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For details of other local churches see page 10.



Services in November at St Peter's Church Williton

We invite you all to join any of our services

Sunday	6th	10.00 am	All Age Worship
Sunday	13th	10.00am	Parish Communion including Act of Remembrance
Sunday	20th	9.15am	Parish Communion
Sunday	27th Advent	9.15am	Parish Communion
		4.00pm	Christingle Service for all*

The church is open every day for private prayer during daylight hours

St Peter's Church Contact Details:

Vicar	Rev Mark Phillips	01984 639669
Churchwardens	Mr George Fenech	01984 633577
	Mrs Sue Withycombe	01984 632596
Ordinand	Mrs Julie Pelling	07973 961083
Reader	Mrs Donna Marsden	01984 633707

*Christingle Service



We Invite you all to our Christingle service on **Sunday 27th November at 4pm, Advent Sunday**. This is a service for all age ranges in our community. An interactive, fun celebration for everyone in aid of the Children's Society.

St Peter's Churchyard

From April our volunteer churchyard team carries out the cutting of the grass in the churchyard for the growing season. We are now coming towards the end of the season alas the dog fouling of the churchyard is still happening.



Every two weeks the cut is done there is around **nine incidents of fouling**.

Can we remind those dog owners responsible that they should be clearing up after your dog. There are sometimes events in the churchyard including children and it is very unpleasant for anyone walking in dog poo. Can we ask the dog owners concerned to not allow their dogs to foul in the churchyard, if this happens, please obey the law and **clean up after your dog.** **Thank you.** *The Churchyard Team.*



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Other Local Churches Information

St Decuman's Church (Watchet)
Weekly Sunday Service 10.45 am Parish Communion
For further details and enquiries please contact the churchwardens.
Sarah Lander Tel. 07765 881229 email: sclarkelander@gmail.com
Janet Bremner Tel. 01984 632118 email: janetbremner31@btinternet.com



Baptist Church (Watchet)
The Baptist Church meets 10.30am at Knights Templar School 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)
After our one-year anniversary celebration of being at Mollie's house for our services we have been thinking about what we are hoping to do in the future, here in our Williton group. We are still only a few but do occasionally welcome visitors to our service at 10.30am at 2 Higher Croft, Tower Hill, just behind the old Methodist Church building.

When we get into conversation about what is happening to our old building people tell us that they remember the church from their childhood, and all the family events that took place there and there was consternation in the village a couple of years ago when the for sale notice went up outside the building. This makes us believe that people are seeking a spiritual path and that we, with God's help, can be there to answer questions and welcome anyone who wishes to come and join us or just talk to us. We do get involved in the PAT Dog scheme at the hospital and in various other ways in the community, and continue to extend a welcome, by invitation in the Williton Window magazine and personal invitation to anyone who would like to join us. We are Methodists by name and Christians in our beliefs, but we offer a welcome to anyone, of any faith and none, to come and talk to us. Mollie's house is open on Friday mornings from 10 till 12 for coffee and chat on a wide range of subjects, dogs and children also welcome!

We hope to get more involved with St. Peter's church and the Christians Together in Watchet and Williton, and pray for energy and strength to be able to do so – we are quite an elderly lot!

We hold in our prayers the people of Williton, especially those worried about bills and food prices, and Irene, Paul and Bridget, Angie and Nigel, Ben, Weet and Barbara. We also pray for our Circuit and all of the members as we go into a new phase of being Church in this area.

Our preachers in November will be: –
6th Clive Longhurst. **13th** Rev Carol Gill Communion & Remembrance.
20th Penny Williams. **27th** Rev Nick Lakin, Advent Sunday.
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.

Regular Weekly Meetings / Groups & Events in Williton

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
	8pm - 9pm Ballroom Dance Lessons	Pavilion	Tel: 07535 601217
Thurs	2.00pm to 3.30pm Foxes Teas	Pavilion (Term Time Only)	
	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 Coffee & Chat	Mollie's 2 Higher Croft Tower Hill, All Welcome	Tel: 01984 656652
	12 Noon Friday Walks	Meet opposite Library	Tel: 01984 632459
	7.15 - 9.00pm Guides	Market St, Watchet	Tel: 07584 037156

WINTER IS COMING IT IS TIME TO TURN BACK TIME

Did you remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on :

Saturday 29th October

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Royal British Legion Act of Remembrance

There will be an act of remembrance at the War Memorial in the memorial ground on :

Friday November 11th starting at 10.45am

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What's Happening This Month In Williton

