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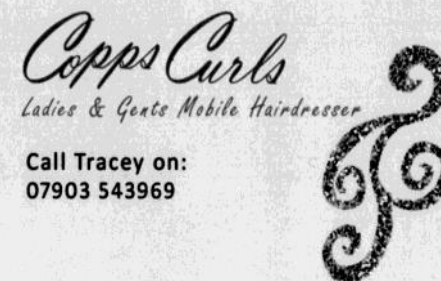
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Sun 18th	8 am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30 am	Parish Communion
	4.30-6pm	TOAST at the Vicarage
Sat 24th	10-11.30 am	CAFÉ CHURCH in the Meeting Room.
Sun 25th	8 am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.00am	Worship at Watchet Music Festival
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Cover illustration: Crosscombe Farm wildflower meadow, looking towards Williton

FROM REV JANE SPERRING

Earlier this year I attended the Methodist Women's conference in Swanwick. Louise Wilson led a very interesting session on Sunday morning relating to the 17 UN Sustainable Goals. I must admit, to my shame, I didn't know them, and in case you are the same as I, they cover social, economic and environmental development issues including poverty, hunger, health, education, gender equality, clean water, sanitation, affordable energy, decent work, inequality, urbanization, global warming, environment, social justice and peace. Louise was asking us to think about how we, as individuals, could make a difference to achieve these goals. She related them all to the idea of hospitality and we looked at examples of God being host, and God being guest, using passages from the Bible. It was a thought provoking session.

We had a choice of workshops and one I attended was about mindfulness. Mindfulness is an awareness of ourselves and of the world around us. I was thinking about this as I walked the dog the other day and looked at the abundance of butterflies that seem to be enjoying the sunshine this year. Mindfulness is living in the moment and taking a break from the busyness of our lives today. Mindfulness helps us slow down, and in slowing down we can start to appreciate the wonderful world around us. Even if you can't walk on the Quantock hills you can still appreciate the wonder of God's creation in gardens and hear the bird song. You only need to look at the changing pattern of the sky for your heart to sing and say - My God how great thou art!

As we perhaps take some time out during the summer for a holiday or a day off, we need to also take time to stop and stare, and appreciate all that God has given us, in creation, in family and friends, in the love we experience from others. So if you do nothing else this month, do stop and stand and stare - and really and truly appreciate this wonderful world that God has given us.

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11th	Mrs Jean Armin
18th	Mr Tim Hedgecock
25th	Mrs Lynne Wooldridge

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

Thank you to everyone who supported us at the Village Fete and helped us raise money for the RBLWS Benevolent Funds.

There will be no regular meeting in August but our September meeting will be held as usual on the second Monday of the month at the Fire Station meeting room, Williton. New members always welcome.

Sara Hemphshall, Secretary, RBLWS, Williton

DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

A consultation on proposed changes to the Fire Service runs until 22 September and we want to hear from as many people as we can.

The nearest drop-in consultation will be at **Minehead Library**, Bancks Street, Minehead, Somerset, TA24 5DJ on **Thursday 22nd August** from 11am-3pm.

Alternatively, you can go online and read the consultation document, then fill in the questionnaire at: [http://dsfire.gov.uk/SaferTogether/ServiceDeliveryConsultation/](http://dsfire.gov.uk/SaferTogether/ServiceDeliveryConsultation/TakePartInTheConsultation.cfm?siteCategoryId=18&T1ID=211&T2ID=460)

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We need to give an extra special thank you to Pauline Dyer, who I inadvertently missed out of my "thank yous" in previous editions. That's what happens when you are the quiet power behind the throne! She has been brilliant.

We still need someone to deliver to St Peter's Close and if you are able to help please ring me on 01984 634899, 07535 086223 or email willitonwindow@yahoo.co.uk.

Jenny Gibson

WILLITON FILM NIGHTS @ THE PAVILION

Our thanks to everyone who has volunteered, or attended a Williton Film Night, and helped make it a success. Please remember these are run by volunteers and we are always looking for more to help out – in exchange for a free seat - so if you are able and willing please contact the Parish Office on 01984 633979 or email clerk@willitonpc.org.uk and let them know. You don't need to commit to every film.

Cllr Dawn-Lesley Howes

CHILDREN'S CINEMA @ THE PAVILION

Friday 9 August, 2pm: **DUMBO**

- Doors open 1.30pm, film starts promptly at 2pm
- All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult
- Advance tickets £3 available from the Parish Council Office and Post Office.
- £5 on the door.

