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Contact the churchwardens for details and Zoom codes.

Please note these services may be subject to change in line with Government and Diocesan advice regarding Covid-19.

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Church open for private prayer 10.00am – 4.00pm Sundays and Wednesdays.

### **Annual Parochial Church Meetings**

St Peter's – Tuesday 18th May at 7.30pm St Decuman's – Sunday 30th May following the 10.30am service.



Vicar & Associate Vicar, both posts are currently vacant. For spiritual help and other church matters please contact the

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ETHODIST CHURCH (Williton)

Worshipping at Danesborough View Common Room TA4 4SH

All our church services are cancelled until further notice in line with all other denominations. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all, keep safe and we look forward to worshipping together in the future.

#### Services Via Zoom

Members of the Methodist Churches in West Somerset, including Williton Methodist Church regularly meet for Sunday worship. If you would like to join any of our zoom events you can get in touch with the circuit administrator of the local Methodist Church, simply email <a href="https://www.wsmc2425@gmail.com">wsmc2425@gmail.com</a> and someone will be in touch. It would be helpful if you could provide your name and a telephone number. See page 10 for forthcoming change of meeting venue.

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# 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 Janet Cook on **639359**, or email: williton@willitonwindow.co.uk

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### **CHANGING TIMES** FOR WILLITON METHODIST COMMUNITY



Many of you may have seen that the old Methodist Church building on Tower Hill in Williton has passed into new ownership, and, up until the first lock down last year, the Methodist group met for church services at the Danesborough View Common Room.

Since the Covid restrictions on meetings began, we have enjoyed zoom services and have kept in contact by means of a daily prayer, sent out by email. We are very happy to announce that, from **June 27th**, Miss Mollie Brooks has kindly invited us to meet at 10.30am for Sunday worship in her house, at 2, Higher Croft, Tower Hill. This is a wonderful return for us to Williton Methodist beginnings as the first group met at the home of the Stoate family back in May 1810 as a house church on the site of the bank building at Bellamy's corner in Williton and we are happy to go back to our roots.

The Methodist church has been active in Williton for over 211 years and we were the first school for the village, apart from having a large membership and number of adherents as well as a large Sunday School.

We hope to build up our numbers and invite anyone interested to contact Jane Sefton on **01984 656652** if they wish to know more about us.

The Methodist Church in Williton has had a presence in the village for many years and many memories were founded on the building on Tower Hill. Now we will be building memories in a new place and hope that we can be of use to the community again. Jane Sefton.

#### HRH PRINCE PHILIP DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Williton paid their respects to the passing of the Duke of Edinburgh by flying the flag at half-mast in the Memorial Ground, outside the new Police Station and St Peter's Church. However, these locations are not easily seen by those passing through the village and might look as though we did not care. In times of national sorrow or jubilation it would be fitting to have a flagpole on Bellamy's Corner where all passing through would see it. I am not clear who

owns the corner but surely an arrangement could be made without prejudice.

If you agree with this sentiment maybe an email to the Parish Council or a note pushed through the letter box of the office would show the strength of feeling and something might happen in good time before we are mourning the passing of our Queen.

### **Editor's Note**

I am sure that we as a community send our condolences to Her Majesty the **Oueen in the loss of her beloved husband Prince Philip.** DRS.

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Dauntless Divisional Photos is a nationwide project, in collaboration with the

Wrens, to gather divisional photographs and memories from those training days but also to reunite ladies with old friends, share anecdotes and relive exciting moments.

So if you, your mum, granny, aunt, godmother or even next door neighbour donned a blue suit and aimed for a life on the ocean wave, please get in touch on either ddpwrens@gmail.com or 07765 435295 / 0771 990 9844.

#### Williton Window Website

Have you looked at our updated website? It now has all past issues of the Williton Window Magazine from January 2017 to the current issue that you can now download and view in PDF format. In the coming months we will be updating the Welcome Pack section, so watch this space.

We are on occasions sent information which is time critical, does not meet our publishing schedules, or we do not have enough space in the magazine to publish. To improve information availability, we now have on the Home Page of the website (see below) an \*Other Local News Tab. This covers things received from the District or Parish Council, Avon & Somerset Police and other information. We will be utilising this facility regularly in the future so if you have internet connection get in the habit of using this website facility to help keep informed on local matters that may be of interest.

