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Sunday 22nd August	09.15am	Parish Communion	
Sunday 15th August	09.15am	Parish Communion	
Sunday 8th August	09.15am	Parish Communion	
Sunday 1st August	10.00 am	All Age Worship	

We are no longer holding Agape services by zoom but Benefice Compline is still being held on zoom every Wednesday at 7.00pm. (Please contact churchwardens for details & zoom

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BAPTIST CHURCH (Watchet)
The Baptist Church normally meets at Knights Templar School every Sunday. The Baptist Church is currently meeting online at :youtube.com/watchetbaptist on Sunday at 6pm. For more information visit the website: www.watchetbaptist.org.uk or email mike@watchetbaptist.org.uk or telephone 01984 633755.

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Here in Williton we will be meeting at 10.30am at the home of Miss Mollie Brooks, 2, Higher Croft Tower Hill, from June 27th. Our first service will be led by Rev. Malcolm Hope. If you would like to join us, and we hope you will, please call Jane Sefton on 01984 656652 and she will give you all the details.

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Hugill's Crew Update

Yes, we may have had to postpone our Bandstand Bash from the 3rd of July to the **14th of August** but that is not to say we haven't been busy, because we have.

Rehearsals have carried on within the socially distanced area of the rehearsal room, e.g., my garage. Which thanks to some local grant funding is now equipped with microphones, stands, amplifiers and a sound desk mixer which we are still getting used to.

We are also very excited to say that gth Estate Agents in Williton have very kindly sponsored us by way of a couple of rollup banners, which we will use at every opportunity. It is so nice when local companies get behind local voluntary groups such as ours, believing in helping to fund projects as we do.



As you may have already seen, we have adopted the Minehead Lifeboat Station as our charity of the year. The more gigs we do the more money we can raise to support their development plans, which in the long run will help to save lives at sea through faster response and launch times.

As for singing live, we have done a couple of one hour slots both at the Jubilee Café in Minehead and up on the harbour side, both of which were well received, by their generous donations. However, the really exciting piece of news is that my phone has been red hot with calls about booking us to perform at various venues over the next few months. These will include the Jubilee Café again, which is a popular venue as well as the Watchet Sunday Market and celebrations to mark the 20th year of Watchet Marina. There will also be a special performance on Minehead Harbour Side, on the Saturday the 31st of July for Lifeboat Day which promises to be a fabulous day. We will also be holding our second concert at the Watchet Boat Museum some time in November, so watch this space as tickets will be on sale within the next few months.

For further information you can contact us at info@hugillscrew.org.uk or visit our website at www.hugillscrew.org.uk We will be extremely pleased to hear from you, especially if you want to have a go at singing with us, or perhaps you would like to help us set up at the gig venues we attend. You may even fancy a go at working the sound mixing desk we are so proud of. Keith Woolgar.

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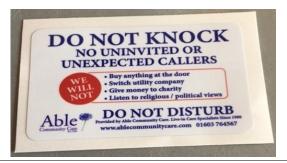
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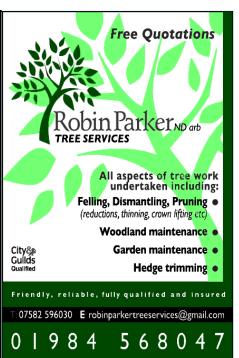
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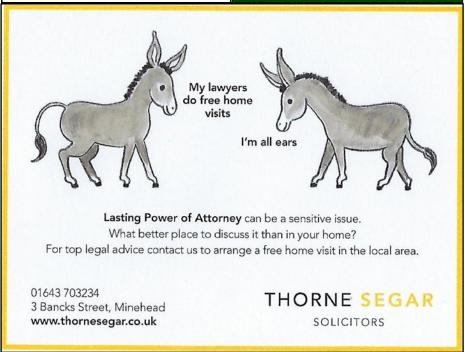
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The idea is for it to be a fun show and there are classes for children, vegetables, flowers, herbs, fruit, domestic and crafts so there should be something for everyone to bake, make or grow.

Entry forms are available from The Parish Office, the Post Office and Somerset Farmhouse.

