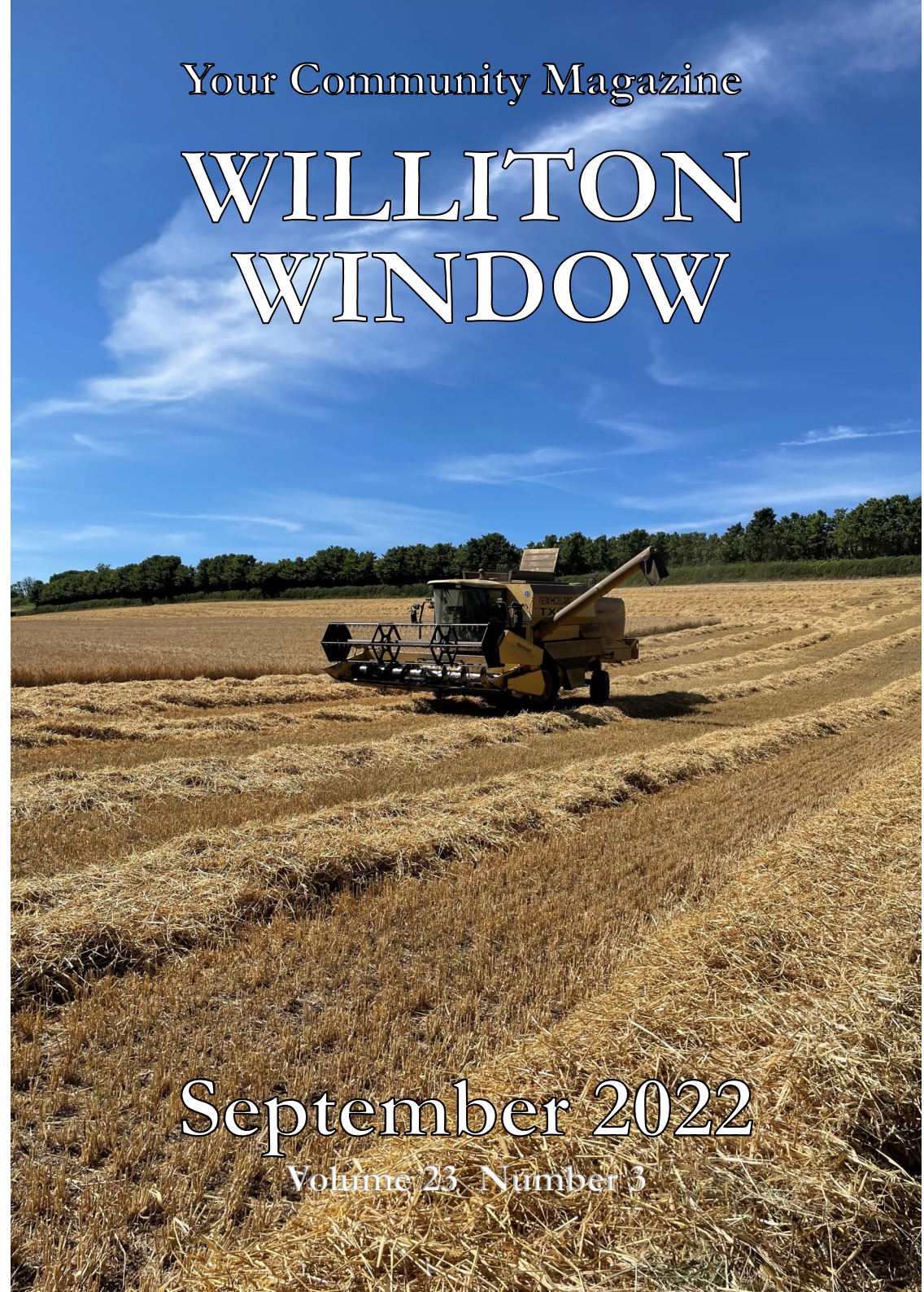


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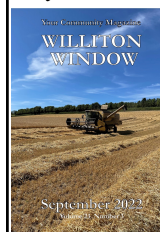
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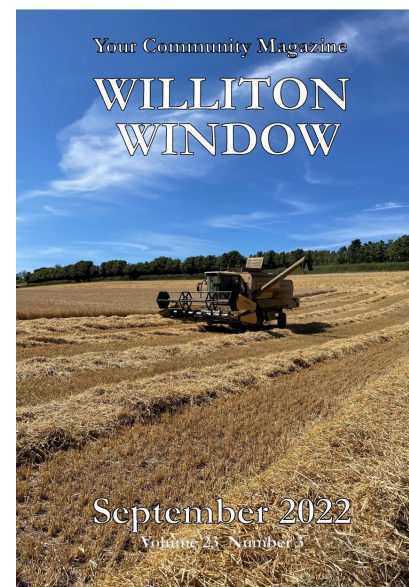
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This magazine is now in its 23rd year and facing an uncertain future. The last two years has turned all our lives upside down bringing various challenges for all of us. The magazine management committee members have tried during the COVID Pandemic to keep it going and agreed to not increase its advertising rates to help support the community that it is a part of and supports. However, in May of this year as a knock on effect from the war in Ukraine the energy costs for all of us have increased massively which for the magazine manifested itself in a dramatic increase in the printing cost of the magazine.

This has meant that we have been left with no choice but to increase advertising rates considerably for the first time in many years with the hope we can maintain our advertising support. Without the advertising revenue past and present we would not be here so we thank all our advertisers for their support and hope we can survive as a community magazine. We also appreciate that it is a very difficult time for many with all the rising costs. We will for cost reasons lose some advertisers which brings our future into jeopardy. We do receive some extra support in the form of a grant and for this we are very thankful but it will not be enough.

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Sunday	11th	9.15am	Parish Communion
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	Mrs Sue Withycombe	01984 632596
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Revd Mark Philips

On Thursday 21st July 2022 the licensing service took place at St Peters Church of our new Vicar of the Benefice of Watchet with Williton.

After an interregnum of eighteen months Rev Mark was licensed by the Bishop of Taunton at a service where Rev Mark was supported by other local clergy and the parishioners of St Peter's and St Decumans Churches.

Following the service there was a reception in the churchyard where everyone attending could enjoy the refreshments and get the chance to meet Rev Mark.

