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Services in March at St Peter's Church Williton

We invite you all to join any of our services

Wednesday 2nd March	07.00pm	Holy Communion (Ash Wednesday)
Sunday 6th March	10.00am	Family Worship
Sunday 13th March	09.15am	Parish Communion
Sunday 20th March	09.15am	Parish Communion
Sunday 27th March	09.15am	Parish Communion
Every	Tuesday 10.00am Mor	ning Prayer

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St Peter's Church Contact Details:

Vicar	Position Vacant	*Enquiries to Churchwardens
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Liz Payne, PCC Secretary.

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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)

Following on from the joint Epiphany service and the different and interesting all-age worship at the Pavilion in January, Christians Together in Watchet and Williton will be holding a World Day of Prayer service on March 4th. This year's theme will be 'I know the plans I have for you' and the date" and venue will be announced nearer to the date. Please call Rev. Jane Sperring for more details on 01984 631054.

Here at the Methodist Church group, meeting still on Sundays at 10.30am at Mollie's house, 2 Higher Croft, Tower Hill, Williton(01984 632115 for details) we are looking forward to what we can do for our church and for the community this year. Planned events include a garden meeting for all ages in Mollie's garden, but that will have to wait until the warmer weather!

On our prayer list are: Bridget and Paul, Clare, Angie, Jane and the people of Williton.

Preachers for March:-

March 6th Tim Hedgecock March 13th Jean Armin March 20th Malcolm Hope HC March 27th Nick Lakin

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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HEALING

Healing at the Phoenix Centre in Watchet, continues every third Thursday of the month. It will be on March 17th & April 21st starting at 2pm and ending at 4:30pm. Please feel free to drop in for a chat to see how we can help you and maybe try a healing.

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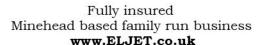


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Further walks and/or talks can be arranged for groups. Call 01984 634177 or 01398 323841



Walks are free, donations are welcome, dogs on leads only with permission, walking boots and rain wear are needed.



Friday 18th March, Ralegh's Cross Short Walk Meet 9.45am at Ralegh'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.



West Somerset Family History Group

Our next meeting is on 30th March at 7pm in the Brendon Room in the pavilion. We will be having a group meeting where if you are a beginner or are stuck on your tree as a group we will try to

advise.

Entrance is £1.50 for SDFHS members and £3 for visitors who are always made welcome. email westsomfhg@gmail.com for more information.

Don't forget our monthly sessions at Williton library. A volunteer will spend an hour with you to try to help in your research either if you are a beginner or someone who has got 'stuck'. You need to book a session with the library.

Leslev Murray Secretary.





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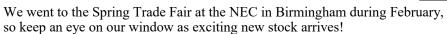


News From Williton Post Office



Valentines Day has been and gone!

Mother's Day and Easter are fast approaching!



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We have felt humbled by so many wonderful comments. We couldn't do it without you!

We know that our staff are special so to have their interaction with customers recognised in such a way is so encouraging for us all!

The Williton branch of Lloyds Bank has been closed regularly over the past few months. We would like to remind you that we are able to offer cash withdrawals and deposits as well as cheque deposits for most bank accounts. Please ask at our counter for further information.

As travel restrictions are lifted holidays can be planned and enjoyed again! We would love to help you with your foreign currency, Passports, International Driving Permits and Travel Insurance. Again, do please come and ask us!

Caroline Tyner.

Editors Note

Congratulations to all our Post Office staff I personally value their excellent service, we are truly fortunate to have a well run Post Office a valuable part of our community.

Williton Hospital League of Friends NOTICE OF MEETING



Williton Hospital League of Friends are holding their AGM in the Brendon Room at Williton Pavilion on Wednesday March 16th, 2022, at 7.30pm Tea and Coffees to be provided ALL WELCOME

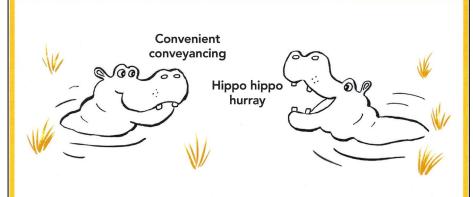
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This month sees the two-year anniversary of the first 'Lock-down' caused by the coronavirus pandemic. As we look back over the last two years, many things have changed: families have lost loved ones; businesses have suffered, some have ceased trading, whilst manufacturers of hand gel and liquid soap have done well; some of our familiar patterns of life have changed; previously unfamiliar words and phrases are now widely known, like lateral flow and social distancing, with masks and face-visors becoming familiar items.

