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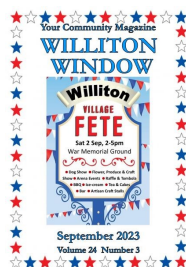
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As I write this, the sun is shining and summer is finally here although the leaves have now started to fall and apples, pears and figs are ripening on trees, so autumn is just around the corner and the evenings are drawing in.

The Williton Fete was a lovely afternoon with plenty of stalls and well attended by all - we were so lucky with the weather! I would like to thank Williton First Scouts and Doniford Army Cadets for their help with manning the access points and giving out programmes.

What do we have to look forward to in the forthcoming months? Well, there are still the Bingo sessions twice a month at the Pavilion. Halloween on 30th October. Bonfire Night on 5th November. A concert by the Royal British Legion on 11th November. A Christmas Craft Market on 26th November and Christmas Festival on 7th December. And let's not forget Christmas!

29th October sees the end of summertime with the clocks going back – then it really will feel like autumn.

Something that is close to my heart is cutting the speeding through the village. I am pleased to say that Speed Watch has been introduced and hopefully this will deter those that think they can use our small streets as a racetrack. One day there will be a major accident with fatalities and damage to properties - I hope this does not happen and that the introduction of Speed Watch will have the desired effect.

Go safely and remember the Parish Council is here to help all villagers in Williton.

Cllr Mandi de Burgh-Thomas.

A New Editor Wanted

This is a key role and vital for the Williton Window Magazine's future.



Our current editor is retiring for family reasons from his role at the end of January 2024.

This magazine is valued by many in this community and provides information and articles for our readers particularly those who do not have a computer or a smart phone.

You do not have to be experienced in producing a village magazine! Just able to work monthly to a set production timetable. You must have some knowledge on how to work with Microsoft Office including Publisher and Word. You will need a desktop computer, also a printer with a scanner is necessary to help deal with articles in various formats.

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We are sure everyone who was able to visit the fete last month will agree that it was an enjoyable and entertaining afternoon, topped off with some gorgeous weather. Over 800 adult visitors came through the gates and just over £2,000 was raised for Williton War Memorial Recreation Ground Charity (registered No

211212); this money is ring fenced for maintenance and improvements to the Memorial Ground and the Pavilion.

The dedication of our volunteers, their selflessness and hard work, made a significant contribution to the success of the fete and it simply wouldn't have happened without them.

So, let's take this opportunity to let you know everyone who contributed to the success of this year's fete.

Our thanks to:

- the organising team before the event - Cllr. Ivan Angel, Parish Clerk Michelle Francis, Assistant to Parish Clerk Charlotte Hirst, Cllr. Dawn Lesley Howes, Liz Payne, Cllr. Peter Payne, Cllr. Mick White plus the Event Committee for their input over the last 9 months.
- Graham Scott and Ian Whitehead for interpreting the fete layout and marking out the arena and stalls on Friday evening.
- Our volunteers – Philip Bramell, Rob Hay, Edward Cridland Cllr. Dawn-Lesley Howes, Cllr. Barbara Nye, Cllr. Peter Payne, Liz Payne, Derek Smith, Graham Scott, Joan Scott, Ian Taylor, Stephen Taylor, Tom Wedlake, Cllr. Mick White, David Pitchers, Nigel Bubb and Scott Bloodworth - who turned up at 8am on Saturday morning and worked hard to get the tents, tables, sound and Pavilion set up and ready for a 2pm kick-off.
- Flower, Produce & Craft Show judges who cannot be named for obvious reasons but they know who they are. along with Liz Payne and Cllr. Peter Payne for running the Flower, Produce and Craft Exhibition during the afternoon. Plus all the entrants who took the time to grow, bake or make, without whom we wouldn't have a show.
- All the volunteers during the afternoon; First Aiders Elaine Roe and Cllr. Guy Denton. The Doniford Army Cadets, Rob Hay, Stephen & Ian Taylor, Philip Bramall and Cllr. Ivan Angell for manning the entrances. Tombola helpers Glynis Maule, Anne Webber and Diane Bertolatti. Refreshment servers Sue Bub, Janis Dean, Jill Leaf and Jackie Rathband. Bar servers Micheal Bunting, Cllr. Barbara Nye, Tom Wedlake and Cllr. Mick White. David Shattock for running the children's races. Joan and Graham Scott for running the skittles. Guy Morgan for organising the sound equipment and music. Dog Show Judges Sue White and Michelle Bunting and registrants Naomi Shattock and Donna Damerel. Plus all the businesses, craft sellers, car booters and local charities that booked a pitch at the fete and provided additional entertainment.

