

## 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](mailto:mike@watchetbaptist.org.uk) or telephone Mrs M Collinson: **01984 632537** Mrs S Shearer: **01984 568310** or visit the website: [www.watchetbaptist.org.uk](http://www.watchetbaptist.org.uk)



### Catholic Church (Watchet)

The Roman Catholic Church meets for Mass at Watchet Methodist Church on **FRIDAY evenings at 6.15pm**. Contact Deacon Vincent Woods 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](mailto: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](mailto:Samantha.Searle@salvationarmy.org.uk)



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Email Michelle: [clerk@willitonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@willitonpc.org.uk) or [admin@willitonpc.org.uk](mailto:admin@willitonpc.org.uk)

### Threatened Closure of Williton's Recycling Centre

As 2023 drew to a close, the Parish Council was aware that Somerset Council  
had declared a financial emergency and was doing everything it could to avoid a  
S.114 notice (effectively  
bankruptcy) if it could not  
set a budget. As part of that  
process, Parish and Town  
Councils were asked to  
consider taking on assets  
and services for which  
Somerset Council is  
currently responsible. In  
mid-January we heard that  
part of Somerset Council's planned savings included the potential closure of  
Williton's Household Waste Recycling Centre.



A very quickly-arranged public meeting was held in the Pavilion, attended by  
about 200 people representing 17 communities from across West Somerset. It  
was also attended by officers from Somerset Council along with Cllr. Darch  
who is the lead on Climate Change and the environment. Members of the public  
expressed their concerns and anger about the proposed closure and the amount  
of damage it will cause to the environment and our communities.

Apart from the officers and Councillor Darch there was not a single comment in  
favour of the closure. It appears that the suggestion to potentially close the five  
sites across Somerset was based on a simple calculation based on costs only  
rather than looking at the knock-on effects of closing sites which will have far  
greater ramifications than just a financial saving that in the scheme of things is a  
small amount of money.

Subsequent to that the meeting, the Chairs of our surrounding parishes have met  
and agreed to send a very strongly worded joint letter to Somerset Council  
expressing our concerns and asking for properly-undertaken research to be  
carried out to establish the full impact of the closure of any recycling centre.  
Williton Parish Council has also sent its own letter condemning the proposal.

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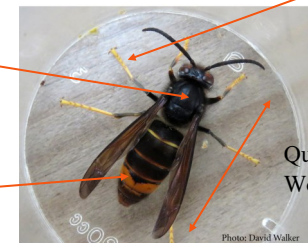
These insects pose a very real threat to our native flying insects and thus to the pollination of our home-grown crops.

### How to identify an Asian Hornet

All-black/dark brown body

Abdomen: black/brown;  
4th segment orange/  
yellow

Legs brown with yellow ends



Queens: max 30mm  
Workers: max 25mm long

### Please Help to Fight this Threat. Report Sightings:

Online: [https://risc.brc.ac.uk/alert.php?species=asian\\_hornet](https://risc.brc.ac.uk/alert.php?species=asian_hornet)

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Phone: 07846165877 (Lynne Ingram, Somerset Asian Hornet Team Coordinator)

Further information: <https://www.nonnativespecies.org/non-native-species/species-alerts/>

## West Somerset Video Group

A new non profit society dedicated to producing good videos about the people of West Somerset in the context of their jobs or activities.

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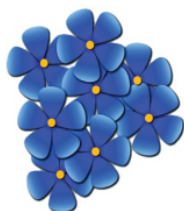
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## Williton Walks Book



A book of 9 circular walks around Williton by Jenny Gibson is on sale at Williton Post Office for £2.50.

All proceeds from this edition go to the Quantock Foodbank.

We are very grateful to the Post Office for stocking this book.



