

ISLE OF WEDMORE NEWS



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Editorial

In preparation for my sponsored walk this month (I am walking the Somme), I have been regularly walking the lanes and fields around Wedmore and have observed the changing seasons. I have to say that by September we have reached my favourite time of year - late summer and the onset of autumn - 'Season of Mists And Mellow Fruitfulness' as famously described by Keats. The colours in the trees and hedges with their abundance of fruit and berries, accompanied often by some of the warmer days. What a better way to see the outcome of the seasons and the harvest than Theale Flower Show and later in the month Harvest Festival.

For those in the community that would prefer or would also like to imbibe in the other fruits of the harvest, real ale and cider, we have the ever popular beer festival to enjoy. Lots of details of all these events along with many others can be found in this edition of the Wedmore News.

Sue James

Front Cover

Thanks to Alan Page for this picture of the very lovely Wedmore Real Ale Festival organisers! We at the Wedmore News will all be enjoying this event later in the month.

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The editors also reserve the right to edit or amend any contribution for reasons of space, conformity, legibility or legality.

News

Parish Council Business

The council have recently purchased a new computer and software for the Parish Room and we finally have wi-fi! The council website is to be upgraded and consideration is being given to installing a permanent camera to record the meeting. We currently audio record council meetings. The public toilets in The Borough are to be completely re-decorated and the council is extremely grateful to David Summers-Cooke who is responsible for their security and cleanliness and for the flowers in the ladies loo! We receive many complimentary comments from visitors.



Wedmore Opera

Congratulations to everyone who made the arts week and opera such a tremendous success. The many varied events brought a good number of visitors to the village and the parish council were pleased to be able to have supported the project.

New Sports Pavilion

Following a presentation by Pete Brown who unveiled plans for the new pavilion, clubhouse and changing rooms at the Blackford Road playing fields, the parish council agreed to support the project by making a planning application in the name of the parish council. This resulted in the management committee making a saving of almost £2,000 in planning fees. The plans are now being discussed by Sedgemoor District Council.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

I have been asked by the local Poppy appeal organiser in Cheddar, Di Roynon, for one or two volunteers to help with the collection and distribution of poppies and wreaths in Wedmore towards the end of October. Two stalwarts of the Legion died this year and she is concerned that if no-one comes forward, poppy wreaths will not be available for village organisations on Remembrance Day. For more information contact Di Roynon on 744397.



Rod Pring

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Wedmore News – News!

One of our editors, a key member of the editorial team is leaving us and at the time of writing this, we are still looking for someone to replace her. If you are interested in contributing to the community and the production of a really worthwhile local magazine and would like to join our happy team, then please do get in touch. You can contact any of the editors (Sue J, Sue M or Ceri), and our contact details can be found inside the front cover.

Sue James

Hugh Sexey's Hospital Redevelopment Proposal

Hugh Sexey's Hospital own Paradise Barton farmstead in the middle of Blackford village. The farmstead includes a number of redundant traditional buildings together with more modern farm buildings in very poor condition.

The visitors are considering a redevelopment proposal to include conversion of the traditional buildings together with a number of new build family homes.

A public consultation event will be held on Thursday 10 September at Blackford Village Hall, between 5.00pm and 7.00pm, to present and discuss the proposed scheme. A presentation will take place at 5.30pm with open discussion and inspection of plans thereafter. For further information please telephone 01747 82003, or email rkd@fowlerfortescue.co.uk.

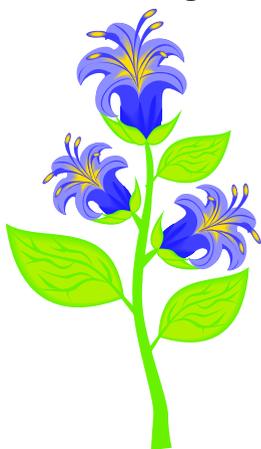
Anne Sugg

Ashton Windmill

This lovely local treasure is manned by volunteers and well worth a visit and indeed it is a lovely spot for a picnic. Open from Easter to September on Sundays 2.30pm to 4.30pm, and during the summer during July and August on Wednesday from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

Polly Costello

Theale Village Flower Show



On Saturday 5 September, the show is back again in the same venue as last year following its success and substantial positive feedback. So the fun will revolve around the village hall and Christchurch, as well as marquees in the adjacent orchard and field. Rest assured that once again a traffic marshalling system will be in operation to ensure the safety of everyone crossing the road and parking will be in the field below as was the case last year.

The show will begin at 2.00pm with the arrival of the Flower Queen and her attendants. There is a dog show this year so if you would like to enter you need to register from 2.00pm, with the dog show commencing at 2.30pm.

Homemade cakes and cream teas will be available as well as ice creams and a bar and many other stalls.

The children are well catered for this year with local author Michael Malaghan doing two slots at 2.30pm and 4.00pm, as well as a bouncy castle in the orchard.

For the more artistic among you a flower arranging demonstration will take place at 3.00pm with a chance to win the finished display. The show will continue into the evening with a BBQ and entertainment.

The committee look forward to welcoming you all on the day!

Lesley Luke

Theale Flower Show - 'An Italian Job'



Theale Flower Show is pleased to announce another exciting venture, a murder mystery evening! Please come and join us at Theale Village Hall on 17 October to enjoy a three course meal, a glass of bubbly and an exciting mystery to be solved, with a prize for the table that solves the mystery!

Tickets are £12 each and the evening begins at 7.00pm. The mystery will be acted out by several members of the Famous Theale players, 'The TARTS', and the audience will be the detectives with lots of clues to solve!

If drama, mystery and excellent food and drink is for you please call Lesley Luke for tickets on 713176, by Friday 9 October.

Lesley Luke

The 15th Wedmore Real Ale Festival



It's September, which means the 15th Wedmore Real Ale Festival has almost arrived.

If you would like to volunteer during the festival then we are still on the lookout for helpers, so please contact Mike Bewick on 07794 781975.

There is still the chance to donate us a prize or lot for the Sunday afternoon's auction and raffle. If you have an item / service / promise that you wish to donate please contact Jim Low on 07774 732073.

Festival tops are now available to order, so to guarantee you get your hands on at least one of these must-have Rugby World Cup festival tops, get your orders in today. Call Mike on 07794 781975 or email him at bewick.mike@gmail.com



If you feel you have a local worthy cause that would benefit from a donation from the festival, please complete the enclosed application form or go to our website and download the form and send it back to us by 30 September. Our updated festival app is now available for download, so why not download and check out all the new features. Search for 'Wedmore Real Ale Festival App' on either Google Play or the App Store.

To keep up to date with our planning for the festival please join our Facebook group 'The Wedmore Real Ale Appreciation Society', follow us on twitter @WedmoreRealAle or go to our website www.wedmoreale.com.
See you at the festival!

Alan Page

Wedmore Real Ale Festival Request for Funding Form 2015

Note: The closing date for applications is 30 September. Funding will be distributed on 14 November.

Organisation

Name _____
Applicant Name _____
Contact Address _____

Contact

Telephone _____
Email _____
Charity No (if applicable) _____

Please give details of the project you would like funding for

Estimated Total Cost _____

How much funding are you looking for?
(please ensure that you stipulate a specific sum) _____

If the sum requested above doesn't account for at least 50% of the total estimated cost, can you provide details of a specific element of the overall project that you'd plan on using these funds for?

How much money are you contributing to this project? _____

What is the expected timeframe for completion? _____

Who should the cheque be made payable to? _____

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Please return completed forms by post to:
James Turbitt, Rushmead House, 57 Meareway, Westhay, Somerset, BA6 9TZ.
Email james@j-m-turbitt.co.uk.

Wedmore First School Academy and Nursery - Associate Governor

Wedmore First School Academy and Nursery are seeking an expression of interest from individuals interested in working with the governing body as an Associate Governor, to lead on fund raising / match funding, as part of our school improvement programme to support the development and realisation of capital projects. Currently we are working to provide a new nursery building and classrooms.

This is a voluntary role, working alongside the existing governors and school senior leadership team to help us improve the school facilities for the future. The work will involve being a member of a working party tasked with searching out funding sources, writing funding applications and raising awareness of the school's needs both locally and nationally.

If you think you have the skills that we need to achieve our aims and would like to join us, then we would like to hear from you. To gain a more in-depth knowledge of the role and what is required, including the time commitment please contact Head teacher, Jackie Hipwell on 712643 or Chair of Governors, Andy Reeson, on 07801 718202.

Sue James

10 Years in Wedmore - Open Day at Erica Sharpe Fine Jewellery

This month Erica Sharpe celebrates ten years in our lovely village. During this time, Erica has created beautiful collections and commissions, many of them inspired by local people and the amazing landscapes and wildlife surrounding us. Her distinctive 'Wedmore Ring' has been exhibited in London and she has become one of the few jewellers in the world to have certification from The Fairtrade Foundation, as well as collecting awards and accolades for her craftsmanship and ethical jewellery.



Erica at work



Beautiful jewellery design in progress

To commemorate this anniversary, please join Erica and her staff for an open day at 8 Borough Mall on Saturday 26 September 10.00am to 3.00pm. A stunning new Fairtrade gold necklace will be on show for the first time, along with jewellery and watercolours. Enter our raffle on the day for your chance to win a beautiful Swan Bead necklace, or treat yourself with 10% off stock purchases. Proceeds from the raffle will be donated to Somerset Wildlife Trust.