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- Monetary donations from Williton Bowling Club, Somerset Farmhouse and Nutz for Donuts.
- Our special thanks to the South Coast Waves Cheerleaders for stepping in and filling a hole in the arena left by the Majorettes who dropped out last minute.
- Our thanks to Ross Walls from Nest Associates and Red Deer Country for the flood of signs into and out of Williton advertising the fete.
- And not forgetting the Williton Window distributors for posting our fete leaflets through your doors.

Hard work though it is, all the volunteers also had an enjoyable afternoon. If you would like to join the Team, we meet every second Wednesday upstairs in the Pavilion at 7pm; do feel free to come and join us - we're a friendly bunch.

Dates for the Diary

Sat 7th Oct - 7PM - Quiz Night with Bangers & Mash*

Sun 29th Oct - 2-4PM - Craft Stash Jumble**

Sat 11th Nov - 7PM - Royal British Legion Concert

Sun 26th Nov - 2-4PM - Christmas Craft Market**

Thu 7th Dec - 6-8PM - Christmas Festival**

*Tickets £10 on sale from Post Office & Parish Office

**Please contact the Parish Office for booking form.

Dawn Howes.



I thought I'd talk about hedgehog boxes this month. There are so many of you who have boxes in your gardens, providing first class accommodation for your spiky friends. October is the time to clean your box out. But before you do check very carefully to make sure that you don't have a resident hedgehog fast asleep. If you do find one then you will have to leave the box cleaning for a while until the hedgehog moves out.

If you are satisfied that the box is empty then put on your gardening gloves and pull out all the old bedding. Use gloves because your hedgehogs may have left some of their little 'friends' behind, and you really don't want to have a tick attach itself to you! Dispose of all the old bedding, pour boiling water in the box, to kill any parasites, and let it dry thoroughly before filling it up again with hay and straw. Position the box back in the garden, facing South if you can, and wait for it to be used again. It is a good idea to put a large flowerpot, or bucket, on it's side near the box and put straw and hay in it for the hedgehog to help itself to bedding.

Remember to keep putting out food and water all through the winter as hedgehogs come out of hibernation for a snack before going back into their boxes to continue their 'big sleep'.

Good luck. If you have any questions about hedgehog homes please don't hesitate to ask. Tel: 07918 603059

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Sunday	1st	10.00am	Family Worship
Sunday	8th	09.15am	Harvest Festival with Communion
Sunday	15th	09.15am	Parish Communion
Sunday	22nd	09.15am	Parish Communion
Sunday	29th	08.00am	Parish Communion

On Sunday **29th October** we are invited to join the rest of the Deanery for a service at 10.30am in Stogursey church, followed by a bring and share lunch.

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

Morning Prayer is now held at 9am every Thursday at Holy Cross, Watchet

St Peter's Church Contact Details:

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Churchwardens	Mr George Fenech	01984 633577
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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.



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

It is all too easy to complain about what we do not have!

Let us reflect on those in the news after recent disasters who have nothing at all.

DRS.



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We are Williton Methodist House Church. We used to worship in the Methodist Church on Tower Hill and now worship in Mollie's house which is, 2 Higher Croft, Tower Hill, just behind the car park at the side of the church building. We welcome anyone and everyone who wishes to join us to come along and see what we are about, children and dogs included! We also meet for Coffee and Chat on a Friday morning, 10am till 12 noon at Mollie's, when we sit and talk about all sorts of things and not just church stuff. We collect 'coffee money' and make donations to charity with the proceeds. Recently Mollie sent more than £40 to a hospital that the church supports in India.

