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Website: www.watchetandwillitonbenefice.com/

For details of other local churches see page 8.



Services in November at St Peter's Church Williton

Sunday 7th November	10.00am	Family Worship
Sunday 14th November	09.15am	Parish Communion With Act of Remembrance
Sunday 21st November	09.15am	Parish Communion
Sunday 28th November	09.15am	Parish Communion



Every Tuesday 10.00am Morning Prayer

The church is now open every day for private prayer 09.00am - 3.30pm.

St Peter's Church Contact Details:

Vicar	Position Vacant	*Enquiries to Churchwardens
Churchwardens	*Mr G Fenech	01984 633577
	*Mrs S Withycombe	01984 632596
Readers	Mrs Bev Machin	01984 568201
	Mrs Donna Marsden	01984 633707
	Mrs Julie Pelling	07973 961083

CAMEO (*Come and Meet Each Other*)

Cameo will resume on **Thursday 4th November**, in **St Peter's church 10am - 12pm**. Everyone in the benefice is welcome to drop in for coffee and chat. Please speak to George or Sue (Churchwardens) if you have any Questions, contact numbers Above.



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Sara Hempshall.

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 Janet Bremner Tel. 01984 632118 email: janetbremner31@btinternet.com

BAPTIST CHURCH (Watchet)

The Baptist Church normally meets 10.30am at Knights Templar School every Sunday.
 For more information contact Rev Mike Sherburn: 01984 633755 or email: mike@watchetbaptist.org.uk or telephone Mrs M Collinson: 01984 632537
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CATHOLIC CHURCH (Watchet)

The Roman Catholic Church now meets for Mass at Watchet Methodist Church on **FRIDAY evenings at 6.15pm.**
 Contact Deacon Vincent Woods for more information on 01984 634681

METHODIST CHURCH (Williton)

We continue to meet at Mollie's house and have had a couple of new people join us. If anyone wishes to come along, please call Mollie on 01984 632115. The coffee mornings held at Mollie's from 10am to noon every Friday are popular and the charity we are supporting, an orphanage school in India has benefited by over £100 so far.

Coffee morning chats range over a lot of subjects, not just church matters, and everyone is welcome.

Our list of preachers for **November is as follows:-**

7th - Clive Longhurst.	14th - Margaret Lintern.
21st - Penny Williams.	28th - Rev Nick Lakin.

On Dec 12th at 10.30am we will be having our Carol Service in our old building on Tower Hill, by kind invitation of the new owners and we are very grateful to them for this.

Team Ministry: Rev Nick Lakin: 01643 705175
Stewards: Mrs R Troman: 01984 633199 Mrs J Sefton: 01984 656652.

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If anyone is willing and able to help me attach these to the netting on Tuesday 2nd November from 11 – 1pm in the Parish Office please contact me; I would really appreciate the help and have space for 5 helpers. E-mail:
dlh@dawn-lesley.co.uk or Call: **07961 322288**

Dawn-Lesley Howes.




Royal British Legion

Remembrance Day

Williton Branch of the RBL will hold a short remembrance service
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Further walks and/or talks can be arranged for groups.
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Walks are free, donations are welcome, dogs on leads only with permission, walking boots and rain wear are needed.

Thursday 11th November, Ruins in the Woods.
Meet 9.45am at Chagot Wood Car Park, Grid ref SS975355

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Every Thursday: The Sanctuary, Watchet 9.30am-12.30pm, Tel: 01984 248169

First Thursday of the month: Dulverton Library, Dulverton, 10.00am – 12.00pm Tel: 0300 123 2224

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Thursday December 2nd until Sunday December 5th.

At the time of writing during October, we have 38 organisations who will be displaying trees based on the theme 'A Christmas Card or Cards! This could cover such a wide range of subject matter from The Nativity, Snow Scenes, Robins, Father Christmas's, Carols etc as folk select what is perhaps their own specific favourite Christmas Card. All 4 tutor groups (year 5) at Danesfield are taking part alongside so many others, Cubs, Scouts, Guides, Choral Society, Art Club, all the various local churches, Watchet & Williton Conservatives, Wavemakers W.I., Watchet Live etc.