A fantasy adventure film directed by Tim Burton, inspired by Walt Disney's 1941 animated film of the same name. Struggling circus owner Max Medici (Danny DeVito) enlists a former star (Colin Farrell) and his two children to care for Dumbo, a baby elephant born with oversized ears. When the family discovers that the animal can fly, it soon becomes the main attraction - bringing in huge audiences and revitalizing the run-down circus. The elephant's magical ability also draws the attention of V.A. Vandevere, an entrepreneur who wants to showcase Dumbo in his latest, larger-than-life entertainment venture.

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Due to an early sell out of tickets for the July screening we've released a second night; no supper this time. Certificate: 12A

- Advance Tickets £4 available from Parish Office & Post Office. £5 on the door.

Tuesday 27 August, 7pm: RED JOAN

- Advance Tickets £4 available from Parish Office & Post Office. £5 on the door.

Joan Stanley (Judie Dench) is a widow living out a quiet retirement in the suburbs when, shockingly, the British Secret Service places her under arrest. The charge: providing classified scientific information - including details on the building of the atomic bomb - to the Soviet government for decades. As the interrogation gets underway, Joan relives the dramatic events that shaped her life and her beliefs.

Certificate: 12A

Hearing Loop

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Free parking in Killick Way after 18:00 hours, limited disabled parking at The Pavilion, permits must be clearly displayed.

NEW!

AWARDS FOR WILLITON'S UNSUNG HEROES!

On Thursday 4th July two Williton people were among others from around the county to be recognised for their outstanding contributions to the community of Williton on the occasion of the Somerset County Council Chairman's Awards for voluntary service.

John Parsons' award was in recognition of his role as Williton Station Master and his work as a co-ordinator and driver for Wheels. He is an active member of Watchet Baptist Church and assists in the management and maintenance of the Sanctuary. He is chairman of Williton Gardening Club and treasurer of Williton allotments. He is also on the editorial committee of the Williton Window and one of our staunch band of monthly distributors.

Bill Vaughan was a prime mover in getting the Williton Pavilion financed through grant applications. He has been a parish councillor for over ten years, looking after the finances of the council, and also arranged the finance of the Parish Office. Bill is a quiet man, who has been for a long time the backbone of Williton Parish Council.

In addition to a framed certificate, each nominee was presented with a Somerset Council tie and an attractive enamelled badge.

Our congratulations to you both on these very well-deserved awards. Editors

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

In July, our speaker was from The Conquest Riding Centre. Most of our members agreed that, although we had seen the sign on our journeys to Taunton, few had been into the centre and we knew little about it.

Rhoda, our speaker, a part-time worker at the centre, deals with their marketing and social media work. The centre is run by a charity, with no grants. Rhoda was extremely enthusiastic in telling us about their use of recycling materials which cannot be put in the normal council recycling, to raise money. They also have a café open at the centre from Tuesday to Friday.

The centre has nine staff, only one of whom is full-time and they are dependant upon their 69 volunteers to help with their work, not only with the disabled, but with able-bodied children with other disabilities including autism, behavioural difficulties, emotional problems and mental health problems. Their teaching includes animal care, as well as the use of sheepskin saddles, where the rider gets a full physiotherapy work-out, with the warmth of the horse passing through the saddle, as well as using the horse's rhythmic breathing in a type of yoga stretching exercise, plus carriage driving for the wheelchair bound.

It was an extremely interesting talk about something from our local area and we were all keen to get involved in their recycling as well as popping in for a cup of tea and piece of cake on our next journey to Taunton.

Our September meeting is on the 19th, and our speaker will be Emma Duke talking about the Lost Coast of Somerset. Visitors and new members will be made most welcome (a charge of £3.50 is made for non-members). We meet at 2pm at Danesborough View Common Room. *Chris Smith, W.I. Member*

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YOUR VILLAGE AGENT, IZZY SILVESTER



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- Help to connect you with people who need services.
- Listen to your ideas and give you friendly advice and feedback.

This could be suitable for you if you are a mum and need to work around your children or someone who has retired and loves working with people and the community.

Want to know more? Come along to Williton Talking Café on 17th September between 10am and 12 noon in Williton Pavilion or get in touch with Vince Tillman Enterprise Agent on email vince@somersetcc.org.uk or ring 07931 017907.

