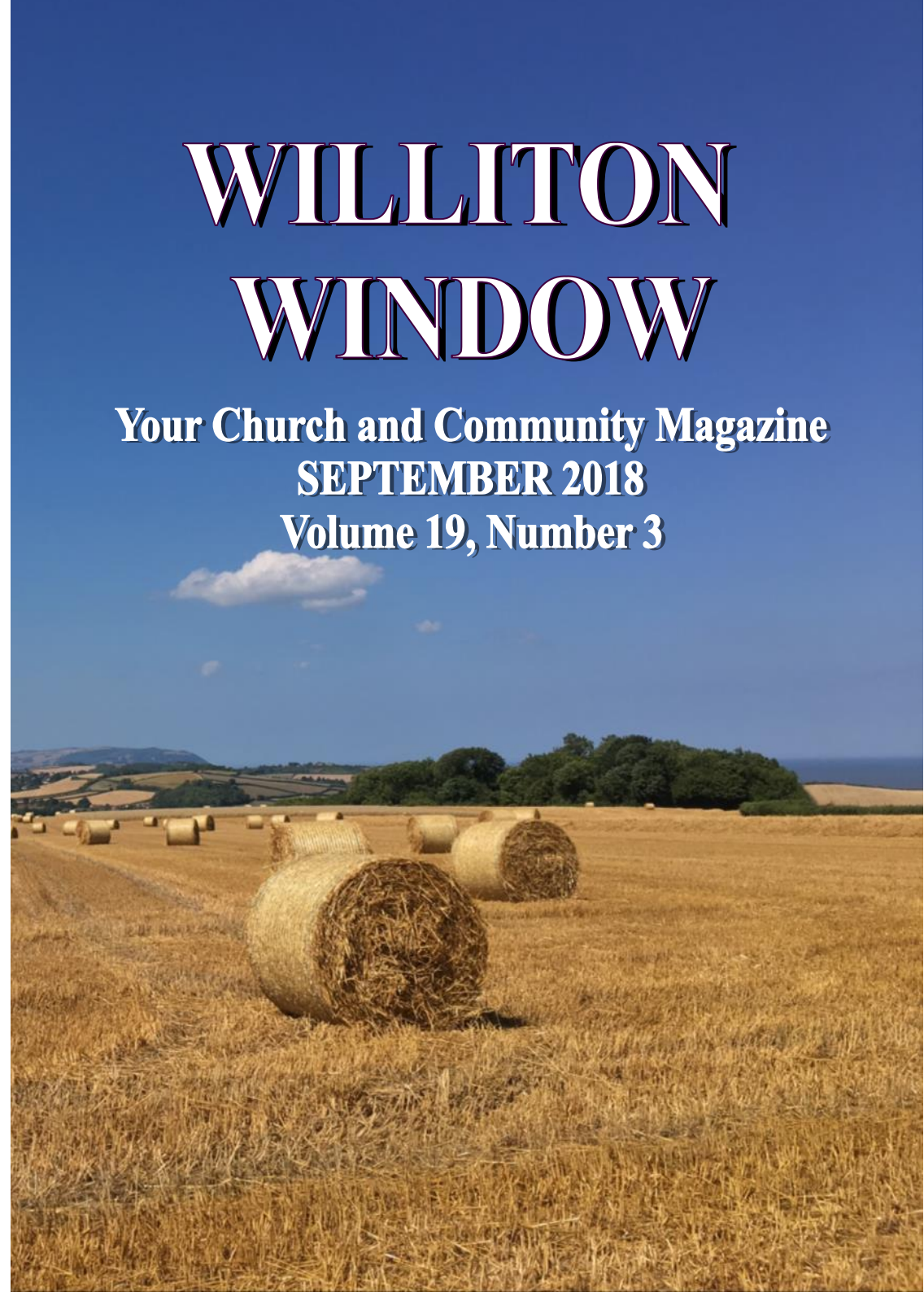


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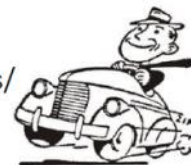
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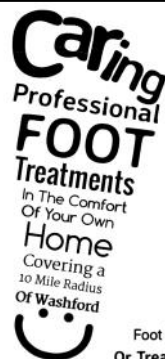
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Sat 29th	10.00am	CAFÉ CHURCH in the Meeting Room
Sun 30th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion
	4.00pm	Evensong at St. Decuman's Church, Watchet