We hope to see you there!

Erica Sharpe

Wedmore Dance Group for the over 50's

The Wedmore Dance Group restarts after the summer break on Thursday 3 September. We are always looking for new members and would be delighted to see new faces in September.

The group is for people over 50. Age is no barrier. We meet each Thursday morning from 10.30am to 12.00 noon in Wedmore Village Hall. No special clothes are needed and most of us dance in bare feet, socks or dance trainers. There is no membership fee. We pay £3 each session – first session free.

Our aim is to keep fit and active through movement and dance routines (no experience required) and to have an enjoyable, sociable morning.

For further information contact Pat Taylor on 713430.



Pat Taylor

The 'Boys' Cycle Challenge



Cyclists from Wedmore are taking on the challenge of a 1,100 mile ride from Switzerland to Sicily.

Travelling an average of 80 miles every day for 13 days in temperatures between 30 and 35 degrees, they will be pedalling from the Swiss border down through the whole of Italy to reach Siracusa in Sicily.

Ian Scott, John Ford, David Eccles and Adrian Bonnett are raising money for BIBIC - the British

Institute for Brain Injured Children based in Langport, Somerset.

The charity helps children with brain injuries or neurological problems including ADHD, Autism, Asperger Syndrome, Dyspraxia, Cerebral Palsy or behavioural problems.

The cyclists would be grateful for any support. If you would like to sponsor them please visit their Just Giving page at www.justgiving.com/theboyschallenge.

Sarah Ford

Cheddar Arts @ Kings Theatre – Autumn Programme



Cheddar Arts @ Kings Theatre's autumn programme not only includes box office topping films, it also promises top quality live entertainment and a nostalgic treat.

The season begins on Monday 7 September with the film *The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, featuring an outstanding ensemble cast, including Maggie Smith and Judy Dench.

On Tuesday 22 September Helen Mirren stars in the film *Woman in Gold*, which documents an elderly Jewish woman's attempts to reclaim Gustav Klimt's famous portrait of her aunt, Adele Bloch-Bauer, seized by the Nazis. The first of the season's

live events on Friday 9 October brings to life the story of the greatest of Royal weddings through the eyes of a lady in waiting in Henry VIII and the Royal Wedding Planner.

On Friday 6 November Cheddar Arts brings Jeffrey Holland of *Hi-de-Hi* fame to the village as he becomes Stan Laurel in '...and this is my friend Mr Laurel'.

Tuesday 17 November sees the showing of the hit film 'Far from the Madding Crowd', the British romantic drama based on the Thomas Hardy novel.

And finally, on Friday 11 December, 'Remembering Cheddar '95: The Pageant', features archive film of the pageant performed 20 years ago to celebrate 100 years of Cheddar's history.

Tickets for all events are on sale from Monday 17 August, available online at www.thelittleboxoffice.com/cheddararts, or call 744939 extension 2, or visit Kings Fitness and Leisure in person.

Payment for the new booking system is by credit/debit card only and cash will only be accepted for tickets sold on the door.

Copies of the programme are available in local shops, the leisure centre and on the organisation's website – www.kowessex.co.uk/cheddarArts.

Cheddar Arts @ Kings Theatre is collaboration between the Kings of Wessex School and the village community, centred on the school's state of the art studio theatre. For more details visit www.kowessex.co.uk/cheddarArts, or for queries email cheddararts@googlemail.com.

Jan Rance

Cheddar Valley Liberal Democrats

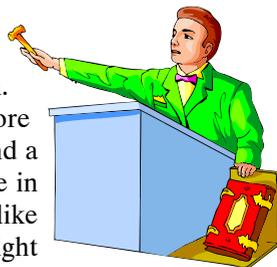
Following their previous successful Spanish tapas lunch, Cheddar Valley Liberal Democrats were blessed with a beautiful day when they gathered in Wedmore in July for Italian-themed Sunday lunch-time drinks and nibbles. Those who went along included Tessa Munt and several new members, who were all able to enjoy a variety of bruschetta washed down with prosecco while they chatted outside in the sunshine.

Membership numbers in the Wells constituency have reflected the national surge, growing by over 50% since May whilst in our local branch they have increased by over 60%. Anyone who is interested in either joining or simply helping and supporting us is urged to contact Brian Smith on 713012 email brian_john_smith@hotmail.com or Rosemary Hasler on 712264, email rosemary.hasler@gmail.com.

Brian Smith

Auction of Promises

St Mary's Congregation and the Friends of St Mary's will be holding a Grand Auction of Promises on Friday 23 October in Wedmore Village Hall to raise money for our village church. There will be dozens of items for which you can bid either before the event or during the evening itself. There will be food and a pay bar available on the night. A catalogue will be available in October. If you would like further information or would like to offer something for the auction please speak to Tom Wright 713494.



Richard Neill

Turnip Prize

The Turnip Prize is a spoof art award of the lesser known Turner Prize. We will be accepting entries for this year's competition from Sunday 1 November. Entries should take the least amount of effort possible to create.

To enter, contact Trevor on 710004 or 07812 848011, or The New Inn on 712099. Alternatively leave your entry at The New Inn, Combe Batch, Wedmore, Somerset, BS28 4DU

Please include your name or pseudonym and contact phone number.

Closing date for entries will be Saturday 21 November. Preliminary judging will take place on Sunday 22 November. Final judging will take place at The New Inn on Monday 7 December at 6.30pm. For more info visit The New Inn or our Facebook page.



Last year's winner (ewe-kip)

Trevor Prideaux

Reports and Society Updates

St Mary's Church 100 Club

The September draw for the above gave Angela and Eric Golden-Hann 1st prize with their holding of No 59, winning £20, and the 2nd prize was won by No 20 owned by Suzanne Metters, and winning her £10. Congratulations!

Thelma Jenkins- Jones

Wedmore WI July Report

Our meeting in July started with the usual welcome and business, and an account of the Literary Lunch which several members had attended. The speaker, Robert Goddard, was excellent, though the same could not be said of the food, and the venue, although large and comfortable, did not have a PA system so the speaker could not be heard at the back. Fortunately, the several Wedmore members who went, had arrived early and had front seats. We were also told about the WI Centenary exhibition to be held in Radstock Museum from mid-September, for which our banner and some other archive material will be loaned.

Our speaker, Sue Simmons, was introduced, she had come to talk to us at fairly short notice as our original speaker was unable to keep the date. She was wearing the familiar tabard of the Country Markets, and this was her subject for this evening. She told us how she had wanted something to occupy her time when she retired, and now finds she is working full-time again! She cooks for Wrington Country Market, but is also treasurer and market manager. Having found there were sometimes leftovers from one market, she now takes goods to a market every Friday, Saturday, and Tuesday.

The Country Markets are a cooperative social enterprise, using home produced baked goods, plants, fruit, vegetables and crafts. Originally set up as a cooperative by the government in the early 1900`s, to sell surplus produce, in 1915 the WI joined in, and for a lot of people they are still the 'WI Market'. Sellers use local produce as far as possible, with obvious exceptions such as dried fruit and spices, but most items clock up no air miles and only a few road miles. The fee to join was one shilling, and is now 5 pence. In 1932 the Carnegie Trust gave a grant to produce rules and a handbook, which made the markets more commercially viable. Members pay a commission of 10% to cover running costs, and the National Federation of Womens Institutes Advisors helped train market members. In 1977 there was a turnover of £1,000,000 for the first time, and in 1995 the Charity Commission caused a great upheaval by stating that the country markets were a business not a charity. By 2004 the NFWI asked to drop the 'WI Country Market' title, and they became 'Country Markets Ltd'. There are now 300 markets, including a shop in Taunton, and 8,000 active producers. The national turnover is £7,500,000 which all goes into the local economy.

As a business, producers have to comply with English law as well as European. This means products do not have to have all ingredients listed, but must have any



of 15 allergens clearly marked. Products are labelled with the producer`s name and post code, and records are kept for two years. Insurance cover is provided by the NFU, and members need to obtain a hygiene certificate only once, as there is a low risk with small amounts of food.

After a number of questions, Sue then demonstrated a simple savoury using frozen puff pastry, marmite and cheese. She passed round ‘some she had made earlier’, which were delicious, and then there were more questions, and Diana gave a vote of thanks.

Hazel won the competition, which was for a seaside photo, and we finished a very interesting meeting with the usual coffee and biscuits. The September meeting is on Thursday 17th, when local jeweller Erica Sharpe will come and talk about ‘Fine Jewellery’. The competition is ‘a piece of silver jewellery’.

Visitors and guests are always welcome, if you would like to learn more about Erica’s work please come and join us for the evening. There is a charge of £2 which includes refreshments.

Chris Barker

The Friends of St. Mary’s



The Tower

You will have seen the scaffolding in place to secure and repair the tower balustrade. The ‘Friends’ have been able to make a significant contribution to enabling this work to be done, and we should all soon be able to go up the tower again to appreciate the view from the best belvedere in the village. We are already planning a ‘Tea and Tower’ day.