Please phone me Izzy Silvester your Village Agent on 07931 018045, leave me your name and number and I will ring you back. Or email me on izzy@somersetcc.org.uk . I do only work part-time so it may take a day or two for me to return your call. Thank you.

ONE OF LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES

An afternoon with just yourself to please - but not too often.

by SD

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

WASPS - WILLITON AND SURROUNDING AREA PARKINSON'S SUPPORT

We held our annual BBQ on Thursday 4th July and once again we were extremely lucky. The weather was great, we had a fantastic venue and the chef did a terrific job on the BBQ. We had a good turnout and we also welcomed some members of the Taunton Support group, who came along and shared in a wonderful day. Of course, with any event there is a lot of work that goes on before and after the event. We have to thank Alan and Sandra Cane, Robert and Ginny Yandle, Ann Hope, Joe Bishop, Tony and Jenny Gibson, and of course David and Rosemary Freemantle. Every one of these people really worked very hard to make this event such a success.

Putting on any event is hard work and we certainly welcome any help that fellow WASPS can give. We might have to look at different activities in the future to make it easier for everyone to participate both in the setup and, of course, enjoy the activity. As anyone with Parkinson's knows how one minute you feel great and the next minute you can't move or do anything. It is very hard to commit to help out when you know you might fail, but at least you try. It is good to see more WASPS working hard to make our Support Group such a success. A lot of our members are coming up with new ideas, which is good to see. By working as a team we can see the WASPS go from strength to strength and help more people in the future. The WASPS are here to stay. Many people thank me for all I do, but the thanks really go to everyone of you, without your support we would not exist.

We are going to take a well-earned break and enjoy the summertime, but we will be back at the Pavilion in Williton in September. The meeting is on Thursday 5th September with exercises led by Jenny Manvell at 1:15, followed by the regular meeting at 2pm. Jenny is another one of those wonderful volunteers who gives freely of her time to help us, and we are very lucky to have her.

If you have been recently diagnosed with Parkinson's and have decided to look at the WASPS for support, please know that you are always welcome. You can come to the regular meeting, or telephone me and ask about the WASPS. I can be reached at 01984 631472, my email address is queenwasp@outlook.com . I know that you will be given a warm welcome and made to feel at home very quickly. Enjoy the summer!

Linda Bishop

COMMUNITY MARKET

Is held on the third Friday of the month at Williton Social Club in Long Street, next to the Killick Way car park. **Our next market will be on Friday 16th August from 9 - 11.30am.** Fresh local produce, crafts and gifts. Come and shop, or simply enjoy a coffee and chat with friends old and new.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

To the Community Market and its customers for their donations to the Williton Window totalling £32, raised at coffee mornings and at the Fete. We are extremely grateful to you all.

Editors

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Life is like a game of chess: to win you will have to make a move.

from SD

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Thurs	1	Williton Library	3pm Pins and Needles
Thurs	1	Parish Council	1st-31st Pirate Treasure Trail see page 21
Sun	4	Brendon Hill Church	6.30pm Anniversary Service
Tues	6	Williton Walk	6.30pm, The Beacon, Memorial Ground see p 25
Tues	6	Global Friends	2.00pm see page 22
Tues	6	Williton Pavilion *	7.00pm Bingo, Williton Pavilion
Fri	9	Children's Cinema	2pm Pavilion Dumbo see page 12
Fri	9	Williton Pavilion *	7.00pm Film night: Fisherman's Friends 2nd screening see page 12
Sat	10	St Decuman's	10.00am Open Tower Day see page 11
Sat	10	Williton Station	4.30pm Rock Choir, Rocking the railway, see page 19
Thurs	15	Women's Institute	Garden Party
Fri	16	Community Market	9-11.30am Williton Social Club
Sat	16	Williton Pavilion *	9am-1pm Indoor car boot sale
Sat	17	Gardening Club	Barbecue
Sat	17	Family History	10.15 and 11.15 At the library
Mon	19	Book Club	2.30pm Williton Library
Tues	20	Williton Pavilion *	7.00pm Bingo, Williton pavilion
Sat	24	Macmillan Cancer Support	2.15pm Garden Fete at Old Orchard, Bicknoller
Tues	27	Williton Pavilion *	6.30 for 7pm Film Night Red Joan see page 12
Wed	28	Family History	7-9.00pm Williton Pavilion, Help with your family history research
Fri	30	Bake Club	3.30-4.30pm Williton Library
Sat	31	Williton Wanderers	10.30am Horner Car Park see page 25

* Disabled parking (limited) only by Pavilion and make sure you have your disabled badge displayed. Parking in main car park on Killick Way (free after 6pm), two minutes walk from the Pavilion.

