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Services in September at St Peter's Church Williton

Sunday 5th September	*09.15 am	Parish Communion
Sunday 12th September	09.15am	Parish Communion
Sunday 19th September	09.15am	Parish Communion
Sunday 26th September	09.15am	Parish Communion

^{*}This service is normally at 10am, earlier this month to allow for attendance at Church Picnic at Great Wood, details below.

Compline is still being held on zoom every Wednesday at 7.00pm. (Please contact the churchwardens for details and zoom codes).

The church is now open for private prayer 08.30am - 5.00pm daily



On Sunday 5th September at 10.30am Quantock Deanery (which includes Williton)

is holding a deanery service at Great Wood, followed by a picnic. Everyone welcome!

St Peter's Church Contact Details:

Vicar	Position Vacant	*Enquiries to Churchwardens		
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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.

ATHOLIC CHURCH (Watchet)

✓ Mass is normally celebrated at the Methodist Church, Watchet. In these troubled times, please contact Deacon Vincent Woods on 01984 634681 for information.

METHODIST CHURCH (Williton)

We have had several meetings at the home of Mollie Brooks, 2 Higher Croft, Tower Hill, and have really enjoyed being there together at last. Our preachers have been lovely and they have given us some wonderful services, making us feel really blessed. And we are singing as well as ever, a thing we have really missed over the past few months.

Here is the list of preachers for September:-

5th -Tim Hedgecock. 12th -Malcolm Hope, with Holy Communion 19th -Jean Armin 26th -Harvest Festival, preacher TBC.

If anyone would like to come along and see what we are doing, please phone Jane Sefton on **01984 656652**. The services are at 10.30am. Mollie is also holding a regular coffee and chat morning on Fridays at her home and everyone is welcome, Methodist or not, churchgoer or not. The coffee morning lasts from 10am until 12 noon, so do come along and join us for a chat. We don't only talk about Church and there are some very interesting and wide ranging conversations every week, plus some excellent cake. We hope you can join us at Mollie's soon! Jane Sefton.

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Schedules and Entry forms are available from The Parish Office, the Post Office and Somerset Farmhouse. All entry forms must be handed in to me no later than Wednesday 1st September (details of how to do this are on the entry form) and all exhibits must be displayed ready for Judging by 11:00 on Saturday 4th **Sept.** Unfortunately, late entries cannot be accepted.

If you have never entered a show before or even entered this type of show many times why not have a try and show the rest of the village what you have achieved

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

PROBUS CLUB OF THE OUANTOCKS

Great news ... our weekly meetings are back at our usual venue The Windmill Arms at West Quantocks Head. On Tuesday 10th. August, our outgoing Chairman Ken Clarke handed over the role to John Irving.

John and the committee are now busy putting together a programme, for the coming months, of visiting speakers and also arranging outside visits to places of interest. As well as this, we also hold a monthly lunch also at The Windmill Pub.

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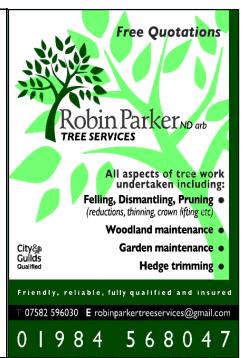
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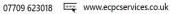
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As we've not offered eBooks via BorrowBox before, here are some key features to look out for:

- An even wider selection of eBooks will be available on launch so do check in on 16th August to grab your next read!
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- With your book open, use the spy glass to search for a name or word in the body of the text – great for travel guides or books with a wide cast of characters!

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Ancestry is free until the 31st of December 2021 so you might want to make a start on researching your family tree.

To access the above services all you need is your library card and your pin number. Don't forget you can request and renew online as well. If you need any support please pop in to the library.

Within the library we are still regularly receiving lots of lovely new books. The children's Wild World Heroes Challenge is going well so don't forget to pop in and collect your stickers.

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Faith Reflection



Isn't it funny how much we're encouraged to get excited about new things? If we're told that a cat food is new and improved, we might well go for it often without even asking the cat!! New books, cars, films and crisp flavours can all be enticing. Newness means change and some kinds of new are an adventure. But not all; some of us like to stick with the same holiday destinations. New might be an adventure but we often like how things are.

