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# Editorial

Well, we do not need to worry about missing The Hay Festival, or not being able to get to Glyndebourne this year, or even the West End theatre in the heat of the summer. It's all here for you to enjoy in Wedmore. In July the Wedmore Arts Festival features Wedmore Opera, visiting authors including Michael Morpungo (someone for all age groups to enjoy), poetry, dance, comedy, and live music from Chris Jagger and his band. Definitely something for everyone's cultural tastes.

Thanks for all the contributions; please keep them coming! I hope you like the new items we have included for you – 'A day in the Life' and 'Focus on Businesses'. These items highlight those of you – both individuals and teams – who do so much to make our villages thrive and grow. Thanks this month go to Barbara Horton for giving us a taste of all the work that the Wedmore in Bloom team does to make our village look so lovely and to Madeline Bond for sharing the story of her new business. Do contact me if you would like to see your organisation or business represented. It is not onerous, Liz Sweeney and I are here to help take away the strain! I very much look forward to hearing from you.

Sue James

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## Front Cover

This spectacular photo of dancers from Ballet Central 2016 by Bill Cooper once again highlights the Wedmore Arts Festival. As mentioned in the Editorial, the Festival covers the whole gamut of performing arts.

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# News

## Parish Council Business

The May meeting of the Parish Council is always the ‘annual meeting’ at which the Chairman is elected and members put themselves forward to serve on one of the six sub-committees. The meeting is legally required to approve accounts and accounting procedures and to agree on various policies for the ensuing year. Cllr Mrs Glenys Cousins has completed her term of office as Chair of the Council and the members unanimously elected Cllr Nick Avery to succeed her. For the sake of continuity, it is the usual practice for the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council to serve two terms of twelve months. Glenys has worked extremely hard over the past two years and represented the Parish Council at many local events. Last year a number of new councillors were elected and they have all settled into their role with great enthusiasm. Glenys was presented with a floral tribute by these ‘new’ members as a token of their appreciation for the help and guidance she had given them. Cllr Neil Ellis has been elected Vice-Chairman of the Council.

The Council were pleased to make a grant towards the forthcoming events at the Wedmore Arts Festival which will no doubt result in a huge influx of visitors later this month.

Our meeting on Wednesday 20 July will be at Blackford Village Hall starting at 7.30pm and the meeting on Wednesday 17 August will be at Theale Village Hall. This will be an opportunity for residents living in those parts of the parish to come along and see their councillors in action!

*Rod Pring*

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## Wedmore Opera's 2016 Event – A Night at The Movies

‘A Night at the Movies’ will take place from 7-9 July commencing at 7.30pm in Wedmore Village Hall. It consists of well-known operatic ensembles that have been used in popular

films over the years, including the chorus singing Verdi’s famous Brindisi, which has appeared in many films such as ‘The Godfather’ and ‘Spectre’.

The chorus and soloist will be accompanied by a small orchestra featuring Richard Lennox on the grand piano. A glamorous evening is guaranteed.



wedmore opera  
...excellent opera in a village setting

The red carpet is being rolled out, there may even be paparazzi, so make sure you're dressed to impress. A two-course supper will be served, prepared by a local chef and restaurateur and there will of course be a well-stocked bar!

Tickets are £25 each including supper and are available from our Box Office on 713271, or via the website [www.wedmoreopera.com](http://www.wedmoreopera.com) and from the Wedmore Village Store.

*Anne Richards*

## **Wedmore Arts Festival – It's Here!**

Right here in Wedmore a colourful week of contrasts is about to begin.

It kicks off on Thursday 7 July with 'A Night at the Movies' from Wedmore Opera, a selection of operatic works, combined with all the glamour and glitz of Hollywood. Then Michael Morpurgo, 'War Horse' creator, talks about his wonderful works for children. On Tuesday 12 July, Edson Burton and Miles Chambers, fresh from Bristol Old Vic, delight us with their cutting edge poetry performance 'Curried Goat and Fishfingers'. Thursday 14 July is a busy day, a special Festival Lunch at The Swan followed by a book lover's tour of Britain; find out where your favourite novel characters hang out, and how you can visit their birthplace... or even their graves! Frank Barrett, Travel Editor of the Mail on Sunday and author of 'Treasured Island', peeps behind the doors of some of Britain's most well-known tourist attractions. At 6.00pm on Thursday 14 July, Shenagh Govan reprises, by popular demand, her mesmerising 'War Crimes for the Home'. Don't miss it this year!



Friday 15 July brings a first to Wedmore with Ballet Central 2016, the touring company from London's Central School of Ballet, taking the first steps of their professional careers in a ground-breaking tour of Britain. On Saturday 16 July the Festival ends with a double bill: comedy from Edinburgh regular Danny Ward, renowned for his clever punch lines and unusual style of language, plus some soulful and tuneful music from Chris Jagger and Acoustic Roots, guaranteed to have the audience up on its feet, toes tapping, fingers snapping!

Tickets: 01278 641370 or, [tickets@wedmoreartsfestival.co.uk](mailto:tickets@wedmoreartsfestival.co.uk)

For full details visit the website, [wedmoreartsfestival.co.uk](http://wedmoreartsfestival.co.uk)

*Dorothy Wright*

## **Local Band 'Kindred' Perform at 'The George'**

Local Wedmore band 'Kindred' played a successful gig at 'The George' Wedmore on Saturday 4 June to a packed pub. The band comprises Ian Scott (Scottie) on guitars, Josh Munyard on bass, Clive Miller on drums, Helen Sayer on keys and Fran Crandon and Jonathan Weller on vocals. Band members all live locally, Scottie and Clive live in Wedmore, Josh lives in Blackford, Helen in Cheddar and Fran and Jonathan own the Hair & Body Sanctuary on the Borough.

The band has been developing well since it was formed in mid-2015. They have just produced their first CD album 'New Beginnings'. They play classic pop and rock

covers (including Blondie, The Jam, Eric Clapton, Gnarnls Barclay, The Police and Velvet Underground) and their own music. If anyone wants to book the band they can email Scottie at [iandscott@me.com](mailto:iandscott@me.com)



*Ian Scott*

### **Grant from Wedmore News to Wedmore Brownies**

This year is the 80th anniversary of the Brownies in Wedmore. The £500 grant from Wedmore News, announced in our April issue, will help them to celebrate in style



with many different events. If you want to find out more about Wedmore Brownies, visit <https://wedmorebrownies.wordpress.com>.

## 3Cs Oil Syndicate

It is now time to order July's fuel. May we please have your order by Tuesday 5 July for delivery the following week.

*Bob and Mary Chapman.*

## Cheddar Library

### Summer Reading Challenge

The summer holidays are fast approaching and all the libraries in Somerset are getting ready for the influx of children to take part in our annual Summer Reading Challenge organised by the Reading Agency.

This year the theme is the 'The Big Friendly Read', which is based on the works of Roald Dahl. Children who participate will be encouraged to read up to six library books during the school summer holidays and will be rewarded with stickers and a certificate, while those who read all six will get a medal and entry into a free prize draw to win some Roald Dahl books. The Challenge starts on Saturday 16 July. Drop into Cheddar library to sign up.

Last year 7937 children in Somerset participated in Record Breakers, the Challenge for 2015, and 5580 completed by reading six books (or more). The Reading Challenge really makes a difference in motivating children to enjoy reading for pleasure.

### Friday Story-Time

Cheddar library has a regular story-time session, each Friday afternoon, during term-time from 2.30 to 3.00pm. It's free and there's no need to book. These sessions encourage and develop a life-long love of reading and prepare toddlers for early years education

*Amanda Kelly  
Library & Information Assistant, Cheddar Library*

## The Old Vicarage, Weare – Open Garden in August

**ngs** gardens open  
for charity



The garden of The Old Vicarage in Weare will be open for the first time for the National Gardens Scheme on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 August, from 2.00pm to 5.30pm. It's a chance to see what lies behind the tall hedges surrounding the Georgian / Victorian vicarage where old shrubberies are making way for a more relaxed country style of planting. Around charming Georgian outbuildings lie terraces and courtyards, a stream garden and vegetable plot, and a new garden created on the site of a hard

tennis court.

Entrance to the gardens is £3.50, accompanied children free. There will be homemade teas in aid of Weston Hospice Care and a plant stall. It's a sloping site with some gravel and lawn paths but is largely accessible, although there is no disabled toilet. Parking on the road.

For more information, email [trish.gibson@btinternet.com](mailto:trish.gibson@btinternet.com). We also have a website: [www.oldvicaragegardeners.com](http://www.oldvicaragegardeners.com) where you can learn more about the changes that have been made in the garden, and read the latest news.

*Trish Gibson*

## Return of the Festival – Friday 16 to Sunday 18 September at Wedmore Village Hall

Can you believe the real ale festival will return to Wedmore in less than three months?

Firstly, many thanks to all the great people who are helping us get this year's festival together and helped to ensure the continued success of the festival!

Limited barrel sponsorship is currently available, so if you would like to support the festival by sponsoring a barrel, please contact Amanda Carver at [Amanda.carver@outlook.com](mailto:Amanda.carver@outlook.com).

If you would like to volunteer during the festival, we still have a few spaces left for helpers, so please contact Mike Bewick on 07794 781975. Helping out at such a social event really doesn't feel like work at all.

We are also currently appealing for prizes and lots for the Sunday afternoon auction. If you have an item/service/promise that you wish to donate, please contact Jim Low on 07774 732073.

Festival tops and hoodies are now available to order, so if you want to get your

festival top in time to wear it for the summer season, call or email Mike on 07794 781975 / [bewick.mike@gmail.com](mailto:bewick.mike@gmail.com)

A reminder that this year's Saturday night's fancy dress is Star Wars, so start planning your costume now; after all, when it comes to extra-terrestrial life, your only limitation is your imagination!



