7.15-9pm	Guides (<i>info from Martha on 01984 248925</i>)	The Guide HQ, Market Street Car Park in Watchet
Fri 7.30 pm	Bingo	Danesborough View Common Room
Fri 7 - 8.30 pm	Walking football	Danesfield School

ST PETER'S SCHOOL DIARY

Oak class had an action-packed summer term. Highlights included a visit to Williton Fire Station, where each child got to have a try with the hose, a visit from a nurse and their class assembly, where the children performed a play to show parents all they had learnt. To finish the year, the children had fun making their own sandwiches and fruit kebabs which they shared at their teddy bears' picnic.

The children in Ash class enjoyed their last couple of weeks before the summer holidays researching what it was like to be a pirate! This was part of their topic Oceans and Seas. The class found this topic particularly interesting and enjoyed learning some gruesome facts! They made treasure maps, their own flags and even a pirate code to follow! The class have a new favourite joke from the topic which is: Why are pirates called pirates? A: They just arrrrr!

Elm class have been busy working towards the school's overall target which is to improve physical activity. Across the term the children have been completing extra PE sessions and as a result were rewarded with the whole school Silver School Games Mark Award! Congratulations to everyone across the whole school.

Children in Years 3 and 4 have been hard at work learning and practising their lines for the KS2 summer production of A Midsummer's Night Dream which, at the time of writing, is due to be performed on the last day of the school year. The children have really impressed everyone with their commitment to their role, be it a speaking part, a solo, or being part of the backstage crew. They have immersed themselves into it and are excited to show off their hard work.

Year 4 enjoyed their last few weeks at St Peter's. The children have taken part in sports, orienteering at Dunster Castle and other group activities. The activities were completed with other year 4 children from local schools, as part of their transition to Danesfield. At this time of year the children reflect on their learning, their friendships and their memories of their time at St Peter's. Congratulations to all of the children and parents in Yew class, they have been a pleasure to teach. Everyone has many happy memories. We wish them all the best as they move on to the middle school.

Happy Stars have had an amazing year! The group raised £150 with their sponsored bike ride for the charity MIND, cooked rainbow cakes, held their own royal wedding and received a letter from the real Meghan and Harry! They made a Stickman tree, had swimming lessons and created their own indoor cinema. The children had a letter from Prince Louis after his birth too. Happy Stars are finishing off with a Teddy Bears' picnic in the last week before having a rest and enjoying the summer holidays. They are looking forward to new adventures in September.

Finally, we wish Mr Venning, our Elm class teacher, all the best in his new teaching job. He will be missed by everyone at St Peter's.

SG



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We were only able to submit a short report in the last Williton Window due to the early deadline and you were promised a 'double helping' in July!! We have indeed had a busy Summer celebrating our 100th birthday. We had some very good photographs in the local press taken on the day of our party, and we organised a trip on the West Somerset Railway to Minehead for our June meeting with a splendid buffet lunch at the Beach Hotel. This was as tasty as it was colourful. We had an amazing day made even more special because the sun shone. We were pleased that our local Advisor, Marilyn Simmonds, was able to join us. We were looked after well, by both the Railway and the Hotel.

Early July we had a stall at Williton Fete – I think a lot of people were at home watching some football match, but it was a good afternoon none-the-less. Two of our members enjoyed a lunch at our neighbouring W.I. at St. Audries, and nine members attended a Garden Party at the Combe Hotel in Holford, to celebrate the County's 100th Anniversary. (Williton is one of five institutes in Somerset started in 1918.) Mrs Pam Martin was the speaker at our July meeting with her talk 'Somerset in Stitches'. Pam is a very interesting speaker, she illustrated her talk with some historical facts about sewing machines and showed us her machine embroidered pictures of places around Somerset.

Our next meeting in August will be our Summer Garden party to be held at the home of one of our members. We will again be hoping for a fine afternoon!

Mary Parsons, W.I. Member

PROPERTY CHALLENGE DAY AT DANESFIELD SCHOOL

Year 7 and 8 Students at Danesfield took part in a project that gave them an insight into the world of business as part of their activities week. In a challenge event that was funded by the opportunity area, students took on the project of designing a new housing development, including planning the site layout, marketing the houses and working out their company's profit. They worked in teams of 5, with each person taking on a different job role such as project manager, architect and finance director.

The students were given a realistic brief of what they had to build – up to 20 houses, including social housing, access roads, amenities and sustainable features. Some of their ideas included created communal natural swimming pools, solar panels on the roofs and modern, glass-fronted buildings with balconies.