\*\*DRS Editor\*\*.



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### **News from Williton Post Office**

We are delighted to be able to tell you that **Your Post Office** came ninth in the whole country for Customer Care Week, third in the South West with no negative feedback! Thank you for your support!



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We have been keeping in touch with our greetings card suppliers so that we always have a great variety from which you can choose!

During the pandemic there have been no Trade Shows. However, we have recently visited our largest merchandise suppliers in Stockport and when you next come in you will see that we have lots of lovely fresh jewellery, some beautiful new scarves, bags and other gift items.

There is always a friendly welcome for you at Williton Post Office!

Caroline Tyner.





### **Phoenix Centre Watchet**

#### All Dinner Club Members

The Trustees had a meeting on Monday 29th March to discuss items and one was the way forward. It was decided that we cannot open yet but will have another meeting in June when the Boris (Prime Minister) will give us more clear information we hope! So, a starting date can be planned for a few months ahead.

We also discussed Volunteers who are most important and essential. We decided that in August if allowed we will have a coffee morning and invite all existing volunteers and any new ones who are interested in helping us when we are open. You have all been missed!

Enjoy your freedom but Take Care Keep safe.

Edwin May Chairman.

# **Quantock Foodbank**

To everyone who has supported us throughout the past year of lockdowns and used our top items posters, we send our thanks.



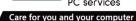
You have helped us enormously by donating those items which we needed most and ensured that we never once ran out of items required to fill the food parcels.

In the last five months we have distributed around 2,500 bags of ambient temperature food; fresh fruit, vegetables and eggs; household and toiletry items; and Festive Christmas and Easter bags.

Since the foodbank will still have an ongoing role to play during the financial fall out of the Pandemic and any further outbreaks of Covid-19, we value your continued contributions which provide a lifeline to local families and individuals.

Marlene Mason.







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# PROBUS CLUB OF THE OUANTOCKS

Like so many organisations the club is looking forward to restarting. During lockdown members have kept in touch as much as possible. Regretfully two of the members died during lockdown (neither from covid), John Baker and more recently Ross McKee they will be very much missed.

The committee is keen to be getting on with putting in place a really interesting programme of speakers and events, as they had planned for last year.

The Quantocks Probus Club is unique within the Probus family in as much as they meet every week, offering invited speakers on varying topics plus outside visits and monthly lunches.

Probus is a national organisation of autonomous clubs, appealing to those over 50. Their remit is not fund raising but fun with a bit of learning now and again.

Meetings start at 10.30am in a local hostelry with a fee of just £1 per visit plus coffee. Currently the members are drawn from a wide area from Nether Stowey in the east and Minehead in the west.

If you would like to know more about us 'phone Patrick on: 01643 224204.

Patrick Scribbans

#### Williton Parish Council



To contact the Parish Council telephone 01984 633979
Talk to Michelle or email: clerk@willitonpc.org.uk
or Karen at admin@willitonpc.org.uk

As we move into spring with the first blooms of the year guiding the way we must all be looking forward to the 17th May, when God willing and everyone continuing to be compliant, we will be able to get to see all of our families and friends, for the first time, in some cases, for a year or more. In Somerset, we have been very fortunate to experience low levels of infection and we need to ensure it stays that way. I can assure you that the parish council, and particularly the parish office, have worked tirelessly to ensure that every effort has been made to ensure that you, as a community, have been kept safe in all areas of our village. The general area of the village, the memorial ground, for all residents, and the children's play area and outlying areas. Again, particularly keeping the village and areas clean and tidy.

**Flood Issues.** The environment Agency Hotline Number: **0800 807060.** Should you need it. Good News. The Parish Council are pleased to report that a recently reported issue with debris build-up in the Monksilver Stream was cleared within 24 Hours of it being reported to the EA.

If you see any debris build-up or anything that could cause potential flooding of local streams or rivers, please report them to the EA on their hotline number, shown above.

**Seagull Problem- Roughmoor Industrial Estate.** The parish council have, for some time, been trying to address the problem of seagulls in and around the Roughmoor area, with the Somerset West and Taunton Council. We requested that SWT apply for a license to control the seagulls.