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(Picture: Rev Mark Phillips centre with Rev Andrew Tatham behind)


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The Baptist Church meets 10.30am at Knights Templar School on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. At other times, there are a series of smaller gatherings. 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

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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 1st Anniversary service of meeting at Mollie's bungalow. Unfortunately, our superintendent minister, Rev Nick Lakin will be unable to lead us as he has contracted covid, and we hope he will feel much better soon. I will give a report of our service in the October magazine.

So we have been meeting at 10.30am at 2 Higher Croft, Tower Hill for a year and the time has gone by really fast. Our numbers vary from two to many more and we always enjoy our services, no matter how many we are. If you ever want to come and join in, please do, just turn up and you will be given a warm welcome. And on Fridays Mollie opens her home again in the morning for Coffee and Chat, when the conversation ranges over all sorts of things and everyone is welcome. We also collect donations for charities, the present one being Methodist Homes.

We came from the Methodist Church, but are very happy to see anyone who would like to know more about us and about the faith in the love of God for His world and all people which we share with so many other faith groups.

We have different preachers every Sunday and here is a list of who we will have to visit us in September -

4th Rev Chloe Jones. **11th** Lynne Wooldridge. **18th** Margaret Lintern.

25th Rebecca Edwards.

So we give thanks for our year at Mollie's and look to the future with joy and hope in our hearts.

We hold in our prayers Father Michael of the Roman catholic community in this area, wishing him a good retirement and our best wishes go to his successor, Father David. We also hold up to the Lord, Paul and Bridget, Angie and Nigel, Weet and Barbara for healing. We ask God to ease the worries of all for whom the cost of living rise has meant so many problems and we give thanks for all who are engaged in helping them.

