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For details of other local churches see page 8.



## Services in April at St Peter's Church Williton

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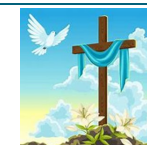
Sunday	3rd	April	10.00am	Family Worship
Sunday	10th	April	09.15am	Parish Communion Palm Sunday Holy Week
Monday	11th	April	07.00pm	Holy Week reflective worship <b>At St Decumans</b>
Tuesday	12th	April	07.00pm	Holy Week reflective worship
Wednesday	13th	April	07.00pm	Holy Week reflective worship <b>At St Decumans</b>
Thursday	14th	April	07.00pm	Maundy Thursday
Friday	15th	April	02.00pm	Good Friday (An hour before the cross)
Saturday	16th	April	08.00pm	Service of Light <b>At St Decumans</b>
Sunday	17th	April	09.15am	Parish Communion Easter Day
Sunday	24th	April	09.15am	Parish Communion

**Every Tuesday 10.00am Morning Prayer**

The church is now open every day for private prayer 08.30am - 6.00pm

### St Peter's Church Contact Details:

<b>Vicar</b>	Position Vacant	*Enquiries to Churchwardens
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 Sarah Lander Tel. 07765 881229 email: [sclarkelander@gmail.com](mailto:sclarkelander@gmail.com)  
 Janet Bremner Tel. 01984 632118 email: [janetbremner31@btinternet.com](mailto: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](mailto:mike@watchetbaptist.org.uk) or telephone Mrs M Collinson: 01984 632537  
 Mrs S Shearer: 01984 568310 or visit the website: [www.watchetbaptist.org.uk](http://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)

Spring is here and we can see some lovely Spring flowers in Mollie's garden when we meet for our Sunday worship at her house, 2 Higher Croft, Tower Hill. Please feel free to come and join us then at 10.30am or on Fridays between 10 am and 12, when we have a coffee and chat meeting. Everyone is welcome to come and meet not only 'church' people but others as well, and enjoy a drink and biscuits and a chat about whatever you like.

Over Easter we will join in with other churches in Williton for the Walk of Witness on Good Friday, which follows a short service at St. Peter's. On Palm Sunday, April 10th, Rev Jane Sperring will lead a service of Holy Communion at Mollie's house and Penny Williams will lead us on Easter Sunday, the following weekend, again at Mollie's. Our other preacher in April will be Rev. Nick Lakin on April 24th and Lynne Wooldridge will be with us May 1st. We pray for Bridget and Paul, Clare, Irene, Angie and Angela, and for the people of Williton. We pray also for the people of Ukraine as they face a war torn existence, and the people of Russia in whose name this war is being pursued. We ask God to clear hearts and minds of prejudice and give strength to the leaders of countries so that they will follow the path of peace.

It has been so good to see how much help is being offered and given to the people affected by the war from ordinary people here in Williton and the surrounding area, and we thank God for all of you good souls. When there is so much bad news in the media, it is wonderful to see such kindness and goodness in action, thank you.  
**Team Ministry:** Rev Nick Lakin: 01643 705175.  
**Stewards:** Mrs R Troman: 01984 633199 Mrs J Sefton: 01984 656652.

### Salvation Army Watchet Corps

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Spring is in the air, and we are all starting to venture out as the weather improves and now all restrictions have been lifted.

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From activities to events and challenges, you can find a roundup of our latest stories and all the great stuff happening near you at [www.getoutsideinsomerset.co.uk](http://www.getoutsideinsomerset.co.uk) Do you want to find things to do in Somerset this Spring, or find activities for all abilities, or need some help setting some goals and intentions, we have lots of interesting blogs for you, along with opportunities to volunteer and ways to be active? All information can be found on the website or on our social media channels. Take a look today at [www.getoutsideinsomerset.co.uk/news](http://www.getoutsideinsomerset.co.uk/news)

### Talking Cafés

Many of our Talking Cafes have returned with no need to book or make an appointment.

To find your local Talking Café visit: <https://somersetagents.org/talking-cafes/> Or watch our Talking Cafes LIVE on Facebook :

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If you have any queries or would like to find out more feel free to call Alison on **07796 780498** or Tony on **07831 104896**, alternatively e-mail Alison on [hadleysecretsquirrels@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hadleysecretsquirrels@hotmail.co.uk)

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Alison Hadley.



