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Have you recently moved to Williton or do you know someone who has? If so, you may like a free Welcome Pack, which gives a map of Williton, details of services, clubs and organisations, and other useful information.

Please ring Janet Cook on **07989 466619**, or email: williton@willitonwindow.co.uk or go to our website: www.willitonwindow.org.uk/welcome-pack

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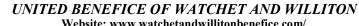
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| Sunday 2nd January | 10.00am | Family Worship |
|---------------------|---------|---|
| Sunday 9th January | 09.15am | Parish Communion |
| | 04.00pm | CTIWW Epiphany service at St Decuman's |
| Sunday 16th January | 09.15am | Parish Communion |
| Sunday 23rd January | 09.15am | Parish Communion |
| Sunday 30th January | 10.30am | Benefice Communion at St Decuman's |

St Peters Church Invites you all to join any of our services

Every Tuesday 10.00am Morning Prayer

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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 Churchwarder | | |
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CAMEO (Come and Meet Each Other)

CAMEO is on Thursdays, 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 if you have any questions.

On this first day of the year, Eternal God, we pray for your blessing upon the world. We lift to you the hopes, opportunities and challenges that lie ahead and pray that we will continue to live and tell your story of love in the days and months to come.







St Decuman's Church (Watchet)

Weekly Sunday Service 10.30 am Parish Communion For further details and enquiries please contact the churchwardens. Sarah Lander Tel. 07765 881229 email: sclarkelander@gmail.com Janet Bremner Tel. 01984 632118 email: janetbremner31@btinternet.com

Baptist Church (Watchet)

The Baptist Church 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 Mrs S Shearer: 01984 568310 or visit the website: www.watchetbaptist.org.uk

Catholic Church (Watchet)

The Roman Catholic Church 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)

'As I write this we are looking forward to our Carol Service on Sunday, the last service which will be held in the old church building as renovations will begin in January. We thank John and Richard for their hospitality and also Marion, who came all the way from Minehead to help Richard with the musical accompaniment.

This has been a tough year for everyone but we all go into the New Year with hope in our hearts, still meeting at Mollie's, 2 Higher Croft every Sunday at 10.30am for worship, and everyone is welcome to join us. Please call Jane Sefton 01984 656652, or Mollie Brooks 01984 632115, for details. You don't have to be a Methodist or have any stated religion, just come along and share this warm space with us. And if you fancy a coffee and a chat about anything and everything, come along to Mollie's, 10 till 12 on Fridays, you will be made very welcome.

We hold in our prayers Angela, Irene and Bridget and the Community of Williton as we go forward into 2022.

Our listed preachers for January will be:-

Jan 2nd:Local Arrangement, led by our members. Jan 9th:Rev.Jane Sperring, Covenant Service. Jan 16th: Jean Armin. Jan 23rd: 11am. Joint CTWW Service with Rev Nick Lakin at Williton Pavilion, Inter-Denominational All-Age worship, All welcome! Jan 30th: Margaret Lintern.'

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

Salvation Army Watchet Corps

All enquiries to the Corps leader, Miss Sam Searle on 07979 575 453. All are welcome. (Part of Churches Together in Williton and Watchet) Salvation Army Hall, 1 Brendon Road, Watchet, Tel: 01984 633133.

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Williton Garden Club



It was good to welcome new members on 22nd November when the meeting was well attended, and Peter Trigg gave an interesting pictorial talk showing many scenes from West Somerset along with a lively chatty description of the places shown. Those answering topical questions were rewarded with a choice of sweets from his ample supply! Well worth listening to albeit not directly relating to anything gardening-wise!

On January 24th we are expecting to learn about 'No Dig – Vegetable Growing on Allotments by Allan John Cavill, although I am sure the same would apply for our home gardens as well.

John Parsons Chairman.

SAINT DECUMAN'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



May I thank all our friends in Willtion who came along to support the Festival, viewing the 45 illuminated trees, making purchases on the numerous stalls and being caught by me to purchase raffle tickets. Many will have read that the event was a tremendous success with a lovely atmosphere and remarkable

amount raised $\pounds 3,084$ (exceeding the previous record raised in 2019 of $\pounds 2,299$).

Besides all the Watchet based trees there were grateful contributions from the Williton Cubs, Williton Rainbows, Croft House, Williton Hospital, Stand Against Speed 4 Bethany, St. Peter's PCC and Danesfield School year 5 (4 trees) I thank them for their taking part.

