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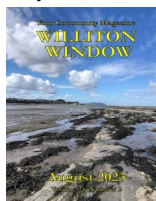
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16:15 Best in Show



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Sunday July 30th	10.30am	Benefice Communion St Decumans Watchet
Sunday Aug 6th	10.00am	Family Worship
Sunday 13th	09.15am	Parish Communion
Sunday 20th	09.15am	Parish Communion
Sunday 27th	09.15am	Parish Communion

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

St Peter's Church Contact Details:

Vicar	Rev Mark Phillips	01984 639669
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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 Churchwardens if you have any questions, details above.

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



CHURCH CREAM TEAS

Cream teas at St Peters Church throughout the summer.

These will be available from 2.00pm to 4.30pm on the dates listed below :

Sundays :- August 6th - August 20th.

We look forward to seeing as many people as possible for a time to get together and chat over a cuppa! You could even incorporate it with a walk in the area and have a nice tea on the way home.

If you are able to help on any of these days, please could you let either Liz Payne or myself know. Email Liz: peterstjohnslock@aol.com Telephone:

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Williton Methodist House Church

Hello again from the Williton Methodist House Church. We meet at Mollie's house 2, Higher Croft behind the Old Methodist Church Building on Tower Hill for Sunday worship at 10.30am and on Fridays for Coffee and Chat from 10am to noon. We collect 'coffee money' from the change we have in our pockets. These donations are saved up and given to a charity. We invite anyone and everyone to join us, so come and see what we are about, children, animals and knitting welcome! We call ourselves Methodists but welcome every faith and those who do not belong to any denomination.

We have a different preacher every week and our preachers for **August will be:-**

August 6th - Tim Hedgecock.

August 13th - Rev Jane Sperring – **Chapel Anniversary.**

August 20th - Penny Williams.

August 27th - Clive Longhurst

Our Chapel Anniversary service marks our second year at Mollie's house and we are very happy to be there. The first Methodist meetings in Williton were held in the home of John and Mary Stoaite, licensed in 1810, in a building that stood on the site of the bank at Bellamy's Corner in Williton. So, we are back to our roots in meeting at Mollie's house. Do come and join in with us as we celebrate this anniversary and there will be refreshments after the service. As Methodists, we always celebrate with cake!



Our aim is to help where we can, and to be a presence for good in the village. We used to have occasional ecumenical services and hope to do so again soon. We try to make kindness our default position and would love to see anyone who would like to come and find out more about us. We want to open doors for others.

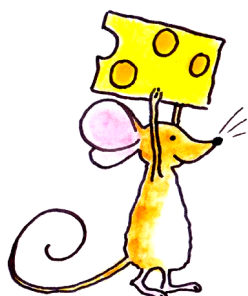


We pray this month again for the people of Ukraine and other areas of war and conflict. We also hold in our prayers all who are affected by strikes, be it in the transport industry, schools or the medical profession. We ask God to help these disputes to be settled, thinking especially of those waiting for operations and those whose holidays may be disrupted by transport problems. May we all think of the effects of our actions on others. Finally for all children now released into the wild from school, have a great summer.

For more information contact:-

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

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



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Faith Reflection

LIFE IS FULL OF "CAN WE" "MUST BE" "COULD BE"

One day a lady broke one of her lounge windows and didn't know what to do. She had no money to repair it by a professional workman, so she thought she would give it a go herself a little bit of DIY.



Off she went to the glazier shop and rang the bell "service" she knew what she wanted so she asked for the glass. What size would you like madam? Out of her pocket she pulled out a piece of elastic. This length she replied (and no more). The shop assistant asked how did you measure the window? "I held one end and it might have stretched a bit although not enough to do any harm", madam I can't cut glass unless it is exact. You must come back with the correct size. This time use a tape measure, then I can help replace your windowpane.

There's surely a lesson in this story. For truth has its measurements right.

Although some people like to stretch things a bit, like in gossip they take some delight. Why do I write this? We live in uncertain times. Make sure that what you need, is important. Life is short. Are you ready for the future?