Rev Nick Pelling

It was with huge sadness that we learned that Nick died on Sunday 5th August. We have all been privileged to have known Nick and receive his ministry and welcome him among us. Please pray for Julie, Eliza and Stuart. Nick's funeral takes place in St. Peter's Church on Wednesday 29th August at 2 pm. Bishop Ruth will conduct the service.
Clive and Kathryn

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We will be having a special all-age **Celebration Service** at Danesborough View Common Room on **September 30th**. This is for many reasons: to celebrate that we can be here to worship God; to celebrate as Methodists, still a presence in the village even though we cannot use our church at the moment; to celebrate in terms of friendship and fellowship; and to celebrate in helping the local community in schools, festivals, fundraising and so on.

So, whether you have been a part of the congregation in the past, have a family tie to us or have no tie whatsoever, whether you belong to any church or none, we would like you to join us on September 30th at 10.30am for our celebration service, with children's activities and some wonderful singing, followed by refreshments - which will, as always, include lots of cake.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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FROM REV TINA MACDONALD

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The stage was set with one large ingeniously built igloo, centre stage (made of 4 pint plastic milk bottles, recycling at its best). Lots of snowscape, mountains and snowballs (ever useful white sheets and pompom balls - provided by generous Methodist ladies)! Signposts to the North and South Poles. Complete with penguins (not real of course), skis, and walkie-talkie radios. So much more completed the scene, including some crazy volunteers dressed suitably (or unsuitably considering the heat) in quilted jackets, salopettes (skiing trousers to you and me), bobble hats, goggles, thermal gloves, and lined boots. Now that's what I call dedication to commitment!



And what on earth was all this for? Well, perhaps children will not go willingly to church on a Sunday, perhaps church to them has come to mean something different from the usual church service. All we know is that there are some forty local children who love to come to our August Holiday Club. Each year has a particular religious theme using stories from the Bible, cheerful songs which recognise God and welcome everyone to come and worship as part of his family, prayers, fun building dens out of cardboard, games which make you laugh and scream, lots of creative crafts - and food, too. The children also learn to memorise a Bible verse and most of all they learn to work together as teams, earning points along the way.

Each year has its 'characters'. This year, with the help of Sir Random Finds (Rev Tim) and Bare Feet (Exmoor Youth Project leader Lynne), plus many volunteers from all churches and none, the children in their four groups as explorers went on a mini-expedition each day and learned about a New Testament character. They learned how the characters also have faults, as well as special gifts and skills, all things which we all have. Through these lives the children learned that no matter who we are, everyone can be part of 'God's big expedition' and be a friend of Jesus and help others to be friends of Jesus too. They are already queuing up for next year.

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Talking Cafés are sometimes held on a Monday to provide much needed company after a long weekend. The Beach Hotel in Minehead has a Café every Monday morning from 10 am till 1 pm. The Talking Café in Williton is in the Library on the second Wednesday of every month from 10.30-12.30. You are sure of a warm welcome where you can come and chat to like-minded people and find support and advice from the agencies who attend each week.

Village coffee mornings or groups are wonderful – a great way to meet up with the community and chat about local issues. There are also gentle exercise groups (see the Age UK article on page 13). There is also a network of support groups for those who work as unpaid carers - go to www.somersetcarers.org and click on *what's on in your area*. If you are new to the village or finding it difficult to get the confidence to attend a coffee morning or group please give me a ring. I can come along with you or arrange for one of your neighbours to accompany you for the first time.

If you drive to a social group, perhaps you could consider if there is anyone in your area who can't walk there and give them a lift?

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The Watchet Phoenix Centre has just been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2018.

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Our main problem is a lack of cooks for Wednesdays to work with others to produce a meal.

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Edwin May, Chairman of the Trustees

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If you would like to participate in this class, do come and join us on Monday 3rd September at Watchet Community Centre, and then weekly. The cost is £4 per session. No previous experience is necessary and everyone is welcome. For further details please email ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk or telephone 01823 345626.

Alternatively, for something a little gentler, you could try a Chair Based Yoga and Tai Chi session in Watchet on a Tuesday with Julie Bolton. For more details contact her direct on 01984 633665 / julieboltonyoga@gmail.com.

Dianne Ramsay Ageing Well Manager

QUANTOCK FOODBANK

Much work has been going on behind the scenes to set up the Quantock Foodbank administratively, and to secure funding and premises. Subject to final approval and legal matters, we hope to start work on turning the building into a functioning foodbank as soon as practically possible. It will then take a few weeks more for new flooring and shelving work to be completed.

