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Sunday	12th	9.15am	Parish Communion
Sunday	19th	9.15am	Parish Communion
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Winter Fundraising Quiz

Many thanks to all of you who entered our Winter Quiz. We hope you enjoyed the challenge, we certainly enjoyed setting the questions. The winner was Glynis Maule with 97.5 out of 100, which was brilliant. Guy Morgan was the lucky winner of the bottle of wine, his entry was drawn out in Church by Rev Mark Phillips to ensure fairness.

We will now get our thinking caps on ready for Winter Quiz 2023.

Thanks to The Question Setters: Sara Hemphall, Liz Payne & Geraldine Fuller.



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Baptist Church (Watchet)

The Baptist Church meets 10.30am at Knights Templar School on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. At other times, there are a series of smaller gatherings. For more information contact Rev Mike Sherburn: **01984 633755** or email: mike@watchetbaptist.org.uk or telephone Mrs M Collinson: **01984 632537** Mrs S Shearer: **01984 568310** or visit the website:

www.watchetbaptist.org.uk

Catholic Church (Watchet)

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

Methodist Church (Williton)

Now we are all settled into the New Year, we hope to see anyone and everyone who would like to come and see us at our Sunday services or social events. We still call ourselves Methodists but 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 and last about an hour, and we love to sing. 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. And if you like to knit or crochet or sew or anything like that, please bring your work along and enjoy it while we talk. Look at it as an ecumenical knit and natter group if you like! 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 old Methodist Church at the top of the car park. 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.

Here are our preachers for February -

5th: Clive Longhurst. 12th Tim Hedgcock. 19th Rev Nick Lakin. 26th Jean Armin.

We give thanks for everyone who is opening a warm space so that people struggling with heating bills may find somewhere warm and friendly to be, and the continuing work of those who run the Food Cupboard. We hold up to the Lord all on our prayer list, especially Paul and family on the passing of Bridget. She was a wonderful friend and support to all of us and we give thanks for her life and love. We pray for those who have no warm places or homes of their own to go to 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.

Team Ministry: Rev Nick Lakin: **01643 705175**.

Stewards: Mrs R Troman: **01984 633199** Mrs J Sefton: **01984 656652**.

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FROM OUR VILLAGE AGENT, IZZY SILVESTER February News



The spring flowers may be nodding their heads, bringing with them the hope of warmer days, but we still have a month or two of winter still ahead of us, and the cost-of-living crisis isn't going away quietly! Below are some practical solutions that can make a big difference quickly, or call me **Izzy Silvester**, your local Village Agent, **07931018045** or **01823 331 222** and I can connect you to the right services for you and help make this winter a little less harsh.

Petrol costs

There are some great resources that allow you to find the nearest, cheapest fuel prices, <https://www.petrolprices.com/> seems to be the best, with a handy downloadable app as well as a website.

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These are popping up all over the county where you pick up free food and household items, with no appointment or referral needed. Frome, Shepton Mallet, Glastonbury, Cheddar, Henstridge are just a few places that have them. Call me to find out if there is one near you or visit <https://www.hubbub.org.uk/the-community-fridge>.

Somerset County Council Household Support Fund

This fund offers short-term urgent financial help to people in Somerset struggling to afford essentials such as buying food, paying for utility bills, or other items such as beds and white goods. It is an online application that I can help with if needed: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/somerset-household-support-fund/>

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Surviving Winter grants

CCS Village Agents distribute grants to older people struggling with their fuel bills or if they need to make their home warmer through small repairs and fixes.

Somerset Warm Spaces

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Faith Reflection

After Mass one Saturday evening recently, a wine merchant parishioner asked me, "Are you observing dry January?". No, I told him, I'd rather observe dry Lent: it's longer than January and concentrates the mind better!

We seem to have just finished the Christmas season this year when the spectre of Lent looms up: Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is on February 22nd. After the times of Advent preparation for Christmas and the joyful nature of the Christmas season, we now need to set our minds on the solemn reflections of Lent as we prepare to consider afresh the trial, humiliation and death of Jesus before his glorious resurrection and return to his home in heaven. Lent is a time to look both backwards and forwards: how have we failed ourself and others in the past, and how can we put this situation right in the future.

