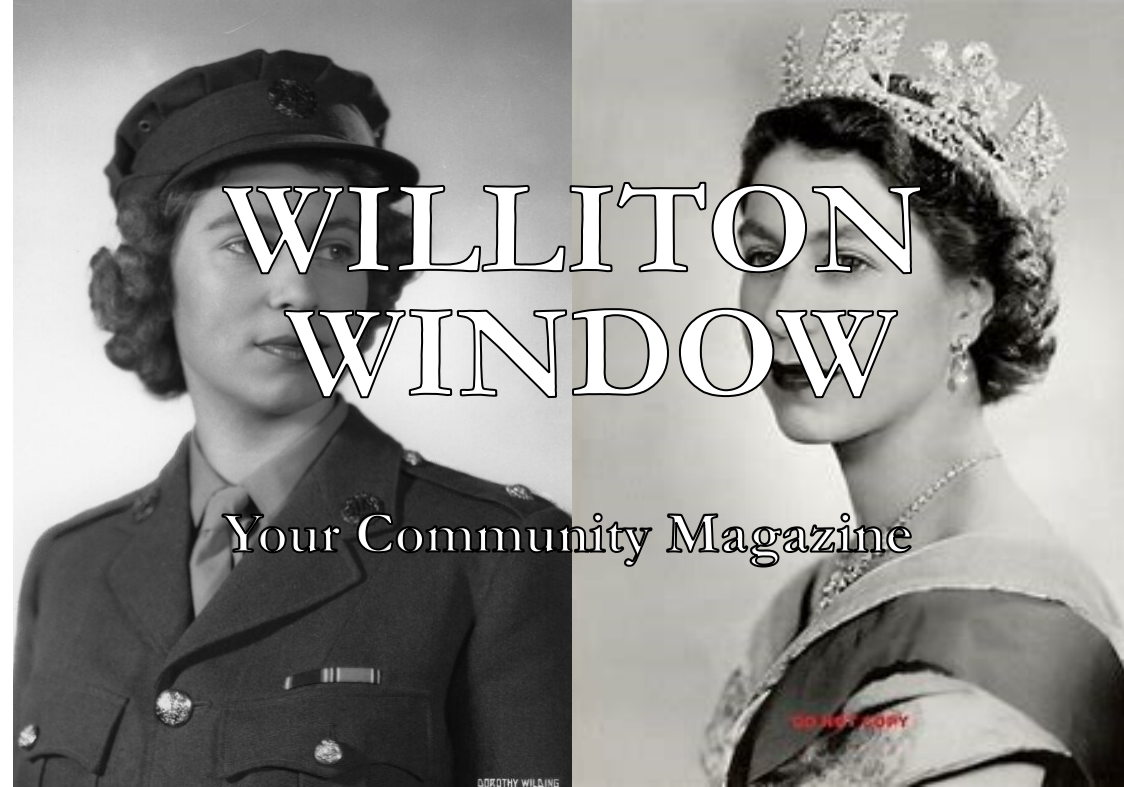


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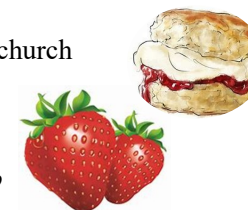
The dates will be as follows:

- ♦ **June - 12th and 26th**
- ♦ **July - 3rd and 17th** (On 3rd July we would like to incorporate a mini fete - more details to follow)
- ♦ **August- 7th and 21st**

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. Thank you, sara.hempshall@hotmail.co.uk or **07427 96989**

Sara Hempshall, Fundraiser Co-ordinator St Peter's Church.



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Website: www.watchetandwillitonbenefice.com/
 For details of other local churches see page 10.



Services in June at St Peter's Church Williton

We invite you all to join any of our services

Sunday	5th	10.00 am	All Age Worship
Sunday	12th	9.15am	Parish Communion
Sunday	19th	9.15am	Parish Communion
Sunday	26th	9.15am	Parish Communion

The church is now open every day for private prayer 08.30am - 6.00pm

St Peter's Church Contact Details:

Vicar	Rev Mark Phillips	Arriving 21st July
Churchwardens	Mr George Fenech	01984 633577
	Mrs Sue Withycombe	01984 632596
Readers	Mrs Donna Marsden	01984 633707
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Pastures New

On Sunday 8th May St Peters & St Decumans Churches made a presentation of Flowers and a Gift Voucher to Bev Machin one of our readers and resident in this Benefice for many years. Bev is moving on to pastures new and we wish her well in her new home. We thank her for her contributions to the church in this community for many years.