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	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
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This Month's Meetings Groups & Events for September

Sat	3rd	Village Fete/Show	Williton Pavilion & Memorial Ground
Tues	6th	Good Neighbours Group	2.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Tues	6th	Bingo	7.00pm for 7.30pm start Pavilion
Wed	7th	Wasps	1.30pm Sampford Brett Village Hall
Weds	7th	Family History Session	2&3pm Williton Library (Must Be Booked)
Thur	15th	Women's Institute	2.00pm The Pavilion
Tues	20th	Employment Hub	10.00am to 12 noon Parish Council Rooms
Tues	20th	Bingo	7.00pm for 7.30pm start Pavilion
Sun	25th	Indoor/Outdoor Car Boot	11am to 1pm Pavilion & Memorial Ground
Mon	26th	Garden Club	7.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Tues	27th	Bingo (Christmas Carriage)	7.00pm for 7.30pm start Pavilion
Weds	28th	Family History Group	7.15pm Williton Pavilion

No Community Market in September

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This year the club has a contingent of players going on tour to the south coast, over 5 days playing 4 matches.

The club offers both competitive matches and friendly games. We welcome new members no matter what ability level. Contrary to belief this is not just a sport played by elderly people.

On **Saturday 3rd September** we shall be holding an open day. This will coincide with the Williton Fete. The open day will be a variety of fun activities when people of all ages can come along and have a go at bowling. We provide the equipment, just wear trainers or flat shoes. You may be even luckier and get a cup of tea or something stronger, and a slice of home made cake.

Stan Martin Club secretary.



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iPhone Returned Home



I would like to say thank you so much to the very kind, honest person, who picked up my son's iPhone which had fallen out of his bag onto the pavement near the farm shop in Williton on Monday 8th August, and handed it into the police station. I really couldn't be more grateful!

Tracy Smith.

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Faith Reflection

Where is your Gethsemane?



I was recently on a training day with the Diocese and was asked the question; "where is your Gethsemane?"

Where do you go like Jesus to recharge and to spend time with God? We all need a place to reflect on the ups and down of everyday life and realign because if we don't, we run the risk of becoming emotionally and spiritually exhausted. Some of the most "Godly" people I know take time out to replenish and refresh, it's how they keep doing the things they do, without it they would run the risk of serious burn out. The problem seems to come when the idea that sitting, of being still and resting, is just a time wasting exercise that should just be filled with other stuff. It should never be seen as wasted time, but necessary time, for our own wellbeing and for our own relationship building with God. And even if you struggle with the Christian way, you still need to take time to rest from the day to day workload and struggles, whatever that might look like for you.

After getting a few minutes to think on the question of Gethsemane, it was amazing to hear the different places and practices that individuals have and do, to find that God space. From running to yoga, painting to poetry and prayer and meditation of course, the most common idea of Gethsemane seemed to come with being outside. I wasn't surprised to be honest, because who doesn't feel surrounded by the greatest "Artist" in His most beautiful and complex creation and we are very blessed here in this area. You don't have to go far to see His most beautiful painted canvas of the Quantocks and the coastline.

For me though I am blessed with the most beautiful of gardens with an amazing view of a hillside. On that hillside I can sit and loose myself in all that troubles me, and I know every hedgerow and tree. Even when it became a muddy mess, I still dwelled in it. It is on that hillside that I refresh myself, realign myself and most importantly talk with God; not forgetting to listen of course.

So I will ask you again, where is your Gethsemane? If Jesus needed time to step away from the world to pray and rest, how much more then do us mere mortals need it.

Donna Marsden Reader and Lay Pioneer

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When you come to the meeting a warm and friendly lady is there to greet you. She will ask you what you want to drink so our tea ladies can have it ready for the chat session. You will see people smiling and greeting each other, just like friends do everywhere.

Next you are offered the opportunity to join in for the exercises. Nothing too strenuous but movements to help you cope with daily life. You feel much more relaxed and ready to get on with the meeting, we have such a diverse list of speakers, but it is good to hear about something different on all subjects.

