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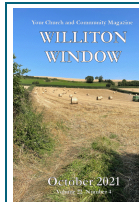
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 **Services in October at St Peter's Church Williton**

Sunday 3rd October	10.00am	Parish Communion
Sunday 10th October	09.15am	Parish Communion
Sunday 17th October	09.15am	Parish Communion
Sunday 24th October	09.15am	Parish Communion
Sunday 31st October	10.00am	Benefice Communion



Every Tuesday 10.00am Morning Prayer
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St Peter's Church Contact Details:

Vicar	Position Vacant	*Enquiries to Churchwardens
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Readers	Mrs Bev Machin	01984 568201
	Mrs Donna Marsden	01984 633707
	Mrs Julie Pelling	07973 961083



Eliza Pelling Working with Refugees

Bev Machin Church Reader at St Peters Williton came up with a novel way to help Eliza to raise funds for her time helping refugees in Caen France.

During the village fete on the fourth of September, she had her head shaved in the main arena to encourage people to give towards helping Eliza fund her time in France of around nine months. Although Eliza a member of St Peters Church is helping others, she must fund her own expenses. If you would like to help Eliza you can find more details, and donate via her gofundme page:

<https://gofund.me/4dc99abd>

Bev Machin & Eliza Pelling

Editor's Note.

By the time you read this Eliza will be in France, so we wish her well. Also well done to Bev Machin for doing this and helping a younger member of our church and community in working to help others in France.

Drs.

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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 now meet for services 10.30am at the home of Mollie Brooks, 2 Higher Croft, Tower Hill Williton,
 Here is the list of preachers for **October**: -
3rd - Rev Carol Gill with Holy Communion. 10th - Jane Sefton.
17th - Lynne Wooldridge. 24th - Rev. Nick Lakin.
31st - Rev. Jane Sperring with Holy Communion.
 If anyone would like to come along and see what we are doing, please phone Mollie Brooks on 01984 632115.

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 also put any spare change into a pot and so far have been able to send £60 plus to the Methodist Women in Britain funds, supporting an orphanage in India.

Team Ministry: Rev Nick Lakin: 01643 705175
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Williton Coronavirus

Williton Coronavirus Helpline Closed



In view of the relaxation of the rules and guidelines, the organisers of the Williton Coronavirus Helpline have taken the decision to close the telephone helpline. Recently there have been very few calls which suggests that, in the less restricted circumstances, most people have re-established direct support from friends and neighbours.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to all the volunteers who answered phone calls, did shopping deliveries, took people to appointments or, just as importantly, simply provided someone to talk to at the time when isolation from human company was the greatest challenge for many people. The setting up of the helpline and the immediate offer to help by so many volunteers has demonstrated that a real community spirit exists in Williton and gives us all confidence as we move into the post-pandemic world.

Whilst we all hope that we shan't experience another severe rise in COVID infections with the inevitable further lockdown that would bring, should that happen the Williton Helpline will be re-activated and be ready to again be available to offer support to everyone.

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Monica Hartwell.

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Film: Parasite

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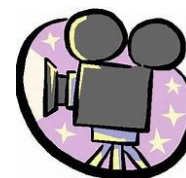
Wednesday 20th October 7.30pm

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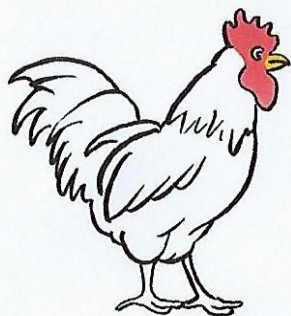
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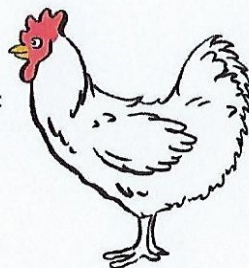
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Faith Reflection



Holidays

Perhaps for some, this year has been different with the fallout of 2020. We look ahead and book things pay for them and try to get organized. Then things happen the airlines have folded, the hotels have gone bust, families have had disputes all these things put problems in our way. Our lives can be put through many difficulties too.