Watch out also for details of the tower fund raising ‘Grand Auction of Promises’ on Friday 23 October. It will be an excellent evening. Start to think of promises that you could donate - half a day gardening, knitting lessons, a round of golf, a weekend on your yacht, babysitting you get the picture!

Christmas Cards

The Friends will be selling Christmas cards again this year. A snowy view of the village. We will have them available from September. Too late for the organised amongst you and too early for those that do not want to think about Christmas in September!

David Hopkins

The Rotary Club of Mendip



New Rotary President

At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Mendip, Chris Steel was inducted as the president for 2015/16.

Chris spent 30 years working for multinational corporate engineering groups, but has spent the last 12 years investing in privately-owned engineering-focused manufacturing companies, which have good growth potential. He seeks to unlock this growth potential by investing in people and manufacturing technologies, which delivers the requisite growth in revenues and employment.



His Rotary career spans eight years with two clubs, Bathavon and now Mendip. He was president of Bathavon five years ago and is now president of Mendip. Rotary is a truly international service-based organisation, which undertakes fantastic humanitarian works globally. Chris said, 'I am committed to developing both local and overseas projects within Rotary, which are focused on improving the education and health of the disadvantaged. Rotarians also have a broad range of experiences that can be applied to providing support and encouragement to young people within the Mendip catchment area'.

Mendip Rotary Young Chef

Twelve pupils from Kings of Wessex Academy took part in a Rotary cooking competition recently. Sponsored by the FSC Group in Cheddar, the young people were given two and a half hours to prepare and serve a two-course meal. The judges considered presentation, cleanliness, time-keeping, as well as quality of the dishes in their assessment.

The winner was 15 year-old Annabelle who prepared crab cakes served with an oriental sauce, followed by crème caramel. She and her parents will be guests at a Rotary meeting in September at which she will be presented with a set of chef's whites, and will have a day's work experience in the kitchen of a busy local restaurant. Annabelle and runner-up Dan, whose menu comprised baked trout with new potatoes and salad, followed by chocolate cake, will go forward to the district competition, and hopefully on to the national Rotary finals.



The Young Chefs of Kings of Wessex Academy with their creations



Kings of Wessex Young Chef of the Year Annabelle is congratulated by Rotarian Patrick Simpson



The winning dishes created by Annabelle from Kings of Wessex

All the participants received aprons and certificates. Organiser Rotarian Patrick Simpson said, 'The standard of food served was very high indeed; many of the dishes were of restaurant quality. I commend the technology department of Kings of Wessex for their enthusiasm in bringing the young people to this standard, and for their help in running the competition'.

Mendip Rotary Young Artist

At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Mendip, prizes were awarded to winning students who had entered the Rotary Young Artists competition organised by Rotarian Richard Acreman. He warmly welcomed the competitors and guests and thanked all those involved at the Kings of Wessex Academy. He also thanked the judging panel which included local artist Peter Keen and Irene McIntosh.

Voucher prizes were awarded to the first and second places in category. In presenting the prizes and certificates, club president Chris Steel said, 'These young people are to be commended on a very high standard of work'.

The winners and runners-up in category were:

Landscape Painting:

Winner - Lucy Bishop;

Runner-up - Jamie Harris;

Highly commended - Jess Cooksey.

Still Life Painting:

Winner - Eleanor Stephens;

Runner-up - Beth Walker.

Landscape Photography:

Winner - Holly Phillips;

Runner-up - Molly Watkins.

Close-up Photography:

Winner - Amy Lance;

Runner-up - Imogen Low.

Vintage Textiles:

Winner - Charlie Levy;

Runner-up - Lucy Bishop.

From all the entries, Lucy Bishop was selected as the overall winner.

Mendip Rotarians Learn about New Club in Kazakhstan



Two club presidents: Gareth Stamp from Astana Rotary and Chris Steel from Mendip Rotary

At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Mendip members were entertained by a special visiting Rotarian. Gareth Stamp is a Somerset-born educationalist who lives and works in Kazakhstan. He helped to found one of the world's newest Rotary Clubs in the capital Astana, and is now the first president of that club.

Gareth spoke about the country itself, which is as large as the whole of Western Europe put together, but with a population of only 17 million, and about its problems since independence from the Soviet Block in 1998. It is a poor

country but its citizens, who have diverse faiths and ethnic backgrounds, are hospitable and friendly. He related how the four-month old Rotary Club of Astana, which like all Rotary Clubs, is open to men and women of all faiths and none, is a unifying force among business and professional people. His Club currently has 24 members, comprising 11 different nationalities.

John Manders

IT for the Terrified

IT for the Terrified – for all your computer training needs. A skill-sharing, informal, community project. Run by a committee and staffed by volunteers.

We will reopen from our summer break on Wednesday 2 September.

Our termly Open House sessions will be 9 September from 1.30pm to 3.30pm, and 11 September between 10.00am and 12.00 noon. Call in for a chat and a cuppa and find out more about us and what we do; have a look round, chat to trainers, book a course, workshop or one to one sessions if you wish.





We offer one to one sessions to help you to use a computer, iPad, tablet, smartphone or Mac in a friendly environment. No exams, no pressure – just a volunteer sharing their individual ways of using technology. You can bring your own laptop / tablet / iPad / smartphone, or use our machines. We can cover most topics on most computers/devices at most levels.

September Course

eBay, starts Thursday 3 September 10.00am to 2.00 noon. £20 for three weeks – buy, sell, search for bargains.

Workshops for September

Friday 11 September, 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Introduction to Tablet computing. Cost £5.

Friday 18 September, 10.00am to 12.00 noon. Introduction to iPad computing. Cost £5.

Thursday afternoons term time only, 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Computer drop in, £2 per visit. Ideal for a small problem that doesn't need a full two hour session. No need to book, just drop in.

Contact us on 741751 or email itfortheterrified@btconnect.com or check out www.itfortheterrified.co.uk.

IT for the Terrified, The Old Cowshed, Station Road, Cheddar, BS27 3AG (next to the war memorial - not the market cross).

Registered Charity No 1130308. Our normal opening hours are 10.00am to 12.00 noon and 1.30pm to 3.30pm, Monday to Friday, during Kings Academy term times.

If you can spare two hours a week and have skills on any level (including basics), especially on iPad or Tablet – that you would like to share with others, please get in touch.

Cheddar Valley University of the Third Age (U3A)

Thursday 3 September - 'Benefits Brass and the Girtist Grandest Day'. Philip Hoyland explains how Friendly Societies in the 19th Century provided for the relief of members during sickness - a sort of DIY welfare system. Church House, Cheddar, 2.15pm, entry £2, visitors welcome.

Thursday 17 September - Meet and Greet coffee morning at Church House, Cheddar, 10.30am to 12 noon. Come along and find out what we have to offer, or perhaps what you can offer us. For more details ring 744241 or visit www.cheddarvalleyu3a.org.uk. Visitors always welcome.



Roger Coe

Cheddar Lions Club

'Lion' Janet Clark is the new President of Cheddar Vale Lions Club. If you have a project that you think the club can help you with then please get in touch either through the website at www.cheddarlions.org.uk or telephone 248114.

The club take their coconut shy and candy floss machine out to events so if you'd like us to come to your event then please ring the above number.

Lions at Large in Wedmore!

If you thought you saw a Lion roaming around Wedmore on Saturday 25 July, your eyes were not deceiving you! Brian the Lion was out and about with Cheddar Vale Lions Club, inviting the public to enjoy free tea and cake at Nanny Ida's Family Restaurant and find out more about the how Lions support the local community. Cheddar Vale Lions Club would like to thank all at Nanny Ida's for generously providing their premises and beverages free of charge, and for their ongoing support.



If you would like to find out more about what Lions do, or how we might be able to support you, please check our website www.cheddarvalelions.org.uk, or phone 0845 8337402. We will be holding a jumble sale at Church House, Cheddar on Saturday 10 October, doors open at 2.00pm. If you have any jumble please bring to the hall after 12 noon.

Janet Clark

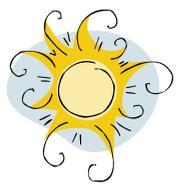
Weather Report for July 2015

RAIN FALL



Monthly Total	107.6mm	(4.24ins)
30 year average	67.9mm	(2.67ins)
Wettest days (24th)	35.8mm	(1.41ins)
No of dry days	16	
Last 3 months (May - Jul)	237mm	(9.33)
Year ending 31 July 2015	819mm	(32.2ins)
30 year annual average	795mm	(31.3ins)

TEMPERATURES



Maximum (1st)	29 °C	(84.2 °F)
Minimum (31st)	4 °C	(39.2 °F)
Number of air frosts	NIL	
Monthly average maximum	20.8 °C	(69.4 °F)
30 year average maximum	22.2 °C	(72 °F)
Monthly average minimum	11 °C	(51.8 °F)
30 year average minimum	12.2 °C	(54 °F)

COMMENTS

The first three weeks were relatively dry and fairly warm.
The last 10 days were very wet (79mm) and rather cool.