If you feel you have a local worthy cause that would benefit from a donation from the festival, please complete this year's Application Form, which can be found on our website or festival app. All completed forms must be sent back to us by the 25 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 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.wedmorerealale.com](http://www.wedmorerealale.com)

See you all in September and enjoy the summer's offerings of real ale!

*Alan Page*

## **Wedmore Harvest Home – Friday 19 August**

Come along and join in with the well-loved, local traditional procession! You could dust off the old car, bicycle or tractor in the garage and ride in the procession in one of the vintage classes, or jump on your horse in fancy dress and take part in the parade around the village!

Individual and group entries are all welcome. Pedestrians, cyclists, horseback, vintage vehicles and a host of colourful floats help kick start the day. You could also enter the floral arrangements which are judged the night before. They help decorate the tent for lunch and add a lovely splash of colour.

Children can dress up in carnival style and enter one of the many classes. Entry to any of the classes is free – however, there are lots of cash prizes and trophies up for grabs, so it's worthwhile and fun. Get your thinking caps on.

Please watch the Wedmore Procession page on Facebook for updates and information closer to the time. You can book in before the event or on the day. Just make sure you are ready for judging by 10.30am prompt. Any questions or if you would like to take part, please phone Beth (07738600203) or Fay (07497829516).

## **RNLI Fundraiser**

The RNLI fundraising evening in May at 'The Swan' was a huge success due to the generosity of the folk of Wedmore and some very hard work by all involved.

94 people attended and £4032 was raised for the RNLI and the new Burnham lifeboat.

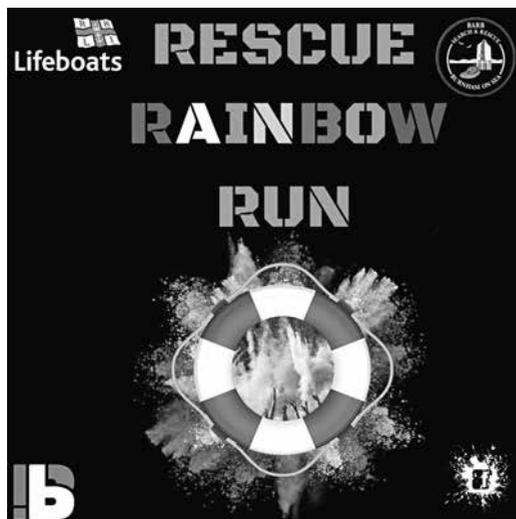
A technical failure occurred towards the end of the talk so here is the You Tube link: [youtu.be/DwdpCKoUuty](https://youtu.be/DwdpCKoUuty) which will enable you to catch up on what was missed (the Penlee Lifeboat re-enactment).

*David Ewens*

## **Burnham-on-Sea Search and Rescue Escape Day**

This year volunteers from the two Search and Rescue units in Burnham-on-Sea, RNLI and BARB, have teamed up to bring you a spectacular event as part of the annual Search and Rescue Escape Day on the seafront. Unfortunately, due to recent changes in EU regulations, the annual Steart Swim has been cancelled, leaving an open space

to fill on Escape Day. The hugely popular colour run events have taken the UK by storm and this year we are bringing the first one to Burnham-on-Sea beach!



On Sunday 7 August from 1.00pm, after an initial warm up with Victoria Taylor from Burnham Bootcamp, participants will run/jog/walk the 3.5km trail from Burnham town slip to the iconic Burnham lighthouse, whilst being doused in vibrant powder paint along the way at five paint points! Registration forms can be obtained from the RNLI shop on Burnham High Street or by email from [events-2016@outlook.com](mailto:events-2016@outlook.com). Entry is £12 per adult and £5 per child (over 5) and payment must be made at the time of registration. For more information, email us or pop into the RNLI shop! We are also on Facebook

at [www.facebook.com/rescuerrainbowrun](http://www.facebook.com/rescuerrainbowrun) where you will find regular updates for what is set to be the event of the year. So, get your running shoes out, come on down to the Rescue Rainbow Run and have a great deal of fun, all in aid of two extremely important local lifesaving charities.

*Lesley Hart*

## Weston Hospice

Help your local hospice. Please come and meet us for coffee and delicious

home-made cake and learn how residents of Wedmore and the surrounding areas benefit from our care - and how you can help. Join us at Nanny Ida's, Church Street, Wedmore, BS28 4AB on Thursday 14 July, from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. For more information please telephone Sue Harding on 423926. Hope you can join us!



*Sue Harding*

## Obituary

It is with much sadness that my friend Mandy Kirk, aged 55 years, has passed away! Mandy fought her long battle with cancer until 15 May 2016, in Australia. Rick and Mandy moved to Snipefield Cottage, Wedmore in 1981, moving from Hythe, Southampton with a 1-week old baby Christopher, for Rick to start working for Ray and Jean Binning, of Binnings the Bakers in Wedmore. Mandy loved her time living in Wedmore and having a young baby she made lots of friends with other young mums. Rick, Mandy & Chris, James and Tahlia emigrated to make a home and life in Queensland, Australia in the late 1990s.

*Sarah Willcox – her close friend*

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# Letters

## Dear Editor

Having recently found myself the (interim) Chairman of the Wedmore Neighbourhood Group, I thought I ought to briefly respond to the letter from Trevor Hunt on Neighbourhood Planning in the latest edition of the Wedmore News.

Whilst Mr Hunt appears to prefer the idea of a world with no plans, that is not a luxury available to us. The reality is that the Government sets national planning policies and the Sedgemoor Plan interprets these at District level. The residents of Wedmore, therefore, have a simple choice:

- continue to have decisions in Wedmore made almost wholly at National or District level; *or*
- produce a Neighbourhood Plan which allows local people to put their own interpretation on how policies are applied in Wedmore.

I would be the first to accept that neighbourhood plans are not perfect and there are limits to what can be achieved. However, I would prefer local Wedmore people and not non-residents, developers and Planning Inspectors to decide on such issues as

- open spaces/views to be protected
- possible sites for development
- new community facilities
- design of new buildings.

Over the next few months we will be holding a number of events in the Parish to ask people what they like and dislike about Wedmore and how it should change (or not change) over the next 20 years.

The one thing I can assure Mr Hunt is that we will only proceed to produce a Neighbourhood Plan if the community wants one. If the answer is no, there will be no plan and we can leave the future of Wedmore in the hands of others!

*Bob Sellwood*

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## A Day in the Life – Wedmore in Bloom Working Party

This is the second Saturday of the month and time for our monthly work party. It is particularly important today as it is time to start clearing the winter displays and get the tubs ready for new plants.

Unfortunately for us, at this time of the year quite a few of our regular helpers are away on holiday. We just have to get stuck in and do what we can. We are all knocking on a bit so are delighted to welcome a new young(ish) helper, Phil, who seems to be full of good ideas and can add tremendously to our muscle power.

Oh dear, one of the tubs at The George has completely disintegrated and has to be taken for scrap. We need to get a replacement quickly. Brenda will need to order

three, as it looks as if there could be others going the same way. They will need to be delivered, painted, moved to the location and filled with soil and fertiliser ready for planting up within two weeks as the plants ordered are almost ready and if left any longer will go leggy.



More trouble, this time with the stone troughs; they seem to be having drainage problems and today we have had to completely empty them and it appears that we need to have more holes drilled and a special lining put in place (brilliant idea from Phil), fresh gravel and soil. I will ring the stonemasons on Monday to see if they can do it in situ as they are certainly too heavy to move anywhere.

Meanwhile, all available ‘Bloomers’ are busily emptying the other tubs and containers. Not enough time to do them all but some of us will be around during the week finishing them off. It is such a shame to see them empty, but it has to be done.

Time for coffee and we all meet up at ‘The Dining Room’ where we are given complimentary coffees, lovely.

They also do wonderful scones and some of us succumb to temptation!



After coffee Brenda and Sid load their estate car three times to clear all the plants, bulbs and rubbish, then deliver daffodil bulbs and polyanthus around the village. They then have a quick lunch, then off to collect new soil for the tubs from our central store. This is to be used for two new tubs on the Mudgley Road and to top up round the village where necessary.



Brenda and Sid then lay the tulip bulbs out to dry in their summer house and sort out the compostable rubbish and the rubbish to go to the tip. They then stop for a cup of tea at 4.30pm and those wonderful scones from The Dining Room before getting details of companies to phone on Monday so we can get those new oak tubs quickly.

The Work Parties are hard work for all of us, but the camaraderie involved makes up for it all. We are a jolly group and working in the village on a Saturday morning we see many friends and neighbours who give us praise and encouragement, which, although delaying the work, makes it rewarding and fun. Also, we know there are some very wise old gardeners around at that time and we like to pick their brains for a few good tips.

The only thing we would all like to change is to have stronger backs and more help, especially from the younger and stronger members of the village. But we are thankful for any help we are given, be it physical or financial.

To sum up, our day is “Blooming” hard work, but fun!

*Barbara Horton  
Co-ordinator Wedmore in Bloom*

## **Wedmore News Would Like to Hear from You**

Are you involved in running a local organisation in the Isle of Wedmore? Would you like to share some of the things that you do and raise awareness of your organisation by sharing your ‘Day in the Life’? Please contact the editor Sue James, email [editorwedmorenews@gmail.com](mailto:editorwedmorenews@gmail.com), and share your day.

*Sue James*

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# **Focus on Businesses**

## **Health, Beauty and Wellbeing at The Isle**

The Isle – a health, beauty and wellbeing salon - has just opened in the grounds of the Isle of Wedmore Golf Club. The owner of the salon, Madeline Bond, explained to me how this came about.