Unfortunately, due to stringent conditions being applied by Natural England to the license application process, SWT have decided not to apply for the license this year. SWT have stated that "annoyance, scavenging or dive bombing by seagulls to protect their chicks are excluded as reasons for applying".

One of the conditions required to apply for a license is: "Verifiable evidence such as accident logs or other reporting of any incident or near misses". If anyone is able to provide such evidence please e-mail: clerk@willitonpc.org.uk

**The Pavilion** is starting to open and take bookings. For more information you can go onto the council web site and book direct or contact the clerks in the parish office. Details above.

**Future.** The Parish Council begins the next year's business in with a Full Parish Council meeting on the 4th May 21. As always, we have a full programme of meetings and events that will benefit all villagers. Particularly, bringing the village out of the pandemic, safely. The clerk will be registering council members, and there are vacancies for anyone who would like to be involved in the business of running the day-to-day requirements of the village. If you are interested you should contact the clerk on: clerk@willitonpc.org.uk

Finally. Please take care, stay safe. Continue to observe the wearing of masks and hand sanitation, when required. We look forward to meeting you throughout the next year. A programme of events will be issued in due course.

Cllr Robert McDonald.

#### Williton Memorial Ground & Pavilion

A MASSIVE thank you to everyone that donated bulbs to the Memorial Ground last month, they have all been planted. We have given them a dressing of bonemeal to help them flourish ready for next spring. Most have been planted in the far corner near where the roller is as well but we've also planted some along the entrance wall; donations included primroses, bluebells, daffodils, autumn flowering cyclamen and a few snowdrops.

We will still accept more and if I can be cheeky if you are dividing your primroses or wild geraniums we'd love to rehome them too. If you could wrap them in damp newspaper or similar and drop them off at any of the donation doorsteps below it would be appreciated. All in Williton.

# Roughmoor House, Station Road / 18 Fairfield Drive /25 North Croft / 1 The Old Methodist Hall, Tower Hill /

We'd also like to ask for your help to tidy up and plant bulbs and flowers in the Memorial Ground, along the stream, as well as clean the buildings. There's a lot to do! If you can give a few hours we'll be meeting by the picnic benches at 10am each Saturday (from 8th May onwards) until we're done.

The Events Committee is hard at work planning for the forthcoming events (subject to COVID restrictions):

Duck Race and Car Boot Sale - Sunday 4th July 2021 (time tbc)
Williton Village Fete - Saturday 4th September 14:00 – 17:00
(TBC) Children's Pumpkin Trail - Saturday 30th October (16:00-18:00)
Murder Mystery Eventing – Saturday 30th October (19:00 - ????)
(TBC) Christmas Craft Fair – Wednesday 1st December (time tbc)
Christmas Festival - Saturday 11th December (time tbc)

If you'd like to be more involved in our village events, we hold a monthly meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month, currently held by Zoom, please contact the Parish Council on **clerk@willitonpc.org.uk** to receive a link to the meeting.

\*\*Cllr Howes.\*\*

### Move It or Lose It Active Ageing Exercise Class is Back!

The impact of lockdown has meant less opportunities to be physically active and exercise, resulting in a discernible decrease in fitness and strength levels. The good news is that strength and fitness can be regained when returning to 'normal' – weekly classes, home exercises and getting out and about on a regular basis.

I am thrilled to announce that following the easing of Lockdown restrictions I am able to restart my Active Ageing at:-

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If you are interested in joining us please contact Margaret Tatham on 07973638030 or email: watchetdementia@gmail.com

**National Dementia Action Week** will take place this year from 17-24 May. Again please contact Margaret for more information. We need to raise funds for the Alzheimers society who do so much to help us all keep going.

Margaret Tatham.



### First Browse and Borrow A Book Event (Held on 10th April at Dovetons Drive)



The first BBB went well. £70.00p was raised for the St Margaret's Hospice (Williton Shop).