Local businesses Acorn Homes South West and Sweetlands Builders supported the day. They volunteered business mentors who helped the students and gave them an insight into the real world of property development and construction.

The evidence clearly shows that a young person who has 4 or more encounters with an employer is 86% less likely to be unemployed or not in education or training, and can earn up to 18% more during their career. We hope to build more relationships with local businesses to further support our careers advice and activities for the students of West Somerset.

This has been funded by the Careers and Enterprise Company, as part of the opportunity area.

Rosa Lewis, Enterprise Coordinator, CSW Group

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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

As mentioned in last month's magazine, Williton Parish Council is supporting the Quantock Foodbank. August in particular is a month when families struggle with food poverty, as during the school holidays children are not receiving free school meals or attending breakfast clubs.

The Williton Parish Council office in Killick Way is now a food collection point for the foodbank. Please, if you can, over the next few weeks pop a couple of extra items into your shopping trolley and bring them in to our office – a friendly welcome is guaranteed! Examples of items needed are: long-life milk, cereal, beans, soup, pasta, rice, tinned meat and fish, tinned vegetables and tomatoes. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

A great day was had once again at Williton Fete. The weather was brilliant and lots of fun was had. The highlight in the arena was the fantastic South West Coast Cheerleaders. Thank you girls – I hope you will come and entertain us again next year!

Approximately £1,600 was raised, which is amazing – this will certainly help towards maintaining our Memorial Ground and facilities for another year. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard. Thank you also to the following business for their kind donations: Tropiquaria, The Masons Arms, SPAR, the service station, the Post Office, Hair and Roses and the Co-op.

Finally, I would like to thank Robert McDonald for his hard work once again on the Council. Robert has unfortunately recently resigned; therefore, we do have two vacancies on the Council. If you are interested in joining us please contact our Clerk, Michelle, on 01984 633979 or email willitonpc@btconnect.com or just come into the office.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer.

Cllr Kim Pearson

HIRE CHARGES FOR WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL ROOMS

I can confirm that Williton Parish Council hire charges, for parish users on an hourly rate, have not increased, however, the Williton Community Market was not being properly charged for their usage of the council offices. They had in fact been underpaying for some time.

As the new Pavilion gets closer to completion in November we decided to carry out a review of all current users of the parish council offices; the Pavilion will offer much more space and amenities and will prove very useful for a number of village community functions. During this review it became apparent that the community market had been using the premises for a longer period than they actually booked for so we merely adjusted the fees accordingly.

As a parish council we are here to serve all members of our village community so we are sorry to see the market leave, however, we have to be even handed to all users of our facilities. We hope to see the Williton Community Market make use of the new Pavilion in due course.

Cllr T Perrett Chairman, Williton Parish Council

WILLITON PAVILION PROJECT UPDATE

July has seen the building start to take shape. The upper and lower level roof sections are complete and the top windows have been installed. The Pavilion clock is in place and the ceilings, wiring and plumbing are well underway. The stone wall along the access road is now finished, though the replacement hedge will not be planted until later this year. The project remains on schedule to complete on 16th November. At the Village Fete we displayed a number of drawings including the floor plans and kitchen layout. The tent was well attended and a lot of interest shown in using the facility.

What has been encouraging is that the project is now being talked about on social media. Williton Community Group has been active on Facebook, in particular one individual who stimulated a lively debate when they queried why we continue to raise funds for the Pavilion, when we have secured the budget through grants, and why are we not raising funds to provide more for the children - not unreasonable questions and I believe they deserve an answer. The charity fund-raising activities are targeted towards the cost of the Pavilion as, although we secured the capital grant, we still need to equip the building. Fund-raising in general enables us to offset the running cost of the Recreation Ground which is currently funded via the parish precept. The Pavilion will be self-funding and as its usage increases, the charity should become less dependent on the parish precept. The scope of our fund-raising activities are limited to the number of volunteers we have available.

The building has been designed and equipped to cater for children. Ranging from dual height hand rails on the stairs, lowered ceramics within the wash rooms, a baby changing room, children's tables and chairs, including highchairs. On the ground, we have an under twelve children's play area and a junior football team. All of the design and equipment requirements for children resulted from the village survey. The large meeting room with its own kitchenette can be used for children's parties as well as the main hall where you can open the doors on to the ground. As we use the building we will have in place an evaluation process, whereby we can measure if the building is meeting all our needs or if further investment becomes necessary.

On a final note, once we take ownership of the building we plan to hold an open day for residents to come along and have a look around. This will be towards the end of November, exact date and times to be confirmed.