One of our biggest challenges is facing change. The bible talks about God doing new things all the time (Isaiah 48 and Romans 4). But also, about patience and kindness. When we're faced with change, such as the arrival of new housing, we may reject the adventure. But when it comes to those involved in building work or people living in those new houses, then kindness and patience are important.

Whether we like new things or not, we can still be the kind of people who show kindness and care for those who are also facing change – even if it doesn't feel easy.

Take care and God bless.

Mike Sherburn, Watchet Baptist Church.



WHEELS



Wheels has been in action during August taking people from Watchet and Williton to medical appointments. Fortunately only a few people have asked for journeys, as many volunteer drivers have had to drop out, either permanently, or temporarily because of vulnerability to the Covid 19 virus.

If WHEELS is to continue to offer its very valuable personal service to the many people who have no transport of their own, we desperately need to recruit more volunteer drivers. Even if you think you may be able to offer to do one journey per fortnight, it would be a tremendous help, so please contact me, John Carslake on 01984 639083 or the WHEELS number 07891821861 so that we can get together and I can explain what is involved, or please come to our stall at the Williton fete.

We also urgently need people to volunteer as coordinators, who can man the WHEELS mobile phone in their own home on a rota basis, for about one week in four, during office hours. This involves receiving requests for journeys and phoning a driver. Again, if you are willing to consider volunteering for this vital job, please contact the above.

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Firstly, a huge **thank you** to everyone who has volunteered to help at the Fete on Saturday 4 September, we couldn't do this without your support. If anyone is free on the morning, who can come along and help set up marquees, tents, chairs, tables and stalls it would be really appreciated.

Sara is looking for help on the **refreshments**, so if you are able to help, even for just half an hour please do let me know.

Tombola, if you have something unused that you can donate, we'd very much appreciate it. Drop off at Parish Office (Monday or Thursday morning).

This month -28 September - Williton Film Nights will be screening "The Last Bus"; enormous thanks to Holly Barn Antiques and Williton Post Office for supporting us by selling the tickets again. *Thank you*

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Our stock has been kept up to date so that you are assured of always having the variety to which you are accustomed, both in cards and gifts. This has been quite difficult at times as the Trade Fairs were cancelled, and the reps were furloughed!

But together we have made it! Now we are looking towards the end of the year and although I hesitate to mention it, 2022 is looming with Christmas fast advancing and the last posting dates to faraway places via surface mail needing to be considered!

For this purpose, we will be displaying our distance Christmas cards during September along with the wonderful **Local Calendars** that Paul Savage of Out and About Images has produced this year. We think that you will certainly agree that he has, once again, done a great job!

Although Royal Mail have not yet published the dates for posting, traditionally post to Australia and New Zealand is at the end of September.

Please take care that your cards and parcels fit the size and weight criteria so as not to incur unnecessary expense, also remember there are restrictions on some items. For information on both these issues please call in for guidance, we do have booklets with all the information you will need and customs forms for you to complete at home for your convenience. Keep safe!

Caroline Tyner.

Williton Garden Club

The Club resumes its meetings this month on Monday 27th September at 7.30 p.m. at Danesborough Common Room. Our speaker will be Mr Dave Usher and his subject is "The Answer Lies in the Soil" which sounds interesting. New members welcome.

John Parsons, Chairman.

FORGET ME NOT CAFE REOPENS IN THE SANCTUARY WATCHET

This is early days but after a few weeks in a lovely Watchet garden we are back at the Sanctuary in Swain Street.

September: 8th and 22nd 10.30am to 12 noon at the Sanctuary.