If you have never entered a show before or even entered this type of show many times why not give this show a try so you don't go away from the fete and show saying 'I don't know why that won because I've got bigger or better at home'!

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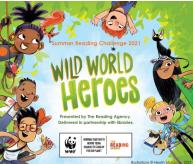


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The children's Summer Challenge has started!



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https://bit.lyWildWorldHeroes

Staff are also happy to register your children at the library. We are putting on various events during the summer so keep an eye on

our Facebook page. Somerset libraries Williton.

These events include crafts, a magic show, Facebook craft and Lego ideas each week and a rhyme time session outdoors for our younger readers. We will also have a session where the 3D pens are available for you to make butterflies.

We are continuing to have regular deliveries of new books, why not pop in and have a look.

We are continuing to provide hand Sanitizer and encouraging the wearing of masks when in the library building.

Please call in and the library staff will be happy to register new members (ID needed), children for the summer reading challenge and update you on events happening this Summer. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Julia Burt Library and Information Officer Williton Library.

THE FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ (Weather permitting!)

The Forget me not cafe group are now meeting informally in a Watchet garden, on alternate Wednesday mornings (July 28, August 11 and 25).

Like everyone else we have no idea when we shall be able to return to our indoor home at the Sanctuary!

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One Year on!

This is my twelfth edition of this magazine! I can hardly believe a year has gone since I took on this responsibility of editing the Williton Window. It has presented me with many challenges but also many rewards.



The magazine is now in its 22nd year of publication and I am still very much the new boy on the block. Being newly resident in Williton means I have not had the benefit of knowing who all the key people are. Getting to know the village and its community is an important part of what I do. I have the help and support of the rest of the management committee, Andrew, Janet, Neill and Pat and they have all been busy getting to know what is required to carry out their individual jobs. The COVID restrictions have made extra work for all the team.

We maintain our historic connection to the church but operate as an individual self governing group working to keep the magazine and the service it provides to both church, community and advertisers to the best standards we can. We rely on the advertising revenue and all the volunteers that make this magazine possible. As a not for profit group all members give their time freely to make sure this magazine gets to all residents in our community.

During the last few months, we have managed to get the magazine website updated with a new look and the ability to have information added to help inform the community with news that does not always fit the publication time schedules of the physical magazine. If you have not looked at the website, give it a try: **www.willitonwindow.org.uk** you can also access all editions of the magazine from 2017 through to the latest issue. Also, other local information and organisations contact details are available.

As we prepare to enter our second year, we thank you for your support and hope you continue to value this church & community magazine.

Derek R Smith (Editor).



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The problems are caused primarily by a shortage of LGV drivers – a long running national issue worsened recently by Covid-19 and other factors. Recruitment for drivers and other crew members is particularly tough in Somerset because of the many distribution companies in and around the county. There is no quick fix for recruitment, so unfortunately there will be further delays. Please bear with us.

We regret that with more than 350,000 waste collections every week, it is difficult to provide accurate, timely updates for individual parishes. Collection routes cross district and parish boundaries and progress can be affected by staffing levels, track and trace alerts, vehicle breakdowns and traffic.

This has been an extremely demanding year for crews, who have worked long hours throughout the pandemic collecting heavier loads.

To help ease the pressure, we would ask that residents please:

- Make sure your rubbish and recycling are out by **6am on collection day.**
- Go online to use the My Waste Services menu on our homepage to order containers, request an assisted collection, report a missed collection and more.
- Make use of recycling sites if a collection is delayed.
- If it is safe, crush, squash and flatten waste to save space and speed up collections.

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We apologise again for the disruption and ask for your patience.

Somerset Waste Partnership

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The Board meets on the first Monday of alternate months, commencing in February each year. Recently these meetings have been via Zoom but hopefully face-to-face meetings will re-commence soon. The AGM is held on the 3rd Saturday in September.