Lent is almost always seen as a time for giving things up. We deny ourselves some pleasure such as a glass (or two) of wine, or stop eating our favourite chocolate or fattening cakes in the hope of feeling better afterwards. We can, however, extend this practice from the obvious cases of self-denial to include more serious denial which can affect, not just ourselves, but those around us as well. Lent should, also, be a time to take a fresh look at our relationship with others and to see if there are ways in which we can better them by refraining from critical attitudes or harmful condemnation.

Further, Lent should be a time of self-improvement. The giving up of things and attitudes helps, but to make this really work we should try to improve our relationship with God. Put simply, we can try to talk to him more (yes, that's called praying!). We don't need to learn some complex formulae, just to "have a chat" with him: tell him what's on your mind and then have a time of silence, just to listen: you'll be surprised how often he does answer you.

So, give up things if you want, but remember to do the positive in Lent as well. Have a Happy and Holy season and an Easter full of resurrection joy. **God bless you all.** *Deacon Vincent.*



Williton WI started off the new season today, the 19th of January, with a DVD about 'Abba'. Not quite a 'sing-along' but everyone enjoyed it. Our February speaker will be Lynn Cleaver who will be giving us a talk on Genealogy. This will be on Thursday the 16th of February at 2.00pm in the Pavilion. As always, visitors welcome (£3.50). The WI will also be present at the Open House in the Pavilion on Saturday the 18th of February from 11am 'til 1pm, so if you want to find out a bit more about us why not pop in and have a chat. *Irene Draper Williton WI.*

LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES

Getting out into the garden when it stops raining to do some winter tidying up.

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	2.00pm - 4.00pm Short Mat Bowls	Pavilion	Tel: 01984 633084
	5.00pm - 6.30pm Beavers	Guide Brownies HQ	Tel: 07806 968961
	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	10am - 12noon Cameo Coffee Group	St Peters Church	Tel: 01984 639600
	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
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	7.15 - 9.00pm Guides	Market St, Watchet	Tel: 07584 037156

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What's Happening This Month In Williton

Williton Monthly Meetings / Groups & Events for February 2023

Weds	1st	Family History	2pm & 3pm One to One (Book with Library)
Weds	1st	Wasps	1.30pm Sampford Brett Village Hall
Tues	7th	Good Neighbours Grp	2.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Tues	7th	Bingo	7.00pm for 7.30pm start Pavilion
Fri	10th	Fun Quiz /Curry Night	6.30pm for 7.00pm Pavilion
Thurs	16th	Women's Institute	2.00pm Pavilion
Fri	17th	Community Market	9.30am to 12 noon Williton Social Club
Sat	18th	Open House Event	11.00am to 1.00pm Pavilion
Tues	21st	Bingo	7.00pm for 7.30pm start Pavilion
Weds	22nd	Family History Group	7.15pm Pavilion Group Help Meeting
Sun	26th	Indoor Car Boot	10.00am - 1.00pm Pavilion
Mon	27th	Garden Club	7.30pm 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 or Telephone: 01984 631595



Time to get walking again!



With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Somerset <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/somerset> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Somerset (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

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John Harris. john@walkinginengland.co.uk www.walkinginengland.co.uk

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Williton Parish Council

To contact the Parish Council telephone 01984 633979

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

I ended my piece last month with who knows what challenges 2023 will bring to Williton and mentioned the large housing development on Priest Street. No new details have come forward about that yet but a detailed planning application for the proposed estate off Doniford Road near Normandy Avenue has now been lodged with Somerset West and Taunton District Council (SWAT). Outline planning permission was given in 2021 for 139 new houses together with some amenity land with the only road access being from the Doniford Road about 150 metres Williton side of the junction into Alamein Road. This new application is now about house design, final details of the road layouts etc. The Parish Council will be discussing this and making its observations known to the District Council and if you would like to raise any concerns that you have about this new development please go to the SWAT website and log into the planning pages (www.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/planning/find-a-planning-application) and search using reference 3/37/23/001 where you can see the documents and follow the instructions to make your comments.

On the subject of planning Watchet Town Council have also been looking at a large, proposed development at Parsonage Farm. Whilst some developments are within either Williton's boundary or Watchet's boundary some straddle the border but what they all have in common is that they will have an impact on both communities. The planners normally only speak to the Parish Council and Town Council individually so the two councils are in discussion to see how we can work together to put a united front to SWAT (and the new authority) when making planning decisions that affects us both.

