

Your Community Magazine

# WILLITON WINDOW

January 2023

Volume 23 Number 7

View this magazine online at [www.willitonwindow.org.uk](http://www.willitonwindow.org.uk)



Traditional and Bespoke Funeral Services  
for the Watchet & Williton Community

32-34 Long St, Williton TA4 4QU

01984 248006

[www.oakfunerals.co.uk](http://www.oakfunerals.co.uk)

lendology.cic

Somerset West  
and Taunton

*Lending with Heart and Mind*

Somerset West and Taunton Council fund  
a not-for-profit loan scheme for homeowners  
and landlords\*.

We understand the expense of maintaining  
your home and we work with you to take the  
stress out of funding repairs, improvements or  
adaptations.

We see you as an individual, not a credit score.  
Our knowledgeable team of advisers will guide  
you through the process of applying for a home  
improvement loan.

For a no-obligation assessment  
or more information visit  
[www.lendology.org.uk](http://www.lendology.org.uk) or call 01823 461099

Heatherton Park Studios, Bradford on Tone, Taunton, TA4 1EU

\*subject to eligibility



**Property Maintenance**  
**General Building**

Kitchen & Bathroom  
Refurbishment

Plastering & Decorating  
Tiling & Wood Flooring  
Fencing-Decking-Patios

For all your property needs contact

**Darren Flurry**  
*Multi-Skilled Tradesman*

**Mobile: 07572506516**

Email: [dwadley83@icloud.com](mailto:dwadley83@icloud.com)

## Williton Window Magazine

**DEADLINE DATES FOR THE FEBRUARY 2023 ISSUE**

**ADVERTISING: TUESDAY 17TH JANUARY**

**EDITORIAL: FRIDAY 20TH JANUARY**

The February magazine can be collected for delivery from the  
**PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE**

9.30am to 12.30pm weekdays from **FRIDAY 27TH JANUARY**

**Please send articles, news and diary dates to:**

Mr Derek Smith, 34 Dovetons Drive, Williton TA4 4ST ☎ 01984 631595

**All advertising enquiries to:**

Mrs Janet Cook, 14 Dovetons Drive, Williton TA4 4ST ☎ 07989 466619

**Magazine distribution:**

Mr Neill Ambridge: ☎ 01984 639320

All enquiries by email: [williton@willitonwindow.co.uk](mailto:williton@willitonwindow.co.uk)

### MAGAZINE DISCLAIMER

We do our best to ensure that all advertisements and articles appear correctly in the Williton Window magazine. Advertisements and articles appearing in this publication are accepted in good faith by the publishers, Williton Window Management Committee do not accept any responsibility for their accuracy, nor does their inclusion imply any recommendation.

### PRIVACY POLICY

We do not share or sell names, addresses, phone numbers or email addresses under any circumstances.



Spare copies of this free magazine are available at  
**Williton Post Office & Parish Council Office**  
**Subject to demand**

It can also be downloaded as a PDF  
from the website:

[www.willitonwindow.org.uk](http://www.willitonwindow.org.uk)

**This magazine is printed by:**

Unit 17, Cornishway East, Galmington

Trading Estate, Taunton.TA1 5LZ. Telephone: 01823 253958 / 01823 326060

Email: [sales@rockwellprinters.co.uk](mailto:sales@rockwellprinters.co.uk)

 **Rockwell**  
PRINT & SIGN



## WILLITON WELCOME BOOKLET

Have you recently moved to Williton? If so, you may like a free Welcome Booklet, which gives a street map of Williton and Doniford, contact details of services, local clubs and organisations, and other useful information. Please ring Janet Cook on: **07989 466619**, or email: [williton@willitonwindow.co.uk](mailto:williton@willitonwindow.co.uk)  
To download a copy go to our website: [www.willitonwindow.org.uk](http://www.willitonwindow.org.uk)

**Cover Picture:** Small Tortoiseshell Butterfly on Daphne Tree in editors garden January 2022. (Another indication of how much warmer our climate is.)

View this magazine online at [www.willitonwindow.org.uk](http://www.willitonwindow.org.uk)

View this magazine online at [www.willitonwindow.org.uk](http://www.willitonwindow.org.uk)



## WILLITON AUTOSERVICES

Unit 10, Roughmoor Ent., Centre,  
Williton Industrial Estate.

**SNAP ON DIAGNOSTICS**

**REPAIRS AND SERVICING**  
*To all makes of cars & vans*

**M.O.T. TESTING**

**BATTERIES, EXHAUSTS**

**TYRE SUPPLY + FITTING**

**CAMBELTS, CLUTCHES**

**AIR CON RE-GAS**  
**LASER 4 WHEEL ALIGNMENT**

**TEL: 01984 633683**



TREE SERVICES LIMITED

*For All Your  
Tree Surgery  
Needs*

**All Aspects of Arboriculture  
& Tree Surgery**

**Hedge Laying, Coppicing and Felling**

**Hardwood Logs and Chipper  
Hire Available**

**Woodchip for Biomass boilers –  
BSL registered**

Fully Insured NC ARB & NPTC Qualified  
Free Written Quotations

**HENRY FOX**

**Tel: 01823 461789 Mob: 07971 531333**

**Email: [info@brendonhill.co.uk](mailto:info@brendonhill.co.uk)**

**[www.brendonhill.co.uk](http://www.brendonhill.co.uk)**



## MITCHELL ARCHITECTS

9 FORE STREET WILLITON TAUNTON SOMERSET TA4 4PX

tel: 01984 639420 email: [design.advice@mitchellarchitects.co.uk](mailto:design.advice@mitchellarchitects.co.uk)

Christopher Mitchell  
BA Dip (Arch) MePS RIBA

Chartered Architects : Project Managers : Principal Designers



## FOOT HEALTH PRACTITIONER

**MRS. M. TOOGOOD S.A.C. DIP**

**Nail Trimming / Removal of Corns & Callus Reducing**

**Advice on Athlete's Foot & Verrucas / Foot Massage**

Offering visits in the comfort of your home following latest PPE guidelines

**To arrange an appointment or for further information**

Please Call **07530437251** or E-mail: [kulhavam@post.cz](mailto:kulhavam@post.cz)



**UNITED BENEFICE OF WATCHET AND WILLITON**

Website: [www.watchetandwillitonbenefice.com/](http://www.watchetandwillitonbenefice.com/)

For details of other local churches see page 5.



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

**We invite you all to join any of our services**

Sunday	1st	10.00 am	All Age Worship
Sunday	8th	9.15am	Parish Communion
Sunday	15th	9.15am	Parish Communion
Sunday	22nd	No Service in Church	11am CTiWW The Pavilion, Christian Unity
Sunday	29th	10.30am No Service in St Peter's	Benefice Service St Decumans
Sunday	29th	10.30am	Deanery Service Spaxton

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

## Winter Fundraising Quiz

The fundraising quiz has been produced to raise funds for St Peters Church.

Why not try your general knowledge skills?

**Have you picked up your copy yet!**

Available from Parish Council Office / Williton Flooring

**Williton Post Office & St Peters Church on Sundays**

(Suggested Donation £1 per quiz booklet)

**£20 prize for the Winner**

Plus a chance to win a bottle of wine if your copy has the lucky draw  
winning number **so return even if not complete.**

**All entries to be returned by the 8th January 2023 a return envelope is  
included with each quiz booklet**

## Edward Martin Computer Services

### Complete Computer Support!

Bussiness & Home • Remote Assistance • Onsite Repairs • Website Design & Hosting

Find that Peace of Mind and Call us Today!