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

WELCOME TO WILLITON - WELCOME PACK

Have you recently moved to Williton or do you know someone who has? If so, you may like a free Welcome Pack, which gives a map of Williton, details of services, clubs and organisations. Please ring Jenny or Tony Gibson on 634899 or go to our website: www.willitonwindow.org.uk/welcome-pack

REGULAR WEEKLY VILLAGE EVENTS

Aikido	Williton Pavilion *	Wednesday 7 - 9pm (R Banks 07562 322889)
Bingo	Danesborough View	Friday 7.30pm
Bowls roll-up	Bowling Green	Monday and Friday 6pm Wednesday 2pm
Brownies	Guide HQ	Tuesday 5.45pm
Chair based exercise	Williton Hospital	Thursday 10-11am (free class) 633529
Community Employment Hub	Children's Centre CVs, job searching, applications, interview prep, IT for everyone.	Tuesday 9.30-12.30 Relaxed free caring support:
Craft and chat	Williton Library	Thursday 10.30-noon
Craft and chat	Danesborough View Common Room	Tuesday 2.30-4.30pm (not 1st Tues in month). For info ring Lyn 634686. Free but donations
Cubs	Guide HQ	Wednesday 6-7.30pm
Dance and Gym	Williton Pavilion *	Monday 4.30 - 5.30pm Term time only Friday 4.30-6.30pm Term time only
Guides	The Guide HQ, Market Street Car Park in Watchet	Friday 7.15-9pm (info from Martha on 01984 248925)
Pilates	Williton Pavilion *	Monday 2 sessions 9.30am-12noon
with Ellie Stuart-Steel 07342 238 723		Monday 2 sessions 6-8.30pm
<i>Booking essential for all classes</i>		Friday 2 sessions 9.30am-12 noon
Positive People	Williton Pavilion *	Tuesday 11am - 1pm support for unemployed people aged 18 and over, into employment
Railway Modellers	Wednesday 7-10pm Rear of Washford Mill, Washford (info: 07773 892085)	
Rhyme Time	Williton Library	Friday 10.30-11am Term time only 0-4 years
RBL Rifle Club	Friday at Bridge Street Range Ring for information 01984 632650	
Stay Strong Age UK	Danesborough View	Monday 2-3pm
Tai Chi Shibashi	Salvation Army Hall, Watchet	11.15-12.15 £5 Julie 01984 633665
Talking Café	Williton Pavilion *	Tuesday 10am-12noon
UK Online	Williton Library	Monday 10.30-12noon Booking essential
	Williton Library	Thursday 10.30am-12noon
Walk and talk	Meet Killick Way car park by Library,	Friday 12 noon
Walking football	Danesfield School	Friday 7-8.30pm
War-games Club	Ring 01984 639588	Williton Gamers Wednesday 7-11pm
West Somerset Advice Bureau	Children's Centre	Tuesday 9.30am-12.30pm Universal Credit applications & support, Housing, benefits & other enquiries all welcome
Yoga with Karen Abraham	Williton Pavilion (info 07484 187420)	Thursday 1.30 - 2.30pm karenabraham@hotmail.co.uk
Youth Club	Williton Pavilion *	Thursday 6-8pm (Andy 01643 703155)
Zumba with K.t.	Williton Pavilion *	Monday 6 - 7pm Friday 9.30-10.30am

ST PETER'S SCHOOL DIARY

It's now official - we are in the school holidays! Everyone needs to have a break and recharge themselves as it's been a very busy term. Let's hope the weather is kind to all of us and we can get out and about in the sunshine, but first here's some of the activities we have been lucky enough to participate in during the last few weeks. The rest will be covered in next month's Williton Window.

In Oak class the children have been learning about people who help us and a few weeks ago they visited the fire station. The children watched videos, were involved in a discussion about how the different services can help, sat in the fire engine and even had a go with the hose! It was great fun. Back in class they enjoyed using the role play vet area and the large construction resources to build emergency vehicles.

