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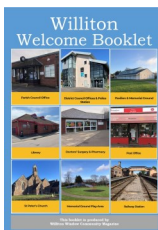


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For details of other local churches see page 10.



Services in October at St Peter's Church Williton

We invite you all to join any of our services

Sunday	2nd	10.00 am	All Age Harvest Festival
Sunday	9th	9.15am	Parish Communion
Sunday	16th	9.15am	Parish Communion
Sunday	23rd	9.15am	Parish Communion
Sunday	30th	8.30am	Short Service Holy Communion
		10.30am	Deanery Service at Greatwood

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

St Peter's Church Contact Details:

Vicar	Rev Mark Phillips	01984 639669
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God Knows

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

Minnie Louise Haskins (1875-1957)

Editors Note

I heard this on Good Morning Sunday the first Sunday after Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's death. It struck me and it was a favourite verse of the late Queen.



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Sarah Lander Tel. 07765 881229 email: sclarkelander@gmail.com

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Baptist Church (Watchet)

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

Catholic Church (Watchet)

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

Methodist Church (Williton)

On August 21st we celebrated one year of being at Mollie's bungalow and we are very grateful for her opening her home to us. We welcomed a couple of people to our service and heard some beautiful prayers from Mollie. There were pieces about the history of Methodism in Williton, how we got where we are at Mollie's after giving up our building, and then where we go from here and why. The hymns were chosen carefully to show our joy at being together and Mollie's closing prayer was based on the hymn, 'Another year is dawning'. After the service we enjoyed mountains of cake and two of Mollie's neighbours joined us at this point. So, a lovely morning was had by all and we thank God for His guidance in the past, present and future, and we give thanks for our year at Mollie's and look to the future with joy and hope in our hearts. 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 The Disasters Emergency Fund, for Pakistan. 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.

Our preachers for October will be as follows - **October 2nd: Rev Malcolm Hope. October 9th: Rev Nick Lakin Holy Communion. October 16th: Rev Tim Woods. October 23rd: Jean Armin. October 30th: Tim Hedgecock.**

We hold in our prayers all affected by the price rises and energy cost worries, asking that they find peace. And also for the royal family, our new King and Queen Consort and our nation as we mourn the passing of our Queen, thanking God for her long life and her dedication to all of us.

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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- * The impact of being a victim of fraud and a focus on breaking down the stigma of fraud.
- * Top safety tips to prevent a person from becoming a victim of fraud.
- * Top 5 fraud types – what they look like and how they can present to you.
- * Interesting things fraudsters can do with technology – understanding a fraudsters capability can prevent fraud from occurring.
- * Cyber security advice including password safety, 2 factor authentication, and use of password managers
- * Phishing and unsafe links.
- * Internet safety.
- * How to report fraud?

All are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

Nadine Ridge Memorial Ground & Pavilion Co-ordinator.

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You often hear many in the community grumble about the lack of good and efficient service from our local pharmacy. Experience tells me that if we are to have any chance of getting something done about this appalling situation then we need to express our concerns to the correct authorities if we are to have any chance of getting something done.

Contact NHS England: england.contactus@nhs.net

Or go to the website of the General Pharmaceutical Council:

www.pharmacyregulation.org/reporting-concerns

Or write /email to our MP

Ian Liddel Grainger: ianlg@parliament.uk or contact his constituency office in Bridgewater.

16 Northgate, Bridgewater, Somerset. TA6 3EU. Tel: 01278 458383

The local pharmacy is a vital service in our village which needs to serve it's expanding community well. So, get your pen or keyboard out and take the time to express your concerns about the ongoing poor service. If Lloyds cannot provide a good and efficient service to Williton community perhaps it is time to find another pharmaceutical business that can!

A thing only changes if we collectively make the effort to change them.

DRS Editor.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

September saw all the events surrounding the death of her majesty Queen Elizabeth II and our nations collective grief.