Tel: 01984 633603

Email: [sales@edwardmartin.co.uk](mailto:sales@edwardmartin.co.uk)

[www.edwardmartin.co.uk](http://www.edwardmartin.co.uk)

*Fine*  
**MEMORIALS**  
"Your local independent Mason"

**MINEHEAD**  
2 HOLLOWAY STREET, TA24 5NP  
**01643 709405**

  
ACCREDITED COMPANY

[WWW.FINEMEMORIALS.CO.UK](http://WWW.FINEMEMORIALS.CO.UK)

**NR Services**  
General Maintenance, Painting  
& Decorating, and Gardening  
Call Nigel on  
**07967 549 621**  
email:  
[nridlerservices@gmail.com](mailto:nridlerservices@gmail.com)  
**For friendly, reliable service**

**ST AUDRIES BAY**   
Holidays • Caravan Sales • Functions

**Hire the pool at St Audries Bay**

**Hire exclusively for yourselves at**  
**£40.00 per hour**


**Call us on 01984 632515 to enquire**




St Audries Bay Holiday Club, West Quantoxhead,  
Nr Minehead, TA4 4DY,  
[nfo@staudriesbay.co.uk](mailto:nfo@staudriesbay.co.uk), [www.staudriesbay.co.uk](http://www.staudriesbay.co.uk)

### EXMOOR AERIALS LTD.

- Digital Aerial & Satellite Specialists
- Friendly Service

 07540 746109

 [exmooraerials@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:exmooraerials@hotmail.co.uk)

 [www.exmooraerials.co.uk](http://www.exmooraerials.co.uk)

**32 YEARS EXPERIENCE**

 **ALAN MANCHIP**  
Approved Electrical Contractor

Refrigeration & Air Conditioning  
Domestic, Commercial, Industrial & Agricultural  
Part P Domestic Installer Inspecting & Testing  
Portable Appliance Testing  
24 hour emergency call out

**Tel: 01278 733536**

**Mob: 07773367682**

[www.alanmanchip.co.uk](http://www.alanmanchip.co.uk)

## 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](mailto:sclarkelander@gmail.com)

Janet Bremner Tel. **01984 632118** email: [janetbremner31@btinternet.com](mailto:janetbremner31@btinternet.com)



### Baptist Church (Watchet)

The Baptist Church meets 10.30am at Knights Templar School 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](mailto:mike@watchetbaptist.org.uk) or telephone Mrs M Collinson: **01984 632537** Mrs S Shearer: **01984 568310** or visit the website:

[www.watchetbaptist.org.uk](http://www.watchetbaptist.org.uk)

### Catholic Church (Watchet)

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

### Methodist Church (Williton)

Here in our Williton House Church we did not join together for a service on Christmas Day but joined with other people in Williton at other churches and at other events during the festive season.

It is good that we celebrate Gods love together with other churches and the best thing is that we can be together in spirit every day that we are part of something that covers the whole world, the faith in God's love for His creation.

Everyone is welcome to join us any Sunday at Mollie's house, **2 Higher Croft, Tower Hill** for our services and we have a different preacher leading us every week. The services are at 10.30am. On Friday mornings we meet together for coffee and chat so do come along and join us then. We don't only talk about Church and there are some very interesting and wide ranging conversations every week, plus some excellent cake. If anyone would like to come along and see us, please phone Jane Sefton on **01984 656652**, or just turn up. Mollie's house is just behind the Methodist Church at the top of the car park.

### Here are our preachers for January

**Jan 1st** : RevNick Lakin. **Jan 8th**: Margaret Lintern.

**Jan 15th**: Rev Chloe Jones. **Jan 22nd**: Joint service at Williton Pavilion 11am, Christians Together in Watchet and Williton, .

**Jan 29th**: Rev Carol Gill with a service of Holy Communion.

We look forward to joining together at the Jan 22nd service with others for an annual event for all ages and denominations, and those who just want to come and see why we do what we do.

We pray for all on our prayer list, for those who have no warm places to go in this cold weather, for those worried about paying bills and for all affected by the strikes that are going on. May the Lord help us to live together in peace, caring for each other with no boundaries or conditions in our caring. **Happy New Year Everyone!**

**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**.

## Tracy Wint SOFT FURNISHINGS

Having spent hundreds or even thousands on your decor, why settle for ready made or only a near match when it comes to dressing your beautiful home?

A complete, fast, friendly and personal service with quality second to none... and at a price that will undoubtedly surprise.

For your made to measure curtains, blinds or other soft furnishings simply call an expert.

TRACY WINT  
SOFT FURNISHINGS  
**01278 732734**

tracywint@btinternet.com

*Roman Blinds a speciality!*



## Beaver Care

SCC Accredited Micro Provider

### Home Care Support when you need it!



Helping you  
keep your  
Independence

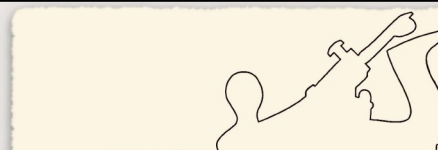


As long as possible

Telephone 07926523816

E-mail:

[alvin.beaver@hotmail.com](mailto:alvin.beaver@hotmail.com)



WIVELISCOMBE JOINERY LTD



- Quality Traditional Joinery -

All made in the heart of Wiveliscombe.

Unit 6, Station Road, Wiveliscombe, Somerset, TA4 2LX.

tel: 01984 624638 email: [contact@wiveliscombejoinery.co.uk](mailto:contact@wiveliscombejoinery.co.uk)  
[www.wiveliscombejoinery.co.uk](http://www.wiveliscombejoinery.co.uk)



Providing Traditional,  
Green & Woodland  
Bespoke Funerals  
in Watchet and the  
surrounding areas

Pre-paid Funeral Plans  
Masonry • Keepsakes

**01984 632285**

14 Park Street • Minehead • Somerset TA24 5NQ

[www.greenundertakings.co.uk](http://www.greenundertakings.co.uk)

## HEDLEY PRICE

Family Established Independent  
Funeral Directors

24 hour personal service covering all  
West Somerset, including Williton,  
Watchet, Minehead, Dulverton & Porlock.  
Private dedicated Chapel of Rest.

Mart Road, Minehead

Tel: 01643 703111 (24 Hr.)

Fax: 01643 705346

KT's Zumba Classes  
@

The Pavilion Williton

Monday evening 6-7pm

Friday Mornings 9.30 – 10.30am

Contact details are: 07738676832,

[katie0704@live.co.uk](mailto:katie0704@live.co.uk) and

K.T's Zumba Classes on Facebook

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL  
FOR YOUR SPACE



## O M Hines Ltd

Office: 01984 623424

[info@omhines.co.uk](mailto:info@omhines.co.uk)

## Oil Tank Specialist

- ✓ Fuel Recovery
- ✓ Emergency Pump Outs
- ✓ Tank Installations
- ✓ Filter, Firevalves
- ✓ Water Removal
- ✓ Tank Cleaning
- ✓ Tank Suppliers
- ✓ Base / Stand Builders
- ✓ Tank Removal
- ✓ TI/33D Risk Assessments
- ✓ Oil Line Installations
- ✓ Temporary Tanks



Diesel Tanks  
More Info Online



[www.omhines.co.uk](http://www.omhines.co.uk)

Unit 19-20 Station Road, Wiveliscombe TA4 2LX



That special  
Somerset Care  
thing.

## A choice that's so close to home.

**Discover your home from home at Croft House.**

Whether you need residential care, specialist dementia care or simply a little extra help with daily tasks, we offer all the support you need to live the life you choose.



Croft House | Williton

  
**Somerset  
Care**

0800 817 4990  
[www.somersetcare.co.uk](http://www.somersetcare.co.uk)

View this magazine online at [www.willitonwindow.org.uk](http://www.willitonwindow.org.uk)



1st Williton Squirrels

# Opening January 20th 2023

**Come and join us be part of the fun  
on Friday Nights**

**For all children age 4 - 6**

For more information or to register your child please contact

Emma on: **Tel 07806968961**

E-Mail [llewopamme@gmail.com](mailto:llewopamme@gmail.com)

**M.FARRINGTON**

**Chimney Sweep**

**Stove Installation**

**Williton/Taunton**

**Call**

**07956 314921**

**07403 481358**

**[Mattf1970@icloud.com](mailto:Mattf1970@icloud.com)**

**NACS & HETAS REGISTERED**

## MUSIC LESSONS



Piano



Keyboard



Electronic  
Organ



Classical  
Organ



Theatre  
Organ

**Now offering on-line lessons  
via Skype, Zoom & Facetime**

♫ Half Hourly / Hourly Lessons ♫ CRB/DBS Checked  
♫ All Ages - Never too late to learn!

**01984 634227**  
[musicalkeys1@icloud.com](mailto:musicalkeys1@icloud.com)

View this magazine online at [www.willitonwindow.org.uk](http://www.willitonwindow.org.uk)



## Hello from Williton Hospital!

We are sure that a lot of you will know that there is a wonderful Community Hospital in the Village, some may have visited family, or been a patient yourself or maybe come to one of our fabulous Christmas Fairs!

We felt it is time to let you know more about the Hospital and how you can become involved with supporting your local Community Hospital!

Williton Hospital is part of the Somerset Foundation Trust which includes the Acute General Hospital Musgrove Park, and 13 Community Hospitals such as Williton, Minehead and Bridgwater. Each of these have their own specialities, some are for short term general rehabilitation. Williton and South Petherton are for specialised rehabilitation from stroke and brain injury.

Williton Hospital currently has 20 beds open on Meadow Ward – 19 within the Stroke recovery Centre and 1 End of life bed in “Graces Room”. Patients can be admitted from anywhere across Somerset. There is also an Ambulatory care Unit which enables treatment of day case patients who would otherwise have to travel to Taunton, and visiting clinics for physiotherapy and maternity. The District Nurse and the Single point of access teams are both based in their hubs on the Annex.