Maddy was born in Bristol but grew up and went to school in Weston-super-Mare. For her secondary education she attended Churchill Community Foundation School. Not having a very clear idea of her future path, she entered the sixth form and chose arts-related subjects for A-Levels, but soon realised that this was not what she wanted to do. She decided to see what other courses were available and chose a two-year BTEC National Diploma in Beauty Therapy Sciences at Weston College. She enjoyed the practical part, but also particularly liked the scientific aspect of the course. Maddy then decided to do an extra year in reflexology. During this period she worked in a local health and beauty salon where she also took various training courses to increase her expertise in all aspects of beauty treatments, with a specialisation in eye lash extensions. A few months after she finished her reflexology course, Maddy moved to another salon which had been open for less than two years. She had various roles, including leader of

a team of therapists, training development manager and salon manager, helping the owner to build an award-winning business.



After five years she started to think about her future. As her experience at the salon had taught her many aspects of running a business, she thought she would like to open her own business.

As a first option she had the chance to rent a room in a hairdressing salon, but that fell through. Then fate lent a hand. Her sister's fiancé, who is head chef at the Isle of Wedmore Golf Club, told her that the owners were thinking of converting residential accommodation into business premises and were looking for a suitable business to occupy it. She had a discussion with them and they liked her business proposition. They offered to convert and refurbish the

premises for her. As for many people who wish to start a business, the problem for Maddy was financing the start-up. She admits that she is very lucky to have the help and support of family and friends. Her parents helped her to finance the equipment and her brother, who is a graphic designer, designed the logo. A friend – another graphic designer – created the business cards, price menu and promotional materials and also built the website. In addition, her mother often helps out as a receptionist! Maddy opened the salon on 12 April this year, offering a variety of therapies and treatments from massage and reflexology to facials, manicures and pedicures, to name just a few. She told me that, because she offers such a wide variety of treatments, her work is always interesting, but what really motivates her is the fact that she makes people feel valued and important, which is a very rewarding.

### **Do You Have a Story to Tell?**

If you run a business in the Wedmore Parish and would like to feature in a forthcoming issue of the Wedmore News, send an email to [editorwedmorenews@gmail.com](mailto:editorwedmorenews@gmail.com) with a few facts. Who are you? What is your business? Are you from the Wedmore area? If not, where did you come from? What motivated you to start, take over or carry on the business? We will then contact you.

*Liz Sweeney*

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# Reports and Society Updates

## St Mary's Church 100 Club

I'm happy to announce that the winners for the June draw were Susan Hayter, with the 1st prize of £20 owning No. 53 and Peggy Webb with No. 88 receiving the £10 2nd prize. Congratulations to both of you.

*Thelma Jenkins-Jones*

## Wedmore WI Report – May



May's meeting is always a mixed bag, and Hazel apologised at the start as we would be hearing a lot from her – as speaker as well as President.

The monthly meeting started with birthday wishes for Mary and Jill, information about the quiz in Wells on 20 July, a report from Christine about 'Women Walk the World', when three of us walked around Wedmore, and a reminder to collect tickets for the Wedmore Big Birthday Lunch on 12 June. Next came the resolutions; Sue spoke about the need for carers to be able to be with their loved ones during a hospital stay. This was adopted 19 – 2. Jane spoke about the need to reduce food waste. This was adopted unanimously.

The Annual Meeting followed, when it was decided that there will be a number of changes in the committee, Jill will replace Hazel as President and Hazel will become Secretary. Margaret T. gave a vote of thanks to Hazel for her term at the helm, Hazel thanked all the committee members for their work and Jean B. gave a vote of thanks from the members.

We then had the most interesting part of the meeting, when Hazel talked about Mental Health Care in Wedmore in the 17th Century. Dr John Westover, and his son John junior, who lived in the Porch House, West End, ran a hospice for people with mental illness in the building which is still inhabited today, 'Westover's', near the junction with Pilcorn Street. From John junior's accounts, a picture emerges of money spent caring for people with various problems, who came from as far afield as Devon and Bristol, as well as locally. The hospice had a dormitory on the top floor, a day room in the middle floor, and a surgery in the ground floor. In 1692 there were eight residents, some who stayed for life, some for a few weeks. The accounts show money for 'tabling', which was food and drink, items to the village shoemaker, for clothing, hair powder, a comb, and money for 'cure'. It was clear that the residents were able to go out and about, and although expensive, their treatment was kindly and humane. Jane gave a vote of thanks for a most interesting talk about our local history.

Our July meeting is one not to be missed, the speaker will be Susan Marshfield, who has entertained us hilariously many times in the past. Her subject this time is 'Strange Things do Happen'. The competition is a miniature flower arrangement. If

you haven't heard Mrs Marshfield before, come along to the Masonic Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 21 July, and we will give you a warm welcome.

*Chris Barker*

## **Isle of Wedmore Society Report – May**

We had another talk with a difference for our May meeting 'Teeth – The original I/D Card!' Our speaker was the forensic odontologist, Dr John Robson, who explained his role. Forensic odontology is the proper handling, examination and evaluation of dental evidence which will then be presented in the interest of justice.

The evidence that may be derived from teeth is the age (in children) and identification of the person to whom the teeth belong. I hope that's made it clear!

John's career started out as an ordinary dentist in Shepton Mallet and Street and he went on to specialise in straightening out teeth, particularly in children. He then gradually transferred into forensic odontology and the rather gruesome work of identifying bodies from their teeth after major accidents took him to many parts of the world.

He has been called on to give evidence and confirm the identity of persons after various disasters around the world including aircraft accidents, where there are British victims. More locally, after the tragic M5 motorway accident near Taunton three years ago. He has also given evidence in court where a defendant has bitten a victim and he has to prove the identity of the assailant.

John's talk which could have proved pretty gruesome was given with empathy and humour. We now have our usual summer break. Our next talk is by Fred Giles entitled 'What the Microscope has done for you'.

*Chris Edwards, Speakers' Secretary*

## **Isle of Wedmore Society – An Uncertain Future**

The Isle of Wedmore Society was formed over 50 years ago with the primary objective of promoting interest in and preserving the attractive features of the Parish of Wedmore, where most of us live. The society is recognised by Sedgemoor District Council as an 'Amenity Society' and as such has an accepted voice in planning and other local issues. Over the years, comments have been sent to Sedgemoor on numerous applications for planning permission in the parish. The society is particularly fortunate at present in having a former planning officer as a member of the committee who has ensured that submissions to Sedgemoor are very professionally prepared.

The society meets eight times a year when visiting speakers give talks on a wide range of topics but with the emphasis on subjects of local interest. There are currently 42 members of the society and visitors are welcome to the talks. To remain viable the society urgently needs additional members of the committee, especially a new Chairperson and Secretary. Anyone interested in helping to influence the future appearance of the Parish of Wedmore should contact Brenda Squires on 710494 or Tony Jordan on 713420 for further details of what is involved. The duties are not onerous but are well worthwhile!

*Tony Jordan*

## Club 50

Members please note: there will be no meeting at the Masonic hall in July. Instead, there will be a members-only garden party on Wednesday 20 July.

*Val Hardwick*

## July Director's Blog – Look Back in Anger

Rehearsals are now well under way and, as the actors brush up on their lines and our Angry Young Man works on his anger levels, the creative team has been turning its attention to 'The Look' of the production. Set Designer Geoff Dickson and Lighting Designer Mike Rippon are exploring the possibilities of creating an onstage equivalent of 'film noir' – that is an atmospheric, almost monochromatic feel, with dramatic lighting contrasts. It will be a first for Wedmore Theatre, I think.

Meanwhile, Sound Designer Phil Butterworth must figure out how to create a 'virtual' window using only sound and light; and Props Manager Pam Duke is busy researching 1950s irons and ironing boards and working hard on the problem of how to source a vintage 1956 gas oven! Fortunately, we've decided against featuring an actual kitchen sink, even though John Osborne's iconic play was part of the original 'kitchen sink drama' movement, along with others launched at the Royal Court Theatre.

Our Wardrobe Mistress and Costume Designer, Sue Burton, is as accurate as ever when tackling a period piece – much discussion about whether skirts were petticoat-flared or pencil-thin and exactly when drainpipe trousers and alice-bands came in.

We are so lucky to have such an imaginative and professional backstage team creating all this amazing stagecraft.

I'm delighted that we are making ticket ordering simpler for this production by introducing a new dedicated Box Office local telephone number, 807951, and making numbered tickets available online from day one.

We are also, for the first time, introducing a special low price for younger adults. £5 discounted tickets will be available, exclusively through the above two channels, to all those aged under 40, and to Wedmore Theatre Members. Members will also be able to benefit from priority booking (and therefore get the best seats!) before tickets go on general sale at the Street Fair.

Everyone can book numbered tickets for 'Look Back in Anger' from 3 July by phoning the Wedmore Theatre Box Office on 807951, by booking online at [www.wedmoretheatre.co.uk](http://www.wedmoretheatre.co.uk), or by calling in person at the Wedmore Village Store (where full-price tickets will also be on sale, at £9).

Performances are on Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 September at the Wedmore Village Hall.

*Sue Rippon*

## Wedmore Opera Goers

We are not a society, just people who like going to see opera, ballet and possibly Shakespeare. We would very much like new people to join us.



Seats for the matinee for 'Red Shoes' by Matthew Bourne have been booked for 16 March 2017. The cost will be £39 each to include the theatre seat and the coach. We will leave Wedmore playing fields at 10.00am to give us time to have lunch in Cardiff, either in the theatre or nearby around Cardiff Bay. As this will be a very popular occasion please let Jan Young know as soon as possible if you would like a ticket.

We do not need to pay for the ballet until 4 January 2017, but we would like to hear from you so that your seats can be reserved. Jan Young can be contacted via email, [randjyoung@btopenworld.com](mailto:randjyoung@btopenworld.com).

Two more dates for your diary: on Thursday 15 September, 'Macbeth' in Cardiff performed by the Welsh National Opera, leaving Wedmore at 3.00pm, allowing time for supper in Cardiff. The opera starts at 7.15pm. Cost £52 each to include theatre and coach. On Sunday 12 February we will be going to see 'Madam Butterfly', leaving Wedmore at 11.15am. The opera starts at 4.00pm. Arrangements for lunch as above. Cost £52 each to include theatre and coach.