October: 6th and 20th

We urgently need new volunteers to help us serve tea and coffee plus washing up. If you can help please contact: Margaret Tatham **07973638030** or email watchetdementia@gmail.com

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This Month's Meetings Groups & Events for September

Thur	2nd	Wasps Meeting	1.15pm to 4.30pm Sampford Brett Village Hall
Sat	4th	Village Fete	2pm to 5pm War Memorial Ground
Tues	7th	Bingo	7pm for 7.30pm start Memorial Pavilion
Thur	16th	WI Meeting	2.00pm Williton Pavilion
Fri	17th	Community Market	9am to 11.30am Williton Social Club
Tues	21st	Bingo	7pm for 7.30pm start Memorial Pavilion
Sat	25th	Indoor Car Boot Sale	9am to 12 noon. Memorial Pavilion
Mon	27th	Williton Garden Club	7.30pm Danesborough Common Room
Tues	28th	Film Night	6.30pm Doors Open Williton 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.

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On Sunday 5th September 2021 we shall be holding our tenth annual Coast to Coast Cycle Challenge, starting at 11am in Watchet and ending in West Bay.

Last year our event was cancelled due to COVID – 19 but in 2019, 571 supporters took part in this event to help raise funds to keep Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance flying. In doing so they collaboratively rode just over 30,200 miles and raised more than £54,000 – that's enough to fund approximately 18 missions by the air ambulance.

We are aware that this event may cause you and your neighbours some slight disruption and would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused. We can assure you that we will follow COVID government guidelines in place at the time of the event.

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story, or perhaps just get in touch for a friendly chat. (Any time after the 14th September). Mobile 07582614941

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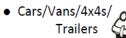
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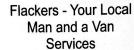
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WILLITON WEATHER



AUGUST

We have had some really cool weather this month which made it seem like it was late October. Worldwide what with Floods here, in Europe, and China, fires in Canada and North USA never heard of high temperatures so I will write these records next month.

JULY

The hottest day (measured in North side - dark shade) was on Sunday the 18th with a temperature of 32.5 °C.

The coldest night was on the 6th with 12 °C.

The maximum pressure was 30.4 inches.

The minimum pressure 29.5 inches.

The total months rainfall was only 24 mm (lowest over the last year).

ASTRONOMICAL NEWS

Did you see the Perseid Meteor shower which delivers some of the brightest meteors of the various displays throughout the year.

Usually, the Perseids start about 16th July and peak on the 11th,12th and 13th August, when there could be as many as 100 meteors in an hour. They then taper away towards 23rd August.

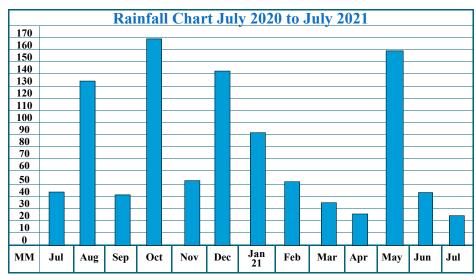
Recently Astronomers have captured some of the most detailed images ever seen of galaxies in deep space.

NATURE NOTE

Over the last few weeks Harvest has been seen in full flow in the fields providing the Rooks, Crows and Pigeon's with extra food.

It will not be long before the Swifts, Swallows and House Martin's fly south for the winter.

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Down at the Station September 2021



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Here we are in mid August and things are beginning to return to some form of normality at the station. Wonderful! We can now sell tickets ourselves to anyone who turns up, and apart from the first train of the day, can also issue tickets to the various pass holders. This is quite a leap forward from last month. Currently trains are still terminating at Dunster station with a bus link on into Minehead station and return, and I think this is likely to continue for the remainder of the 2021 season.

Over the weekend of the 11th-12th September there is to be a 40s celebration in conjunction with Minehead BID when there will be several attractions at both Minehead and Watchet during the day, and a dance on Minehead station on the Saturday evening. Full details can be found on the Company's web site at **www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk** Then from the 1st – 3rd October the WSR is holding its Autumn Gala, and details for that can also be found on the WSR web site. It is unlikely that there will be any visiting engines this year but there should be an extensive timetable with some trains running as far as the Norton Fitzwarren site at the southern end of the line.

I am glad to report that so far this month of August it looks as though there have been plenty of 'bums on seats' which is what is going to keep the railway running. This year's season is a short one having started late, and the Railway needs the income to pay its way over the winter months. At Williton the shop has been busy some days and then almost dead the next but it has been good to welcome many walkers and visitors passing over the road bridge and, noticing the tracks, have called down. This in turn has helped with the sales of plants and books. The plant season has really come to an end now and Phil Chapman has already started collecting seeds from the existing display in readiness for next year!