We have recently won a **“Somerset Stars” Award** for our multidisciplinary approach to Stroke Rehabilitation where the Nursing and Therapy teams work closely in conjunction to enable patients to achieve their best potential. Social Workers and Community Agents in-reach closely to help support patients with finances, housing and placement if required. Our Doctor Clare provides full time dedicated care and is supported by MPH Stroke Consultant Rob. Our psychologist Scott supports patients in what is in no doubt a life-changing time.

“Graces Room” is a “jewel in the NHS” – a dedicated bed for End of Life care, a very spacious and peaceful room where families can stay with their loved one, knowing there is 24 hour support and care on hand. Senior Sister Sharon has been instrumental in developing “best practise” in end of life and palliative care across the trust.

**How can you get involved?**

*Continued on next page.*



Grace's Garden

View this magazine online at [www.willitonwindow.org.uk](http://www.willitonwindow.org.uk)

## Williton Hospital continued from previous page.

We are heavily supported by our fantastic League of Friends who campaign fiercely to protect our services and also fundraise for purchases that are not covered by the NHS – they have recently provided new furnishings for our staff room and equipment for the patients to use in sessions with our Activity co-ordinator Kim. You can donate to the League of Friends via the Hospital, or even become involved!

We rely on volunteers who work alongside our staff to enrich patient experience and activity – they support us with tasks including; bed-making, hand massage, craft / activity sessions, shopping and gardening.

We are looking for new volunteers to join our friendly team; if you may be able to spare a few hours please contact Co-ordinator Christine at the Hospital on: **01984 635600.**

We are also looking for businesses / individuals who may be able to donate on a regular basis to a raffle that we organise at our monthly Stroke Coffee Mornings, for past patients to meet up with others with shared conditions and experiences. It is invaluable to continue to support patients in this way and we love to see patients continuing their recovery once they have left Hospital. If you are able to help please contact us on **01984 635600.**

*Sarah Pearce.*



## ENERGY HEALING



Another year is coming to a close as we enter December! Where does time go to? Many will be making preparations for Christmas at this time, for some this will be a time of year they find hard for numerous reasons while others revel in the festive season.

Whichever group you fall into it can be a time when you need some space for yourself, time to ponder and reflect maybe. The Energy Healing sessions continue in Watchet at the Phoenix Centre next to the library, you may wish to have a healing or even just sit in a calm space and have a chat. If you wish to discuss healing, please call myself or Tony details below.

**The next session is as follows:**

Thursday January 19th, 2pm to 4:30pm

Further information from Tony on **07831104896** or Alison on **07796780498** or e-mail [hadleysecretsquirrels@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hadleysecretsquirrels@hotmail.co.uk)

**Season's Greetings to each and everyone of you.**

View this magazine online at [www.willitonwindow.org.uk](http://www.willitonwindow.org.uk)

**EXCOM**

PC, Laptop & Tablet Sales, Repairs,  
Upgrades, Printers & Ink

**We also sell TV's**

**Sizes 24" to 65" Available**



Home Delivery & Installation Available  
**01643 704673 07894090888**

24 Friday Street, Minehead, TA24 5UE  
[www.excom.co.uk](http://www.excom.co.uk)

**AQUAFIT!**  
Join us today!  
Holistic approach to your wellbeing

**MIXED GROUP**  
West Quantoxhead  
(St Audries)  
Wednesdays 7pm

**MALE GROUP ONLY**  
Minehead  
St. Michael swimming pool  
Mondays 6.15 pm

Women's classes available also  
please check our Facebook timetable  
Improve heart health /Strengthen & tone  
muscles /Lose unnecessary weight /Less  
stress on your joints /full body workout/  
suitable for any age/fitness level/athletes  
people with injuries

**Fully qualified PT's Kim & Kris**  
offering personal training


**For more information**  
Telephone: 07872 039847  
Facebook: Holisticfit.training  
Email: [holisticfit.training@gmail.com](mailto:holisticfit.training@gmail.com)

View this magazine online at [www.willitonwindow.org.uk](http://www.willitonwindow.org.uk)

**COTTRELL'S  
GARDEN  
CARE**

**ALL ASPECTS OF GARDEN  
MAINTENANCE  
TREE WORK, LANDSCAPING  
AND FENCING UNDERTAKEN**

**COMMERCIAL AND  
DOMESTIC  
FULLY QUALIFIED  
AND INSURED**



**Mob:07919 838024**

[www.cottrellsgardencare.co.uk](http://www.cottrellsgardencare.co.uk)

**HS Hollam  
Solicitors**

*As a small local firm, we can  
provide a personal service at all  
times, at an affordable cost.*

**where understanding matters**

**Family, Matrimonial and  
Children matters**

**Wills and Lasting  
Powers of Attorney**

**07951 054915 01643 802278**  
[info@hollamsolicitors.co.uk](mailto:info@hollamsolicitors.co.uk)  
[www.hollamsolicitors.co.uk](http://www.hollamsolicitors.co.uk)

**Now based in Watchet**



## **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL & FAYRE ST DECUMAN'S CHURCH**



The event staged at St Decuman's proved to be another tremendous success attracting record crowds and 'sold out' signs on many stalls before Saturday afternoon. The 47 illuminated decorated trees depicting this year's theme of 'The Tastes of Christmas' saw the appearance of numerous Gingerbread Men (the Watchet Football Club Under 10's had face pictures of all the players & trainers on the card figures), there were Turkey's, 'Pigs in Blankets', lots of Brussel Sprouts, a full knitted dinner in front of the Phoenix Tree, whilst the Mothers Club a huge cake with a tree as a decoration on it, The PCC of St Decuman's aptly had a tree adorned with pink sugar mice, and the top of the Watchet Guide tree depicted Greedy Gertie the Guide Leader with her knife & fork plus tongue hanging out above a tree covered in the ingredients of the Christmas Dinner. An unusual Quality Street Tree from the Watchet Cubs drew a great deal of attention as did an offering from the Art Club bringing home the have and have nots in the world we live in (a double-sided tree – thought evoking). All the trees were brilliant, and it was so pleasing to see all the trees from the Youth Organisations of both Watchet & Williton. A warm welcome to to the Positive Aims Group, the RBL Club to their first festival and the return of Knights Templar School.

The event raised over £3,000 and there was much interest in the raffles for Bird Tables which were won by Rachel Irvén and Kirsty Cornish. The main raffle prizes resulted in the star hampers won by Sue Lang & Ashley Archer with other winners Caroline Cox, Anne Langford, 'Emma', Phil Bowden, 'Lorna' and Jane Sperring.

Watchet Rainbows kindly took charge of the cooking of Bacon Baps etc in a large tent outside of the porch from early morning and completely sold out by 2 o'clock as did the homemade soups on offer inside the church.

On Sunday afternoon the event culminated in a Christingle Service which was well attended with the retiring collection in aid of the Children Society.

It was a remarkable weekend to see almost every local charitable organisation taking part showing just how the community can come together to celebrate not just our St Decuman's Church but the life of Watchet & Williton.

**Thanks must go to all who took part and helped in any way.**

*Tony Knight.*

View this magazine online at [www.willitonwindow.org.uk](http://www.willitonwindow.org.uk)

**Bawden Cleaning Services Ltd**

Gutters, Conservatory Roofs  
Fascias, Soffits & Frames  
Windows Inside & Outside  
Pressure Washing  
Carpet Cleaning  
Tel : 01823 690154  
Mobile: 07590636079  
E-mail [kevin@bawdencleaning.co.uk](mailto:kevin@bawdencleaning.co.uk)  
Established 1982





**WATCHET**  
**GLASS & GLAZING**  
Replacement Doors & Windows  
**01984 631800**  
[www.watchetglassuk.co.uk](http://www.watchetglassuk.co.uk)




View this magazine online at [www.willitonwindow.org.uk](http://www.willitonwindow.org.uk)



## Faith Reflection



Dear friends

As the weather becomes colder and the days are still short, we can often feel like we ourselves are closing down as well. We have to make an effort to go out as it is so tempting just to sit in the warm rather than face the cold winds that blow. Many people this year may not even be able to have a warm space at home and we are grateful to the various places which are opening their doors and offering hot drinks to people. Winter is also a time when people feel lonely. We rush to the shops to get what we want, and don't linger around for a conversation. Even dog walkers like myself share a hurried hello on the hills rather than stop and chat.

However, winter is also a time of rest - for nature - and perhaps also for us. We all need a balance in our lives. We can have time to think and plan for the year ahead.

In the Methodist church we traditionally have a Covenant Service, when we renew our promise to God to allow him to control our lives. We say the words I am no longer my own but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you, exalted for you, or brought low for you; let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing; I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours.

It helps if we have someone we can totally rely on when times are difficult, and it helps to gather together each week to share fellowship and worship. Everyone is welcome in our churches. It is not necessary to have a great faith to come to church. Whatever your beliefs, you will find a warm place and a friendly face to welcome you. The church is made up of people just like you, with their own joys and sorrows, and it is through being part of the family of God, part of a church, that helps us when things are tough.