For further information please contact Karen Trigger (current treasurer) 01271 831451 / ktrigger.kt@gmail.com

Williton Memorial Ground & Pavilion Latest Update on Events

(Subject to current restrictions)

Firstly, and most importantly, I would like to thank everyone who made bunting – either knitted, crocheted or sewn – for Bellamy's Corner last month. This will all be taken down and washed later this month ready for use at the fete on 4th September. I've still 15 packs of bunting to be made up for the fete (and other events) so please - please - do email me if you can help; or call the office and they will pass your details on to me.

September sees our Village Fete and after the last 18 months, this is a wonderful opportunity for the whole village to get together, re-establish links with community groups or make new ones; have a beer, burger, cup of tea or slice of cake - hopefully in gorgeous sunshine; although just without rain will suffice! But most importantly to meet up with friends (without restrictions with luck), to sit back, relax and enjoy the arena entertainment.

This year for the Arena we are concentrating on community, so we're looking for 10 teams of 10 people to compete in "Knockout" style games culminating in a Tug of War. The cost to enter is £10 per team++ – all participants must be 18 or over - with the winning team taking half the entry fees; email me, or call the office, for an entry form. All teams must be signed up and forms returned completed no later than Friday 27th August.

Paul Morse will be organising the Arena Games but he can't do it all on his own so we're looking for 4* people to help him. We're also looking for some items for the games – (all adult sizes please) wellies (larger is better), sunglasses/goggles, hats (the funnier the better), tops/shirts, shorts, skirts, bras and onesies. **If you want your items back**, please make sure they are clearly marked with your name & phone number, these can be collected after the games or from Parish Office. Drop off points are Parish Office, 25 North Croft & 38 Half Acre.

We're going to have some lovely prizes in the raffle including the opportunity to ride with Santa in his horse and carriage around the village on Saturday 11th December. We'll be running the raffle a little differently this year in that you can choose which prize you want to win by putting your ticket(s) in the box relating to that prize. It will make it quicker for us to draw the prize at 4pm.

Does anyone in the village have a lovely old car/vehicle, or two, that they'd like to bring to the fete and show off? *

We've managed to secure quite a few stalls already through different Facebook groups and some you may not have seen, but we've a huge area to fill so we're still looking for more (fee £10++); for further information and a booking form please email me. We'll send out a leaflet with next month's Williton Window letting you know more information about the Fete and what stallholders will be there.

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In 2019 we had nearly 1,500 visitors to the fete, this year we hope to have even more. With only a core team of five people organising events, this means that we **desperately need more helpers at the fete**. We need at least:

- 3 people* to help Barbara Nye in the Beer Tent
- 4* for the dog show, 2 to register entrants and 2 to judge (no experience necessary this is a fun show)
- Liz & Peter Payne need 3* stewards to help at the Produce, Flower and Handicraft Show
- we need 4* people to run the Tombola, Raffle and Mo's bucket On the subject of Tombola, if you have something unused that you can donate, we'd very much appreciate it. Drop off at Parish Office or 25 North Croft.

It would be lovely to have more helpers than we need so that <u>everyone</u> can enjoy the fete rather than stuck behind a stall watching.

- Many hands make light work, so we'd love to see as many of you as can manage it to help put up tents, marquees and gazebos, layout tables and chairs on Saturday morning from 8am with a bribe of bacon butties at 11am for the workers
- Helpers on Friday evening 5-7pm to put out tables and the stage in the Pavilion for the Flower, Produce & Craft Show Competition
- Someone with a van to pick up 9 gazebos from Onion Collective Watchet on Friday afternoon, keep overnight and drop off at the park Saturday morning you'll need someone to help you load they're heavy!
- And someone else with a van to pick up the gazebos from the Pavilion Monday and take back to Onion Collective Watchet again you'll need someone to help you

**Fee fully refundable if the event is cancelled for COVID reasons

Entry to the fete is 50p for adults and free to children under 16 *If you can help email me or call the Parish Office

Thank you. Trustee Dawn-Lesley Howes cllr.howes@willitonpc.org.uk

Browse & Borrow A Book Event in July Held on Saturday & Sunday 3rd/4th July Thank you to all those that supported this event despite the inclement

Thank you to all those that supported this event despite the inclement weather that weekend.