Another side effect of the pandemic is that many gardens are looking better than they have for years. March is the beginning of Spring and is often a good month to clear up the garden after the winter in order to be ready for the growing season ahead. In March we see bulbs bursting into flower; green shoots are pushing out of the soil reaching towards the light; buds and new green leaves appear on the bushes and trees.

Any good gardener will know that soil needs to be looked after and cultivated if it is to support healthy growth. Over the last two years, some people have had time to look after their soil really well. Gardeners depend on the quality of the soil to make the growth of flowers and vegetables vigorous and strong. When we stop to think about it, soil is a real miracle. With nurture, care and the addition of plenty of good organic material, soil productivity increases. Human beings are able to work on the soil making it full of helpful nutrients and weed-free, so that our chosen plants are able to grow well.

Whatever the last two years have been like, as we enter March this year, our hope is in a better future. The first of March this year is Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Day. This is traditionally the day when sugary and fatty foods are eaten up ahead of the Christian season of Lent, which begins the next day, on Ash Wednesday. For some people, Lent is a season of fasting and reflection. A season to reflect upon our lives and to look ahead, making some changes that will help us have a better future.

Whether the season of Lent is significant for us or not, March this year is a good time to think about our lives, and make some changes that will hopefully bring about a better future. Gardeners will be hoping for productive gardens. For all of us, we hope to have more productive lives, whatever that means for us.

The past two years are behind us and we can look to the future with hope. God's promise is to be with us every moment of every day, whatever is happening in our lives. May that same God richly bless each one of us as we enjoy Springtime and hope for better days ahead.

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Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance is delighted to announce the launch of its 'Blossoming and Blooming' initiative. It is the charity's latest fundraising initiative, which asks people to show their support by opening their gardens to members of the public between June and September this year. The aim of the campaign is to bring local communities across Dorset and Somerset together, to celebrate the wonderful gardens spread across both counties, whilst raising awareness and funds for Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. No matter the size of the garden or whether they are pristine or wild, the charity is inviting everyone to get involved.

Whether people decide to simply open their gardens to members of the public, or have a cream tea or BBQ alongside, the initiative provides a fantastic opportunity for people to hold a special event within their local community in aid of Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. The life-saving charity receives no direct funding from the Government or the National Lottery and relies on the generosity of the public to help raise their operational costs of over £5 million per year. Community fundraising initiatives like 'Blossoming and Blooming' play a vital role in helping to do this.

To register your interest in taking part, or to find out more, please contact Emma Jones, Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Fundraising Manager by emailing: fundraising@dsairambulance.org.uk or by calling: 01823 669604.

The 'Blossoming and Blooming' initiative will run until 30th September 2022.

Editors Note

One or two of our local residents have already signed up, so if you can help and join them and raise much needed funds for this great cause this would be wonderful.

DRS.





OUR BUSES ARE UNDER THREAT



April 2022 was meant to augur in a new era for our buses. It was the month when the £3 billion as part of Bus Back Better, National Strategy for Buses for England, could be used to improve bus services. People could be invited to abandon their cars and opt for the 'greener' option of going by bus on journeys to nearby towns and villages.

To improve buses across the county, Somerset had put in a bid for £163 million of Bus Back Better money. That was the sum of money Somerset needed because Somerset bus services currently are the worst rated of any county in England. But the Bus Back Better fund has been over subscribed 8 times by all the bids from across England and so it's unknown how much money Somerset might get. But it's unlikely to get anything like what Somerset needs.

The 2 years of Covid with endless warnings not to use buses has seen bus passenger numbers down 40% on pre Covid levels. This has meant the Government has had to step in and subsidise bus services in order to keep them running. To fund this the Government has diverted more than half of the £3 billion pot allocated for transforming our bus services to just maintain our current bus services.

Worse still, the Government has still not said whether it will keep funding our existing bus services from April. If it doesn't, then without this subsidy, bus services across the country (including here in Somerset) could "fall off the side of the cliff" (as said by Wera Hobhouse, Bath MP). It's been estimated 30% of bus services would go. Some bus services could even disappear completely.

Without this Covid Bus Recovery Grant, a leading bus operator has said, "The bus sector is hurtling towards disaster."

So what can we do?