Denley Brown

Forthcoming Events

Fairtrade Coffee Morning - Saturday 5 September

St Mary's Church welcomes everyone to visit our Fairtrade coffee shop from 9.30am to 12.00 noon. There will be a variety of homemade cakes



to enjoy with Fairtrade tea and coffee. Pop in for a quick visit or enjoy some relaxation with the daily newspapers. We look forward to seeing you.

Theale Village Flower Show - Saturday 5 September

Commencing at 2.00pm it will be held at Theale Village Hall and Christ Church as well as marquees in the adjacent orchard and field. The show will continue into the evening with a BBQ and entertainment.

Mendip Rotary Club Charity Fund Raising Evening - Saturday 5 September

At Wedmore Village Hall, featuring Rosemary Hawthorne as the 'Kicker Lady'. A humorous romp through the history of lady's lingerie, plus a two course meal and cash bar. Tables of eight @ £180 per table or £25 per person are available from Maggie Steel on 713412 or maggie@mhpuk.co.uk. We look forward to you joining us.



Wedmore Fun Run (or Walk or Jog!) – Sunday 6 September

A village 10K cross country run with a 3K race for the Juniors, starting at 10.30am. There is also a Business Challenge (teams of three); who is the fittest business in the area?! Booking forms are available on our Facebook page, around the village, or from Kerry Willcox or Julia Banwell.

Hugh Sexey's Hospital Redevelopment Proposal – Thursday 10 September

A public consultation event will be held on Thursday 10 September at Blackford Village Hall between 5.00pm and 7.00pm to present and discuss the proposed scheme. A presentation will take place at 5.30pm. For further information please telephone 01747 82003, or email rkd@fowlerfortescue.co.uk.

Mr Punch's Folk Club– Friday 11 and Friday 25 September

Mr Punch's Folk Club Open Mic September 11, 8.00pm at the New Inn. Entrance £1.
Mr Punch's Folk Club Guest night September 25, 8.00pm at the New Inn. Entrance £2.

Welcoming, from Bristol Alan Kirkpatrick and John Shaw, a popular folk duo playing self-penned songs and beautiful instrumentals including an Appalachian dulcimer, accessible chorus songs and rousing traditional music. Floor singers come early to guarantee a spot.



French Breakfast – Saturday 12 September

Wedmore Twinning Association will be hosting a French breakfast from 10.00am to 11.30am at Wedmore Masonic Hall. Freshly baked croissants, pain au chocolat, freshly brewed tea and coffee and fruit juices. We look forward to seeing you.

Ten Towers Bike Ride - Saturday 12 September

Starting at the St Mary's church door at 10.00am. Gather as many friends and as much sponsorship as possible and join the 'Ten Towers' bike ride around the loveliest

churches of the Ax Valley. Almost all on the flat and refreshments at every church.

Minimum £10 per rider. Half the money raised goes to 'The Friends' and half to Friends of Chops and Church. For more information contact David Hopkins, 710149 or email dahopkins@aol.com.

Brain teaser Quiz and Supper – Saturday 12 September

At Wedmore Village Hall. Make up a team of four and come along. There will be a bar, raffle and ploughman's supper. The Quizmaster will be Pete Rodwell, who for many years ran the Wedmore Golf Club quizzes. Pete's questions cover a wide range of subjects at all abilities. Don't worry if you can't make up a team of four – we can mix and match. Tickets cost £7.50 and are available from Wedmore Village Store or from Sue Burton on 712092. Cheques payable to Brain Tumour Research Quiz.



Christchurch Theale Choral Evening - Saturday 12 September

We will be welcoming back the choir 'Accord' formed from students and ex-students of Wells Cathedral School, at 7.30 pm. Tickets include a glass of wine and nibbles and cost £7 for adults and £3 for under 16's. Please contact Noreen Stott on 713464 for tickets and further information.

Theale Film Club - Sunday 13 September

This month's film is 'Easy Rider', starring Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper, a 1969 film where two counterculture bikers travel from Los Angeles to New Orleans in search of America. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm prompt start, at Theale Village Hall. For more information please contact Lesley Luke on 713176, email lesleyluke@live.co.uk, Bernard Coulter on 712144, email bcoulter@talktalk.net, or Pam Meadows on 712143.



Club 50 Outing –Wednesday 16 September

The club have organised a trip to Weymouth. £15 per person for non-members. The coach will leave the Village Car Park (Cheddar Road) at 9.00am. For more information or to book your place please call Pauline on 732517 or Val on 710059.

Wedmore Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday 16 September

The meeting of the parish council will be held at 7.30pm at Blackford Village Hall. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Wedmore WI – Thursday 17 September

At 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall. Local jeweller Erica Sharpe will come and talk about 'Fine Jewellery'. The competition is a piece of silver jewellery. Visitors welcome.

Theale Community Café – Saturday 19 September

At Theale Village Hall from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. We offer delicious cakes, bacon rolls and other goodies to tempt. Come



September 2015

1 - Tues	Wedmore Young Farmers	7.30pm	The George
2 - Wed	SCHOOL TERM BEGINS		
	Camelot Quilters	10.00am	Wedmore VH
	Isle of Wedmore Green Group Meeting	7.30pm	The Swan
3 - Thurs	Mendip Rotary	7.15pm	Golf Club
5 - Sat	Fairtrade Coffee Shop	9.30am	St Mary's
	THEALE FLOWER SHOW	2.00pm	Theale VH
	Mendip Rotary Fund Raiser		Wedmore VH
6 - Sun	Wedmore Fun Run	10.30am	
9 - Wed	Probus	10.15am	Golf Club
	Blackford Café	2.00pm	Blackford VH
10 - Thurs	Hugh Sexey's Hospital Redevelopment Consultation	5.00pm	Blackford VH
11 - Fri	Mr Punch's Folk Club - Open Mic	8.00pm	New Inn
12 - Sat	Wedmore in Bloom Work Party	9.30am	The George Inn
	French Breakfast	10.00am	Masonic Hall
	10 Towers Bike Ride	10.00am	St Mary's
	Brain Teaser Quiz and Supper	7.00pm	Wedmore VH
	Choral Evening	7.30pm	Christchurch, Theale
13 - Sun	Sunday Breakfast	9.00am	Blackford VH
	Theale Film Club - Easy Rider	6.30pm	Theale VH
15 - Tues	Wedmore Young Farmers	7.30pm	The George
16 - Wed	Club 50 outing to Weymouth	9.00am	Village Car Park
	Camelot Quilters	10.00am	Wedmore VH
	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	Blackford VH
17 - Thurs	WI Meeting	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
18 - Fri	Wedmore Art Group	2.00pm	Masonic Hall
	Wedmore Real Ale Festival	6.00pm	Wedmore VH
19 - Sat	Wedmore Real Ale Festival	All Day	Wedmore VH
	Theale Community Café	10.00am	Theale VH
20 - Sun	Harvest Festival and lunch	11.00am	Christchurch, Theale
	Wedmore Real Ale Festival	All Day	Wedmore VH
21 - Mon	Harvest Evensong	6.00pm	Holy Trinity, Blackford
22 - Tues	Isle of Wedmore Gardening Club Meeting	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
23 - Wed	Probus	10.15am	Golf Club
24 - Thurs	Isle of Wedmore Society	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
25 - Fri	Macmillan Coffee Morning	9.00am	Wedmore VH
	Wedmore Art Group	2.00pm	Masonic Hall
	Blackford Village Hall AGM	7.30pm	Blackford VH
	Mr Punch's Folk Club - Guest Night	8.00pm	New Inn

September 2015

26 - Sat	Erica Sharpe Open Day	10.00am	8 Borough Mall
27 - Sun	Harvest Festival and lunch	10.30am	St Mary's
29 - Tues	Wedmore Young Farmers	7.30pm	The George
30 - Wed	Camelot Quilters	10.00am	Wedmore VH
	Wedmore Harvest Home Committee Meeting	8.00pm	Rec. Soc. Club

Regular Weekly Events

MONDAY

Dog Training	10.00am	Blackford VH	Sarah Cooke	01934 733716
Modern Dance Hugh Sexeyes				
Blackford Crew	4.00pm	Blackford VH	Kaye Morgan Anstee	07799 814204
Beavers	5.00pm	Scout Hut	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438
Bridge Club	7.00pm	Masonic Hall	Thelma Jenkin-Jones	01934 710467
Scouts	7.15pm	Scout Hut	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438

TUESDAY

Tuesday Club	10.30am	Masonic Hall	Sue Freeman	01934 741861
Ballet Classes	3.00pm	Blackford VH	Bristol Ballet Centre	0117 960 5844
Acting Up Drama Club	3.45pm	Wedmore VH	Lou Merryfield	07973 429947
Cubs	6.30pm	Scout Hut	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438
Circuit Training	7.30pm	Blackford VH	Nigel	07775 682231
Cardiodance	7.30pm	Wedmore First School	Kaye Morgan Anstee	07799 814204

WEDNESDAY

Rainbows	4.30pm	Wedmore VH	Gail Millard	01934 713922
Beavers	5.15pm	Scout Hut	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438
Brownies	6.00pm	Wedmore VH	Lisa Hall	01934 713566
Guides	7.00pm	Wedmore VH	Elaine Tilling	01934 713650
Yoga	8.00pm	Blackford VH	Sandra Mailey	01934 712686

THURSDAY

Wedmore & Blackford Toddlers	9.30am	Blackford VH	Gareth Smith	01934 710471
Yoga	9.30am	Masonic Hall	Shane Allen	01275 790175
Life Drawing Class	10.00am	The Swan	Lily Sawtell	
Over 50s Dance Group	10.30am	Wedmore VH	Pat Taylor	01934 713430
Yoga	11.30am	Masonic Hall	Shane Allen	01275 790175
Ballet Classes	4.00pm	Blackford VH	Bristol Ballet Centre	0117 960 5844
Cubs	6.30pm	Scout Hut	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438

FRIDAY

Tots and Tinies	9.15am	Wedmore First School	Sarah Maddock	01934 713578
Karate	5.00pm	Blackford VH	Kayleigh Branston	07748 916695

along and enjoy a relaxed morning with friends and neighbours. All profits from the coffee mornings go to Theale Church and Theale Village Hall.