I am pleased to say we still managed to raise over £100 Pounds in aid of St Margaret's Hospice.

Please watch out for details of the next event in this magazine.





Regular Weekly Meetings Groups & Events

Everyday1.00pm -11.00pmWilliton Social ClubTel: 01984 248671Tuesdays7.00pm -9.00pmHugill's Crew Rehearsal 1.Tower Hill
Tel: 07516 300470Wednesdays10 -11am Move it or Lose itMemorial PavilionTel: 07421762532

Fridays 12 Noon. Colin's Walks Outside Library Tel 01984 632721

This Month's Meetings Groups & Events for August

Tues 10th Bingo 7pm for 7.30pm start Memorial Pavilion

Thurs 19th Williton WI 2pm to 4pm Memorial Pavillion

Fri 20th Community Market 9am to 11am Williton Social Club

Fri 20th Community Market 9am to 11am Williton Social Club

Tues 24th Bingo 7pm for 7.30pm start Memorial Pavilion

Sat 28th Indoor Car Boot Sale 9am to 12 noon. Memorial Pavilion

Can I ask that as groups get going again that you let us know and we can include your group / activity or event in this diary page. DRS Editor.

Please e-mail details to:

williton@willitonwindow.co.uk or telephone to 01984 631595

Saturday 14 August

10am—2pm Williton Pavilion

Creating A Way Through

A post-pandemic exhibition to celebrate and showcase lockdown creativity and how it helped and inspired us

This is a not-for-profit event open to
Williton, surrounding villages, and groups to
show off their creations
Free to exhibit and visit

Light refreshments will be available Come help us celebrate all things creative!

If you wish to exhibit, please email Lyn Barlow baggybarlow@btinternet.com or call 01984 634686 Closing date for entries is Friday 23 July



Tuesday 31 August

Doors Open 18:30 Film starts19:00 **prompt**



Williton War Memorial Recreation Ground (& Pavilion) is a registered charity (211212) run by volunteers; help is always appreciated

Advance tickets available from
Parish Office, Holly Barn Antiques & Williton Post Office

Advance: £4 / On the door: £5

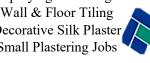
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WILLITON WEATHER

JULY

The first two weeks in July saw the sad flooding in China and Germany and also the rest of Europe, including England - record breaking heat in Canada, with fires, and record temperatures in Russia.

Of course we also have had it hot! The highest temperature I saw in Kent was 38°C here I recorded 33°C. Wales 15 miles away also had 33°C. But there was a much longer hot period in 1976 (Year of the drought)!

JUNE

The hottest day was on the 15th. with a temperature of 27°C The coldest night was 12°C on the 12th.

The maximum pressure on the 24th.was 30.3 inches.

The minimum pressure on the 22nd.was 29.9 inches.

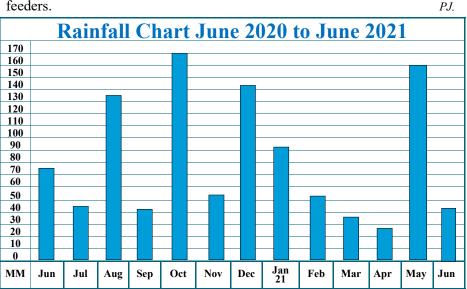
The total months rainfall was only 43.5 mm (very low). Fog & Mist on the 7th.

ASTRONOMICAL NEWS

The Full Moon for this month will occur on Sunday, August 22nd. The New Moon is earlier in the month on Sunday, August 8th. August's full moon is called the Full Sturgeon Moon, after the primitive fish that used to be abundant in North America's lakes and rivers during the summer months. The planets in August, Venus poorly positioned evening planet, setting an hour after the Sun. Moon nearby on 10th and 11th August. Mars evening planet, too low to be seen against a dark sky but near Mercury on 19th August.

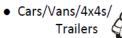
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We have seen Starlings on the bird feeders not usually seen using the feeders.