Our Preachers for October are:

- 1st - Local Arrangement.
- 8th - Rev Malcolm Hope.
- 15th - Rev Andy Day (Harvest Service)
- 22nd- Jean Armin.
- 29th - Rev Chloe Jones.

Team Ministry: Rev Andy Day: 01643 705175.

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Williton Hospital League of Friends.



Williton Garden Club

Our meeting in October is on Monday 23rd at Danesborough Community Room, as usual.

Our guest will be Ian Anderson, a wonderful speaker who has visited us several times over the last 20 years.

His latest talk will be Country Gardens – International. Ian is a very accomplished photographer and his slides are often accompanied by carefully chosen beautiful music, so it promises to be a really enjoyable evening.

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Barb Cook, Vice Chairman.



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Faith Reflection

Mission Impossible

I was recently challenged with this question. What film, book or television programme can you relate too most at the moment? I've changed it a little here as it was set as an expression of missional life but I think it is as easily relevant no matter what life is throwing at us at the moment.



Completely stumped, I spent many days sweating over a witty and snappy answer but what with the week I was having nothing would come. Answers were coming in from other colleagues thick and fast but reading them just wasn't helping at all. We had Paddington 2 where the lovable bear transforms the prison through kindness, just as his Aunt had showed him, The Greatest Showman where being different is no barrier to belonging and The Green Planet episode where David Attenborough explains how plants talk to one another and are far more connected than we might think.

Still I sweated for an answer and then "PING," in a moment of clarity, it came. Mission Impossible! Yes, Mission Impossible that just about sums up my whole life not just my missional life. The times I sit and wonder how I am going to do something that seems beyond my capabilities or get through something that feels like treading through treacle, can seem to be a constant battle, and I'm probably not alone in that either. Every day we are faced with highs and lows, peaks and troughs and sometimes the lows seem unending, but eventually the climb returns and we feel like we are able to reach the top of the world once more. How do we manage to get through those times when burdens are heavy and the way forward is scary and uncertain? Well for me my faith keeps me strong, strengthens me to carry on and lightens my burdens. It doesn't make the lows any shorter or the task any easier but it does help to know you are never alone. So Mission Impossible it is then, because with God, nothing is ever impossible really, nothing at all and thank goodness for that.



Donna Marsden

Pioneer Reader of St. Decuman's, Watchet and St. Peter's, Williton.



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You may have seen posters around the village asking you to help save Williton Allotments. The allotments are used by those who live in Williton and the surrounding area.

Since 2006 Williton Allotments, as an association, has been managing allotment plots on the outskirts of Williton on land let by very supportive landowners who now wish to sell that land. They have very generously offered to sell that land to the Allotment Association together with an adjoining parcel of land.

Providing that sufficient funds can be raised Williton Allotments will acquire both plots of land so that the existing allotment plots can remain as such, and new allotment plots can be created along with an improved wildlife area.

To help achieve this Williton Allotments has registered as a Co-operative Society under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 with the Financial Conduct Authority and is now known as Williton Allotments Limited. This is a not-for-profit organisation which has the legal powers to own land for the benefit of our community.

If we can buy this land it will mean that allotments will be secure and remain available for not just people who currently live in Williton but for our children and grandchildren in perpetuity.

This is where we need your help, most of the grant providers we are approaching are asking for proof that there is community support for our project. If you are able please can you go on to our funding website:-

www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/williton-allotment-limited-funding-page, even if you can only donate £1 it will register you as a supporter. If you would rather just give us your support please email our secretary – Liz Payne

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Dougie Towells, Chairman, Williton Allotments Ltd.

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We aim to cut the grass every two weeks and on the last three cuts there has only been three incidents on each occasion. So thank you to those who have not allowed this to happen or have made sure that they cleared up after their dogs.

If we could remind the other dog owners to make sure that they do not allow their dogs to foul in the churchyard or if this happens that they clear it up thank you.



The Churchyard Team.

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Residents, businesses and visitors are being invited to give their views on proposals to renew the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for dog control in the ex-West Somerset Area.