It is an emotion that will affect us all at some time during our lives. For some it is almost unbearable for others outwardly they seem to show no emotion at all. That does not mean they are not feeling grief they are but in a different way. We are all different a thing to be celebrated however you cope with life's challenges.



DRS.

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What's Happening This Month In Williton

Williton Monthly Meetings / Groups & Events for October

Tues Sept	27th	Bingo (For Christmas Carriage)	7.00pm for 7.30pm start Pavilion
Tues	4th	Good Neighbours Group	2.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Tues	4th	Bingo	7.00pm for 7.30pm start Pavilion
Weds	5th	Family History Session	2.00pm & 3.00pm (<i>Book with Library</i>)
Thur	6th	Wasps	1.30pm Sampford Brett Village Hall
Tues	18th	Employment Hub	10.00am to 12 noon Parish Council Rooms
Tues	18th	Bingo	7.00pm for 7.30pm start Pavilion
Thur	20th	Women's Institute	2.00pm The Pavilion
Fri	21st	Community Market	9.30am 12 noon Williton Social Club
Fri	21st	Crime Prevention	2.30pm Pavilion Brendon Room (All Welcome)
Mon	24th	Garden Club	7.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Weds	26th	Family History Group	7.00pm Williton Pavilion
Sun	30th	Indoor/Outdoor Car Boot	11am to 1pm Pavilion & Memorial Ground

If you would like to be added to the diary entry please e-mail: williton@willitonwindow.co.uk



Open Day at the Regal Theatre

As many people will now know, the Regal Theatre took the decision to postpone the Open Day that had been planned for Saturday 10th September, to reflect and

respect the sadness felt by so many at the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

However, we are pleased to confirm the Open Day will now take place on **Saturday 15th October**, when the Theatre will be open from 11a.m. to 3p.m., once more inviting people to drop in, take a look 'behind the scenes', with guided tours; or simply spend some time - with tea and cake! - meeting some of our volunteers, perhaps finding out how it might be fun to become a member of our amazing volunteer team?.

We look forward to welcoming large numbers of curious customers and might-be volunteers on **Saturday 15th October 11a.m. - 3p.m.**



Monica Hartwell
For Regal Theatre.
volunteer@regaltheatre.co.uk

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Regular Weekly Meetings / Groups & Events in Williton

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	2.00pm - 4.00pm Short Mat Bowls	Pavilion	Tel: 01984 633084
	5.00pm - 6.30pm Beavers	Guide Brownies HQ	Tel: 07806 968961
Tuesdays	6.00pm - 7.00pm Zumba	Pavilion	Tel: 07738 676832
	1.00pm - 3.00pm Talking Cafe	Pavilion (Brendon Room)	Tel: 07931 018045
	2.00pm - 4.00pm Chatty Crafters (<i>Except first Tues of the month</i>)	Danesborough Common Room	Tel: 01984 634686
Wednesdays	5.45pm - 7.15pm Brownies	Guide & Brownie HQ	Tel: 07765 842747
	10 - 11am. Move it or Lose it	Pavilion	Tel: 07421 762532
	6.30pm - 8.00pm	Cubs (Guide & Brownie HQ)	Tel: 07398 717048
Thursdays	8pm - 9pm Ballroom Dance Lessons	Pavilion	Tel: 07535 601217
	5.30pm - 6.30pm	Rainbows (Guide & Brownie HQ)	Tel: 07484 601929
Fridays	9.30 - 10.30am Zumba	Pavilion	Tel: 07738 676832
	10.00am - 12 noon	Mollie's Coffee & Chat 2 Higher Croft, Tower Hill	Tel: 01984 656652
	All Welcome		
Saturdays	12 Noon Friday Walks	Meet opposite Library	Tel: 01984 632459
	7.15 - 9.00pm Guides	Market St, Watchet	Tel: 07584 037156



Watchet Phoenix Centre Report

We have had a good season at Fund raising and we finished it off with a good day on Saturday 10th September 40s day. I wish to thank all those that helped in any way to make it a success.