In the meantime, knowing that many families struggle during the summer holidays when children are not receiving free school meals, many of you have been involved in running or contributing to our Holiday Hunger Project, and we take this opportunity to thank you all very much indeed including our Surgeries, Co-ops, Churches and Williton Parish Office who set up collection points. All items collected were checked and marked with the best before date and there have been very few items out of date. Well done everyone for keeping wastage to an absolute minimum – less than half of one percent!

Special fun days in Watchet and Williton have been organised by family support services and we were present at these days, when families who were in need were each given a bag of food.

During September, we will arrange an introductory session for volunteers. If anyone is interested in helping at the Quantock Foodbank can you please contact me by email quantockfoodbank@gmail.com or telephone 07742 204780.

Marlene Mason, Steering Group Coordinator, Holiday Hunger Project

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The Environment Agency and the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust are delivering a Defra-funded scheme to cut the risk of floodwater surging onto roads and into villages.

Natural flood management is an approach that aims to hold back and slow down the flow of water before it reaches properties and businesses. It is already in use in various places across the country including Holnicote near Minehead and around Stroud in Gloucestershire. All the nutrients in any soil washed off fields by heavy rain end up costing farmers money to replace. Stopping that soil erosion has a direct financial benefit. It also prevents the roads from becoming silted up, and it stops those nutrients ending up in the streams, which ultimately helps the local salmon and sea trout population. Everyone's a winner

Any property or land that drains into either the Monksilver or Doniford Streams is eligible for assistance. Farms can also ask for free soil analysis and help to reduce soil erosion.

Anyone interested in finding out more, discussing opportunities on their land or the volunteer programme should contact project manager Carina Gaertner of the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust on 07557 971449 / carina.gaertner@wwt.org.uk or Environment Agency project manager Niels McCartney on 07764 146859 / niels.mccartney@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Carina Gaertner, Working Wetland Catchment Project Manager, WWT

A MAGICAL EVENING OF SONG

Come and join us for another magical evening of song on Saturday 29th September at Minehead Methodist Church, The Avenue, starting at 7.30pm. Once again, the concert will feature the highly acclaimed Minehead Male Voice Choir and talented soloist Eloise Routledge. **All proceeds will be donated to the West Somerset Advice Bureau**, a local charity which provides a free independent advice service to residents across West Somerset

Founded in 2000, the Choir has 40 members and is very capably led by Jacqueline Butterworth, an experienced and highly accomplished Musical Director.

Eloise Routledge is an experienced opera singer and concert soloist, having performed in the UK and abroad with companies such as Garsington Opera, Holland Opera and Welsh National Opera, and in venues from Birmingham Symphony Hall, Nottingham Albert Hall and Queen Elizabeth Hall, to Sydney Opera House and major concert halls across Australia as guest soloist on tour with Treorchy Male Voice Choir. Now based in Somerset, Eloise has been singing more locally at Bristol's Colston Hall and Wells Cathedral.

Tickets are £8.50 and will be available from Toucan Wholefoods in The Parade, Minehead, The Tantivy in Dulverton and reception at the West Somerset Advice Bureau, Market House Lane, Minehead. Alternatively please telephone 01398 371248. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

WILLITON WINDOW DISTRIBUTOR NEEDED

We need someone to deliver the magazine every month to Blacksmith Close. It is an easy round for someone who lives nearby - just 21 magazines. Please contact Jenny or Tony Gibson on 01984 634899 or Phyllis Chidgey on 01984 632755 if you are able to help. Thank you very much.

Editors

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

WASPS - WILLITON AND SURROUNDING AREA PARKINSON'S SUPPORT

It seems funny to have a month without a meeting, but it didn't mean that nothing was happening. We will be welcoming three new couples to our meeting in September, two of whom are moving here from other parts of England. It appears that the word is out and people are realising what a beautiful part of the country we live in. I have lived in a lot of places and have to say that this is the best. We wish them well with their moves and look forward to welcoming them to the WASPS.

The WASPS are continuing to grow and we are approaching 60 members. It still feels like a "extended family" and there is always room for more. I have met some people who have Parkinson's but are not ready to think about it much less discuss it and that is just fine. Not everyone feels comfortable talking about such a personal issue, very understandable indeed.