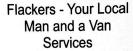
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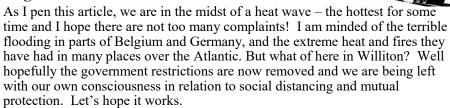


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Down at the Station

August 2021



However, by the time readers see this we should have been selling tickets at Williton for people to ride on the trains either north to Minehead or south to Bishops Lydeard. For those travelling to Minehead the train journey will end at Dunster with onward travel by bus in to Minehead. Not sure how it will work in practice but we have to give it a chance. Work has commenced with the renewal of the crossing controls at Seaward Way crossing I understand those people who had purchased Annual Tickets early last year, have either had their money refunded or agreed to defer the use of them until 2022. If this is not the case, then please check with head office before trying to use them, as they are not being accepted at present.

Williton station itself is looking as good as ever with all the baskets and flower hangings in full bloom – it's worth just going down to see those, never mind the trains! Everyone is welcome to call down – it is a good destination for a short walk from anywhere in the village with the prospect of a cuppa or ice cream on arrival. Which brings me to a call for volunteers. Yes, we are all volunteers at the station and we have vacancies at present for people to join the team in the shop/tea room, and also in the Booking Office where we sell the tickets. If anyone feels they could offer some time I would be glad to hear from them. Full training would be given.

John Parsons Station Master.

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WILLITON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We are very pleased to be able to resume full meetings again. Our next will take place on **Thursday 19th August from 2-4pm at The Pavilion**. The speaker will be our Treasurer, Karen Wright, whose topic will be 'Holiday in St. Lucia'. Visitors are most welcome to come along and join us and the fee is £3.50.

If you would like more information, please contact

Liz Payne (President) 01984 633084 or June Irving (Secretary) 01984 639600

LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES



The end of the lockdowns.

Shirley Dee.



ROM OUR VILLAGE AGENT, I IZZY SILVESTER **August News**



Summer is in full swing! And we are delighted to share with you a new project 'GET OUTSIDE IN SOMERSET'!

Being outside brings huge benefits for our physical and mental health, but for a large majority of people, the Covid-19 pandemic has created many barriers to getting outside, and this has amplified feelings of loneliness and isolation.

That's why we're working with organisations from across the county to support people in **Somerset** to get outside and move in more ways that suit them.

There is a new website covering a wide variety of activities, events and challenges, as well as information on a wide range of topics across health and wellbeing, the website will be regularly updated with new activities to inspire the Somerset community.

From yoga in the park, fishing, and geocaching, to cycling, climbing, and forest bathing, there is something for everyone. For more information, please visit https://getoutsideinsomerset.co.uk/ and use the really easy search function to discover something near you! If you would struggle to take part, but want to, let us know and we can help find a solution!

If you are involved in any outdoor activities you would like listing on the website, get in touch with the Get Outside team! We are also looking for passionate people to support the project and inspire the community to get outside to improve their physical and mental health – so share your passion with Somerset and become a Get Outside Ambassador!

Loneliness: We all feel lonely from time to time. Feelings of loneliness are personal, so everyone's experience of loneliness will be different. One common description of loneliness is the feeling we get when our need for rewarding social contact and relationships is not met.

But loneliness is not always the same as being alone. You may choose to be alone and live happily without much contact with other people, while others may find this a lonely experience. Or you may have lots of social contact, or be in a relationship or part of a family, and still feel lonely – especially if you don't feel understood or cared for by the people around you – there is more on this here: "https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/ loneliness/about-loneliness/#WhatCausesLoneliness"

Lockdown has amplified this for many people, as groups and regular social activities stopped running temporarily, but hopefully now they are slowly reopening, and there is always support and help at hand from us Village Agents - we have reopened many of our face-to-face Talking Cafes, as well as our Facebook live sessions – so book an appointment for a chat.

www.somersetagents.org/talking-cafes/

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August News Continued.



We can arrange regular Talk & Support calls for you for free, just to have someone to chat to, arrange befriending services and link you to Good Neighbours schemes where they are set up – our Agents are very skilled in helping people overcome loneliness and reduce isolation. Also, check out the many groups that meet on the Get Outside website – you might discover a new hobby and new friends!