The PSPO for dog control covers the following issues:

- Dog fouling
- Dogs on Lead by direction
- Dog exclusion zones

For further information about the consultation visit <https://somersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/comms/public-space-protection-order-consultation/>

Paper copies of the consultation are available by contacting the Council on: **0300 123 2224**, draft copies of the PSPO are also available at the following location: West Somerset House, Council Office Williton, TA4 4QA

The consultation closes on Friday 6th October 2023



West Somerset Family History Society.

Our October meeting will be on **Wednesday 25th at Williton Pavilion**. We will be having a speaker, Rebecca Smith from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission who will be talking about their archives. Do come along if you are able. We meet from 7.15 pm until 9.15 pm. If you are a member of the Somerset and Dorset Family History Society the cost is £1.50, but if you aren't then the cost is £3. This includes refreshments.

We continue to hold family history research 'help' sessions, on the first Wednesday of every month but unfortunately Lesley is not able to make the library session on 4th of October. Please contact Williton library if you wish to book a one-to-one family history session on a later date.

We look forward to seeing you on 25th October.

Jane Sharp (Chairman).

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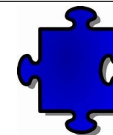
Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on :

Saturday 28th October
The end of British Summer Time.



LIFE'S LITTLE PLEASURES

Fitting the last piece in a difficult jigsaw puzzle.



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Regular Weekly Meetings / Groups & Events in Williton

<u>Weekday</u>	<u>Event & Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Telephone No</u>
Everyday	1pm - 11pm	Williton Social Club	01984 248671
Mon	Pilates 9am - 10am	Pavilion	07342 238723
	Short Mat Bowls 2pm - 4pm	Pavilion	01984 633084
	Beavers 5pm - 6.30pm	Guide Brownies HQ	07806 968961
	Zumba 6pm - 7pm	Pavilion	07738 676832
Tues	Talking Café 1pm - 3pm	Pavilion (Brendon Room)	07931 018045
	Chatty Crafters 2pm - 4pm (Except first Tues of the month)	Danesborough Common Room	01984 634686
	Brownies 5.45pm - 7.15pm	Guide & Brownie HQ	07765 842747
Weds	Over 60s Exercise 10am - 11am.	Pavilion	07421 762532
	Foxes Soup Club 12.30pm - 1.30pm	Pavilion (Term Time Only)	01984 633979
	Cubs 6.30pm - 8.00pm	Guide & Brownie HQ	07398 717048
	Ballroom Dance Lessons 8pm - 9pm	Pavilion	07535 601217
Thurs	Cameo Coffee Group 10am - 12pm	St Peters Church	01984 639600
	Foxes Teas 2pm to 3.30pm	Pavilion (Term Time Only)	01984 633979
	Rainbows 5.30pm - 6.30pm	Guide & Brownie HQ	07484 601929
Fri	Zumba 9.30am - 10.30am	Pavilion	07738 676832
	Coffee & Chat 10am - 12pm	Mollie's 2 Higher Croft Tower Hill, All Welcome	01984 656652
	Friday Walks 12pm	Meet opposite Library	01984 632459
	Squirrels 5pm - 6pm	Guide & Brownie HQ	07806 968961
	Guides 7.15pm - 9pm	Market St, Watchet	07584 037156

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

If you have an entry on this page and the details have changed please let the editor know by emailing williton@willitonwindow.co.uk



WILLITON WITH WATCHET WI

As our meeting on September 21st will take place after this edition is printed, there will be more news about that and our October meeting in the next edition of the Window.

On Thursday 19th of October, 2.00 pm in the Pavilion, we will be welcoming Emma Duke who will be telling us about Trees and their Wisdom. As always, visitors will be made most welcome.