Sam Searle Salvation Army



West Somerset Family History Group

(a branch of the Somerset and Dorset Family History Society)

We meet in the Brendon Room at Williton Pavilion on the last Wednesday of every month, excluding December. As I write this, our next meeting is on Wednesday 26th July and we have a speaker, Helen Harding, who will be talking about 'What's in a name?' Our meetings start at 7.15 pm and finishes at 9.00 pm.

At our August meeting, Wednesday 30th, we will have a Group Meeting, where you can come along with any questions you may have about your research, brick walls etc. All are welcome.

The charges for the meetings are Members of the Somerset and Dorset Family History Society £1.50, and non-members £3.00. This includes refreshments.

In addition to our monthly meetings, Lesley Murray holds genealogy sessions at Williton Library, once a month. You can have a free one hour session where Lesley can help you look at Ancestry on the library's computer. Lesley is a volunteer, so if you do make a booking with the library to see her and for some reason can't make your session with her, please let the library know as soon as possible. Contact Williton library for dates.

Jane Sharp, Chairman.

Community Market is Closing

It is with regret that we have taken the decision to stop holding our monthly Friday market. Unfortunately, there did not seem to be the interest in the community for such an event, We would however like to say a very big thank you to Andy Lyder of Williton Social Club for welcoming us to the Club and for his constant help and support. It was greatly appreciated, and we will miss him.

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Williton Garden Club

More news to catch up with than usual this month in the Garden Club.

At the beginning of June, we held our annual plant sale at the Parish Rooms raising almost £100 for club funds despite it being a very quiet Saturday morning in Williton! It's always good to catch up with old friends and an opportunity to hand out leaflets and chat to new customers and potential new members.

At the end of June, eleven club members visited, by invitation, the garden of Pauline and David Wright on the outskirts of Yeovil. We were made very welcome and enjoyed tea and a large piece of cake in the garden as well as an additional visit to a neighbour's garden.

On July 24th the monthly club meeting at Danesborough View hosted Roy Cheek advising us what irresistible plants we should be growing to attract butterflies to our gardens. Last year a Jersey Tiger made it for the first time to my garden in Capton so it's always worth keeping a look out for new varieties of moth and butterfly that may be moving in as our climate changes. August will be our Club Barbecue and then on September 25th we will be back in Danesborough View.

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Barb Cook, Vice Chairman.



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Do you have dogs? This is something to think about if you have visiting hedgehogs in your garden. It is taken from an article by Judy Oliphant, who runs Prickles in a Pickle hedgehog rescue in Devon:

"If you have hedgehogs in your garden, or think you have them passing through, please be aware that this is a thrill to many dogs especially, terriers and hounds. The instinct to hunt, chase and kill is innate in even the soppiest of our beloved pets and if they do it once, they will look to do it again. Terriers tend to lock their jaws and rip, hounds do the same but tend to be more finite."

Things you can do to prevent this are training, putting the outside light on at night 10 minutes before you let your dog out, take them out on a lead, if they don't want to toilet while restricted, supervise them"

A hedgehog with a puncture wound, or ripped skin, from a dog attack will be prone to infection or will attract flies which will then lay their eggs on the animal. The eggs will hatch into maggots which will eat the flesh of the poor hedgehog. Not a nice prospect!

On a much happier note, Watchet Hedgehogs will be at the Mayfly Studio in Swain Street, Watchet, (in the gap between The Sanctuary and the charity shop) promoting awareness of wild hedgehogs, from Saturday 12th August until Sunday 20th August. There will be a hedgehog trail for children to participate in starting at the Visitor Centre and ending at the Mayfly Studio, with giveaways for every child who participates, with the opportunity to win a prize as well. Come and say hello and find out how you can make your garden hedgehog friendly.

We are sharing the Mayfly Studio with Community Men in Sheds, Taunton, who make wildlife-based items like bug houses, bird boxes, hedgehog boxes and feeders. There will be an exhibition of artwork, with some for sale. Come along and say hello, we will be open from 11.00 am until 4.00pm each day.
 Jane Sharp Tel: 07918 603059: www.watchethedgehogs.org

LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES

Enjoying the fresh fruits and vegetables from the garden.