As ever, Village Agents can be contacted by calling **01823 331 222** or visit the website to find your local Agent, or request a call back:

www.somersetagents.org

Izzv Sylvester.



Faith Reflection Precious Time



As a child, why was it that the summers were endless and the weekends longer than they are now? As I get older, time seems to most certainly be speeding up but of course we know that this is not really the case. So I have been thinking lately how can I "make more time?" There is no secret remedy or magic pill that will slow things down, only we have the ability to address the imbalance that seems to arise when the reality of being a grown up comes upon us all.

It also seems to me, that some of us may be in a situation that is literally leaving us wanting to wish our lives away. It may be a job, a commitment or even a relationship that is causing us to feel that way, and it completely consumes our time, becoming a burden. It can even come to the point that our lives will seem like time is just wasting away like grains of sand running through our fingers. Our lives are such special things, and God finds each and every one of us so very precious, no matter who we are. Our earthly lives are not meant to be wasted away or taken lightly, every day should be seen as a gift, a gift that not everyone gets a lot of. A life to be lived where our time is filled with living, laughter and most of all love. And if we can see our lives as journeys of experience and adventure (some of which we wouldn't want to repeat), where our work life balance is exactly that "balanced", where we really see God's creation that surrounds us and get to share it with our special others, then maybe just maybe we will in effect slow time down, to the same pace we knew as children.

If the lockdown has shown us anything, it is being idle is no bad thing. Being able to just be, is one of the greatest gifts in his grace and wisdom that God bestowed upon us.

Donna Marsden Reader of St. Decuman's, Watchet and St. Peter's, Williton.

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A book of 9 circular walks around Williton by Jenny Gibson is on sale at Williton Post Office for £2.50. All proceeds from this edition go to the Quantock Foodbank. We are very grateful to the Post Office for stocking this book...

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Your body is baggage that you must carry through life. The more excess baggage the shorter the trip.





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Yes, we are still here and invite you to the
Macmillan Cancer Support
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Saturday 28th August 2021
at 2.15 p.m.

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Car parking near Village Hall Port-a-loo at Old Orchard

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Be Alert! Rogue Garden Workers

Just a quick message to alert our communities of a couple of individuals working in the area at the moment offering gardening services. Their usual method is to cold call & offer to cut hedges etc. They will give a quote, then once the work is done, will say that it was a bigger job than initially expected, & demand further payment.

They will usually target more elderly residents whose gardens may look overgrown & untidy, thus preying on the vulnerable.

Please be vigilant, & look out for elderly /vulnerable members of the community.

If you are looking for gardening services or property maintenance, please do not succumb to these unscrupulous people- no matter how professional & friendly they may appear. Always go to a reputable firm, or someone who has been personally recommended.

Sue Thompson Police Community Support Officer

Neighbourhood Policing, Williton Police Station | Avon and Somerset Police.

Editors Note

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First Thursday of the month: Dulverton Library, Dulverton, 10.00am - 12:00pm Tel: 0300 123 2224 Every Friday: @ The Hub, Hopcott Rd, Alcombe, Minehead 9.30am-12pm Tel: 01643 707598

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Williton And Surrounding Parkinson's Support Group



Hello Everyone, it seems almost too good to be true and therefore we are being very cautious, but we are gearing up for our first monthly meeting in over 18 months!. We have had a meeting, as a committee, within the Covid guidelines, to assess the situation and we are cautiously optimistic that it will happen. We can once again share good times and see how everyone is coping. No doubt there will be lots of news to exchange, stories to tell and events to look forward to.

We will be meeting in our new home in Sampford Brett community centre. It has ample parking, and the hall is wheelchair accessible. The Pavilion in Williton was very nice and we enjoyed all the modern technology, but it was just a bit too big for us, and we were just a bit lost there.

We will be meeting on the first Thursday of the month which will be **Thursday** 2nd September. Exercises will start at 1:15pm and will be 45 minutes long. You can do all the exercises while sitting in a chair. The regular meeting will start at 2pm. There will be business to get through, just a quick overview of future plans and your ideas will be welcome at that time. After the business comes a chance to chat with old friends and meet new WASPS, we have had a few members sign on over the lockdown.