At our Trustees meeting on Monday 12th September, we discussed volunteers, we are short of volunteers that can cook on a Tuesday or Wednesday for about 20 -25 people. Just simple cooked meals. If we do not get some more volunteers, we shall have to cut down on meal days which we do not want to do. If you can help, contact myself on **Tel: 01984 632926** or call in at the centre.

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Edwin May Chairman of Trustees.

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Police	Emergency Non Emergency	Tel: 999 Tel: 101
Quantock Foodbank	Local Foodbank	Tel: 07483 815122
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WASPS	Local Parkinson's support	Tel: 01984 631472
West Somerset Advice Bureau	Advice line:	Tel: 0800 802 1808



CAPTON FARM POTATOES

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They grow five varieties and supply and sell up and down the country to pubs, schools, chip shops and in the past have supplied to Ginsters. They do not supply supermarkets though. People are very welcome to come to the farm itself to buy a 10kg or 25kg bag.

They are also interested in providing 'potato hubs' within the community where they can drop off 10kg and 25kg bags which organisers can split down to supply customers with smaller quantities. You can find their potatoes at Veggie Patch (Watchet), Roadwater Village Stores and Doniford Farm Shop too.

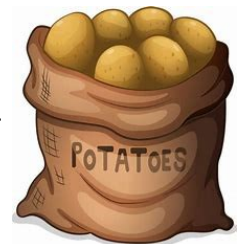
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Sagitta available now - 10kg bags are £4 and 25kg bags are £7 from the farm

Other varieties being bagged mid to late September. They will be available all over winter and into spring.

Spuds available for collection at Capton Farm at £4 (10kg) and £7 (25kg) - no pre order necessary - Monday to Friday - 8am to 5pm.

Message them on FaceBook - 'Capton Farm potatoes and Building Stone' page.



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+ Faith Reflection

Hello. I've been looking through some of the things Queen Elizabeth II said. The internet is quite helpful with things like that.

I was struck by how often she said wise and well-considered things. And this reminded me of a story my parents told of a man they knew from church, years ago. He had a reputation for wisdom and one day, someone asked him why he was so wise. He said that he wasn't! He thought plenty of silly things, he just didn't say them out loud.

Wisdom isn't about being clever. It's about perspective, careful thought, common sense and weighing things up. In this way, the Queen was a great model of wisdom.

She said this: "Each day is a new beginning, I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God."

Not all of us would include the God bit but I suspect most of us would agree with her perspective. For what it's worth, I would totally include the God bit. I'm way better off with him involved! As our much-loved Queen put it: "I know just how much I rely on my own faith to guide me through the good times and the bad."

Bad times definitely include the grief of losing someone we cherish, love and respect. And perhaps as we think about how we navigate that journey, we might let our monarch, who served for 70 years, have the final word: "The path, of course, is not always smooth, and may at times this year have felt quite bumpy, but small steps can make a world of difference."

Let's take small steps to make space for each other, sharing warmth, care and wisdom with our community.
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Williton and Surrounds Parkinson's Support WASPS



SEPTEMBER MEETING

The Williton and Surrounds Parkinson's Support Group, held its September meeting on 7th September at Sampford Brett Village Hall.

Unfortunately, our original speaker, Simon Cooper, and our replacement speaker, Ben from Holnicote Estate, were both unable to attend due to various circumstances.

Exercises were led by Linda, with handkerchiefs for props, which caused some hilarity.

Alan from Williton Bowls Club explained to those present, the facilities available at the Bowls club, and how they would welcome people for a trial session with tea and biscuits.

Linda explained how the Joint Welfare scheme was set up, and how it worked. A light hearted quiz followed, with questions on Seven dwarves, and proverbs, amongst others.