Could you please ... today ... send an email (doesn't need to be long) to the Government Buses Minister demanding that the Covid-19 Bus Recovery Grant funding is continued beyond April. Send it to BARONESS VERE OF NORBITON (Buses Minister) - email verec@parliament.uk. Also copy your email to your MP: IAN LIDDELL-GRAINGER (Bridgwater and West Somerset) - email ianlg@parliament.uk

Please also copy in Somerset Bus Partnership to any emails too. Our email address: somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com

Additionally, if you should speak to any of the candidates for the Somerset Unitary Council May 5th elections, please ask them what their plans are to protect and improve our bus services here in Somerset. There's never been a time when our bus services in Somerset have been at so much risk.

www.somersetbuspartnership.co.uk

Somerset Bus Partnership Team.

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 Pavilion	Tel: 07342 238723
	2.00pm - 4.00pm Short Mat Bowls	Pavilion	Tel: 01984 633084
	5.00pm - 6.30pm	Beavers (Guide Brownies HQ)	Tel: 07806 968961
	6.00pm - 7.00pm Zumba	Pavilion	Tel: 07738 676832
Tuesdays	1.00pm - 3.00pm Talking Cafe	Pavilion (Brendon Room)	Tel: 07931 018045
	2.00pm - 4.00pm Chatty Crafters (Except first Tues of the month)	Danesborough Common Room	Tel: 01984 634686
	5.45pm - 7.15pm Brownies	Guide & Brownie HQ	Tel: 01984 632089
Weds	10 – 11am. Move it or Lose it	Pavilion	Tel: 07421 762532
	6.30pm - 8.00pm	Cubs (Guide & Brownie HQ)	Tel: 07398 717048
Fridays	9.30 - 10.30am Zumba	Pavilion	Tel: 07738 676832
	12 Noon Colin's Walks	Opposite Library at bench b	y car park entrance.
	7.15 - 9.00pm 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 March

Weds 2r	d Family History Group	3.00pm Library (Book with Library)
Thurs 3	rd Wasps	1.30pm Sampford Brett Village Hall
Tues 8	h Bingo	7.00pm for 7.30pm start Pavilion
Weds 16t	h AGM Hospital League of Friends	7.30pm Pavilion (Brendon Room) All Welcome
Thurs 17t	h Women's Institute	2.00pm Pavilion (Brendon Room)
Fri 18t	h Community Market	9.00am to 11.30am Williton Social Club
Tues 22n	d Bingo	7.00pm for 7.30pm start Pavilion
Mon 281	h Garden Club	7.30pm Danesborough Common Rooms
Tues 29	h Film Club	6.30pm for 7pm start Pavilion (King Richard)
Weds 30t	h Family History Group	7.00pm to 9.00pm Pavilion (Brendon Room)

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



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

March Parish Council News

It has been a busy month for the Council and we have a lot of news to share with you.

Public Toilets

The Parish Council have now taken on the responsibility for the public toilets on Killick Way. Those of you who walk past there will have seen work taking place to get them ready to open. Our aim is to re-open them in March. I am sure that this will be a great relief for us all.

Cost of living Crisis

These are difficult times for many of us in the village with spiralling costs across the board. Marlene's letter from the Quantocks Food Bank highlights many of the issues we face in rural communities. The high demand for the Food Bank shows how real the struggle is and how it cuts across all ages and families.

The Williton Window regularly features articles from our Village Agent Izzy Sylvester **07931 018045** izzy@somersetrcc.org.uk Izzy runs the Talking Café held in the Williton Pavilion every Tuesday at 2pm. As our Village Agent Izzy is the key first point of contact for help and support.

Please do not struggle in silence, pop along to the Talking Café and chat with Izzy in person, or give her a call. She can help with referrals to the Food Bank, the CAB as well as contacts with help for fuel costs and other needs.

The Parish Council are proud to support the Talking Café as well as the CAB. We are also a drop off point for the Food Bank if you have anything to donate.

A lot of our funds come from your Council Tax Bills and I am happy to report that when we set our budgets for 2022/3 we voted not to increase our share of your bills.

Recycle More

Our blue bags were delivered last week in readiness for our new expanded recycling service. Somerset Waste Partnership are leading the way on recycling and there is a lot of information on their website:

www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycle-more Leaflets and more information are also available at the Parish Office.

There is also a lot of positive work in the pipeline with community repair and reuse. We only have one Williton and one planet and recycling more is one of the easiest ways we can all do our bit.

Councillor Peter Payne and I recently attended a Carbon Literacy course for Parish Councillors and will be telling you more about that in the coming months.

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Youth Council

Councillor Cook and I have been working on setting up a Youth Council in Williton. These are a great way for young residents of our village to have their voices heard and get involved. We hope to have some more information for you next month.