The main prize on the raffle was won by Joan Ridley (Watchet) but amongst the winners there was one prize winging its way to Taunton !

I really cannot thank enough all my helpers & the organisations who despite 'covid' made it all so worthwhile & enjoyable.

May 2022 see us through this pandemic and everyone have a better New Year. Tony Knight.

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Indoor Short Mat Bowls



A reminder that Short Mat Bowls will be recommencing in Williton Pavilion on **10th January 2022 at 2:00pm.**

Come along for an afternoon of light exercise and light-hearted competition. No experience is necessary, equipment is provided and bowls are available if you don't have your own. All that you need are clean, flat soled shoes or trainers. Cost £2 a session.

For more information, please contact Peter Payne on 01984 633084.

Williton Window End of Year Thanks

As we start 2022 it is time to give our thanks to all who make this magazine possible. Our advertisers who continue to support us, all our volunteers who deliver the magazines throughout Williton/Doniford and to our contributors who we know very much appreciate this magazine. Last but not least all our readers who support our local businesses and traders.

We wish you all good health for what we hope will be a better year in 2022.



Williton Window Management Committee.





WILLITON WI



On December 16th we enjoyed a very special Christmas Lunch at The Pavilion. The cooks were our President, Liz Payne and husband Peter, together with our Vice-President, Chris Smith. Our very grateful thanks to them for a super meal and social afternoon.

On January 20th we look forward to a fun afternoon with a Beetle Drive, when new members and visitors will be most welcome to join us at The Pavilion at 2pm.

With best wishes for a very safe and Happy New Year from us all. June Irving, Secretary.





Smart Communities launch a NEW WEBSITE!

Smart Communities Ltd has launched a NEW stand-alone website demonstrating its community focused services for the Southwest of England. Smart Communities provide community and economic development, strategic planning, sustainability, future planning, evaluation / research as well as offering training and events for both community and corporate clients.

Visit: https://smartcommunities.online/

Smart Communities is a limited Company and social enterprise as well as a leading consultancy service to enable positive change. The Smart Communities team of committed, passionate experts are highly experienced at working with communities at any and every level. Recognised as trusted partners to strengthen emerging and existing enterprises and improve communities.

With over 90 years' working at the heart of communities as Community Council for Somerset (CCS) and since 2018 as Smart Communities the trading arm CCS created with a charity ethos as all profits feed back into Somerset via the charitable core work and projects of CCS.

This year Smart Communities have successfully supported Otterhampton Village Hall, Bishops Hull Hub and BickWatch Electric Vehicle Pilot Project to achieve a total of over £780,000.

The Smart team has exceptional knowledge, deep insight, expertise, breadth, and range in a variety of professional disciplines. Smart Communities understand communities' unique positions, perspectives, and relationships. The new website clearly demonstrates what they do, how they deliver the work, who we have worked with.

Jane Birch Manager of Smart Communities said: "It is exciting to have our own website as we are delivering more work than we have ever before. I think what is great about the work we deliver overall we are making differences to communities; we help them to reach their goals and targets, we understand and know how they work and then we give back to those communities via CCS and their outstanding work with individuals, groups and enterprises. This new website is a platform to really shout about what we can do and share resources, knowledge to make the most of their communities."

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What's Happening In Williton

Regular Weekly Meetings Groups & Events

| Everyday | 1.00pm - 11.00pm | Williton Social Club | Tel: 01984 248671 |
|-----------|--|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Mondays | 9.30am - 12noon & 8.00pm-9pm | Pilates Williton Pavilion | Tel: 07342 238723 |
| | 5.00pm - 6.30pm | Beavers (Guide Brownies HQ) | Tel: 07806 968961 |
| | 6.00pm - 7.00pm Zumba | Williton Pavilion | Tel: 07738 676832 |
| Tuesdays | 2 - 4.00pm Chatty Crafters (Except first Tues of the month) | Danesborough Common Room | Tel: 01984 634686 |
| | 5.45 - 7.15pm Brownies | Guide & Brownie HQ | Tel: 01984 632089 |
| Wednesday | s 10 – 11am. Move it or Lose it | Williton Pavilion | Tel: 07421 762532 |
| | 6.30pm - 8.00pm | Cubs (Guide & Brownie HQ) | Tel: 07398 717048 |
| Fridays | 9.30 - 10.30am Zumba | Williton Pavilion | Tel: 07738 676832 |
| | 12 Noon Colin's Walks | Outside Library | Tel: 01984 632721 |
| | 7.15 - 9pm Guides | Market St, Watchet | Tel: 07584 037156 |

If you are thinking of joining or attending any of the above please check with the organisation as some only operate during school term times.