I can remember going on a Sunday school trip to Weymouth, we were told to keep close to the flag that was erected in the sand, and if we got lost, to look up and look for the flag. Yes, one girl went missing, so everyone that arranged the day went on a child hunt. A young lad had an idea so wandered off to the Punch and Judy show, and yes found the child enjoying the show. The young lad grabbed her hand and said "you have wandered off and got lost". She replied, "I'm not lost I can see the flag from here".

ARE we (YOU) keeping an eye on what we are asked to do? Or do we move the boundary? Let's be careful with our lives. Are we obeying orders or are you taking risks? The pandemic is not over we need to be alert.

Our future also is to be something to think about. What happens when life on earth has ended? Have we obeyed God's law or are we still going our own way? Laws are here to be obeyed don't take things for granted.

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Julia Burt, Library and Information Officer.

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WILLITON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On 16th September we held our AGM, which was followed by a fascinating talk given by our Adviser, Marilyn Symonds. Marilyn told us of her early links with WI, through her family, though it was some years later when she took up the mantle and became an active member in Aylesbury. Since moving to Dunster, Marilyn has been a fund of help and advice, and we are very grateful for her enthusiastic support at all times.

Our next meeting will take place on **Thursday 21st October from 2-4pm at The Pavilion**, when our speaker will be **Roger Hurst from the RNLI, Minehead.**

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June Irving (Secretary).

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Down at the Station

October 2021



As I write this, we are just into the Mixed Traction Weekend where over the next two days there will be about eighteen trains running in each direction through our little station! A mighty change from the past few months when there has generally been three each way every running day. However, it is good to be able to report that passenger numbers have been higher than expected, which must be good for the overall finances of the WSR. Trains are still terminating at Dunster with a bus transfer on into Minehead, and this is expected to continue for the remainder of the season. Hopefully by March 2022???

At Williton we have been staffed every running day and the shop has been open for visitors and passengers alike. We are now able to serve from inside the shop rather than through the window which makes life a little easier. The Plant Sales have come to an end but have been replaced by home grown garden produce which has brought in some useful funds to help us keep afloat. The Book sales both at the station and from 6 Long Lakes, have been steady and again a useful help. Thanks to all those who have made so many purchases over the year.

You may have seen in the local Press that the Christmas trains have been announced and there are leaflets available at the station giving details. They are split between the traditional Santa Trains running from Bishops Lydeard to Williton and return, with a visit from Santa on the way – these will be at weekends during December with a few extra during the week running up to Christmas. Then this year there will be the Winter lights, a new venture for us but special illuminated trains will run on some evenings from mid-November from Bishops Lydeard to Crowcombe and back with additional illuminated tableaux in some of the fields, on the way. These will be run every weekend from the 19th of November and then more often into December. Bookings have already commenced, which you can do online:

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or Julie : admin@willitonpc.org.uk

Councillor Surgery Monday the 1st of November

We hope you will pop into the office to have a chat with Councillors about any concerns, issues or suggestions you may have, or maybe just to say Hi. We will be open from 11am - 12 noon, we will hope to see you then. There is still a vacancy for a Parish Councillor, if you are interested in the role, please contact Michelle, who will be able to give further information. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Julie, who has recently joined Michelle in the office and will be available to help with any queries with a welcoming smile, so please pop around if we can help you.

Please remember that the Parish Council are running a photographic calendar competition, the theme is "**Wonderful Williton**".

Wonderful is an adjective meaning inspiring delight, pleasure, or admiration; extremely good; marvellous. So don't take the word literally; it can be a photo of something that's inspired you or something you admire – as long as it's taken in Williton. Closing date 31st May 2022, ready for sale in October 2022. The competition is open to Williton parishioners only. More details regarding entry submission will be made available next year; but in the meantime, keep snapping and save the good ones!



WSMLA Guided Walks 2021

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.

Wednesday 6th October, Raleigh's Cross Short Walk

Meet 9.45am at Raleigh's Cross Inn TA23 0LN

This four hour walk visits the Winding House and the Iron Mines near Beulah Chapel. It includes part of the Incline: steep, spectacular but optional.

FORGET ME NOT CAFE

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.

