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*EDITORIAL: FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER*

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**SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER**

Sun 1st	8 am	Holy Communion BCP
	10 am	All Age Worship
Mon 2nd	10.00am	Communion at Danesborough View. All welcome.
Thurs 5th	9.30-11.30am	CAMEO in Church. <u>C</u> ome <u>A</u> nd <u>M</u> ee <u>t</u> <u>E</u> ach <u>O</u> ther. Tea, coffee and cake. Weekly.
Sun 8th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion followed by Barbecue at Church
Sat 14th	1.00pm	Civic Service at St Peter's Church.
Sun 15th	8 am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30 am	Parish Communion
Thurs 19th	11.00am	Communion at Croft House
Sun 22nd	8 am	Holy Communion BCP
	9.30am	Parish Communion
	4.00pm	Taize Service at St Decuman's Watchet
	4.30-6pm	TOAST at the Vicarage
Sat 28th	10-11.30am	Café Church in the Meeting Room
Sun 29th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
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**Cover photo:** *Small can be very beautiful. The front garden at 11 Fore Street, lovingly tended by Mr Derek Dodds, gives pleasure every day throughout the year to countless people from Williton and beyond. Thank you so much, Mr Dodds.*

## FROM MISS SAM SEARLE, Salvation Army Watchet Corps

Where does time go? We say we live very full lives and our organisation of time has become a science in itself. If we worked out the amount of time we use to sleep, eat, watch TV, shop and go to work, we would be surprised.

We all have sixty seconds in a minute, sixty minutes in each hour and twenty-four hours in each day, so if we are considering asking Jesus into our lives, where do we find room for Him? Ask yourself the question: if there is something I really want to do, how do I find the time?

We need to have a spring clean, sort out the rubbish in our lives, change our priorities and make room for Him at the heart of our lives.

Repentance means stopping the direction we are going and turning around to go the other way.

It's not a matter of turning over a new leaf, nor is it struggling to make a New Year's resolution last; our old life is past patching up. Jesus makes such a transformation when he comes into our lives, in what he describes as a New Birth.

Jesus can give us Life with a CAPITAL L.

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And there will be a short service followed by the Sale of Produce on **Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.15 pm.

*A warm welcome to our hill country chapel*

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**Saturday 28th September, 10 - 11.30 am**

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## WILLITON MEMORIAL GROUND & PAVILION OFFICIAL OPENING

This month sees the official opening of the Pavilion at 2.30pm on Saturday 14th September with invited guests from The Big Lottery Fund, EDF, Somerset West and Taunton Council, HBC Builders, Slade Parry - Project Managers, HGA Design, and **all Williton parishioners** are invited to come along. The invitation is on page 13; please make sure you complete the reply card on the back (page 14) and drop it in to the Parish Office, or pop it through the letterbox, if out of hours, so we know how many people to cater for. *Cllr Dawn-Lesley Howes*

## WILLITON FILM NIGHTS @ THE PAVILION

Our thanks to everyone who has volunteered, or attended a Williton Film Night, and helped make it a success. We are always looking for more volunteers 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](mailto:clerk@willitonpc.org.uk) and let them know. You don't need to commit to every film. *Cllr Dawn-Lesley Howes*

### Williton Film Nights @ The Pavilion Saturday 7 and Tuesday 24 September **ROCKETMAN**

*An epic musical fantasy about the incredible story of Elton John's breakthrough years. The film follows the fantastical journey of his transformation from shy piano prodigy Reginald Dwight into international superstar Elton John. This inspirational story - set to Elton John's most beloved songs and performed by Taron Egerton - tells the universally relatable story of how a small-town boy became one of the most iconic figures in pop culture. ROCKETMAN also stars Jamie Bell as Elton's long-time lyricist and writing partner Bernie Taupin, Richard Madden as Elton's first manager, John Reid, and Bryce Dallas Howard as Elton's mother Sheila Farebrother.*

Scoring a highly respectable 88% on Rotten Tomatoes by viewers and 98% from critics, this is another one not to be missed.