This Month's Meetings Groups & Events for January

| Thur | 6th | Wasps | 1.15pm Sampford Brett Village Hall | |
|------|------|----------------------|--|--|
| Mon | 10th | Short Mat Bowls | 2.00pm Pavilion | |
| Tues | 11th | Bingo | 7.00pm for 7.30pm start Pavilion | |
| Tues | 18th | Film Club | 6.30pm for 7pm start Pavilion | |
| Thur | 20th | Women's Institute | 2.00pm Beetle Drive Pavilion | |
| Fri | 21st | Community Market | 9.00am to 11.30am Williton Social Club | |
| Mon | 24th | Gardening Club | 7.30pm Danesborough Common Rooms | |
| Tues | 25th | Bingo | 7.00pm for 7.30pm start Pavilion | |
| Weds | 26th | Family History Group | 7.00pm to 9.00pm Pavilion | |

To be included in this diary please e-mail details to: williton@willitonwindow.co.uk or telephone to 01984 631595



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..



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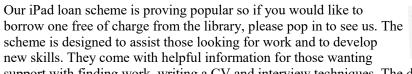
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Williton Public Library

Open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 10am -1pm & 2pm -5pm, Saturday 10am -1pm. (Closed Tuesday).

Library News



support with finding work, writing a CV and interview techniques. The device needs no internet connection.



Our Family History sessions are proving very popular with sessions already booked for 2022. If you fancy beginning to research your family tree and need help getting started pop in and make an appointment. Sessions are the first Wednesday afternoon of the month although other sessions are available by request.



Our Rhyme time sessions are continuing to attract lots of children. The first session of the new year is 10th of January at 11am. Please come and join in with us. These Mondays are going to be a regular event.

For those people who want to up skill with their computers, laptops, tablets or mobile phones we have sessions available to support you. These sessions need to be booked with the library staff.



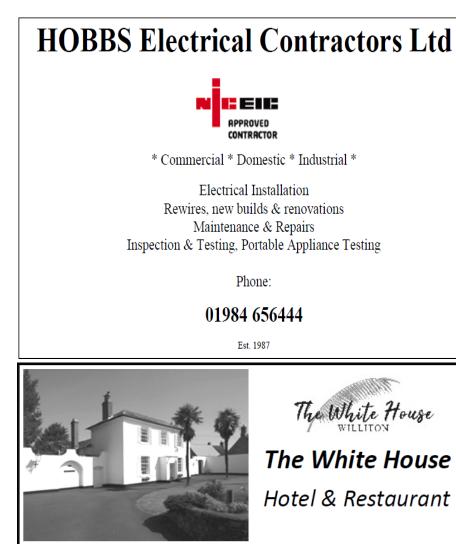
If you would like to play Scrabble, we have a wonderful Scrabble board available for use in the library. Please be aware that you can book a session to use it.

We are hoping to restart our Lego Club for our younger members in 2022. If this is something you would be interested in running you would need a Library DBS certificate. (There is no charge for this.) If you would like more information, please come in and see us.



Our email address is willib@somerset.gov.uk if you need to get in touch with us or wish to book for an event.

> Wishing a Happy New Year to all our Customers from the Williton Library staff.



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Down at the Station January 2022



Writing for the W.W. at this time of the year always seems strange as the Christmas edition has only just come out, or so it seems! However since the last edition the Winterlights Trains have been running successfully from Bishops Lydeard to Crowcombe on several evenings and reports have said that they have been a well worth while experience.

Santa Trains commenced weekend December 4th & 5th and looked to be fully booked, again a good thing as far as the WSR are concerned. At the station we have been open for tea/coffee when the Santa Trains have been running and hope this may bring in some additional income and an opportunity to meet friends for a chat etc.

The station was subject to some storm damage the last weekend in November when a telegraph pole was blown down right across the level crossing causing it to be closed for thirty six hours or so before a power line could be restored to the wall of the signal box. Fortunately the pole was not in use so no one lost their telephone connection, but it was of some heritage value and cannot be replaced!