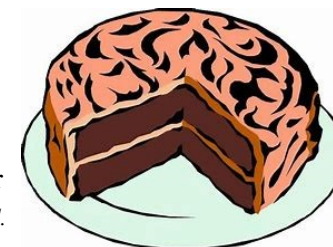
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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

When you make a cake it is of a finite size so when it comes to dividing it up you have to be as fair as is possible. If those who create a fuss and shout the loudest get more it means less for others or some get nothing at all!

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Regular Weekly Meetings / Groups & Events in Williton

Everyday	1.00pm - 11.00pm	Williton Social Club	Tel: 01984 248671
Mondays	9.30am - 12 noon & 8.00pm-9pm	Pilates Pavilion	Tel: 07342 238723
	2.00pm - 4.00pm Short Mat Bowls	No Meeting in August Resumes September 18th	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
	12.30 - 1.30pm. Foxes Lunch	Pavilion (Term Time Only)	Tel: 01984 633979
	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)	Tel: 01984 633979
	5.30pm - 6.30pm Rainbows	(Guide & Brownie HQ)	Tel: 07484 601929
Fridays	9.30 - 10.30am Zumba	Pavilion	Tel: 07738 676832
	10.00am - 12 noon Coffee & Chat	Mollie's 2 Higher Croft Tower Hill, All Welcome	Tel: 01984 656652
	12 Noon Friday Walks	Meet opposite Library	Tel: 01984 632459
	5.00pm - 6.00pm Squirrels	Guide & Brownie HQ	Tel: 07806 968961
	7.15 - 9.00pm Guides	Market St, Watchet	Tel: 07584 037156

Please note some groups or events only operate during school term time

Williton and Surrounds Parkinson's Support



The Wasps did not have its usual monthly meeting in July at Sampford Brett village hall. We were all invited to the home of David and Rosemary Freemantle for our summer cream tea. It was well attended and the various cakes and cream teas were delicious. We would like to thank David and Rosemary for their kind hospitality and the chance to enjoy their lovely garden on a sunny July afternoon.

Just a reminder that there is no meeting during August, our next meeting will be on Thursday 7th September at our usual venue Sampford Brett Village Hall, starting at 1.30pm with gentle exercises. We look forward to seeing you all after the summer break.

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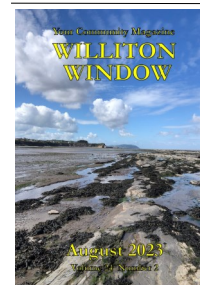
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What's Happening This Month In Williton

Williton Monthly Meetings / Groups & Events for August

		Good Neighbours Grp	No meeting in August
		Wasps	No Meeting in August
		W.I.	No Meeting in August
		Garden Club	No Meeting / Summer Barbecue
Weds	2nd	Family History	2pm & 3pm One to One (Book with Library)
Sun	6th	Church Cream Teas	2.00pm to 4.30pm St Peter's Church
Tues	8th	Bingo	7.00pm for 7.30pm start Pavilion
Sun	20th	Church Cream Teas	2.00pm to 4.30pm St Peter's Church
Tues	22nd	Bingo	7.00pm for 7.30pm start Pavilion
Weds	30th	Family History Group	7.15pm Brendon Room Pavilion

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



New Treasurer / Advertising Lead Williton Window Magazine

Dear reader - the Williton Window is a unique and amazing village resource, which would not survive without the help and support of the 5 volunteer committee members, a fantastic team of 32 delivery volunteers as well as our 64 faithful advertisers.

As of the 1st September this year we will need to find a new advertising lead and treasurer and so we are putting out a request for someone to take on this volunteer role, which takes up a few hours each month.

The main aspects of the role are to liaise with our valuable advertisers, working closely with the editor and to keep the accounts up to date. Without this volunteer the magazine would struggle to survive, so please do give it some serious consideration and contact **Janet Cook on 01984 639359** to express your interest and / or discuss the role further or to ask any questions you may have. Thank you.



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Down at Williton Station August



I am pleased to say that John Parsons is making good progress at Deane Barton Community Hospital after receiving excellent care at Musgrove Hospital, can we thank everyone who has asked about him and their best wishes for him for making a good recovery. It will probably be some time before he is able to get back fully in harness with us but we, and the team, are attempting to keep the station in good order until he is able to return.

Unfortunately, another member of our team, Ali Welford, has had an accident and suffered several broken bones and we also wish her a quick recovery and return to "work" soon.