Ash class had a very exciting day at Bristol Zoo. As part of their topic, 'Animals including humans', the class listened to a talk about bugs which was followed by some activities, including the chance to hold a giant cockroach. What brave children! Back at school the class painted some fantastic animal pictures which were displayed in their classroom.

Fir Class have been learning about forces and magnets in Science and were visited by a physicist from the University of Exeter. Conor Price gave the children an introduction to magnets and how they work before showing us some cool videos about the amazing things magnets can be used for! He designed a number of magnet related activities for the children to complete in a carousel. Finally, the children were given the chance to ask him their burning questions. He was asked how long he had studied at university, whether the Earth was round or flat and if unicorns are real! They had a fantastic afternoon and can't thank Conor enough for inspiring them.

Yew class have had a very exciting last half term at St Peter's and are ready to move to their next school. They have taken part in orienteering at Dunster Castle with some children from other local schools and have competed in multi-sports activities at Danesfield. These transition events help the children to settle into year five and get to know their new teacher.

Happy Stars have been busy with their annual sponsored bike ride for the charity Mind. The children beat their record of 3.46 miles and made a grand total of £231.50 which was also a record. The total they have now raised is £756.40 – amazing! A big thank to all family and friends for all the support they have given to Happy Stars this year.

Finally, we said goodbye to a few people who are moving on to new schools in September; our head teacher Mr Johnson and three teachers, Mrs Adams, Miss Falkner and Mrs McCannon. We wished them good luck and thanked them for all their hard work. All will be greatly missed, especially Mr Johnson, who has certainly left his mark on our school. SG

WEST SOMERSET TALKING NEWSPAPER

Due to one of our recording engineers leaving for health reasons, we need another reserve engineer to record our readers onto tapes and CDs. You would be expected to commit to a few hours on a Thursday evening no more than once a month. Experience not necessary as training will be given. Please contact Roger Hurst on 640060 or Martin Spink on 631827. Thank you in advance. JG

DOWN AT THE STATION

During the past few weeks it has been really encouraging to see several trains practically full with passengers. This has partly been due to good marketing and there has been an increase in pre-booked coach tours from around the country. Also schools have been running end of school year trips. As we approach August we will be going on to the Yellow time table, when there will be seven trains each way most days. That is, other than Mondays, Fridays and Sundays when the blue timetable will still be in operation (five each way).

Our plant sales have topped the £400 mark so far. Thanks to everyone who has come down to purchase plants and to those who provided them as well. There are still several left as I write this in mid-July. This is a most useful contribution towards the station funds. As a station we endeavour to pay our way, and we pay for most, if not all, of the maintenance materials to keep the station clean and tidy.

At the beginning of August, on the 3rd and 4th the Annual Vintage Steam Rally will be held at our fields at Norton Fitzwarren. This is a great experience to visit and there will be free shuttle trains from Bishops Lydeard or you can park at the site itself. See below.

I would like to make a plea that as many people as possible come along on Saturday 10th August from 4 pm to welcome and share with the Rock Choir, from Bridgwater, who are visiting the whole railway that day, spending time at every station and providing entertainment in song. It would be good to make them welcome and perhaps partake of a cuppa or ice cream at the same time. The shop/cafe will remain open until they have departed on the 17.18 train to Bishops Lydeard, where they will give their final performance.

John Parsons, Station Master

STEAM AND VINTAGE RALLY

West Somerset Railway Association
Norton Fitzwarren railway fields TA4 1BH
Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th August
10am to 5pm both days

Free entry for accompanied children
£12 adults, £10 seniors

Free shuttle train to rally site from
Bishop's Lydeard Station and vintage bus
from Taunton. Free parking at rally site
and at Bishop's Lydeard Station. Details
and advance booking – both days for the
price of one at www.steamrally.org.uk
A great day out for all the family.

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bikes, tanks, displays and much more.
Refreshment tent selling local real ales and
ciders, arena parades, children's enter-
tainment, food, market and craft stalls.

Saturday
10th August
ROCK CHOIR
Rocking the Railway

Rock Choir will be sharing the joy of singing at stations along The West Somerset Railway!

Stogumber 10am | Watchet 11:15am | Minehead 12:30pm
Dunster 2:50pm | Williton 4:30pm | Bishops Lydeard 6pm
Come and join us!