For further information and to join our mailing list, please contact Suzanne Metters on 712515 or Jan Young on 710255,

*Suzanne Metters*

## Wedmore Cubs

Cubs from both of Wedmore's Packs, along with other members of the movement from Somerset, have celebrated the Centenary of Cub Scouting at a special three-night camping adventure; which was held over the late May bank holiday weekend, at the West Woodlands Showground, near Frome.



The 23 Wedmore Cubs, who were all dropped off at the site on the Friday afternoon, were accompanied by eight leaders and parent helpers. They were all looking forward to a weekend packed full of adventurous, creative, cool and entertaining activities, many of which contributed towards their Cub Scout Challenge Awards.

The days were full of non-stop action that challenged everyone and kept them busy until bedtime. This included learning new skills, whilst having fun at the same time, in six Activity Zones, based around: Adventure, Outdoors, World, Teamwork, Creative Skills and Active Skills, each of which were packed full of pursuits. Additionally, there were camp fire singalongs on the Friday and Sunday nights, as well as a Cubs 100 Wild Adventure Quiz on Saturday night.

On Sunday, a number of Cub and Scout day visitors joined the Cub activity groups to celebrate the centenary and participate in the activity zones.

The two most memorable events were: meeting The Chief Scout Bear Grylls on Sunday, when he made a flying visit to the camp, and the 100th Birthday Party that was held on Monday morning, which everyone joined in and was the 'wildest party ever'.

Unfortunately, all good adventures must come to an end, so the whole camp gathered together for the closing ceremony at midday on Bank Holiday Monday. Everyone went home having had a really great and memorable time.

*Bill Bellshaw*

## Wedmore in Bloom

By July all our summer floral displays around the village are looking at their best. We planted the young blooms at the end of May on a sunny morning, which means that the watering rota will have gone into operation immediately. Usually after a few weeks they recover from transplanting and start to really fill the tubs and show plenty of colour. Thanks as usual to all the volunteers as well as the generous donations which make it all possible.



A future date to mark in your diaries is Saturday 22 October. Wedmore in Bloom will be hosting an 'Apple Day' at the Scout Hut, Combe Lane to celebrate the apple harvest. We hope to have demonstrations of apple and cider pressing, an art class for children, food and of course cider and apple juice to drink. If you have a cider or apple press and would be willing to bring it along we'd love to hear from you.

We will be supporting the 16th Wedmore Real Ale Festival from 16 – 18 September with a floral beer barrel in the Borough. Look out for it.

Come and join us at one of our work parties on the second Saturday of each month. This month's work party is on the Saturday 9 July. We meet at The George at 9.30am. Bring a trowel and dustpan and brush!

*Andrea West*

## Isle of Wedmore Gardening Club

On Tuesday 28 July we have a talk by Roy Halsey on 'Roses for Garden and Show'. Members and guests welcome.

Masonic Hall 7.30pm. For more information contact Andrea West on 712161.

*Andrea West*

## The Friends of St Mary's, 'Tower with a View' on 11 September

Based on the 'We were really sorry to be away' and 'if only we had known' comments 'The Friends of St. Mary's' are going to run another Church Tower Open Day on Sunday 11 September. This will coincide with the National Heritage Open Day when buildings usually closed to the public will be open all across the country!

From 11.40am, no children under 8, no stiletto heels, children under 16 with a responsible adult. Cost £6.00 per person to include tea/coffee and cake.

Best to book as it will be a full house. See you all there.

*David Hopkins*

## The Rotary Club of Mendip Charity Golf Day

Sixteen teams took part in the recent Charity Golf Day organised by the Rotary Club of Mendip and raised over £1,600 for 'Canine Partners', a charity that transforms the lives of people with physical disabilities by partnering them with assistance dogs. Their dogs bring a greater independence and quality of life to their partners, offering security, companionship, and practical help with everyday household tasks. These life-changing dogs also provide psychological and social benefits, including increased independence, confidence, social interaction and self-esteem.



The winners at the golf day were team ‘Dissenters Y’ (David Whitten, Ivor Groskop, Geoff Trist, Nick Bishop); runners-up ‘Chris’s All Stars’ (Mike Hiles, John Sim, Barry Warburton, Nigel Laughton). The winner of the longest drive was Steve Ison and nearest the pin was David Whitten.



Rotary President Chris Steel said: ‘We have had a brilliant day. We thank all the golfers, our sponsors and the Isle of Wedmore Golf Club who enabled us to raise money for such a worthwhile cause’.

Rotary International comprises 1.2 million members who come together to create positive, lasting change in their communities and

around the world. Anyone wishing to find out more about the Rotary Club of Mendip can find us on Facebook.

*John Mander*

## IT for the Terrified



We will be leaving The Old Cowshed in the grounds of Kings of Wessex Academy on 15 July. It will be a sad day to leave, but the start of a new era for us.

We will reopen in September in local premises; we are still working out the details, so full information will be available in the next issue. We remain contactable by telephone on 741751, or through email or the website, so please get in touch if you want to book a lesson up to 15 July, or for September.

We offer 1:1 sessions to help you to use a computer, iPad or tablet in a friendly environment. No exams, no pressure – just a volunteer sharing their individual ways of using technology. So why not book a 1:1 with one of our volunteers? 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.

To contact us telephone 741751 or email [itfortheterrified@btconnect.com](mailto:itfortheterrified@btconnect.com) or visit the website, [www.itfortheterrified.co.uk](http://www.itfortheterrified.co.uk)

I.T. for the Terrified, The Old Cowshed, Station Road, Cheddar. BS27 3AG. (Next to the War Memorial - not the Market Cross).

Our normal opening hours are 10.00am -12.00midday and 1.30-3.30pm Monday-Friday. Registered Charity No. 1130308.

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) THE THIRD AGE TRUST

The University of the Third Age (U3A) movement is a unique organisation for retired and semi-retired people to come together and learn together, not for qualifications but for its own reward. Members share their skills and life experiences: the learners teach and the teachers learn.



So come and see us at our coffee morning on Thursday 21 July from 10.30am to 12 noon at Cheddar Village Hall, or at Cheddar Library on Monday mornings from 10.30am to 12noon. More details available from the website, search for Cheddar U3A, or telephone 744241.

*Geoff Farnie*

## Cheddar Vale Lions Club

Cheddar Vale Lions Club held their Annual Duck Races on Bank Holiday Monday and it was a really good day. The weather was ideal and the crowds turned out to support us. We sold out of tickets just after the first race and we have raised over £1600 for Children's Hospice South West.

The Grand Prize Draw for a family weekend in the Cheddar Valley was won by a family in Shipham. The Gordon's Hotel have donated two nights B & B accommodation, Cheddar Caves donated a family ticket to their attractions and Cheddar Garden Centre donated a two-course lunch for the family. The Lions

would like to thank all their sponsors for their generosity and for helping us support Children's Hospice South West in their 25th Anniversary year.

For the rest of the summer we are out and about with our coconut shy and candy floss machine. We have a few spare dates, so if you'd like us to attend your event then call Andy on 01278 786211 or Janet on 248114. We are always looking for new members, so if you want to know more about us, fancy putting something back into the community and having a bit of fun at the same time, give Janet a ring on 248114.

*Lion Janet Clark, President and P.R.O.*

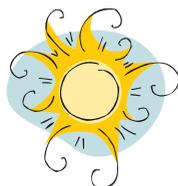
## Weather Report for May 2016

### RAINFALL



Monthly total	48.4mm	(1.91ins)
30-year average	54.0mm	(2.13ins)
Wettest day (21st)	13.4mm	(0.53ins)
No of dry days	20	
Last 3 months (Mar-May)	151mm	(5.94ins)
Year ending 31 May 2016	770mm	(30.31ins)
30-year annual average	797mm	(31.38ins)

### TEMPERATURES



Maximum (8th)	23.0 °C	(73.4 °F)
Minimum (1st)	0 °C	(32.0 °F)
Number of air frosts	1	
Monthly average maximum	18.2 °C	(64.8 °F)
30-year average maximum	17.6 °C	(63.7 °F)
Monthly average minimum	7 °C	(44.6 °F)
30-year average minimum	7.4 °C	(45.3 °F)

### COMMENTS

Rainfall 10% less than long-term average. Temperatures close to normal.

*Denley Brown*

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## Forthcoming Events

### Mr Punch's Folk Club at The Panborough Inn – Friday 1, 15 and 29 July

Starting at 8.00pm.

1 July, Open Mic featuring Ross Wallis, excellent guitarist and singer of contemporary songs.

15 and 29 July, Open Mic evenings.

Entrance £1. For more information telephone 712144/710020

## Wedmore Street Fair – Saturday 2 July

The theme this year is ‘Party Time’. The event will take place in The Borough from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Lots of stalls, lots of entertainment and lots to eat and drink. Come along, bring the family and enjoy.

## Wedmore Opera, ‘A Night at the Movies’ – Thursday 7 to Saturday 9 July



‘A Night at the Movies’ will take place from 7-9 July commencing at 7.30pm in Wedmore Village hall.

A two-course supper will be served and there will be a bar.

Tickets are £25 each including supper and are available from our Box Office on 713271, via the website [www.wedmoreopera.com](http://www.wedmoreopera.com), or from Wedmore Village Store.

For more information please visit the festival website, [wedmoreartsfestival.co.uk](http://wedmoreartsfestival.co.uk) or the Wedmore Opera website.

## Wedmore Arts Festival – Thursday 7 to Sunday 17 July

A festival of opera, drama, literature, comedy and music.