## Recycling Centre (Cont'd from page 3)

At the time of writing we are being told that, rather than just the closure of the recycling centres across Somerset to save money, Somerset Council is now looking at "savings in the core contract" - the meaning of which is unclear. They also stress that nothing has been decided and that the subject of closures will go out to public consultation after the 20<sup>th</sup> February. Whatever happens, the Parish Council will be doing its utmost to ensure that the centre stays open.

## Speed Control, Priest Street

After many years of planning I am pleased to say at last that the long-awaited speed indicator device has now been set up in Priest Street. Currently it is recording the speed of vehicles but not showing the speed to motorists. This is so that we can see what effect the machine has on the speed of traffic when it is turned on. I am also pleased to see that we have some more volunteers for the Speed Watch scheme. Hopefully, over the next few months, we will see fewer incidents of speeding and a much safer village. Thank you to everyone who has come forward to help us with this project.

## New Playground Equipment

It was disappointing that our drop-in sessions to find out what sort of new playground equipment was wanted for the children did not produce any ideas.

We have been given a grant to spend on new equipment and it would be nice to see what the children want, rather than what we give them. If you have any ideas, please talk to anyone in the office.

Flooding has been a theme across the country so far this year. The Response Group (the old Flood Group) has arranged an event in the Pavilion on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February which representatives of the Environment Agency, Somerset Rivers Authority and others will be attending to give advice on what to do before, during and after a flood. Please come along, if you are able, to find out what you can do to help our neighbours and friends in the village, discover what a flood warden does - and possibly join the response group.

*Cllr. Peter Payne*

## !!! Diary Dates from Williton Pavilion !!!

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt** – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>  
March 2-3pm - **FREE**

**Crafty Stash Sale** – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
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**Williton Village Gardens** – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
June - £3 per ticket

**D-Day – Lighting the Beacon** -  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June - **FREE**

**Williton Village Yard Sale** – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>  
July - £1 per map

**Williton Village Fete** – Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>  
August - 50p entry

See more from Cllr Howes on Page 23

*Cllr. Dawn-Lesley Howes*

# Café Church comes to Williton!

## St Peter's Church Williton

held its first ever Café Church recently.

Café church is a less formal, relaxed church atmosphere, where people come together to take part in activities, to learn about Jesus, to talk and to sing.

There is also always lots of food and good conversation.



Revd Mark says 'we wanted to put on a gathering where those new to church or those seeking something a bit different could meet and worship together in a relaxed space, with hospitality and a chance to chat. We were not sure who would come, but as it turned out we were running out of chairs!'

It was so great to see people from different parts of the community of Williton coming together.'



**CAFÉ CHURCH** will be running on the first Sunday of each month at 10 am.

Everyone is welcome!



## Williton Public Library

Open Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 10am -1pm & 2pm-5pm  
Saturday 10am - 1pm.  
(Closed Tuesdays).



### 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). Our Volunteer will assist with various digital devices.



### 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. Come and see what you can build.



### Story Sessions

On Thursday afternoons during term time, we are running a story session for our younger readers between 2.30 and 3pm (before school pick ups of older siblings). Please pop in and join in.



### Home Library Service

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### 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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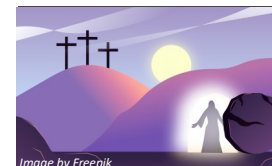
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 For details of other local churches see page 36

Sunday 3rd	10am	Café Church
Sunday 10th	9.15am	Parish Communion
Sunday 17th	9.15am	Parish Communion
Sunday 24th	9.15am	Palm Sunday Parish Communion
Monday 25th	7.00pm	Taizé style worship
Tuesday 26th	7pm	Taizé style worship
Thursday 28th	7pm	Maundy Thursday Communion (St Decuman's)
Friday 29th	12pm	Walk of Witness (see below)
	2.30pm	Good Friday Reflection at St Peter's
Saturday 30th	8.00pm	Service of Light (St Decuman's)
Sunday 31st	9.15am	Easter Parish Communion

**St Peter's Church Contact Details:**

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### Walk of Witness

*Good Friday 29 March*

At 12pm on Good Friday, starting from St Peter's church, we will be processing a wooden cross through the village and handing out hot cross buns. We will then walk to St Decuman's church and meet with a similar procession from Watchet for a short service in the car park.