**May the New Year bring you peace, hope and joy and help if you need it.**

*Rev Jane Sperring.*

### LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES

Receiving Cards and Notes at Christmas from friends and family that you rarely see, a chance for catching up on each others lives, events and trials.

*DRS.*



View this magazine online at [www.willitonwindow.org.uk](http://www.willitonwindow.org.uk)

Your Local  
Heating &  
Plumbing  
Contractor



Gas Boiler replacements  
Full heating replacements  
Gas Boiler servicing  
Gas hob & cooker installations  
Hot water cylinders  
Landlord gas safety checks  
Full or partial bathroom refurbishments  
Kitchen plumbing

No matter what your plumbing requirements are, large or small, call for a free no obligation quotation

Tel: 01984 639431 or Mob 07842607357  
Email: [info@tplplumbingservices.co.uk](mailto:info@tplplumbingservices.co.uk)  
Web: [www.tplplumbingservices.co.uk](http://www.tplplumbingservices.co.uk)



**Garden Design  
Landscape Construction**

• Fencing • Patios  
• Paths • Ponds  
**Decking • Stone Walls**  
• Turfing

Contact  
Tim Jackson  
31 Lower Meadow Road,  
Minehead, Somerset TA246AW

mob. 07748644376 email: [tim@tjlandscape.co.uk](mailto:tim@tjlandscape.co.uk)

## Traditional Damp Management Solutions

**WOODLOUSE  
LIMITED  
CONSERVATION**

*"Recognised Specialists In Lime Rendering,  
Lime Plastering & Building Restoration"*

- Lime Plastering •
- Lime Rendering •
- Cob Work •
- Lime Pointing •
- Stonework •



- Fireplace Restoration •
- Conservation Projects •

**01984 629131  
07788 810576**

*"Restoring properties throughout Somerset & Devon"*

[www.woodlouseconservation.co.uk](http://www.woodlouseconservation.co.uk)

*Ballroom  
Dance Lessons  
Pavilion Hall  
Williton*

*Professional Ballroom  
Dance Instructor*

*'Wednesdays from 8pm.  
£6.50 per person.*

*For more details E-Mail:  
[Somersetballroomdance@gmail.com](mailto:Somersetballroomdance@gmail.com)  
Or call/text 07535 601217*

View this magazine online at [www.willitonwindow.org.uk](http://www.willitonwindow.org.uk)



## Somerset Bus Partnership Welcomes Flat Rate Fare Proposals



Somerset Bus Partnership welcomes the Government's plan to provide up to £60 million, to enable bus operators to cap single adult bus fares at £2. The £2 flat fare comes in from the beginning of January and will continue through to the end of March 2023. Most bus operators are expected to adopt the scheme.

This means millions of people across England will save money, at a time when many households are suffering massive pressures from the rising cost of living. The move will help people travel for work, education, shopping and medical treatments and provide a much-needed saving in daily expenditure.

The current average single fare for a 3-mile journey is estimated at over £2.80, meaning that the new fare will save passengers almost 30% of the price every time they travel.

In addition, Somerset County Council currently plans to introduce a £1 single/£2 return bus fare in Taunton, as part of its Bus Service Improvement Plan. Somerset Bus Partnership welcomes this initiative but emphasises the need to procure further funding to enable this flat rate fare to be extended across all of Somerset.

Somerset Bus Partnership Co-Chair, Peter Travis, said, "Bus usage declined in Somerset in the last decade, and even more so during the pandemic. We need initiatives like these to restore and improve passenger levels. Encouraging people to choose buses over cars helps to reduce carbon emissions. It is estimated that the Government's £60 million will reduce car journeys by at least 2 million and cut pollution and congestion for all of us."

Somerset Bus Partnership will continue to work closely with Somerset County Council to encourage bus use and ensure implementation of the Bus Service Improvement Plan across the county.

Contact us at: [somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com](mailto:somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com)

<http://www.somersetbuspartnership.co.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Somerset-Bus-Partnership-105704811629827>

Peter Travis Co-Chair Somerset bus Partnership.



## WILLITON WI

At the time of writing, the ladies of the WI will be looking forward to a Christmas meal in The Mason's Arms. On January 19th we will be back at the Williton Pavilion for our usual 2.00pm Thursday afternoon meetings. We will be starting the new year programme with 'An Afternoon with ABBA' so why not come along and join us - (platform boots not required!!). Visitors will be made most welcome ( £3.50).

Irene Draper, Williton WI.

View this magazine online at [www.willitonwindow.org.uk](http://www.willitonwindow.org.uk)

## Regular Weekly Meetings / Groups & Events in Williton

<b>Everyday</b>	1.00pm - 11.00pm	Williton Social Club	<b>Tel: 01984 248671</b>
<b>Mondays</b>	9.30am - 12noon & 8.00pm-9pm	Pilates Pavilion	<b>Tel: 07342 238723</b>
	2.00pm - 4.00pm Short Mat Bowls	Pavilion	<b>Tel: 01984 633084</b>
	5.00pm - 6.30pm Beavers	Guide Brownies HQ	<b>Tel: 07806 968961</b>
	6.00pm - 7.00pm Zumba	Pavilion	<b>Tel: 07738 676832</b>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	1.00pm - 3.00pm Talking Cafe	Pavilion (Brendon Room)	<b>Tel: 07931 018045</b>
	2.00pm - 4.00pm Chatty Crafters (Except first Tues of the month)	Danesborough Common Room	<b>Tel: 01984 634686</b>
	5.45pm - 7.15pm Brownies	Guide & Brownie HQ	<b>Tel: 07765 842747</b>
<b>Weds</b>	10 - 11am. Move it or Lose it	Pavilion	<b>Tel: 07421 762532</b>
	6.30pm - 8.00pm Cubs	(Guide & Brownie HQ)	<b>Tel: 07398 717048</b>
	8pm - 9pm Ballroom Dance Lessons	Pavilion	<b>Tel: 07535 601217</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	10am - 12noon Cameo Coffee Group	St Peters Church	<b>Tel: 01984 639600</b>
	2.00pm to 3.30pm Foxes Teas	Pavilion (Term Time Only)	
	5.30pm - 6.30pm Rainbows	(Guide & Brownie HQ)	<b>Tel: 07484 601929</b>
<b>Fridays</b>	9.30 - 10.30am Zumba	Pavilion	<b>Tel: 07738 676832</b>
	10.00am - 12 noon Coffee & Chat	Mollie's 2 Higher Croft Tower Hill, All Welcome	<b>Tel: 01984 656652</b>
	12 Noon Friday Walks	Meet opposite Library	<b>Tel: 01984 632459</b>
	7.15 - 9.00pm Guides	Market St, Watchet	<b>Tel: 07584 037156</b>

Please note during holidays some groups or events may not be running please check with the organisation.

### CAMEO

(Come and meet each other)

A reminder that CAMEO meets on Thursdays in

**St Peter's Church 10am - 12pm**

Everyone welcome to drop in for coffee, cake and chat.

Please speak to Sue or George if you have any questions, details on page 6.

*This is not a religious event it is just an opportunity to meet others in our community and enjoy time together.*



### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

New Year brings the time when we review our aspirations and personal desires. Make one of your aspirations to help others by giving your time and support, it can be very rewarding.

DRS.



View this magazine online at [www.willitonwindow.org.uk](http://www.willitonwindow.org.uk)

## What's Happening This Month In Williton

### Williton Monthly Meetings / Groups & Events for January 2023

<b>Weds</b>	<b>4th</b>	Family History	2pm & 3pm One to One (Book with Library)
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>5th</b>	Wasps	1.30pm Sampford Brett Village Hall
<b>Tues</b>	<b>10th</b>	Bingo	7.00pm for 7.30pm start Pavilion
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>19th</b>	Women's Institute	2.00pm Pavilion
<b>Fri</b>	<b>20th</b>	Community Market	9.30am to 12 noon Williton Social Club
<b>Mon</b>	<b>23rd</b>	Garden Club	7.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
<b>Tues</b>	<b>24th</b>	Bingo	7.00pm for 7.30pm start Pavilion
<b>Weds</b>	<b>25th</b>	Family History Group	7.15pm Pavilion Meeting Room
<b>Sun</b>	<b>29th</b>	Indoor Car Boot	10.00am - 1.00pm Pavilion
<b>Tues</b>	<b>31st</b>	Film Night/Fish & Chips	6.00pm Supper 7.00pm Fisherman's Friends Pavilion
<b>No meeting this month</b>		Good Neighbours Grp	2.30pm Danesborough View Common Room

If you have a regular monthly event and would like it added to the monthly diary page please send to the editor email: [williton@willitonwindow.co.uk](mailto:williton@willitonwindow.co.uk) or Telephone: 01984 631595



### West Somerset Family History Group

Happy New Year to you all. Our Christmas meeting went very well with nibbles and a quiz. It was based around family history and the West Somerset area, we did not know as much about the area as we thought we did. We also acquired a couple of new committee members.