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Doors open 18:30, film starts 19:00 prompt

Hearing Loop

Refreshments available, tea/coffee/wine/beer/cider

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## WILLITON MEMORIAL GROUND & PAVILION FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Wednesday 11 December 2019 - Christmas Festival

Friday 13 December 2019 - Christmas Carol Concert

Sunday 12 April 2020 – Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 8 – Sunday 10 May 2020 – VE Day Celebrations

Saturday 23 May 2020 – Duck Race and Car Boot

Saturday 4 July 2020 – Williton Village Fete

*You are cordially invited to*  
***The Official Opening of Williton Pavilion***  
***Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 2.30pm***

*For a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony  
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*To be opened by Mrs Elizabeth Peeks*

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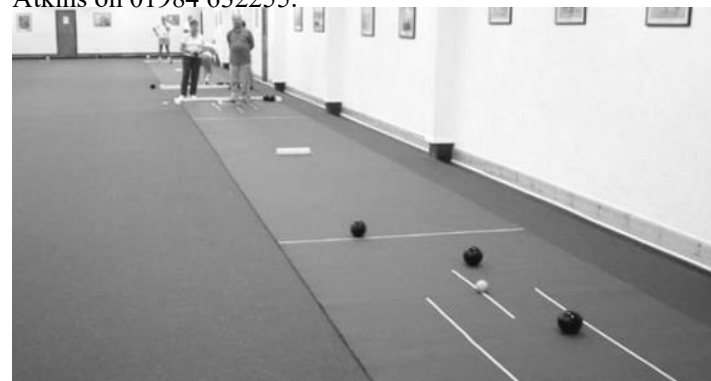
## SHORT MAT BOWLS

**S**Come and have a try at Short Mat Bowling at the new Pavilion. This is a fun game that can be enjoyed by all ages and all physical abilities.

**There will be free taster sessions on Monday 23 September from 2 to 4pm and again on Saturday 28 September between 10am and 12 midday.**

We will be running the club on Monday afternoons and all you need to start are some flat-soled indoor shoes.

If you require any further information, please contact Marilyn or Derek Atkins on 01984 632255.



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## Official Opening of Williton Pavilion Reply Card

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### PATIENT CHOICE NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR LOCAL NHS STAFF AWARDS

Somerset Partnership and Taunton and Somerset NHS foundation trusts are calling on the people of Somerset to nominate staff for their annual colleague awards.

The two trusts have launched their Our People Awards 2019 and are looking for nominations from patients and carers for staff they feel have provided outstanding care and deserve the additional recognition.

This is the second year that the two trusts, which are looking to merge, will hold a joint celebration event for staff.

And the Patient Choice Award is now open to the public for nominations, as well as to staff who can nominate their colleagues.

Whether it is a physiotherapist, radiographer or other allied health professional, mental health team, community hospital staff, paediatric teams, nurses, midwives or doctors, nominations are wanted for the local NHS staff who have provided outstanding care.

Nominations close on September 16.

You can either pick up a form from one of our sites, or visit our website at [www.tsft.nhs.uk/OurPeopleAwards](http://www.tsft.nhs.uk/OurPeopleAwards), where there is also a paper form to print out if you would rather do that.

*Vicki Mathias, Taunton and Somerset NHS Foundation Trust*

## YOUR VILLAGE AGENT, IZZY SILVESTER



September is a great time to prepare for the dark months ahead. Isolation can be a real problem in the winter, so make a start on finding things to fill those dark cold days before the weather turns and you find yourself sofa bound or box set binging!

**Join your local groups.** Socialising is a very important part of keeping yourself well. Even if you are working, you can find that you have nothing else once you get home because you have used all your energy in the workplace. There are groups you could join mentioned in the Williton Window and if there is something else you would like to do that isn't available, why not organise it? Ask me for more information and look at Ian Aldridge's article on page 22 of this magazine.

**Volunteering** has become more flexible and you do not need to fear that once you sign up, you will never have a Saturday to yourself again! Kirsty Jennsen of The Royal Volunteer Library Service has lots of volunteers with a varied commitment load, visiting people in their homes for coffee and a book swap: 0300 123 2224, [kirsty.jenssen@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk](mailto:kirsty.jenssen@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk). Some volunteer roles can be conducted by phone and possibly from your home. Contact our Carers Service 0800 3168600 to find out how to chat to unpaid carers by phone, or Silver Line 0800 4708090, Age UK 01823 345613 or The Samaritans 01823 288998. Consider starting our Good Neighbours Scheme in your area - contact CCS on 01823 331222. We always appreciate additional support to run our Carers Groups that meet to provide advice and a break for unpaid carers. Contact me or the Somerset Carers Service number for more information.