The date when the new Somerset Council comes into being is fast approaching and it looks like a preliminary decision has been made as to which towns and parishes come together to form Local Community Networks (LCN's). Williton has been put together with Watchet, Minehead and villages along the A358 and A39. More details as to how these will work will no doubt become clearer in the next few months. The Parish Council was invited to a presentation about the properties that the Somerset County and District Councils own. With the New Council coming into force, it is anticipated that some of the properties will be surplus to requirements but the consultations and analysis as to what is needed is at an early stage. It was emphasised that service provision was not being looked at and this review is solely about how and where it is delivered.

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After a cold December the start of January has been very wet, fortunately the flood plains have done their job and other than roads being closed we have not had the terrible flooding of homes and businesses that other parts of West Somerset and Exmoor has suffered. We still have a long while until summer and the possibility of further flooding is still there. Large parts of the village are vulnerable to flooding, so if your home or business is at risk please prepare for it and visit www.gov.uk and search for "flooding" where you can find lots of good advice and tips to help you.

I finish with the repeated request that if you think there is anything the Parish Council could or should be doing please let us know.

Cllr. Peter Payne.



Have you made any New Year's resolutions? If you have, do they involve doing something to help our native hedgehog population? If you haven't then maybe you may like to think about it. Making small changes in your garden will ensure that hedgehogs have safe havens. Not only that, you will be helping other wildlife as well. One important thing you can do is to make your garden accessible to hedgehogs.

Have a wander around your garden, no matter how big or small it may be. Is there a point of access, can a hedgehog get under, or through, a fence, gate or wall? If not, what can you do to create access and be part of a hedgehog highway? One of the main reasons hedgehogs are struggling in Britain is because our fences and walls are becoming more and more secure, reducing the amount of land available for them in which to roam and look for food.

For hedgehogs one garden just isn't enough, they can travel up to 2km a night on their foraging forays, That's why you need to convince your neighbours to care about hedgehogs as much as you do. The residents of Dale Road in the Nottinghamshire village of Keyworth have made 42 holes in fences connecting gardens and creating a hedgehog super highway. In the village of Kirtlington, Oxfordshire, there are 60 connected houses, with gaps, holes and even ramps, in all shapes and sizes for hedgehogs to use, and other villages have announced plans to create similar networks in their bid to make the country's largest hedgehog highway.

'Hedgehog Street' is a UK-based conservation initiative set up by two charitable organisations, the People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTSE) and the British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS) Have a look at their website for ideas and information, www.hedgehogstreet.org

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The annual **Open House** is on **Saturday 18th of February** 11am until 1pm, pop along and see the diverse range of hobbies and groups in and around the village.

Foxes have added to their lunch and cream tea offerings with a **Soup Club** on Wednesdays at midday for an hour until the end of March. £2 for soup, roll and dessert.

We have our regular fortnightly **Bingo** night on **Tuesday 7th and 21st of February**. £7 for six books including tea/coffee in the interval. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

The **indoor car boot** is on **Sunday 26th of February**, 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 number of tables) so please email me: cllr.howes@willitonpc.org.uk

Forthcoming dates for your diary:

Sunday 9th April – Easter Egg Hunt.

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

Saturday 2nd September – Williton Village Fete.

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Down at the Station February



When the weather permits we are slowly continuing with our winter maintenance programme and hope to get many jobs out of the way before trains commence again at the end of March. Timetables are not yet available so I do not know the exact start date as yet. Readers will no doubt have seen the press reports of further flooding and some damage to one of the embankments in the Coombe Florey area. This considerably hampered the final weeks running of the Christmas Santa Trains and Winterlights trains, which had to be diverted to include a trip out to the Norton Fitzwarren halt platform. Details of the actual repairs to the embankment have not yet been completed, then there will be need for estimates and contractors etc, and even more likely there will be a public appeal to help fund the necessary work. The last thing the WSR wishes is for the need to increase ticket prices especially in the current financial situation we are all in.

John Parsons, Stationmaster.



Williton Garden Club



There really is little to say for this month as we have not met since our Christmas party at the beginning of December. However the February meeting will be on Monday the 27th at Danesborough View Common Room when we are due a visit by Allan Cavill who is to be talking about 'No Dig Vegetable Growing'. This should be interesting and visitors are welcome to join us at £2 per meeting.