The biggest problem with Parkinson's is there is no pattern, no two people have the same symptoms. Your 'cocktail of medications' differ from person to person. Did you know that anxiety is one of the symptoms as are problems with your vision? The biggest thing is that people with Parkinson's need to know is that they are not alone, the WASPS can help you even if you do not wish to join. My phone number is at the end of this article.

We will be back at Danesborough View Common Room for our September meeting which is on Thursday 6th. The exercise classes are at 1:15 with the regular monthly meeting starting at 2pm. The exercises taught to us are done while sitting in a chair. We all have so much fun we forget we are exercising. What a lovely way to keep fit and to help to keep Parkinson's at bay.

Our speaker this month is Phillip Manvell, who will be telling us about his experiences in the 'The Queen's Guard'. He is also the husband of Jenny Manvell who leads our exercise class, and they are both lovely, lovely people, so do try especially to come along that Thursday.

If anyone wants to talk about Parkinson's please feel free to call me on 01984 631472. If I don't have an answer I can do my best to find one. I hope everyone had a lovely summer and we will see you in September.

Linda Bishop - WASPS Coordinator

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

To the gentleman from Tower Hill, who does not wish his name to be mentioned, for his kind donation of £10 to the Williton Window.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

from SD

Don't let aging get you down - it's too hard to get up.

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Sat	1	Williton Library	10.30am Lego Club
Sat	1	Williton Walk	2.00pm, St Peter's Church
Mon	3	Book Club	2.30pm Williton Library
Tues	4	Good Neighbours	2.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Tues	4	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, Danesfield School
Tues	4	Global Friends	2.00pm see page 22
Thurs	6	Williton Library	3pm Pins and Needles
Thurs	6	WASPS Parkinson's Support Group	1.15 exercises, 2pm main meeting Danesborough View Common Room. Talk on The Queens Guard by Phillip Manvell
Mon	10	RBL Women's Section	2.30pm Fire Station Lecture Room,
Thurs	13	Loop the Loop	3.30-4.30pm Williton Library
Tues	18	Williton Pavilion	7.00pm Bingo, Danesfield School
Tues	18	Village History	Visit to Watchet Boat Museum Meet there at 7.00pm
Thurs	20	Women's Institute	2.00pm Danesborough View. Talk: "Who Do You Think You Are?"
Sat	22	Williton Wanderers	10.30am Exford Car Park
Mon	24	Gardening Club	7.30pm Danes borough View Common Room, Talk: "From Seed to Plate" by Greg Morter
Mon	24	Book Club	2.30pm Williton Library
Fri	29	Bake Club	3.30-4.30pm Williton Library
Sat	29	Story & Craft Time	10.30-11.30am for children 4 - 10years
Sat	29	West Somerset Advice Bureau	7.30pm Concert at Minehead Methodist Church See page 14



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

REGULAR WEEKLY VILLAGE EVENTS

Mon 9.30-10.30 am <i>and</i> 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 <i>And</i> 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 <i>and</i> 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 <i>and</i> 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 <i>and</i> 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	Craft and Chat	Drop-in at Williton Library.
Thur 10.30-12 noon	UK Online	Williton Library, Booking essential
Thur 5.15-6.30 pm	Rainbows	Guide HQ
Thur 6-7pm	Williton Youth Club	Memorial Ground See page 25 (Contact Andy 01643 703155)
Fri 9.30-10.30 am <i>and</i> 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



We will soon be starting a new term having enjoyed a lovely sunny break and are looking forward to fresh challenges. We hope our new children in reception will settle in well and also our new year 1

teacher, Mr Lund. He visited the school a couple of times at the end of the summer term to start to get to know the children and to see his new classroom.

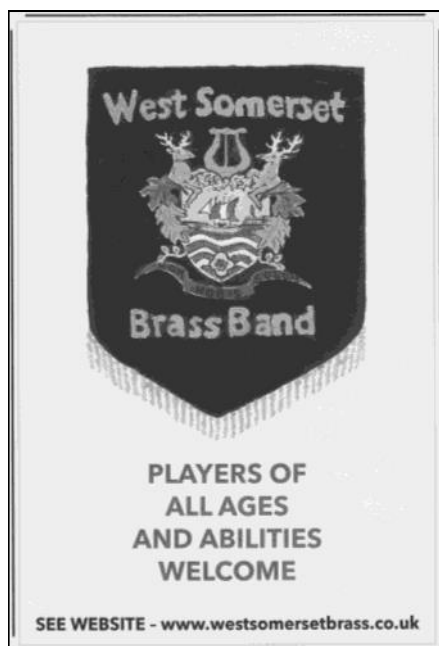
Now though we go back to the last few events of the summer term. This year our sports day was held in bright hot sunshine – almost a first, but nevertheless it was very successful. We went back to a more traditional sports day with sack races, egg and spoon, and skipping, as well as sprints. We also had throwing and jumping events in the morning, which most children took part in. All these activities meant points for Houses; overall Wyndham House was the winner this year. We also had good weather for Area Sports, which took place at Minehead First School. All those competing represented our school very well.

The performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream went very well. The children from years 3 and 4 did a fantastic job, especially as they didn't have a lot of time for practising. Again, this could be held outdoors as the weather was so good, although we did have a light drizzle at first.

Our year 4 leavers had a different sort of party this year, a science party. The children enjoyed a Fizz Pop science party during which they made slime and had candy floss! Everyone thought it was great fun. The science was followed by a barbecue organised by our PTA. These children also entertained the whole school, family and friends when they led an assembly. They danced, sang and reminisced about their time at St Peter's – it was fantastic to see how confident each child had become. It was obvious that they were ready to move on. During the assembly each child received a gift of a Bible and an autograph book provided by our PTA, a small token to remind them of their time at our school.

Finally, we will miss a group of parents who have been part of our PTA for a while; their children are moving on and therefore they will not be around the school anymore. We are very grateful for all the time and effort they have given the school, their hard work has really been appreciated.

SG



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

In June it was our turn to be a Delegate at the Annual Conference in Cardiff. The Resolution "Mental Health Matters" was passed with 98% for and only 2% against, therefore becoming a mandate. COUNTY events have been attended and enjoyed by those able to attend. GROUP events were also well attended as reported in the August Magazine by Mary Parsons. The Garden Party / Cream Tea held in August was a good chance for members to catch up with holiday stories and family news - many thanks to Mary and Dan Tong for the use of their lovely garden.

In September, our monthly meeting will be on Thursday 20 September between 2 and 4pm, when our speaker will be Mrs Lynne Cleaver, with the topic: "Who do you think you are?" We meet at Danesborough View Common Room and visitors are very welcome. We hope to see you there.

Pamela Messenger, Secretary

NEWS FROM WILLITON POST OFFICE

Early warning for Surface Mail Christmas Postage to Australia, N.Z. Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Central and South America, Middle and Far East. Although Royal Mail has not yet published the posting dates, traditionally these are the last few days of September. With this in mind we will have some Christmas cards on display in September along with a selection of calendars. We are pleased to tell you that Out and About Images have produced four beautiful calendars, as well as launching a small handbag diary with the same stunning local views. When choosing cards for overseas we recommend that you select the smaller ones to keep postage costs to a minimum. We are very happy to weigh your cards at time of purchase.

The Post Office Multicurrency Travel Card is continuing to be a great success with our customers, who find that having their cash easily available but secure works very well for them, along with the added advantage of being able to manage their money by the app on their phone. Our Travel Insurance is currently offering 25% reduction combined with currency purchases. If you have travel plans, do have a chat next time you are in the Post Office, we would love to help you.

Brian and I have recently completed a 3,500 mile trip on the motorbike traveling from Bucharest in Romania home! We went through 12 different countries! It was a wonderful experience!

We would like to mention that although Richard, the Barber, has recently been very ill he is now back and ready for action

Caroline Tynner

USE IT OR LOSE IT!

If local people don't use Williton Post Office, there is a very real chance that it will be forced to close. The internet is wonderful for many things but it lacks the personal touch. Post Office staff can and do iron out a host of difficulties over the counter. As for such relatively simple things as cash withdrawals, these are safer at the Post Office than at a street ATM and make a difference to the Post Office's survival, where footfall is all important.

Editors

WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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

The Pavilion is getting ever nearer completion. When it opens it will provide Williton with a host of opportunities for many different pursuits. Exercise is becoming ever more popular as a result of advice given by the medical community. We are told today that it is good for mental health issues, for losing weight, and even for arthritis, improving joint mobility. It would be good to save us travelling outside of the village if we can have classes such as Pilates, yoga, Zumba, Tai Chi, aerobics, dance, table tennis and bridge here. If any teachers of these pursuits or anything else would like to take up this opportunity, please get in touch with the Parish Council through the Clerk Michelle Francis (details above).