The doors will be open to view the trees from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. from Thursday to Saturday whilst on the Sunday following the 10.30am Communion Service viewing will be until 4 p.m. when there will be Christingle Service open to all led by Benefice lay readers Julie Pelling & Donna Marsden.

Whilst some stalls will be open on the Friday the main 'selling' day will be the Saturday with Christmas Decorations & Cards, Cakes & Preserves, Toys & Puzzles, Books, Gifts etc. A £1 tombola with every ticket a winner & of course the customary Main Raffle! Teas & Coffee's throughout with hot soups, bacon rolls etc on the Saturday from midday.



St. Decuman's looks forward to welcoming you all to this lovely Festival – for any further information please do contact Tony Knight on **07891 688448**

Williton Garden Club

November 2021



Although there were not many of us at the first post-covid meeting, it was really good to be able to meet again in September when our speaker was David Usher. His subject, 'The Answer Lies in the Soil' was inspiring and gave much light to just what our soil consists of.

This month, on November 22nd Peter Trigg is to talk about 'Wandering Through West Somerset' and we are looking forward to that.

The Club meets once a month, usually on the fourth Monday, at Danesborough Common Rooms at 7.30 p.m.

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Our first event is the Christmas Craft Market on Tuesday 7th December from 6-9pm, where we are joined by some of the stall holders from the village fete but also some new ones. Food and drink will be available. So do pop down and do some of your Christmas shopping and support small local businesses.

We had a meeting recently with Father Christmas and we are pleased to announce that he has scheduled a visit to Williton on Saturday 11th December.

He said the carriage he used last year was much more comfortable and a bit warmer than his sleigh, so he's booked it again; he'll give the reindeers the night off and the horses will pull him around again as they are so much better behaved!

For the Christmas Festival he will leave from St Peters Church at 4.30pm and stop off for Christmas Carols at Croft House; then he'll tour the village stopping off at 5 pre-determined points (more info next month). Arriving at The Pavilion at 6pm, Father Christmas will open his grotto at 6.30pm. The Pavilion will be open from 5-8pm with stalls selling Christmas gifts for less than £10.

Tables are available still at both events for £10, please contact the Parish Office if you wish to book a space.

Williton Parish Council are exploring the idea of having a Volunteer Database, where volunteers as well as volunteer organisations can register in order to work together. If you are either a volunteer or a volunteer organisation that would like to get involved and be included then please contact Councillor Janet Cook in one of the following ways - via email

cllr.cook@willitonpc.or.uk telephoning the parish office 01984 633979 or by attending the 'Meet the Councillor' coffee morning on Monday 1st November.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tuesday 23rd November – Film Nights, Dream Horse*

Tuesday 7th December – Christmas Craft Market
(Stall spaces still available @ £10 per table, call 01984 633979 to book)

Saturday 11th December – Christmas Festival with Father Christmas
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Library News

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We were pleased to see so many children complete the Summer Reading Challenge. Certificates and medals have gone into schools or are ready to pick up from the library.

We are now able to host groups at the library so please come and enquire if you would like to meet there. Perhaps you would like to set up a new group? We have a beautiful Scrabble board purchased by the friends of the library if you would like to come and play.

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The Williton Library Staff


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John Carter, Senior Development Officer Somerset Libraries.



WILLITON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At our October meeting we welcomed Roger Hurst, from the RNLI. Roger told us about the National organisation, more local services, and all about the RNLI at Minehead, established in 1901, also that the new lifeboat station planned for 2022 needed £250,000 to be raised locally.

Our next meeting will take place on **Thursday 18th November, from 2-4pm at The Pavilion**, when **Ken Atherton** will talk to us about 'Saucy Postcards'. Visitors will be most welcome, and the fee is £3.50.

June Irving (Secretary).

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Down at the Station

November 2021



By the time this issue is published we will have come to the end of the 2021 season of scheduled trains. Starting back cautiously with all seats being pre-booked and social spacing in all the carriages etc, we have slowly come back to something nearer normal, although on-train staff have continued to wear masks and Perspex dividers have remained in place between the seats. We are now able to sell tickets and in the most, passengers may sit anywhere in the trains.