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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I think it is fair to say that a fabulous day was had by all who visited our village fete last month.

Firstly, and most importantly, I cannot **thank the volunteers** enough for their help on the day. Whilst I say it every time, I really do mean it; it doesn't matter how much organising, running around and stressing out we do on the run up to the fete, without the volunteers – with their feet on the ground and a smile on their face - our village fete would be dead in the water and a thing of the past.

So, a massive thank you to the amazing but small team that made our village fete a huge success and raised over **£1,600 towards improvements and maintenance of our fabulous Pavilion and Memorial Ground**; where almost 800 adult visitors came and enjoyed the afternoon in glorious sunshine – this year it really was a great family afternoon out with lots to do, see, take part in and enjoy.

The **lucky programme number** is 471 which wasn't claimed on the day and - so far - has still not been claimed. If this is yours, please call the Parish Office on 01984 633979 to arrange collection of your £20 prize. You must take your programme with you.

Thank you to everyone who entered the **Flower, Produce & Craft Competition**. There are too many certificates to list them all - 3 per class and 62 classes; so just the winners and runners up in each Section:
Vegetables - winner Peter Payne and runner up Joan Scott; *Fruit* - Joint winners Peter Payne/Michelle Bunting and runner up Joan Scott; *Flowers and Herbs* - winner; Peter Payne and runner up Michelle Bunting; *Flower arranging* – winner Michelle Bunting - no runner up; *Domestic* - winner Brenda May and runner up Liz Payne; *Crafts* - winner Brenda May and runner up Dawn-Lesley Howes; *Show Champion* (entrant with highest aggregate score over all sections) - winner Peter Payne and runner up Michelle Bunting

More than 80 dogs were entered into the **Dog Show**, so congratulations to the first placed dogs: Prettiest Lady *Indy*, Handsomest Fella *Frankie*, Waggiest Tail *Casper*, Cutest Puppy *Bowdee* and Oldest Veteran *Ruby*. **Best In Show was the handsome Frankie.**

Congratulations to Beverley Machin for Braving The Shave and raising just over £150.

Our thanks for the very kind and generous donations made by the business in and around Williton, which made our “groaning under the weight of prizes” **Tombola** a massive success and raised more money than ever before.

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Special thanks to Colemans Removals, Magna Homes and Williton Parish Council for the fabulous **raffle** prizes which have all been collected. And our thanks again to all the businesses in Williton and the surrounding villages that advertised in the fete programme.

Huge thanks also to the ladies that made up the **bunting** packs, we managed to ring the whole arena once and it did look cheerful and summery. I'll be on the lookout for suitable fabrics so we can try for a second-row next year!

We have a whole host of ideas for events to put on next year but we can't do it without **more help**. Even if you can only offer support at one event, we really do want to hear from you. If you're new to the village, this is a great way to meet people (I speak from experience). If you'd like to get more involved, please do come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 13th October at 7pm in the Pavilion and find out more; these are monthly meetings but you do not have to come to every one; we'd just be grateful for some more help organizing.

Trustee Dawn-Lesley Howes

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tuesday 28 September - Film Nights, *The Last Bus**

Tuesday 26 October – Film Nights, *Cruella**

Tuesday 23 November – Film Nights, *Respect* TBC

Wednesday 7 December – Christmas Craft

Saturday 11 December – Christmas Festival with Father Christmas

No film night in December

***Tickets on sale from Post Office and Parish Office**



Theft of our Sunflower

At 7.57 pm on Monday 13th September, CCTV captured the sunflower at the Robert Street entrance to the Memorial Ground being taken by a gentleman who came from and left in the direction of Catwell. The sunflower was enjoyed by many who walked past it. It is hoped that the gentleman or the person he may have given it to has derived pleasure from the sunflower as no one else can.

In future, please could the gentleman grow his own, buy a plant or bunch of sunflowers from a shop or alternatively pick your own sunflower from a sunflower field where money is raised for charity such as at Thurloxton Farm (details on thurloxton.com).

Should the gentleman wish to make a donation to the Williton War Memorial Recreation Ground Charity for the sunflower please bring it to or post it to the Parish Office, Killick Way, Williton. It would be appreciated.