Traders Association

We are all very pleased with the success of our recent Business Forum and the start of a Traders Association for Williton. We are very lucky to have such a diverse range of businesses in our area and building strong connections between them is beneficial for all our community. We are continuing to support this in its early days as well as producing a business directory for Williton and hosting a Business Show Case at The Pavilion on 6th March.

Councillor Surgeries

There will be a Councillors Surgery at The Pavilion on the day of the Showcase as well as at the Williton Open House event on Sunday 27th February. If there is anything you want to raise with us, or if you just fancy a chat, please pop in to say hello while you enjoy your visit to the Pavilion.

Parish Councillor Life

The news above is just a small insight into the wide variety of work your team of Parish Councillors have been involved in and the responsibilities of a Parish Council. We have also been dealing with planning issues, hedgerows, signposts, road markings, pot holes and community speed watch...to name but a few. We are also responsible for the maintenance and development of the War Memorial Recreation Ground.

These are likely to change as we move towards the Unitary changes within Somerset. The merging of the District and County Councils will come into effect in April 2023 and there is a lot of details yet to be finalised. What we do know is that it will affect the services and responsibilities we have.

The elections for the Unitary Councillors who will take us through these changes take place this May. The elections for Parish Council will also take place at the same time.

If you want to know more about anything I have written about or the work of a Parish Council and the role of a Councillor please contact the team at the Parish Offices.

Councillor Lucy Naylor.

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Dear Friends

Just after the last newsletter was sent out in November, Somerset Community Foundation published its Hidden Somerset Report on Food Poverty, and one of its case studies featured the Quantock Foodbank. Some of you will have received and read the report which highlighted what rural community providers know from experience; that the drivers of food poverty are high housing and heating costs, distance to work or Jobcentre Plus, low paid seasonal employment and, crucially, lack of a community or public transport infrastructure. Added to this are the steep increases in the cost of living which we are now experiencing, exerting even more pressure on those who were already struggling.

Last July the Quantock Foodbank set up a pantry with one of its aims to help prevent struggling families reaching crisis point and becoming dependent on food parcels, and this has proved popular as it gives some choice; however, as it is in a fixed location, access is difficult or denied to those, without their own transport and on limited means, living in surrounding villages. Subject to the usual referral from agencies, we are offering to mitigate this by refunding the bus fare of those who are able to use public transport to access the pantry, whilst recognising that this is still not a solution for the whole area. Meanwhile the Trustees have agreed to initiate a new project to tackle this inequality of access and will share more of these plans in their annual report.



To date the Foodbank has fed 11,350 people of whom 5,975 were children, and increasing numbers on the Foodbank and Pantry are now having an impact on our shelves. However, we still have enough pasta and soup to last another two years and stocks of jam, beans and tinned vegetables are very healthy.

Items which we would really appreciate are:

Savoury crackers, drinking chocolate, long life milk, part baked bread, cold meat and packets of microwaveable rice.

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Other than that weeding has continued on a regular basis, they just keep on growing, and the spring bulbs are beginning to show their faces. Spring is in the air!

We look forward to welcoming friends and visitors alike once trains are running again. The full timetables are online www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk and I understand bookings have already started to be taken. The first weekend in April there is to be a 'Return to Minehead Event' to celebrate the completion of the level crossing work and first service trains back to Minehead for a couple of John Parsons, Station Master, years.

Williton Garden Club

At the January meeting we showed another couple of episodes of Geoff Hamilton town garden films which again were interesting and showed how times have changed in recent years.

February meeting – still to come, should be a visit by Lady Christine Skelmersdale speaking on Year Round Bulbs. This is scheduled for Monday 28th February, should you receive this edition of the Williton Window before then. This was wrongly shown in our printed programmes as to be on the 24th! New members welcome. Our March meeting, again on the 28th should be a visit by Richard Horswood giving an illustrated talk on a visit to New Zealand by Camper Van, which should be interesting. John Parsons, Chairman.

Mothers Day Sunday 27th March

Mothering Sunday in the UK originated in the 17th century when it became tradition to return on the 4th Sunday in lent to your mother church for a service. Normally where you were baptised or the local parish church or cathedral. As time moved on for those in domestic service they were given the day off to visit their mothers.

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Library News



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Our Scrabble board is available for use in the library. If you fancy a game please book a session. You are welcome to book individually and we will try to organise a game for you. You are also welcome to book as a group or pair.



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Our Family tree sessions where support is given to those researching their family trees are already fully booked for March and April. If you are interested in using Ancestry at the library to start this process, we would be pleased to offer support to you in future sessions.