Williton Monthly Meetings / Groups & Events for November

Tues	1st	Bingo	7.00pm for 7.30pm start Pavilion
Tues	1st	Good Neighbours Group	2.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Weds	2nd	Family History Session	3.00pm (Book with Library)
Thur	3rd	Wasps	1.30pm Sampford Brett Village Hall
Tues	8th	Cost Of Living Event	11.00am to 3.00pm Williton Council Offices
Fri	11th	Remembrance Day	10.45am RBL Service Memorial Ground
Fri	11th	Concert	7.00pm Military Wives & West Somerset Brass
Tues	15th	Employment Hub	10.00am to 12 noon Parish Council Rooms
Tues	15th	Bingo	7.00pm for 7.30pm start Pavilion
Thur	17th	Women's Institute	2.00pm The Pavilion
Fri	18th	Community Market	9.30am 12 noon Williton Social Club
Sat	26th	Chatty Crafters Xmas Fair	11am to 2.30pm Danesborough View Meeting Room
Mon	28th	Garden Club	7.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Tues	29th	Bingo	7.00pm for 7.30pm start Pavilion
Weds	30th	Family History Group	7.15pm Xmas Meeting Williton Pavilion



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There are local residents, mainly elderly people, in Watchet and Williton, who are unable either to drive themselves or to catch buses, which makes it very difficult for them to keep medical or dental appointments, visit their partners or friends in care homes, do their shopping, or even just get out of the house and meet other people.

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Homemade Cake with Tea or Coffee £2

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Afternoon Tea/High Tea/Cream Tea Tea & Cake at Williton Pavilion

Did you know that Foxes serve cream teas and tea/coffee and cake (£2) or afternoon tea for £3 or if you feel indulgent, high tea for two (£8) at the Pavilion on Thursday afternoons between 2-3.30pm?

The food is made and served by the students in what is a very friendly, relaxed atmosphere. I went with some friends in September. The food was lovely, and the students were polite and helpful.



If you have a high tea (sandwiches, scone with jam and cream and homemade cake with tea or coffee) don't have anything to eat beforehand as it is a lot of food!!

Foxes are at The Pavilion weekly in term time only. The first date in November is **Thursday 3rd November** see previous page for full menu.

Why not go along and enjoy the food and in turn help the students hone their hospitality skills.

Elizabeth Peeks.



Williton and Surrounds Parkinson's Support WASPS



Our October meeting was held on Thursday 6th October at Sampford Brett Village Hall. Several members had been poorly, and sent apologies.

Our thoughts went out to Sheila and family, after the sad death of Brian.

We welcomed two new members to the group.

The meeting started with exercises which were led by Rosemary.

Our speaker was Nigel Phillips, from Somerset Wildlife Trust, Nigel gave an illustrated talk about Coastal Wildlife. It was amazing to discover that there was so much variety of flora and fauna in the local habitats. The photography was amazing.

There was a lot of discussion about the Jeremy Paxman programme, and his struggle with Parkinson's. It is still available on ITV catch up.

November speakers will be from PALS – Prolonging Active Life Style. Date **3rd November**, exercises start at 1.30pm, speaker at 2.00pm. Anyone with Parkinson's, carers and family are welcome.

Our Christmas dinner has been arranged for **Thursday 1st December** at The Bicknoller Inn, it will be a carvery, with a choice of Turkey, Beef or Vegetarian option. Plus a choice of puddings. David has a sign up list.

Jane Cooper.

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Faith Reflection



Some things have been happening over the last few months which perhaps we could have done without, Boris Johnson has gone, Liz Truss the new prime minister also gone, the queen passing and now we have king Charles. These things have involved people all over the world one way or another but what's happening in our own locality?

Loved ones have died, babies have been born, children have passed or failed their exams. Schools have greeted old pupils back and also greeted new ones in. Covid is still lingering so we still have to be careful.

However the Bible tells us to TRUST IN GOD - some people are saying what God, but lets be honest with each other, even people who do not agree there is a God are the ones who say when they are in trouble "oh my God"

God has promised to stay by our side ,and that he will never leave us or forsake us. Things will not be easy BUT God will supply our needs NOT our wants.

Sam Searle, Salvation Army.

Cost of Living Crisis Support Event West Somerset

Working with the DWP, Somerset West and Taunton Community Employment Hubs are holding a Cost-of-Living Crisis Support event on **Tuesday 8th November** from **11.00am -3.30pm** at the Williton Council Office, Council Chamber, Killick Way, Williton, TA4 4QA

If you are concerned about the cost-of-living crisis, please come along to find out more about the range of support and advice that is available to you all in one place. Come and ask your questions on a face-to-face basis.