Councillor Elizabeth Peeks.

Jamie Williams

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Regular Weekly Meetings Groups & Events

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Monday	9.30am - 12noon & 8.00pm-9pm	Pilates Williton Pavilion	Tel: 07342 238723
Monday	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Zumba	Williton Pavilion Tel: 07738 676832
Tuesdays	7.00pm - 9.00pm	Hugill's Crew Rehearsal	1. Tower Hill Tel: 07516 300470
Wednesdays	10 - 11am	Move it or Lose it	Williton Pavilion Tel: 07421 762532
Fridays	12 Noon.	Colin's Walks	Outside Library Tel: 01984 632721
Fridays	9.30 - 10.30am	Zumba	Williton Pavilion Tel: 07738 676832

This Month's Meetings Groups & Events for October

Tues	5th	Bingo	7pm for 7.30pm start Williton Pavilion
Thur	7th	Wasps Meeting	1.15pm to 4.30pm Sampford Brett Village Hall
Fri	15th	Community Market	*Cancelled this month.
Tues	19th	Bingo	7.00pm for 7.30pm start Williton Pavilion
Thur	21st	WI Meeting	2.00pm - 4.00pm Williton Pavilion
Sat	23rd	Indoor Car Boot Sale	9am to 12 noon. Williton Pavilion
Tues	26th	Film Night	6.30pm Doors Open Williton Pavilion

*COMMUNITY MARKET

Due to unforeseen circumstance we are not able to hold a market in October but we will be back in November on 19th so hope to see you then..

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.

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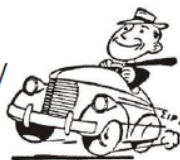
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The Farming in Protected Landscapes programme has now been launched and is open for applications in the Quantocks Hills AONB.

Through the programme, farmers and land managers can be supported to carry out projects that support nature recovery, mitigate the impacts of climate change, provide opportunities for people to discover, enjoy and understand the landscape and cultural heritage, or support nature-friendly, sustainable farm businesses. This is a programme of funding for one-off projects covering these areas of work, not an agri-environment scheme.

The programme supports activity on any land within the Quantocks Hills AONB. It can also support activity on other land where projects can demonstrate benefit to the Quantocks Hills AONB, or the AONB's objectives.

The application window for the first year of funding closes in January 2022, but applications will be assessed on an on-going basis throughout the application period, so we're advising applicants to apply as soon as possible for the best chance of success. Applications for £5,000 or more will need to be approved by our Local Assessment Panel, which meets periodically.

For more information about Farming in Protected Landscapes, or to discuss your project, please contact **Katie Read, Landscape Project Officer:** email: czread@somerset.gov.uk or tel: 07977 412249. More information can also be found on the Quantock Hills AONB website, www.quantockhills.com



British Summertime Ends

Do not forget to put your clocks back one hour on Saturday night the 30th October before going to bed. You get an extra hour in bed?



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WILLITON WEATHER

In July we saw the sad people in the flooding in China and Germany and also the rest of Europe, including England, very deep floods in London and in some of our local villages. Record breaking heat in Canada, they also had the heaviest rain in 3 days for over 100 years. New Jersey / Rhode Island very deep floods. In North USA, where they have never heard of such high temperatures with the fires, columns of smoke 6 miles high, also record temperatures in Russia.

Of course, yes, we did have it hot! The highest temperature I found was in Abersham Kent with 38°C. and I saw 33°C. in Wales 15 miles away. We also had one day at 33°C. Some roads the tar melted! But there was a longer hot period in 1976!

AUGUST

The hottest day was on the 11th & 12th with a temperature of 24°C.

The week of the 9th had the coolest nights with 14°C.

The maximum pressure was 33.15 inches.

The minimum pressure 29.5 inches.

The total months rainfall was only 43.5mm.

ASTRONOMICAL NEWS

Did you see the beautiful Harvest Moon did look for it?

NATURE NOTES

Young buzzards and seagulls (very noisy) are to be seen all over the village.