**Small Grants** are available to start a community group or perhaps to support yourself when going through a difficult time. We can help you find these, either by contacting me or to access larger community based grants and consultancy for Parishes contact Ade on [Ade@somersettrcc.org.uk](mailto:Ade@somersettrcc.org.uk) 01823 331222. For personal funding go to the Turn2us website and tap in your particulars to see if you qualify for something. This could be a small grant for an unpaid carer to purchase something to enhance their caring role or for improving the insulation on your house. We are also supporting those who wish to become a self-employed paid carer. Contact project co-ordinator Rhys Davis: [RPDavies@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:RPDavies@somerset.gov.uk) or telephone 07788 350806 or our Enterprise Agent at CCS Vince Tillman.

Lastly, you could get £140 off your electricity bill under the **Warm Home Discount Scheme**. The 2019 to 2020 scheme will start on 14 October 2019. **Eligibility Criteria:** you get the Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit or you're on a low income. Visit [www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme](http://www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme) or phone your provider.

**Please phone me Izzy Silvester your village agent on 07931 018045, leave your name and number and I will ring you back. Or email [izzy@somersettrcc.org.uk](mailto:izzy@somersettrcc.org.uk). I work Monday to Thursday.**

Village Agents across Somerset help to bridge the gap between isolated, excluded, vulnerable and lonely individuals and statutory and/or voluntary organisations which offer specific solutions to identified needs. We can offer advice and support to find local groups and activities available in your community. Please visit our brand new website [www.somersetagents.org](http://www.somersetagents.org), [www.somersettrcc.org.uk](http://www.somersettrcc.org.uk) and [www.somersetcarers.org](http://www.somersetcarers.org) or call me to find out who can advise.

## THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Sun	1	Hugill's Crew	1.30-2.30pm Watchet Bowls Club Performance
Tues	3	Good Neighbours	2.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Tues	3	Global Friends	2.00pm see page 21
Tues	3	Williton Pavilion*	7.00pm Bingo, Williton Pavilion
Thurs	5	Williton Library	3pm Pins and Needles
Thurs	5	WASPS Parkinson's Support Group	1.15 exercises, 2pm main meeting Williton Pavilion *
Sat	7	Williton Library	10.30am Lego Club
Sat	7	Williton Walk	2.00pm, St Peter's Church
Sat	7	Williton Pavilion *	6.30 for 7pm Film Night see page 12
Mon	9	RBL Women's Section	2.30pm Fire Station Lecture Room
Thurs	12	Williton Library	3.30-4.30pm Loop the Loop
Sat	14	Williton Pavilion *	2.30pm Official Opening see pages 12, 13 & 14
Tues	17	Village History	7.45pm EMN Hall The story behind the Badge, St John's Ambulance
Tues	17	Williton Pavilion*	7.00pm Bingo, Williton Pavilion
Wed	18	Family History	2.15 & 3.15pm At the library
Thurs	19	Women's Institute	2.00pm Danesborough View Common Room
Fri	20	Community Market	9-11.30am Williton Social Club
Sat	21	Williton Wanderers	10.30am Lydeard Hill Car Park
Sat	21	Family History	9.30am Open Day and AGM at Dunster Tithe Barn see page 19
Mon	23	Gardening Club	7.30pm Danesborough View Common Room, Talk on Wildlife Gardening
Mon	23	Short Mat Bowling	2-4pm Williton Pavilion Free taster session *
Tues	24	Williton Pavilion*	6.30 for 7pm Film Night see page 12
Wed	25	Family History*	7-9.00pm Williton Pavilion, Secure the Shadows
Fri	27	Bake Club	3.30-4.30pm Williton Library
Fri	27	Hugill's Crew	19.30pm Watchet Boat Museum Performance
Sat	28	Williton Library	10.30-11.30am Story & Craft Time for children 4-10years
Sat	28	Macmillan Cancer Support	10.00-12.midday Coffee Morning, at Williton Social Club
Sat	28	Short Mat Bowling	10-12 noon Williton Pavilion Free taster session *
Mon	30	Book Club	2.30pm Williton Library