Organisations attending include :-

Citizen Advice, Christians Against Poverty, the DWP, Wessex Water, Somerset Independence Plus, CCS Village Agents, Homefinder, Centre for Sustainable Energy, the Food Pantry and more...

A Ukraine translator will be available on the day to help with any questions, queries or concerns.

Everyone is welcome, pop in to have a chat!

Colleen Blake.

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Our poor hedgehogs have had a difficult year in one way and another. What with the very dry summer and lack of rain they have had to rely on us humans for help. And help them you did! So many of you ensured that there was always a supply of fresh water in your gardens for them. A lot of hedgehogs going into a rescue were very dehydrated, some got to a rescue in time but for others it was sadly too late. One of the problems is that finders either hang on to them for a couple


of days before contacting a rescue, or don't act quickly enough when they first see a hedgehog out in the day, looking poorly or wobbly. Time is of the essence for hedgehog rescue, the quicker a hedgehog gets the medication it needs the better the chance of survival.

We are coming up to winter now and hedgehogs have been making nests, either for a cosy place to sleep on a cold night, or for hibernation. In this part of the country our winters are not usually very cold until after Christmas so our hedgehogs won't think of hibernating until the temperature drops to 5 degrees for 5 consecutive nights. If you know you have hedgehogs nesting in your garden then put out some hay near their nests. Lay a large flowerpot or bucket on its side and put hay and dried leaves in it. Your hedgehogs will be grateful for extra bedding and will happily drag it back into their nests. It is amazing how much hay a hedgehog can stuff into a hedgehog box!


If you are going to light a bonfire please build it on the day you want to light it, or move a ready built one to another place, again on the day you want to light it. The pile of vegetation and sticks you are planning to burn will be a welcome home for hedgehogs and other wildlife and you may well find that one has made a nest in the middle of your bonfire. Hedgehogs do not have a fight or flight reaction and so will just curl up. This means that they will be badly injured, or even killed by fire, something I am sure you would like to avoid at all costs.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ring me on **07918 603059**, or look at our website **www.watchethedgehogs.org**

Jane Sharp.



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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AVIAN INFLUENZA (Bird Flu)

On 17th October 2022 an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone was declared by the Government across the whole of England. This was because of the increased number of cases of the disease across the country.

All bird keepers (whether they have pet birds, commercial flocks or just a few birds in a backyard) are now required by law to take a range of precautions to protect their flocks. (Jeyes fluid is a Defra approved disinfectant for Avian Influenza).

There are minimum requirements for all bird keepers to follow. If your birds are not housed, they must be kept in fenced / enclosed outdoor areas. Precautions include (amongst others): feeding birds under cover where wild birds cannot access, preventing access by captive birds to ponds and watercourses, and effectively cleansing and disinfecting any hardstanding surfaces in areas where birds are kept.

Further enhanced measures apply for premises with over 500 poultry or other captive birds.

Full details of what is required can be found on the government website - **www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu#AIPZ**

You can find a self-assessment checklist at the above link to help you put the measures in place, as well as more information about the virus.

You can keep up to date by regularly visiting the avian influenza section on the government website, and by registering for email or text alerts - **www.gov.uk/guidance/apha-alert-subscription-service**

Remember that if you have poultry/captive birds it is your responsibility to keep updated on any outbreaks and an easy way to do this is by signing up for text notifications – register with the [APHA alerts service](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/apha-alert-subscription-service).

If you have any concerns about the health of your birds, you should promptly speak to your vet.

The risk to public health from the virus is very low, however it is important that people don't pick up sick or dead birds. You can report finding dead wild waterfowl (swans, geese or ducks) or other dead wild birds, such as birds of prey, to the **DEFRA helpline on 03459 335577**.



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First Aid

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Baby needs

Baby clothes, sleep bags, bibs, nappies, baby wipes, baby blankets - if handknit minimum size 30-inch square.

Food

Tinned foods, any vegetables and pulses: tomatoes, potatoes, kidney beans, butter beans, borlotti beans, cannellini beans, haricot beans, chickpeas, lentils, carrots, peas, sweet corn, fish, all kinds of fruit (*ring pull tops would be ideal!*)

Please - no meat items or baked beans

Other Food items: rice, dried pulses (lentils, beans, chickpeas etc), oil, salt & pepper, vegetable stock cubes, herbs and spices (especially cumin), UHT milk, vegetarian

baby food, energy bars, dates and dried fruit, tea.