Mark the day and new location and we look forward to seeing you there. If you have Parkinson's and would like to know more about the WASPS please do not hesitate to give me a call or email me at queenwasp@outlook.com, telephone number is **01984 631472**. Take care. Linda Bishop - Committee Member.



WSMLA Guided Walks 2021

These walks will take place if Covid rules allow! 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.

Tuesday, 10 August, Ruins in the Woods.

Meet 9.45am at Chargot Wood Car Park, Grid ref SS975355.

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Finally with lockdown restrictions eased the **Parish Office** is open by appointment - although currently - due to staff shortages - the office will be open Mon-Wed, 10-12. Please contact Michelle for further information.

We are very pleased to welcome Cllr Janet Cook and Cllr Lucy Naylor who were co-opted at the last meeting. It is with regret that Cllr Jean Stanford has resigned, we wish you all the best Jean.

"Wonderful Williton" is the theme for a photographic calendar competition we're running. Closing date 30th June 2022, ready for sale in October 2022. The competition is open to Williton parishioners only. More details regarding entry submission will be made available in the next few months; but in the meantime, get snapping!

At the "Creating A Way Through" exhibition at The Pavilion on 14th August we will have the last few blankets made up from the knitted and crocheted squares that kind parishioners made during the 3rd lockdown. Most have gone to Williton hospital and Croft House, with the remaining few going to new homes after this exhibition. Do pop along to see them and the many other wonderful things people made during the pandemic.

The Parish Council wishes to encourage motorists to drive more considerately through the village. We had a very effective community **SpeedWatch** scheme, but a lack of volunteers meant it had to close. We'd like to reinstate it, so if you can spare a few hours a month to make Williton a safer place - or are interested in knowing more - please contact the Parish Council using the details above.

Cllr Dawn-Lesley Howes.

COMMUNITY MARKET IS BACK



Now the restrictions have been lifted we can return with the Community Market. As before it will be held in Williton Social Club on the 3rd Friday every month from 9.00am to 11.00am. Our first one will be on Friday 20th August.

There will be the same things on offer - Cakes, Jam, New Laid Eggs, Plants (in season), Crafts and more.

Again, tea and coffee will be available for donations which will be given to local charities like WASPS, Williton Hospital and of course Williton Window.

We look forward to welcoming our regular visitors back and saying hello to some new. Do come along and have a look, you'll be made very welcome even if it's just for a cuppa and a natter.

Barbara Heywood.

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Church Clergy contact details are on page 6 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

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Williton Coronavirus Community Help Group

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Helpline Number

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

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

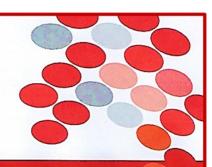
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SOMERSET All our help and information is now available in a single place on the Somerset County Council website:

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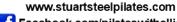
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CALLING ALL DOGS

Williton Village Fete Fun Dog Show 2021

Saturday 4 September @ 14:00 Williton War Memorial Recreation Ground

CLASSES

- 14:15 Prettiest lady
- 14:45 Handsomest fella 15:15 Waggiest tail
- 15:45 Cutest Puppy
- (up to 12 months)
- 16:15 Oldest Veteran (8+ years)
- 16:45 Best in Show (in main Arena) - judged from winners of classes I-5



Each class is limited to 20 dogs, so pre-registration @ Parish Council Office is strongly re-Registration on the day from 13:30-14:00. Entry Forms available from Williton Pet Care & Parish Office Entry £1.00 per class per dog Classes start promptly at 14.15 hours Prize rosettes for top 3 in each class. Winner in each class qualifies for Best in Show to be held in Main Arena

YOUD BE BARKING MAD TO MISS IT

Winners prizes kindly donated by Williton Pet & Equine Care



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ilion open for exhibits to be staged 9:30am - 11:00am / Judging 11:15am - 1:30pm Open to Public 2:00pm onwards / Prizes and Raffle Draw around 4:00pm Closing date for all entries is Wednesday 1st September Late entries will not be accepted For further information please contact: Peter Payne 01984 633084