## WSMLA Guided Walks 2022

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## West Somerset Family History Group



The February meeting was very informative, one of our group helped us to make sense of our DNA test results and how they can help us in our research.

Our next meeting is on 27th April in the Brendon Room. We have our first speaker this year who will be John Page talking to us about the Bristol Channel Lighthouses.

Entrance is £1.50 for SDFHS members and £3 for visitors who are always made welcome. Email: [westsomfhg@gmail.com](mailto:westsomfhg@gmail.com) for more information.

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# **Faith Reflection**

“A lot of people like cats. Take the Pope, for example: I read recently that he was a cat-oholic!”

I love jokes. That one is from Milton Jones. And my thanks to the Roman Catholics in our community for their patience – it was too good not to use!

We use the idea of an -aholic to describe people who are really, really keen on something. Even something that could be healthy can become a problem if we get fixed on it, such as work or exercise. There are plenty of things that people get worked up about and can't quite leave alone – whether it's a pet peeve, a local issue or a football team. And being an -aholic can make us difficult to talk to or to live with.

There are two bits of the bible that have something to say about this. Psalm 23 says that God wants to give us rest so we can enjoy peace and nourishment. And Romans 12 says that, as much as we can, we should live at peace with people.

Being an -aholic makes that difficult.

Sometimes, we need to remember that we are more than just the causes we fight for or the things we do. Bustling around the place is only useful up to a point. When we chase our tail, we get nowhere – and life is not supposed to be an obstacle course. As Milton Jones says, “If you're being chased by a police dog, try not to go through a tunnel, then on to a little seesaw, then jump through a hoop of fire. They're trained for that!” Take care and God bless.

*Mike Sherburn, Watchet Baptist Church.*

## **LET'S GET SQUARE MAKING AGAIN**

Following an incredibly generous donation from a lady sadly no longer with us, we have lots of wool in lots of colours to start knitting/crocheting 6<sup>in</sup> squares again.


These will be made into wrap-around coats to be given\* to people who are unfortunate enough to suffer from fuel poverty. Wool can be collected from, and squares dropped off at 25 North Croft / 1 The Old Methodist Hall, Tower Hill / Williton Parish Council. Thank You.







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## WILLITON BOWLING CLUB



Williton Bowling Club members have been working hard over the last few months getting the clubhouse, green and surroundings ready for the 2022 season. Opening day will now be on **Saturday April 16th** commencing at **2 pm**. The year ahead will see us operate under no virus restrictions, and hopefully have an action packed season with a full fixture list of friendly and league fixtures.

The club will commence with roll ups for members on Monday and Friday evenings at 6pm and on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm. If anyone is interested in joining this friendly club and want to learn the skills of bowling please come in and speak to someone, who will give you all the information you need.

The club has qualified Bowls England coaching staff, who can take you onto the green for a free introductory session. We do ask you to bring along a flat pair of shoes to wear on the green, we supply the rest of the equipment.

If anyone would like to go down at some other time please phone the club secretary, Stan Martin on **07967 595363** to book up a suitable time.

*Stan Martin secretary.*

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

### Living with Covid 19.

Last month when I included my thought on Good Health little did I realise that both my wife and myself would be struck down with this awful virus.

As I write this 10 days on from our first positive test we are still positive with the virus. Yes we are both getting better and yearn to be able to go out. The current regulations seem to imply that we do not need to self isolate but we have and still are at the time of writing. We would not want to knowingly pass this on to others.

We like many over the past two years had managed to evade the virus following all the precautions but in the past couple of months we have been lulled into letting our guard down and now have paid the price!

This virus affects all of us in different ways some worse than others in our case Jackie my wife was not as badly affected as myself, for me it was awful. Yes we are both triple jabbed and are thankful and grateful to the health services and scientists who made the impact for us and many others less severe.

The lottery is you do not know how it will affect you and so can live in fear. Having now gone through a bout of this we will be endeavouring to be a little more careful when we get to venture out. Be sensible stay safe!!

*DRS Editor.*



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We ask you to see what you have that you would be willing to contribute to this stall and to telephone Maggie Pumphrey on 656394 so that she can arrange collection or delivery.

Alternatively email Maggie on [maggie@benandjosh.plus.com](mailto:maggie@benandjosh.plus.com)

Thank you so much, and please join us on the day.