Everyone is ready for their tea or coffee, with a biscuit of course. We all have name badges and try to remember to wear them. This helps to talk to others in the group. If you look around you will see a group of friends all mixing in to have a good time. You may want to talk to others and get some ideas on how to cope with all the various problems that Parkinson's brings. People are not shy to speak up because they know that everyone else is in the same boat.

We all help each other and we take time to listen. You will see that you are not alone. You can see the benefits of belonging to this group. You are encouraged to bring your spouse, partner, or a friend. They need these friends too. It is so nice to hear people tell me that they are not joiners and they were dubious about coming to this meeting, but after one meeting they started to learn that you are not alone, the WASPS are there when you are ready to welcome them into your life. Come out and play with us. Our next meeting is on **7th September at Sampford Brett Village Hall**. We start with an exercise session at 1:30pm and the meeting starts at 2pm. For more information call Linda at **01984 631472** or email Jane at waspcontact@gmail.com. Come along and give us a try, you do not have to be alone.

The WASPS Committee.

LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES

Seeing the rain after the very dry spell filling the garden water butts.

D.R.S.



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Williton Parish Council

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E-mail Michelle : clerk@willitonpc.org.uk or Julie : admin@willitonpc.org.uk

As I am writing this report the Met Office has issued an amber weather warning for extreme heat and a drought has officially been declared affecting a large part of England, fortunately we are not in that position yet but the effects of such a dry year so far is clear to see and there have been some large field fires nearby. Whatever is happening our weather and climate has changed significantly over the last few years with hotter and drier summers and periods of heavy rain causing the misery of flooding to many people. Somerset County Council and Somerset West and Taunton Council have both declared a climate emergency recently and Parish Councils across the county are also being asked to declare a climate emergency and join the Somerset Climate Action Network. Williton Parish Council are investigating what can be done locally to mitigate for the issues raised by climate change and establish what if any actions need to be taken before a declaration is made so that it is relevant to our community rather than just making a statement without any real meaning. In the meantime, I hope you are able to keep cool and please look out for your neighbours who may be seriously affected by the heat.

Recently there has been a lot of comments about irresponsible driving and particularly speeding through the village. The Parish Council has purchased a vehicle activated speed indicator device (better known as a SID) and locations around the village where it can be used have been agreed with Somerset County Council. We are now waiting for new posts to be installed, hopefully that won't take long, and we will start to see a reduction in speeding. The Parish Council has also been working with PCSO Thompson to re-establish a Community Speedwatch group in the village, sadly the people who originally volunteered have decided that it was not for them as quite a lot of work had gone into getting sites approved and organising kit, all that was left to be done was for a training session to be completed and they would have been ready to go. Fortunately, a new volunteer has kindly agreed to be a co-ordinator for Community Speedwatch in Williton and is looking for other volunteers to assist him. If you can help please contact the Parish Office and we will pass contact details on.

Over the last few months, the number of criminals trying to scam people has increased and the Parish Council puts details of new ones it hears about in the office window to warn residents what they are doing.

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To try and make more people aware of the types of fraud there is and how to protect yourselves we have arranged for a talk from the Avon and Somerset Police, Fraud and Cyber Protect Team on **Friday 21st October 2022 at 2:30pm in the Pavilion**. Posters advertising this will be put up around the village nearer the time.

Whilst this is not strictly for the Parish Council's report the Williton War Memorial Recreation Ground Charity has installed a Defibrillator at the Pavilion, at the time of writing it still needs the final commissioning to be completed but hopefully it will be fully working by the time you read this. This Defib together with the one on the Parish Office will be available 24 hours a day 365 days of the year. If you would like to know how these machines work and how to use them the Parish Council has arranged a training session at **6:00pm on Tuesday 8th November at the Pavilion**. Again, more details closer to the time but numbers will be limited so please book your place with the Parish Office as soon as possible if you would like to attend.