HPC Community Fund

WILLITON PAVILION AND WAR MEMORIAL GROUND

Contrary to popular opinion the Pavilion and Grounds are not run by the Parish Council but are a Charity (Reg no 211312), run by a handful of Trustees and a very small group of loyal and supportive volunteers.

As with any village fete, this year's could not be run without volunteers and we were so grateful for all the help received, even from neighbouring villages and counties! Sadly, without more helpers, the current ones don't even get half an hour off to enjoy the fete!

So, a massive thank you to the team that helped make our village fete a huge success and raise over £2,000; where more than 1,000 people came and enjoyed the afternoon in glorious sunshine – it really was a great family day out with lots to do, including a duck race; dog show; flower, produce and craft show; lots of arena displays; side stalls; local charities; tug-of-war and much more, accompanied by the music of Hugill's Crew shanty band.

Our huge thanks to Kt's Zumba, Aikido, and the Dance and Gymnastic Team - all current users of the Pavilion; as well as South Coast Waves Cheerleaders, for keeping us all entertained with their displays in the Arena.

The first Flower, Produce and Craft Show was a great success with more than twenty people entering nearly 90 items into the various classes. Congratulations to all those who won a certificate and especially to the 1st Williton Brownies for the number of decorated biscuits and cakes they entered in the Children's Section. We have already started to plan – and expand - next year's show so if you have any ideas for different classes please let us know.

Our congratulations to the very handsome working cocker spaniel Copper and Gary Sully who won "Best In (Dog) Show"; and to The Masons Arms team, who with no other village pubs to contest were winners by default, but took on two teams from the audience anyway and still won the Tug Of War Challenge.

The lucky programme number is 141, as yet unclaimed; if you have the winning programme please take it to the Parish Office to claim your prize.

Our thanks for the very kind and generous donation of yummy cakes from Glenmore Bakery - with very few donations, we would have run out way before the end; to Williton Fire Brigade for their displays and assistance coaxing the ducks to paddle faster to the finish line; Edward Martin for allowing us to borrow his tractors; Graham Bigwood for bringing his model farm and, very importantly, everyone who helped either set-up, run stands or breakdown at the end.

Last but not least, our thanks to the West Somerset Railway and St Audries Bay for their donations to the Raffle, and all the businesses in Williton and the surrounding villages that advertised in the fete programme.

We have a whole host of ideas for events to put on next year but we **can't do it without more help**. Even if you can only offer support at one event, we really do want to hear from you. Next year we will be celebrating 100 years of the Memorial Ground and want to make each event extra special – so please do come along to our next meeting on Thursday 15 August at 7pm and find out more.

We look forward to seeing you at next year's fete on Saturday 4th July.

Cllr Dawn-Lesley Howes

Our congratulations to everyone on this year's fete - the best since we have lived here! Great fun and a great atmosphere.

Editors

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

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

The Annual Summer Fete on 6th July was a great success, the sun was shining and we had a fantastic turnout. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves; certainly the feedback so far has been very positive. Thank you to everyone involved.

CHILDREN'S RECREATION GROUND: The recent Annual Inspection of playground equipment has highlighted several items of equipment that are in need monitoring for maintenance and repair and one item that is considered unsafe to use until repairs are completed. It is with regret that the Parish Council has had to fence off the agility platform wooden ramp structure, particularly at the start of the summer holiday, but we are sure that you will agree that the children's safety is of paramount importance.

The Parish Council is urgently seeking advice on how this equipment can be made safe, so that it can be enjoyed by the children again as quickly as possible.

Whilst on the subject of the playground, it is disappointing to have to report that once again broken glass has been found in the recreation ground. Please can everyone who uses the playground and the War Memorial Ground be considerate of others and put your litter in the bins provided. Also, do let the Parish Clerk know of any breakages you see or concerns that you may have.

COUNCILLORS: We are always looking for new councillors; we currently have only nine – giving three vacancies. If you are interested in standing, please Contact Michelle, who will be happy to provide you with further information.

THE PIRATE TREASURE TRAIL for children up to 10 years of age starts on 1st August - please see the notice on page for more details or pop into the Parish Office.

Jo Holmes, Assistant to Parish Clerk



WHAT'S ON IN WILLITON LIBRARY

*The library is open every day except Tuesdays and Sundays in Killick Way.
Phone 0300 123 2224 Website: librarieswest.org.uk*

All month – Summer Reading Challenge! Join the Space Challenge and read 6 or more books this summer holiday to get your certificate and medal!