## 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: 07765 842747
Weds	10 - 11am. Move it or Lose it	Pavilion	Tel: 07421 762532
	6.30pm - 8.00pm	Cubs (Guide & Brownie HQ)	Tel: 07398 717048
Thurs	5.30pm - 6.30pm	Rainbows	Tel: 07484 601929
Fridays	9.30 - 10.30am Zumba	Pavilion	Tel: 07738 676832
	12 Noon Colin's Walks	Opposite Library at bench by 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 April

Tues	5th	Bingo	7.00pm for 7.30pm start Pavilion
Thurs	7th	Wasps AGM	1.00pm Sampford Brett Village Hall
Fri	15th	Community Market	9.00am to 11.30am Williton Social Club
Sat	16th	New Bowling Season	2.00pm Bowling Club by Memorial Ground
Sun	17th	Easter Egg Hunt	2.00pm to 3.00pm Memorial Ground
Tues	19th	Bingo	7.00pm for 7.30pm start Pavilion
Thurs	21st	Women's Institute	2.00pm Pavilion (Brendon Room)
Sun	24th	Car Boot Sale	11.00am to 1.00pm
Mon	25th	Garden Club	7.30pm Danesborough Common Rooms
Tues	26th	Film Club	6.30pm for 7pm start Pavilion
Weds	27th	Family History Group	7.00pm to 9.00pm Pavilion

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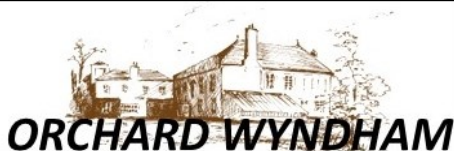
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**MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A LOCAL COUNCILLOR**

Williton Parish Council is calling on residents, passionate about their community to stand in the local elections taking place on 5th May 2022.

### What do councillors do?

Councillors are the champions of the community and give residents a voice on the decisions the council makes. Becoming a councillor will allow you to make a real difference in your community by engaging with residents, local groups and businesses to find out their needs; making decisions on which services and projects the council should take forward; and getting involved locally to ensure the services are meeting our community's needs.

### How long does it take?

On average, three hours a week for council work. This often includes attending meetings, engaging with residents and speaking on behalf of the council to other bodies. Meetings are held on Monday evenings and consist of Full Council Meeting, Environment and Planning Committee, Finance and Administration Committee and Trustee of the Memorial Ground.

### Can I stand?

There are only a few rules to stand for election. You must be:

- A British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth, or the European Union.
- 18 years of age or older.
- Live in an area that is served by a local council.

### How can I get involved and get more information?

If you would like to stand for election, application forms, (which are available from The Parish Office, SWT District Offices or on Somerset West and Taunton Council website), need to be submitted to SWT District Council by 4pm on the 5th April 2022.

Please contact Michelle Francis, Clerk at Williton Parish Council,

Tel: 01984 633979 or email [clerk@willitonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@willitonpc.org.uk)

## St Peters Church Williton Fundraising Evening

We have booked the Bengal Spice restaurant for a charity fundraising meal.



**.15pm Tuesday 26th April at £19 per head**

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## Williton Pavilion & War Memorial Recreation Ground

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Our regular fundraising events this month are **Bingo** – Tue 5th & 19th and **Film Nights** – Tue 26th April – *Ghostbusters Afterlife*.

April sees our first **Inside Out Car Boot** on **Sunday 24th, 11am-1pm** with sellers setting up from 10am. £5 car / £7 van / £10 indoor table\*. We will also have two **Duck Races** - midday and 1pm.

For our first **Williton Gardens** on Saturday 21st May we have a respectable number signed up. But still plenty of space for more, so please contact the Parish Office by 15th Apr if you are interested so we can include you on the map.

**Bunting** - Thank you for the fabric dropped off to me so far, it is very much appreciated. With the upcoming Jubilee Weekend, we still need lots more – you can drop to 25 North Croft or Parish Council offices.

**Poppies** – Wool boxes – at 25 North Croft, 1 Old Methodist Hall, Tower Hill and Parish Office – have red and black wool. We are looking to make a bigger display for the Memorial Shelter in November, so help knitting or crocheting poppies would be much appreciated.

As ever, I am asking for **volunteers** to help with our fundraising events; please let the ladies in the Parish Office know if you can help or pop along to the next Event Meeting on Wed 13th Apr in the Pavilion Quantock Room at 7pm. If you are new to the village, a sure-fire way of meeting people is to help out with refreshments!