The Parish Council's constitution allows for 12 Councillors, currently there are 9 Councillors, and we are looking for 3 people to join us. If you would like to know more about what a councillor does and find out if there is a way that you can help in the way the Parish Council works please come to any of our meetings which are open to the public or speak to our Parish Clerk Michelle Francis (contact details on previous page).

Finally We have a special **Christmas Carriage Bingo on Tuesday 27th September** Doors Open 19:00 / Eyes Down 19:30. £7 six books including a cup tea/coffee, Raffle 50p a strip / Snowball £1, Football Scratch Cards 50p. All funds raised will go towards the booking fee for the carriage and horses for **The Christmas Festival on Saturday 17th December**. *Cllr. Peter Payne.*



WSMLA Guided Walks 2022

Booking and up-to-date information: Exmoor National Park (ENPA) on 01398 323841 or on our website, www.wsmr.org.uk Booking is essential;

Further walks and/or talks can be arranged for groups.

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Saturday 17th September, Ralegh's Cross Long Walk.

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The Event Team are furiously busy putting the final touches to our **Village Fete** on **Saturday 3rd September 2-5pm**. We still need help on the day running some of the areas including setting up tents 9am to 12 midday, helping on the **tombola / raffle** stall 2pm to 5pm, assisting in the **Flower, Produce & Craft Pavilion** 2pm to 4pm. If you can spare the time, please do email me at the Parish Office admin@willitonpc.org.uk or pop in.

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If you have any new items suitable for a **tombola** that you don't want/need, do please consider popping it down to the Parish Office.

Our regular fundraising events this month are:

Bingo – Tuesday 6th & 20th 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.

There is also an additional Bingo night on 27th September – see Parish Council editorial page for more details.

Inside Out Car Boot on Sunday 25th, 11am -1pm with sellers setting up from 10am. £5 car / £7 van / £10 indoor table. No Duck Race this month. Please phone Parish Office on **01984 633979** to book an indoor table.

Cllr Dawn-Lesley Howes.



WILLITON WI

This month the ladies of Williton WI went on a summer outing to Tyntesfield House. 'Normal services will be resumed' next month, back in the Williton Pavilion on Thursday the 15th of September at 2.00pm for a Beetle Drive, a bit of fun and a chat over a cup of tea and a bit of shortbread!! Non-members and visitors would be made most welcome (£3.50)

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Down at the Station

September 2022



At the time of writing we have just had our first evening of rain since I don't know when, and I wonder how many people were complaining about getting wet that first day!! I certainly got wet that first late afternoon when it thundered as well, but clothes quickly dry out. The water butt filled within a couple of hours which was good.

But - the Railway? Unfortunately for a couple of weeks during August we have had to run diesel hauled trains only, following several lineside fires, some of which were quite extensive but fortunately not serious enough to damage crops or property. It will be amazing how quickly everything will start to re-grow now that the rains have come and in a few weeks there will hardly be any signs of the fires.

Hopefully by the time this issue is published we will be back to steam again for the rest of the season. During September, from the 10th – 11th there will be the Forties Weekend which, although most events will be taking place at Watchet or Minehead, there will be signs of the times at other stations. At Williton it is hoped that we will have a couple of 40's era vehicles on display in the car park and some local residents suitably dressed for the period. Why not come down and visit the station – the shop will be open as usual and available for tea/coffee etc along with light refreshments and of course, ice cream.

At the end of the month from the 29th through till October 2nd there is the Autumn Steam Gala when there will be a more extensive timetable and hopefully some visiting engines as well – at the time of writing these have not been announced. I have also learned that the WSR have reintroduced the Annual Passes. At present these are only available on line, or from visiting the Minehead station offices, where full details can be found. Details are also online regarding the Christmas Santa Trains and a return of the Winterlights trains running during the evenings late in November and into December. These proved very popular last year.

John Parsons, Stationmaster.



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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IZZY SILVESTER
September News**



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Go to the 'Get Outside Somerset' activities web page for things happening across the county to get involved in or give a try! Visit:

<https://getoutsideinsomerset.co.uk/activities>

Are you Struggling with bills? Support is available!