The Open Garden held at Hartwood House in August raised £1000 for Parkinson's Joint Welfare Scheme. Thanks to all who helped. Thanks, also to all those helped man the gazebo at Williton Fete, information about WASP's was given out, and the tombola raised about £80.

Christmas Lunch is in the process of being arranged, venue Bicknoller Inn, Date Thursday 1st December 12.00 for 12.30pm, further details to follow.

Next meeting is on **Thursday 6th October** exercises starting at 1.30pm. Our speaker will be Nigel from Somerset Wildlife Trust talking on Coastal Wildlife.

If you need help with Parkinson's do please email Jane at waspcontact@gmail.com (or in a real emergency Linda on 01984 63147)

Jane Cooper.

People helping People - Parkinson's Funding

Were you aware that there is a Joint Welfare Fund for anyone who has been diagnosed with Parkinson's. You do not need to be a member of any support group to apply for funding. It can be anything, a wheelchair, a stair lift, a break for either the person with Parkinson's or their carer and in so many other ways.

This fund is used and funded by the support Groups in Taunton, Williton, and Burnham On Sea.

All the money has been donated by all who support Parkinson's. It is local people donating to Parkinson's and this money is used to help local people with Parkinson's. The best part is that it is completely anonymous. To find out about the fund just contact Sarah Barter at sbarter@parkinsons.org.uk or telephone her at 03442 253698.

Linda Bishop.

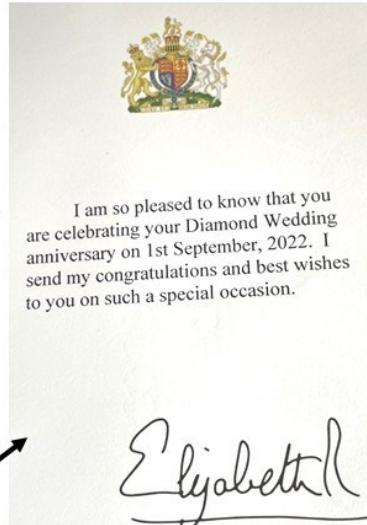
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Diamond Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Card Picture



On September 11th just shortly after the Queens death I was invited by Emlyn and Lyn Boots residents in Croft Court Williton to see the card they had received from her majesty to mark their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. I am sure we all have our own memories of the Queen and this was one that Emlyn and Lyn wanted to share with us.



They received from the queen the card pictured to mark their special day. They were very pleased to receive the card made even more poignant and special now that Queen Elizabeth II has died.

We congratulate Emlyn And Lyn on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary which was on the 1st September and say thank you for sharing the card with us all. DRS.

Text inside card

LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES

After the very hot dry summer seeing the rain then the grass and fields starting to green up.

DRS.



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Tuesday 4th October, Ruins in the Woods.

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Death of Queen Elizabeth II

It was with great sadness that I heard the news on Thursday 8th September of the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. During the following week there has been many tributes paid to her, some very poignant, others funny and some that reduced me to tears. The thing that they all had in common was a great deal of admiration and love for what Her Majesty has done for this country and the Commonwealth throughout her long reign.



I am sure you will all have some special memory of the Queen that you treasure,, mine was the privilege of being in the reception party at the opening of the Millennium Boat Lift in Falkirk. Although I was only in her presence for a brief while, the aura around her was incredible and is something I have not forgotten, or will ever forget.

The various generations throughout Her Majesty's reign has had a name, my generation is the "baby boomers", we've also had the millennials and the "x-generation", I hope that history will not know us by those names but as Elizabethans, in recognition of great changes that this country, and the world has seen during the 70 years that Queen Elizabeth II was on the throne.

I have found it very hard to think of anything really original to say in tribute about Her Majesty that hasn't already been said but I think a slight paraphrase of Paddington Bear's comment on the Platinum Jubilee sketch sums it up.

Thank you, your Majesty, for everything.