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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

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Catholic Church (Watchet)

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

Methodist Church (Williton)

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We welcome a different preacher every week, and in May we had the pleasure of a service led by Rebecca Edwards that was just right for us. We sang, prayed and talked and she guided us in a sort of Bible study, where we considered what the words in the readings for the day meant in our lives. We even got to take home a scratch board to make our own designs on!

This month we have the following people coming to lead our worship:-

June 5th - Clive Longhurst.

June 12th - Trinity and Methodist Homes Association Sunday - Tim Hedgecock.

June 19th - Fathers' Day, with service of Holy Communion - Rev Jane Sperring.

June 26th - Lynne Wooldridge.

We hold in our prayers at this time Angela, Clare, Paul and Bridget, Weet, Nigel and Angie, and Rona and Graham. We also pray for young families in Williton and all who are worried about the cost of living rises, may they find the help they need, and we give thanks for the work of the volunteers helping them. We also give thanks for the life and work of Queen Elizabeth II, and that she has served our country for so long, so willingly and so well.

Enjoy the Jubilee celebrations, Everyone!

Team Ministry: Rev Nick Lakin: 01643 705175.

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

Salvation Army Watchet Corps

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 West Somerset Morris June 2022 Programme 				
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Thurs	9th	June	Royal Oak, Luxborough	8pm
Sun	12th	June	Old Cleeve Open Gardens	
Thurs	16th	June	Farmers Arms, Combe Florey	8pm
Thurs	23rd	June	The Crown, Exford	8pm. Rest & Be, Wheddon Cross 9pm
Thurs	30th	June	The Gravel, 8pm, Greyhound Inn, 8.30pm	Stogursey
Our full programme for 2022 can be viewed on our website: www.westsomersetmorris.co.uk				

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Jubilee Celebrations

Williton War Memorial Recreation Ground

Thursday 2 June

Lighting of the Beacons @ 21:30 hours

Sunday 5 June

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13:00 — 1700 hours

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- Children's rides & games
- Pavilion open showing BBC coverage
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 **West Somerset Family History Group**
We had a very interesting speaker in April talking about the Lighthouses in the Bristol Channel on both the Somerset side & Wales.
He spoke of the hardships for the lighthouse keepers and the cramped conditions that they lived in.
We have a speaker for the June meeting. David Hawkins who will be speaking about Criminal Ancestors.
Entrance is £1.50 for SDFHS members and £3 for visitors who are always made welcome. Refreshments will be provided. email westsomfhg@gmail.com for more information.
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+ Faith Reflection

Are you happy? Do you feel content? Are you at peace within yourself?

The last two years have forced us all to face issues which previously we may not have given much thought to. Areas of life which we could never imagine changing but suddenly did. We couldn't even see family and friends freely let alone hug them or hold a hand... so much of our lives that we take for granted was taken away. There are not enough words to tell the whole story. It is no wonder that there is a dramatic rise in mental and physical health problems.

Every one of us faces difficult times in our life and for many it feels as if times are always difficult. As I write this, one of the issues that appeared on the news was that of chronic pain. I had an aunt who fell down a short flight of stone steps when she was fourteen damaging the bones at the base of her back, for the next eighty years she suffered constant severe pain. Every day was a battle for her, not to be overcome by it, yet she had a capacity for joy which was amazing and a deep sense of peace because of her faith.

In truth do those experiences determine whether we are happy, content or at peace? I suggest they have an effect upon but do not determine those deeper feelings.

Just before the outbreak of Covid 19, I was diagnosed with serious illness. I found that this was where the rubber hit the road once again with regard to my faith. I have known the poverty of being a single parent family with no money for heating or birthdays; I have known the heart breaking loss of a parent when I was a child and the early loss of a husband. I think I have a strong faith but in fact whether it is strong or weak the important thing is that whatever faith I have it is in an immensely strong God. He is a God who loves me (which doesn't mean he isn't very tough with me at times); He is always present with me; His wisdom guides me and through Jesus, who is God's Word made flesh, provides me with a means of forgiveness and peace. I do not fear the future whatever it may bring. As the Psalmist implied in Ps 121 I look around me, where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the mighty creator God who fills my heart with his peace.