It has been good to welcome two new volunteers this season, both of them helping in the Booking Office. We would always welcome others, both for that position and for help in the shop/tea room. Full training would be given.

John Parsons Station Master.



FROM OUR VILLAGE AGENT, IZZY SILVESTER September News



What is a Village Agent?

The Village Agent service is part of the Community Council for Somerset (CCS) and offers free, confidential, practical support to **anyone** in need, including community groups. We have unrivalled local knowledge, and are problem solving solution finders!

I'm Izzy your local Village Agent - I love the challenge of making a positive impact in my local community for people who need it most. It is very rewarding when a plan comes together, and a person's life is enhanced by the work I have done. I also love to chat! If needed, I work closely with your local GP surgery and the Adult Social Care team, so you have well rounded support.

Sounds Interesting but WHO can a Village Agent help?

A Village Agent can help if....

- You are an unpaid Carer or looking after someone else informally & need a little help & support for you and the person you care for.
- You are struggling with a problem that can be fixed or improved by accessing the right people or services in the local community, but don't know where to turn.
- You live alone and are feeling lonely and isolated.
- You are part of a community with a collective problem & need a kick start to solve.

It doesn't matter how big or small the problem, we are here to help.

OK that's great – but HOW exactly can a Village Agent help?

It's probably easier to list the things Agents CAN'T do!

We don't like to pin down exactly how an Agent can help, as each person's situation is unique, but generally to make someone's everyday life better with the right connections, access to food, emergency funding or practical community-based solutions. A few recent examples are:

- Supported clients to access transport so that they can attend their vaccination appointments.
- Delivered food to families and individuals who are shielding or isolating & set up an arrangement with the local food bank to supply food to clients.

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- Source & arrange delivery of white goods, furniture & household items to people in need.
- Made sure that the clients are supported to get the financial help they need.
- Arranged translations for clients who don't speak fluent English but need our support.
- Supported people who need help collecting prescriptions.
- Conducted welfare calls on behalf of local GP's to ensure clients are safe and well.
- Gave emotional support to people who are feeling isolated and lonely.
- Supported people & particularly unpaid carers by brokering a micro provider who can help with daily living tasks to alleviate some pressure & provided respite meals for Carers.
- Supported elderly Somerset residents to 'survive winter' by making sure that they have sufficient heating and cooking facilities. Distribute Surviving Winter grants.
- Gifted refurbished mobiles to people who are cut off from their family & friends.
- Helped people to get home from hospital or temporary accommodation.
- Helping people to stay independent in their homes.
- Found & made connections between clients & the right community-based support.

If you think I could help you in any way please call **07931 018045** or izzy@somersetrcc.org.uk or our main helpline **01823 331 222** or visit www.somersetagents.org and request a call back. You can also email: info@somersetrcc.org.uk.

Izzy Sylvester.

To all the Knitters/Crocheters

Thank you to everyone who has helped over the past few months knitting/sewing/crocheting squares and bunting. The next project if you're still interested is poppies to decorate the Memorial stand on Remembrance Day. We do have some red and black wool in the boxes on the doorsteps of 25 North Croft and 1 The Old Methodist Church, Tower Hill and more is on order.

Any questions please do email me cllr.howes@willitonpc.org.uk

Many thanks
Dawn-Lesley Howes

An update on the blocked cycle track / path from Union Lane to Roughmoor Industrial Estate via Slade Way

In the April edition of Williton Window I asked if people used the cut through from Union Lane onto the industrial estate as it had been blocked in January 2021by the owners, Exmoor Trim who advised me that they did not intend reopening the cut through. This has meant that pedestrians and cyclists now have to use a longer route including Long Street.

An application was submitted to Somerset County Council in June 2021 to try and make the route a public right of way.