Wedmore Bowls Club Indoor Taster Days – Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 September

An opportunity for anyone who would like to try their hand at bowling. Admission is free with bowls and shoes provided. For more information please call Dave on 713483.

Gardening Club - Tuesday 22 September

At 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall. The speaker will be Paul Hending talking about 'Organic Pest Control'. Everyone welcome. Details from Andrea West on 712161.

Isle of Wedmore Society - Thursday 24 September

At the first meeting of the society after the summer break Dr Richard Brunning will speak about 'Somerset's changing coastline'. We meet at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall and visitors are most welcome. Members free, visitors £3, including complimentary tea / coffee and biscuits.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 25 September

To be held at Wedmore Village Hall. Call in anytime from 9.00am to 5.00pm for coffee, tea and cakes. Bring your teddy for a free ice cream.



Blackford Village Hall AGM – Friday 25 September

The Annual General Meeting of Blackford Village Hall will take place in the hall at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to come along to see what the Village Hall has been providing for the Village, and what it has to offer. Drinks and snacks provided.

Harvest Festival – Sunday 27 September

Starting at 10.30am in St Mary's church Wedmore. A warm welcome to all to join in this special service of thanksgiving for Harvest.



Village Scavenger Hunt – Sunday 11 October

The Friends of St. Mary's Scavenger Hunt. Starts at the church door at 2.00pm and finishes with tea and scones back at the church an hour or so later. Just £5 per team. The coveted trophy goes to the winners!

Details from David Hopkins on 710149, dahopkins@aol.com.

Wedmore Methodist Annual Quiz Evening - Friday 16 October

Starting at 7.00pm in the Methodist school room. Entry is £6 per person which will include refreshments. Teams of 4/6, or just come along and you will be welcome to join in a team. Previous quiz evenings have been fun and we look forward to seeing you.

‘An Italian Job’ – Theale Flower Show - Saturday 17 October

Theale Village Hall – murder mystery night with a three course meal, a glass of bubbly. Tickets are £12 each and the evening begins at 7.00pm. Please call Lesley Luke for tickets on 713176, by Friday 9 October.

Mark and Wedmore Conservatives – Saturday 17 October

Mark and Wedmore Branch of Wells Conservatives are holding a three-course ‘Autumn Lunch’ in the Masonic Hall, Wedmore. Tickets £20 include a welcome drink. The new Wells MP, James Heapey will attend. Space is limited so book early with Ross Young, 710255.

St Mary’s Auction of Promises – Friday 23 October

St Mary’s Congregation and the Friends of St Mary’s are holding this in Wedmore Village Hall to raise money for our village church. There will be dozens of items for which you can bid either before the event or during the evening itself. Refreshments will be available and there will be a cash bar. For further information or to offer something for the auction contact Tom Wright, 713494.



Events Taking Place Outside the Parish

Paradis Palm Court Trio 2015 Concert Series, ‘A Night at the Musicals’ - Friday 4 September

Concert commences at 12.30pm until 1.30pm, at The Assembly Room, Midsomer Norton. Entry by donation. Home-made cakes and tea / coffee on sale.

Cheddar Arts – Monday 7 and Tuesday 22 September

Monday 7 September ‘The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel’, featuring an outstanding ensemble cast, including Maggie Smith and Judy Dench.

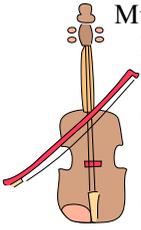
Tuesday 22 September Helen Mirren stars in the film ‘Woman in Gold’, which documents an elderly Jewish woman’s attempts to reclaim Gustav Klimt’s famous portrait of her aunt, Adele Bloch-Bauer, seized by the Nazis.

Axbridge and Wedmore Medical Practice Coffee Morning – Friday 18 September

At Axbridge Surgery from 11.00am to 1.00pm. The Alzheimer’s Society and our new Village Agent will be present, so please drop in for coffee / tea and homemade cakes, to see the information available or just come for a chat. All of our patients are welcome!

Violin and Piano Jazz Duo – Saturday 19 September

At Cossington Village Hall, Trivetts Way, Cossington, TA7 8LH, starting at 8.00pm.



Music provided by violin virtuoso John Pearce and award winning pianist Dave Newton. Classics from the great works of Duke Ellington, Cole Porter, George Gershwin through some self-penned works to a sprinkling of J S Bach.

Reserved seats £10, include interval refreshments. Available only from Roger Collett on 01278 451187 or email rogercollett.sounds@talktalk.net. Supporting Bridgwater Hospital League of Friends.

Cheddar Lions Jumble Sale – Saturday 10 October

We will be holding a Jumble Sale at Church House Cheddar, doors open at 2pm. If you have any jumble please bring to the hall after 12 noon. For more information phone 0845 8337402 or visit the website, www.cheddarvalelions.org.uk

Registered Charity No 205284

Sunday Funday and Fete - Sunday 20 September

At the Brent Knoll Animal Centre, Brent Road, Brent Knoll TA9 4BL, from 12.00 noon to 4.00pm.

Lots of fun and attractions for everyone. Tours of the Centre, children's quiz, Avon Owls, lovely llamas, miniature ponies, bouncy castle and slide, popcorn and candyfloss, obedience and agility displays, facepainting and refreshments.

Details from any of our shops or the Animal Centre, 01278 782671, or visit the website, www.rspscanorthsomerset.org.uk.



'Whiskey in the Jar' - Saturday 31 October

At Cossington Village Hall, Trivetts Way, Cossington, TA7 8LH. Starting at 8.00pm. Sean Cannon lead man with the recently formed Dublin Legends (previously the iconic 'Dubliners'), joined by his two talented sons James and Robert for an evening of ever popular Irish songs, jigs, soft ballads and fine Celtic music. So, come and sing along with this fine trio to Whiskey in the Jar, Black Velvet Band, Irish Rover, Molly Malone and much more. Enjoy the Craic! Reserved seats £12.50 from Roger Collett, 01278 451187, or email rogercollett.sounds@talktalk.net, or online www.wegotickets.com/311349.

Supporting Bridgwater Hospital League of Friends.

Polly's Kitchen

September sees the harvest of yummy, juicy sweetcorn, so delicious freshly picked and readily available in our local green grocers, if you for some crazy reason have never eaten it fresh, then I insist that you get some immediately! There are so many recipes for this scrummy veg to go in, but I am sharing one that children can help with, because they simply love to get involved in the kitchen and it hopefully will get them to try something new.



Sweetcorn fritters.

Makes 6-8.

Use fresh corn in this recipe as tinned is too soft. Try not to over mix the batter as it will result in a heavy fritter. For a lighter, more fragile batter, add an extra beaten egg white. Cook in butter and not oil as sweetcorn cooks better in butter.

To spice them up add a couple of chopped, green chillies and some chopped, fresh coriander, add a tablespoon of cream to the batter, this will make it softer and richer. Lovely with grilled chicken or sausages or salad.....experiment, let your imagination run wild!

Ingredients:

2 large heads of fresh sweetcorn

1 whole egg

1 egg white, beaten until stiff

Salt and black pepper

1 heaped tablespoon of self-raising flour

Butter for frying

Method

1. Remove kernels from the cob with a large knife.
2. Put into a mixing bowl with the whole egg, salt and pepper, self-raising flour and the beaten egg white.
3. Gently fold the ingredients together.
4. Melt a little butter in a non-stick frying pan.
5. When the butter sizzles, add tablespoons of the batter to the pan and leave to brown lightly.
6. Flip them over and cook on the other side.
7. Remove from the pan and drain on kitchen paper, serve immediately.

Polly Costello

The Garden in September

At the time of writing, at the end of a July in which we have experienced the hottest July day ever and the coldest July night ever, the garden is not looking too bad.

Having said that, there are a few things in my garden that don't seem quite right. My runner beans have been slow to get going (admittedly they were planted late because I was away in Crete in mid-April); French beans however, seem to be performing normally.

I decided to plant morning glory (ipomoea) to cover a bare trellis and they have grown well but are reluctant to flower; this may be due to low night temperatures.