Are you happy? I pray you are at least sometimes. Do you feel content? I pray you are most of the time. Are you at peace within yourself? I pray the peace of the Lord be always with you.

Rosie Brown.

HEALING

A couple of Healing dates

With the lovely weather here and many of us out in the garden busy we often forget to take time for ourselves. Maybe you would like to come and have a healing session or if you have already been you may like to return to enjoy the peace and calm that it brings. We will be at the Phoenix Centre in Watchet from **2:00pm to 4:30pm on the June 16th** and then again on the **July 21st**. The healing is free but donations are appreciated. We look forward to seeing you. If you require any further information please contact Alison on: **07796 780498** or email: hadleysecretsquirrels@hotmail.co.uk.

Alison Hadley.

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Crowns, Equestrians etc and the Leaders all had Royal names from Prince Charles to Princess Charlotte.

Thousands of stickers and gems were used in the making of crowns, robes, bookmarks and elephants. Why elephants? The Queen was in Africa when she heard she'd become Queen.

The members enjoyed some celebration cake, decorated with the Girlguiding and Scouting Jubilee badge and the models displayed the robes on a catwalk, relay races to make a corgi followed.

The afternoon finished with action songs around an indoor campfire and the Somerset County President, Margaret Maltby made several presentations to the Leaders, an Adult Leadership Qualification to Lucy Franklin, 10 year, long service awards to Martha Day, Kim Richards and Lauren Palmer, 20 year, long service awards to Katrina Bale and Vicky Hatch and a 30 year, long service award to Karen Wright. The children were all given a certificate and a specially commissioned Somerset County Queen's Jubilee Celebrations badge to help them remember a fun filled afternoon where new friends were made.

All this was provided free to the children due to a generous grant received from Magna Housing.

For Rainbow, Brownie and Guide units in West Somerset contact Linda Sully
07484 601929 or Lindasully4@aol.com



WILLITON WI

Today, Thursday 19th of May, the ladies of Williton WI enjoyed a talk by Dr Francis Burroughes – 'Can You Play Jerusalem?'. It was a very entertaining and amusing talk, featuring some of his experiences from his visits to various WI's around the West Country, from draughty village halls in the middle of nowhere to very modern halls with all the latest technology. After his talk, he enjoyed a cup of tea with us, having told us that after one meeting the 'tea' was a four course lunch with waiter service!! We hope to invite him back again next year. Our next meeting will be on Thursday the 16th of June at 2.00pm in the Pavilion, when our speakers will be the 'Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance'. Non-members and visitors will be made most welcome (£3.50)

Irene Draper, Speaker Organiser.

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Parish Portraits

At the end of the First World War, Joseph Henry Warner, journalist with the Western Gazette newspaper, put out an appeal for essays detailing the contribution parishes had made to the war effort. 172 of these returns survive at the Somerset Heritage Centre and provide amazing detail on the county's war effort, all of them proving to be a very valuable resource for those conducting research for the First World War centenary.

Just over 100 years later in this Platinum Jubilee year the Somerset Archives and Local Studies Service, part of the South West Heritage Trust, are putting out a similar appeal to ask you to send us portraits of your parish, something which will mark your parish's place at this unique moment in history and to provide future generations of Somerset with information on our communities.

We aren't looking for a history of the parish, we have lots of that already, but a snapshot of your parish today, a celebration of what makes your parish special in 2022. Things which you may wish to include could be:

- Local shops and business. Services and facilities.
- Clubs, societies, and village past times. Schools and pre-schools.
- Environmental initiatives. Modern day traditions.
- The effect of the Covid-19 Pandemic on your community, and how has your community come together to support each other.
- How your parish is marking the Jubilee.

We are happy to receive your portrait as an essay, as a scrapbook, or a combination of the two – surprise us! If you are including photographs please label and date them where possible and please do not include any personal information such as addresses as we wish to make them available for research. We would also ask that the copyright of all the content, including photographs, be transferred to the South West Heritage Trust and for the portraits to be gifted to us.