Councillor Bill Vaughan

RECIPE FOR THE MONTH by Shirley Dee

RUNNER BEAN CHUTNEY (by special request)

2 lbs runner beans, sliced small and chunky rather than long	
4 large onions, chopped small or minced	1 tablespoon mustard
1 ½ lb demerara sugar	¾ turmeric
1 ½ pts vinegar	1 ½ tablespoons cornflour

Cook runner beans in salted water until tender, then drain. Now add beans, onions and sugar together with the vinegar, but reserve some vinegar to mix the dry ingredients. Cook for a good half hour, then add the mustard, turmeric and cornflour mixture and cook for another 5-10 minutes, bottle and seal.

FRIENDS OF WILLITON LIBRARY

The Library is more than books: our regular activities include: *Computer courses* (Mondays and Fridays 10.15-11.45) Help with your computer and accessing the internet. *Book Club* (last Monday of each month, 2.30-3.30) *Code Club* (for 9- to 11-year-olds, alternate Mondays 4-4.45. Booking essential) Learn computer programming. *Verse and Worse* (first Wednesday of each month, 10.30-11.30) Sit



round a table and listen to or read poetry and prose. *Family History* (Wednesdays or Saturdays by appointment) Explore your family roots. *Craft and Chat* (every Thursday, 10.30 to 12) Drop in for friendly conversation. *Pins and Needles* (first Thursday of every month, 3 to 4) Sewing and embroidery help and advice. *Loop the Loop* (second Thursday of every month, 3.30-4) For children of six and over who would like to learn to knit and crochet. *Rhyme Time* (every Friday, 10.30 to 11) Song and boogie time for children 0yrs to 4yrs. *Baked Bites* (last Friday of every month, 3.30-4.30) Bake at home and bring it along to share over a cup of tea. *Lego Club* (first Saturday of every month, 10.30-11.30, for 6 to 12-year-olds, booking essential) *Story and Craft Time* (last Saturday of every month, 10.30-11.30. Booking essential) For four- to ten-year-olds.

The Library is open every day except Tuesday and Sunday in Killick Way.

Phone 0300 123 2224. Website: librarieswest.org.uk

FREE HOME LIBRARY SERVICE

Do you find you are unable to visit the library? The Royal Voluntary Service and Somerset Libraries work in partnership to deliver books and/or talking books to you free. A local Royal Voluntary Service volunteer will meet with you, choose a selection of books from the library, deliver them to you at a time that suits you and then renew/borrow new library books for you as and when needed. If you are interested and would like more information please contact Jacqui Brown Local Royal Voluntary Service Co-ordinator on 01984 631371 or by email jacqueline.brown@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk

GLOBAL FRIENDS

We have heard some good news from Ruba - that she has passed her higher exams with honours and is now looking for a better position. We must think positive and wish her well for the future.

We look to Nasima doing an ESOL course this autumn and doing equally well. Ann will be away for the next session.

The next session will be on Tuesday 7th August at 2pm. For more information please phone 248392 or 634734.



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Courage is not having the energy to go on, but going on when you do not have the energy.

from SD

WORDSEARCH FOR AUGUST by Phyllis Chidgley

THE CONSTELLATIONS

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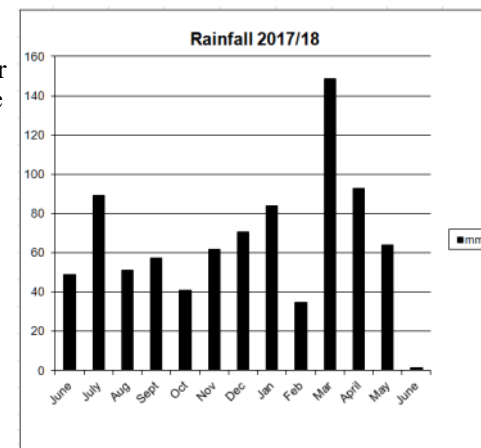
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JUNE WEATHER

Again more records have been broken: so far this is the driest July ever (since records began) and June was the hottest of five hot Junes ever! The longest day of sunshine was 18 hours, but this did not happen on the 21st (Solstice) when we only had 16.25 hrs! Temperatures were often up to 30°C. The coolest night was 8°C on 22nd. The maximum pressure was 30.3 inches on the 19th and the minimum was 29.8 on 13th. We had a rain total of 1.7mm (.07 inch) for the month.