On 11th November there will be an Armistice Day service to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. This will take place with a service at the War Memorial on the Memorial Recreation Ground followed by a parade to St Peter's Church. If you would like to take part please contact the Parish Council as above.

We have two vacancies on the Parish Council for councillors and if you would like to become involved in this fine community please do contact us.

We have enjoyed a truly fine summer with some of the hottest weather I can remember. It has been marvellous but no doubt we will get back to normality soon. Which brings me to our Flood Group, which is made up of volunteers; they will be hoping that all ditches are kept clear and any obstructions noticed in streams or rivers are reported to the Parish Council, so that we can pass the information on to the appropriate authority.

Somerset Activities and Sports Partnership (SASP) are offering activities for all on the Memorial Ground. Come along and take part.

Tuesdays 21st August onwards 6pm to 7pm for adults fitness/circuits activities.

Wednesdays 22nd August onwards 12.30pm to 1.15pm for adults lunch time fitness/circuits.

Fridays 1.30pm to 2.30pm for family activities (waiting for confirmation from the instructor).

Lastly I wish to remind you all that the Parish Council Office is now a collection point for the Quantock Food Bank.

Cllr Tony Perrett

WILLITON PAVILION PROJECT UPDATE

Throughout July and August, we have been busy working with the contractor on the infrastructure to support the equipment requirements. The media equipment has been a challenge and working with the supplier, we have now agreed the layout. For cinema and projection in the main hall, there will be a 4.5m wide retractable screen with a ceiling mounted projector. There will be also be stage lighting and sound equipment. All this will be fed back to a console located within the upstairs meeting room, where there is an opening window from where we can operate the cinema and stage productions. We are also looking to purchase a 7m x 3m modular stage. Dependent on the available budget at the end of the

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project, we also plan to purchase stage curtains along with their operating system.

The charity has provisionally agreed to commence work on the remodelling of the old changing rooms, which was shelved pending available funds. As we are now three months from completion, we feel confident enough to commence this activity and work will start as soon as the pavilion is completed.

Regarding bookings, as we move forward, most evenings and a number of day time slots for using the main hall are now provisionally booked for various activities. Soon we will have the website calendar fixed and you will be able to see what's on and view the user contact details should you wish to participate.

The website has raised a couple of issues with regards to data protection and how we use the enquiry and contact pages. Hopefully this will be sorted out soon and we can take enquiries via the website. Until then it is best to contact the clerk on 01984 633979.

Another task has been sourcing chairs and tables. Here we have looked at other halls to see what they are using and we believe our solution will meet our user needs. In all there will be 120 chairs for use in the meeting rooms and main hall, plus 20 chairs with arms, 100 folding chairs for use inside and out, children's chairs for 3-4yrs and 4-6yrs, plus an array of tables.

The photograph of the inside of the building was taken during a recent visit by the charity to view progress.

The completion date remains 16th November.

Councillor Bill Vaughan



DOWN AT THE STATION

The Best Kept Station Competition? Well, we didn't win, but came an honourable joint runner up along with Crowcombe Heathfield. Blue Anchor station was the winner. Never mind, there is another year next year. I have found some earlier records and certificates which showed that we were runners up in 2001 and actually won the competition in 2002! Nevertheless morale is high and we know which station is the best!!

With the coming of August and into the 'Yellow' timetable, we have seen a tremendous increase in passenger numbers across the whole railway, which has to be good. During August, and into September it has been good to see the engine Braunton return, and it made its first return journey on 16th August. To many volunteers it was a glad reminder of the time she first ran here, having been mainly restored from scrap condition at the local Swindon shed at Williton. Since then Braunton has worked on many main line excursions around the country.

For the younger ones there is a special Gruffalo Meet and Greet day at Minehead station on 8th September. The weekend 15th and 16th will be a special 1940s Weekend when there will be special events along the line, including static displays at Minehead and Watchet, and even a 40s Dance on Minehead Station on the Saturday evening! There will also be a Military Goods Train running each day, as all along the line and at Minehead there were several Army and Airforce camps during the war. From 27th – 30th it will be the Autumn Gala, when there will be up to ten trains running each way every day. A busy time for the volunteers but you will of course be most welcome to come down and watch the trains and get your cuppa or ice cream!