So, what of September? Growing plants intensively as we tend to, means that a lot of goodness is taken out of the soil and it is therefore essential to put something



back if you want to continue getting the best out of your garden. In the autumn, plant debris you have to get rid of, can make good compost to put the organic matter back into the soil. A good compost bin or preferably bins into which you can put all of the surplus vegetation is or are needed, but avoid woody and diseased material. Also, do not put perennial weed material like couch grass or bindweed into the bins. Potato peelings can be used, but get them hot so that they rot properly; if they grow into potato plants next year, those plants and any developing from blight-infected material, may act as a primary source of blight in the next season.

Although the damage they do may be less at this time of year, pests and diseases should be past their worst, but still keep your eyes open for them. Try to remove pests to stop them from overwintering and remove diseased leaf material and ideally burn it to prevent fungal diseases from being carried over to next year.

In the flower garden, before the display is completely over for the year (in fact there is often a resurgence of flowering after a lull in July and August), have a wander around and see which plants have performed well and which perhaps need to be moved or even removed.

If you are on heavy soil, as many of us are, especially on the Ax Valley side of the Isle of Wedmore, now is a good time, while the soil is still reasonably dry, to get your autumn digging underway. This will give the winter weather plenty of time to break down lumps of soil and enable easier preparation of seedbeds in the spring. Grit or pea shingle as well as organic matter dug in now will help to improve soil structure. Now is a good time for planting new herbaceous plants and shrubs, while soil temperatures are still high, which will enable some root growth before the winter. It can also be a good time to move evergreen shrubs and conifers should you wish to do so; make sure you get a good root ball lifted when moving plants. Also at this time increasing soil moisture should mean that moved plants do not require the amount of watering they might if moved in the spring, but make sure they get enough, nevertheless.

If you have a fancy for propagating shrubs and/or roses, now is the time to do so from hardwood cuttings; take shoots of about pencil thickness and about thirty centimetres long, remove the soft growing tip and all but about three pairs of leaves and insert them in a slit trench made with a spade, possibly with a little grit or coarse sand in the bottom. Set them in the trench to about two thirds of their length and firm in; move them next autumn when they show signs of new growth

You can continue to plant new bulbs making sure that daffodils and narcissi go in before worrying about tulips. If you want to force hyacinths for mid winter, remember the prepared bulbs you can buy, need eleven weeks in cool darkness before bringing them into room temperature. Gladioli and other half-hardy bulbs should be lifted as they die off and stored in a cool but frost free dry place for the winter.

Many hardy annuals for next year can be sown from now on, check on the seed packets.

Lawns should need less frequent mowing now and if you wish, you can use an autumn lawn-feed; if you fancy turning a lawn into something of a wildflower meadow then fertilizer should not be applied.

As usual, I have exceeded my allotted space so I will continue the theme of what to do in autumn, next month.

Adrian Hutchison

Sports



Isle of Wedmore Golf Club

July is the busiest month of the year at Wedmore Golf Club with a whole week of Open Competitions and three Club Championships being decided. The Open Week saw a mixture of weather, a mixture of golf and cracking scores. Leading off in Sunday's better-ball sponsored by Geoff Brown were home player Shirley Gooding and Aussie Dennison from Weston, scoring an incredible 47 points to win by three points from Steve Whitcombe and Richard Caton. The Stableford sponsored by Hectors' Farm Shops saw Pete Brown edge out Ben Barwell for the overall trophy on 41 with John Sims winning division 2. Leading Lady was professionals' daughter Georgia Pope. Her 40 was four ahead of Jane Hewitt in division 1 with Val Webber winning division 2.



Pete Brown and Georgia Pope overall winners of the Hector's Farm Shops Stableford at Wedmore Open Week with sponsors Alan and Heather Hector and other prizewinners

Tuesday was a Bowmaker, sponsored again by Brent House. There was a close finish but the first group out held on to win by a point. Simon Martin, Jason Hann, Jon Clayton and Stuart Wills scored 85 points to finish one ahead of Cathy and Martin Olive and Ange and Brian Webber. There was another close finish in the Footjoy Greensomes. Mike Sartain and Richard Ham scored 42 points which was just one better than both Jane Hewitt and Bob Jones and Cathy Olive and Roy Schubert.

Thursday is another individual competition, a medal sponsored by Glenmuir, For once division 2 players had the best scores with John Stent's 66 taking the overall trophy with Arthur Moughton taking the divisional win. There was a three way tie in division 1 with Richard Macarthur, Bill Lander and John Russell all scoring 69. Macarthur took first place on countback. In the Ladies, Shirley Turner scored 3 under par 69 to be overall winner with Alison Dodkin beating Cathy Olive on countback to win division 1. Sarah Mathews recorded net 70 to win division 2 from June Smith.

Lowest scores of the week always come on Friday in the Zone Contracts Texas Scramble. This year's winning score was 57 from John Wormald, Darryl Cornelius,

Rich Vowles and Terry Edwards. Finishing where she started in the CJ Hole betterball on Saturday, Shirley Gooding won again, this time with Dawn Chadwick scoring 45 ahead of Ben and Josh Barwell.

With the Club Champion already decided it was time for the Senior Men, Senior Ladies and Ladies to find their Champion Golfer for the year. First up were the Senior Men, 36 holes over two separate days. The first day saw a surprise leader, Mike Peacock scoring gross 80 for a net 62 to finish 1 ahead of Ian Robson, followed by Mike Munns and Bill Lander with John Russell on 84. Mike continued to play well on day two and another sub-par round of net 69 was enough to give him the best net score of 131 for the two rounds. For the gross championship, Bill Lander had taken the lead after nine just ahead of Ian Robson. Both suffered on the back nine, however, and it was John Russell who stormed through to take his fifth title, pulling back 5 shots over the last six holes. Bill held on for runner-up beating Ian on countback.

The Ladies played their 36 hole Championship all on one, fortunately sunny, day. The morning round saw Dawn Chadwick take a one shot advantage over Alison Dodkin and Shirley Gooding with Cathy Olive a shot further back in fourth. The second round is always harder than the first and most players fell back a bit. An exception to this was Hannah Abraham who improved to a net 71 to take second place in the net competition. The winner of the Directors Cup for best net was Mary-Lou Denny who followed up her morning 73 with a 72 in the afternoon. In the main championship for the Insport Trophy, a strong front nine put Dawn Chadwick in a good position with Cathy Olive sticking with her. Despite a few wobbles Dawn held on to her lead to win on 170 by 2 shots from Cathy, reversing the position of the previous year. Alison Dodkin had another steady round to take third.

The Senior Ladies Championship was presented at the same time with Beryl Richards winning on 80 ahead of Alison Dodkin, taking the Adams Claret Jug for the first time. Ronnie Follenfant took the Ireland Cup for the best net with 69 followed by Pauline Hale. Jane Midgley took the VV trophy on 70.



Prizewinners from the inaugural Senior Ladies Championship including Champion Beryl Richards and Nett Trophy winner Ronnie Follenfant receiving trophies from Captain Ann Adams

There was some very good news at County Level with the Senior Men progressing to the final of the County Scratch knock-outs thanks to a 3 – 2 win over Clevedon. After losing the first two matches they fought back to square the tie before Tim Harris came from 3 down with just six holes to play to turn his match around and with it win the tie for Wedmore. There was more success for Wedmore at the Senior Ladies County Championship. Leading the way was Cathy Olive who had the best net score of the day to win the Margaret Webber Trophy. Her score of gross 85 was also good enough to put her in third place behind Amanda Mayne of Saltford in the gross championship and to give her first place in the age group prizes. This was a bit hard on Jane Hewitt from Wedmore who only lost out on countback for both the overall net trophy and the age-group prize. With Shirley Gooding finishing fourth in the net scores Wedmore achieved three of the top four places in this category.

In a busy month mention must be made of the Alwyn Hill Trophy, a mixed greensomes event with a senior man partnering a lady. Clear winners this year were Sue Hughes and David Taylor with a very impressive 45 points. This put them 4 clear of runners-up Jenny Thomas and Brian Crosby with Helen and Mike Tanswell taking third place with 39 points. Nor must the efforts of two juniors, George Cox and Sean Gray, be forgotten. They spent 12 hours on the course along with a few friends and supporters raising money for Frenchay after burns unit. A marathon rather than a sprint, they played 65 holes taking a combined 599 shots which included an eagle 2 from George on the difficult 17th. More importantly they raised over £600 for the charity. Apologies to all other competition winners squeezed out for space this month but August should be a little bit quieter.

Tony Biggs

Wedmore Tennis Club



Men's Tennis Report - Summer 2015

The 2015 Men's summer league season has been completed and Wedmore Tennis Club entered five teams in various divisions in the North Somerset League. All teams competed well, none were relegated. The first team competing in the first division ably captained by the club coach John

Cooksley with other team members Craig Phillips, Matt Drew, Ben Wylie and Sam Edwards completed a remarkable season not losing a match or rubber, amassing 100 pts a perfect record, probably a feat never achieved in the first division since the leagues inception. The second team in division two captained by Michael Gill, retained their place in spite of illness and injury which disrupted team selection. The third team captained by Clive Ross were for the most part a relatively settled group gaining promotion to join the second team next season in the second division! Wedmore's fourth team well run by David Evans were comfortably in third place in division 6 in a group which unfortunately for them included two very strong teams from other clubs, so performed very creditably. Finally the newly formed fifth team captained by Bill Haley competing in division 9 fought hard at various

venues, managing to finish third. Hopefully the experience will stand them in good stead next year, Bill inspiring them to more victories. All in all a good season for the men of Wedmore and hopefully our new facility will inspire more male competitors to join the club as league places are up for grabs. Lastly our Men's Club Captain, Michael Gill is standing down after three years. Thanks are extended to him for all the effort and work he has put in.