All are welcome to join us for as much of the walk as they are able.



**CAMEO**  
 (Come and meet each other)

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

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Hello folks. I thought I would share the following article with you. It was written by Kay Bullen, a trustee of the British Hedgehog Preservation Society.

“Spring is here and hedgehogs who have hibernated will be starting to wake from hibernation. They will be sleepy and very thirsty and will head for the nearest water. Although good swimmers, many die in ponds because there is no way out for them. By putting a sloping edge, a ramp or even some green plastic-coated wire netting down into (not across) the pond we can provide an escape route for them to use should they fall in. Also, if the pond is kept topped up hedgehogs might be less likely to topple in. New ponds could have a sloping side planned to make it easy for hedgehogs and other animals and birds to reach the water safely.

It is not only hedgehogs that are out and about but gardeners as well. Whilst the hedgehog is the gardeners’ friend, gardeners are not always hedgehog friendly. Many of the jobs we do in our gardens can affect and even harm hedgehogs. So please take care when tidying up garden debris, pulling down sheds (a favourite nesting site) and strimming long grass and brambles (hedgehogs won’t run away when they hear strimmers, they will do what is natural for them and curl up into a ball).

Hedgehogs are not territorial: although they tend to have home patches. A females’ home patch will be just big enough to support her and her hoglets. A male’s patch will be much larger in the breeding season as they wander long distances searching for females. Once the autumn comes the males’ home patches will become smaller as they concentrate on preparing for hibernation. So, if you see a hedgehog on a regular basis in the breeding season it is more likely to be a female. If you are able to leave water and some meaty cat or dog food out each night this will encourage any females to stay around and eat your garden pests too! However, males will have other priorities and will move greater distances as they are more nomadic in the breeding season.

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society can give general advice and perhaps details of a local hedgehog rehabilitator who you can contact for more advice. Their number is 01584 890801.”

Kay Bullen, Trustee, British Hedgehog Preservation Society.



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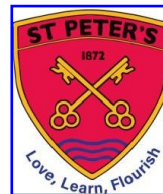
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## St Peter's School News

The boys and girls in Reception have just finished exploring some of the different traditions seen across the world to celebrate Lunar New Year. We have drawn Chinese characters onto red envelopes requiring great precision and coordination, we have hung beautiful lanterns created using careful scissor control and paper; and designed and made the body and tail of a dragon using natural materials to print onto fabric. We ended the week by performing our very own dragon dance and parade music – a tradition believed to drive away evil spirits and bring good luck and blessing to the community.

This month in Year 1, the children have been learning all about what experiments are and how they can be scientists by carrying out their own experiments! So far, we have explored which materials are waterproof and we've also looked at ice and discovered that the warmer the conditions are, the faster ice will melt! Next week we are going to explore which materials are most air resistant as we make parachutes for our teddies!

Wow, what a busy few weeks we've had in Year 2. As scientists, we've been learning about materials and their properties. Miss Oliver told us she had a problem with her curtains because they were letting light through so we carried out an investigation to find out which material would be best for a pair of curtains. We used a torch and tested out lots of materials. We found out that an opaque material does not let any light through such as wood or metal, but we agreed that this material wouldn't be very suitable to use as a curtain.

In Year 3 the children have been learning all about trade and where our food comes from and how food reaches the shops. In science, we have been looking at different types of animals and the characteristics of their habitats. As a class we went on a habitat walk around our school to see what animals live around us.