The next BBB event will be on Saturday 8th May 2021 at 19 Dovetons drive, see advert below. Hundreds of Fiction and Non-Fiction books available to borrow for a 50p donation. Also, children's books can be purchased for £1.00p. There are Cookery, Gardening, Coffee Table and other reference books for sale. If anyone has surplus books, please contact Rob Hay on: 07561498732

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# The Regal Theatre Set to reopen May 21st

If the government's roadmap remains on track and restrictions are eased in line with current plans, Minehead's Regal Theatre aims to open its doors for a weekend of film on Friday May 21st, and hopes to be able to launch itself out of lockdown with an Oscar front-runner.

While cinemas are scheduled to re-open on May 17th, the film distribution companies are due to start taking bookings from April 21st which at the time of writing is still some way off, so the Regal volunteers are hoping that everyone will keep an eye on the local press, social media and the theatre and film society websites to see what titles have been possible to book and what treats are in store.

Because audiences will continue to be limited to around 100 under social distancing rules, until restrictions are scheduled to be lifted on June 21st, the plan is for repeat screenings, to meet demand.

A programme of live events as well as screenings is planned as soon as circumstances allow. The Regal is entirely run by volunteers and as the theatre gradually returns to full operation, it will need all the support possible from existing and new volunteers. If there is anyone who is not yet aware of the exciting possibilities of being part of the Regal team of volunteers putting on a full programme of shows for the community, then the message is to get in touch now for a chat.

The theatre is always looking for volunteers with a wide range of skills from admin, technical and professional backgrounds or with the enthusiasm and energy to provide general help with selling tickets, stewarding, helping on the bar or working with professional companies as they set their kit up for a performance. Right now, the theatre is looking for volunteers to help with publicity and the production of the Regal brochure, listing the huge variety of events that will be on offer when the theatre is fully up and running again, so don't miss out. Training is available.

For more information, please email mail@regaltheatre.co.uk, telephone Monica Hartwell on 01643 703921 visit the website www.regaltheatre.co.uk or www.regalfilmsociety.org / Tel: 01643 831343 Mob: 07778 003530

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# **Community Survey**

# YOUR CHURCH, YOUR WAY

We invite you to take a few minutes to tell us what you think is important about the church, as we prepare a profile for the selection of a new Vicar. The surveys are anonymous, but it is important that we hear from everyone, not just regular church goers.

Please consider the following questions and give us your views, as we work together to find a Vicar for the immediate future of the community of Watchet & Williton.

1.		w often do you attend church? se Tick Boxes)
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		Weekly
		Monthly
		For special services only e.g Remembrance, Easter, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
		For personal services e.g Baptism, Weddings and Funerals Never
2.		relevant do you feel church is to you? circle answer number)
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# YOUR CHURCH, YOUR WAY

# 3. What would encourage you to engage with the church More?

(Please write your comments below)

# 4. Please tick up to 5 things you look for in a church? (more if you feel that they are important to you)

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# YOUR CHURCH, YOUR WAY

# 5. What do you believe are the community's most pressing Needs?

(Please fill in your views/answers below)

# 6. What does the church need to do to flourish in our community?

(Please fill in your views/answers below)

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## YOUR CHURCH, YOUR WAY

### 7. What would you like to see in a new Vicar?

(Please fill in your views below)

# 8. About you.

It would be helpful to understand your responses if you could tick one of the age boxes.

Under 16	16-25	26-45	46-65	66+

Thank you for responding to this survey, your views are important to us. On completion please remove these pages from this magazine and return to the boxes provided at your local Co-op store.

By the 30th of June, thank You.



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# WILLITON WEATHER



#### APRIL

So far this month has been very dry with frosty starts and sunny days. Temperatures have been a little below average. Easter was as I predicted very sunny like last year, yet although dry there were cold winds.

#### **MARCH**

The month much drier than expected!

The coldest nights were -1.5°C with frosts 17th and 18th.

The warmest day since 1968 was on the 30th with a lunch time temp of 22°C.

The maximum pressure on the 18th + 19th was 30.5 inches.

The minimum pressure on the 3rd was 29.4 inches.

The total months rainfall was only 37mm.(very low)

The worst gales were from the 10th to 13th with hail.