John Parsons, Station Master

RECIPE FOR THE MONTH by Shirley Dee

COUNTRY CAKE

6 oz (150 g) soft margarine	1 teaspoon (5 ml) cinnamon
3 oz (75 g) soft brown sugar	2 oz (50 g) chopped mixed nuts
3 beaten eggs	4 oz (100 g) cream cheese
4 tablespoons runny honey	2 oz (50 g) icing sugar
9 oz (225 g) wholemeal SR flour	2 teaspoons coffee essence
1 teaspoon (5 ml) baking powder	Sprinkling of toasted mixed nuts

Pre-heat the oven to 180°C / 350°F / Gas 4.

Beat together all the ingredients, except cream cheese, icing sugar, coffee essence and chopped mixed nuts. Put into a greased, lined 8" (20 cm) deep cake tin and bake for 45 minutes (you know your own oven). When cool, beat together cream cheese, icing sugar and coffee essence and spread over the top of the cake, then sprinkle with the toasted nuts.

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

We will meet after the August break 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. Do come and try our friendly club, whether as a visitor or new member.

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

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

Book Club is on Monday 3 September and Monday 24 September from 2.30 to 3.30 pm. Everyone is welcome!

GLOBAL FRIENDS

The next session will be on Tuesday 4th September at 2pm. For more information please phone 248392 or 634734.



IF YOU NEED HELP:

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

WILLITON SURGERY Robert Street TA4 4QE Tel: 01984 632701
Out of hours: 111

WEST SOMERSET ADVICE BUREAU Market House Lane, Minehead TA24 5NW. Tel: 01643 704624 In the Children's Centre, Killick Way, every Tuesday between 10am and 12.30pm.

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

WILLITON POLICE: Neighbourhood beat manager: PC 4376 Jamie Munro, Mobile: 07889 659436; Police Community Support Officers: PCSO 9273 Sue Thompson, Mobile: 07889 655209 and PCSO 7292 Peter Bolton, Mobile: 07889655193

WILLITON HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

Thanks to everyone bringing in books for sale. Now we would welcome anyone to come and help sell them! No police check needed. Please ring Shirley or Chris on 01984 635600.

WILLITON GARDENING CLUB

Our September meeting at Danesborough Community Room is on Monday 24th September at 7.30 pm. The speaker is Greg Morter and his subject is 'From Seed to Plate - The story of how plants evolved and humans adapted them'.

Visitors are always welcome at a charge of £2. Please ring Dave Messenger on 01984-248412 for more information.

WEST SOMERSET VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

The next meeting will be a visit to Watchet Boat Museum. Please meet there at 7pm. Non-members welcome at a charge of £3. For more information, please contact: marilyn@westsomerstetvillagehistorysociety-wsvhs.com

ST DECUMAN'S CHURCH LAUNCH THEIR CWGC BOOKLET

The 8th of August 2018 was the 100th anniversary of the battle of Amiens and The Hundred Day offensive, the battles that brought the First World War to its conclusion. The British Expeditionary Force gained land every day from the German front, supported by the artillery and hundreds of tanks. Many hundreds of German troops surrendered.

St. Decuman's Church launched a Commonwealth War Graves Booklet on the anniversary as a symbol of remembrance to the men lost, not only in the First World War, but in all conflicts since.

St Decuman's Church was given Commonwealth War Grave status last year and has been correlating the booklet for the last few months. A small team was put together to find the graves listed and along the way have found others in the churchyard that were not listed by the War Graves Commission, but these are now included. The team consisted of Keran Spears, Alan Jones and Sara Summers, who is the Watchet Town war memorials historian.

The booklet consists of photographs of the graves and headstones of the men in the two church cemeteries and aerial photographs taken by local photographer, Paul Scullion. Historical facts were researched and archived by Sara Summers from the primary source of the CWGC internet research website. The CWGC have given their guidance and support throughout the process and have printed the booklet.

The booklet will be available at St. Decuman's Church, the Market House Museum and Watchet Visitor Centre for anyone with a family link to the men on the list or for anyone with a general interest in the Commonwealth War Graves.

Alan Jones

SMALL PRAYER

Thank you for a lovely, sunny summer.