Our five favourite portraits will be featured on the South West Heritage Trust website and on our social media pages.

Bring or post your submissions to: Accessions Archivist, Somerset Heritage Centre, Brunel Way, Norton Fitzwarren, Taunton, TA2 6SF, or email to somersetarchives@swheritage.org.uk, and please submit them by the end of July.

We would really love your parish to take part to help paint a picture of Somerset to mark the Platinum Jubilee year, and to give credit to your community and all that it does and achieves.

Please do contact us if you have any questions and we look forward to receiving your Jubilee Parish Portraits. Tel: 01823 278805

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Liz Grant Archivist Somerset Heritage Centre.

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Talk to Michelle or email : clerk@willitonpc.org.uk

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The Times They Are A-Changing

With the council elections now complete, all of your Parish Councillors await the changes that could arrive from the new unitary council. But, the whole country appears to be preparing itself for changes on a grander scale, from decisions our Queen will make for England's future. So, with these thoughts in mind I thought it would be interesting to reflect (as much as I could); on what events have happened in our part of Somerset over the last seventy years of our Majesty's magnificent reign.

It appears that our new Queen became aware of Lynmouth's plight right from the start of her reign in 1952. News of the terrible storm and flooding in Lynmouth was to reverberate around the world on August 15th. Our new Queen's message of sympathy to the people of Lynmouth, was quickly followed up by her treasured Consort, the Duke of Edinburgh, arriving to see the devastation and to talk to those involved either from evacuation, homelessness or family tragedy. On the night unfortunately due to mobile phones not yet invented, PC. Derek Harper ran 5 miles to raise the S.O.S. alarm service, returning to continue working with the rescue. He received the George Medal for his dedication to duty.

Through the 50's we saw Mr. Gadd licensee of the Wyndham Arms Hotel, Williton, being only the second man in Somerset to possess a driving licence! Sadly in 1953 Capt. Tony Collins the Olympics Equestrian trainer in Porlock was killed in the Comet airline crash; he was due to take the team to the 1956 Melbourne Olympics. Good news did follow in 1955 with the announcement that Dunster Castle and grounds had been sold back to the Luttrell family. The Good Neighbours club launched in 1957 - still going today; preceded by the Reading Room started in the 1900's, which is today - Williton's Social Club. Also in 1957, work started at the controversial Hinckley Point site where employers were looking for 2,500 staff.

In 1960 someone spotted a man called Billy Butlin in Minehead looking for a suitable site for a holiday camp – the camp opened its doors in Minehead 1962! But, soon after this, in 1963 the 'Beeching Report' brought despair when learning his intention was to close all the branch lines around our area. Then in 1964 the overwhelming Beatlemania came to our shores during filming 'A Hard Day's Night' the Beatles arrived by train. Williton's little Alison Clark, 4yrs old, had the privilege of meeting the 'Fab Four' out of thousands of screaming young girls. Looking back through old photos of Williton covering all these years I found many new groups, societies, along with numerous functions increased in the 1960's. These ranged from; keep fit, drama and musical groups, sporting teams, (skittles in pubs and the Egremont Hotel). In 1967 Williton Players musical 'Sherana' played to 1000 people over a long weekend. Train closures continued into the 70's but Minehead wasn't giving up, by eventually re-opening their first public train service in March 1976.

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Street parties celebrated the Queen's Jubilee in 1977 across the country. Started in 1975 the case surrounding the Right Honourable Jeremy Thorpe MP suddenly hit the headlines again in 1977. The case started its early days with the Free Press in Minehead's court had become more complicated, the case moved to the Old Bailey in London.

A letter from France in 1982 from Neung Sur Beuvron to the Parish Council; contained a request of the possibility, of twinning their town with Williton. It became a mix of a cider county with a wine one in France. A new society began. Charlie Martin expanded his businesses, giving Williton its own greengrocers. But, then a mystery deepened, accumulating in Marines camping out on Exmoor hunting for the 'Beast!' Sadly in 1984 one of the main contributors to the Free Press newspaper passed away, a new event happening in Minehead would have definitely be something he would have written about in his 'Notes by the Way.' It was the new Minehead to Barry Hovercraft but it too sadly passed on, two weeks after starting going into liquidation. A bit further along the coast in 87 at Blue Anchor; 25,000 tons of rock was loaded as sea defence onto its beach. There were plans put forward for a Super Highway which would bypass Williton but nothing happened. By 1989 the **Free Press** stopped printing the newspaper in Williton, moving it to a new printing establishment.