In Year 4, we have been learning more about Dementia, with regular visits to Croft House and engagement in our Archie Project workbooks. Nature reserves have been made in science; regular observations are being recorded in the hope that we will see the formation of some habitats. Chocolate has been the main topic of Geography this term, as we learn about 'Trade' and how products are imported and exported. We were surprised to find out that a chocolate bar takes around 150 days to reach the shop shelf!

The next half term brings many opportunities to explore the community with visits planned to St Peter's Church and East Quay. We also eagerly anticipate World Book Day, British Science Week, and the Year 4 residential to Kilve Court.

*Louise Leworthy*



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## Williton and Surrounds Parkinson's Support (WASPS)



We held our 11th Birthday Party on February 1st at Sampford Brett Village Hall. We played a few party games - Irish Bingo, 'What's in the Bag?' amongst others, enjoyed sandwiches, snacks and cake provided by committee members and generally enjoyed ourselves!

Our members share a wealth of talent which was on show at the party in the impressive display of their work. There were also items included of which members were particularly proud, such as awards, paintings, hand-made Christmas decorations and more.

We didn't get away without exercises and Cathie had us 'flying' to the strains of 'Come Fly With Me'.

Unfortunately, Linda was not with us. She had a bad fall in the morning, which resulted in a broken hip. Members signed a card, and we all wish her well, with a speedy recovery.

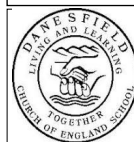
We will be represented at the 'What's On In Williton' event, which takes place on 24th February at Williton Pavilion 10am - 12noon. If you see this in time, anyone is welcome to say hello, while checking-out what else is available in Williton.

**Next Meeting: Thursday 7 March 2024**

**Exercises from 1.30pm. Speaker: To be Confirmed.**

**Those with Parkinson's, their family and friends will be warmly welcomed.**

**Further details: [queenwasp2013@gmail.com](mailto:queenwasp2013@gmail.com)**



## Danesfield School News

Danesfield School are very proud of their Pentathlon team who competed in the recent Somerset competition held at Strode College. All the athletes took part in a range of target activities with many demonstrating some outstanding levels of accuracy.

The day was enjoyed by all and every athlete was thoroughly deserving of their medal, although the singing on the minibus was a bit dodgy!

Well done, everyone!



*Helen Hatfield*



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Following business, our January meeting welcomed in the New Year with an interesting DVD of Old Somerset which was enjoyed by all who were there.

Our meeting on 15 February (not yet arrived at time of going to press!) is Lorraine Rye, who will be telling us about Age UK and introducing us to Tai Chi. More about that in the April edition.

We will then be looking forward to our March meeting on Thursday 21st at 2pm in the Pavilion, when Dawn Lawrence will be coming along to speak about The Born Free Foundation. This is an international charity founded by Dame Virginia McKenna which works to prevent suffering to wild animals and to rescue and protect endangered species.

Visitors will be made most welcome, with their first visit free. And we'll even make you a cup of tea!!

*Irene Draper  
Williton with Watchet WI*

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by Phyllis Chidgey

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Next meeting: 4th April at The Parish Council offices at 6pm

If you are a proprietor or manager of a business in Williton or surrounding area, please come along and join us.

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Those of you who called to see us at our table in the Pavilion for “What’s on in Williton” on 24th February will already know a little of what, with your help, we have achieved. For those who missed that, here is a summary of what has happened so far and what will be happening soon.

Just before Christmas we received a letter from the Dept of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities telling us that our application for a grant from the Community Ownership Fund was successful and in January we heard that our application for a grant from Somerset Council was also successful.

This means that with the grant from Williton Parish Council I told you about in November and the very generous donations we have received, we are now at a point where we can instruct solicitors to do the legal work to buy the allotments and the adjoining paddock.

It will take several weeks until the legalities are completed and once that is done we will start doing the work needed to develop the new allotment plots.

We have conditions that come with the funding and we must complete everything by this time next year. The past year has involved a lot of paperwork for us but we are soon going to be getting on with the exciting stuff.