ONE OF LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES

Finishing a very difficult jigsaw puzzle.

by SD

WORDSEARCH FOR SEPTEMBER by Phyllis Chidgey

GREEK & ROMAN MYTHOLOGY

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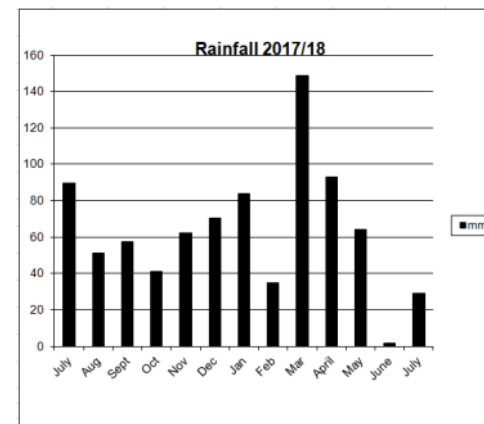
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JULY WEATHER

Who remembers the summer of 1976 - or the summer of 2003? Well, the July 12th to 31st temperatures of 29°C to 33°C felt hotter! Hottest and most humid days were the 9th. and 10th. The night minimum varied between 13°C and 17°C (too warm to sleep). There was little rain this month, only 29mm (1.4ins). Clear nights are good for seeing shooting stars, the Milky Way and constellations. *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 on 1 September starting from St Peter's Church at 2pm. We will walk to Aller Farm and then on to Capton. From Capton we will cross the fields to Sampford Brett before returning to Williton via Sampford Mill. The walk will include one hill (up to Aller Farm) and the rest of the walk is generally flat or downhill. About 3 miles. If you would like any further information please ring on me 632318.

Elizabeth Peeks

* **Williton Wanderers** will meet at 10.30am on **Saturday 22 September at Exford car park** (TA24 7PP) for a circular walk above and beside the River Exe. About 7 miles. Wear seasonal everything and bring a picnic. For more information ring *Jenny* on 01984 634899 or email willitonwindow@yahoo.co.uk

* **West Somerset Mineral Line Assn Saturday 15th September** 9:45am-12:45pm. Meet at Raleigh's Cross Inn car park TA23 0LN. Explore the main centre of iron mining in the Brendon Hills. We visit mines sites, Beulah Chapel and the Winding House. We go down part of the incline: steep, spectacular, but optional. About 3 miles. Walking boots needed. More information: www.wsmla.org.uk Booking essential on 01398 323841 Free, but donations to WSMLA welcome.

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.

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 or Tony Gibson on 634899 or go to our website: www.willitonwindow.org.uk/welcome-pack

Welcome
to Williton

ORCHARD WYNDHAM, WILLITON



HISTORIC MANOR HOUSE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Guided tours this summer
For information or to
book a place please ring 01984 632309

Opening Dates Summer 2018

Tuesday 4th September Open 2.00pm
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INSPIRATIONAL RESIDENTS OF WILLITON

As one of the two vicars here in Williton, I have the privilege of sharing communion with a small group of people at Danesborough View. During this time together, we chat about this and that and occasionally a little nugget of information about the past sets off memories in one or more of the ladies. On one such occasion I came to the realisation that to find out more about their lives would make interesting reading. So, here is a snapshot of one such life.

Anna (not her real name) was born in Maidstone, Kent, in 1935. She recalls that, at the age of 9, she took the preliminary 11+ in an air raid shelter! She passed the exam and went on to Grammar School. However, money was tight so, even though she had hopes of becoming a teacher or occupational therapist, Anna left school to become a telephonist, handing her wage over to her father each week.

In 1960 she met her future husband and they married in 1960, moving to Croydon. Children followed, all born at home, prompting a move to a larger property in Selsdon. Here, Anna became involved with pre-school play groups, a defining moment being a conference held at Lancaster University at which the prominent Labour MP, Barbara Castle, spoke.

Listening to her speak about her life and what she had achieved inspired Anna to return to education. With a young family this was no easy task. Fortunately, her husband was very supportive and Anna studied psychology and English, which enabled her to enter teacher training college where she spent four very happy years, despite the fact that, during this time, her husband experienced periods of unemployment in the printing industry. On leaving college, Anna taught maths and English to primary school aged children in two schools; her abiding concern was that children should enjoy what they were learning and have fun. After a heart by-pass operation, Anna's husband took early retirement and the family moved to Boscastle where Anna had a job supporting children experiencing difficulty in maths.

Those years as a teacher were really enjoyable but the memory that really sticks out is receiving her degree in the Albert Hall. In her opinion, the fact that she held down a full-time job as well as bringing up her family, did her children good and inspired them to achieve academically.

So how did Anna end up in Somerset? Well, she and her husband knew this part well having spent many holidays here. Due to his health issues, her husband and she agreed that they needed to live somewhere close to local amenities and, when the house in Williton came up for sale in 2008, they decided that this was the place they wanted to be.

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