Of course the constitutional monarchy means when one monarch dies another immediately ascends the throne, so to King Charles III, I say -

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Cllr Peter Payne

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I think it is fair to say that a fabulous day was had by all who visited the village fete and thankfully the rain held off.

Firstly, and most importantly, I cannot thank the volunteers enough for their help on the day. Without the very small team of volunteers our village fete would not have happened this year.

Monies raised will help towards improvements and maintenance of our fabulous Pavilion and Memorial Ground; also many local groups were able to raise funds for their work. More than 600 adult visitors came and enjoyed the afternoon.

Thank you to everyone who entered the Flower, Produce & Craft Competition. There are too many certificates to list them all - 3 per class and 63 classes; so congratulations to the class winners: **Vegetables** - Peter Payne; **Fruit** - Peter Payne; **Flowers and Herbs** - Glynis Maule, **Flower Arranging** - Michelle Bunting; **Domestic** - Liz Payne; **Craft** - Brenda May. **Overall Show Champion** - Michelle Bunting, Runner Up - Peter Payne.

More than 60 dogs were entered into the Dog Show, so congratulations to the first placed dogs: Prettiest Lady Zelda, Handsomest Fella Wolfie, Waggiest Tail Milo, Cutest Puppy Maeve, Best Rescue Cleo and Best Veteran Harry. Best In Show was the prettiest lady Zelda.

Our thanks for the very kind and generous donations made by the businesses in and around Williton, which made our Tombola a massive success.

We have a whole host of ideas for events to put on next year but we can't do it without more help. Even if you can only offer support at one event, we really do want to hear from you. If you're new to the village, this is a great way to meet people (I speak from experience). If you'd like to get more involved, please do come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 12 October at 7pm in the Quantock Room (upstairs), Pavilion and find out more; these are monthly meetings but you do not have to come to every one; we'd just be grateful for some more help organizing.

UPCOMING Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 27th September – Fundraising Bingo for carriage & horses @ The Christmas Festival.

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Down at the Station

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Following the very dry weather the railway had to resort to running diesel trains only for a couple of weeks, but once the weather returned to something like normal and we had some rain, then steam was back on the cards. Since the schools have returned, we have been very busy on the railway with lots of older and 'senior' travellers! Several coach companies include a ride on the train as part of a county tour. It was good to welcome several visitors along with their vintage cars for the 40's weekend during September; there was a good atmosphere with many reminiscent conversations flying around! There have also been a couple of special Cider and Cheese events on the train which have been well supported. At the station our lovely flower arrangements are beginning to look tired and we are slowly removing some of the pouches and baskets. It has been quite a job keeping them watered during this hot summer.

Unfortunately, due to all sorts of reasons the forthcoming Autumn Gala due to be held over the last couple of days of September into October has been cancelled, not least the rising costs of just about everything and the difficulty in locating suitable visiting engines. However apart from no service on the Friday, 30th September there will be a normal Blue timetable for the other three days. Then once we are into October we return to the Red timetable with just three trains each way on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. That will bring the main running season to a close apart from the special Christmas trains and leaves us to get into the winter maintenance mode - I am sure I can find plenty of work for the volunteers to carry out over the closed season!. There are still several timetables available at the station along with leaflets advertising the very popular Santa Express Trains and the Winterlights Trains which we will be running once again this year.

John Parsons, Stationmaster.



Williton Garden Club



It is good to report that the weather remained fine for us to hold our annual BBQ over at Capton on Saturday August 20th. Twenty-two of us enjoyed an afternoon of food and fellowship and being able to stop and chat with some who we may not have had the opportunity for the last couple of years.

Our September meeting has already been mentioned and will have taken place by the time this issue comes out, but in October we meet as usual on the fourth Monday in the month, the 24th, when we look forward to hearing a talk on 'Tales from the Potting Shed' by F.E. Burroughes. The meeting will be at Danesbrough View Community Rooms and commences at 7.30 p.m.. Visitors and new members welcome.