Irene Draper, Williton with Watchet WI.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN WILLITON & SURROUNDS

Monthly Meetings / Groups & Events for October

Tues	3rd	Good Neighbours Grp	2.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Tues	3rd	Bingo	7.00pm for 7.30pm start Pavilion
Weds	4th	Family History	No Session this month (Book with library for November session)
Thurs	5th	Wasps	1.30pm Sampford Brett Village Hall
Tues	17th	Bingo	7.00pm for 7.30pm start Pavilion
Tues	17th	Talk on Barrel Organ	7.30pm St Audries Church West Quantoxhead
Thurs	19th	W.I.	2pm Pavilion
Sat	21st	Dark Sky Evening	6.30pm Holworthy Farm Wimbleball Lake
Mon	23rd	Garden Club	7.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Weds	25th	Family History Group	7.15pm Brendon Room Pavilion
Tues	31st	Bingo	7.00pm for 7.30pm start 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

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Introducing The Community Council for Somerset

Izzy and Steve your Village Agents

Established in 1926, The Community Council for Somerset (CCS) is a charity working in all corners of the County. We believe everyone in Somerset should be able to live a healthy, independent and safe life and be part of a strong and thriving community.

Our work starts on the ground where our teams act as advocates using their local expertise to ensure that each community and its people flourish. Somerset is diverse and vibrant, and we recognise that each town and village is unique. We can react to the changing needs of each community by working in collaboration to facilitate projects and enterprises that support positive change.

As a charity, our work relies on the funding we receive from our partners, who value our knowledge in making sure that the right level of investment is put into the right places, benefiting the people that need it the most.

CCS runs the Somerset Village and Community Agent service. Village Agents provide confidential, practical community-based solutions for people, wherever they are in Somerset.

Our Village Agents host Talking Cafes at over 30 different venues throughout the County. Talking Cafes provide a local place for people to seek advice and support for a range of different issues that might be causing worry or distress. If our Village Agents can't help, they will know someone who can!

Working with other partners in the voluntary sector, the team have also set up the Somerset Refugee Welcome Hubs in response to the war in Ukraine. We have been conducting the compulsory welfare checks on behalf of the Local Authority and we receive information about hosts/sponsors and guests to enable us to do this.

We also provide a number of specialist agent services that are accessed through referrals via GP's or Adult Social Care services. Our Community Agents will pick up referrals and support people to access community-based solutions to address health and social care needs. A Homelessness Agent works with multiple organisations to support those facing homelessness in the south of the county.

We also have a vital team of Hospital Village Agents who work closely with staff at Somerset's two acute hospitals, Musgrove and Yeovil, as well as all the smaller community cottage hospitals across Somerset.

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They support a patient's hospital discharge by providing ward staff and families with alternative possibilities, to help reduce delays once someone is medically fit.

For CCS, collaboration is key to the role we play in supporting our communities. We work with numerous statutory and voluntary services and our employees are dedicated to improving the lives of those who have hit a bump in the road. We are problem-solvers and we help people get back on track.

For free help and support or more information about how we can help please contact either Izzy Silvester on 07931 018045 izzy@somersettrcc.org.uk or Steve Grice on 07958 415270 stepheng@somersettrcc.org.uk



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St Peter's School

Here we are again at the start of another school year. It was great to see everyone back on Wednesday 6th September, when once again laughter and learning flooded St Peter's First School. As always, there is so much to look forward to in the upcoming term.

In Oak Class (Reception) we have welcomed some of our newest members to our St Peter's School Community. The boys and girls have had a great time exploring their new classroom and getting together with friends old and new. We have crafted crowns, sung along to our story of the week, and enjoyed time getting to know one another. We are all looking forward to more adventures together in the upcoming weeks.

In Ash class (Year 1) we played many 'Getting to know you games' and created our own class charter based around our school Christian values. Our topic this term is 'The United Kingdom' where we will be learning about our capital city and our surrounding towns and villages. It also won't be long until we will be preparing for our Harvest Festival celebrations in October!

Year 2 have impressed us all with their 'can-do' attitude and enthusiasm for learning. We began the year with team building activities and games outside in our wonderful Bluebell woods. This was a great way to get to know our new teachers. Then, we started work in our brand-new writing and maths books, practised our handwriting, and started some of the curriculum learning in PSHE, science and art. What a brilliant start to the term we have had!