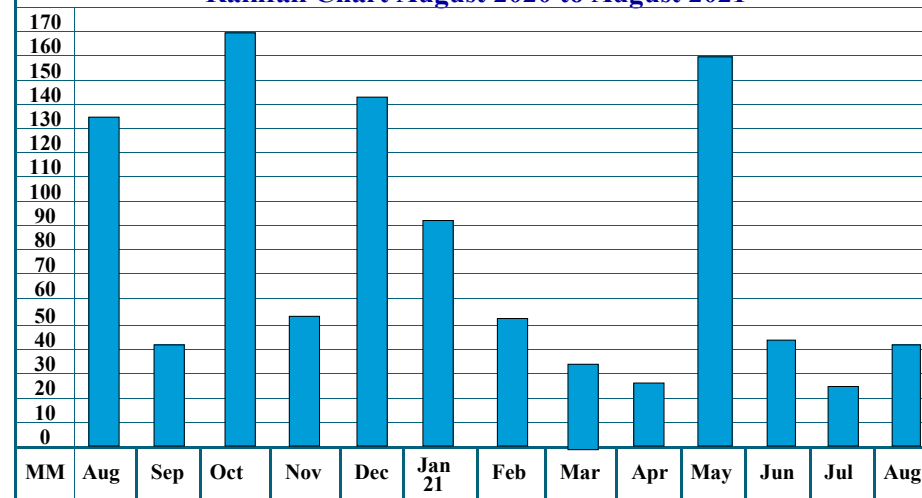
Our pigeons are sitting on a second sitting nest. The eggs should have hatched by the time you read this.

At last we see the results of our avid gardeners at the return of our wonderful Williton Show - flowers and other garden produce .

P.J.



Rainfall Chart August 2020 to August 2021



Tuesday 26 October

Doors Open 18:30

Film starts 19:00 prompt



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

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FROM OUR VILLAGE AGENT, IZZY SILVESTER October News



We are delighted to be back in venues, meeting people face to face in our Talking Cafes once again!

There are 11 venues open across the county where you can book a slot to meet your local Village Agent, and have a chat about anything that's worrying you; whether that's advice on healthcare or bills, or if you are caring for another. If you are feeling lonely or isolated, they can support you to find groups or activities that you would enjoy, and so much more!

We are open at the following venues, to make your appointment, just call:
01823 331 222:

Minehead: The Beach Hotel, Every Monday*, 10am – 12pm

Williton: Williton Pavilion, Killick Way, Every Tuesday, 1pm - 3pm

**No Talking Cafes on Bank Holidays*

We know many people have enjoyed our online Talking Café Facebook live sessions during lockdown, and we are still continuing these, as it's a great way to share information to many people in Somerset, but due to reopening at so many venues, we have reduced the online sessions to weekly, Wednesdays at 1pm on www.facebook.com/talkingcafesomerset.

You can still watch any previous Talking Café sessions here:

www.somersetagents.org/talking-cafes/ covering every subject you can imagine, from dementia support to hearing loss and mental health. So many fantastic informative films you can watch anytime, most are around 30 minutes long.

Unpaid Carers Website Relaunch!

We are delighted to announce we have revamped our website for unpaid Carers in Somerset – www.somersetcarers.org – which now includes the Carers Hub – an online place where you can easily search for exactly the right support and advice for yourself or the person you care for, with training videos, links to Somerset based agencies, respite options and more.

We'd love to know what you think of it, and hope you find it really useful in your day-to-day lives. If there is something missing, or you would like your service listed please email carers@somersetccc.org.uk with your feedback.

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Hugill's Crew Latest Update

Amazing and Fantastic Yes that is exactly how I would describe the reception our audiences have shown us over the past few months, throughout our live performances. We have been very busy on our weekly rehearsal session building to a increasing number of gig bookings.

The extreme devastation, that Covid 19, has reeked on everyone locally as well as nationally, depression added to the continual fear of being infected or dying, highlighted by all the television channels who made matters far worse by broadcasting the latest sets of Covid facts and figures, every hour of every day since the start of the pandemic.