### Dates for your diary:

Sun 17 Apr – Easter Egg Hunt.  
Sunday Inside Out Car Boots – 24 Apr / 29 May / 26 Jun / 31 Jul / 28 Aug / 25 Sep.  
Sat 21 May – Williton Gardens.  
Thu 2 Jun – Lighting of the Beacon.  
Sun 5 Jun – Big Jubilee Picnic in the Park.  
Sat 3 Sep – Village Fete.  
Sat 3 Dec – Christmas Craft Market.  
Sat 17 Dec – Santa's Grotto.



## EASTER EGG HUNT

**Sunday 17 April**  
**2:00 PM—3:00 PM**

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Groups 6-30 / £10.00p per person

## April 5 & 19



### @ The Pavilion

Doors Open 19:00 / Eyes Down 19:30

£7 six books including cup tea/coffee

Raffle 50p a strip / Snowball £1

Football Scratch Cards 50p

FREE parking in Killick Way after 18:00; just 2 minutes walk from Pavilion. Limited disabled parking at Pavilion, please ensure permit is clearly displayed.

**Sunday 24 April**  
**11am—1pm**



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## Tue 26 April

Doors Open 18:30; Film starts 19:00 prompt

@ Williton Pavilion



Advance tickets available from  
Parish Office, Holly Barn Antiques & Williton Post Office

Advance: £4 / On the door: £5

Light refreshments (tea/coffee/softs/beer/wine) available

## Down at the Station

April 2022



.By the time you are reading this issue of the Williton Window we hope that there will have been two weekends of trains running the whole line from Bishops Lydeard to Minehead – the first service trains for over two years. The crossing barriers at Minehead, damaged by storm Eunice have been replaced or repaired as necessary and we truly hope we do not get winds like that again for a long time.

At Williton maintenance has gone on during the closed season although we have not been able to do all we had set our minds on for all sorts of reasons! In case anyone is wondering, the current colour of the exterior of the shop (battleship grey) is not the new colour for the WSR, but merely an undercoat. Hopefully this will be completed within the next few weeks.

All the station signage has been refreshed and re-hung and most importantly we have a brand new timber floor in the entrance hall, thanks to G.A. Sully & Sons. I was getting quite concerned about the old floor which had become more rotten it seemed, with every week we went down there!

The new 2022 Timetables are now available at the station and in the early part of the season trains will again only start at Bishops Lydeard, with the first train out of Minehead leaving at 12.20. When we get into May there will be one from Minehead at 10.00 each day.

We look forward to welcoming back old friends and new, who like to come along and watch/smell the trains and enjoy a cuppa or ice cream from the shop. There are still plenty of books for sale and later in the season our Plant & Produce Stall will again be on the platform.

*John Parsons, Stationmaster.*



## Williton Garden Club



. We had a good turn out on 28th February when Lady Christine Skelmersdale came along and gave us an enthusiastic illustrated talk on 'Year Round Bulbs' We really do have bulbs coming up all the time in one form or another. She brought several samples for sale which were appreciated. It was good to welcome new members at that meeting, and I hope they will come along again.

This month of March, on the 28th again, Richard Horswood is due to come and show us lots of pictures of his trip around New Zealand by Camper Van, which I am sure will be enlightening. Then the April meeting will be our Annual General meeting when the usual presentation of accounts, election of officers and committee take place. We are likely to show another couple of Geoff Hamilton's videos as well, after the formal business !

*John Parsons Chairman.*



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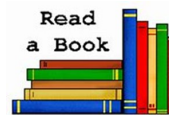
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### Library News

#### URGENT REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS



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.

We would also like more volunteers to come forward to help with the Home Library Service. Books are delivered to housebound residents which obviously provide a lifeline for some members of our community. If you could give up a few hours each week, please pop in to ask for details.

Our iPad loan scheme is continuing to be popular. If you would like to borrow one free of charge from the library, please pop into see us. The scheme is designed to assist those looking for work and those wanting to develop new skills. They come with helpful information for those wanting support with finding work, writing a CV and interview techniques. The device needs no internet connection.



Is one of your plans for 2022 to research your family tree? Do you need help getting started? We run individual sessions on the first Wednesday afternoon of the month where you can be supported on using Ancestry with our experienced volunteer. Sessions need to be booked in advance.