Alarm came in 1990 as Watchet needed help as their sea defences were failing fast; emergency work completed a new sea wall by 1991. West Somerset Rail set up a journey from Paddington to Minehead. Drama on the railway started from Crowcombe when a work train's brakes **were not locked on properly**; so staff had to attempt a rescue - just like in the movies! It ran for 5 miles until it stopped - by itself without mishap followed by exhausted staff arriving too late. At this time all types of hunting was also under threat across the country. But almost from out of space in 1995 NASA space authority had an interest in Somerset, with Arthur C. Clark author, recognising his writings be awarded the Distinguished Public Service medal. Just like science fiction the Millennium arrived and although predictions said it was the end, everyone survived and life continued.

Over the next ten years, reprieve came to the Exmoor ponies now legally allowed to stay forever, on Exmoor. Plans for a new pier at Minehead never continued. Major efforts almost thwarted the Foot and Mouth outbreak in Somerset but, a very few were sadly affected close to it being conquered. For many the banning of hunting across the U.K. in 2005 brought despair. In 2007 the lottery fund helped restore the Bearland Ventilation Flue created in 1860 to prevent suffocation of mine workers by foul air. The next 15 years I have not covered they need more research to be fair.

But 2022 will be a year to remember, just check out social media, the press and the Williton Window.

Councillor Barbara Nye.

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Our regular fundraising events this month are **Bingo – Tue 14th & 28th** and the **Inside Out Car Boot** on Sunday 26th, 11am-1pm with sellers setting up from 10am. £5 car / £7 van / £10 indoor table. The **Duck Race** will be held at 1230. Please phone Parish Office 633979 to book an indoor table.

Cllr. Aldridge is opening his garden on Sunday 26th, along with other gardens around Williton; funds raised from his opening will go towards repairs and improvements to The Pavilion. Please see page 30 for more details.

Unfortunately, there will be **no film night in June** nor for the foreseeable future. The Film Nights are fundraisers for the maintenance and improvement of the Pavilion, and sadly we are not selling sufficient tickets to cover the Box Office Fee. From release in the cinema to being available to "rural film clubs", the timeline is 4-6 months, so we will look to restart in 2023. That said, if a really great film comes out (i.e. Downton Abbey II) and we are able to book it we will, so watch this space.

Thank you to our small Events Team and volunteers who give up their time to make these events happen. If you wish to join the team, our next meeting is on 15th June at 1900hrs in The Pavilion (upstairs room).

The Queen's Jubilee

June is all about Our Queen's Jubilee celebrating a 70-year reign - something no previous monarch has achieved - a unique milestone in our history. So, what are we doing to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee?

By the time you receive this magazine, the tree on Bellamy's Corner should be decorated in red, white and blue bunting and the lamp posts will have Jubilee plaques. Thank you to everyone who helped make and decorate.

To start, on **Thursday 2nd**, Williton will join in the ceremonial *Lighting of the Beacons* along with more than 1,500 others. Please come and join us at the Memorial Ground for 9.30pm; we will have a bugle call and then the beacon will be lit at 9.45pm.

On **Sunday 5th** the Memorial Ground will play host to **The Big Jubilee (Picnic) Lunch** from 1 to 3pm. Although you can bring your own lunch there will be food available to purchase. Weston Entertainments will have hot food and cold food, such as burgers, hot dogs, chips, jacket potatoes, rolls and sandwiches, hot and cold drinks, donuts, candyfloss, crepes and of course ice-cream. They'll also be bringing children's rides and games. The Pavilion will be open and we will have the Big Screen down and showing BBC coverage of the celebrations.

No Jubilee celebration is complete without a competition for the children. **"Design A Crown"** will be judged at 1pm under the Pavilion canopy; three age groups 5 & under 6-8, 9-12yrs. There will be five prizes for each group.

Wildflower Seeds

We do have some of the packets of seeds that were given out last month; if you'd like to sow more, please pop along to the Parish Office – they are 50p each. I saw a post on FB thanking WW and Somerset Council for them, so would just like to mention that these were given out by Williton Parish Council, although we would like to thank the Williton Window distributors for delivering them.