Some of you may have received DNA kits for Xmas and would like to take up your Family History as a new hobby, or your New Years resolution is to give your own research a kick start, so join us at our next meeting where we can give you some guidance. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 25th January at 7.15pm** and is in the Pavilion, ground floor meeting room. It is a group help meeting where if you have any questions or need help in your research we can try to help you as a group. We are a friendly group of people with the same interests.

Entrance is £1.50 for SDFHS members and £3 for visitors who are always made welcome. Tea/coffee and biscuits are provided.

You can book with the library for a one to one session with me at 2pm & 3pm on Wednesday 4th January when I will try to help you get started on your family tree or to help break the 'brick wall' if you have got 'stuck'.

*Lesley Murray Secretary.*

View this magazine online at [www.willitonwindow.org.uk](http://www.willitonwindow.org.uk)



## Williton Parish Council

To contact the Parish Council telephone 01984 633979

E-mail Michelle : [clerk@willitonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@willitonpc.org.uk) or Julie : [admin@willitonpc.org.uk](mailto:admin@willitonpc.org.uk)

The end of the old year and beginning of a new one is traditionally the time when we look back on what has happened and look forward to what is to come.

2022 started with some optimism that the worst of the Coronavirus pandemic was over but is ending with worry and concern for many with the cost-of-living crisis. During the year there has been the so-called Russian “military operation” in Ukraine and its ongoing threat of world, possibly nuclear, war and times of celebration and having fun and times of mourning.

### So, what has Williton Parish Council been doing during this historic year.

During the Coronavirus pandemic the Parish Council has received funds for grants to help enable our businesses, and the village, recover and in March working with those businesses we re-opened the Public Toilets in Killick Way and as a result rather than just passing through the village travellers are now taking a break and visiting our shops. We have also facilitated the creation of a business group Williton and District Business Association which is going from strength to strength.

Other grants we received were to assist those who were feeling isolated and lonely because of the pandemic with a hot meal, initially expecting that to last for about ten weeks, however, working with Foxes Academy in Minehead not only are we continuing to provide a meal at a reasonable cost once on Tuesdays but also a cream tea each Thursday during term times.

June 2022 saw the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the Parish Council organised the Beacon Lighting Ceremony on the Memorial ground on a lovely early June evening and a “Party in the Park” on a very damp Sunday! Not long after that we were mourning the death of Her Majesty and the Parish Council had a moving tribute in the office window and led the vigil for Her Majesty and read the Proclamation of the Succession of His Majesty King Charles III on the eve of the Queen’s funeral.

Late February saw the start of the war in Ukraine and by May families in the village were welcoming refugees into their homes. The Parish Council, working with the Village Agents set up a facility to help those refugees adapt to life in the UK and settle into our community.

The war in Ukraine amongst many other factors has led to the energy and cost-of-living crisis that we are all facing at the moment some more so than others. In addition to the meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays which also provide somewhere warm for a few hours. As well as this the Parish Council is opening its office in Killick Way as a “Warm Hub” on Monday afternoons and Wednesday and Friday mornings and we are working with Foxes to start a “Soup Club” in the near future, more details to follow in the New Year.

*Continued on next page.*

*Parish Council continued from previous page.*

As Cllr White mentioned last month we have been working with the police to restart the Speed Watch group which is starting to see some results in slowing traffic in the village; but we need more volunteers to be able to be out more often and at more locations, if you are able to help please contact the office (details on top of previous page). We are also working with our County Councillors and Highways to see what other measures can be introduced to slow traffic down particularly on Long Street and Tower Hill.

In addition to everything above the Parish Council has been commenting on many planning applications that affect our village and we are looking at ways that we can work with Watchet Town Council on applications that have an impact on both communities.

Who knows what 2023 will bring, but there will be challenges for us as the new Somerset County Unitary Authority comes into being and the old County and District Councils are dissolved in April and Parish Councils will be encouraged to take on services that have previously been done by others. Also depending on the planning process it is anticipated by the developers that the building of the new 350 house estate on the edge of the village will start by the middle of next year, we will have to see how the works traffic affects us and be ready to start welcoming new residents to our village shortly after that.

If there is anything that you feel that the Parish Council could or should be doing for the village and its inhabitants, please let us know and in the meantime may I wish you a healthy and prosperous 2023.

*Cllr Peter Payne.*



## Minehead Museum Quiz

*Are you a wiz at a quiz,  
or just like some fun?*

**Friday January 20th**

**7pm**

**Social Club North Road**



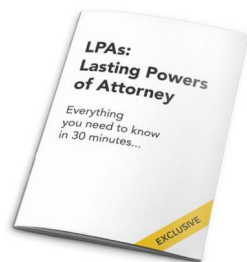
**£3 Per person - come as you are or bring a team!**

**Help to deliver a museum with more Punch!**

Charity no. 1169355

## "LPAs: Lasting Powers of Attorney

Everything you need to know in 30 minutes."



An exclusive guide written by local LPA expert lestin Milton-Jenkins - answering all your questions about LPAs including types of LPAs and costs.

Readers of Williton Window can request a printed copy now - free of charge and without obligation.

Just call **01643 703 234** or email [enquiries@thornesegar.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@thornesegar.co.uk) and one of the friendly team will post it to you first class.

3 Bancks Street, Minehead  
[www.thornesegar.co.uk](http://www.thornesegar.co.uk)

**THORNE SEGAR**  
SOLICITORS

# NELSON'S DECORATING

INTERIOR & EXTERIOR DECORATORS  
[nelsondecoratingservices@outlook.com](mailto:nelsonsdecoratingservices@outlook.com)

Find us on Facebook!  
or Call 07546 776924



Ich spreche Deutsch  
LESSONS IN  
GERMAN CONVERSATION

NO READING OR WRITING

ONLY SPEAKING

IF INTERESTED PLEASE

CONTACT

**RICHARD**

TELEPHONE 01984 631987



## Williton Pavilion & War Memorial Recreation Ground

Tel: 01984 633979 E-mail: [admin@willitonnpc.org.uk](mailto:admin@willitonnpc.org.uk)

This month we're back to normal after the Christmas break with two **Bingo** sessions; **Tuesday 10th and 24th**. £7 for six books including tea/coffee in the interval, Raffle 50p a strip, Snowball £1, Football Scratch Cards 50p. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

The **indoor car boot** is on **Sunday 29th January**, 10am to 1pm. Sellers £5 per pitch (2 tables), buyers free. If you want a pitch you do need to reserve (as we have a limited amount of tables) beforehand so please email me [cllr.howes@willitonnpc.org.uk](mailto:cllr.howes@willitonnpc.org.uk); we are already 50% booked.

We also have a special Film Night on **Tuesday 31st – Fisherman's Friends: One And All**. Tickets are £9 and will include a fish and chip supper (from John's Chippy, tickets are available from Williton Parish Council and Williton Post Office.

Foxes will resume service with lunch on Tuesdays and Cream Teas on Thursdays in mid-January.

We've our annual Open House coming up on Saturday 18th February, if you are a group in the village (or nearby) and would like a free table to promote yourselves please call the Parish Office to reserve. Earlier rather than later as we do have a limited number of tables available.

This year we've noticed that there have been clashes with other events organized within the village, so we've set up a diary in the Parish Office. If you're organizing a village event, perhaps you'd like to check the diary before firming your date, and enter your event in the diary so (hopefully) no-one else clashes with you.

**Forthcoming dates for your diary:**  
**Friday 10th February** – Curry & Quiz Night.

**Saturday 18th February** – Open House (email [clerk@willitonnpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@willitonnpc.org.uk) to book table)

**Sunday 9th April** – Easter Egg Hunt.

**Sunday 21st May** – Open Gardens. (email me if you want to open your garden)

**Saturday 2nd September**

Williton Village Fete.