In Elm Class we are settling back into the routine of school and getting ready for the challenges of year 3. This week the children have been sharing their summer holiday experiences and adventures. During the rest of this term, we will be learning all about Ancient Egypt and the different Egyptian sculptures, helping us to recreate our own. In science we will be learning about sounds and how they are made and in RE, we will be looking at how different religions show commitment.

Year 4 have had a lovely start to the term. With the new year ahead, all of the children are keen and eager to begin their last year of primary school. We have lots planned such as our Dementia Awareness project with Croft House and our Mini-Police programme. Year 4 will also be covering a huge and varied curriculum, investigating topics such as Ancient Egypt, rivers, and mountains, exploring sound and electricity as well as looking at some rich texts to inspire our writing.

Coming up this half term

This half term we look forward to our Book Fair, a visit from Carymoor Environmental Trust and of course, our Harvest Festival.

Louise Leworthy.

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South West Fishing for Life's 15th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday 4th June was South West Fishing For Life's 15th anniversary celebration day at Wimbleball Lake, Exmoor.

The organization which was founded at Wimbleball Lake on Exmoor and is a fly fishing organization for people suffering, recovering and living with breast cancer. Sunday was not just a special celebration, but a very special guest arrived to help cut the birthday cake and present the trophy to Karen Hodgson. Dame Judi Dench and her partner David Mills who were visiting family in the area spent the afternoon relaxing and chatting with members, hearing their stories of how SWFFL has helped them move forward with their lives after cancer treatments and make new friends with likeminded people. The members are taught how to fish by qualified coaches who all volunteer, as do the ladies who provided a delicious lunch and the trustees who are behind the scenes keeping the nine groups over the country running their monthly sessions smoothly.



Cake cutting with special guest Dame Judi Dench and some of the trustees.
(Photographs were taken by Rachel Moffett at 'Rachel Moffett Photography')

To find out more about the organization visit our website:
www.southwestfishingforlife.org.uk

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Annual Libraries Week
The annual Libraries Week will take place this year from the 2nd to the 8th of October. This year the theme is Go Green. Please keep an eye out for any events happening in the library.

Research your Family Tree
We have family history sessions on the first Wednesday afternoon of the month. (booking essential) Not available during October.

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.

Home Library Service
If you are unable to visit the library because of mobility or health issues our home library volunteers will happily deliver books to your home. Details at:
www.somerset.gov.uk/locations/williton-library/

Summer Reading Challenge
Well done to all our young readers who completed the Reading Challenge during this summer. The certificates and medals will be sent into all the schools.

For any information about the library please call in or email our email address is willib@somerset.gov.uk if you need to get in touch with us or wish to book for an event.
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The main reason barrel organs were installed in parish churches, instead of conventional pipe organs, was the lack of skilled people who could play an organ keyboard. A barrel organ solved the problem, just turn a handle! Such a barrel organ was purchased for Kilton church by the Reverend Sheddon in 1862. It would have been a wonder of technology at the time, and I imagine, created much interest in the village, and surrounding area. Here was a machine that played hymn tunes beautifully, one person turning the handle, and someone else, possibly a village lad, hand pumping, to supply the air to the organ pipes.



It remained in Kilton church for 117 years, before being removed and put into storage.

A faculty (*Church Planning Permission*) was requested by the Reverend Minshull to have it moved to the church in St. Audries. It was removed from storage and installed when the faculty was granted in 1981. Over several years, skilled villagers, assisted by a professional firm of organ restorers, brought it back to life again.

Here it now stands, awaiting its call, to play the beautiful hymn tunes of Victorian times.

A booklet has been written about the St Audries barrel organ, including the other three barrel organs that still exist in Somerset churches. This booklet, and a recently made CD of the tunes, are available at St Audries church, West Quantoxhead.

At 7:30pm on Tuesday 17th October there will be a short talk on barrel organs. A few tunes will be played. Maybe, we will have a true Victorian hymn singing experience, by singing a hymn, accompanied by the barrel organ. There will be a chance to inspect the workings of the organ and maybe, even a chance to play it.

To ease any stress during the evening, a glass of wine, or soft drink, will be offered. There will be no charge but any donations, going towards the upkeep of the church, would be gratefully received.