Ladies Tennis Report - Summer 2015

The summer season 2015 was one of the most successful in Wedmore's history and all the ladies have loved competing and playing at various clubs. They also have enjoyed the facilities and courts at the club's new venue.

The first team competing yet again in division 1, captained by Ines Beeson had another unfortunate year with one of their players Clare Gass being severely hampered by the dreaded 'Tennis Elbow'. Reserve players were called upon to help out, and special mention must be made of Olivia Evans whose first team debut was without parallel, as in partnership with Nicky Attwood she managed to win both her matches without the loss of a game! Fantastic effort and hopefully Olivia will continue to mature as a match player and challenge the established first team players next season. Also thanks to Susan Cunningham for stepping up from her team in the last match of the season against the champion team Cheddar A and performing with great courage and skill, again in company with Nicky. Welcome also to Annabel Richardson in her first full season in Wedmore first team. Despite the injuries the team performed admirably, being second once again and hopefully going one step further next year. The second team in division 2 captained superbly by Tess Hodgson (her first attempt), and with a remarkable all round effort came second and will be joining the first team in division 1 next season. Well done to Shirley, Olivia, Susan, Liz with help from other players. The third team in division 5 led by Jenny Fitzpatrick with team members Jo Attiwell, Shuna Atack, Sandra Evans, and Charlotte Wright were tremendous throughout the season, dominating their division until the last match away at Backwell but were easily promoted. Congratulations to them. Wedmore's fourth team run by Jane Pottow in division 5 ran up against their third team and a very strong Backwell team, however with a blend of experienced and younger players fought hard and remained in their division. Well done team members Diana, Sarah, Jo, Lucy and Matty. Lastly the fifth team followed on from winning their division last year by again winning the division 6 title, Captain Val Parker inspiring her players, Vicky Tinney, Irene McIntosh, Kate Knight, Juliette Koudri, Alison Champion and Sue Skeates. They will join the fourth team next year. Brilliant effort from them all. All in all a tremendous season! Well done the ladies.

Congratulations from your Captain, Tony Pearman.

Finals day

Players of various ages and levels competed in perfect conditions on Wedmore Tennis Club's Finals Day.



Dick and Bill enjoying Finals Day

In the boys' event, last year's runner-up, 17 year old Nick Jamieson, first competed in a gripping three set semi-final against 16 year old Ken Thie; Nick held his nerve during a championship tie break to be rewarded with a place in the final. His next opponent, twelve year old Charlie Jackson, hit some very elegant ground strokes and chased down Nick's greater variety of shots with considerable energy and determination. Nick's greater experience and strength though prevailed, the final score being 6 1, 6 3.



Charlie and Nick

In the ladies event, regular finalist Olivia Evans played new contender, Lucy Horley. Following a nervous first set, Lucy settled into the match and entertained supporters with some impressive serving and ground strokes. Consistency, power and confident hitting close to the lines though led to a 6 0 6 2 win for Olivia.



Olivia and Lucy

'A' team league players Matt Drew and Ben Wylie's men's singles match was more closely contested. Impressive ferocious ground strokes were interspersed with some clever slice, and also a few flashy shots, most notably a winner from between the legs by Matt. Matt's powerful serve, which he often followed up with a penetrating volley, gave him the edge and he eventually took the title with a 6 4, 6 4 win.



Ben in action



Matt

Regular winner of the mixed doubles event, Matt, returned to the court this year partnered by Diana Pearman to play Rob Sweet and Sue Skeates. A greater variety in pace and type of shot was played in this match, which produced some entertaining errors as a consequence. Matt and Diana won a close first set 7 6; the second set was concluded with a decisive smash by Matt and a score of 6 2.



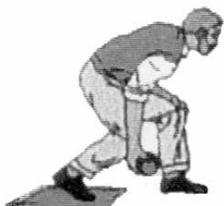
Matt and Diana

Other News

Wedmore's assistant tennis coach, Craig Phillips was selected to represent Somerset in division 3 of the Prudential County Cup Tennis Week. Somerset gained promotion to division 2 thanks in no little part to Craig's fine play losing only one match in the week's tennis. This is a great boost to the club and all those who know Craig or are coached by him will be pleased by his success.

Tony Pearman /Sarah Cunningham

Isle of Wedmore Bowls Club



Thanks go to all of the visitors to our stand at Wedmore Street Fair. Our coaches have been busy since this event helping several beginners who are now enjoying our indoor and outdoor bowling facilities.

We were delighted to be given a Silver Award by the Bowls Development Alliance for our work in encouraging new bowlers.

Our next big event is the two Indoor Taster Days on the 19 and 20 September, providing an opportunity for anyone who would like to try their hand at bowling. Admission is free with bowls and shoes provided. For more information please call Dave on 713483.



Two of our membership development team, Vic Matthews and Dave Nicholls, at the BDA stall at the Bath and West Show

Stuart Fisher

Thought for the Month

Dear Friends

'An Englishman's home is his castle' is a saying that has been around since the late 16th Century and is probably even truer today. We are very attached to our homes and the security that ownership of them brings.

Recently my wife Wendy and I visited my nephew and his wife who were so obviously excited in showing us around their new house. Having spent so long saving for the deposit, their dream of a place of their own had come true.

Of course, the other side of the coin is knowing the anguish and heartache that giving up a home can be for those having to move into retirement accommodation.

It was therefore with great difficulty that I tried to get my head around the views of a young Traveller family whom I met recently. They wanted to put down some 'roots' for a while in their mobile home so their son could get a decent education but the thought of a conventional permanent home of four sturdy walls was an anathema to them, as was the thought they would be at their current location for the long run. It was all so counter to my own cultural upbringing and inclinations - but no less valid a way of life for all that. Talking to them challenged my traditional concepts of what is 'home' and the importance of the property I call 'my home'.

From Abraham to Peter and the other disciples, the Bible is full of God calling people away from the safe familiarity and comfort of a fixed abode. It is almost a mark of discipleship for many and part of the faithfulness of God and covenant with Him.

When the people of Israel are securely living in their land of 'milk and honey', the great King Solomon has to ask, as he begins to build the Temple for a dwelling place of God; 'who is able to build Him a house, since heaven, even highest heaven cannot contain Him? (2 Chr 2.6). Yet if stone and timber cannot be a house for God, St. Paul tells us that we are all being built into that dwelling place for him (Eph 2.22).

'Home is where the heart is' - God dwells wherever people of faith are and not within bricks and mortar but within each of us.

In the uncertainty of modern life, when it is harder to get started on the property ladder, homes are repossessed and, at the other end of life, necessity may mean giving up our cherished dwellings, we are reminded of faith as a journey.

However much we may cherish our own little (and in some cases not so little) 'castles', we have to remember we are all travellers on a journey to our true home - in the New Jerusalem where heaven and earth will meet and God will dwell with us in glory. (Rev 21).

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Church News

From Tuesday 15 September there will be a regular midweek Communion at St Mary's, beginning at 10.00am. Perhaps you find it difficult to get to church on a Sunday or would just value a quiet space in the middle of the week when you can worship. Our midweek communions will have a particular focus each week of peace and reconciliation will include a time of stillness and will last around half an hour. We meet in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's and there will be a chance for a cup of coffee afterwards. Please feel free just to come along or if you want to know more speak to Richard Neill on 713566.

Harvest Festival



One of the high points in the church's year, particularly in a rural area, is when we come together to give thanks for another year's harvest. The churches are always abundantly decorated; the favourite old harvest hymns are sung; produce is brought to church, offered and then given away to charity as a symbol of our response to God's generosity; we remember those in parts of the world where the harvest is poor; and then often food is shared at a lunch or a supper. So whether you are a farmer, an allotment

holder, a gardener or simply someone who wants to give thanks for the harvest do come along to one of our churches. Each celebrates harvest in its own special way and on a separate date, so there are plenty of opportunities to join in.

20 September	11.00am	Christchurch, Theale: Parish Communion followed by lunch (all are welcome to lunch, but please call Mrs Molly Rossiter, 713311 if you would like to come)
21 September	6.00pm	Holy Trinity, Blackford : Harvest Evensong followed by refreshments
27 September	10.30am	St Mary's Wedmore : Parish Communion and Church followed by lunch (all are welcome to lunch but please call Mrs Heather Banwell, 712216 if you would like a ticket)
4 October	9.00 am	Allerton Church : Family Service

Ride and Stride



Each year people from across the country take to their bikes to visit local churches. Ride and Stride is organised by the Somerset Churches Trust and takes place on Saturday 12 September. The idea is to be sponsored to visit as many churches as you can during the day. Half the sponsorship money goes to the Somerset Churches Trust and half to your own church or a church of your choice. As has happened over the last 2 or 3 years a group of riders are likely to be taking the 'Ten Towers' route which visits ten churches in the Cheddar Valley and levels area on a 30 mile circular route, starting and ending at St Mary's Wedmore. For further information either about this route or about the event in general please contact David Sisson on 713617. See also www.somersetchurchestrust.org/news-events/ride-stride.