PJ



THE WALKS PAGE

We are always pleased to welcome new walkers on all walks, but please note that you participate in the walks entirely at your own risk. You do not have to live in Williton to join in these walks.

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

* This month's **Williton Walk** will be held in the **evening of Tuesday 8 August** and will be around the outskirts of Williton. 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. About 2 miles in total. There is the possibility of rounding the evening off by visiting a local pub if so wished. If you would like any more information please contact me on 632318. *Elizabeth Peeks*

* **Williton Wanderers** will meet at 10.30am on **Saturday 25 August** outside Porlock Parish Church of St Dubricius. We shall amble up Hawkcombe and back down by whichever route most suits the weather. About 8 miles. Wear seasonal everything and bring a picnic. For more information ring *Jenny* on 01984 634899 or email willitonwindow@yahoo.co.uk

* **West Quantoxhead Walking Group** has sadly ended through lack of support.

WEST SOMERSET MINERAL LINE ASSOCIATION

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 at 9.30 am at Minehead Railway Station. bus stop TA24 5BG on Tuesday 14 August. Fare: £12. Donations to the Mineral Line welcome. Pick up from Dulverton or Wheddon Cross can be arranged. **Please book by August 7 on telephone 01398 323841.**

A TREASURE HUNT FOR FAMILIES

We meet at Ralegh's Cross Inn TA23 0LN at 2 pm on Saturday 4 August. We go to Beulah Chapel, see the remains of the Raleghs Cross Mine, Brendon Village, the Winding House and the Incline. Plenty of fun for children along the way! The walk is free but donations are welcome. For booking and information please call 01398 323841 or email drwthw@gmail.com.

Website www.wsmla.org.uk or www.westsomersetmineralrailway.org.uk

WILLITON WALKS BOOK

A book of 9 circular walks around Williton by Jenny Gibson is on sale at Williton Post Office for £2.50. All proceeds from the books go to charity. Since the first edition in 2015 several hundred pounds have been shared between the Williton Window, Macmillan Cancer Support, St Margaret's Hospice and a children's cancer research institute. The current charity is the WASPS.

WILLITON HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

The League of Friends would like to thank everyone who supported our Craft Fair, with special thanks to Barbara Heywood who organised it, Lloyds Bank, the Lions Club and Watchet Boat Museum. The hospital also had an NHS 70th birthday party, for which Williton and Watchet Co-ops and Watchet Spar provided all the cakes and biscuits. There was an interesting exhibition going back to the old hospital and a display of equipment used many years ago.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Please come and have a look around the hospital to see what you can do. Visiting perhaps? - not everyone has visitors. We also need handicraft helpers, gardeners, a relief person to help with the library trolley, trolley shop, bedmaking etc. How about reading the paper to someone whose eyesight isn't too good? More help is also needed on the book stall (no CRB check is needed for this). Please contact Shirley or Chris on 01984 635600 and we will get back to you. *Shirley and Chris, Volunteer Co-ordinators*

FREE ENTRY FOR CHILDREN AT THE STEAM AND VINTAGE RALLY

West Somerset Railway Association Steam and Vintage Rally at Norton Fitzwarren railway fields, near Taunton takes place on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th August from 10am to 5pm on both days. There is free entry for accompanied children, and just £12 for adults, £10 seniors.

Enjoy a great day out for all the family. Wander among mighty steam engines; trusty tractors; gleaming vintage cars and motorbikes; fire engines; commercial vehicles, military tanks and stationary engines. Watch working heritage steam and tractor demonstrations. Take a trip along the old Barnstaple Branch railway line on a 'brake van' pulled by a steam engine or admire our various railway carriage and wagon exhibits. Enjoy children's entertainments, pedal karts, shire horses and miniature railway. Take a break in our refreshment marquee which sells food, local ales and ciders. Relax by our large arena watching parades of classic vehicles. We also have a huge craft marquee, and lots of food and market stalls.

You can get there by train right into the rally site on the free shuttle train from Bishop's Lydeard station on the West Somerset Railway or by the number 28 bus for the shuttle train. Drive on the B3227 to TA4 1BH - there is free parking at both the rally site and the station.

Advance booking at www.steamrally.org.uk for both days for the price of one! It's a wonderful way to spend a day or the weekend! *Diane Charlton*

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

We are taking a break in August and will meet again on Tuesday 4 September. Our meetings start at 2.30pm and finish about 4pm. We meet at Danesborough View Common Room and usually have a speaker or some form of entertainment. We include tea and biscuits and welcome both men and ladies.

All enquiries about the club to our Chairlady, Jenny Berry, on 01984 632616.

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