#### **ASTRONOMICAL NEWS**

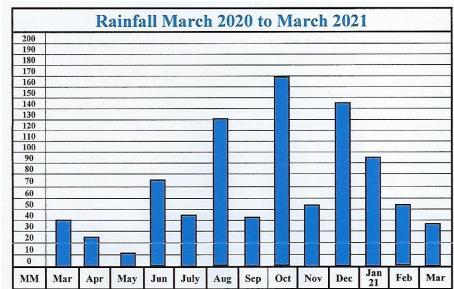
Did you see any shooting stars? (in the Lyrid Meteor shower) it was at its best Apr 23rd. But may be seen for one to two weeks. See video:

www.science times.com/articles/30626/20210413/lyrid-meteor-shower-2021-will-it-dazzle-skies-this-month.htm

#### **NATURE NOTE**

Have you seen the lovely wild flowers particularly the Primroses and now some bluebells are in full flower. The trees are coming into leaf, a little later than last year not yet hiding the Rooks nests. Lots of Lambs in the fields.

PJ.



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# Faith Reflection for May 2021

Sadly, it is often not until someone dies that a fuller picture emerges of the person who lived. This has been profoundly true of the Duke of Edinburgh. He was someone many people 'knew' only through the eyes of the media but now, for those who wish to discover the

person behind the often distorted view, a warmer person emerges through the eyes of family, friends and those who spent time with him.

As I have reflected on this, there are two verses from the Easter Gospel readings in Luke that stand out to me and both are part of my favourite resurrection story. The first comes in the account of two disciples walking home from Jerusalem and being joined by a stranger on their journey. The stranger is apparently ignorant of recent events concerning Jesus and asks them to tell their story. He listens to them and then explains how these events fits into a much bigger story and opens up the truth to them from the ancient writings which reveal who Jesus really is. Their eyes are opened so that they see how it all makes sense. Luke 24:27 'Beginning with Moses and all the prophets he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.' As they approach their village the stranger appears to want to carry on but they persuade him to eat with them and in the breaking and the sharing of bread they recognize him.

The two race back to tell the other disciples what has happened. As they are discussing this with them Jesus himself appears and in Luke 24;45 we read, 'Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.' So, all the disciples there at that time understand the truth of the real person...the Saviour; the Lord; the King of Kings... but as God intended him to be known not as they in their humanity had imagined him to be.

What do we think of Jesus? We need to know the Man! If we don't, maybe we could start by talking to his friends!

God bless you.

Rosie Brown Baptist Church.



# Hinkley Point C Free Community Bus Service resumption from Monday 12th April

The Hinkley Point C Community Bus Service between Bridgwater and Minehead will begin again from Monday 12th April.

Buses used on the service have been modified to allow for social distancing. These measures include the installation of Perspex screens and a clear indication of which seats can be used.

In line with Government guidance, a face covering must be worn by all passengers.

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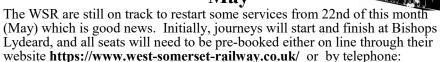
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### **Down at the Station**

# May



**01643 - 704996** (At least two Days before your trip). Any trains you may have heard recently have been for staff training purposes.

At Williton, while passengers will not be able to get on or off the trains, we are planning on opening our tea room/shop for teas, coffee, ice creams etc on the days that trains are running, from about 10.15 am until 4.pm on those days. It would be good to welcome visitors and those who like to go for a walk 'down our way'. In May trains are due to run on the following days:

22nd,23rd,25th,26th,27th,29th,30th & 31st, so you would be most welcome to come down to see, hear and smell the trains, something that many folk have missed over the past many months. Visitors will be requested to remain on Platform One and keep social distancing in accordance with current regulations. Service from the shop will be through the window, and there will be covered seating should the weather not be too good. Also available will be a selection of railway themed books and some plants from our Plant Stall.

Meanwhile the main Plant Stall will be open from 1st May at 7 Dovetons Drive, and on most days this month, and the Book Stall at 6 Long Lakes on Fridays and Saturdays each week. Thank you for your support.

It would be good, now that trains are coming on line again, that we remind everyone that it is a trespass to walk along the line at any time. There is no guarantee that no trains are coming and the track way can be dangerous especially after rainfall or frost.

John Parsons Station Master.



# **WSMLA Guided Walks 2021**

These walks will take place if Covid rules allow!

If required, walks will be socially distanced, and limited to 6 people including the guide.