We are aiming to have the first allotment plots available by the summer so, if you would like one, please contact Elizabeth Payne on 01984 633084.

We still must raise a bit more money to make sure that we can install everything we want to but we can say that we are within touching distance of owning the allotment site so that they stay as allotments for our community and surrounding areas.

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For those of you that like to buy our plants (tomatoes/cucumbers etc) these should be ready during April. Hopefully prices will remain the same as last year. (All proceeds to the upkeep of the Station)

It does not look as though there will be a residents' travel card this year. To overcome this, you can join the West Somerset Railway Association, which will qualify you for a 25% discount on your fare (subject to confirmation).



*Phil Chapman and Peter Payne  
Assistant Station Masters*

## Williton War Memorial Recreation Ground

As I mentioned last month we have an Open Gardens event on **Sunday 2 June** in the village – would you join us in opening your garden?



You don't need to have a garden worthy of Chelsea; we're looking for all sorts. Big, small or tiny; high or low maintenance; productive, decorative, or a bit of both; child- dog- and/or wildlife-friendly .... and works in progress. And weeds are OK! You just need to like to talk about your garden. Proceeds of the ticket sales will be divided between The Quantock Food Bank and Williton War Memorial Recreation Ground.

Following a number of requests from villagers who cannot attend a car boot or table top sale – due to not having a car! – we are putting on an alternative – **Williton Village Yard Sale on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July** which will bring buyers directly to you. You will just need a space to put your items; it'll cost £5 to put your address on the map and these maps will be available for £1 to buyers through the village shops. Contact the Parish Office on 01984 633979 to get on the map, we need to know by the end of May.

*Clr. Dawn-Lesley Howes*

*See more dates for your diary bottom of Page 5*



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## Methodist Prayer for February



### Hello Williton!

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In this time when we see so many conflicts around the world, and find many problems here at home, we offer this prayer to God to help us face our challenges and difficulties. There is also a link to a hymn which is rather beautiful as well and which reassures us that God is always with us.

### Prayer

Gracious God, we thank You for every gift that You give us. We thank You that, amid life's difficulties, we can feel secure in the knowledge of Your love and care for us. When times are hard and the way ahead seems dark, or even blocked, Your guiding light is there, if we open our eyes to see it. Teach us to trust You and to keep the faith.

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2. *The matchless wisdom of His ways that mark the path of righteousness; His word a lamp unto my feet, His Spirit teaching and guiding me. And oh, the mystery of the cross, that God should suffer for the lost, So that the fool might shame the wise and all the glory might go to Christ.*
3. *O grant me wisdom from above, to pray for peace and cling to love, And teach me humbly to receive the sun and rain of Your sov'reignty. Each strand of sorrow has a place within this tapestry of grace; So through the trials I choose to say, "Your perfect will in Your perfect way."*

Jane Sefton



## Williton Garden Club

On Monday 25 March at 7.30pm in Danesborough View Meeting Room, we shall be welcoming James Cross who will be telling us all about the Bishop's Palace Gardens in Wells. Having visited the gardens several times, I know how lovely they are so I am looking forward to hearing about their history, their current situation and plans for the future for these wonderful gardens.

All welcome.

Liz Payne (Secretary)



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### ... Link Path Now Open!

The cut through from Union Lane onto the industrial estate was blocked in January 2021 meaning that those who used the cut through had a longer route to get to work or to use any of the businesses and recycling centre.

As the cut through had been used for more than 20 years I asked through Williton Window if residents would help me submit an application to make the cut through a public right of way which would mean that everyone has a right to use it at any time. 66 people kindly filled in the forms. To date Somerset Council has not determined the application but the landowner has now reopened the section of the path that was blocked. Hopefully it will stay open until the application is determined.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the landowner for reopening the blocked section of the path and for all of you who took the time to fill in the forms which has helped to show that this is a well-used route.