For us, singing has been just as powerful if not more so, than having the two jabs, as the simple act of exercising your vocal chords is extremely therapeutic, and has done us a power of good. This is now reflecting in our live performances as each one gets better and better as the size of our audiences increase.

Venues

Jubilee Café Minehead
Minehead Harbour (for lifeboat day)
Watchet Esplanade
Watchet W. I. Garden Party at Five Bells
Pebbles Bar Watchet

All of which were building our confidence towards the largest audience of all when we performed on the bandstand in Blenheim Gardens in Minehead. We all loved every minute of it which was reflected by the applause we were given and the donations that people made for our adopted charity, Minehead Lifeboat Station Appeal.

What next? Well, at the time of writing this (20:30 hours 27/08/21) we are just one night's sleep away from singing in the centre of Minehead at the Old Hospital. We were invited to join forces with the Guide Dogs charity as they promote goods and services they provide to blind and visually impaired people throughout the country. I have been visually impaired all my life and in the more recent past have had two guide dogs.

November the 13th is a huge gig for us, as we are returning to our first ticketed venue, the Boat Museum in Watchet, hence the title of our new programme of songs called Rolling Home. We came away from this venue, filled with pride on a great performance to an appreciative audience. Tickets will be available soon from both the Boat Museum and members of Hugill's Crew at a face value of £5. Just as on the previous occasion, tickets will also be available on the door for those who have not seen our posters or fliers that will have been distributed.

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December the 17th

Well at this moment in time, I am sworn to secrecy, only to receive a Dam Good Flogging as sung in Nelsons Blood if I utter a single word on what is afoot, but when the time is right you will hear about it.

Hugill's Crew new rehearsal location

What I did not tell you all in the article is that my wife and I are moving from Williton to Minehead. As a result of sharing the forecourt of Minehead Old Hospital on Saturday 28th August, with the Guide Dogs charity, we have been offered the chance to use the Selworthy Room as our new home. We would like to thank everyone concerned who have given us this opportunity to be part of Minehead Connect with whom we hope to have a long-term relationship.

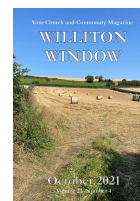


Hugill's Crew sing the Mingulay Boat Song in Blenheim Park Minehead

We would also like to thank the team at Williton Window for their cooperation in publishing our articles.

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Keith Woolgar.



Magazine Feedback

We often receive feedback verbally about this magazine and some of the articles contained within it, we do welcome written feedback on articles and issues and wherever possible we will publish if you want to share with the wider community through this publication. Space is limited so keep it brief and to the point. We reserve the right to publish or not!

Drs Editor.

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“This film sets out to reveal the devastating harm being done to the world’s oceans and the wildlife that depend on them. It is not without fault. Some inaccuracy and “broad brush” approach has led to vested interests trying to demolish it. “Please do not be put off. The imminent risks to the food chain, the wholesale slaughter of fish by factory ships employing slave labour, and the appalling consequences of waste cast into

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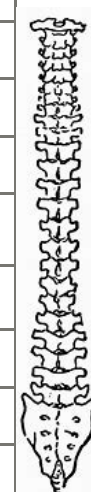
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by Phyllis Chidgey

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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

The depth of grief is a measure of the depth of love.
Grief is the price we pay for love. Shirley Dee.

Editors Note

Very appropriate for me personally. While preparing this magazine in September. we have just lost my wife's Mother, the last of our parents.



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Williton And Surrounding Parkinson's Support Group



WASPS

After a break of eighteen months, we were at last able to have a normal monthly meeting. On September 2nd the meeting took place in our new venue, the Village Hall at Sampford Brett. The Hall is a good size for us and there is ample free parking, just over the road.

The meeting was preceded as usual with exercises. Our new exercise leader is Jane Snell a qualified Tai Chi instructor. The exercises were excellent, easy to do sitting down and it was fascinating to discover that shoulder exercises could make turning your head so much easier. We were also given advice about sitting correctly and ankle and foot exercises.

Jane Cooper opened the meeting thanking Linda Bishop for her many years of work as Chairman of the WASPS committee and presenting her with flowers. Linda reported there is still a struggle going on with Parkinson's UK over our blue sticks. They do not feel that they are strong enough, but our supplier will emphasise that they are made to accepted standards. We do still have some of the blue sticks for sale.