On a totally different note we welcomed Revd Mark Phillips to the Station as the West Somerset Railways Chaplain for Watchet and Williton Stations and look forward to seeing him at the station in the future.

The end of July sees the start of the school holidays and the railway running its summer timetable, with 5 trains in each direction on Tuesday to Thursday and Saturday, and 4 trains each way on Sunday.

The next big event for the West Somerset Railway is the Steam and Vintage Vehicular Fair at Norton Fitzwarren on 5th & 6th August. This is a fantastic event and a major money raising event for the West Somerset Railway Association. Also, for your diary is a 40's Weekend on the 9th & 10th September, more details next month.

The floral displays have now really filled out and the station is looking great. We have now finished selling vegetable and bedding plants but have now moved onto supplying fresh produce, jams and chutney as well as some perennial plants in addition to books and jigsaws, all of the money that we raise is spent on maintaining the station and keeping it looking good.

As John always says in these articles please come down to the station on running days (*every day apart from Monday and Friday*) to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and watch the trains go by.

*Peter Payne and Phil Chapman
Assistant Station Masters.*

West Somerset Morris August 2023 Programme

Thurs	3rd	Exford Crown Hotel 8pm
Thurs	10th	Burrowhayes Campsite Luccombe 8pm
Thurs	17th	Halsway Manor Folk Week 7.30 pm
Thurs	24th	Home Farm St Audries 8.00pm



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Coleridge Cottage Nether Stowey

Tucked away in a quiet village in Somerset lies one of the most significant buildings in the history of English literature.

Coleridge Cottage in Nether Stowey was the home of Samuel Taylor Coleridge for three years. Here he wrote some of the most beautiful and well-known poetry in the English language and collaborated with William Wordsworth on a book of poetry called *The Lyrical Ballads*, ushering in the English Romantic period. It is documented that whilst living here, he woke from a laudanum-dream in which came to him the poem of *Kubla Khan*, but was interrupted by 'a person from Porlock', and frustratingly, couldn't remember the rest of the verses.

Visitors to this unassuming cottage in Lime Street included people we now think of as giants in English Literature: William Wordsworth, Robert Southey, Charles Lamb and William Hazlitt.

The poetry that Coleridge wrote here was influenced not only by the humble cottage he lived in, but by his relationships with his wife Sara, Wordsworth and Dorothy.

This was one of the happiest times of Coleridge's life. When he moved here, he was still very much in love with his wife Sara. His relationship with the Wordsworths, who lived in Somerset for a year, changed all that. It's a fascinating story, one that you couldn't make up. It has everything: romance, friendship, jealousy, poetry, tragedy, rivalries.

The modern-day visitor to National Trust Coleridge Cottage finds that the rooms have been re-constructed to make it look like the Coleridges are still living there. In each room they will discover a different story, from the pan of spilled milk in the kitchen that led to a poem called "*This Lime Tree Bower, My Prison*" to the bedroom where a dress borrowed by Dorothy Wordsworth led to resentments in the Coleridge marriage.

And, if you so wish, you can be part of this story by volunteering at Coleridge Cottage. Here you have the chance to bring the Coleridge's story to life again, as well as to meet new people and make new connections every day. Whether you'd like to join us as a visitor, or a volunteer, we'd love to see you for some tea and cake in our tea-room, a stroll in our tranquil mini orchard, and welcome you into the home of Samuel Taylor Coleridge- the place that English Romanticism began.

Contact: Charlotte Hall on
01278732662 or email: coleridge.cottage@nationaltrust.org.uk



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Christmas Tree Festival 2023

Readers of the Williton Window will be interested to learn that the St Decuman's Church Christmas Tree Festival will be held this year on Friday 1st December through until the culminating Festival Christingle Service at 4 p.m. on Sunday 3rd December. There will be all the normal stalls and hot food on the Saturday from 10 am until 2pm with the addition of hot soups at Noon on both Friday & Saturday.

Over 50 letters are being sent out during August to local organisations inviting participation to enter a tree, this year's theme being nursery rhymes, children's books or songs. If you belong to an organisation who would like to participate & hasn't received a letter please contact me - tonywatchetblues@hotmail.co.uk I have already heard of three organisations wishing to take part for the first time.