John Parsons, Chairman.



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We had a successful trip to the Autumn Fair in Birmingham at the beginning of September, our new stock is now being delivered and put on display, do come in and browse!

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Caroline Tyner.

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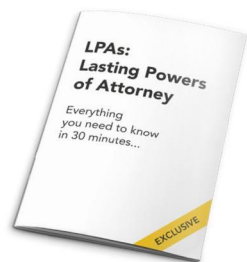


As you read this we will be well and truly into Autumn with the nights getting steadily darker. It is a time when we tend to spend less time outside and for many social interactions becomes less and it can be a time when some may feel rather low. Whether you have an illness or feel in need of something to help you with stress or wish to have something to help you with relaxation and calmness you may well find Energy Healing beneficial to you.

I am pleased to say that the Energy Healing sessions at the Phoenix Centre continue to run all year so pop along and have a chat and try a healing. The next two sessions are **Thursday October 20th** and then **Thursday November 17th**, both sessions run from 2pm until 4:30pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Alison Hadley.

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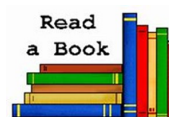
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Summer Reading Challenge



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Rhyme Time



Our Popular Rhyme time sessions are back. Sessions will take place on a Monday morning between 10.30 and 11am (term time only) starting on the 3rd of October

Half Term

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for our children's events happening during half term.

Do you need help with Technology?

Support is available on Thursday afternoons 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 your Family Tree?



We run Individual Family history sessions 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.

Volunteers Wanted

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 housebound members of the community which is a real lifeline for some people.

How do I join the Library?

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West Somerset Family History Group

At our August meeting we were advised by Robin Wichard on how to age our Victorian photos both by style & by the subjects clothing. He brought along examples from his collection which we all enjoyed examining.

At our next meeting **Wednesday 26th October**, we have a speaker, Geoff Lloyd, who will be talking about Minehead families during the First World War. Entrance for the meeting is £1.50 for SDFHS members and £3 for visitors who are always made welcome. Refreshments will be provided.
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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 has got 'stuck'. At the time of writing sessions at 2pm & 3pm are free. You need to book with the library.

Lesley Murray Secretary.



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WILLITON WEATHER



SEPTEMBER

It has been good to see a lot more rain after a very dry July and August. The fields and the lawns almost back to the normal green. It is also beginning to be more noticeable that the temperatures are down a real feel of Autumn coming. It is said that we are in a "False Autumn" but this is due to some trees' leaves falling early - a tree's defence due to low rainfall. But here the flowers and other natural things seem to carry on as usual.

AUGUST

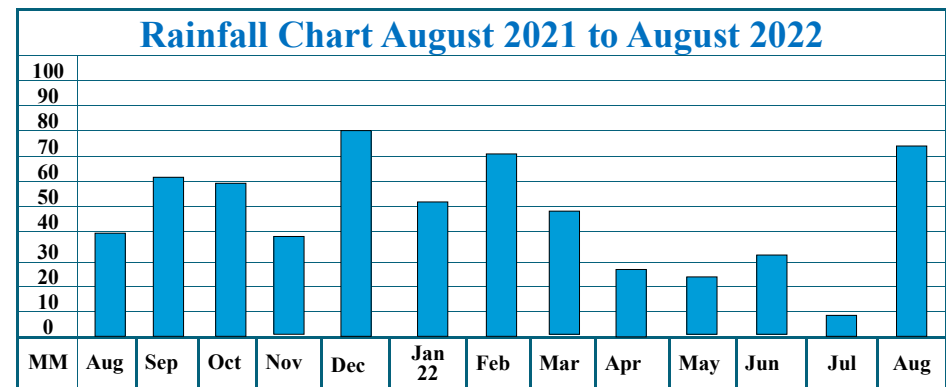
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ASTRONOMICAL NEWS

It is this time of year that we often get very clear skies - a good time to see the planets in the night sky. Soon after sunset Venus is visible in the southwest Jupiter and Saturn to be quite bright - low in the evening sky. The **Orionids meteor shower**, will get better towards October 21st.