Booking and up-to-date information: Exmoor National Park (ENPA) on 01398 323841. or on our website, www.wsmr.org.uk

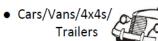
Booking is essential; further walks and/or talks can be arranged for groups. Call 01984 634177 or 01398 323841

Walks are free, donations are welcome, dogs on leads only with permission, walking boots and rain wear are needed.

### Saturday, 22 May, Ralegh's Cross Long Walk Meet 9.45am at Ralegh's Cross Inn TA23 0LN

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# Somerset Let's move together improve together

#### Age UK encourage a move towards normality with their campaign

The last year has been an unusual and difficult one for most but for many older people it has been particularly hard, with long periods of self-isolation impacting both mental and physical wellbeing. Research by Age UK has shown that many previously independent older adults have reported a loss of physical strength and capability, finding it harder to do daily activities such as going up stairs or walking the same distances they used to. Some have embraced modern technology, learning new skills and participating in online activities, helping them to maintain their existing levels of fitness but this has not been as rewarding as getting out and spending time with friends and family.

Throughout the pandemic, Age UK Somerset have supported older people in the County. Because they help those who are most at risk from severe illness due to coronavirus, and those whose movements have been most restricted. they have been busier than ever. Despite some services being paused due to their physical nature, others sprung up to meet the new needs of this strange time, for example their telephone service called "Friendly Phone calls", to help alleviate feelings of isolation and boredom.

The charity's Ageing Well team, who normally run and manage hundreds of community-based exercise classes, have held a wide range of online exercise sessions since last July. These classes have encouraged older people to maintain their current levels of fitness and given them a chance to see familiar, friendly faces. Full technical support has been given by the team and classes have included Tai Chi, yoga, Pilates, general fitness and relaxation sessions.

With plans to resume their community-based classes from the 17th May, Ageing Well have launched an inspiring "let's move together and improve together" campaign. Whilst wanting to encourage older people to start coming to classes again, they are aware that many are nervous of doing so. They are putting in stringent measures to provide the greatest level of reassurance, reducing the number of participants allowed in each class and introducing a new booking system. Classes will be re-started over a number of weeks, so that the team can oversee and manage them safely and effectively. A variety of online sessions will continue to run for those who would prefer to stay at home for the time being.

The charity's "stay strong, stay steady" classes – falls prevention sessions run in conjunction with Somerset County Council and the NHS – will also be resuming and hope to have a positive impact on the strength and balance of vulnerable adults.

If you would like to find out more about any of Age UK Somerset's classes, please call 01823345626 or email: ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk or visit www.ageuksomerset.org.uk Linda Greenhalgh.

# FROM OUR VILLAGE AGENT, IZZY SILVESTER May News



### The world is finally opening back up again!

We are really looking forward to being able to get back out in the community to see our clients!

Why not look up your local community centre, hobby or carers group and see when they are active again? If you are not sure what is available in your local area give us a call on 01823 331 222 and we can connect you!

The re-opening of services will bring great relief to the many thousands of unpaid Carers in Somerset who have not had access to respite facilities for a considerable length of time.

Organisations such as Heads Up Somerset provide day care for those with brain injuries, learning difficulties and dementia in the Wells area have reopened from April 1st - you can call them on 01749 670667 or visit

### http://www.headsupsomerset.org.uk/

There is also The Filo Project for Somerset residents. The Filo Project offers high quality day care for small groups of older people that have memory loss or moderate dementia. You can call them on **0333 939 8225** or visit:

#### https://www.thefiloproject.co.uk/

We Hear You provides free therapeutic support to children, families and individuals in Somerset affected by cancer and other life-threatening conditions. Their face-to-face services are reopening and you can contact them on:

### 01373 455 255 or visit https://www.wehearyou.org.uk/

If you are an unpaid Carer, please do get in touch – you may not feel you need any help and support right now, but we can just check in with you, so you know what's available if and when you feel you would benefit from further advice. Right now, we can help you with anything from finding a sitting service if you have a hospital appointment, a package of care if you or a family member are returning from hospital, or provide you with a little rest from cooking with our 'Carer Packs' - delicious pre-made meals for you and the person you care for. We can help make your everyday life a little easier, check you are receiving the correct benefits and look at the whole family support need, especially as we work closely with your doctor's surgery and adult social care. We have a freephone Carers Advice line you can call **0800 31 68 600** or text 'CARER' to **78070** and the Carers Advice line will call you back.