Our popular Monday Rhyme Time sessions at 11am with Billy are a regular event. Please come along with your pre school children and join us for a song and a story. Booking is not necessary.



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 feel that you can book a session to use it.

If you would like to use the library space for a group to meet you are most welcome.

Craft groups, dads' groups, knit and natter are all most welcome. Please pop into the library to discuss your requirements.

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

*Williton Library staff.*

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## BETTER BUS CHARTER FOR SOMERSET

We need to do something about improving our buses in Somerset. Our county currently has the second lowest level of bus journeys per resident of all the counties in England and Somersets bus services have the very lowest level of passenger satisfaction in the country.

Residents of Somerset experience this every day, whether it's with difficulties getting to health services, reduced opportunities for those seeking work and further education or just the limited (if any) evening and Sunday bus services. As a result, we see ever increasing numbers of cars on our roads which causes higher levels of local air pollution and increase our carbon emissions.

Somerset Bus Partnership was formed just a year ago to campaign for better bus services across our county and already we have a Somerset-wide network of 115 town and parish transport representatives who share our passion for better buses.

Somerset residents have every right to expect better, but it will need funding.

We have developed a Somerset Bus Charter and invite not just Councillors but community groups, churches & residents to join with us & endorse it. Get in touch [somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com](mailto:somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com)

## THE SOMERSET BUS CHARTER

### BETTER BUSES FOR ALL OUR COMMUNITIES

We need a core network of frequent, high-quality services linking our towns and main villages with enhanced weekend and evening services. Also we want an extension of the demand-responsive 'Slinky' bus services, available to all and with longer operating hours.

### AN INTEGRATED TRANSPORT NETWORK

We need bus routes to link with local railway stations with timetables that offer improved connections between buses and trains.

We also want to see the introduction of integrated ticketing across the county's different bus operators and with trains too.

### PROMOTION OF EXISTING AND NEW SERVICES

We should be promoting the bus as an important way by which we all can address the climate emergency in Somerset (transport accounts for nearly half of all carbon emissions in Somerset).

To enable more to go by bus, it is essential that current bus timetable information is shown at all main bus stops and bus times information is available in libraries and at other information points.

### AN AFFORDABLE TRANSPORT SERVICE FOR ALL

We should make bus travel more attractive through cheaper fares especially targeted at young people up to the age of 25. Plus, for everyone, a new, all-operator, countywide value ticket.

### CLEANER BUSES

We want an accelerated transition from diesel buses to zero emission buses.

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Williton War Memorial  
Recreation Ground  
Sunday 5th June 2022  
13:00—15:00 hours  
Bring your own picnic

Event sponsored by Williton Parish Council

**the big lunch**   **nextdoor** 

The Platinum Jubilee of Elizabeth II is being celebrated this year in the Commonwealth to mark the 70th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II on 6 February 1952 and Williton will be celebrating this unprecedented anniversary in the Memorial Ground on Thursday 2nd and Sunday 5th June.

On **Thursday 2nd June**, we will be **lighting the beacon at 21:45 hours** joining more than 1,500 other beacons across the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories.

On **Sunday 5th June** we will be celebrating **The Big Jubilee (Picnic) Lunch** starting at 13:00 hours in Williton War Memorial Recreation Ground. This will be an informal afternoon of fun, food, entertainment and competitions.

Bring your own picnic please, although we hope there will be some food stalls, at the time of writing, this is not confirmed. The Pavilion will be open and we hope to show the Platinum Jubilee Pageant on the big screen inside.

We would like to decorate the Pavilion and if anyone has photographs of other Williton Jubilees or indeed any memorabilia that we could borrow for the exhibition it would be most appreciated, please drop it in to the Parish Office.

We will also be decorating the tree on Bellamy's Corner, so if anyone has anything (or would like to make something) suitable in red, white and/or blue please take it to the Parish Office. We will be decorating the tree at the end of May.

*These events are sponsored by Williton Parish Council.*



### WILLITON WI

Our speaker in March was Nigel Phillips, Somerset Wildlife Trust's Coastal Ambassador, ecologist and author. Nigel told us of the huge diversity of wildlife to be found on our local beaches, all beautifully illustrated. We shall certainly be tempted to look more closely on our next trip to the coast.

The next meeting will be held in The Pavilion on Thursday **21st April at 2pm**. We shall have a short AGM followed by an afternoon with 'Abba'.