- 7, 8, and 9 July: Wedmore Opera – ‘A Night at the Movies’, 7.30pm, Wedmore Village Hall
- Friday 8 July - Michael Morpurgo, 1.30pm, St Mary’s Church, Wedmore
- Tuesday 12 July – ‘Curried Goat and Fishfingers’, 8.00pm, The Swan, Wedmore
- Thursday 14 July at The Swan, Wedmore: 12.30pm Festival Lunch; 2.00pm, Treasured Island – a book-lover’s tour of Britain; 6.00pm Shenagh Govan – War Crimes for the Home
- Friday 15 July - Ballet Central 7.30pm, Wedmore Village Hall
- Saturday 16 July at Wedmore Village Hall: 7.30pm Danny Ward Live!; 9.00pm Chris Jagger and Acoustic Roots

Tickets: 01278 641370 or [tickets@wedmoreartsfestival.co.uk](mailto:tickets@wedmoreartsfestival.co.uk) or via [wedmoreartsfestival.co.uk](http://wedmoreartsfestival.co.uk)

## Weston Hospice Care Coffee Morning – Thursday 14 July

Come and meet us at Nanny Ida’s, from 10.00am to 12.00 noon for coffee and cake and find out about the work of Weston Hospice Care in the local community. For more information please telephone Sue Harding on 423926.



## Wedmore Methodist Church Flower Festival – Friday 15 to Sunday 17 July

This will be our third Flower Festival and the theme chosen for 2016 is ‘Wedding Anniversaries’. The Flower Festival will be open in The Methodist Church, entrance is free. Friday and Saturday opening will be 10.00am to 5.00 pm with coffee and cake in the morning, soup and roll at lunch time and cream teas in the afternoon.

On Sunday morning there will be a Café Service in the Methodist Schoolroom commencing at 10.30am and the Preacher will be Lois Emm from Cheddar. Everyone welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you again this year at our Flower Festival, further details available from all Methodist Church Members.

### **Theale Film Club – Sunday 17 July**

The film is ‘The Lady in the Van’ starring Maggie Smith. Doors open at 6.30pm for 7.00pm prompt start at Theale Village Hall. For more information please contact Lesley Luke on 713176, [lesleyluke@live.co.uk](mailto:lesleyluke@live.co.uk), Bernard Coulter on 712144, [bcoulter@talktalk.net](mailto:bcoulter@talktalk.net), or Pam Meadows on 712143.



### **Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 20 July**

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

### **Wedmore WI Meeting – Thursday 21 July**

At 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall. Mrs Susan Marshfield will talk about ‘Strange Things do Happen’. We are guaranteed a hilarious evening. Do come and find out about your local WI and have an entertaining time. We charge visitors £2, which includes tea or coffee and a biscuit. For further information contact Chris Barker, 2 Dunns Close Wedmore BS28 4BL on 712182 or [chris@cjbarker.plus.com](mailto:chris@cjbarker.plus.com).

### **Isle of Wedmore Gardening Club – Tuesday 28 July**

At the Masonic Hall starting at 7.30pm. A talk by Roy Halsey on ‘Roses for Garden and Show’. Members and guests welcome.

For more information contact Andrea West, 712161.



### **Blackford Harvest Home – Saturday 6 August**

To be held at Parsons Close Farm, Blackford. Tickets are on sale now at £16 for adults and £8 for children. This is the first price increase in 12 years! Please contact Steve on 440015.

### **Craft Fair – Saturday 13 August**

At Wedmore Village Hall from 11.00am -1.00pm

Hand-made goods are on sale including jewellery, button art, hand-made cards, wooden toys and puzzles, soaps, fused glass, knitted goods, bags, pictures and much more. The variety changes and develops as the months go by.

There is also a cafe selling tea, coffee and homemade cakes.

### **Wedmore Harvest Home – Friday 19 August**

Join in the procession around the village or take part in the floral arrangement competition. Watch the Wedmore Procession page on Facebook for updates and information closer to the time. You can book in before the event or on the day. Any questions, or if you would like to take part, please phone Beth on 07738 600203 or Fay on 07497 829516.



## **‘Tower with a View’– Sunday 11 September**

The Friends of St. Mary’s are hosting another Church Tower Open Day.

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Performed by the Welsh National Opera, in Cardiff. Leaving Wedmore at 3.00pm, The opera starts at 7.15pm. Cost £52 each to include theatre and coach. For further information please contact Jan Young. Email, [randjyoung@btopenworld.com](mailto:randjyoung@btopenworld.com).

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# **Events Taking Place Outside the Parish**

## **Axbridge Archaeological and Local History Society – Saturday 2 July**

There will be a tour of the ground of the Battle of Sedgemoor during the Monmouth Rebellion. Numbers are limited so please contact Fiona Torrens-Spence if you would like to come on 712895. The tour will start at 2pm at St Mary’s Church, Bridgwater.



## **Godney Arts and Open Gardens Event – Sunday 3 July**

Godney is well known for the depth of its creative talent and its inhabitants have decided to bring it all together in the first Godney Arts and Open Gardens Event.

Arts and high quality craft, including beautiful wood turning, original oil paintings, prints and cards will be on show in Godney Village Hall. Gardens in the village will be open to view.

Entry to the Art and Crafts exhibit is free. There is a charge for entry to the gardens which will also be selling plants and cakes etc. Opening hours are 11.00am to 4.00pm.

You can combine this day out with a drink or meal at the famous Sheppey Inn, or tea and cakes at Double Gate Farm, or have a wander along the River Sheppey where if you are lucky you will see the resident otter and kingfishers flying by.

A raffle of donated works of art and other prizes will raise money for the Happy Landings Animal Sanctuary, in Pylle, Somerset to support animals that are injured and down on their luck.

For further information please contact Martin Pennycott, email [godneyposthouse@gmail.com](mailto:godneyposthouse@gmail.com)

## **Cheddar Arts @ Kings Theatre –Tuesday 5 July**

The season concludes with the warm and lovely film ‘Brooklyn’, the story of an Irish immigrant in New York. Tickets are available online at [www.thelittleboxoffice.com/cheddararts](http://www.thelittleboxoffice.com/cheddararts). For help call 744939 extension 2 or visit Kings Fitness & 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.

## **West Mendip Orchestra – Friday 15 July**

At 7.45pm at The Friends Meeting House, Sidcot, BS25 1LT.

Music will include Sibelius- Karelia Suite, MacCunn - The Land of the Mountain and The Flood, Brahms Symphony No. 1.

Tickets £10, available on the door (concessions £8, students £2) [www.west-mendip-orchestra.org.uk](http://www.west-mendip-orchestra.org.uk) Charity no. 1041826

## **Brent Knoll Music on the Green – Saturday 16 July**

This year's annual Music on the Green will be held on Brent Knoll Village Green.

Featuring 'Kick the Cat' the Bristol based Blues Brothers, Soul, Motown and Funk Revue band, with a repertoire of music from across the years!

There will be a bar, BBQ and raffle. Tickets are £10 each, with entrance for accompanied children under 14 free. Tickets are available from Brent Knoll Village Shop or telephone 01278 760308 / 760986.

## **Somerset Chamber Choir Concert – Saturday 23 July**

The Somerset Chamber Choir will perform Benjamin Britten's, 'St Nicholas' as part of their 'English Genius' concert at 7.00pm in Wells Cathedral.

The Chamber Choir have members throughout the county (including Wedmore) and an enthusiastic following of 'Friends' and loyal supporters, so why not join them. They will be conducted by Musical Director, Graham Caldbeck with Southern Sinfonia and choristers from Wells Cathedral Choir. The programme will also feature Five Mystical Songs by Vaughan Williams and works by Gibbons, Purcell and Holst.

Tickets priced £30, £27, £22, £20 £14 and £10 can be purchased on line through [www.somersetchamberchoir.org.uk](http://www.somersetchamberchoir.org.uk), at Wells Cathedral Box Office, or by contacting Philip Bevan 713929.



## **The Old Vicarage, Weare, Open Garden Saturday 6 – Sunday 7 August**

The garden of The Old Vicarage in Weare will be open for the first time for the National Gardens Scheme

Entrance to the gardens is £3.50, accompanied children free. Home-made teas in aid of Weston Hospice Care and a plant stall. It's a sloping site with some gravel and lawn paths but it is largely accessible, although there is no disabled toilet. Parking on the road. For more information, email [trish.gibson@btinternet.com](mailto:trish.gibson@btinternet.com)



## **North Somerset Decorative and Fine Arts Society, Stories in Stained Glass – Wednesday 7 September**

Join us for interesting lectures on the arts from recognised experts. Lectures are held at the 37 Club, between Woolavington and Puriton, on

the first Wednesday of the month. Meetings are at 2.15 p.m. in the winter and 7.00pm from May to September.

Our next lecture will be Anthea Streeter talking about Thomas Heatherwick.

Thomas Heatherwick has won many awards and honours. In 2004 he was the youngest practitioner to be appointed a Royal Designer for Industry. Heatherwick's work received worldwide coverage in 2012 when, with his studio team, he designed the Olympic Cauldron at the London Olympics.

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## Polly's Kitchen



All the lovely soft fruits start to arrive at this time of year and there are so many things you can do with them, from amazing roasted peaches with a hint of rose water to fools and syllabubs and even sneaking them into the odd cocktail or two....so without wasting time I will give to you two fabulous summery recipes that incorporate one of your five a day!

These are both very speedy recipes and really easy, fun for the children to help with too...but maybe not the cocktail!

### **Blackcurrant Mousse Ice Cream (Serves 6)**

The taste of blackcurrants is so intense that they work best in an ice cream or mousse and even better in a softly frozen mousse made a couple of hours before you want to eat it.

#### **Ingredients**

450 g blackcurrants

Juice of 1/2 orange

225 g icing sugar

275 ml double cream

#### **Method**

Put the blackcurrants in a saucepan with the orange juice and cook until soft. Press them through a sieve to extract the seeds. Add the icing sugar to the fruit. Whip the double cream to soft peaks and fold in.