\* 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

## REGULAR WEEKLY VILLAGE EVENTS

<b>Aikido</b>	Williton Pavilion *	Wednesday 7 - 9pm (R Banks 07562 322889)
<b>Bingo</b>	Danesborough View	Friday 7.30pm
<b>Bowls roll-up</b>	Bowling Green	Monday and Friday 6pm (finishes 13 September) Wednesday 2pm (finishes 11 September)
<b>Brownies</b>	Guide HQ	Tuesday 5.45pm
<b>Chair based exercise</b>	Williton Hospital	Thursday 10-11am (free class) 633529
<b>Community Employment Hub</b>	Children's Centre	Tuesday 9.30-12.30 Relaxed free caring support: CVs, job searching, applications, interview prep, IT for everyone.
<b>Craft and chat</b>	Williton Library	Thursday 10.30-noon
<b>Craft and chat</b>	Danesborough View Common Room	Tuesday 2.30-4.30pm (not 1st Tues in month). For info ring Lyn 634686. Free but donations
<b>Cubs</b>	Guide HQ	Wednesday 6-7.30pm
<b>Dance and Gym</b>	Williton Pavilion *	Monday 4.30 - 5.30pm Term time only Friday 4.30-6.30pm Term time only
<b>Guides</b>	The Guide HQ, Market Street Car Park in Watchet	Friday 7.15-9pm (info from Martha on 01984 248925)
<b>Pilates</b>	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
<b>Positive People</b>	Williton Pavilion *	Tuesday 11am - 1pm support for unemployed people aged 18 and over, into employment
<b>Railway Modellers</b>	Wednesday 7-10pm Rear of Washford Mill, Washford	(info: 07773 892085)
<b>Rhyme Time</b>	Williton Library	Friday 10.30-11am Term time only 0-4 years
<b>RBL Rifle Club</b>	Bridge Street Range on Fridays.	Ring for information 01984 632650
<b>Stay Strong Age UK</b>	Danesborough View	Monday 2-3pm
<b>Tai Chi Shibashi</b>	Salvation Army Hall, Watchet	11.15-12.15 £5 Julie 01984 633665
<b>Talking Café</b>	Williton Pavilion *	Tuesday 10am-12noon
<b>UK Online</b>	Williton Library	Monday 10.30-12noon Booking essential
	Williton Library	Thursday 10.30am-12noon
<b>Walk and talk</b>	Meet Killick Way car park by Library,	Friday 12 noon
<b>Walking football</b>	Danesfield School	Friday 7-8.30pm
<b>War-games Club</b>	Ring 01984 639588	Williton Gamers Wednesday 7-11pm
<b>West Somerset Advice Bureau</b>	Children's Centre	Tuesday 9.30am-12.30pm Universal Credit applications & support, Housing, benefits & other enquiries all welcome
<b>Yoga with Karen Abraham</b>	Williton Pavilion (info 07484 187420)	Thursday 1.30 - 2.30pm karenabraham@hotmail.co.uk
<b>Youth Club</b>	Williton Pavilion *	Thursday 6-8pm (Andy 01643 703155)
<b>Zumba with K.t.</b>	Williton Pavilion *	Monday 6 - 7pm Friday 9.30-10.30am



## ST PETER'S SCHOOL DIARY

September brings us to the beginning of a new term and a new school year. We welcome new children into the school and also this year new teachers and a new head teacher. Miss Janine Donovan will return to the school as our head teacher, as well as being the head of St Michaels School in Minehead. We are sure they all will quickly settle into our school. Now, though, we go back to the end of our summer term.

The whole school enjoyed a day of sports, with some field events during the morning and the running races in the afternoon. The weather was good, if not a little too hot, and well supported by parents, who along with the children, cheered everyone along. The eventual winner of the cup was St Audries.