We are still looking for a volunteer to run future Lego Sessions. If you are interested, please let us know so our popular club can restart.



We are having regular deliveries of new books, both fiction and non-fiction so why not pop in and see what's arrived.

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Williton Film Nights @ The Pavilion



KING RICHARD

Tuesday 29th March, 19:00 hours

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Certificate: PG-13 (brief drug references, a sexual reference, some violence, strong language) Run Time: 2 hours 26 minutes

Rotten Tomatoes Audience Score 98% / Google Score 84%

Tickets £4.00 in advance available from Parish Council office, Holly Barn and Williton Post Office, £5.00 on the door.

Light refreshments available Free parking in Killick Way after 18:00 hours Limited parking for disabled at The Pavilion.

We would like to make you aware that the money raised at each Film Night is put towards maintenance (and improvements) of the Pavilion. We have to pay a Box Office fee to the film distributors which means we must sell a minimum of 35 tickets to cover the fee; the last two films have only just scraped us through.

We always try and pick a well-reviewed film which we hope appeals to many, although with the lockdowns currently they are few and far between (films are available 4-5 months after cinema release).

We are not selling tickets to full capacity (100), we will only sell 60 tickets for each film for the foreseeable future so there is plenty of room to space out. Please try and support us at this one – King Richard – the story of the Williams family is an inspiring film and has excellent reviews.

Dawn Howes.



Watchet Hedgehogs

Now that spring is on the way it is time to check your gardens over to make sure they are hedgehog friendly. It is too easy to decide to clear everything out of the way, trimming, strimming and mowing.

We all want a 'nice' garden to sit in and ponder life over a cup of tea, but it is really important to check areas first before you work on them as there may be hedgehogs fast asleep in piles of wood, leaves, under sheds and piles of rubbish in a garden. They will also be starting to make nests. ready to have their babies in and so it is really important to check everywhere before you get too keen with the tidving up.

Make sure there is no discarded netting lying on the ground, hedgehogs can easily get tangled up in that and if they are trapped for any length of time the netting will cut into their skin and cause wounds which will attract flies who will lay their eggs on the poor animals. Old tin cans and other household rubbish lying around can be attractive to an inquisitive hedgehog and it is easy for them to get their heads and legs stuck while they are rummaging for food.

The most important thing is to make sure that hedgehogs have access to and from your garden. Check your boundaries for gaps large enough for hedgehogs to come through. A hole, at the bottom of a fence, the size of a CD case, 13cm x 13cm, is the minimum size. It is really important to make your garden part of a 'hedgehog highway' so try to encourage your neighbours to do the same. That way, hedgehogs can wander from garden to garden in their night time forays, looking for tasty morsels. They travel about a mile at night (not in a straight line!) and if they are not able to get into, and out of, gardens their search for food may take them further afield into unsafe areas (such as on roads) and they will use up all their energy travelling further than they need to.

If you want to know more about hedgehogs please visit the Watchet Hedgehogs website, (sponsored by local company Geckolla Ltd): www.watchethedgehogs.org, or have a look at the British Hedgehog Preservation Society website: www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk





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WILLITON WEATHER



FEBRUARY

On February 18th as forecast a RED warning for storm Eunice So, trees down, roads blocked, bins blown away, fences down etc.

Gale force 10, west wind gusts in excess of 70 mph in places here. But 122 mph at the Needles Isle of Wight!

JANUARY

Once again a month warmer than average, some nights quite warm (often11°C and even 14°C).

A minimum temperature of -1°C on the 12th & 13th with two of the several frosty mornings.

The maximum temperature was 14°C on the 27th & 29th.

The maximum pressure of 30.6 inches was on the 20th.

The minimum pressure of 29.9 inches was on the 4th.

The total rainfall was 57mm (most of this on the 6th. & 8th).

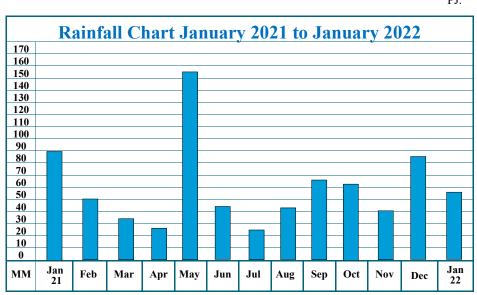
Also, there was some snow in high places on the 4th & 7th.

SUMMARY

Despite the unpleasant weather the milder temperatures have let the flowers appear up to 3 weeks earlier than average. Snowdrop valley is ahead of average. (Is the average now the normal?)