Other

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This month we have our regular fundraising events; there will be three **Bingo Nights** on Tuesday 1st, 15th and 29th November. £7 for six books including cup tea/coffee in the interval, Raffle 50p a strip, Snowball £1, Football Scratch Cards 50p. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

We have our last “**car boot**” (inside) of the year on Sunday 27 November. Spaces are £5 for 2 tables, please email me to reserve a table. Sellers from 10am, buyers (free) 11am-1pm. Light refreshments will be served.

The date for the **Christmas Market** has moved to Sunday 4 December to prevent clashing with the Christmas Fair being held by the Chatty Crafters Group in Danesborough View Common Room. If you’d like a stall at the Christmas Market please contact me, stalls are £10 for a 6’ table.

With massive thanks to everyone who came to the special Bingo Night in September and helped raise £345 towards hiring the carriage, I am pleased to confirm that Father Christmas will again be touring Williton on Saturday 17th December and will be in his grotto at the **Christmas Festival** at the Pavilion. Same times and locations as last year, the map will be in next month’s Williton Window. If you’d like a stall at the Christmas Festival, please contact me, stalls are £10 for a 6’ table. Contact details below.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sunday 4th December - Christmas Market 1-4pm

Saturday 17th December – Christmas Festival with Father Christmas 4-8pm

Trustee. Dawn-Lesley Howes/ cllr.howes@willitonpc.org.uk



Poppies & Squares



Remembrance Sunday

If anyone has been knitting/crocheting poppies this year may I please ask for them to be dropped off either to Parish Office, 25 North Croft or 1 Old Methodist Hall, Tower Hill by Saturday 5th November so I have time to sew them together. Happy to collect if you are not able, please call me on: -

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Squares

Don’t forget there is still loads of wool at 25 North Croft and the Parish Office to be knitted or crocheted into 6” inch squares for making up into blankets – there’s going to be a fair few who will need them this year in the village with the energy crisis. Happy to drop off or collect if you are not able, please call me on:-

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Down at the Station November 2022



All good things come to an end, and the end of October saw the end of the current running season for scheduled trains, and I would like to say a thank you to the several regular visitors to the station who come to watch the trains and stop for a coffee or ice cream etc. It is good to see you and all these sales help towards our winter maintenance programme. However during November, the special

Winterlights Trains will be running on a couple of weekends – Fridays and Saturdays 18th & 19th and 25th & 26th. These special attractions run twice each day at 1700 and 1900 and from reports I received last year were well worth riding on, with specially illuminated trains and festive tableaux appearing in the fields as you travel from Bishops Lydeard to Crowcombe Heathfield. More will run in December – details next month

The annual Santa Special trains will commence at the beginning of December, and I will give details of these in the next issue, and also our shop opening times on those Santa days.

There are special trains for the Dunster by Candlelight event on the first weekend of December, but as far as I know they only run from Bishops Lydeard and are non-stopping trains. This year there will only be one on each day.

During the past month all the floral displays have been taken down and baskets etc being cleaned and prepared for next season. Many thanks to Phil & Avril Chapman for their continued hard work in producing them each year, and I know Phil has been collecting the seeds in readiness for next year.

Preparations are now in hand for sorting all the various maintenance jobs which need to be done during the closed season. I am sure I can keep the volunteers busy!!

John Parsons. Station Master.



Williton Garden Club



It was good to see a good turn-out at the September meeting when we learned a lot about fuchsias – how to take cuttings and care for them over winter, and we were also shown many lovely examples in pictures on the screen.

By the time you read this we will have heard of some Tales from the Potting Shed, which sounds interesting, but the November meeting scheduled for Monday 28th is when we expect a visit from Richard Horswood who will be talking about Alpines in Troughs. We continue to meet at the Danesborough View Common Rooms at 7.30pm. Visitors are always welcome at £2 a meeting.

John Parsons, Chairman.

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Standard (Airmail)

1st December - Australia, NZ. 2nd December - China.

3rd December - Caribbean

(Except British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Anguilla)



I will advertise the rest of the Posting Dates in December's Williton Window. If you would like to pick up a pamphlet with all the dates, please pop into the Post Office!

BANKING



With the closure of Lloyds Bank this month please be assured that we can process several of your banking requirements. Bill payments, cash and cheque deposits, cash withdrawals and balance enquiries. We are always happy to help with anything you are unsure of in this regard.