Thurs **1st** 3.00-4.00pm – **Pins & Needles** – drop in with all your sewing queries.

Sat **3rd** : Week 2 of the weekly **Space Chase Alien Challenge!** Be the first to find the hidden Alien in the library and be rewarded with a free DVD!

Wed **7th**: Week 2 of the weekly **Space Chase Alien Challenge!** Be the first to find the hidden Alien in the library and be rewarded with a free DVD!

Thurs **8th** : **Virtual Reality in Space** – A digital event for 13year olds and over. Visit the International Space Station! 10.30am - 12pm. Booking essential.

Thurs **8th**: 3.00-4.00pm – **Pins & Needles** – drop in with all your sewing queries.

Sat **10th** : Week 3 of the weekly **Space Chase Alien Challenge!** Be the first to find the hidden Alien in the library and be rewarded with a free DVD!

Wed **14th**: 2.30pm - **FOWLS Committee Meeting**

Thurs **15th** : 10.30 - 11.30am - **Space Chase Craft Event** – Flying Saucers! Booking Essential.

Thurs **15th**: 2.30am – 4pm: **Scrabble Club**. Word fun with vowels, consonants and triple word scores!

Sat **17th** : 2.15-4.14pm: **Family History sessions**. How to source your ancestry with expert support.

Sat **17th**: Week 4 of the weekly **Space Chase Alien Challenge!** Be the first to find the hidden Alien in the library and be rewarded with a free DVD!

Mon **19th** : **Space Chase Craft Event** with shapes and felt. Booking essential.

Mon **19th**: **2.30pm Book Camp**

Sat **24th**: Week 5 of the weekly **Space Chase Alien Challenge!** Be the first to find the hidden Alien in the library and be rewarded with a free DVD!

Thurs **29th** : 2.30pm: **Space Chase Event-** Cassandra the Storyteller. Booking essential

Sat **31st**: **Final week of the weekly Space Chase Alien Challenge!** Be the first to find the hidden Alien in the library and be rewarded with a free DVD!

WILLITON HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

Thanks to all who bring books and those who buy them. We have raised well over £700 now.

Look out for our stall at Queen Catherine's Celebration between 2 and 5pm on Saturday 11th August on Watchet Esplanade.

VOLUNTEERS: Is there anyone who could paint our garden chairs? Everything provided. Please ring Chris or Shirley on 01984 635600.

Shirley Dee

SMALL PRAYER

Please help those in power over us to make wise decisions.



GLOBAL FRIENDS

Pauline brought her brother David with her to this month's session and he very much enjoyed it. We hope to see him next month. I have posted a birthday card to Laura and sent her a copy of all the wedding photos. I have also sent a card of congratulations to Ruba from us all.

The date of the next session is Tuesday 6th August. For more information please phone 248392 or 634734.

NH

GOOD NEIGHBOURS CLUB

Our July meeting was very well attended. We were disappointed that our speaker was unable to come at the last minute, but we were able to play a game of bingo with much laughter and fun. We followed this with tea, coffee and biscuits, and, of course, lots of chatter and laughter.

We are hoping to hold our last outing this month and we look forward to that. We have a break in August and resume on Tuesday 3rd September at 2.30pm at Danesborough View Common Room, when we hope we shall see some new faces. Please do join us for a friendly afternoon out.

Joy Elgood

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

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

This month's meeting on Wednesday 28th will be to help you break through your 'brick walls'. Our friendly group try to help each other to further their family history research by sharing their 'best websites' or suggesting ways to progress their research. New members are always welcome. We meet at the Pavilion at 7pm and the entrance fee is £1.50 for SDFHS members and £3 for visitors. This includes tea/coffee and a biscuit.

We also hold 4 one-on-one sessions at Williton Library. August sessions are on Saturday 17th at 10.15am and 11.15am. Each session is for one hour, when 2 volunteers try to help beginners start their family tree or if you have got 'stuck' we will try to push through your 'brick wall', booking with the library is essential as we are limited to four.