New members and visitors (£3.50) are always most welcome.

*June Irving Secretary.*

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## WILLITON WEATHER



### MARCH

At the time of writing we are starting to see more sunny days and the start of bud burst on the trees. Spring is happening at last better days ahead.

### FEBRUARY

A minimum temperature of 0°C on the 11th.

The maximum temperature was 17°C on the 16th. But there were 10 days we had over 13°C and there were nine nights with a temperature of 8°C or more.\*

The maximum pressure of 30.3 inches was on the 10th.

The minimum pressure of 29.2 inches was on the 19th.

The total rainfall was 73.5mm. Wetter than February 2021.



### NATURE NOTES

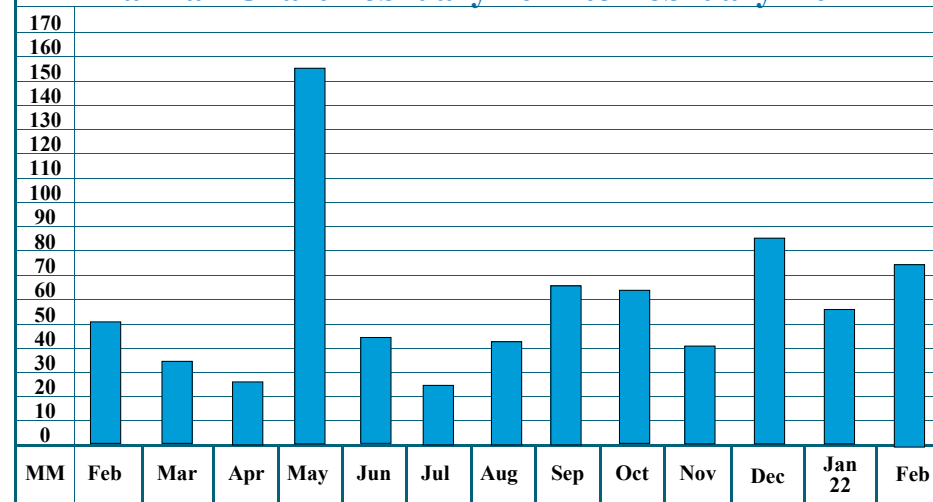
With few frosts, lots of sunny days and \*mild nights we have seen plants flowering in the wrong order. Eg. Tulips before crocuses. In sunny areas of Williton the frogs were out a few weeks ago so that by the 3rd Week there were tadpoles to be seen. Of course the birds are building nests while we see butterflies about again.

### ASTRONOMICAL NEWS

In late March or early April Mercury can be seen (difficult) in the evening sky. The main planets you should be able to see are – Venus, Mars and Saturn – best seen in the eastern pre-dawn sky .

PJ.

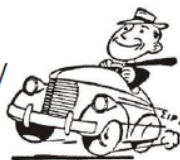
**Rainfall Chart February 2021 to February 2022**





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**Fortnightly: Wednesdays,** The Greyhound Inn, Lime Street, Stogursey, 9.30am-12pm Tel: 01278 733 615

**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

**Every Friday:** @ The Hub, Hopcott Rd, Alcombe, Minehead 9.30am-12pm Tel: 01643 707598

#### VALUED VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

at all hubs please phone if you can help!

07392316158



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

For full details & Tickets see:  
[www.regaltheatre.co.uk](http://www.regaltheatre.co.uk)



### April

We start off April with **System Crasher 5th April** Dir Nora Fingscheidt – Germany A compelling, multi award-winning drama about a troubled nine-year-old, unofficially called a 'system crasher' by social services because they are unable to cope, and her wild quest for love. **Subtitled**

We are pleased to bring a live performance of **LA TRAVIATA** from the Royal Opera House on **13th April**. Richard Eyre's production for The Royal Opera recently celebrated 25 years on the Royal Opera House stage and this year returns with acclaimed opera star Pretty Yende as Violetta. Sung in Italian with English subtitles.

Panto returns to the Regal stage "**Oh Yes It does**" on **16th April** and runs until **23rd April 2022** once again with the family fun filled product of Aladdin. Come and Join us on this magical carpet ride. Written by Alan P Frayn, performed by a host of local talent. Please note the various start times on our website.

**Five Star Swing** – Greatest Songs from The Movies **28th April**. From Pinewood to Hollywood! Join us for an unforgettable mix of themes and songs from the greatest movies of all time – Star Wars, James Bond, Lawrence of Arabia... Performed by multi-Instrumental/vocalists Five Star Swing.