John Parsons, Chairman

ENERGY HEALING



Winter is often a time of gloomy days and dark mornings but January can offer bright, crisp weather but not so this year. As I write this it is yet another wet and dreary day but on the positive side it is replenishing the depleted water supplies.

For many the lack of light can affect wellbeing as can being indoors more at this time of year. I am pleased to say that Energy Healing continues at the Phoenix Centre and it would be good to see you, whether this is for a healing session or a chat or even just to sit in a quiet space to relax. The dates of the sessions are:

Thursday February 16th 2023. Thursday March 16th 2023.

Both sessions run from 2pm to 4:30pm and there is disability access. We also welcome pets who benefit from healing. If you require any further information please contact either Tony on **07831104896** or myself on **07796780498** or email me at: hadleysecretsquirrels@hotmail.co.uk

Alison Hadley.

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Children's Events

The Lego will be available on the first Saturday of each month in the children's area for everyone to play with. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The Lego will be available all morning for the children to enjoy.

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.

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

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WILLITON WEATHER



JANUARY

This January will give us yet another record as we have had 121mm so far (20th. Jan.) Floods on the main road to Washford forced us to turn around and we went via the Watchet to Blue anchor route NO !The Cleeve hill road CLOSED as its cracks showed movement on the electronics. So we went back home that day. Severe floods on the Somerset levels again.

DECEMBER

A minimum temperature of -3⁰ C on the 9th.(With Frosts)
The coldest middle of the day was -4⁰ C on the 14th.
The maximum temperature was 15.7⁰ C on the 19th a very wet day 17mm rain.
The maximum pressure of 30.2 inches on the 1st.
The minimum pressure of 29.55 inches on the 21st.
The total months rainfall was 82mm.
Last year it was a very mild November up to 19⁰ C in Aberdeen.



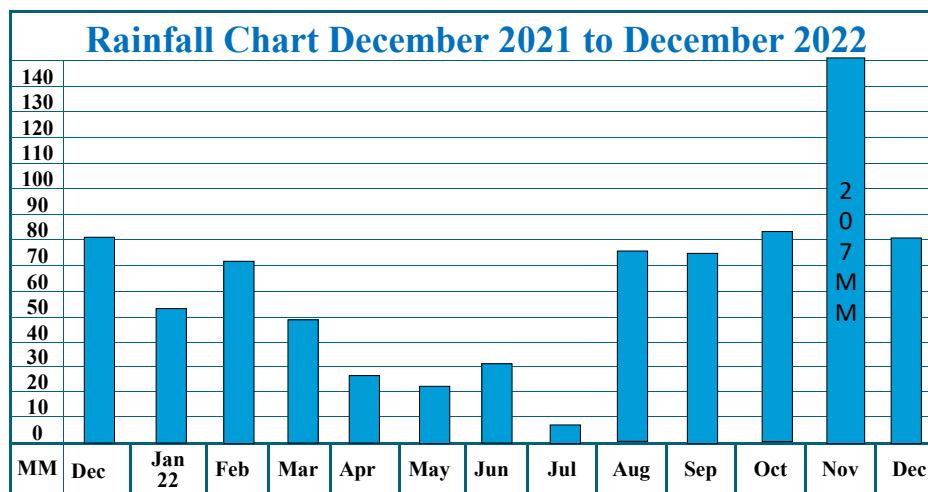
ASTRONOMICAL NEWS

As the weather has been cloudy for most of the time I did not see much in December!!

February planets in the sky, you may only find Venus and Neptune at the end of February. Venus approaches Jupiter on 28th February. Mornings Mars is near Venus and Neptune. February 28th : Venus approaches Jupiter and in the morning the Moon is near Mars.

NATURE NOTES

Please record the birds in your garden at the end of January, you only need an hour or less. Also, send if there are none (zero ie. no birds are seen) as this all counts on this type of survey. Post /send to www.rspb.org.uk P.J.



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Our first WASP'S meeting of 2023 was held on Thursday 5th January at Sampford Brett Village Hall. Exercises were led by Rosemary, following a PD Avengers programme.

Members were reminded that exercises are very beneficial for Parkinson's sufferers, improving muscle tone and balance. This was followed by an Open Forum session which produced several queries, problems, and hopefully some solutions.