Pour the mixture into an ice cream maker if you have one. Freeze/churn for about 20 minutes, then pack into a plastic container and freeze for two hours. If you don't have an ice cream maker, place the mixture into a shallow container and freeze until half frozen, about one hour. Remove and fork through, mixing the frozen edges into the middle to break up the ice crystals. Repeat twice.

Before serving allow the ice cream to soften in the fridge for 15 minutes, serve 2 or 3 scoops per person.

### **Strawberry and Basil Vodka Cocktail**

Simple, quick and very delicious, this cocktail has the amazing summer flavours of strawberries and basil.

### Ingredients (for one)

Plenty of ice  
Double shot of vodka (40 ml)  
8 strawberries  
6 basil leaves  
Slash of cranberry juice

### Method

Put the ice, vodka, strawberries and basil into a cocktail shaker and shake for quite a while to pulverise the fruit and herb and release their flavours.

To decrease the sweetness slightly add a dash of cranberry juice.

Sieve into a cocktail glass.....drink and repeat!!!!

*Polly Costello*

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## The Garden in July

It is hard to believe, as I am writing this in mid-May, that by the time you are reading it, mid-summer will have passed. However we often get our best summer weather after the solstice. If the old adage, 'Oak before ash is all-important for a splash' is to be believed, we should be in for a dry season, because ash trees were very late into leaf this year. Actually, I believe the saying arose because oak trees are triggered to leaf out by day-length and ash trees by temperature and therefore in a cool spring, like we had this year, ash will be late into leaf. Why this should indicate what sort of summer is to follow, I don't know.



If we do have a dry summer, watering may be a major concern. It is usually considered best to water in the morning, to avoid plants being over-wet during the cooler night hours (this also encourages slugs and snails to come out to play), but watering in the morning in very warm conditions can mean that a lot of precious moisture is lost to evaporation, especially if it is also windy. It is probably best therefore to do your watering in the evening and deal with the molluscs as and when they appear.

Recently lawns have been growing vigorously during warm damp conditions, but when you read this, in July, most grasses will not be producing huge amounts but devoting their energies to seed production (again, triggered by day-length) but they will still need regular cutting to stop them from looking untidy. If, of course, you have a wildflower lawn or meadow, it may well be at its best right now and should be left alone until the flowers have set seed.

In the greenhouse, temperatures can be excessive and ventilation is all-important. It is often better to leave vents and doors open all night than it is to risk forgetting to open them in the morning. If you are growing cucumbers, shade them from hot sun and if you are growing melons support them from now on.

Tomatoes need regular side shooting; avoid “skinning” the main stems when doing this as it can allow botrytis (grey mould) to get a foothold on the damaged area. Also remove cut side-shoots from the greenhouse as they too can encourage botrytis. Rapid growth of glasshouse plants means they need feeding regularly and keep an eye open for pests such as white-fly and spider-mites. Both can now be introducing a specific predator. Find these on the internet or ask at a garden centre. Predators and/or parasites or fungal infections are also now available for slugs and for vine-weevils provided you match the treatment to the pest.

Before too long you may be thinking about hedge trimming. If you have borders at the foot of a hedge it is worth considering creating them a mower width away from the hedge, so that you have a grass strip on which to walk whilst trimming and somewhere for the hedge trimmings to fall.

Flowering shrubs that have completed their blossoming for this year can be pruned now. Do not allow them to put on new growth after flowering and then cut it off for the sake of neatness at the end of the summer, as you will remove the growth that will flower next year.

In the vegetable garden you can carry on with successional sowing of salad crops etc. Make sure that seeds are well watered as they can bolt if allowed to become dry when small. Many vegetables for autumn and winter can still be sown. Follow the seed packet instructions.

Of course, by now you should be able to reward yourself by sitting in the garden and observing the results of your labours and hopefully, if we have warm evenings, enjoying a glass of wine perhaps and savouring the scents and sounds as darkness falls.

Next time I write we will be talking about harvesting and perhaps showing your results.

*Adrian Hutchison*

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## Thought for the Month

July – Hopefully we will be basking in summer sunshine although our British climate far from guarantees it!

Our thoughts turn to holidays and more time spent with our families, barbecues in the garden, summer fetes, outings to the coast. Summer brings more opportunity for family get-togethers and reunions. Let us be mindful to use these opportunities to interact with love and to speak with grace, hope and truth.

As people spend time away, we miss their presence. Sometimes we may take a family or person for granted, when they are missing for a few weeks we notice they are gone and how their absence leaves a mark. Do try to let them know how much they were missed when they return.

Our spirits are raised by the freedom of longer, lighter days, of green trees, flowers in bloom and fruits ripening. The expanded hours of daylight and warmer weather gives us greater opportunity to enjoy and marvel at God’s Creation.



For me, the sight of butterflies is a joy and delight as they flutter between the flowers favouring the buddleias, lavenders and sedums. They are the essence of summer and as they emerge from what appeared to be a dead form is, to me, a very spiritual thing, a reminder of the Resurrection and the promise of new Life.

I wrote this poem at a time when butterflies were of special significance and comfort to me.

*'The Butterfly'*  
*I stop and smile in wonder,*  
*When I glimpse on fragile wings,*  
*A butterfly amongst the flowers,*  
*And sense the joy it brings.*  
*It bears a special gift to me,*  
*Of the promise from on high,*  
*That when life on earth is ended,*  
*The soul will never die.*  
*God's messenger, my butterfly,*  
*So beautiful and free;*  
*With a promise of Eternal Life,*  
*Stretched out, to you and me.*

Every season is God's season but summer has its special power. Summer is God's messenger, with a letter of love to show us what he is planning for us in the age to come, not as a substitute, but as a foretaste of heaven. His plan for those who love Him ...'Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard and which have not entered into the heart of man, God has prepared for those who love Him' (1 Corinthians 2:9).

During the summer we have the opportunity to incorporate Christian living into our holidays and recreational activities. As we travel to new places we have the chance to be ambassadors for Christ. We have the same responsibilities but we have a change of scenery. May we see the Light beyond the campfire and direct our lives towards the one who came as the Light of the World.

*Barbara Ellis*  
*Wedmore Methodist*

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## Sport Reports

### Isle of Wedmore Golf Club

....the merriest month in all the year  
Is the merry month of May.

So the golfers from Wedmore set off to enjoy themselves with a group of over 60 golfers spending the weekend at Donnington Valley G.C. near Newbury whilst the Seniors held their Spring Away Day at Cumberwell



Park in Wiltshire. The Donnington Valley course proved a very testing one but as usual some players managed to record impressive scores. Friday was an individual Stableford with next year's Captain Steve Smith on 34 points in second place behind last year's Captain Mike Garbutt with 37 points. Mary-Lou Denny with 31 points won the Ladies' ahead of Ange Webber.

Saturday moved on to a Four Ball Better Ball and a particularly impressive performance from Trish Phelps and Tom Smith who saw off all the opposition with 41 points. Being one of the younger members on the trip may have been significant in achieving another win for Tom Smith in the Sunday Bowmaker, this time in partnership with Ann Search and Tony Phelps and the hidden support of father Steve Smith. Ange and Brian Webber claimed the coveted putting trophy.

The Seniors played another tricky course at Cumberwell. Tony Roe's 36 points was enough to win the over 70's prize and the same score won Division 2 for John Hogan, albeit on countback from Ian Hollands with Frank Denniston third on 33. Martin Easton needed 37 points to win Division 1, again just winning out on countback from John Russell with David Taylor two shots back in third. The overall trophy, the newly re-engineered Crick Tanswell Trophy, went to Martin Peakman with an outstanding score of 39 points.

The May Day Bank Holiday week started with the traditional Texas Scramble for the Martin Bull Trophy. Despite a bit of wind and rain there were the usual fantastic scores. Best of all were Tom Smith, Dom Channon, Jon Thompson and Max Grant. They were 9 under par gross at the finish equating to a net 55.2. They were followed by Janet and Ian Robson and Jan Jenkins and John Russell on 57.3 particularly good as it was Janet's first big competition. Jane Hewitt, Bobby Jones with Ange and Brian Webber took third with 59.7.



*Liz Bull presents the prizes to the winners of the Martin Bull Trophy*

There was a beautiful day on Thursday for the Ladies Open Bowmaker and it was a team from Bristol & Clifton who took the main prize. Veronica Shorttle, Karen

Smith and Sue Underwood scored 81 points to win by 3 points from Sue Painter and Jenny Brown from Wedmore in partnership with Diane Ramsey from Wells. The all-Wedmore grouping of Wendy Lucas, Diane Miller and Betty Norman took third on the same score. The Visitors' Prize went to Min Woodward, Cynthia Miller and L. Dallalco from Farrington with 73 points.

Saturday saw the King Alfred and Queen Elizabeth Cups for the best man and lady gross scores. Early rain turned to hot sunshine and it was youth that blossomed. Josh Barwell took the Men's Trophy with a brilliant gross score of 73. The slightly older Terry Clark and John Russell took second and third place with 75 and 76 respectively. Jim Dobbs and Pete Beavan had the best nett score, 69, with Dobbs taking first place on countback. Twelve year-old Harriet Lockley was the star of the Ladies Competition, winning the Cup with a gross 83. This was just one better than runner-up Cathy Olive. Sue Tarry had the best nett score of 72. An exciting end to a busy week.

The next week was just as busy. The Seniors held their Open Day on Monday with 63 visitors competing alongside 43 home players. Despite the numerical advantage, home advantage told more with Wedmore players scooping the majority of the prizes. Overall winner of the event, sponsored by Butcombe, was Steve Lawrence scoring 39 points to take the trophy. This score was matched by David Taylor who took first place in Division 1, two points ahead of Terry Clark and Chris Norris. Best visitor on the day was Ian Clements from Cumberwell Park, his 38 points being only one off the main prize. David Bates also had 38 points to take the over-70's trophy. Division 2 was a close affair with Gordon Summers just holding off John Hogan on countback, both scoring 38 points with Philip Horn third on 36. Countback sorted out Division 2 as well with Mike Nicholls edging out Clive Warren-Smith after both scored 36. Peter Waters from Enmore was third on 35.