### Fundraising Event

**Come and join us on 30th April for a special Fundraising Event organised** by the Regal Theatre and Minehead Literary Festival to raise funds for the theatre's post-covid recovery. Entitled **Maverick Men and Criminal Deeds**, which sees broadcaster and writer Joan Bakewell, novelist and biographer Margaret Drabble talking to John Preston about his books "A Very English Scandal," biography of "Robert Maxwell Fall: The Mystery of Robert Maxwell" as well as his three-part drama series **Stonehouse** for ITV. An evening that is not to be missed.

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## WORDSEARCH FOR APRIL

*by Phyllis Chidgey*  
**A Happy Easter to you all**



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 \* **FORGET ME NOT CAFE** \*  
 \* In the Sanctuary Swain Street Watchet 10.30 to Noon \*  
 \* **April 6th:** Easter Crafts. **April 20th** Chair dancing /exercise with Shirley Allnutt \*  
 \* **May 4th:** Coffee, chat and games. \*  
 \* **May 18th:** Dementia Action Week & 7th birthday \*  
 \* For any further details contact: Margaret Tatham on **07973 638030** \*  
 \* or email [watchetdementia@gmail.com](mailto:watchetdementia@gmail.com) \*  
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Spring Daffodils in the garden

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## Williton And Surrounding Parkinson's Support Group WASPS



Report on our last Meeting on March 3rd in The Sampford Brett Village Hall at 1.15 pm.

Even though the weather was a bit dreary it did not lower our enthusiasm and the WASPS started off the meeting with exercises. Linda Bishop led the exercises beginning with movements to help cope with the stiffness and lack of coordination that Parkinson's brings to us all. We finished the class by throwing handkerchiefs in the air and then stretching to catch them.

We had two representatives, Sinead and Wayne, from "The Somerset Village & Community Agents" to come and explain the role of a village agent. It is to assist people who are in need of advice and help and have nowhere else to turn. It is so reassuring to know that you can contact your village agent for free, confidential, and practical support.

We had lots of time for a chat and a chance to catch up with others in the group while enjoying a biscuit and a cup of tea or coffee.

### April 7th is our AGM

We have not managed to have an AGM for 2 years. There will be no exercise class. Meeting will start at 1.00pm. There will be a finger buffet, tea / coffee, with quizzes. Note – please bring a pen or pencil !! Followed by the AGM. Everyone welcome. Also welcome are any ideas for upcoming meetings, speakers or anything else. The AGM is for you – the Members, so don't be shy. The next meeting on Thursday 5th May will be a Cream Tea at The Farm Shop at Donniford 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 [waspcontact@gmail.com](mailto:waspcontact@gmail.com) (in a real emergency Tel: Linda on 01984 631472).

*Rosemary Freemantle.*

## Do you enjoy singing?

To coincide with the lighting of the Beacons to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee a "Song for the Commonwealth" has been specially composed. It would be lovely to have a Williton Community Choir to sing this song at the lighting of our Beacon at 9.45 pm on Thursday 2nd June. We would welcome all ages and all voices to sing, and rehearsals would be planned, if you are interested, please gather in the Parish Office on Saturday 9th April from 10.30 am, teas and coffee available, to work out how we can move this forward. More details can be found on [www.commonwealthresounds.com/qpbj](http://www.commonwealthresounds.com/qpbj).

If you would like to take part but cannot make the meeting, please contact the Parish Office **01984 633979** or email [clerk@willitonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@willitonpc.org.uk) and we will keep you informed.



*Liz Payne.*

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## Great News

### St Peters & St Decumans Churches

We are delighted to announce the appointment of The Reverend Mark Phillips to the post of Vicar of the Benefice of Watchet and Williton.

This appointment is subject to enhanced DBS clearance. Mark is currently Rector of Charminster, Stinsford and the Chalk Stream Villages in the Diocese of Salisbury.

A licensing date will be arranged in due course.

We hold Mark and his wife, Clare, and our parishes in our prayers at this time of transition.



## Williton Film Nights @ The Pavilion

### GHOSTBUSTERS AFTERLIFE - Tue 26 April, 19:00 hrs

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Dawn Howes

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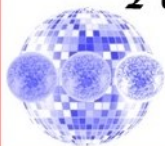
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