Our PTA organised two events during the second half of the summer term, a sponsored walk and a summer fair. Again the whole school participated in the walk, this year to Orchard Wyndham. The children had the opportunity to go into the woods and into part of the house before walking back to school for lunch. It was a lovely morning out of school, which is always appreciated. The summer fair was a success too. There were many stalls, a Punch and Judy show, sponge the teacher and a barbecue. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make both these events successful.

In the last couple of weeks of the summer term Oak class were focusing on consolidating their learning with a real emphasis on independent writing and developing their Maths skills. This will help the children when they go up into year 1.



On the final Thursday Elm and Fir Classes visited the Museum of Somerset in Taunton. They learned all about Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. Both classes participated in a battle re-enactment, made a replica of the Alfred Jewel and used clay to spell their names in runes. It was a fantastic end to both the topic and this term and the children really enjoyed bringing their learning to life.

Yew class, our year 4s, had a chance to show off their artistic talents in their leavers assembly. The children sang, danced and recited poetry to an audience of staff, pupils, parents and other family members in the assembly. Everyone was very impressed by their enthusiasm as they celebrated their time at St Peter's First school. All of the year 4 children received a gift of a bible to wish them well and help them on their learning journey.

Finally, we are always looking out for any volunteers to hear our children read, so if you are interested and feel you could spare one afternoon a week, please get in touch with our school office for further details (tel: 01984 632480). It's so important for children to find a love for reading.



SG

**PARKINSON'S<sup>UK</sup> CHANGE ATTITUDES. FIND A CURE. JOIN US.**

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

We did not have a meeting in August, people were enjoying the summer holidays and getting out and about, just enjoying life and all the lovely weather we have had. I know that I am going to find it hard putting away summer clothes and getting back into the routine of everyday life.

How I wish that Parkinson's would take a holiday. It has a very bad habit of reminding you that you cannot do what you used to do. That is where the WASPS help you to cope. When someone is having a bad time they know who they can talk to and get support from. We don't spend a lot of time talking about our ailments, but we recognize similar symptoms and share with each other how we cope. We exchange information and it helps to know that we can offer advice to each other. That is exactly what a support group is meant to do. We know that we cannot advise on medications, that is beyond our scope. Just knowing that you are not alone is so very important. Our carers, who are our partners, husbands, wives or family members, benefit from having someone to talk to, to help them resolve issues, compare notes and basically deal with the effects of Parkinson's. It is very hard to be a carer, even harder than having Parkinson's, because the carer can only deal with the daily issues as they happen, knowing there is no cure, as yet. They can easily feel overwhelmed.

All the above reasons are why the WASPS exists. Understanding, support and friendship are what WASPS offer to those who deal with Parkinson's on a daily basis. Our next meeting is on Thursday 5th September at Williton Pavilion. Exercises start at 1:15pm and the meeting is at 2pm. You can contact me on 01984 631472 or email me at [queenwasp@outlook.com](mailto:queenwasp@outlook.com).

*Linda Bishop*

## BALLET FOR SILVER SWANS

I have been in touch with Laura Cook, who has a ballet school in Minehead about ballet classes for those of a "certain age". To find out more, google Silver Swans. This is something I personally would love to do, but in order for Laura to offer a new class, there would need to be at least 6-8 other people. The classes would not be too demanding and would be suitable for everyone, including people with disability issues. No previous experience is needed.

If you might be interested, please ring Laura on 07727 662203 or email [Spotlightdance@ymail.com](mailto:Spotlightdance@ymail.com).

*Linda Bishop*



## MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

### COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday 28th September**

**from 10am until 12 noon**

**at Williton Social Club**

*Come along for coffee and cake and help to raise funds for this cause.*

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our August meeting took the form of a Garden Party held at the home of one of our members, Chris Smith. We were challenged with two very different quizzes organised by our hosts, after which we enjoyed a truly scrumptious tea. Thank you so much, Chris and Bob, for your very generous hospitality.

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm at Danesborough View Common Room. Emma Duke will be telling us about 'The Lost Coast of Somerset'. New members and visitors will be made very welcome – please just come along (a charge of £3.50 is made for non-members).

*June Irving, Secretary*

## WILLITON GARDENING CLUB

At our next meeting on Monday 23 September Paul Hending is giving a talk on Wildlife Gardening. We meet at Danesborough View Common Room at 7.30pm. Visitors and non-members are welcome at a charge of £2. For more information please contact our Secretary Liz Payne on 01984 633084.