Cllr. Dawn-Lesley Howes.

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Down at the Station

June 2022



I'm sure the months are getting shorter! At the station we have just recovered from the Spring Gala, the first gala for two and a half years. With three or four visiting engines there were large crowds on all four days of the event, and Williton station was particularly busy with several trains terminating there before the engines ran round and returned to Bishops Lydeard. Our shop was busy the whole time and the staff worked wonders keeping up with demand, even virtually selling out of stock on the Saturday. New supplies were brought in on Sunday morning. **Thank you staff!**

Our Plant sales have been very brisk with several local people coming down to select. Additional lines are coming along all the time as the season develops, and if there is not anything there that you expected from last year, please do ask, and we will see what can be done to help. Likewise the Book stall has been busy along with old railway themed magazines. Almost as fast as they are sold others seem to arrive to replace them. Thanks to those who have brought books along. The secular section on Platform Two has also been fairly busy.

All the hanging baskets are now in place along with most of the pouches on the fencing. These will soon be in full flower and I am sure will look a treat. Likewise the raised beds are beginning to take shape including the garden 'Dig for Britain' which is new this year.

The exterior of the shop is now fully repainted and is looking much better than before. Other maintenance jobs will proceed during the summer as time and personnel allow, and this of course includes the cutting of the long hedge on Platform two – it's like the Forth Bridge!

As always you will be welcome to call down to watch (and smell!) the trains and enjoy a coffee or ice cream at the same time.

John Parsons Station Master.



Williton Garden Club



Nothing too exciting to report from the last meeting which was the annual AGM, save to say the officers were re-elected en-bloc along with one new member to the committee. It was followed by an open discussion about anyone's 'dislikes' about their gardens or contents which brought some smiles.

In June we have two events happening although no actual meeting.

On **Saturday June 18th** there will be our Plant Sale held at the Parish Offices in Killick Way from 10.am –12 noon. This has been well supported in past years and we look forward to welcoming you there. Then on the **Wednesday 29th June** we hope that as many members as possible will join us in an outing to Postbox Cottage at West Bagborough, to explore their gardens and enjoy a cream tea afterwards. We will meet at the garden at 2 p.m. Anyone needing transport, please contact our secretary, Liz Payne or myself. The July meeting will be at Danesborough Common Rooms on Monday 25th July when we hope to have a talk on Nerines, by Jonny Hartnell.

John Parsons Chairman.

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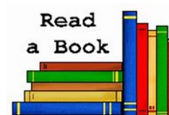
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Weekly Events

Rhyme time with Billy for our younger children. 11am every Monday morning.
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Digital support every Thursday afternoon. Booking essential for these 1:1
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Monthly Events

Individual Family history session on the first Wednesday of the month to support
people through researching their family trees. These sessions run by our
experienced volunteer need to be booked in advance.

Jubilee Event

On Wednesday 1st of June, we will be running a children's craft event
for children aged 4-9 at 2pm to celebrate the Queens Jubilee. Places
are limited so please book in advance.



Our Scrabble board is available for anyone to use (booking advisable).

We are still looking for volunteers for Lego Club on Saturday mornings and
home library service volunteers to take book deliveries to our housebound
members of the community.

If you would like to use the library space for a group to meet you are most
welcome. Craft groups, dads' groups, knit and natter are all most welcome.
Please pop into the library to discuss your requirements.

With your library card you can access many online resources, if you are not sure
how to use this please come in and we will support you through the process.

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

Williton Library staff.



Williton And Surrounding Parkinson's Support Group

WASPS



The Williton and Surrounds Parkinson Support Group held its annual free
Cream Tea for members and their friends at Doniford Farm Park on 5th May.
The weather was fine so we could enjoy the location and see the animals and
the view of the sea. The tea was excellent, lovely fresh scones with clotted
cream and jam. Tea and conversation flowed, and a pleasant time was had by
all. The June meeting will be on Thursday **2nd June at 1.30pm** preceded by
exercises at **1pm**. back in the Sampford Brett Village Hall when the speaker
will talk on her experience of 'Around the World in Thirty Jobs'
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12,13 & 14 Danesborough View – open Midday to 2pm

Three different small gardens; Margaret has sown her packet of wildflower seeds in pots.