*Elizabeth Peeks*

## NOTICE OF AGM

**Williton Hospital League of Friends** will hold their Annual General Meeting on Monday March 11th at 2.30pm in the Brendon Room at Williton Pavilion

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# Faith Reflection



By the time this edition goes to press we will be two weeks into the season of Lent. This is a time of preparation to celebrate Easter, the time when we remember the fact that Jesus rose from the dead.

As a season of preparation, Lent has traditionally been a time of self-denial and reconciliation. We "give up" things we enjoy and try to make amends for any way in which we may have offended others.

I like to think of the concept of "giving up" in these terms: if there is any food or drink that we particularly enjoy, or any activity that costs us money, why not cut back on it or do without it during Lent. If we can save money by this exercise, we have a great opportunity to make it do some good for others, for example, by giving to a charity of our choice.

As far as making amends is concerned, there are various ways of doing this. We can seek to address the concerns we have created face-to-face or, if we don't feel comfortable with this, we can try praying for those concerned. It's surprising what "a chat with God" can do in this respect!

Whichever way we address this time of Lent, let's keep in mind the saving goodness of God in the Easter story and pray in thanksgiving for all he has done and is doing for us.

God bless you all: *Deacon Vincent*

## Thoughts for March (it is currently raining - still)

Guess which of the following thoughts hits the spot for me!  
Clue: I am renovating my house, live on a building site and I have three dogs . . . )  
Answer at the bottom, upside down

"I love the rain. It's my favourite weather." - *Kristen Wiig*

"Without rain, there is no life." - *Jerry Yang*

"Some people walk in the rain, others just get wet." - *Roger Miller*

"You pray for rain, you got to deal with the mud too. That's a part of it." - *Denzel Washington*

*You guessed! Denzel Washington is spot on.*

## Regular Weekly Meetings / Groups & Events in Williton

Weekday	Event & Time	Location	Telephone No
Everyday	1pm -11pm	Williton Social Club	01984 248671
Mon	Pilates 9am - 10am	Pavilion	07342 238723
	Warm Place 10am to Midday	Parish Council Office	01984 633979
	Short Mat Bowls 2pm - 4pm	Pavilion	01984 633084
	Beavers 5pm - 6.30pm	Guide Brownies HQ	07806 968961
	Zumba 6pm - 7pm	Pavilion	07738 676832
	Scouts 7pm - 9pm	Guide Brownies HQ	07806 968961
Tues	Foxes Community-Lunch 12pm to 1pm	Pavilion (Term Time Only)	01984 633979
	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
	Warm Place 10am to Midday	Parish Council Office	01984 633979
	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



### DON'T FORGET!!

Spring officially starts (fair weather or foul!) on Wednesday 20 March. Admittedly, it's not as much fun nowadays, with mobile phones and computers automatically doing it for us (no grumpy teenagers getting up in error an hour before they absolutely have to!!) but, just in case, we thought we'd remind you!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN WILLITON & SURROUNDS

### Monthly Meetings / Groups & Events for March 2024

Tues	5th	Bingo	7.00pm for 7.30pm start, Pavilion
Tues	5th	Good Neighbours Group	2.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Thurs	7th	Wasps	1.30pm Sampford Brett Village Hall
Weds	7th	Family History Session	PM. Book with library - One to One Sessions
Mon	11th	Williton Hospital League of Friends AGM	2.30pm Brendon Room, Pavilion
Tues	19th	Bingo	7.00pm for 7.30pm start Pavilion
Thurs	21st	WI	2.00pm Pavilion
Mon	25th	Garden Club	7.30pm Danesborough View Common Room
Wed	27th	Family History Group	7.15pm Pavilion
Sun	31st	Easter Egg Hunt	2pm - 3pm War Memorial Recreation Ground
Sun	31st	Craft Stash Jumble	2pm - 4pm Pavilion

If you have a regular monthly event and would like it added to the monthly diary page please send to the editor:  
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