## 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 20th September 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.

## WEST SOMERSET VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

Ron Powell will be the speaker at our next meeting on Tuesday 17 September, with his subject "The Story behind the Badge, St John Ambulance". We meet at 7.30 for 7.45pm at the EMN Hall, Monksilver TA4 4JE. Visitors and non-members are very welcome at a charge of £3. For more information visit our website: [www.westsomersetvillagehistorysociety-wsvhs.com/](http://www.westsomersetvillagehistorysociety-wsvhs.com/)

## FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

At our meeting at the Williton Pavilion on Wednesday 25th September we have a talk entitled 'Secure the Shadows' when two Somerset photographers will be giving the talk. Our meeting starts at 7pm. The entrance fee is £1.50 for SDFHS members and £3 for visitors who are always made welcome. There will also be time for coffee/tea and a chat.

We also hold one on one sessions at the Williton Library and this month they will be on Wednesday 18th September at 2.15pm and 3.15pm where volunteers will help you to start your family tree or help you to move on if you have got stuck. Booking with the Library is essential.

On Saturday 21st it will be our group's turn to hold an open day and AGM for the Somerset and Dorset Family History Society. This will be at the Tithe Barn in Dunster. The doors open at 9.30am and visitors are welcome to come to look around. The AGM is at 12pm - 1pm and we will have a speaker from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission at 10.30am. Hope to see you there.

*Lesley Murray*

## SMALL PRAYER

*Please grant me patience - and please hurry up about it.*



## DOWN AT THE STATION

As we read this September edition of the Williton Window the W.S.R. will have come to the end of its summer running timetable and will generally be back on the Blue timetable which means five trains running each way. The weekend of the 14 – 15<sup>th</sup> however will be the second of our 40's Special Weekends when there will be a military look, feel and sound for the two days. Last year this 40's weekend was considered a great success not just for the railway but also for the towns and villages that took part. Other than B&Bs, I doubt if Williton felt much change, but at the station we taped up all the windows to prepare for any bomb blast and our allotment beds were on show depicting the 'Home Grown' effect of what was happening during those lean years of the '40's. We will at least be repeating this aspect. A special military goods train will run each day with various armoured vehicles and there will be static displays at each end of the line. For those who like to dance there will be special dances on Minehead station on both the Friday and Saturday evenings.

It was good on 10<sup>th</sup> August to welcome the Rock Choir to the station. They were about fifty in number and sang for some while full of enthusiasm, especially as that was about their fifth performance of the day with still another to finish off at Bishops Lydeard. Thanks to those who came down especially to hear them and I am sure you will have thought it worthwhile. Fortunately it did not rain, at least when they called at Williton.

Our Plant Sale stall will probably have closed by the time of this issue but we have been well pleased with the results and have raised something in the region of £400. Again thank you to those who have come down specially to purchase plants and anyone who may have donated some. As I write this, there are apples, and we have had some beans arrive as well.

Just two months left now for this season and then we will be into the winter programme of maintenance – again!

*John Parsons, Station Master*



*Rock Choir on Saturday 10 August*



## 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 during this month along with a selection of calendars. Out and About Images have produced five beautiful calendars this year which, we believe, will make ideal gifts for friends and family not fortunate enough to live in this most beautiful part of England! As mentioned in our last article, we also have The Quantock Year and Quantocks Illustrated, both of these booklets will make excellent gifts which will be easy to post. We would like to remind you to select the smaller cards for overseas to keep your postage costs to a minimum. We are very happy to weigh your cards at time of purchase.

You might have heard on the news programmes that China is buying up huge volumes of the world's pulp and paper resources. This is likely to cause the cost of paper, including printer paper, to escalate. With this in mind, we have purchased a pallet of printer paper which we are able to offer to you at a very reasonable rate. This offer will only be available while stocks last.

2020 diaries are now in stock. Also a wide selection of Back To School items and cards for those going to university or school for the first time! In fact, pretty much a card for every occasion!

We will be attending the Autumn Fair at the NEC in Birmingham again early in September, where we will be looking for Christmas gifts and decorations and other seasonal items, so keep your eye on our window as new stock arrives!