The long awaited work on the crossing equipment at Seaward Way in Minehead should also be completed and over the next month, final rewiring of the signal-box and associated works should be completed; staff training will have been carried out, and all will be set to open the 2022 season with trains running the full length of the line. At the same time it is hoped to reinstate all the various travel concessions such as Residents or Annual Tickets etc. that we had before.

In the meantime maintenance work will continue at Williton station with several planned jobs in the pipeline. I would like to thank all those who have contributed to our funds in whatever way during this past year, either through purchasing plants or books or anything else we have had for sale. It is from these proceeds that we are able to purchase the necessary materials, paint etc to keep our station in the lovely condition it is. Plans are already in hand for next seasons flower beds and hopefully, a Dig for Victory' Garden bed.

Details can be found on the WSR website:-www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk/ of the forthcoming Christmas Lights evening trains running later in November, and the ever popular Santa Trains. All these trains will run from Bishops Lydeard and tickets are now on sale online.

John Parson, Station Master.



WATCHET FORGET ME NOT CAFE

Dates to Christmas at the Sanctuary

November - 3rd Christmas tree crafts and visit from local Alzheimer's society worker Carol Sweeting.

November-17th Singing and Christmas tree crafts.

December - 1st Painting with Trampas Brown.

December -15th Christmas meal at Chives.

January - 12th First meeting in 2022.

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Fridays	9.30 -10.30am Zumba	Williton Pavilion	Tel: 07738 676832

This Month's Meetings Groups & Events for November

Mon 1st	Councillor Surgery	11.00am - Noon Parish Office, Killick Way
Mon 1st	Panto Time	7pm St Peters Church
Tues 2nd	Bingo	7pm for 7.30pm start Williton Pavilion
Thur 4th	Wasps Meeting	1.15pm to 4.30pm Sampford Brett Village Hall
Thur 11th	Remembrance Service	10.50am Memorial Ground
Fri 12th	RBL Coffee Morning	10am Parish Council Office
Tues 16th	Bingo	7.00pm for 7.30pm start Williton Pavilion
Thur 18th	WI Meeting	2.00pm –4.00pm Williton Pavilion
Fri 19th	Community Market	9am to 11.30am Williton Social Club
Mon 22nd	Gardening Club	7.30pm Danesborough Common Rooms
Tues 23rd	Film Night	6.30pm Doors Open Williton Pavilion
Tues 30th	Bingo	7pm for 7.30pm start Williton Pavilion

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FUNDRAISING MEAL

Williton. Bengal Spice Restaurant Fore Street Williton are kindly hosting our next fundraising meal, details below: -

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As we come out of lockdown and enter a new phase in coping with Corona virus, the Parish Council is gradually getting back to a more normal way of functioning. During this period we lost one of our members of staff and have completed the recruitment of a new person to fulfil a slightly re-defined role. We are pleased to welcome Julie to that role. There will also be a third person for a newly created part-time post which will complete our plans for the proper administration of the Council.

There are several projects that the Council have been trying to progress and are at various stages of development. Funds have been received from the Somerset West and Taunton District Council to refurbish and re-open the public toilets in Killick Way. There has been considerable delay in securing the lease of the building from Somerset West and Taunton Council but this has been achieved. The electricity supply has been split to the building so that it can be metered. The next step is the putting out for tender the works required, a process that will be overseen by a third party agent who has now been appointed. It is essential that the project is completed before the end of the financial year or the grant may have to be returned to the District Council. Although the grant is bringing the toilets back into use, the Parish Council will need to subsidise their operation year-on-year.