There will be no more trains now until late in March, when we should be running the full length of the line with trains running into Minehead for the first time in two years. Watch this space for details!

We wish everyone a healthy and peaceful New Year.

John Parsons Stationmaster.

Editors Note My Wife and I took the Winterlights train at the beginning of December with our granddaughter and enjoyed the experience very much. Very well organised. DRS.

West Somerset Family History Group

The Family History Group had their last meeting for 2021, we had a general knowledge quiz and we found we were not as clever as we thought we were. Our January meeting is Wednesday 26th January 7pm at the Pavilion, will be a group meeting where if you find you are stuck come along and as a group we will try to help you. Please emailwestsomfhg@gmail.com for more information. Entry is £1.50 for SDFHS members & £3.00 for visitors/non members.

The hour long 1 on 1 sessions at the library are going well, we were fully booked in December and already we are fully booked up for January 2022. If you wish to book a session in February, please book with the library, the times are 2pm & 3pm on Wednesday 2nd February. *Lesley Murray Secretary.*



WATCHET FORGET ME NOT CAFE January - 12th First meeting in 2022. For any further details contact Margaret Tatham 07973 638030 or email watchetdementia@gmail.com







@ The Pavilion

Doors Open 19:00 / Eyes Down 19:30

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Williton Parish Council

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

Doing Our Bit for Climate Change



Villagers may have noticed that work has commenced on the creation of a number of wildflower areas within Williton. Earlier this year, the Parish Council was successful in its bid to create wild flower areas in Williton on 3,050 square metres of land at Larviscombe Road, Orchard Way/ Long Lakes, Northcroft and The Green/Danesborough View, the verges around Williton Fire Station and part of the Memorial Ground.

Aimed at improving the biodiversity around the village and creating a resilient sustainable habitat for wildlife, it is a small contribution to wider work to tackle climate change.

The areas have been prepared and seeded with native or naturalised wildflower mixes including both annuals and perennials and meadow grasses. We are looking forward to seeing these bloom next year, although we have to be patient as they will not fully come into their own until their second year.

The Parish Council is extremely grateful to the Climate and Emergency Community Fund of Somerset County Council for agreeing to the funding of this project, to Magna Housing, Devon and Somerset Fire Service and the Williton War Memorial Recreation Ground charity for agreeing to planting on their land, and to former Parish Councillor Rosemary Woods for all of her hard work in making this happen. If there are other initiatives you would like the Parish Council to consider, please do let the Clerk know. Contact details above.

Do You Run A Business In Williton

The Parish Council are looking to facilitate a Business Directory for all businesses within the Parish, with the possibility of a potential Traders Association.

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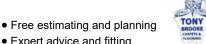
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Two Valleys Slow the Flow Natural Flood Management

Since 2018, conservation charity the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (WWT) has been working on natural flood management (NFM) as part of the 'Two Valleys' project. We're working with local landowners to put in interventions such as

leaky woody dams, wetlands and trees to help store and slow the flow of floodwater in the Doniford and Monksilver streams. We're hoping lots of NFM measures upstream add up and ultimately help to reduce the 'flood peak' to alleviate some flooding in Williton, all the while creating a multitude of habitat and biodiversity benefits throughout the catchment area. We're also scientifically monitoring the streams to build an evidence base on the effectiveness of NFM, supported by local volunteers who are out monitoring waterways (thank you!).

We're now entering the final few months of funding for this four year project, which runs to March 2022. In this time, in partnership with local landowners, contractors, volunteers and communities we have created:



- 19 wetlands.
- 3678 native hardwood trees planted. •
- 193 woody dams
- 1 wet woodland (very rare habitat).
- 12 volunteer citizen scientists actively monitoring the streams Dozens of community engagement events.
- Working with four parish councils of Bicknoller, Stogumber, Sampford Brett and Elworthy to identify future opportunities for taking NFM forward.