Lesley Murray

RECIPE FOR THE MONTH by Shirley Dee

LEMON CAKE

4 oz (100 g) soft margarine or butter	4 oz (100 g) self raising flower
8 oz (200 g) caster sugar	Ring and juice of one lemon
2 large eggs beaten	

Beat the margarine with half the sugar until light and creamy. Beat in the eggs and then gently stir in the flour and finely grated lemon rind. Put into a greased and lined 8" (20cm) cake tin and bake in a pre-heated oven 180°C, 350°F, gas mark 4 for approximately 40 minutes. Remove the cake to a wire rack. Mix the remaining sugar with the lemon juice and spoon over the top of the cake. As the cake cools, this will form a sugar crust.

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WORDSEARCH FOR AUGUST by Phyllis Chidgey

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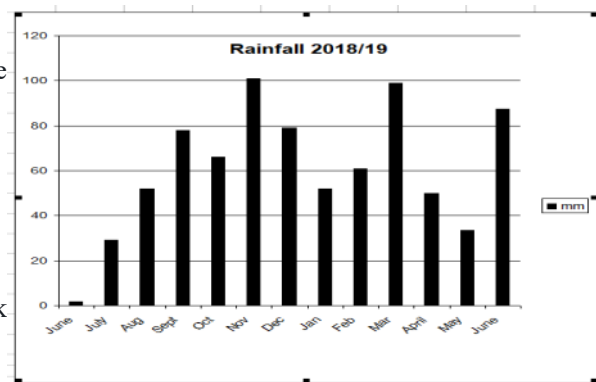
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WEATHER JUNE

June started with temperatures up to 25°C on the 1st. The coolest night was 6°C on 16th. The maximum pressure was 31.0 inches on the 1st, and the minimum was 29.6 on 13th. We had a rain total of 87.5mm (3.45 inches) for the month. At the end of the second week the gales took down trees and moved dustbins!

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.

You do not have to live in Williton to join in these walks.

* Colin's "Walk, talk and pause to regain your breath" walks start every Friday at 12 noon by the Library in Killick Way. Wear suitable clothing and footwear. Please bring a picnic unless the weather is very bad, in which case we'll probably eat at a café or pub. For more information, ring Colin Broom on 632721.

* This month's Williton Walk will be held in the evening of Tuesday 6th August and will be an easy, level walk of about 2½ miles around the outskirts of Williton. Please meet at 6.30pm at the beacon in the Memorial Ground. There is the possibility of rounding the evening off by visiting a local pub if so wished. For more information please contact me on 632318.

Elizabeth Peeks

* Williton Wanderers will meet at 10.30am on Saturday 31 August at Horner Car Park TA24 8HY (free to NT members) for a rather hilly 7-mile circular walk through woods, beside streams and over heather-clad moorland. Bring a picnic and wear stout footwear. Ring me for more information. Jenny Gibson 634899 / 07535 086223

* West Somerset Mineral Railway. 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 Saturday August 31. Fare: £14. Donations to the Mineral Line welcome. Please book by 16 August on 01398 323841.

Tessa Wilson

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 this edition go to Elliot's Touch, a Watchet charity to help fund research and find cures for Mitochondrial Disease in children. We are very grateful to the Post Office for their help.

IF YOU NEED HELP:

Williton Surgery Robert Street TA4 4QE Tel: 01984 632701
Out of hours: 111 In an emergency call 999.

NHS Health Trainer Rebecca Pitchers: mobile 07500 064683 or free phone 0800 412 5502

West Somerset Advice Bureau Market House Lane, Minehead TA24 5NW. Tel: 01643 704624 In the Children's Centre, Killick Way, Williton every Tuesday between 10am and 12.30pm.

Christians Against Poverty - Free debt help. Freephone: 0800 3280006
www.capuk.org

Quantock Foodbank 07483 815122 email: quantockfoodbank@gmail.com

Williton Police: Neighbourhood beat manager: PC 4376 Jamie Munro, Mobile: 07889 659436; Police Community Support Officers: PCSO 9273 Sue Thompson, Mobile: 07889 655209 and PCSO 7292 Peter Bolton, Mobile: 07889 655193. In an emergency call 999. Otherwise call 101.

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Annual Garden Fête
Saturday 24th August
at 2.15 p.m.

in the garden of Old Orchard,
Trendle Lane, Bicknoller

Teas, Stalls, Side Shows, Face painting,
Plants, Books, Soft Toys, DVDs, CDs,
Crafts, Raffle & Special additional raffles
and Granny's Attic

West Somerset Brass Band

Entrance: Adults £3
Children 5-14 years: £1

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