*Caroline Tyner*

## GOOD NEIGHBOURS CLUB

After our break in August, we are reconvening on Tuesday 3rd September at 2.30pm at Danesborough View Common Room, when we hope we shall see some new faces looking to join our friendly club. Please do join us for a sociable afternoon out.

*Joy Elgood*

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

## GLOBAL FRIENDS

The date of our next session is Tuesday 3rd September. For information about who we are and where we meet, please phone 248392 or 634734.

*NH*



## WELCOME TO WILLITON - WELCOME PACK

Have you recently moved to Williton or do you know someone who has? If so, you may like a free Welcome Pack, which gives a map of Williton, details of services, clubs and organisations, and other useful information. Please ring Jenny or Tony Gibson on 634899, email [willitonwindow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:willitonwindow@yahoo.co.uk) or go to our website: [www.willitonwindow.org.uk/welcome-pack](http://www.willitonwindow.org.uk/welcome-pack)

## ONE OF LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES

Mastering a difficult knitting pattern.

*by SD*

## 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](mailto:clerk@willitonpc.org.uk)**

What do we want in Williton? We are not demanding children, but a community that pays taxes to the Parish Council for providing what we need. Demanding children are often told, "Wants don't get". That is not the answer for the people of Williton. What is your idea of a good thing for the people of Williton? What do the people of Williton want done with their money to make a better community to live in?

Let's be realistic. If everything we wanted done was paid for by taxes then you, the tax payers, would have a hefty bill. There is a way to provide a lot in the community without it having to cost a fortune. Everything that goes on needs people to make it happen, to organise and staff events, clubs, support groups etc. The key is volunteering; people giving their time to help provide what others need.

The Parish Council has two paid part-time staff and it buys in other professional services. Its office is being bought on a loan. Having employed staff and provided a place for them to work, the next priority is to pay for things the Council does directly. This includes maintaining Bellamy's Corner and the Copse, and running the Christmas Festival, Easter egg hunt and the duck race, to name a few. It may surprise you, but the new Pavilion is not owned by the Council and it does not directly finance it. In this case the Council is only the trustee of the charity which holds in trust for the people of Williton the Memorial Ground and the Pavilion. The charity has its own finances and when dealing with them, the Council meets separately.

Much of what happens in the Pavilion and at other places in the village is organised and run by volunteers. While the Council can support groups, clubs and organisations through grants and facilities, to make every pound do much more, volunteers are needed. If you have an idea for an activity which others will want to join in with, why not get together with a few other people and organise it? Apply to the Parish Council for a grant to set it up or to help run it. My plea is that you put your idea into action and help turn Williton into a more interesting and vibrant place. Come together with others and make Williton what you want it to be.

If you have ideas and want to join an organisation which is already up and running, join the Parish Council. There are seven councillors at present and five vacancies. It is a voluntary organisation and could do much more if there were more people to help. Contact the Clerk (Michelle) or her assistant (Jo) on 01984 633979 or email [clerk@willitonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@willitonpc.org.uk). Otherwise get started on doing your bit for Williton in another way. We wish you every success and will support you in achieving it.

*Cllr Ian Aldridge*

## WILLITON WINDOW NEWS

If you contact any of our contributors or advertisers, please tell them that you saw their details in the Williton Window. And do look at our advertising pages, where we have several new advertisers, whose services may be useful to you. There are usually spare copies of the current month's magazine in St Peter's Church, Williton Library and the Parish Council Office. The current and previous two months' editions of the **Williton Window** are available on our website.

## STAND AGAINST SPEED 4 BETHANY

Stand Against Speed 4 Bethany are holding a curry night at the Bengal Spice Williton on Tuesday 1st October at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 to include 3 courses. Tickets available from Helen on 07767496026.