It was very evident that symptoms are unique for each person, and medication that helps one person, will not always help another. Members have found that practising writing and doing eye exercises have been very helpful.

It was mentioned that Carers are often overlooked, and some sort of support network would be useful.

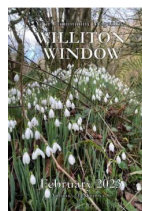
We have various speakers lined up for 2023. February will be our 10th birthday, so Dr Simon Cooper will be joining us for birthday cake.

Anyone with Parkinson's is very welcome to join us at our meetings, together with family, friends & carers. We charge a small subscription to cover expenses, which also pays for our Christmas dinner and Cream Tea in the summer.

Please Note February's meeting is on Wednesday the 1st

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Jane Cooper.



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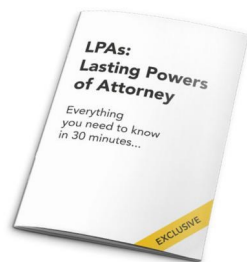
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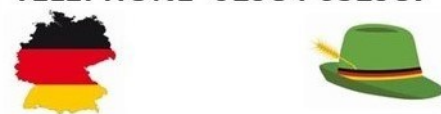
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February



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Tuesday 7th: 7.30pm LIVING (Cert 12).

We bring you Bill Nighy in Living, it is a gentle and poignant remake of the great Japanese director Akira Kurosawa's 1952 film Ikuru (To Live). The film is set in 1950s London and in a deeply affecting performance Nighy plays a buttoned-up civil servant Mr Williams, who receives news which compels him to rethink his outlook on life.

Saturday 11th: 11.00am Oklahoma!

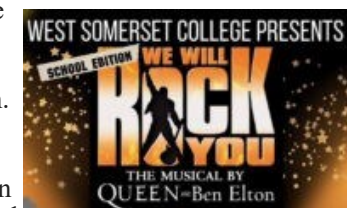
The Regal Theatre will be screening - the third of what has become a popular monthly morning matinee of favourite classic films; and our film-goers also enjoy coffee and cake before the film, at the Regal's weekly Saturday Drop-in morning, 10 - 12noon each Saturday. **Tickets for Oklahoma! are just £3.00 each.**

Wednesday 15th: 7.00pm. THE BARBER OF SEVILLE.

LIVE from The Royal Opera House. Expect heart-melting serenades, ridiculous disguises and a fairy tale ending waiting just out of reach. From the barber's famous opening number 'Largo al factotum,' with its cry of 'Figaro! Figaro!' to Rosina's feisty aria 'Una voce poco fa,' Gioachino Rossini's comic opera is a riotously entertaining affair. Rafael Payare makes his Royal Opera House debut conducting an outstanding international cast that includes Andrzej Filonczyk, Aigul Akhmetshina, Lawrence Brownlee and Bryn Terfel.

Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th: 7.30pm. We Will Rock You.

Students from West Somerset College present the West End Smash hit We Will Rock You at the Regal. A jukebox musical based on the songs of British rock band Queen with script by Ben Elton. The musical tells the story of a group of Bohemians who struggle to restore the free exchange of thought and fashion and live music in a distant future where everyone dresses, thinks and acts the same.



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.

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A Community Makers Shed in Williton?

Please don't forget if you are interested in having one in the village to come along to the meeting in the Pavilion on **Saturday 4th February at 10am**. Really hoping I won't be "Billy No Mates" on the day! If you can't make it, but are interested, please email me dlh@dawn-lesley.co.uk and I will keep you informed of our next steps. I have also booked a table at the Open House in Williton Pavilion on Saturday 18th February, so you could pop along and register your interest.

D.L.Howes.



Poppies & Squares



We've now managed to send 7 blankets to our Village Agent to distribute to those that need them, so please keep those squares coming. I am running a bit low on wool now so if you have any odds & ends or balls you don't want, do feel free to drop them into the wool box on my doorstep – 25 North Croft. I am happy to come and collect if you are not able, just email me: dlh@dawn-lesley.co.uk and I can pop round.



West Somerset Family History Group

Our next meeting is a group help meeting where we try to help resolve problems as a group. Entrance is £1.50 for SDFHS members and £3 for visitors who are always made welcome.

At the time of writing both one on one sessions are available at the library. You need to book with the library.

Lesley Murray Secretary.

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