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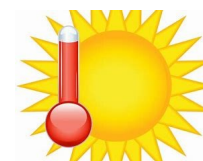
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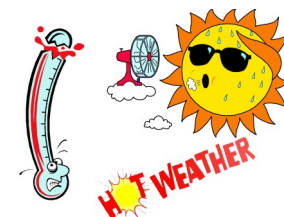


SEPTEMBER

This year we saw the UK's hottest days on record with the average maximum temperature exceeding 30°C for the first time. During September another one week heat wave, every day there was a new record, ending with a high of 33.2°C (91.8°F) at London's Kew Gardens.

AUGUST

A minimum temperature of 13°C on the 15th.
The maximum temperature was 23°C on the 21st.
A minimum pressure of 29 inches.
A maximum pressure of 30.3 inches.
The total months rainfall was 66mm.



NATURE NOTES

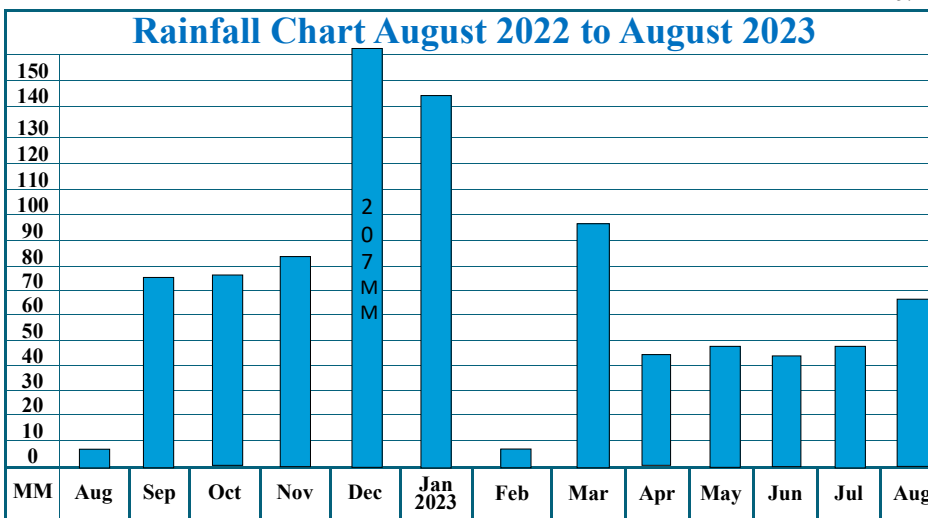
I have not seen so many butterflies this summer although nationally it has been reported to be a good year. The usual whites, Peacock, Red Admirals, small/large Tortoiseshells (often confused with different fritillaries), Comma and Brimstone. Our friend had a Pearl Fritillary butterfly in her garden. The BBC reported the largest reported sightings were Red Admirals.

When walking around the village roads it is very pleasing to see the very colourful late summer flowers and shrubs in so many gardens.

As the nights draw in, as it becomes dusk we usually see bats flying around.

ASTRONOMICAL NEWS

Should you find a clear night Venus will be the brightest object after the Moon.
P.J.



Williton and Surrounds Parkinson's Support



WASPS held their first meeting since the summer break on Thursday 7th September at Sampford Brett village hall.

David introduced Julie, from Somerset Age UK, who led the exercises. We are hoping that Julie might lead some exercise sessions for us over the coming year. Julie asked us to do some deep breathing and use the breathing to help with the exercises. We finished off with some movements to music, which went down well.

There were quite a few notices since we had not met properly for two months. We welcomed one new member, who put us to shame, by cycling to the meeting. Also, another two possible new members, who may be joining us at the next meeting.

The committee have decided to try something different for our Christmas lunch, the Bicknoller Inn will not be able to host us this year. So we have decided to have our lunch at Sampford Brett Village Hall, with outside caterers. Menus should be available at the next meeting.

Tegwen plus other members ran a successful Christmas stall at Williton fete, raffling a knitted Nativity set. About £80 was raised for our funds. Thank you to all those who helped.