As part of the application what are called User Evidence forms needed to be submitted to show that the route had been used for the last 20 years. 64 people have completed forms to say that they either walked or cycled the route and one person also used a mobility scooter. The earliest recorded date for using the route was 1974 with at least 31 people having used the route between 1974 and 2000. Over the past 20 years, at least 20 people have used the route for the whole 20 years preceding the closure of the cut through and 41 people used the route for part of the 20 years. These results are only an indication that it has been used for at least 20 years and I expect that there are other users who have not filled in the form. The majority of users of the cut through were as part of a walk or to walk their dogs or to visit businesses on the industrial estate.

When Somerset County Council acknowledged that they will determine the application they have explained that:-

Somerset County Council receive a large number of applications of this type and each one takes a considerable time to determine. For this reason we unfortunately have a large backlog of cases waiting to be determined. It is therefore likely to be many years before we are able to investigate your application. However, we will of course let you know when the investigation begins and keep you updated with regard to its progress.

I am also aware that if Somerset County Council does not make a decision within a year that I can appeal to the Secretary of State for Somerset County Council to determine the application. This I will do if no decision is made by July 2022. As some of you may know this is what has happened to the application to add a footpath at Blue Anchor in front of the chalets and the applicant there was successful in their appeal.

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An update on the blocked cycle track / path from Union Lane to Roughmoor Industrial Estate via Slade Way

A number of forms were not returned but if you had a form and would now like to complete it or you would like to complete a form it is not too late to do so as any new forms can be added up to the time the application is determined. Any forms from people who cycled the route would be especially helpful as only a few cyclists have completed the form but it is known that many cyclists cycle to work on the industrial estate. If Somerset County Council considers that I have not proven that enough cyclists have used the route then if the route is made a public right of way it may not include a legal right for cyclists to use it.

If you are willing to fill in a form or wish to discuss this before deciding whether to fill a form in or not, or know someone who may be willing to fill in a form but they do not live in Williton please ring me on **01984 632318** or email me on **roger.liz@talktalk.net**

Finally I would like to say a *very* big thank you to everyone who has filled in a form because without your help this application could not have been made.

Elizabeth Peeks.



uantock Foodbank

By now I hope that many, if not all of you have experienced the joy of meeting up with family and friends face to face once more. Although video calls gave most of us the opportunity to meet virtually during the long winter and spring months of lockdown, what we saw was dependent on the quality of our internet connections and often the images were far from clear or stable. It was frustrating at times, yet it also kept hope alive and reminded me of St. Paul's words 'we don't yet see things clearly ... we're peering through a mist; but it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then ... as clearly as God sees us, knowing Him directly just as He knows us! [1 Cor.13:12 The Message]

The passage goes on to talk of Trust, Hope and Love; the greatest of these is love, and all of you continue to show that love for the vulnerable and marginalised in our communities. The Foodbank would not have supported over 10,000 people without you, neither could we have provided fresh fruit, vegetables and eggs to over 4,000 people since the Eat Well to Keep Well project started last November.

As the country was progressing to the 'new normal', at the end of June we removed all the stock from the schoolroom and squeezed it back into the Annexe; consequently, the shelves are currently very full indeed! Covid Volunteers have returned to their normal lives and those with us now, work Monday and Thursday mornings as these are our main days for collection of donations. Although it is possible that someone will be there on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings this is not guaranteed and, as space is very limited, we require the available space to be free for packing and preparation for the Pantry on Thursday. We thank you for your co-operation with these arrangements.

Last week a new venture began. Operating from the Methodist Church Schoolroom in Watchet every Thursday from 9:45 until 12: 15, the Pantry aims

- Bridge the gap between total dependence on food parcels and total self-reliance
- Encourage clients to take the first steps towards independence and responsibility
- Support agencies by offering another option for their clients.

It utilises the same referral system as the Foodbank, but clients pay a small contribution towards the costs of running the project such as room hire, and receive a nutritionally balanced bag of foodbank items including some fresh produce. The items will change over a six week period to provide variety. The Pantry will run alongside the Foodbank, which will always be there for those in crisis.

With our grateful thanks for your faithful support.

Marlene Mason.



Wordsearch for September by Phyllis Chidgey





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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Sometimes good sometimes not but life keeps going on! Shirley Dee.