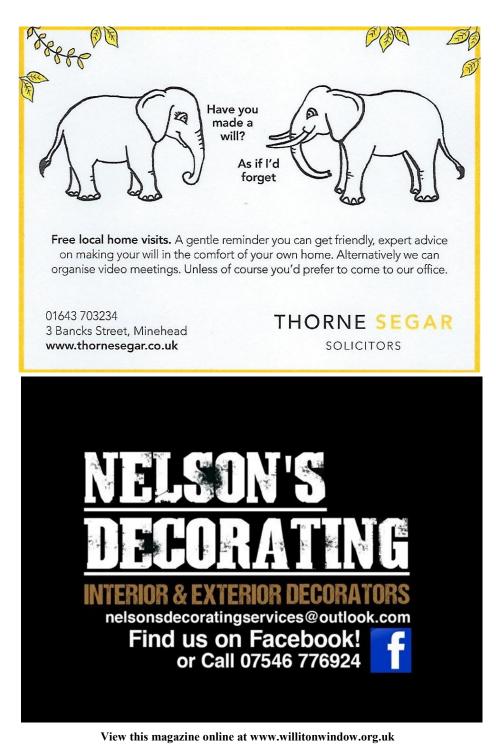
What's next?

We hope communities and landowners will continue to implement NFM if and when funding becomes available, supported by WWT's help in identifying opportunities and next steps. Though WWT's funding is drawing to a close, new funding may continue for NFM managed by other great charities and organisations.

WWT is the UK's leading wetland conservation charity. Our vision is a world where healthy wetland nature thrives and enriches lives.

Thanks to the Environment Agency who funded the first three years of the project, and the government's Green Recovery Challenge Fund who have funded this bonus year. Find out more > www.wwt.org.uk/two-valleys

Drop me a line **Bryony.Wilde@wwt.org.uk**

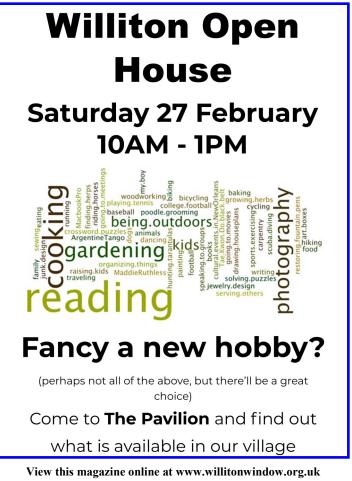




Open House on 27th February 10AM – 1PM.

Way back in February 2019 we had an Open House at the Pavilion where many of the Williton non-profit/charity groups had tables to publicise their group and meet new members; then COVID and lockdown came along and many probably never got the chance to get along to one of the groups. So this year we're having another.

Once again it's free of charge for all Williton non-profit/charity groups, and visitors. So if you are one of these groups and would like to have a table, please contact the Parish Office on **01984 633979** or email **clerk@willitonpc.org.uk** as soon as possible to secure your space. Dawn Howes.











DECEMBER

In the first half of December we had every type of weather except for dense fog : rain hail sleet snow thunder lightening rainbows and floods.

NOVEMBER

You may not remember the first half of the month was warm. The coldest night on the 11th was -1° c with a frost. The maximum Temperature was 19° c on 10th well above average. The maximum pressure was 30.4inches. The minimum pressure 29.4 inches. The total rainfall was 40 mm.

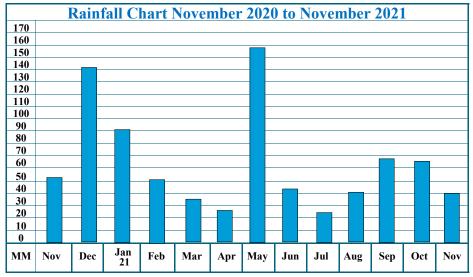
ASTRONOMICAL NEWS

Look out for shooting stars on January 3rd &4th. this is called: The Quadrantids which is an above average shower, with up to 40 meteors per hour.

ESA and NASA have decided to send no less than three space exploration missions over the next decade to the second closest planet to the Sun. The aim is to find an answer as to whether or not Venus ever hosted early oceans.

NATURE NOTES

Most of the leaves are down particularly the strong winds in December have brought a lot down. I note the birds have been very busy on the feeders in the garden a sign that it has been colder. *PJ.*



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After a exceptionally busy end to 2021 the Regal Theatre Minehead welcomes in 2022 in a quieter, still diverse mix of 'must see' theatre, film, concerts and bands, getting the New Year off to a good start; to keep in touch with all events do visit **regaltheatre.co.uk/whatson**

Tuesday, 11th January 2022

Sees Debra Winger star in the film **KAJILLIONAIRE** - an original and moving comedy about two con-artists who have spent 25 years training their only daughter to follow in their footsteps - until one scam changes everything.