Caroline Tyrner.

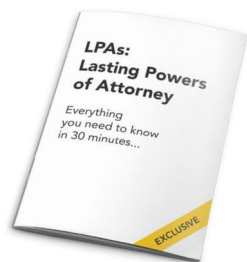


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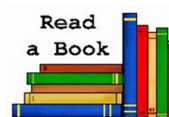


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Summer Reading Challenge



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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) Please come and join in.

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.



Home Library Service

Are you housebound and struggling to come to the library? Our team of volunteers will deliver books to you. Large print, audio books, fiction and non-fiction are all available. Please email the library if you are interested.

Reading Well Collection

We have a wide selection of books to assist with autism, dementia and mental health. We have just had a new delivery of books aimed specifically to support teenagers. All of these books have a six week loan period.

How do I join 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.

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West Somerset Family History Group

At the September meeting our treasurer, Helen, showed us how she recorded her research on her family tree and was happy to share her forms with us for our own use. I was kept busy sending them out to members and visitors alike.

Our next meeting is **Wednesday 30th November 7.15pm** at the Pavilion where we will be having a short AGM and Xmas get together with a quiz.

Entrance is £1.50 for SDFHS members and £3 for visitors who are always made welcome.

At the time of writing there is only one session available at the library at 3pm when I will try to help you get started on your family tree or if you have got 'stuck'.

Lesley Murray Secretary.

Williton Hospital League of Friends

Christmas cards for sale

Following the long break caused by Covid we are now able once again to sell our Christmas Cards to raise money for the hospital. They are on sale in reception at the hospital every weekday afternoon between **2.00pm and 4.00pm** from 19th October until 15th of December. They are very good value at **£3 for a pack of 10** with a really good selection of designs so come along and have a look.



LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES

Walking the footpaths across the local fields seeing them all ploughed and planted ready for next year.

D.R.S.



INSPIRING WOMEN

WILLITON WI

Unfortunately, our speaker for Thursday 20th October, was unable to attend. Our thanks go to Mr Peter Payne, who stepped into the breach, and we enjoyed travelling along the Thames with his talk 'A Day in the Life of a Lock Keeper'. Thanks again Peter. We look forward to our next speaker, Mr David Sutcliffe, who is coming along on the 17th of November at 2.00pm to talk to us about 'Winter Customs from Halloween to Easter'. As always, non-members and visitors would be made most welcome (£3.50)

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WILLITON WEATHER



OCTOBER

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SEPTEMBER

A minimum temperature of 5^o C on the 18th.
The maximum temperature was 25^o C on the 2nd.
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The minimum pressure of 29.5 inches on the 8th.
The total months rainfall was same as August only 74mm.

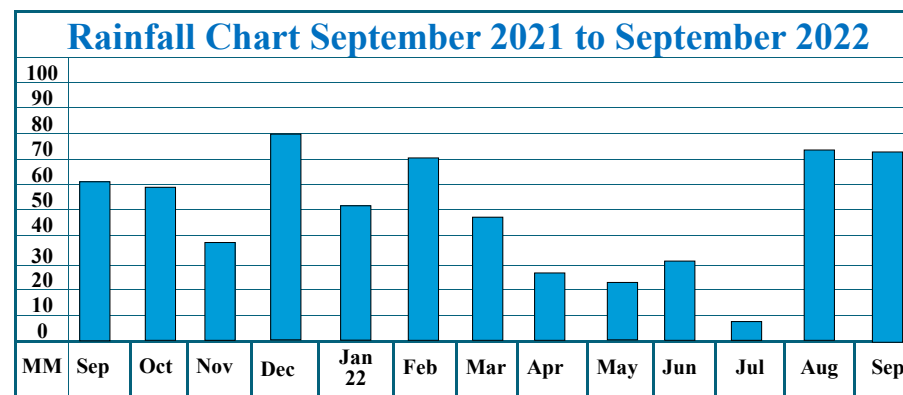
ASTRONOMICAL NEWS

Astronomical notes: In early November we should see Venus with Saturn in the South West about half an hour after sunset, maybe with a crescent moon.
Jupiter : it will be brighter than all the stars to be seen in the east after sunset.
Mars maybe seen later in the east after 10:00pm.

NATURE NOTES

We seem to be in the real Autumn now, people have been collecting lots of conkers and sweet chestnuts. I did not see the migrating birds leave but they seem to have all gone. Quite a lot of the trees are now losing their leaves considering the very hot summer they seem to have coped fairly well.