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Williton And Surrounding Parkinson's Support Group



The Williton Group of Parkinson's met for the first time since Lockdown on Thursday 12th August. About 50 people gathered in the garden of Hartwood House in Crowcombe Heathfield. Members were delighted to meet with friends and catch up on all their news.

A wonderful Cream tea was enjoyed with an amazing range of cakes made by members. Although the weather was damp, they were able to eat outside under marquees so could still appreciate the view of the garden with a wide range of trees and shrubs including many different coloured hydrangeas.

A presentation was made to Jenny Manvell who was retiring after ten years of leading exercises at the start of all WASP meetings. We enjoyed her sessions very much and she will be missed. Our Sponsor, Mrs Anne Luttrell, presented her with a superb mosaic of a dancer set within glowing colours, made by local artist Pam Salmon from Bicknoller. Jenny Gibson was thanked for her invaluable help with publicity and advertising. She also received a mosaic made by Pam but unfortunately could not be present to receive the present.

The next meeting of the group will be on Thursday 2nd September in Sampford Brett Village Hall. Rosemary Freemantle.



Presentation to Jenny Manvell

Jenny Gibson with her Mosaic

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The Memorial Ground Charity - along with many valued volunteers - is busy finalising the preparations for Williton fete. A few years ago a national newspaper ran with the headline *While the village fete endures, the fate of the village is secure* and the events of the last 18 months have reinforced the importance of community to the village. Please do come along and support the fete and enjoy a great day out.

The Parish Council is also under way with its project to help businesses in the village recover from the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic. Last year we undertook a survey of the businesses to find out what their priorities were. Of the top three responses, two were more/better publicity and the reopening of the toilets in Killick Way. The Parish Council is delighted to have obtained a grant from the Emergency Town Centre Recovery Fund to achieve these. We have successfully negotiated a lease of the toilets and, together with representatives from local businesses, are pressing ahead with the work required to reopen the toilets.

We are also one of only 40 projects across Somerset to have been awarded grant funding from Somerset County Council's Climate Emergency Community Fund - available for projects that can make a real difference to improving the environment for both local communities and wildlife. Together with our partners Magna Housing and the Avon and Dorset Fire Service we'll be creating a number of wildflower areas around Williton this autumn, which we hope will provide a vibrant and diverse habitat for wildlife and insects next year. If you would like to be involved in this, or similar environmental schemes, please contact the Parish Council using the details above.

If you read the Williton Parish Council editorial last month, you'll also know that 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 now have a group of new volunteers who are keen to make Williton a safer place, but there is always room for more, so if you can spare a few hours a month to help, please contact the Parish Council using the details above.

There is currently a vacancy for a Parish Councillor – if you are interested in the position or would like further information, please contact Michelle on: **01984 633979** or email **clerk@willitonpc.org.uk**

Kind regards

Cllr Andrea Johnson

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> Thursday December 2nd until Sunday 5th. (Culminating in the Christingle Service at 4pm).

Always well supported by the local communities of the Benefice and further afield. All local organisations are invited to take part by bringing along decorated trees based on this year's theme A CHRISTMAS CARD and many will already have been contacted. The local churches all take part as does Danesfield School, for Stand Against Speed 4 Bethany. Williton Cubs etc amongst others joining all the Watchet based trees.

If any organisation based in Williton who have not been contacted would like to be included please contact Tony Knight on:

tonywatchetblues@hotmail.co.uk who can then forward details as to the arrangements etc. Tony Knight.

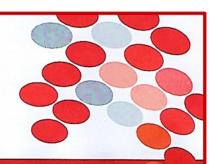
WILLITON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our August meeting transported us to the sunny climes of St. Lucia in the Caribbean, courtesy of WI member, Karen Wright. Karen illustrated her talk with many 'photos she had taken of the island, the beaches, lush vegetation, vibrant flowers and the artistic skills of the friendly hotel staff, not forgetting the delicious food. Just what we needed on a grey, rainy afternoon.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 16th September at 2pm at The Pavilion, when a short AGM will be followed by a talk by Marilyn Symonds entitled 'My WI the life and times of your WI Adviser!'. Visitors will be most welcome to join us, (£3.50).

June Irving, Secretary.





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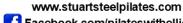
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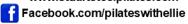
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