*Harriet Lockley and Josh Barwell, winners of the Queen Elizabeth and King Alfred Cups, alongside the other prize winners*

The Ladies Medal in the same week incorporated the qualifier for the Dickinson Cup, part of the County Silver Division Tournament. The Medal itself was a triumph for

Audrey Cowlin, coming in with a level par nett 72. This was just one better than Sarah Mathews who in turn was a shot better than Sue Hughes in third place. Best silver score of the day, and therefore qualifying for the Dickinson Cup, was Cathy Olive whose nett 74 was one better than Catherine Nicholson who had the best gross score of the day, 78.

Each Monday night at Wedmore ten teams compete in the 'Skittlers League'. This week's competition produced some remarkable scores starting on the very first hole when past Captain Mike Garbutt scored an 'albatross' 2 on the par 5 yielding 6 Stableford points. Then came a hole- in-one on the eleventh hole from Grahame Cox on his way to 44 Stableford points, best of the evening, despite failing to score on two holes. This was hard on Tim Harris and Ben Barwell, both of whom went round in level par gross but were only second and third.

The final week of the month was a milestone week for the Seniors with the monthly Stableford on Monday attracting a record 105 players and the Club playing its first ever match in the newly formed Avalon Seniors League on Wednesday. The numbers playing were not matched by record scores on Monday. Best score of the day came from Ian Robson, a very creditable 40 points to win Division 1 from Mike Munns on 39 and John Russell on 38. Ian Sentence took first place in Division 2 on 39 points with Martin Blackmore in second place on countback ahead of Tony Hoskings after both scored 38. There was a similarly close finish in Division 3. Mike Nicholls took first spot on 38 from Peter Rutter and Keith Rabbitts who both scored 37, countback giving Rutter second place. The Avalon League match was away against Worlebury so the draw achieved was a more than satisfactory return to start the season.

The Ladies played a medley of formats on Thursday in the Captain/Pro Challenge with Ladies Captain Sue Tarry partnering professional Carole Pope. They mustered a respectable 29 points but were well behind the leaders. A tight finish saw Trish Phelps and Sue McDonald taking first place on countback from Pam Berry and Desiree McGowan after both scored 38 points. Janis Lawrence and Val Webber were a point back in third place.

*Tony Biggs*

## **Wedmore Tennis Club**

### **Summer League**

Having played four fixtures, most of the ladies teams are in comfortable positions within their divisions.

In Division 1 the A team achieved 10:0 and 10:1 wins against Cleeve A and Bridgwater B, but have dropped down into second position following a 10:1 loss to Cheddar A. The B team recorded losses against both Bridgwater teams, but were able to celebrate an 8:4 win against Cleeve A.

The C team already seem likely to be promoted as they top their table with decisive wins against Congresbury A, Backwell A and Bridgwater C.

The D and E teams in Division 5 both lie mid table. Following a loss to the E team the D team achieved pleasing wins against both Wrington B and Weston A, while the E team lost to Weston A and a particularly strong Lympsham A team.



The F team have grown in confidence following a very narrow loss to Cheddar D, a draw against Winscombe C and an 8:3 win against Woodland B and are setting an enviable example in hospitality and catering!

### **Grade 5 Tournament**



*Some of the competitors in the Grade 5 tournament*

Wedmore's second grade 5 tournament took place in fine conditions on Sunday 22 May.

Wills House again won the 8U event. The 9U girls' event was won by Charli Beeson, while the boys' 9U event was won by Joshua Weall from Avon. James Champion beat Calum Jessett in a close final in the 12U section, while Wedmore player Dan Dor beat Matthew Boston in the 16U event.

A two-day festival will be taking place on 30 and 31 July with singles and doubles events organised for children and adults. Please enter via the LTA website.

*Sarah Cunningham*

### **Isle of Wedmore Bowls Club**

The outdoor green opened in the middle of April for the usual practice sessions and friendly games. These included a special event on Thursday 21 April to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. Members enjoyed an afternoon of bowling followed by tea, scones and cakes. This event was reported on BBC Radio Somerset when Claire Carter transmitted her morning show from the club.

In the friendly games played to date, the men have won one game and lost one. The ladies have won two and lost two. The ladies' wins included a game at home against Yatton in which Wedmore won all three rinks to finish with an overall score of 56 shots to 45. Special mention should be made of Shirley Wederell's rink who were 9 – 10 behind at the 11th end. They then won the next five ends picking up 13 shots and finally winning 22 – 13. There have also been seven mixed friendly matches. Of these three have been won and three lost. A seven rink friendly match, against touring team Chasewater B C, finished in a tie of 129 shots each. M Grosvenor's rink

had a great win of 31 – 12. In the first of two mixed friendly matches against Mark Moor, Wedmore won a close match by 107 – 104 giving them a narrow lead to take into the home fixture later in the season.



*The Queen's Birthday Tea (photo by Steve Wilkinson)*

Both the men's and ladies' sections play in three different leagues. The league season started first for the men. Last year they were promoted to the first Division of the Weston and District over 60s Triples. They initially found it difficult playing at this higher level losing their first three games despite winning some rinks in each match. Against Clarence Blues away, they won two rinks from six but lost the overall match 75 shots to 103. At home to St Andrews, both teams won three rinks but the match was lost 83 – 98. Away against Victoria Saxons, Wedmore won two rinks, tied one and lost three but lost the match 85 – 131. Their performance improved in a Weston and District Cup match against Yatton in which Wedmore won four rinks from six taking the match with an overall score of 104 – 82. Top score came from A Birch, I Faulkner and K Pettit who won 27 – 5. This improvement continued in the next league match played at home against Ashcombe Crusaders. Wedmore recorded one of their biggest wins ever winning on all six rinks, taking the match 148 – 65. Top rink: T Hamblin, M Grosvenor, K Pettit, 33 – 4. Wedmore recorded their second league win in the next match at home to Winscombe by winning four rinks from six with an overall score of 122 – 76.

Top rink: V Matthews, D Trow, R Newell, 32 – 10.

Wedmore men started the season better in the Clevedon and District over 60s league winning their first three matches. Away to Nailsea in the first match, they won four rinks, tied one and lost one, winning with an overall score of 101 shots to 95. Top rink: T Collingwood, D Collins, C Moss, 21 – 9. In The second match at home to Clevedon Prom, each team won three rinks but Wedmore took the match by 106 – 86. Top rink: A Birch, C Panchaud, R Thurkettle, 26 – 7. The third match was away to Portishead RBL who won the league last season with Wedmore finishing second.

In this vital game Portishead suffered their first league defeat since 2014. Wedmore won three rinks, tied one and lost two, taking the overall game by 106 – 91. Top rink: A Birch, J Harris, E Payne, 26 – 11.

Wedmore have two teams in the men's County League. The A team were promoted at the end of last season and now play in Division 2 of the County Premier League. Their first game was away to Purnell A which they lost 41 shots to 86 losing on all three rinks. In their second match at home to Bridgwater A they were more successful winning all three rinks with a total score of 68 – 53. Special mention should be made of R Hughes' rink who recovered from a 10 shot deficit mid game to win by one shot. The other two rinks each won by seven shots each.

Wedmore B play in Division 1 of the County League North. In their first match away to Victoria B, they won by an overall score of 59 – 51 despite only winning one rink from three.

Winning rink: V Matthews, C Wheller, S Fisher, D Stansfield, 28 – 13.

In their second match at home to Winscombe A, Wedmore lost by 48 – 69, losing on all three rinks.

The men's section have also had success in the National Double Fours Competition. In the first round, at home to Portishead RBL, Wedmore had a decisive 57 – 31 victory winning on both rinks.

Rink Scores: A Birch, K Burt, R Barron, D Nicholls, 31 – 14. D Collins, R Newell, C Moss, E Payne, 26 – 17

The second round was played at home against Castle Cary. This was a much closer game with both clubs winning one rink. Wedmore were the overall match winners by 43 shots to 40.

Winning rink: D Collins, R Newell, C Moss, E Payne, 22 – 15.

The ladies started their league season with a decisive 52 – 32 win away against North Petherton in the Wessex League. They won all three rinks but only after Julie Master's rink had made a remarkable recovery. After seven ends they were 0 -14 down but ended winning by one shot after scoring 7 on the last end. Gil Harvey's rink recorded the best win of the day with a score of 20 – 5. Unfortunately, this good start in the Wessex league was not maintained in the next two matches. In a tough match at home against Clevedon Prom, the visitors won all three rinks with Wedmore losing the match 44 – 63. Against Wessex at home Wedmore recorded one winning rink but lost the overall match 51 – 61.

Winning rink: Jenny Collingwood, Julie Collins, Trish Newell, Julie Masters, 20 – 15.

Wedmore have played two matches in the Mendip Triples League. Against Victoria at home, Gil Harvey's rink put in a strong performance to win 24 – 11. Wedmore won the overall match 57 – 47 despite losing on the other two rinks. The ladies were very unlucky to lose the next match away at Fosseyway. In a very close game each team won one rink with the third finishing in a tie leaving Wedmore the losers by just two shots.

Winning rink: Ann Hughes, Pam Beard, Maureen Hordle, 19 – 18.

In the Weston and District Triples League, Wedmore faced Burnham on Sea at home in their first game. They struggled against strong opponents losing all three rinks and finishing with an overall score of 46 – 65. Julie Masters' rink came closest

to a win. They were in the lead until the last end when they dropped two shots to lose the game by one shot.

Best rink: Barbara Clark, Trish Newell, Julie Masters, 19 – 20.