Speeding traffic is a problem. Two initiatives are being progressed. A Speedwatch Group has been set up thanks to volunteers who have offered their time. A "speed gun" will be used on the roadside, to measure the speed of vehicles. Those clearly ignoring speed limits are reported to the police who will take appropriate action. Full training is being arranged with the Police before the group takes its role. In the past the Group has been very effective in reminding motorists of their speed on roads in the village. This more softly-softly approach is better than having the dreaded speeding notice arrive in the post with a fine and three points. Another road safety initiative being progressed is the installation of a Speed Indicator Device or SID for short. Many villages and towns have these. They used to be bought, installed and monitored by the County Council Highways Department, but it no longer does this. The original poles and brackets are still in place. Later this month a Highways engineer will inspect the poles and say what needs to be done, if anything, to bring them back into use. Meanwhile the Parish Council has sourced the SID and will take delivery of it as soon as it can be put into use. It only remains for a contractor or individual to be appointed and trained to maintain the SID and move it from post to post as required. If you are interested in fulfilling that role please get in touch with the Clerk.

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Something to look out for is the result of an application for a grant to start up a "lunch club" event in the Pavilion. The Council should hear very soon if the grant application is successful. The plan put forward is to provide 10 lunch sessions with up to 20 places. The purpose is to encourage people who have been isolating themselves for a long period during the pandemic to gain confidence to come out of their homes and meet others. A further grant has also been applied for to extend the number of sessions based on what is learned from the first pilot phase. Arrangements are being made with a professional caterer to provide the meals and serve them to ensure the project can quickly go ahead if the funding is given.

In the months ahead these things and many others are being organised or funded by the Parish Council. If we are to see more happening in our community it needs volunteers to come forward. Parish councillors decide how funds are to be spent. Of course, on occasions they roll up their sleeves and actually get involved in events. However, at present, there are only eleven of them so if you would like to help decide how to spend our share of the Council Tax, apply to the Clerk to fill the vacant place and bring us up to full strength. If you are interested in helping run events then please contact the Clerk as a register of volunteers is being drawn up with the purpose of putting them in touch with organisations which need voluntary help. If people come forward much more can be done in our community and Williton made a better place for us all to live in.

Cllr Ian Aldridge.

Overgrown Hedges: Please could we politely request that if you have a hedge on your boundary that you trim back vegetation, as the hedges are causing problems around the Parish. If we can all work together to keep the Parish clear, it would be very much appreciated. Thank you in advance for your help.

Open Gardens 2022



We're looking for parishioners who are willing to open their gardens to visitors over a weekend in June (dates to be confirmed). You could open the whole weekend or just for one afternoon, or morning; the choice is yours. Please do email clerk@willitonpc.org.uk or call 01984 633979 if you are willing and able.



Wonderful Williton

Please remember that we 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!

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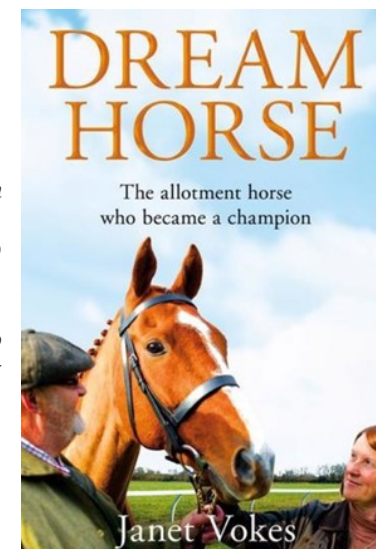
Tuesday 23rd November, 19:00 hours

Dream Horse

A major film adaptation of the amazing story about the allotment horse that became a champion, first told in Film 4's documentary Dark Horse.

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Certificate: PG (Language and Thematic Elements)



Rotten Tomatoes Audience Score 97%; so, looking a good film to see.