You may or may not be a carer to need a little extra help at home. From personal care, carers respite to household jobs a micro-provider could be just what you're looking for!

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Micro-providers are providers of very small, community based care and support services.

A micro-provider has eight or fewer paid or unpaid workers and is totally independent of a larger organisation. Examples of micro-services could include:

- Support to keep a person well, social and remain independent.
- Support to people living in their own homes.
- Short breaks and holidays.
- Support to access employment, education and leisure.
- Day support and help around the home.

As Village Agents, we can help connect you with the right micro-provider for your needs - and it may be that you have more than one undertaking different tasks for you, as many have different areas of expertise.

It's also a great career opportunity to become a micro-provider. It's very rewarding and worth considering if you are in between jobs, want to start a new career or fresh challenge! You would be well supported starting up with the Somerset Micro-enterprise Project - https://www.somerset.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/somerset-micro-enterprise-project/ - you can become an accredited provider, decide your hours and what areas of work you want to do call Rhys on 07788350806 for more information.

Hopefully next month we will have news of our Talking Cafes returning to venues across Somerset – but for now don't forget you can catch us live weekdays at **www.facebook.com/talkingcafesomerset** and we look forward to meeting you or seeing you again soon out in the community!

\*\*Izzy Silvester\*\*.

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#### LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES

A first hair cut after the long lock down.

Shirley Dee.

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# West Somerset bike project



The extremely successful 'West Somerset Bike Project' has gained additional funding from Somerset West and Taunton Council using money from the Hinkley Point C Fund.

The project started from a simple idea; match someone who was able to donate a bike (that they did not use any more) and give it to someone who needed it. So that the bike was safe, a bike mechanic checked the bike over, made small repairs, added a helmet, lock and lights and the bike was ready to go! So far, the project has shared 100 bikes and now there is funding for 40 more.

The funding for this round of bikes is being offered to people who need a bike to access *work*, *education*, *or training*. That might mean needing a bike to attend an interview, take up a job offer or attend college or an apprenticeship.

The project wants to ensure that the bikes go to those people who need them most and are hoping to harness and work alongside the amazing work of agencies across the West Somerset area to ensure that anyone who might need transport can be referred easily. An email to Izzy: izzy@Somersetrcc.org.uk with the contact details of anyone interested in accessing the scheme will mean that someone will be in touch to discuss their needs. It is important that they meet the criteria for needing the bike to access education, work, or training.

For the project to work, we still need donation of bikes (of reasonable quality) so if you know of anyone who has a bike that is unused at the moment, please get in touch. If you have a bike to donate, please get in touch with CCS Village Agent Izzy Silvester via email: izzy@Somersetrcc.org.uk with your name and phone number and a brief description of the bike or call **07931 018 045** to arrange for a free collection.

Izzy Silvester.

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### Williton Fete Flower Produce and Craft Show Saturday 4th September 2021

As mentioned in the April edition of Williton Window there is going to be a Flower, Produce and Craft Show being held to coincide with the village fete.

There are classes for children, vegetables, flowers, herbs, fruit, domestic and craft so there should be something for everyone to bake, make or grow.

Posters are already advertising the event in the village and schedules and entry forms are available from the Post Office and Somerset Farmhouse.

The idea is for it to be a fun show that will inspire people to enter, so even if you have never entered a show before why not give it a try so you don't go away from the fete and show saying 'I've got bigger or better at home'!



Any queries or offers of help please contact Peter Payne 01984 633084 or email: peterstjohnslock@aol.com

# **Operation Square**

Is now coming to an end. Thank you to everyone who donated wool and to all the lovely people who knitted and crocheted. We've made 17 so far and still have a few more to sew together so if you could bring any squares you've made to one of the drop off points it would be much appreciated.

#### 1 The Old Methodist Hall, Tower Hill or 25 North Croft, Williton.

If you enjoyed knitting/crocheting; then this is not the end of the help we'd like. We'd like to do something for the village as a whole, to celebrate the end of lockdown (when it happens) so we need to get ready.