Our speakers for the afternoon were our two local community Police Officers Sue Thompson and Sue Marks. They are both based in Williton and, with other officers, are responsible for a huge area. Their responsibilities cover a wide range—crime prevention, theft, hunting issues, criminality, domestic disputes, and some emergencies. For the more serious incidents there are always trained police response officers based in Williton who also cover the area.

They reminded us that the Williton Police Station had not closed but is now located behind the old District Council offices in Killick Way. We were also reminded that for minor emergencies we should dial 101, using 999 for major emergencies.

The two Sues explained their work, how they communicate with each having their own unique shoulder numbers and personal radios. They share their jobs together each day and work shift times Any information they discover about families in difficulty because of problems such as long-term unemployment, poor attendance at school, or alcoholism they share at regular meetings with other social service and health professionals.

They explained the importance of putting information onto our mobile telephones including 'the What Three Words' App which helps people find you quickly if you get lost. They also explained ICE the In Case of Emergency app which is useful to have on your phone in case of accident or emergency as it gives details of your health, contact numbers etc.

Booklets were given to everyone warning of scams and cold callers. Scams can be very convincing, don't fall for them! If you are unhappy about a workman coming to your house who is unknown to you call for help. But better to employ someone who is recommended to you.

This very useful talk was followed by questions. A query was put about gun licences, and we were reassured to hear of strict checking. Neighbourhood Watch is helpful and there is also Horsecwatch for horse owners. The farming community can be very helpful in reporting incidents.

Both Sue's are local and have good knowledge of the countryside which is useful for them and helpful to us.

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The next meeting is on 7th October at Stamford Brett at 2 p.m. *preceded* at 1.15 by Jane's brilliant exercises. The speaker for this meeting will be Sue Horne a chiropodist from Minehead.

We welcome anyone who has been diagnosed with Parkinson's and their Carers to come and join us. If you have any questions about Parkinson's please feel free to contact Linda Bishop either by email at: queenwasp@outlook.com or by phone: 01984 631472
Rosemary Freemantle.

News from Williton Post Office

Royal Mail have released their guide for **Last Recommended Overseas Posting Dates for Surface Mail** - they are as follows:



4th October – All countries except-S.A. Canada, Far and Middle East, U.S.A.

11th October - Middle and Far East, Hong Kong, Singapore, S.A.

1st November- Canada, Cyprus, Eastern Europe, Greece, Iceland, Malta, U.S.A., Turkey.

15th November- Western Europe

As always, we recommend you select smaller cards for these destinations and would love to give you our price list for weights and postage prices as well as the guide on **restricted and prohibited items**. It is essential that customs forms are completed now for **ALL** international parcels.

If you have any questions regarding your postage please do come in and ask us, we will be happy to help you!

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2022 Diaries are now in!

Caroline Tyner.



Somerset Residents Free Emergency Preparedness Training

Somerset's Town and Parish Councils are invited to sign up to free, interactive online training with emergency responders and volunteer organisations throughout October, organised by the Somerset Prepared partnership.

To read the full story please visit the Somerset Newsroom by clicking [here](#), or copy and paste the following link into your browser:

<https://somersetnewsroom.com/2021/09/08/free-emergency-preparedness-training-for-somerset-residents>

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

West Somerset Advice Bureau Advice line: **03444 88 9623**

Christians Against Poverty - Free debt help. Freephone: **0800 3280006**

www.capuk.org

Churches & Clergy contact details are on **pages 6 & 8** 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 Registration Office - **01823 282251** Pre-booked appointments only

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

07931 018045. Leave a message with your contact details.

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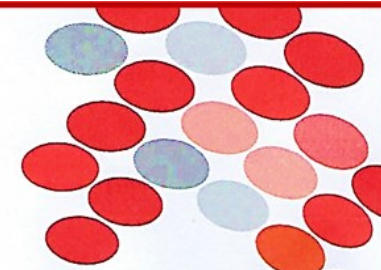
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