Tickets available from Parish Council office, Holly Barn, and the Post Office

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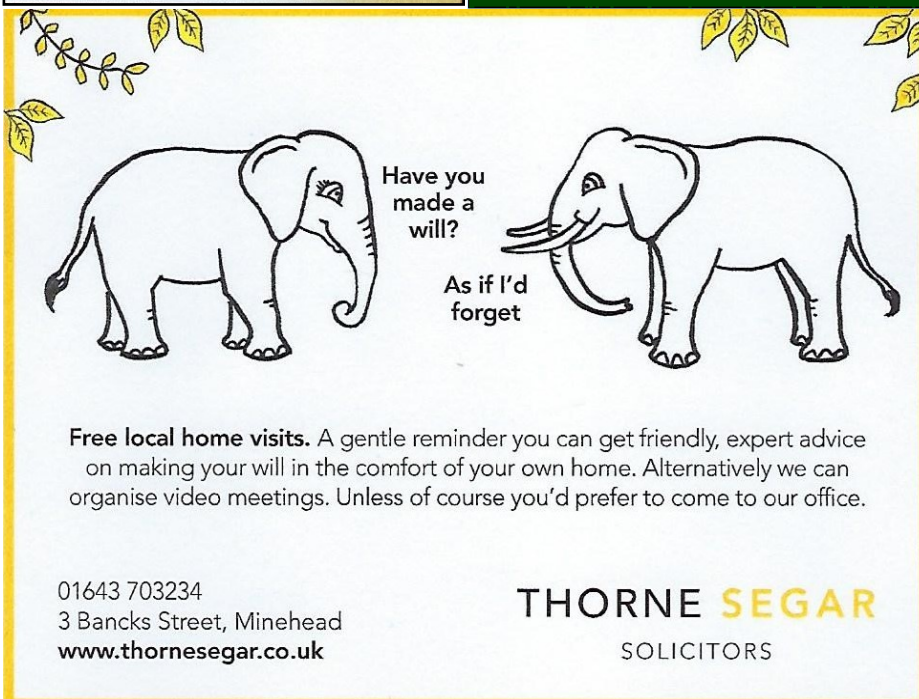
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WILLITON WEATHER



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The coldest night on the 21st. was 8°C.

The second week in the month was much warmer than usual with temperatures up to 28°C on the 8th.

The maximum pressure was 30.4 inches.

The minimum pressure 29.5 inches.

There was quite a lot of rain 68.3mm, most of it fell all day on the 8th.

We woke up to fog on the 6th, yet by lunch the sun gave us 24°C.

ASTRONOMICAL NEWS

If nights had been clear we would have seen three conjunctions of the Moon and planets this October. The 15/16th October was the Moon-Jupiter conjunction.

In astronomy, a conjunction is an apparent event that occurs when two or more space objects are visible very close to each other.

The next Full Moon will take place on November 19th, it's known as the Beaver Moon so named because it marks the time when beavers are preparing their homes for winter.

NATURE NOTES

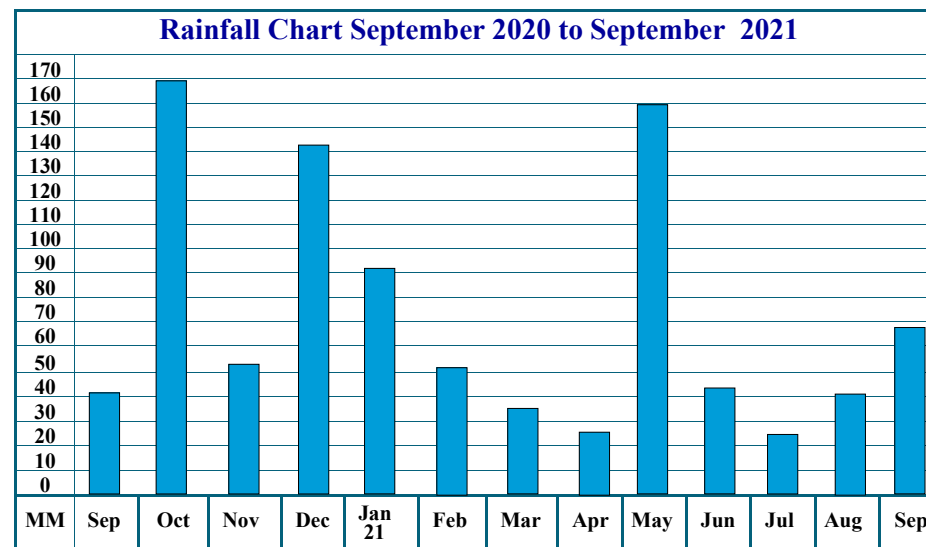
We will find plenty of chestnuts, autumn fruits etc, but no acorns! If you ask, I will explain why in December.