Somerset County Council has launched the Household Support Fund, It is designed to provide short-term urgent financial help to Somerset residents who are struggling to afford household essentials such as buying food, paying for energy and water bills and other essential household items such as beds and white goods. **FIND OUT MORE HERE!** <https://tinyurl.com/2p8s59fk>

Creating homes for the homeless

Could you donate household items to help a homeless person move into a safe home? By donating, YOU can help someone create a warm, safe home and know you have made a huge difference to that person starting a new life.

We are looking for new or used (in good condition):

✔ Curtain poles ✔ Curtains/blinds ✔ Rugs, carpet off cuts ✔ Duvet covers.

If you have any of the items listed above and would like to donate, please contact Alex Fenion our Community Agent on: Email: alex@somersetccc.org.uk
Mob: 07375 371542

*If you are donating any textiles, please may you ensure they are free from holes, rips or tears.

Cyber Crime

Avon and Somerset Police are running a campaign around cybercrime and fraud, read their tips below on how you can protect yourself and your family, friends and loved ones from scams.

Download their information here: <https://tinyurl.com/2k27r9js>

To report a cybercrime visit:

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If you think your local CCS Village Agent help you in any way, please call Izzy on **07931 0180455** or email izzy@somersetccc.org.uk or phone Ruth on **07947 901240** or email Ruthw@somersetccc.org.uk.

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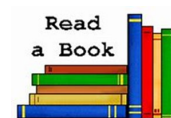
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Summer Reading Challenge



The Summer reading Challenge finishes on the 10th of September so make sure you have read your six books by then. Medals and certificates will go into school during September or can be collected from the library.

Do you need help with Technology?

Support is available every Thursday afternoon in the library where our volunteer will guide you through improving your skills with any device. These sessions need to be booked in advance and are free to any library members.

Are you interested in researching your family tree?

We run Individual Family history session on the first Wednesday of the month to support people through researching their family using Ancestry. These sessions run by our experienced volunteer need to be booked in advance.

We are still looking for volunteers for Lego Club on Saturday mornings and people to deliver for the home library service. Volunteers take book deliveries to our household members of the community which is a real lifeline for some people.

Rhyme Time

Good News. Our Popular Rhyme time sessions will be back soon. Sessions will take place on a Friday morning between 10.30 and 11am during term time only. Please keep an eye on our Facebook posts for a starting date.

Joining the Library

If you are not already a library member joining is easy and free. Call into the library with some form of ID such as a bus pass, Passport, driving licence and we will sign you up.

There are now no charges for under 17's for requesting books, DVD hire or overdue charges.

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

Williton Library staff.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

I wish I had more time!! In our modern lives this is a precious commodity try to use it wisely not forgetting to make time for yourself.



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Our July meeting was an open meeting where we were able to help members who were stuck, this carried on after the meeting too, which was great.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 28th Sept** and will be another open meeting where you can come along with any problems and as a group we will try to resolve them for you.

At the time of writing both sessions are available at the library on 7th Sept, 2pm & 3pm. You need to book with the library.

Entrance for the meeting is £1.50 for SDFHS members and £3 for visitors who are always made welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

Email: westsomfhg@gmail.com for more information.

Don't forget our monthly sessions at Williton library. The library uses Ancestry.com A volunteer will spend an hour with you to try to help in your research either if you are a beginner or someone who is 'stuck'. *Lesley Murray.*



Williton Fete Flower Produce and Craft Show

Saturday 3rd September 2022



By the time that you read this the Flower Produce and Craft Show which is being held alongside the Village Fete on Saturday 3rd September will only be a few days away.

The idea is for it to be a fun show and there are classes for children, vegetables, flowers, herbs, fruit, domestic and crafts so there should be something for everyone to bake, make or grow.

Entry forms are available from The Parish Office, the Post Office and Somerset Farmhouse.