Mill Cottage, 22 Bridge Street - open 1pm - 4pm

Wheelchair & mobility scooter friendly. Jenny welcomes donations for the Quantock Food Bank.

+*Hartnells, 22 Long Street – open 1pm - 4pm

Michelle & Michael will be selling tea/coffee & cakes to raise money for Breast Cancer.

+24 North Croft – open 2pm – 4pm

John makes the most of his garden to provide fruit and vegetables.

+*28 Robert Street - open Midday - 5pm.

Ian will be selling tea/coffee & plants to raise money for Williton Pavilion.

28 Brook Road – open 1 - 3pm

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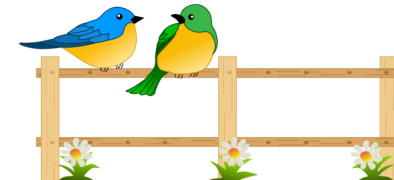
+*Arden Cottage, 32 Long Street - 1pm - 5pm.

Elaine will be serving cream teas, cake & ice-cream raising money for Ukraine; plus selling plants, preserves & craft items.

If you would like to join in and open your garden – big or small - there's still time, please send me an email dlh@dawn-lesley.co.uk or call 07961 322288.

Hopefully there will be more gardens added so please check on Williton Window Website Homepage and click on the Link for full details and map nearer the date.

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	6.00pm - 7.00pm Zumba	Pavilion	Tel: 07738 676832
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	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
Thurs	5.30pm - 6.30pm	Rainbows	Tel: 07484 601929
Fridays	9.30 - 10.30am Zumba	Pavilion	Tel: 07738 676832
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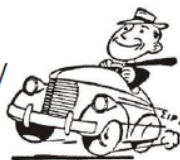
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This Month's Meetings Groups & Events for June

Thurs	2nd	Wasps	1.30pm Sampford Brett Village Hall
Thurs	2nd	Lighting of the Beacon	9.40pm Memorial Ground.
Sun	5th	Big Jubilee Picnic	1.00pm Memorial Ground
Tues	7th	Good Neighbours Group	2.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Tues	14th	Bingo	7.00pm for 7.30pm start Pavilion
Thurs	16th	Women's Institute	2.00pm Pavilion
Fri	17th	Community Market	9.30am to 11.30am Williton Social Club
Sat	18th	Garden Club Plant Sale	10am to 12 Noon Parish Council Office
Sun	26th	Open Gardens	Around Williton see page 30 for details
Sun	26th	Car Boot Sale	11.00am to 1.00pm
Sun	26th	Duck Race	12.30pm Contact Parish Office Tel ;633979
Tues	28th	Bingo	7.00pm for 7.30pm start Pavilion
Weds	29th	Family History Group	7.00pm to 9.00pm Pavilion Criminal Ancestors

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First Thursday of the month: Dulverton Library,
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Every Friday: @ The Hub, Hopcott Rd, Alcombe,
Minehead 9.30am-12pm Tel: 01643 707598

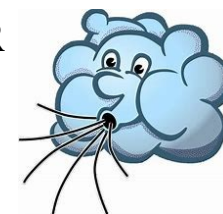
VALUED VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

at all hubs please phone if you can help!

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WILLITON WEATHER April



A minimum temperature of -1⁰ C on the 10th.
The maximum temperature was 22⁰ C on the 16th.
The maximum pressure of 30.22 inches.
The minimum pressure of 29.6 inches.
The total rainfall was only 28mm. (Very Low)

NATURE NOTES

With the very dry month the trees have been much slower to leaf up but ideal for tidying up in the garden. Some flowers out and the honey bees have been busy. The hedgehogs have also been busy searching for food in the dry conditions not so many worms and slugs around. Same problem for the birds who have been visiting the bird bath frequently for water.