As the warm weather lasts there is a longer season of many flowers. I hope the hedgehogs (not so many now) have had plenty to eat, ready for hibernating.



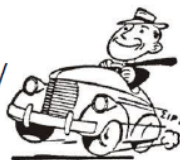
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Faith Reflection



A few weekends ago, I had the privilege of being invited to a Celebration of Lay Ministries at Bath Abbey. I love Bath Abbey, it's such a beautiful place. It's an amazing building and I really enjoyed worshipping God there. As part of the service, we were invited to bring an item of clothing that represented us, something that meant something to us, something that said something about us. I thought long and hard about what to take! The bible passage we were exploring that day was Colossians 3:12-17 from The Message version. It started with: 'So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you'. I love that term; dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you. During the service we were invited to bring up our item of clothing and place it on a coat hanger and add it to the rail of clothes. I chose a pair of shorts as most people who know me well know I love wearing shorts and I wear them for as long as the weather allows me to! I'm still wearing them today! I like shorts because they are informal and, in the work I do in the church and with the families I work with, they are an appropriate thing to wear. I also enjoy sea rowing and shorts work well for that too! Shorts have become part of me.

I wonder what item of clothing you would have picked and why? What would it say about you? Something for you to ponder and think about! But what does it mean; 'dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you'? Well the verse goes on to say: 'compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, disciplined. Content with second place, quick to forgive, not going off doing your own thing. All qualities that each of us would like to have but some are easier than others! Some are harder to grasp, and we're all gifted in different ways. God has given each of us different gifts, different qualities and strengths and it can take a lifetime of practice to master each of these things. God has picked out a wardrobe especially for you. You are unique and special to God. I wonder what you'll choose to wear today?!

Julie Pelling, Reader at St Peters.



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- You're feeling lonely, or isolated where you live - pop in for a chat and a cuppa!
- Are struggling to cook for yourself and/or your family – especially if you are a Carer for others and would like a break from cooking.
- If you look after someone else – you might need some advice for them or emotional support for yourself
- You need support with a health condition & so much more!

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The Regal Theatre is delighted to announce its second screening of international art in Minehead, with *The Danish Collector: Delacroix To Gauguin* on Tuesday 30th November 2021.

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Some collectors we may recognise and some we may not, but Hansen amassed a remarkable collection housed at his summer home, Ordrupgaard, on the outskirts of Copenhagen, including paintings by Corot, Delacroix and Courbet; landscapes of Monet, Pissarro, Cézanne and Sisley; and beautifully observed portraits by Degas, Manet, Morisot, and Gonzalès.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

Tuesday 2nd November 7.30pm

Film: On The Rocks

Wednesday 3rd November 7.30pm

Theatre: The Pantaloons - The Strange Case of Dr Jeckyll & Mr Hyde

Friday 5th November 7.30pm

Live Band: Beach Boyz Tribute Band

Saturday 6th November 7.30pm

Screening: Cliff Richard The Great 80 Tour

Friday 12th November 2pm

Music & Song: *HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN*

Friday 19th November 7.30pm

Live Band: 60s Explosion - Story of the Searchers

Friday 26th & Saturday 27th November 7.30pm

Film: No Time To Die

Tuesday 30th November 2021

Film: The Danish Collector: Delacroix To Gauguin (*See editorial above*)



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There is no annual joining fee as we operate on a pay as you attend basis, plenty of free parking, so why not give us a call. Maureen on 01984 632575 or Pat on 01984 632729.



This Month's Recipe

Somerset Cider Mincemeat



1kg	Apples	200ml	Dry Cider
225g	Soft Brown Sugar	225g	Raisins
110g	Sultanas	60g	Dried Apricots
50g	Dried Cranberries	50g	Dried Cherries
50g	Chopped Hazelnuts	1tsp	Ground Mixed Spice
½ tsp	Cinnamon		Grated Rind & Juice of a small orange
1-2 tsp	Brandy		

Method

1. Heat the cider and sugar in a large pan, until the sugar dissolves.
2. Add the remaining ingredients apart from the brandy.
3. Partly cover then simmer for approximately 40 – 50 minutes until the apples are pulpy and the liquid has been absorbed.
4. Stir in the brandy.
5. Spoon the mincemeat into clean warm jars.
6. Cover and store in a cool place for up to 6 months.