**Sunday 26th November** – Christmas Craft Market.

**Saturday 23rd December** – Christmas Festival and Grotto.

Trustee Dawn-Lesley Howes. [cllr.howes@willitonnpc.org.uk](mailto:cllr.howes@willitonnpc.org.uk)

## Fish & Chip Supper & Film Tuesday 31 January

Doors Open 18:00, supper arrives shortly after doors open;  
Film starts 19:00 prompt



@ Williton Pavilion

Williton NPC is a registered charity (211212)  
run by volunteers; help is always appreciated

Advance tickets available from  
Parish Office & Williton Post Office

Advance: £9 inc supper / £4 no supper  
On the door: £5 no supper

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

# HOBBS Electrical Contractors Ltd



\* Commercial \* Domestic \* Industrial \*

Electrical Installation  
Rewires, new builds & renovations  
Maintenance & Repairs  
Inspection & Testing, Portable Appliance Testing

Phone:

**01984 656444**

Est. 1987

## The White House Hotel & Restaurant

Restaurant & Bar Open  
To Non-Residents  
Evening Meals Available  
6pm-8.30pm Tuesday - Saturday

We also provide for  
Pre-Christmas &  
New Year Dinners / Functions  
Events / Meetings / Buffets  
Private Dining / Wakes / Etc

**Telephone: 01984 632306**  
11 Long Street, Williton,  
Somerset, TA4 4QW



*The White House*  
WILLITON

Website:  
[www.whitehousewilliton.co.uk](http://www.whitehousewilliton.co.uk)

## Roofing & Building Services

### All Aspects of Roofing

Gutters & Downpipes  
Leadwork Specialist

### General Building

Groundworks & Slab for  
Extensions/Digger Work  
Home Open Plan  
Refurbishment

**Frank McClafferty**

Well Dressed Leadwork

**Tel: 07766 705771**

View this magazine online at [www.willitonwindow.org.uk](http://www.willitonwindow.org.uk)



## Down at the Station January 2023



Little to report at this time due to editorial deadlines, but the first Santa Specials have run into Williton with a lot of happy faces and children fascinated by the way the engine runs round the train to hitch back up to return the train to Bishops Lydeard. These trains will still be running during Christmas week when you will likely have received this issue of the Williton Window, so do come down and enjoy the scene; have a tea or coffee and browse the gift cards etc stall and second hand books. There are several jigsaw puzzles for sale plus other interesting items!

**May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a peaceful New Year and may it not be too cold – or wet for that matter.**

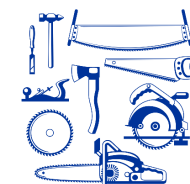
*John Parsons, Station Master.*

## A Community Maker's Shed Idea

This is an idea I've been pondering over for a while now. Some of you may already have heard of the "Men's Shed", a great idea – in my opinion anyway; but a Men's Shed sounds exclusive (although it's not). And yes, there are craft groups in the village; but I wonder if a "Makers Shed" would be used by the village; one that was open all week, evenings and weekends included, to drop in when the fancy takes you, grab a coffee, make a project or just get a coffee and be social, and pass on your knowledge and expertise to others.

There is loads of information on how to set up a Men's Shed on the internet, [www.menssheds.org.uk](http://www.menssheds.org.uk) and the structure/organisation can be utilised for our Shed – no point in re-inventing the wheel!

Williton Parish Council have kindly sponsored the project and will provide free use of the Pavilion Hall for a **brainstorming meeting**, which I have now set up for **Saturday 4th February 10am to midday**.



Please come along if you are interested in having a "Makers Shed" in the village. Most especially if you've experience of setting up/being involved with one or similar, but also if you've experience (or want to) of fundraising, sponsorship, getting grants, finding or have in mind suitable premises, and anything and everything in between. And you don't have to live in Williton to come along, this isn't Williton exclusive; although I would like to see the shed residing in Williton if we can find suitable premises.

If you are interested, please don't think some-one else will sort it, because if only a handful turn up then this project will be a non-starter, as I don't have the necessary experience (or time) to organise this.

I must stress that, although I am a Parish Councillor, this is not a parish project; it will be a community project/space.

I look forward to sharing ideas with you at Williton Pavilion on **Saturday 4th February at 10am** and "let's get this shed started", If you want to contact me please e-mail me at [dlh@dawn-lesley.co.uk](mailto:dlh@dawn-lesley.co.uk)

*Dawn-Lesley Howes.*

View this magazine online at [www.willitonwindow.org.uk](http://www.willitonwindow.org.uk)

## Annie's Upholstery

*Providing a bespoke upholstery service for you*

Using traditional methods, we can refresh your much-loved furniture ranging from footstools, dining chairs, to a complete restoration of your favourite fireside chair or settee.

Please contact us on 07713 101295  
anniesupholstery@gmail.com  
www.anniesupholstery.co.uk



## ACLAND'S

**BRIDGWATER EURONICS CENTRE**  
**28-30 NORTH STREET, TA6 3PN**

*Award winning electrical retailer  
for all your domestic appliance and  
television requirements.*


**Tel No. 01278 422544**  
**www.aclandstv.co.uk**

*Fast friendly service & install*

## BRENDAN PROPERTY MAINTENANCE & SERVICES

**We do everything**  
**Flatpaks//Fencing**  
**Fascia's/Guttering/Roofing**  
**Paths/Paving /Small Extensions**  
**No job too small**

**Tel: 07544 514573**

*Find us on Facebook* 

**Alison Courtney**  
**BA Hons DAC, CHM(London) MRTCM and**  
**MBAC C Cert Ac (China)**

**ACUPUNCTURE & CHINESE HERBAL**  
**MEDICINE**  
**Clinic & Dispensary**



**Tel: 01984 634 908**

*'Hazelmore' 23 Catwell, Williton*



## EXMOOR PLUMBING

**RELIABLE PLUMBER**  
**NO JOB TOO SMALL**

**01984 639629 / 07970 632114**

**radiators**  
**cylinders**  
**tanks**  
**bathroom suites**  
**taps**  
**ball valves**  
**washers**  
**showers**  
**soilpipes**  
**wastepipes**  
**drain clearance**

**All plumbing work covered**

The Regal and Minehead Panto People  
Present...

## Robinson Crusoe and The Pirates

Script by Alex P. Tregay

27th December 2022 - 1st January 2023

**TICKETS:**  
ADULTS - £9  
CHILDREN - £6  
FAMILY - £25  
(2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN OR 1 ADULT & 3 CHILDREN)

BOOK ONLINE AT:  
regalboxoffice.co.uk



## Williton Public Library

Open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
10am -1pm & 2pm -5pm, Saturday 10am -1pm.  
(Closed Tuesdays).



**Also closed Bank Holidays - Monday 26th December and Monday 2nd January**  
**Rhyme Time**



Our free popular Rhyme time sessions take place on a Monday morning between 10.30 and 11am (term time only) The group enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes. Please come and join in with us. Everyone Welcome.

## Children's Events

The Lego will be available on Saturday 7th of January in the children's area for everyone to play with. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## Technology Support?

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.

## Research your Family Tree



The darker evenings are the perfect time to start researching your family tree. Library members can use Ancestry for free (log in at libraries west) We also offer support with Individual Family history session on the first Wednesday of the month These free sessions are run by our experienced volunteer but do 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 in using this service.

## 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.

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

**Happy New year to all our customers.**

*Williton Library staff.*

**Free Quotations**



**Robin Parker** ND arb  
**TREE SERVICES**

All aspects of tree work undertaken including:

- Felling, Dismantling, Pruning • (reductions, thinning, crown lifting etc)
- Woodland maintenance •
- Garden maintenance •
- Hedge trimming •

City & Guilds Qualified

Friendly, reliable, fully qualified and insured

T: 07582 596030 E: robinparkertreeservices@gmail.com

**01984 568047**

**N. A. WILLIAMS**  
(Established over 30 years)

**General Builders & Decorators**

**Double-Glazed Windows & Doors**

**Supplied & Fitted**

**Telephone: 01984 656400**  
**Mobile: 07970 054909**

**TORRE CIDER FARM**  
WASHFORD, SOMERSET, TA23 0LA

FARM SHOP • TEA ROOM •  
SPRITE SANCTUARY • FARM ANIMALS •  
ORCHARD WALKS • SOMERSET SCRUMPY •

**FREE ENTRY & TASTING**

Like us on Facebook  
info@torrecider.co.uk  
torrecider.co.uk

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

**EXCOM**

PC & Laptop Sales  
Tablet Sales & Support  
Onsite Repairs  
Workshop Facilities  
Virus Removal  
Data Recovery  
System Installation  
Data Transfer  
Printers & Ink

Call  
**07894090888 01643 704673**

24 Friday Street, Minehead, TA24 5UE  
www.excom.co.uk

View this magazine online at [www.willitonwindow.org.uk](http://www.willitonwindow.org.uk)



## WILLITON WEATHER



### DECEMBER

As I write this at the end of the first week in December I am looking out to my garden and see the first FROST of the winter. Some of you may have had a frost a few days ago. The MET forecast is snow. We did have a bit of snow on the 10th December a few years ago!

### NOVEMBER

A minimum temperature of 4.5°C on the 29th.  
The maximum temperature was 18°C on the 12th.  
The maximum pressure of 30.1 inches.  
The minimum pressure of 29.1 inches.  
The total months rainfall was 207mm, off the chart!



Last year it was a very mild November up to 19°C in Aberdeen.