## WILLITON HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

**We are taking to the streets!**

We will be holding a street collection in Williton and Watchet on 6th September. The money we raise will help us to carry on our work for the patients at the hospital, so please keep an eye out for us - and give generously. *BH*

Many thanks to everyone who gives us books for sale and everyone who buys them. I will collect any if required. *Shirley Dee (01984 633529)*

### RECIPE FOR THE MONTH by Shirley Dee

#### STUFFED MARROW RINGS (use up your overgrown courgettes!)

1 marrow or a couple of big courgettes 75g (3 oz) butter  
50 g (2 oz) mushrooms 100 g (4 oz) lean cooked ham  
1 level dessertspoon chopped parsley 2-3 dessertspoons fresh white breadcrumbs

Salt and black pepper *Preheat oven: 190°C, 375°F, Gas 5*

Cut marrow into two inch thick rings and remove the skin, unless young and tender. Spoon out the seeds. Butter a large ovenproof dish and arrange the rings in a single layer. Trim the mushrooms and chop them roughly. Dice the ham. Heat an ounce of the butter and lightly fry the mushrooms and ham. Add the parsley and season to taste. Stir in enough breadcrumbs to bind the stuffing. Lightly sprinkle the rings with salt and pepper before filling them with the stuffing. Dot with the remaining butter and cover the dish tightly with foil, so that the marrow will cook in its own steam. Bake in the centre of oven for about 45 minutes until the rings are tender. Serve straight from the dish with a tomato sauce.

## HUGILL'S CREW

is a recently formed Williton shanty band, who you may have seen playing at Williton Fete in July. Our next performances are on September 1st from 1.30 - 2.30 at Watchet Bowling Club (donations welcome) and September 27th at Watchet Boat Museum from 7.30pm. Tickets £4. We are still recruiting more singers to join us, as well as supporters to help with setting up and other voluntary duties. Please ring 01984 632084 or email [klw-shantyman@outlook.com](mailto:klw-shantyman@outlook.com)

*Keith Woolgar*

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

Our September meeting will be held at 2.30pm on the second Monday of the month, 9 September, at the Fire Station meeting room, Williton. New members always welcome. *Sara Hemphall, Secretary, RBLWS, Williton*

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Everyone laughs in the same language.

## WORDSEARCH FOR SEPTEMBER by Phyllis Chidgey

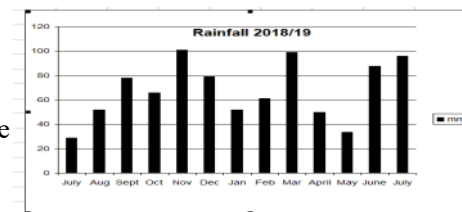
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## WEATHER JULY

The hottest day in July was the 23rd, with a temperature of 28.5°C and the coolest night saw a temperature of 6°C. The maximum pressure was 30.23 on 10th and the minimum was 29.8 on 24th. The predominant winds were from the northwest. The total rainfall was 95.7mm (3.77 inches). The temperature was 25°C or more on 14 days, but the humidity was often over 85% and on some mornings 95%. There were gales on 27th and a spectacular thunderstorm during the late evening of 23rd, when the sky was lit with almost constant lightning for well over 30 minutes. *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 on **Saturday 7 September** starting at 2pm from St Peter's Church from where we will walk to Stream and Bardon before returning to Williton via Shells Lane. Should you want any further information please ring me on 632318. *Elizabeth Peeks*

\* **Williton Wanderers** will meet at **10.30am on Saturday 21 September** at Lydeard Hill car park (West Bagborough TA4 4DY) for a 7 mile meander down to Durborough Farm meadows and Aisholt, back via Muchcare. Muddy in places. Bring a picnic and wear stout footwear. Ring me for more information. *Jenny Gibson 634899 / 07535 086223*

\* **West Somerset Mineral Railway. Sunday 22 September.** Meet 9.45am at Raleigh's Cross Inn TA23 0LN. This four-hour walk visits the Winding House and the Iron Mines near Beulah Chapel. It includes part of the Incline: steep, spectacular but optional. Donations to the Mineral Line welcome. Please book on 01398 323841. *Tessa Wilson* Please help us by joining the Association: annual subscription £5 per individual or £6 per household. This helps with conservation and publicity costs. In return we keep in touch and send you newsletters. See website or contact our membership secretary: Garrick Mound, Jasmine Cottage, Washford, Watchet TA23 0NW (info@wsmla.org.uk). We need more volunteers!

## WILLITON WALKS BOOK

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## FRIENDS OF WILLITON LIBRARY

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