Janet Cook.

Editor's Note.

I have included this seasonal recipe again this year as I was fortunate last year that my wife used this recipe and the mince pies were excellent, cider was used from our local cider farm in Washford.

I do hope you cooks out there give it a try we certainly appreciated this great recipe.



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WILLITON WALKS BOOK



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

Nothing lasts for ever, we are where we are now and even that won't last! Live for the day!

Shirley Dee.





Williton And Surrounding Parkinson's Support Group WASPS



The local Parkinson Support group, called WASPS, held their monthly meeting in Sampford Brett Village Hall on Thursday 7th October. As always the meeting was preceded by exercises for Parkinson sufferers. These are normally taken by Jane Snell but as she was away they were taken by Rosemary Freemantle, one of the committee members whose husband is a Parkinson sufferer. The exercises, which are mainly chair based, aim to use muscles in all parts of the body that may not be used regularly.

The meeting started at 2pm and members were greeted by Jane Cooper who now leads the group. She spoke about the future programme and the equipment sale programme where members can sell or pass on support equipment at monthly meetings.

Then Jean told members about the Christmas lunch which will take place at The Northfield Hotel in Minehead on Thursday 2nd December. The lunch is free to members and for guests £18. Members will be invited to select their choice from a varied menu at the November meeting.

The monthly talk was given by Sue Horne, a foot healthcare practitioner, based in Minehead. She gave the group some tips and ideas about looking after your feet and members exchanged ideas of equipment for foot care when you could not bend down far enough to reach your feet! Sue stressed the importance of drying feet properly after washing and allowing them to air until completely dry. She reminded us that nail varnish should not be used constantly as the nails cannot breathe through the varnish.

Tea and biscuits were served to end the meeting.



WASPS next meeting will be in Sampford Brett Village Hall at 2pm on Thursday 4th November preceded by exercises at 1.15pm. The speaker will be from the Carhampton Flower Club demonstrating seasonal arrangements for the home.

We welcome anyone who has been diagnosed with Parkinson's and their Carers to come and join us. If you need help with Parkinson's do please email Jane at waspscontact@gmail.com (or in a real emergency call Linda on 01984 631472).

Rosemary Freemantle.



News from Williton Post Office Posting Dates for Overseas Surface Mail

1st November - Canada, U.S.A.,

26th November - Cyprus, Eastern Europe, Greece, Iceland, Malta, Turkey.

29th November - Western Europe



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8th December - Africa, Asia, Central America, Far East, Middle East.

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11th December - Greece, Eastern Europe (except Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia), Turkey.

13th December - Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, Italy, Poland, Sweden, USA.

16th December - Austria, Denmark, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland.

18th December - Belgium, France, Luxembourg.

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If you are planning to send Advent Calendars we have a lovely selection in at the moment. Also Christmas socks and stocking fillers and lots of new tree decorations!

Caroline Tyner.



WILLITON HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS



We are pleased to have been back volunteering at Williton Hospital for a few months now having been unable to carry out our duties for over a year due to the pandemic.

However, a few of our number have decided not to return after the easing of restrictions so we now need more members to help our wonderful local hospital in various duties but particularly bed making.

If you feel you may be able to join our happy band, you would be made most welcome so please call me on **01984 634513** so we can have a chat and a cup of tea and a look round the hospital.



*Chris Bye,
volunteer coordinator.*

IF YOU NEED HELP:

Williton Surgery Robert Street TA4 4QE Tel: **01984 632701**

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.

WASPS - **WILLITON AND SURROUNDING AREA PARKINSON'S SUPPORT**.

Tel: **01984 631472**



Panto Time



St Peters Players are hoping to bring back Williton's Panto's but need your help!

If you are interested in helping in any way Front or Back stage, please come to our meeting at:-

St Peters Church on Monday 1st November at 7pm.

Or Contact Tracey Copp on **07903 543969** or Trudy Thomson on **01984 633205** we hope to hear from you.

Thank you



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL



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

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

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