Last year Williton were represented with trees from Croft House, Williton Hospital, St Peter's Church, Little Saints Williton, Williton Cubs, Danesfield School etc. We all look forward to welcoming everyone to this truly community event.

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St Peter's School

The past month has been a very exciting and busy one for the boys and girls of St Peter's First School. Our Sports Day and Summer Fayre were a great success! Thank you to those of you that supported, donated, or participated.

Oak Class (Reception) have just returned from a fantastic day at Minehead beach enjoying some quality time with their friends and exploring the sights and sounds of the seaside. The highlight of our trip however, had to be riding the steam train there and back! In class we have been enjoying the story, The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch. This has led to all sorts of discussions about seagulls! Thankfully we enjoyed our seaside picnic in peace.

This month we also welcomed our new Reception children and their families. The boys and girls had a fantastic time exploring their new classroom on Move Up Morning and left with big smiles and a bag of goodies to enjoy during their Summer.

In Ash Class (Year 1), the children have been working hard for their phonics assessments. They did brilliantly! And to celebrate they enjoyed a Teddy Bear's picnic with their friends and teachers. We have also recently begun a topic all about the seaside. To explore this further, we visited Dunster Beach. Whilst there we went on a seaside scavenger hunt and of course enjoyed an ice-cream!

In Elm Class (Year 3), we have been very busy learning about lots of different things. In Science, we have been looking at plants and investigating whether the temperature a plant grows in affects the speed in which it soaks up water. We have also been learning about mountains in geography and finding out where different mountains are in the world. Finally, in DT, (*Design & Technology*) the children have been having fun learning about eating seasonally and the benefit of doing this. We have been making fruit salads, pitta pizzas and lots more yummy treats!

Our Year 4's have been extremely busy as they near the end of their St Peter's Learning Journey. We have enjoyed a final visit to Croft House where we played skittles with the residents. We then returned the gesture by hosting an end of year 'Archie' party at school where we shared treats and games with the staff and residents of Croft House.

Year 4 also travelled to Taunton Minister for their pilgrim service, learning about the importance of the next stage of their learning journey as they transition to their new schools. Following this we held the most fantastic Leaver's Festival at school. This would not have been possible without the generosity of our year 4 parents who raised money for the festival. The children enjoyed a disco dome, bouncy castle, a photobooth and lots more. Finally, our leaver's celebration, during which the children's hard work really showed as they performed a range of songs, dances, poems and even played the ukulele.

Good luck in your new schools Year 4, you will be missed!

Louise Leworthy.

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JULY

After the very hot June this month has proved to be rather unsettled and no extreme temperatures. This is because the jet stream is keeping the heat that Europe and further afield has been experiencing at bay.

JUNE

A minimum temperature of 7°C on the 16th.

The maximum temperature was 31.4°C and for most of June above 25°C.

A minimum pressure of 29.9 inches on the 18th.

A maximum pressure of 30.3 inches on the 23rd.

The total months rainfall was 45.1mm very low.



So, you will remember we had it very hot on Friday 16th & Saturday 17th temperatures here of 31.5°C, Porlock 28°C, & Yeovil 30°C.

But, of course the real heat in the week 20th on was 44°C plus was all over Southern Europe, America, Switzerland (a surprise) China and many other countries. When you read this you will have heard the maximum world temperature ever, possibly 48°C plus, many towns will have lost buildings in the wild fires as a result of the extreme heat.