The Parish Council have kindly given us permission to yarn bomb Bellamy's Corner, as our thank you to all the Key Workers who kept us going through lockdown.

You can make anything you like; baubles to hang from the trees, flowers, bunting etc; or go all out and knit figurines. Your choice of yarn, design, etc. Something to create a real splash of colour in the village, and show off to people driving through. We can then keep these to use at the village fete and other events. There will be flower patterns in the donation boxes if needed.

We're almost out of wool, so if anyone still has any they can donate we'd be very grateful. In the meantime, Sirdar Wool and Cygnet Yarns have very kindly donated some yarn to our cause. I have written to other yarn manufacturers so hopefully we'll get some more.

If you are unable to knit or crochet, but would like to be involved, maybe you'd consider making a small donation to enable us to purchase more wool. Donation points as above or through the Parish Office letterbox.

Pick up and drop off points are as above, so please get busy again; lockdown is scheduled to end on June 21 all being well so we've no time to lose.

Thank you.

Dawn-Lesley Howes.

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# WORDSEARCH FOR APRIL

by Phyllis Chidgey **Here comes the Bride** 



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#### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



The hardest thing in life is to know which bridge to cross and which to burn.

Shirley Dee.



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# Williton Bowling Club

With last years bowling season starting late because of the virus, members of the Williton Bowling Club were glad that this year they managed to open on time, Monday 12th. April,

but still having to operate under Government guidelines for the virus.

But that was not the end of the good news for members, because when the club approached J. Gliddon & Sons, of Williton, for a new lawnmower Mr. David Gliddon, owner of the business, said he would like to sponsor the club by giving them the mower.

J. Gliddon & Sons are a long established business with members of the family participating in sport in the village in the past. Club President David Sully said "We have a great bowling club here in Williton and having good equipment is essential and it is a great gesture by Mr. Gliddon to help us maintain the high standard we have.

#### Picture from left to right:

Peter Manley (J. Gliddon & Sons) David Sully (President) Alan Cane (Green Keeper) David Sully President.



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### F YOU NEED HELP:

Williton Surgery Robert Street TA4 4QE Tel: 01984 632701

Out of hours: 111. In an emergency call 999.

The surgery has changed its opening times to enable staff to plan for the day ahead. They are telephoning all patients ahead of any face-to-face appointments to avoid non-essential contact.

West Somerset Advice Bureau Advice line: 03444 88 9623

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

Church Clergy contact details are on page 4 of this magazine.

Mindline Somerset Emotional support helpline 01823 276892

Quantock Foodbank 07483 815122 email: quantockfoodbank@gmail.com

Williton Police: In an emergency call 999. Otherwise call 101.

Williton Parish Council telephone the Clerk (Michelle Francis) 01984 633979 or email clerk@willitonpc.org.uk

Williton Coronavirus Community Help Group - ring 01984 573673 or email willitonhelp@yahoo.com

Williton Registration Office - 01823 282251 Pre-booked appointments only

Village Agent - Izzy Silvester email izzy@somersetrcc.org.uk or Tel:

**07931 018045.** Leave a message with your contact details.

WASPS - WILLITON AND SURROUNDING AREA PARKINSON'S SUPPORT Tel: 01984 631472

# Williton Coronavirus Community Help Group

If you are still isolated and need help with grocery shopping, prescriptions, dog walking, errands or just need a friendly chat, we can put you in touch with someone who can help you.

Helpline Number

willitonhelp@yahoo.com www.facebook.com/willitonhelp

### If you need help, call or message us now

Phone lines are operational every day from 8:00 am until 10:00 pm. You can leave a message at other times and we will get back to you.

There's a list of traders and their opening times on our website as the situation

changes frequently. www.willitonhelp.co.uk

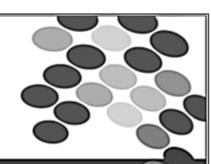


#### **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE** SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL

SOMERSET All our help and information is now available in a single place on the Somerset County Council website:

https://www.somerset.gov.uk/coronavirus/covid-19-latest-advice/
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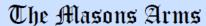
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