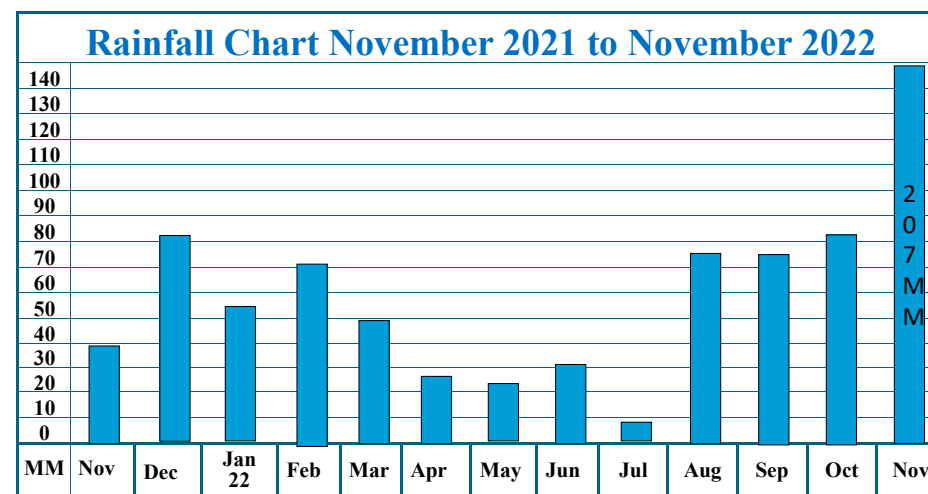
### ASTRONOMICAL NEWS

On 21st December it is the winter solstice. Mars is at its closest to Earth so it is at its brightest. See if you see it near the moon. Look Southwest for Saturn though the brightest object here should be Jupiter.

### NATURE NOTES

The Editor saw a primrose in November, I see the first mauve crocus in the garden. The birds returning to the feeders for a winter feast. Here we see three Robins. Except in the spring you will not see more than one at a time. But, when at the garden feeders this may be an overlap of their territories.

Wishing you a Very Happy New Year. Pj



View this magazine online at [www.willitonwindow.org.uk](http://www.willitonwindow.org.uk)



**LYDEARD**  
*Farm Shop*

## Now available for delivery in Williton

**Our Deli Box or Fruit and Veg Box!**

**Deli Box £20**

**ALL OUR OWN HOMEMADE PRODUCE**

Includes 2 slices of Quiche / 1 Scotch Egg  
2 Samosas / 2 Sausage Rolls  
1 Lemon Drizzle Loaf Cake

**Fruit & Veg Box £15**

Includes a variety of 10 different Fruit and Vegetables

*Built up with your basics and include as much seasonal fruit & Veg where possible with a recipe card to give you some idea of what you could make*

If you would like to order either of the above or have any queries about what we sell and offer at Lydeard farm shop please email us at:

[contact@lydeardfarmshop.co.uk](mailto:contact@lydeardfarmshop.co.uk)

Or call us on **01823433973** we'll be happy to help!

Or visit the shop

Delivery is available every 2 weeks on a Tues / Thurs PM



View this magazine online at [www.willitonwindow.org.uk](http://www.willitonwindow.org.uk)



**LYDEARD**  
*Farm Shop*

## Your Local Farm Shop

Here at Lydeard Farm Shop we produce and sell quality local produce.

We are well known for our Deli Counter that is packed full with our homemade Quiches, Scotch Eggs and a wide selection of local cheeses and lots of other goodies! As well as this we have a freezer packed full of a wide variety of homemade ready meals!

We strive to provide quality fruit and veg all year round, we use local suppliers where possible. Our shop displays a lot of local treasures, including local Honey, Meats Handmade gifts and lots more!

We'd love to see you come visit and have a look around or visit our website to have a browse: [www.lydeardfarmshop.co.uk](http://www.lydeardfarmshop.co.uk) Tel: 01823 433973

We now offer deliveries of our Deli and Fruit & Vegetable boxes in Williton every two weeks Tuesday and Thursday Afternoons. See our advert on page 33 for more details. Or Visit us at :-

**Unit 8 Broadguage Business park, Bishops Lydeard, Taunton TA4 3RU.**



## Poppies & Squares

A belated thank you to all who knitted or crocheted poppies for the Memorial stand this year. We managed two strands of poppies either side. Still loads of black and red wool for more, let's see if we can get another two strands – or more – for next year.



The squares are coming in now thick and fast, there is loads of wool still on the door step of 25 North Croft. This year these are going to people in the village that need an extra bit of help to keep warm. Every blanket goes out with a label saying "Sent with a hug from Williton". So please keep knitting and crocheting. Hoping to get our first few blankets out this before Christmas. DLH.

**Stargazing Evenings @ Holworthy Farm**  
Delivered by Space Detectives

Includes  
Supper



Limited  
Spaces!

**Saturday 14th January 2023 - Observe the Moon**  
**Saturday 25th February 2023 - The International Space Station**  
**Saturday 18th March 2023 - Mars: The Red Planet**

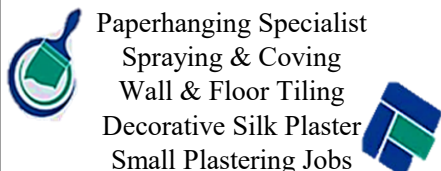
**£25 per person**  
[holworthyfarm.co.uk](http://holworthyfarm.co.uk)  
**01398 371244 Wimbleball Lake, TA22 9NY**

View this magazine online at [www.willitonwindow.org.uk](http://www.willitonwindow.org.uk)

## Jamie Williams

Decorating Tiling & Refurbishments

All Aspects of Professional  
Exterior & Interior Decorating



Paperhanging Specialist  
Spraying & Coving  
Wall & Floor Tiling  
Decorative Silk Plaster  
Small Plastering Jobs

UPVC Fascia & Soffit Boards  
Weatherboard Cladding

**Property Maintenance**

All our work to the highest standard  
We pride ourselves on a job well done

**Call : 07766917137**



E-Mail:

[jamiethedecorator@yahoo.com](mailto:jamiethedecorator@yahoo.com)

## Magnum Blinds

Est 1993

All types of blinds supplied & fitted  
**CHOOSE AT HOME SERVICE**

- Home visit enables you to choose from a comprehensive range of samples to match the colour scheme of your home
- Free Fitting Service
- No Obligation Quote
- No Pressure Sales
- Quality Products & Competitive Prices

To arrange your appointment please contact us:

Tel: 01643 702175 Mob: 07773 291435

email: [adrian4clark@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:adrian4clark@yahoo.co.uk)



## Marcus Oakey Gardening Services

**Tel: 01643 224027**  
**Mob: 07469 966950**

Regular garden maintenance

One off tidy ups

Tree and shrub pruning

Grass and hedge cutting

Full range of lawn care

All types of weed control

Landscaping and fencing work

Licensed and Qualified

## TONY BROOKE CARPETS & FLOORING

Carpet, Vinyl, Flotex, Naturals,  
LVT, Wet Rooms, Safety Flooring,  
Wood, Rugs, Mats and More

- Free estimating and planning
- Expert advice and fitting
- Great deals on roll stock and remnants
- Re-stretches, re-adaptions and repairs
- Already bought a carpet? We will fit it



**CHOOSE AT HOME SERVICE**  
**We won't be beaten on price!**



**Tel: 01984 632206**

E-Mail: -

[tonybrookecarpetsandflooring@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tonybrookecarpetsandflooring@hotmail.co.uk)

Website: -

[www.tonybrookecarpetsandflooring.co.uk](http://www.tonybrookecarpetsandflooring.co.uk)



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

**December/January 2023**



### ROBINSON CRUSOE AND THE PIRATES

**Tues Dec 27th: 2.30pm, Weds 28th to Fri 30th: 7.30pm**

**Sat Dec 31st: 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Sun 1st January: 2.30pm**

A real pearl of a Panto, lively, vibrant and a fun-filled production, packed full of swashbuckling action, damsels in distress, desert island cannibals and plenty of songs for you to sing along to.

### Saturday 7th January: 2.00pm. ANDRE RIEU IN DUBLIN

Start 2023 in style with André Rieu in Dublin. Exclusive to cinemas, this celebratory concert is the best way to welcome in the new year! André and his Johann Strauss Orchestra will delight you with romantic melodies, popular classics, party tunes and beloved waltzes.

### Tuesday 10th: 7.30pm. THE BANSHEES OF INISHERIN Film (Cert 15)

Set on a remote island off the west coast of Ireland, The Banshees of Inisherin follows lifelong friends Padraic (Colin Farrell) and Colm (Brendan Gleeson), who find themselves at an impasse when Colm unexpectedly puts an end to their friendship.

### Saturday 14th: 11.00am. Film Matinee : THE KING & I (1958 Original)

Why not come in from the cold and see this classic favourite.

### Thursday 19th: 7.15pm. LIKE WATER FOR CHOCOLATE:

The Royal Ballet - ROH live screening. A modern Mexican classic of magic realism provides the basis for The Royal Ballet's new full-length work, reuniting Artistic Associate Christopher Wheeldon with the creative team who transformed Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and The Winter's Tale into dance, composer Joby Talbot and designer Bob Crowley.