The birds are in their bright spring colours. I feel sorry for the odd frog that comes out in the warm sun as they don't always manage to re-hibernate.

PJ.



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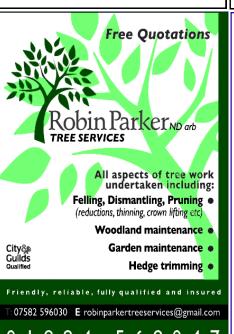
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Friday 4th March 7:30pm

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Tuesday 8th March 7.30pm

Exhibition on Screen: Frida Kahlo Encore

Tuesday 22nd March 7.15pm

ROH anniversary screening of Rigoletto Live theatre:

Friday 25th March 7.30pm Somerset Opera: Iolanthe

Tuesday 1st March 7.30 pm Film: The Lost Daughter

Sunday 6th March 2.30pm

Film: SING 2 (Cert.U)

Thursday, 17th - Saturday 19th

March 7.30pm Live theatre comedy:

The Barnstormers - The 39 Steps

Thursday March 24th 7.30pm

The Pantaloons: Great Expectations

Thursday 31st March 7:00pm

Pelléas Ensemble: (Not in the Theatre)

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Remember to put your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday night the **26th March** as the time changes in the early hours. Start of British summertime.



WILLITON WI

At our February meeting we enjoyed a most interesting talk given by Simon Nichols from the Devon & Somerset Fire Service. Simon gave many helpful suggestions about fire safety in the home and described the home safety visits offered by the Fire Service, free of charge call 0800 05 02 999.

Smoke alarms could be obtained from the Fire Service, including those for the hard of hearing, also carbon monoxide alarms, all free with a visit.

The next meeting will be held in The Pavilion on Thursday 17th March at 2pm, when Nigel Phillips will tell us about 'Wildlife of Somerset Coast'. New members and visitors (£3.50) are always most welcome.

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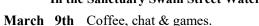
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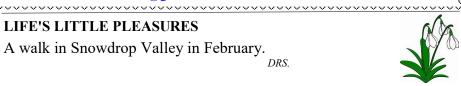
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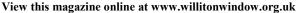
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Our last meeting was held on February 6th in the Sampford Brett Village Hall with a large cake to celebrate the ninth year of the group. The meeting started at 2.p.m preceded by exercises again led by David Freemantle. He told the members of several websites that showed exercises designed for Parkinson's sufferers, all clearly demonstrated. Next meeting the exercises will be led by Linda Bishop.

Ginny our Treasurer gave members the good news that the Watchet Book Shop have given WASPs a generous grant towards the cost of booking and heating the Sampford Brett Village Hall for their meetings.

Doctor Simon Cooper local Parkinson's specialist was expected to talk at the meeting, but unfortunately was unable to attend at the last minute, we hope he will be able to come to one of our future meetings.

The impressive Birthday cake was cut by Anne Luttrell, our President, and slices were taken round to everyone there while the Gadzooks Ukulele Band played for our entertainment during tea. They played songs and pieces with lively enthusiasm and skill. It was their first concert together since lockdown and their music was much enjoyed by audience and musicians.

Our next meeting will be at The Sampford Brett Village Hall on Thursday 3rd March starting at 2 p.m. but preceded by Parkinson exercises at 1.30.pm. The speaker will be Izzy Sylvester, our local village agent.

The meeting on Thursday 5th May will be a Cream Tea at The Farm Shop at Doniford Farm.

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 phone Linda on 01984 631472 Rosemary Freemantle.



Anne Lutterell cutting the cake



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As I walk around the park with Oscar, I am heartened to see the bulbs that were donated and planted last year inching up out of the ground. Hopefully March will see them bloom, bringing some much needed colour to the park and push back some of the gloom.

As ever, we are still asking for more volunteers to help organise fundraising events, please let the ladies in the Parish Office know if you can help.

We have no "special" fundraising events this month, but both our regulars are running:

Bingo – Tuesday 8th & 22nd March.

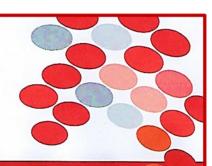
Film Night – Tuesday 29th March – King Richard

Bunting

Thank you for the material dropped off to me, very much appreciated. Still need more, you can drop to my doorstep 25 North Croft or email me cllr.howes@willitonpc.org.uk with your address and I can collect.

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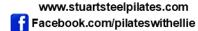
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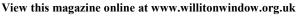
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