**So after the sad news about the Queen, we say
God save the King.**

Pj.



Today, the 15th of September, after a minutes silence and a few words in memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, we enjoyed a beetle drive and a chat over a cup of tea and a piece of shortbread! At our next meeting on Thursday 20th October, we look forward to a talk from author Sue Medcalf to tell us all about her books about 'Itchybald Scratchet'. Non-members and visitors would be made most welcome (£3.50)



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Wednesday 5th 7.15pm: Screening of MAYERLING - ballet live from ROH

Thursday 6th 7.00pm: JUBILEE QUARTET at the Methodist Church
Featuring Tereza Privratski on Violin, Julia Loucks on Violin, Lorena Cantó Woltèche on Viola, Toby White on Cello. Playing HAYDN String Quartet, No 1 in G major, Op 77. Note: Venue is at the Methodist Church

Friday 7th 7.30pm: King Pleasure & The Biscuit Boys.
Come and dance the night away, they are the world's greatest jump, jive and swing band – they're an institution!

Wednesday 12th 7:15pm: Screening of AIDA - opera live from ROH

Friday 14th 7:30pm BON JOVI UK
Captures the look, the sound and the electric atmosphere of the original Bon Jovi in a live, authentic tribute show, delivering the hits and the energy.

Saturday 15th 11am - 3pm: Regal Theatre Open Day
SPOTLIGHT ON THE REGAL THEATRE

Pop in & discover more of what we do a view behind the scenes and more.
Postponed from September.

Tuesday 18th 7:30pm: HOPPER - Exhibition On Screen
Edward Hopper's work is the most recognizable art in America. This new film takes a deep look into Hopper's art, his life, and his relationships.

Thursday 20th 7:15pm: Screening of LA BOHÈME -opera live from ROH

Friday 21st 7:30pm: BEAUTY AND THE BEAST - Ballet Theatre UK
Come and enjoy Ballet Theatre UK with one of the most enchanting love stories of all time Beauty and the Beast. This production will showcase new choreography by artistic director Christopher Moore.

Friday 28th & Saturday 29th 7.30pm: Rhythm of The Night
With students of all ages, and a wealth of young talent, LADA Dance Academy brings you amazing moves and some of the hottest tunes from all eras.

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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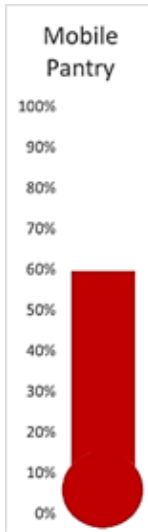


The Mobile Pantry Project

This wasn't the temperature outside fortunately, although it may have felt like it if you had to work in it. Thankfully the Methodist Schoolroom was blissfully cool last week, and we were quite comfortable even if the clients arriving for the Pantry were not, reminding us how hot it was outside. However, thanks to our friends in Kilve, we had Ice Pops for them to take home and freeze to help them cool down.

Volunteers have been kept busy as numbers have risen and a queue is usually forming thirty minutes before our designated opening time. Nevertheless, we are conscious of those who are unable to get to us, and it is only because of the Community Network in Stogursey picking up fortnightly for ten families that we are able to support them. This situation continues to remind us how much the Mobile Pantry is needed.

At the end of March, the fund for the Electric Vehicle stood at 53% of the target required. Since then, our indomitable supporters have caught the vision for the venture and started fund-raising, holding garden open days, growing and selling produce, and busking. To these and many more who have given so generously we are incredibly grateful as it has now reached 60%.



Demand on the Pantry soars again ...

It is not surprising that people are turning to the Foodbank for support. Everyday essentials: pasta, butter and milk, have risen between 24% and 30% whilst the increase in confectionery was 4% and alcohol even lower at 2.8%, holding the overall percentage down. However, the latter attracted no comment from the media.