### Tuesday, 24th: 7.30pm. CEZANNE: PORTRAITS OF A LIFE

Exhibition on Screen is thrilled to be bringing back one of its most successful ever films, dedicated to the life and work of Paul Cézanne. One cannot appreciate 20th century art without understanding the significance and genius of Paul Cézanne.

### Friday, 27th: 7.30pm. HEART-WARMING TALES

Alexandra Simson is a gifted storyteller who uses a variety of techniques to bring her huge catalogue of folk tales, myths and legends to her audience. Come along and enjoy her modern take on the traditional art of storytelling. You will not be disappointed.

Tickets for all events may be booked in advance online at <https://regaltheatre.co.uk/> 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.

PS - The Regal Theatre is run entirely by volunteers - why not join us??

**West Country Discos**  
**Wedding DJ**  
**Parties/Private Functions**  
**Call Nigel**  
**07970 054909**





**Your advert could be here**  
**For full details**  
**Contact**  
**Janet Cook**  
**Tel 07989 466619**  
Email : [Williton@willitonwindow.co.uk](mailto:Williton@willitonwindow.co.uk)

**GRANDFIELD & SON**  
Independent  
Family Funeral Directors  
for five generations  
*also Timber, Joinery & D.I.Y.*  
Keenthorpe, Nether Stowey  
Telephone: 01278 732219

**EXMOOR**  
Shutters & Blinds  
We are an Independent business  
based in Williton Somerset  
Offering a beautiful range of 'made to  
measure' shutters and blinds to suit any  
interior styling, including perfect options  
to reduce your energy consumption.  
**Free same day quote**



Call 07805 428517 or 07508 014353  
E-mail:  
[hello@exmoorshuttersandblinds.com](mailto:hello@exmoorshuttersandblinds.com)  
or  
visit our Website:  
[www.exmoorshuttersandblinds.com](http://www.exmoorshuttersandblinds.com)  
*"Excellent blinds and even better service."*

**DJM**  
**BUILDING SERVICES**  
Brickwork, Stonework,  
Extensions,  
Garden Projects, Decking,  
Walling and Patios,  
Pointing  
and all General Property  
Maintenance  
30 years experience  
Call David on  
Tel: 01984 640486  
or Mobile: 07977 419025  
Email: [djmbuilding@outlook.com](mailto:djmbuilding@outlook.com)



**WORDSEARCH FOR JANUARY**  
by Phyllis Chidgey  
**The World of Walt Disney**





E	S	U	O	M	I	C	K	E	Y
T	I	B	M	A	B	M	U	P	D
I	M	A	Y	P	P	A	H	I	O
H	B	S	E	L	L	E	B	N	O
W	A	H	P	D	O	C	T	O	W
W	Y	F	O	O	G	O	P	C	A
O	M	U	D	B	O	D	O	C	L
N	A	L	U	M	P	W	M	H	L
S	X	O	T	U	L	P	E	I	E
K	C	U	D	D	L	A	N	O	D



DOC	GOOFY	DOPEY	MICKEY
NEMO	MULAN	HAPPY	SNOW WHITE
POGO	PLUTO	MOUSE	PINOCCHIO
BAMBI	PUMBA	BAYMAX	DONALD DUCK
DUMBO	SIMBA	WALL - E	BELLE
WOODY	BASHFUL		

**FORGET ME NOT CAFE**  
In the Sanctuary Swain Street Watchet 10.30 to Noon  
Our Meetings in January are:-  
**January 11th & January 25th**  
For any further details contact:  
Margaret Tatham on **07973 638030** or email [watchetdementia@gmail.com](mailto:watchetdementia@gmail.com)



## Useful Telephone Numbers



<b>Christians Against Poverty</b>	Free debt help	<b>Tel: 0800 328 0006</b>
<b>Mind line Somerset</b>	Emotional support helpline	<b>Tel: 01823 276892</b>
<b>Parish Council</b>	Parish Clerk	<b>Tel: 01984 633979</b>
<b>Pavilion</b>	Bookings / Enquiries	<b>Tel: 01984 633979</b>
<b>Police</b>	Emergency Non Emergency	<b>Tel: 999 Tel: 101</b>
<b>Quantock Foodbank</b>	Local Foodbank	<b>Tel: 07483 815122</b>
<b>Registry Office</b>	Pre booked Appointments	<b>Tel: 01823 282251</b>
<b>Surgery</b>	Robert Street TA4 4QE	<b>Tel: 01984 632701</b>
<b>Village Agent (Izzy Silvester)</b>	Leave a message with contact details	<b>Tel: 07931 018045</b>
<b>WASPS</b>	Local Parkinson's support	<b>Tel: 01984 631472</b>
<b>West Somerset Advice Bureau</b>	Advice line:	<b>Tel: 0800 802 1808</b>



## Know your festive collection days



Make sure you know when we will be picking up recycling and rubbish. Collections are unchanged up to and including Friday 23rd December. There will be **no collections on Monday 26th December or Monday 2nd January** so both weeks' pick-ups are all one day later, including Fridays on Saturday. There will, as usual, be no garden waste collections in the festive fortnight. All usual services resume from Monday 9th January onwards. You can also look up all your collection days using My Collection Day on our home page at:- [somersetwaste.gov.uk](http://somersetwaste.gov.uk).



## Williton Garden Club



Williton Garden Club starts the New Year with their monthly meeting to be held on Monday 23rd January 2023 at 7.30 p.m. at Danesborough Common Room with a visit and demonstration by The Orange Pip Florist. There should be plenty of tips on home flower arranging and how to make the cut flowers last. Visitors welcome at £2 per meeting.

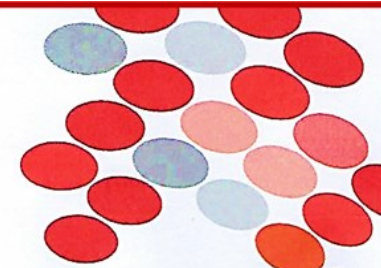
*John Parsons, Chairman.*



## 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..

View this magazine online at [www.willitonwindow.org.uk](http://www.willitonwindow.org.uk)



Friendly and professional advice on  
Lasting Power of Attorney, making  
or amending your Will and Probate.

Offices in  
Chard, Seaton and Taunton

01823 286274  
[www.lentells.co.uk](http://www.lentells.co.uk)

ACCOUNTANCY | TAX | AUDIT | PAYROLL | WILLS | PROBATE and much more...

## Small Business

Accountancy Company Limited

**Professional and Personal service  
at competitive rates**

*Self Assessment Tax Returns  
Annual Accounts  
Bookkeeping  
VAT  
Payroll*

**Sole Traders Partnerships  
Limited Companies  
Contact Ian Robson on:**

**01984 634138  
or 07435 977003**

email:  
[ian@smallbusinessaccountancy.com](mailto:ian@smallbusinessaccountancy.com)



**PILATES**  
with Ellie Stuart - Steel

Fully Qualified Level 3 Instructor



Daytime & Evening Classes Available

**What can Pilates do for you?**

- Develop a strong core.
- Improve joint mobility and flexibility.
- Plus many more health benefits.

**Call Ellie on 07342 238 723  
or email [stuartsteelpilates@gmail.com](mailto:stuartsteelpilates@gmail.com)**

**[www.stuartsteelpilates.com](http://www.stuartsteelpilates.com)  
Facebook.com/pilateswithellie**

View this magazine online at [www.willitonwindow.org.uk](http://www.willitonwindow.org.uk)

## The Masons Arms



2 North Road, Williton, Somerset TA4 4SN

**Tel: 01984 639200**

16th Century Thatched Inn with b & b  
5 en - suite rooms, disabled access,  
large car park

Sunday lunch 12noon - 3pm

Weekday Lunches & Evening Meals

Monday - Saturday, inclusive  
Menu & Specials

Bar open all day

## HELPING HANDS Cleaning Services

Weekly - Fortnightly  
Monthly - One off  
Holiday Let  
End of Tenancy  
Deep Clean Every Time

For all your cleaning  
Requirements  
Help is at hand



**Contact**

**Sarah Williams**

**01984 656400**

**07771362486**

References Available

*I'd rather get down on my hands  
and knees for a deep clean than  
dust a pristine property*



## Window Woman & Locksmith

Raji Webber

Conservatory, Window  
& Door Repairs

Steamy Windows ★ Leaks & Draughts ★ Hinges ★ Handles

Locks & Seals ★ Door Adjustments ★ Security Upgrades

**Residential & Commercial**

★ 07967 314 323 ★ 01643 709209

email: [rajiwebber@hotmail.com](mailto:rajiwebber@hotmail.com)



FIND ME ON FACEBOOK