A full programme of competitive bowling will continue throughout the summer. Spectators are always welcome.

*Sandra Moss*

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## Church News

### **‘On a Wheel and a Prayer’**

On Wednesday 20 July, 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:

10.30 am	Cocklake	Lane End Farm
10.40 am	Crickham	Crickham Baptist Chapel
10.50 am	Clewer	Clive Weare House
11.20 am	Stone Allerton	Stone Cross
11.30 am	Chapel Allerton	Allerton Church
11.40 am	Ashton	On the corner next to Hill View Farm
11.50 am	West Stoughton	T Junction with the road to Allerton
12.00 noon	Blackford	Holy Trinity
12.15 pm	Westham	On the corner next to Bockingford House
12.25 pm	Heath House	Ash Tree Farm
12.35 pm	Sand	Upper Sand Farm
12.50 pm	Mudgley	Court Farm Cottages
1.00 pm	Bagley	Bagley Baptist Church
1.10 pm	Theale	Christchurch
1.25 pm	Wedmore	St Mary’s

### **Civic Service**

St Mary’s this year is hosting the annual civic service for Sedgemoor District Council on Sunday 24 July at 3.00 pm. Many councillors and those who play their part in civic life will be reaffirming their commitment and celebrating together and we hope that many of those who play their part in Wedmore community life will feel welcome to join them.

## The Revd Joy Hawes

Joy has been with us for a year now and hopefully many of you have had the opportunity to meet her and also encounter her ministry. Joy will be ordained priest (she is currently a deacon) in Wells Cathedral on Saturday 2 July at 3.00 pm. She will lead her first communion service the following day at 10.30am at St Mary's. I am sure that she will appreciate your support at either or both of these services and also your prayers at this important time in her life. Please see notices in St Mary's, Christchurch and Holy Trinity for further details.

## Parish Registers

### Baptisms

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

Molly Wells, daughter of Derek and Alice of Yate, baptised at St Mary's, Wedmore on Sunday 15 May 2016.

Samuel Dobson, son of James and Sarah of West End, Wedmore baptised at St Mary's, Wedmore on Sunday 15 May 2016.

### Funerals

Our condolences go to the family and friends of:

Doris Kick aged 91years formerly of Mudgley who died on Friday 20 May and whose funeral was at Christchurch on Tuesday 31 May 2016.

Patricia Brading aged 82 of King Alfreds Way, Wedmore who died on Saturday 21 May and whose funeral was at Mendip Crematorium on Friday 3 June 2016.

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# Church Services

## St Mary's Church, Wedmore

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

Sunday	3	Thomas the Apostle	10.30 am	Benefice Communion
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	10	Trinity 7	10.30 am	Parish Communion
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	17	Trinity 8	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion
			10.30 am	Family Service & Baptism
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	24	Trinity 9	10.30 am	Benefice Communion
			3.00 pm	Civic Service
Sunday	31	Trinity 10	10.30 am	Morning Prayer

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

## Holy Trinity Church

Sunday	3	Thomas the Apostle		No Service
Sunday	10	Trinity 7	9.00 am	Sunday Breakfast at the Village Hall
Sunday	17	Trinity 8	6.00 pm	Songs of Praise
Sunday	24	Trinity 9		No Service
Sunday	31	Trinity 10	9.00 am	Parish Communion

## Christchurch, Theale

Sunday	3	Thomas the Apostle		No Service
Sunday	10	Trinity 7	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	17	Trinity 8	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	24	Trinity 9		No Service
Sunday	31	Trinity 10	11.00 am	Parish Communion

## Allerton Church

Sunday	3	Thomas the Apostle	9.00 am	Family Service
Sunday	10	Trinity 7	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	17	Trinity 8	9.00 am	Youth Communion
Sunday	24	Trinity 9		No Service
Sunday	31	Trinity 10	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
			6.00 pm	Start the Week

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

## Bagley Baptist Church

A group of ordinary people with an extraordinary God.

Every Sunday 10.30am, Morning service (Groups for 3-15s).

Every Wednesday 10.00am-12.00 noon 'Coffee with a View'.

Come for free coffee and home-made cakes, our wonderful view and a warm welcome. Bring a friend, or come and make some new ones here.

We have good parking and wheelchair access.

We have various Bible studies and youth groups which we'd love to tell you about!

NB There is no Fathers' Day event at Kings of Wessex School this year.

For details, please telephone 710779 / 712812 / 713267, email [contactus@bagleybaptist.co.uk](mailto:contactus@bagleybaptist.co.uk), or come and see us at [www.bagleybaptist.co.uk](http://www.bagleybaptist.co.uk)

## Wedmore Methodist Church

Sunday	3		10.30 am	Anna Auty
Sunday	10		10.30 am	Revd Roly Sims, Family Service, Holy Communion
Sunday	17		10.30 am	Lois Emm
Sunday	24		10.30 am	Andrew Pugh
Sunday	31		10.30 am	Ken Hill

## **Crickham Baptist Church**

Every Sunday	10.30 am	Sunday School
	6.30 pm	Evening Service

*Contact Dulcie Hooper on 712187.*

## **Our Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, Cheddar**

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

*Contact Father Philip Thomas on 742564.*

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# **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.

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# 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 9.30 am 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 6.00 pm and 6.30 pm on the evening before your journey:

<b>Controller Taunton</b>	Angeline Duckett	712631
<b>Controller Bridgwater</b>	Angeline Duckett	712631
<b>Controller Weston super Mare</b>	Pam Meadows	712143
<b>Controller Street</b>	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](mailto:rachbennett1@hotmail.co.uk)



# What's On in the Parish

1 - Fri	<b>Mr Punch's Folk Club – Open Mic, with Ross Wallis</b>	8.00pm	The Panborough Inn
2 - Sat	<b>Wedmore Street Fair</b>		
4 - Mon	<b>Green Wedmore</b>	8.00pm	The George
5 - Tue	<b>Wedmore Young Farmers</b>	7.30pm	The George
6 - Wed	<b>Probus</b>	10.00am	Wedmore Golf Club
	<b>Camelot Quilters'</b>	10.00am	Wedmore VH
7 - Thu	<b>Wedmore Opera A Night at the Movies (until 9 Jul)</b>	7.30pm	Wedmore VH
8 - Fri	<b>Wedmore Arts Festival (until Sun 17 Jul)</b>		
	<b>Mr Punch's Folk Club Open Mic</b>	8.00pm	The New Inn
9 - Sat	<b>Wedmore in Bloom Work Party</b>	9.30am	The George
10 - Sun	<b>Holy Trinity Breakfast</b>	8.30am	Blackford VH
13 - Wed	<b>Camelot Quilters'</b>	10.00am	Wedmore VH
	<b>Blackford Cafe</b>	2.00pm	Blackford VH
14 - Thu	<b>Coffee Morning Wedmore Friends of Weston Hospice</b>	10-12am	Nanny Ida's
15 - Fri	<b>Wedmore Methodist Church Flower Festival (to 17 Jul)</b>	10-5pm	Methodist Church
	<b>Mr Punch's Folk Club Open Mic Evening</b>	8.00pm	The Panborough Inn
16 - Sat	<b>Theale Community Cafe</b>	10.00am	Theale VH
17 - Sun	<b>Theale Film Club – The Lady in the Van</b>	6.30pm	Theale VH
19 - Tue	<b>Wedmore Young Farmers</b>	7.30pm	The George
20 - Wed	<b>Club 50 Garden Party (Members only)</b>		
	<b>Wedmore Parish Council Meeting</b>	7.30pm	Blackford Village Hall
21 - Thu	<b>Wedmore WI Meeting, (Speaker Susan Marshfield)</b>	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
26 - Tue	<b>IOW Gardening Club Meeting</b>	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
28 - Thu	<b>IOW Gardening Club – Talk by Roy Halsey</b>	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
29 - Fri	<b>Mr Punch's Folk Club – Open Mic Evening</b>	8.00pm	The Panborough Inn

# July 2016

## Regular Weekly Events

### MONDAY

<b>Modern Dance</b>	4.00pm	Blackford VH	Kaye Morgan Anstee	07799 814204
<b>Beavers</b>	5.30pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438
<b>Bridge Club</b>	7.00pm	Masonic Hall +	Thelma Jenkin-Jones	01934 710467
<b>Scouts</b>	7.15pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438

### TUESDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

<b>Rainbows</b>	4.30pm	Wedmore VH	Gail Millard	01934 713922
<b>Brownies</b>	6.00pm	Wedmore VH +	Lisa Hall	01934 713566
<b>Guides</b>	7.00pm	Wedmore VH +	Elaine Tilling	01934 713650
<b>Yoga</b>	8.00pm	Blackford VH +	Sandra Mailey	01934 712686

### THURSDAY

<b>Wedmore &amp; Blackford Toddlers</b>	9.30am	Blackford VH	Abbe Smith	01934 710471
<b>Yoga +</b>	10.30am	Masonic Hall +	Shane Allen	01275 790175
<b>Life Drawing Class</b>	10.00am	The Swan	Lily Sawtell	
<b>Over 50s Dance Group</b>	10.30am	Wedmore VH	Pat Taylor	01934 713430
<b>Yoga</b>	11.30am	Masonic Hall	Shane Allen	01275 790175
<b>Ballet Classes</b>	3.45pm	Blackford VH	Bristol Ballet Centre	0117 960 5844
<b>Cubs</b>	6.30pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438
<b>Mendip Rotary Club</b>	7.15pm	IOW Golf Club	Chris Steel	07799 068669

### FRIDAY

<b>Tots and Tinies</b>	9.15am	Wedmore First School	Jo Page	01934 710431
<b>Wedmore Art Group</b>	2.00pm	Masonic Hall +	Eileen Sanders	01934 710353
<b>Karate</b>	5.00pm	Blackford VH	Kayleigh Branston	07748 916695

+ Not taking place during school holidays