Most wanted

Thank you so much for continuing to give to others despite the additional strain on your own budgets.

Items which we would really appreciate at the moment are:

Packets of Instant Custard / Packets of Mashed Potato / Packets of Microwave Rice / Tomato Ketchup / Brown Sauce

A word from the Chair

I would like to give a special "thank you" to our sponsors, who donate so generously to our organisation. They are at the heart of all we do. Without their enormous help we would struggle to achieve all we attempt to and they enable us to think and plan in a big way for the future. It means we can look forward to the Quantock Foodbank and Food Pantry continuing their positive impact on the lives of so many members of our local communities.

Clive.



WORDSEARCH FOR OCTOBER

by Phyllis Chidgey

Asian countries old and new



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FORGET ME NOT CAFE

In the Sanctuary Swain Street Watchet 10.30 to Noon

Our meetings for October / November:

5th October, 19th October, 2nd November.

* There is also a conference 'Travelling the Dementia Journey' at the
* Methodist school room, Harbour Road in Watchet on Thursday 20th October.
* From 5 to 7pm (refreshments from 4.30) For those on the Dementia Journey,
* their family and carers, to learn more about the facilities and assistance
* available as they move forward- in hope.

For any further details contact: Margaret Tatham on **07973 638030**

or email watchetdementia@gmail.com



As the evenings draw in we will start to see our spikey little visitors earlier and earlier in our gardens. Hoglets born in the late summer, known as Autumn babies, are very vulnerable due to the change in the weather and the reduced amount of time they have to 'fatten up'. They need to put on lots of weight to survive hibernation and they are prone to heavy burdens of internal worms that can quickly debilitate them and be life threatening. Any help you can

give in your gardens will be much appreciated by hedgehogs.

Putting out extra food and water can be a life saver, offer meaty cat or dog food or cat biscuits and water to drink. If you have an empty hedgehog box you could prepare that for any juveniles (or adults) to encourage them to make their home near a regular supply of food. Collect up some dry leaves and put them in the box to help them with their nest making. Consider putting some dry hay in a large flowerpot or bucket and put it on its side next to the house. The hedgehog will help itself to the hay to make a cosy nest. Do not leave food in the nest box except biscuits in the entrance initially to tempt them in. Once occupied only provide food away from the home, perhaps in a feeding station. Plans for building homes and feeding stations can be found on the BHPS website, www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk

If you are concerned about any that look small as autumn progresses, contact your local rescue centre or the British Hedgehog Preservation Society for advice (01584 890801).

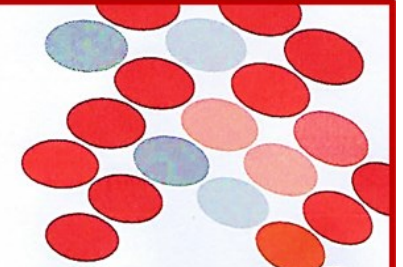
Remember that poorly hedgehogs are likely to be out in the day so use this as a warning sign. Those that are poorly could be lethargic or have flies around them or be struggling to walk, however hyperactivity in small hedgehogs eg racing around the garden rather than wandering looking for food, can also be a sign that there is a problem and help should be sought immediately. Adult hedgehogs moving 'with purpose' that appear healthy and are just out for short periods of time are probably ok to be left in the wild but do keep an eye on them. (Thanks to Kay Bullen, Trustee of the British Hedgehog Preservation Society for her advice)

I know that there are a lot of you in the area who are very protective towards hedgehogs and are already doing your bit for their survival. I love hearing your stories about your little visitors, and watching your film footage on our Facebook page (Watchet Hedgehogs) keep them coming!

For further information, help or advice please contact Jane Sharp, Watchet Hedgehogs, 07918 603059, or visit our website www.watchethedgehogs.org



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