Any queries or offers of help please contact Peter Payne **01984 633084** or email peterstjohnslock@aol.com



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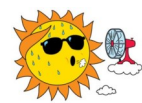
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WILLITON WEATHER



AUGUST

August continued on from July with very dry weather and another heatwave lasting around five days. This was followed with a deluge of rain with lots of flooding. The amount of rain was more in 24hrs than the whole of July.

We are now entering a "False Autumn", I feel sad for all water life due to lack of rain. This has also dried up many plants and trees. I understand it is as if the season is 5 to 6 weeks ahead. (So it seems like the end of September or October!)

JULY

As you may remember the hottest day here was Monday 18th of July yet the GB record was Tuesday the 19th at Coningsby Lincs, with 40.3°C. If you look on page 35 of August Williton Window you may see a detailed chart of the heatwave.

A minimum temperature of 10°C on the 14th.

The maximum temperature was 33.5°C on the 18th. (Not midday!)

The maximum pressure of 30.3 inches. On the 7th.

The minimum pressure of 29.75 inches. On the 24th.

The total rainfall was only 9 mm. (Extremely Low)



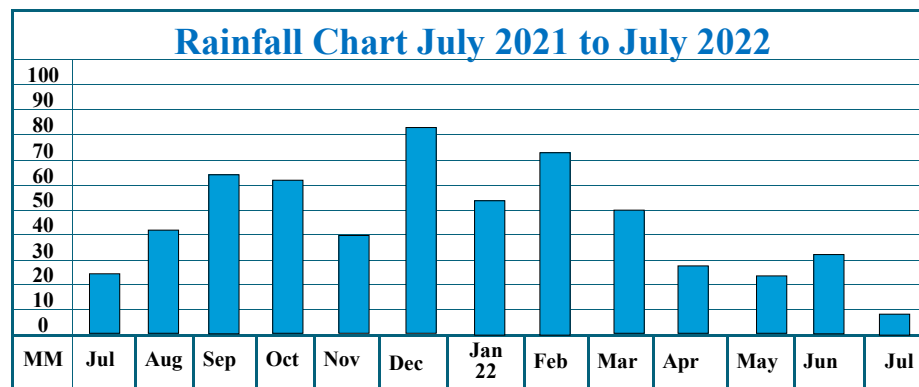
ASTRONOMICAL NEWS

You may have seen the news about the Artemis space mission with a sheep and a space dog on board.

You may try to see the planets in the September sky. We often get very clear skies at this time of year. Venus on September 9th will appear nearby and will be hard to miss. On September 16th look for Saturn near to the Moon. On

September 17th, Jupiter will pass by the Moon but this may be too faint to see.

Hope for good observing- Pj.



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September

Friday 2nd : 7.30pm. THE SWINGING BLUE JEANS

This iconic 60s Mersey band makes a welcome return to the Regal Theatre for another good time evening.

Friday 9th : 7.30pm. PHIL COLLINS...AND FINALLY

Credited as being the UK's Top Phil Collins Tribute, fronted by singer Chris O'Connell. Finalists in the 'Best Band' National Tribute Awards 2019.

Saturday 10th : 11am - 3pm. OPEN DAY SPOTLIGHT ON THE REGAL THEATRE

Pop in & discover what goes on behind the scenes!

Saturday 10th : 7.30pm. 2022 CHARITY VARIETY NIGHT

In aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity.

Friday 16th : 7.30pm. EUROPEAN UNION CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Returns to Minehead with its charismatic Director, Hans-Peter Hofmann and a programme including Vivaldi's "Four Seasons", Lilted waltzes by Dvorak, Elgar's romantic Serenade for Strings and one of Mozart's sprightly Divertimenti will complete the evening.

Friday 23rd & Saturday 24th : 7.30pm. WIND IN THE WILLOWS

In this production Hocus Pocus have joined forces with Manda Clarke and her wonderful dancers, alongside well-known faces from Minehead and Oasis Theatre.

Tuesday 27th : 7.15pm. MADAM BUTTERFLY

LIVE from The Royal Opera House, Conductor: Nicola Luisotti.