Wednesday 19th January

The Royal Opera House encore screening of **TOSCA** brings romance, tragedy and a thriller; travel to 19th century Rome with Puccini's passionate, political opera.

Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th January.

SPOTLIGHT DANCE Company performs at the Regal on Saturday,

Tuesday February the 1st

Brings the film **MINARI** - an enchanting and intimate drama about a Korean family seeking a better life in rural 80s Arkansas.

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Some Covid restrictions are in place to ensure audiences and volunteers are protected. Everyone is asked to use the hand sanitiser provided and wear a face covering at all times, except when eating or drinking.

The Regal Theatre is run entirely by volunteers - why not join us??

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Life is a bit like the tide it comes and goes sometimes calm and sometimes rough and we can't stop it. Shirley Dee



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Community lunches

These are starting in Williton Pavilion from Tuesday 11th January and then every Tuesday starting at 11.45am for 12.15pm. Lunches will vary from week to week and cost £3. Tickets are available from our Village Agent, Izzy Silvester 07931 018045, email: izzy@somersetrcc.org.uk and Williton Parish Council Office 01984 633979, email:clerk@willitonpc.org.uk

A warm welcome awaits those who are re-emerging after lockdown.

LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES

Getting a hand written letter from an old friend.



Shirlev Dee.

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Williton And Surrounding Parkinson's Support Group WASPS

WASPs Christmas Lunch took place on Tuesday 2nd December at the Northfield Hotel in Minehead. The room was bright with Christmas decorations, masks were worn until everyone was seated and tables were well separated.

Members were delighted the lunch was attended by our sponsor, Mrs Anne Luttrell, and her husband.

Unfortunately, Father Simon had Covid so David Freemantle said grace.

The lunch was efficiently organised by Jean Hodge who met the members at the door. She had given those attending a list of dishes in advance from which they could choose their two courses (she then had the list with her in case anyone had forgotten their choices!)

As you can see from the empty plates (see picture below) the food was excellent and much appreciated. After last year how lovely it was to see thirty six members and friends in real life enjoying the food and company. After we had finished eating David Yates entertained us with carols on his keyboard and we sang to his accompaniment.

Linda Bishop thanked Ginny Yandle, who will stand down at the AGM, for her years of work as Treasurer, she has been extremely efficient and also worked unobtrusively in many other areas of the society. She was presented with a bouquet of flowers.



WASPS next monthly meeting will be in Sampford Brett Village Hall at 1400 on Thursday 6th January preceded by exercises at 1315. 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 email Jane at **waspscontact@gmail.com** (or in a real emergency telephone Linda on: **01984 631472**) Rosemary Freeemantle.

F YOU NEED HELP:

Williton Surgery Robert Street TA4 4QE Tel: 01984 632701. Out of hours: 111. In an emergency call 999.

<u>West Somerset Advice Bureau</u> Advice line: 03444 88 9623. <u>Christians Against Poverty</u> - Free debt help. Freephone: 0800 3280006. www.capuk.org

<u>Churches & Clergy</u> contact details are on pages 6 & 8 of this magazine. <u>Mindline Somerset</u> 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

<u>Williton Registration Office</u> - 01823 282251 Pre-booked appointments only. <u>Village Agent</u> - Izzy Silvester email izzy@somersetrcc.org.uk or Tel: 07931 018045. Leave a message with your contact details.

<u>WASPS</u> - <u>Williton and Surrounding Area Parkinson's Support</u>. Tel: **01984 631472.**



As I write this we are, once again, facing restrictions in our daily lives, but at least we aren't famous in Williton for a plethora of nightclubs!

The only message I can honestly give in the face of another spreading variant of Covid 19 is that we must cling on to faith with lots of hope and show love for each other in the way we behave as a society.

It is clear that each new variant poses scientific problems which cannot be resolved instantly, so we should resort to some very old-fashioned (some might argue, outdated) methods.

The faith and hope I wrote of above are in God's goodness and the love he always shows to us, which, in turn, helps us to show love for each other. As 2022 progresses, let us turn back to God in prayer and supplication and trust that, as St Paul tells us, God will never test us beyond what we can endure.

So, whatever happens next, may I wish you a happy, healthy and prayerful New Year. When you trust in God's goodness you will be rewarded.



God bless you all: Deacon Vincent.





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