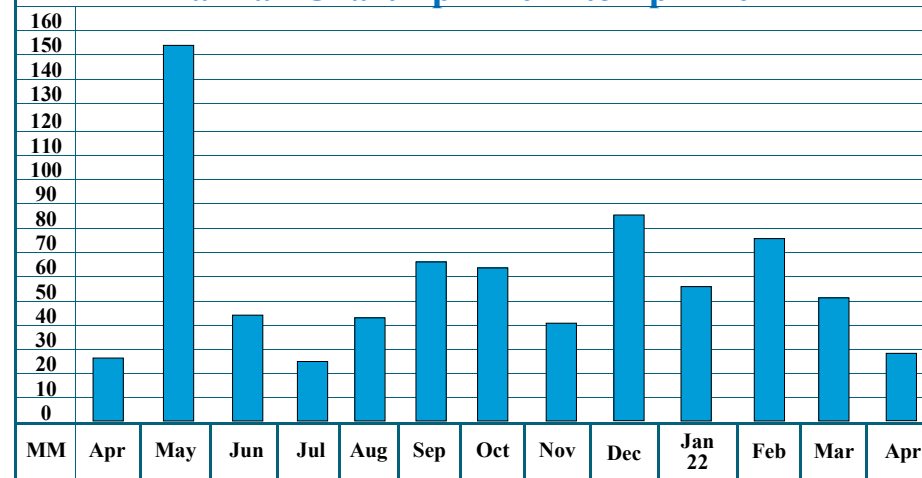
ASTRONOMICAL NEWS

I was unable to see the conjunction of the 4 planets as it was cloudy every morning for 12 days! But a lot of people heard the sonic bangs on the 3rd. week, due I think to meteorites.

From June 1st, watch in the dawn sky for Jupiter and the Moon to appear close together, and by the 4th.in the constellation of Aquarius. On the 18th Saturn will be very close and after the 20th the moon will be close to Jupiter. Then look out on the 22nd when Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn will all be seen in a line! (If it is not cloudy!)

PJ.

Rainfall Chart April 2021 to April 2022



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June

Sunday 5th -3:00pm: PONGO'S PARTY

You are invited to Marty MacDonald's Farm for...PONGO'S PARTY! Featuring the voices of Justin Fletcher and Nicole Davis from CBeebies as Pongo the Pig and Molly Moo the Cow. So come dressed in your best party clothes and help make Pongo's Party a day to remember, play in a huge children's band and take part in the town's biggest ever game of pass the parcel!

Tuesday -7th 7:30pm Film: THE COUNTY

This rousing film from the director of Rams is set in Iceland and tells the story of a woman who leads her dairy farming community in a rebellion against the corruption of the local co-op. Subtitled.

Sunday -19th 2.00pm Tidal Tails Stars and Sails

Come and explore the importance, power and vulnerability of the sea through songs, sights and stories! Features local sea shanties, ancient world music, and historical sea farers from all over the world.

Suitable for all ages, recommended for five years plus

Friday -24th 7:30pm: MUSIC FOR UKRAINE - something for everyone...

A great chance to enjoy live music, while supporting the people of Ukraine. Something for everyone – Featuring Local bands Jessie & the Skunknecks, The Understairs, Acoustic Band Samphire, Plus Mark Davis from South Wales playing original material. All artists have kindly donated their time.

All proceeds donated to DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

Tuesday -28th 7:30pm Film Society - end of season gala

The Regal Film END OF SEASON GALA Society will be taking place
Details to be announced.

Tickets for all events may be booked in advance online at :

***<https://regaltheatre.co.uk/whatson> or from the Box Office (Tel 01643 706430)
between 9.30am and 12.00pm Monday - Saturday; or by telephone only from
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Some Covid restrictions are in place to ensure audiences and volunteers are protected. Everyone is asked to use the hand sanitiser provided and wear a face covering at all times, except when eating or drinking.



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WORDSEARCH FOR JUNE

by Phyllis Chidgey

The Glory of the Garden



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In the Sanctuary Swain Street Watchet 10.30 to Noon

Programme for June



- * June 1st - Jubilee Celebration.
- * June 15th - Coffee, chat & games.
- * June 29th - We are visiting Doniford Farm 10.30am.
- * A Jubilee (red, white and blue) shawl is being raffled in aid of Alzheimer's Society. Tickets are available from Cotton Street (on Swain Street, Watchet, next to the Co-op) from Wednesday 1st June to Wednesday 8th June - £1 each.
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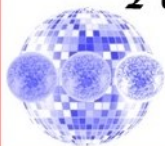
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