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December



Tuesday 6th December: 7:30pm Film - THE LOST KING (Cert 12)
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Thursday 8th December: 7.30pm ROYAL BALLET: THE NUTCRACKER
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Staying Warm And Well This Winter

This year, more than ever, many people will be extremely concerned about the rise in fuel costs and the coming winter months. Please do get in touch if you are struggling with fuels costs – we want everyone to be warm and well this winter! Alternatively, you can contact the Centre for Sustainable Energy and their Home Energy team on **0800 082 2234**. They are on hand to deal with fuel debt, help find cheaper fuel, aid in switching suppliers and much more. Watch this recent Talking Café for fantastic tips and advice for saving money on your fuel bills and keeping a warm home:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y7FsnSrJAow>

Are you are over 60, or rely on electricity for medical or mobility reasons or have a hearing or visual impairment or a long-term health condition? Sign up for the priority services register here: <https://www.nationalgrid.co.uk/customers-and-community/priority-services/priority-services-register>. There is advice on the website for registering with your other utilities too such as water and gas.

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- To buy half a tank of oil for a lady with a chronic health condition who was struggling to heat her home.
- Paying to PAT test and move a donated Fridge Freezer to a family in need.
- To buy a washing machine for a carer who is struggling to keep up with washing demands.
- To buy food and drink for a client who had been struggling to get shopping during the lockdown. The Agent went shopping for the client to ensure she could eat and drink until the food bank was open.

We are asking YOU to get involved anyway you can with sponsored runs, bake sales, walks - setting yourself any kind of Crisis Fund Challenge – or by simply and very kindly donating! **West Somerset** - Text **WESTSOMERSET** to 70460 to donate £10 or visit <https://localgiving.org/charity/somersetcrisisfund/project/westsomersetcrisisfund/>

For a free confidential chat you can ring your local Village Agents
 Izzy Silvester on **07931 018045** izzy@somersetrec.org.uk
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For any further details contact: Margaret Tatham on **07973 638030**
 or email watchetdementia@gmail.com



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL & FAYRE ST DECUMAN'S CHURCH



Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th December

Plans are now well in hand for the Festival to be held in the church the theme for this year will be 'The Tastes of Christmas'.



It will be interesting to see how the numerous organisations will portray this theme which could cover all the many items included in the Christmas Lunch, Tea and Supper not forgetting the possibilities of all those delicious Christmas chocolates & sweets etc. No actual foodstuffs can laden the trees but no doubt the creativity will abound.

Over 30 trees have been allocated spaces to date (October 14th) and these include from Williton, the P.C.C. of St Peter's, Williton Little Saints, Croft House & Williton Hospital.

The doors will be open on the Friday & Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and then on Sunday following the morning service and culminating with the late afternoon Christingle Service.

Besides teas & coffees on the Friday there will be the customary bacon rolls etc on the Saturday (this year from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.) plus hot soups from Noon. The main stalls will be in full swing on the Saturday plus the raffle. We also have £1 every ticket gets a prize tombola. Stalls include Bottles, Cakes, Gifts, Books & puzzles, White Elephant etc. Of course, entrance remains free to all and added to the atmosphere will be piped Christmas music, items on the organ and on Saturday an interlude from The Watchet Flute Group.

For more details or if your organisation would like to take part feel free to contact Tony Knight on **07891 688448** - the trees remain in the church throughout the Christmas & New Year period and are lit for all church services (including the special carol services for such as the Wavemakers W.I and Local Girl Guide Association).

It is also possible now to send your dedication for the lighting of the St. Decuman's Tower over Advent until Epiphany to Tony to ensure they appear in the St Decuman's December Parish Magazine and on 'The We Love Watchet' facebook page. The cost is £5 per dedication and can be sent to Tony at 39 Doniford Rd, Watchet TA23 0TG. Folk often pick a specific date within the five week period or are happy to be entered on days to ensure there is always a lit tower throughout.

Tony.

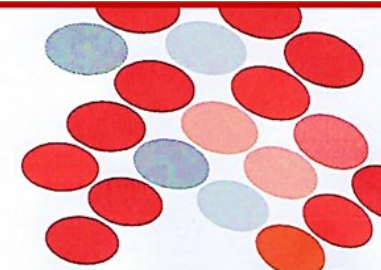
THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Trust is a very valuable thing it is something that we invest in with all the things we do. We want to know that we can trust ourselves and others, without trust life becomes very difficult and brings great uncertainty.

DRS.



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