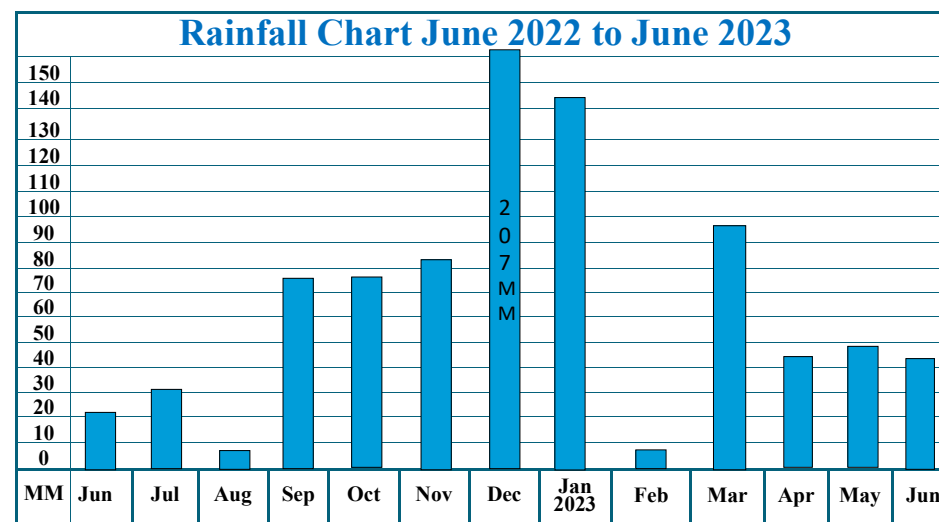
NATURE NOTES

Our blackbirds have a second (or is it the 3rd) brood of youngsters. The tadpoles in the field pond have not grown legs yet. The Buddleia is attracting several butterflies. The editor tells me he has a bumper crop of Blackcurrants so a good summer for fruits

ASTRONOMICAL NEWS

If the night sky is not cloudy you may see Mars - now quite bright, Jupiter on the other side of the sky. Saturn is at its peak of brightness and is near the full Moon on the nights of 2nd and 3rd August. Then we see a second full BLUE moon at the end of the month.

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Research your Family Tree

We have family history sessions on the first Wednesday afternoon of the month. (booking essential)



Book Club

Our resident Book Club meets on the first Thursday afternoon of the month in the library.

Technology & Computer Support?



Computer support sessions happen on Thursday afternoons for 1:1 support with any device. Absolute beginners are welcome. (booking essential). We also have drop in computer support sessions each month from 2-3.30pm. No appointment needed. Pop in to get details of the next session.

Lego

On the first Saturday morning of each month the Lego boxes are available from 10am -12.30pm. Please note children must be accompanied by an adult.



Groups

We are more than happy for groups to use our space to meet. Any groups such as games clubs, sewing, knitting, Dad's groups are all most welcome. Please get in touch.



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August



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Saturday 12th: 11.00am HIGH SOCIETY (1956) Cert PG

Staring Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra and Grace Kelly as Tracy Samantha Lord who tries to decide on the ideal husband. All proceeds go the Regal Theatre support fund.

Mon 21st – Sat 26th: 7.30pm CALENDAR GIRLS THE MUSICAL

Minehead Dramatic Society will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary in 2023, so in conjunction with Hole in the Wall Products they will be presenting unforgettable songs by Gary Barlow and Tim Firth. Raising money for two Charities, The MATA Regal Theatre Co Ltd and our Local Community Cancer Services.

Sunday 27th: 2.30pm ANDRE RIEU – LOVE IS ALL AROUND

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Monday 28th: 7.30pm LET'S ROCK THE 70s

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Sat 2nd September: 5.00pm MAGIC OF THE DINOSAURS

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

Temporary Road Closure Smithyard Lane Williton

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Other Local Churches

Baptist Church (Watchet)

The Baptist Church meets 10.30am at Knights Templar School on the 2nd and 4th Sunday 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 Tel. **01984 634681**.



St Decuman's Church (Watchet)

Weekly Sunday Service **10.45 am** Parish Communion. For further details and enquiries please contact the churchwarden. Janet Bremner Tel. **01984 632118** email: janetbremner31@btinternet.com



Salvation Army Watchet Corps (Watchet)

Sunday Service 10.30am in Salvation Army Hall. All enquiries to the Corps leader, Miss Sam Searle on **07979 575453**. Salvation Army Hall, 1 Brendon Road, Watchet. Tel: **01984 633133**. Email: Samantha.Searle@salvationarmy.org.uk



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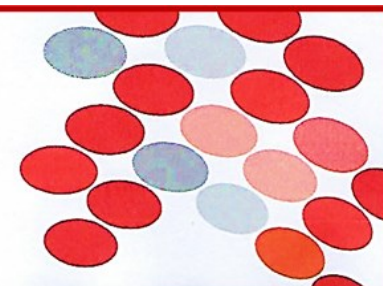
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