'On a Wheel and a Prayer'

On Wednesday 9 September, the vicar will be conducting the next 'cycle prayer pilgrimage', cycling around the different villages and hamlets that make up the Benefice of the Isle of Wedmore that our churches serve, stopping at various points and praying for the particular communities. Details of timings can be found in the churches and you are welcome to join him at any of the stops.

Timings of the route are as follows:

10.30am	Cocklake	Lane End Farm
10.40am	Crickham	Crickham Baptist Chapel
10.50am	Clewer	Clive Weare House
11.20am	Stone Allerton	Stone Cross
11.30am	Chapel Allerton	Allerton Church
11.40am	Ashton	On the corner next to Hill View Farm
11.50am	West Stoughton	T Junction with the road to Allerton
12.00 noon	Blackford	Holy Trinity
12.15pm	Westham	On the corner next to Bockingford House
12.25pm	Heath House	Ash Tree Farm
12.35pm	Sand	Upper Sand Farm

12.50pm Mudgley
1.00pm Bagley
1.10pm Theale
1.25pm Wedmore

Court Farm Cottages
 Bagley Baptist Church
 Christchurch
 St Mary's

Parish Registers

Weddings

Congratulations go to Gareth and Lesley (nee Watts) Gosling of Wedmore whose wedding took place at St Mary's on 27 June.

Congratulations go to William and Laurie (nee Cooper) Griffiths of Bournemouth (Laurie formerly of Ashton) whose wedding took place at Allerton Church on 11 July.

Congratulations go to Barry and Amy (nee Waelchli) McNulty of South Horrington whose wedding took place at Holy Trinity on 23 July.

Congratulations go to Steven and Sarah (nee Rigney) Palmer of Blackford whose wedding took place at St Mary's on 24 July.

Congratulations go to Michael and Sophie (nee Harris) Thresher of Street whose wedding took place at St Mary's on 25 July.



Baptisms

Welcome to the following baptized into God's church recently:

Alexander Louis Jenkins, son of Alan and Hannah Jenkins of Latcham, Wedmore baptised at St Mary's on Sunday 19 July.

Emma May Coombes, daughter of Samuel and Hannah Coombes of Snipefield Lane, Wedmore baptised at St Mary's, Wedmore on Sunday 19 July.

Funerals

Our condolences go to the family and friends of:

Michael Worrall aged 67 formerly of Wedmore but who was living latterly in Florida who died on 6 July and whose memorial service was at St Mary's on 28 July.

Church Services

St Mary's Church, Wedmore

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel at 8.45am

Sunday	6	Trinity 14	10.30am	Parish Communion
			6.00pm	Start the Week
Sunday	13	Trinity 15	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sunday	20	Trinity 16	8.00am	Holy Communion
			10.30am	Family Service and Baptism
Sunday	27	Trinity 17	10.30am	Harvest Festival Communion and Back to Church Sunday

Junior Church welcomes children aged 4 to 11 on the fourth Sunday of each month, while a supervised crèche for pre-school children runs on special occasions.

Holy Trinity Church

Sunday	6	Trinity 14	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sunday	13	Trinity 15	9.00am	Sunday Breakfast
Sunday	20	Trinity 16	6.00pm	Harvest Evensong
Sunday	27	Trinity 17	9.00am	Parish Communion

Christchurch, Theale

Sunday	6	Trinity 14	11.00am	Parish Communion
Sunday	13	Trinity 15	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	20	Trinity 16	11.00am	Harvest Festival & Communion
Sunday	27	Trinity 17	11.00am	Come and See

Allerton Church

Sunday	6	Trinity 14	9.00am	Family Service
Saturday	12		11.45am	Harvest Home Service
Sunday	13	Trinity 15	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	20	Trinity 16	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sunday	27	Trinity 17	9.00am	Youth Communion

Revd Richard Neill, Vicar of the Benefice of the Isle of Wedmore can be contacted on 713566.

Bagley Baptist Church

Every Sunday 10.30am Morning service. (Groups for 3 to 15's. Please note - these groups resume on Sunday 6 September.)

Please always check the website for any last minute changes to normal service times and dates.

Wednesdays 10am to 12 noon 'Coffee With A View', no charge. Morning coffee and cake. Good parking and wheelchair access. Everyone is welcome of any faith or none. We have a wonderful view and a lovely coffee area to enjoy it from. Don't forget our 'Marriage Course' on Friday 2 October to Friday 20 November 2015.

No group on 30 October. A seven week course starting at 6.45pm and finishing at 9.45pm with a candlelit meal. Cost is £80 per couple - bursary may be available, please ask. Open to married or co-habiting couples. For more information contact us in the office, or book direct from our website.

We have various Bible studies and youth groups which we'd love to tell you about! For details, please ring us, 710779, 712812 or 713267 or email us contactus@bagleybaptist.co.uk, or visit the website www.bagleybaptist.co.uk

Wedmore Methodist Church

Preachers for September

Sunday	2	10.30am	Local Arrangement
Sunday	9	10.30am	Pearl Hunt
Sunday	16	10.30am	Revd Carol Chaplin – Holy Communion
Sunday	23	3.30pm	Songs of Praise
Sunday	30	10.30am	Local Arrangement

Crickham Baptist Church

Every Sunday 10.30am Sunday School
6.30pm Evening Service
Every fortnight 2.30pm Prayer meeting

Contact Dulcie Hooper on 712187.

Our Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, Cheddar

Thursday 10.00am Mass
Friday and Saturday 9.30am Mass
Saturday 10.00am Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sundays 9.00am Mass

Contact Father Philip Thomas on 742564.

Axbridge and Wedmore GP Practice

Surgery Opening Times

Wedmore Surgery

Mondays and Fridays 8.30am to 6.00pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 8.30am to 1.00pm
Telephone 712774

Axbridge Surgery

Monday to Fridays 8.30am to 6.00pm
Telephone 732464

Please note the surgeries are closed on Bank Holidays.

Extended Surgery Hours

The practice offers an extended opening hours service. This extra service is being offered in response to the wishes of patients expressed in the Patient Surveys. During the 'Extended Hours' a GP will be available for routine appointments outside normal surgery times.

These appointments are not for emergencies or to see a nurse, they are dedicated to those patients who find it difficult to attend during normal surgery hours.

Extended hours surgeries are held

Axbridge Surgery

Wednesday and Thursday Alternate weeks 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Wedmore Surgery

Wednesday and Thursday Once a month 7.00am to 8.00am
Saturday Alternate weeks 8.00am to 9.30am

Please note, these hours may be subject to change depending on the availability of doctors.

During extended hours the front door will be locked. Please ring the video doorbell for access. Access will only be granted to patients with pre booked appointments. Surgery telephones are not manned during extended hours.

Wedmore Community Bus

The Wedmore Community Bus is available for everyone, travelling to Taunton (Tuesdays), Bridgwater (Wednesdays), Weston-super-Mare (Thursdays) and Street (Fridays).

The service acts less like a bus and more like a personal taxi service. You get on and off wherever you tell us is the most convenient place - usually outside your own house. Travel is free if you have a current bus pass. If you have to pay, then fares compare very favourably with alternative forms of transport - saving money on fuel and parking. For example, the 50 mile round trip to Taunton is only £4.80. The bus departs from Wedmore at 9.30am and is back by early afternoon - leaving plenty of time for those needing to collect children from school. To book a seat ring the friendly controller between 6.00pm and 6.30pm on the evening before your journey:



Controller Taunton	Angeline Duckett	712631
Controller Bridgwater	Angeline Duckett	712631
Controller Weston super Mare	Pam Meadows	712143
Controller Street	Rosy Brooks	713697

The bus is also available for private hire. It can be booked by contacting Rachel Bennett, telephone 07807 156069 or email rachbennett1@hotmail.co.uk.

Somerset Waste Partnership, September Collections

Thursday 3	Recycling and refuse
Wednesday 9	Recycling and green garden waste
Wednesday 16	Recycling and refuse
Wednesday 23	Recycling and green garden waste
Wednesday 30	Recycling and refuse



Use brown food waste boxes for all cooked and raw food, including:

- Fruit and vegetables
- Meat and fish
- Cheese and egg shells
- Bread, pasta, cereal
- Tea bags and coffee grounds

Use green recycling boxes for:

- Paper including: newspapers, magazines, leaflets, printed paper, white envelopes and telephone directories
- Glass bottles and jars
- Aluminium foil (clean, not paper or plastic backed)
- Clothes – bagged to keep dry
- Shoes – tied in pairs and bagged
- Car batteries
- Note - Please do not put clothes or shoes out on wet days.

Use black recycling boxes for:

- Food and drinks cans
- Plastic bottles only (no tops)
- Cardboard (flattened) – clean packaging card, corrugated card and greetings cards
- Brown envelopes

Please do not put out:

- Drink cartons or Tetra Pak
- Broken glass, Pyrex, window glass, tableware, light bulbs
- Plastic pots, tubs or film
- Plastic bottles used for engine oil and garden or DIY chemicals
- Household batteries
- Business waste for recycling