Our speaker was Ruth, who started the Porlock Vale 4 R's group – Reduce, Recycle, Repair, Re use. She compared the carbon footprint of Sampford Brett, with Somerset, and we compared fairly well, bearing in mind the problems of a rural area. Members also fared quite well, in the survey, about what you can do at home to help the environment. Ruth started the Repair Cafe in the Porlock area, where you can take items that need some TLC to prevent them ending up in landfill. They have a group of volunteers who can repair clocks, toys, clothes, small electrical items, plus sharpening garden tools. You can also get tea & cake while you wait.

Next month our speaker will be David Milton, Watchet Town Cryer, who many of you know. He will be giving us a brief history of Watchet, with some of his amusing anecdotes, plus a sea shanty or two. Should be a good afternoon. Date for the next meeting Thursday 5th October starting with exercises at 1.30pm. New members with Parkinson's, their friends and family will be very welcome.

Jane Cooper.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

For full details & Tickets see:
www.regaltheatre.co.uk

October



Tuesday 3rd: 7.30pm UNDER THE FIG TREES (CERT 12A)

The film shows a modern and varied group of young women living in a patriarchal society, some accepting and some rebellious, as dramas large and small unfurl in the shade of the fig trees. **Subtitled.**

Thursday 5th: 7.15pm L'ELISIR D'AMORE Live from the Royal Opera House. Expect sun, fun and vocal acrobatics in Laurent Pelly's much-loved staging of Donizetti's intoxicating and witty comedy.

Saturday 7th: 7.30pm REGAL COMEDY NIGHT

Come and join us for a night of fun and laughter. The evening will feature a professional line up from the cream of the UK Comedy Circuit. Four acts to enjoy!

Saturday 14th: 11:00am SINGING IN THE RAIN (1952) CERT U

When the transition is being made from silent films to 'talkies', everyone has trouble adapting. Don and Lina have been cast repeatedly as a romantic couple, but when their latest film is remade into a musical, only Don has the voice for the new singing part. After a lot of practise with a diction coach, Lina still sounds terrible, and Kathy, a bright young aspiring actress, is hired to record over her voice.

All proceeds to go to the Regal Theatre support fund.

Saturday 14th: 7.30pm THE KAST OF KINKS

The Kast off Kinks include former members of the legendary band The Kinks. The great line-up features Mick Avory (founding member of The Kinks and the original drummer on all the classic hits from 1964-84), Mark Haley (keyboards/vocals, Kinks 1989-93, also played with The Rubettes), Mike Steed (bass/vocals, playing history with Love Affair, Chip Hawkes, Marmalade, The Rubettes and Mike Pender).

Sunday 15th: 7.30pm 50 YEARS OF FENDER – The Stratocaster Story

50 Years of Fender will have the music fans on their feet and the guitar fans in awe.

Friday 20th: 7.30pm THE INVISIBLE MAN

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Sunday 22nd: 2.00pm MIDNIGHT MISSION

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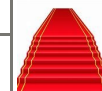


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by Phyllis Chidgey
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Other Local Churches

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



Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints (Washford)

We meet in Washford Memorial Hall TA23 0NY. 10am to 12 noon every Sunday. All are welcome. For more information Contact Don Laight Tel: **07368 527029**



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Mind line Somerset	Emotional support helpline	01823 276892
Parish Council	Parish Clerk	01984 633979
Pavilion	Bookings / Enquiries	01984 633979
Police	Emergency Non Emergency	999 101
Quantock Foodbank	Local Foodbank	07483 815122
Registry Office	Pre booked Appointments	01823 282251
Surgery	Robert Street TA4 4QE	01984 632701
Village Agent (Izzy Silvester)	Leave a message with contact details	07931 018045
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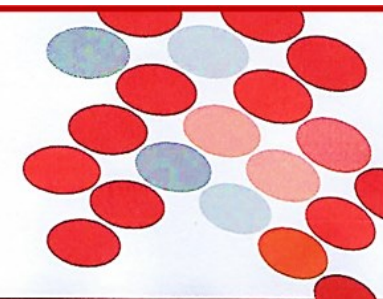
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