Wednesday 28th : 7.30pm. THE LESSON

See Icarus Theatre's blistering and award-winning production by Eugène Ionesco. A dynamic projection design encapsulates the beating heart of Ionesco's text and interweaves exciting new Creative Captioning technology to ensure that every performance is accessible for deaf and hard of hearing audiences. Supported by Arts Council England, and Mantle.

Friday 30th : 7.30pm. THE NEW JERSEY BOYS

Back by popular demand. Featuring the amazing falsetto voice of Einar Vestman and the humour of all-round entertainer Gary Gould. As well as hits from the Four Seasons, the choreographed show includes a tribute to Showaddywaddy and other legendary performers.

Tickets for all events may be booked in advance online at our website :

<https://regaltheatre.co.uk/whatson>

or from the Box Office (Tel 01643 706430) between 9.30am and 12.00pm

Monday - Saturday; or by telephone only from 1.30pm to 4pm.



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**SPOTLIGHT ON
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Saturday 10 September
11am — 3pm

Open Day at the Regal

Come and see all the improvements we've made and find out what plans we have going forward.

Theatre Tours – you'll get to see what happens behind the scenes and view the specialist technology we use.

Volunteers to chat to about roles and opportunities we have and find out what it's like to be part of our special teams.

Representatives from Regal Theatre Member Companies to talk to about their future productions and how you could be involved.

Refreshments (with cake!) throughout the day.

The Open Day starts at 11.00am till 3.00pm

plenty of time to come in and take a look around, find out how things work, and ways to enjoy volunteering at your very own, special, community theatre - you'll be surprised how easily your skills could fit in, helped by the training we provide

If you can't make it to the Open Day we'd love to hear from you anytime, either via volunteer@regaltheatre.co.uk or pop into the Box Office and make enquiries while booking your tickets.

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WORDSEARCH FOR SEPTEMBER

by Phyllis Chidgey

Our Feathered Friends



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Rainbows & Brownies

Is your daughter looking for a fun after school club. Rainbows for 5-7 years olds and Brownies for 7-10 year olds starts up early in September in Williton. For information and how to join go to www.girlguiding.org.uk



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News from Williton Post Office

Well, here we are in September again! We do hope that you have survived the heat experienced during August.

As we are now at the end of the school Summer holidays it is time for us to remind you about the surface posting dates for your Christmas deliveries to Australia and New Zealand. Surface mail is the more economical option and with the increase in so many other costs, use of this service will be a saving you can consider. Royal Mail have not yet published their dates for these yet, however our experience is, that it is best to assume the date to be around the **26th of September**.

Our distance Christmas cards will be displayed shortly. Our local calendars are already on sale, and we are again delighted with the wonderful variety of images Paul Savage has taken of our beautiful surroundings! We would like to remind you to take careful note of the size and weight of your parcels as well as the restricted and prohibited items. There is now the need to attach a customs certificate to all post abroad other than cards or letters. We have all the necessary paperwork so please come and ask us; we are here to help you!



Lloyds Bank will soon be closing its doors. We can assist you with your cash withdrawals, balance enquiries, cash and cheque deposits along with certain bill payments.

Our Passport, ten-year Driving Licence renewal and Security ID facility is working well.

We will be going up to the Birmingham Trade Fair next week so watch our window for new stock! As always, we are here to help you please just ask at the counter if you need assistance.

Caroline Tyner.



Williton Garden Club



I have already reported on our last meeting which was on 25th July just before the deadline for the August magazine.

August is the time for our Annual BBQ which of course we have not been able to hold for the last couple of years – not since August 2019 now which seems ages ago. Hopefully the newly arrived rains will ease for us on the 20th August this year!

The September meeting is to be on Monday 26th when we look forward to a visit of Brain Carlson who will be telling us all about fuchsias, and we extend an invitation to anyone to come along and join us at Danesborough View Common Rooms for that at 7.30 p.m. Visitors are only charged £2 for the evening. New members also welcome.



John Parsons, Chairman.

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