

ISLE OF WEDMORE NEWS



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Editorial

The rewards from voluntary work are well documented and evidenced. This month Wedmore News sees lots of requests for parish residents to support the voluntary groups and organisations that need your help and time. This includes Wedmore News! So here is a plea to all our readers to help support the groups and organisations that keep our village and parish such a lively vibrant place to live; your Community needs you! Wedmore News has now been seeking a distributor since the September edition, making this the third time of asking. In addition we need a relief editor to support the team when we are on holiday or have other pressing commitments. The Community Bus is also seeking your help as is the Village Hall. These jobs are not onerous but do require a regular commitment. Maybe if you cannot do all of this yourself you could agree to share with a friend. Please do think about what you can do for your community; we certainly have a community that can do a lot for us!

Sue James

Front Cover

November's photo of Wedmore War Memorial was taken by Liz Sweeney. If you have a photo that would be suitable for the front cover please send it to photoswedmorenews@gmail.com. We look forward to receiving your pictures.

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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 September meeting of the Parish Council was held back at the Council Rooms following the annual visitations to Blackford and Theale. Members were advised that the Parish Council website is being modernised and hopefully its new appearance will attract more interest. The Council now has a 'facebook' page, just type in 'Wedmore Parish Council'.

The members agreed to fund street entertainment once again at 'Wedmore by Lamplight' in December and were updated on the progress with the proposed Neighbourhood Plan. I hope many of you will have had the opportunity to attend the consultation event at the Village Hall in October.

Village Allotments

An informal meeting was held at the allotments in September with members of the Parish Council and some enthusiastic allotment holders. There are currently nine plots available to rent so if you wish to take advantage of one of the plots, please let me know as soon as possible. The allotments cost in excess of £1500 per year and the rents received go nowhere near the expenditure incurred. So it is important that if the facility is to continue all plots are fully let.

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Wedmore News – Contact Details for Clubs and Societies

Please remember that we need any changes to contact details for Clubs and Societies so that an updated version can be published in January 2017. Please submit changes to Bill Sutton, email whatsonwedmorenews@gmail.com. The last date for receiving the information is Thursday 1 December.

Sue James

Wedmore News Editorial Team

The Editorial team is seeking a Relief Editor. The post involves getting to know the different aspects of the three editors' roles so that when one or other is not available due to other commitments the relief editor will be able to stand in for them. Each role on its own is not onerous, however when trying to do two people's work alongside other roles and responsibilities it can take some time, so a fourth member of the team would be an asset. All you need is a few hours a month around deadline time and a computer. For more information please contact Sue James, telephone 01934712797 / 07807539043, email editorwedmorenews@gmail.com.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sue James

Wedmore News Distribution

Could you offer Wedmore News a few hours each month? Wedmore News still needs someone or people to take on the main distribution of our magazine.

The role involves:

- accepting delivery of 1800 copies of the magazine on or near the 25th day of each month;
- dividing these into set amounts for each of the 30 local distributors - including payment for some;
- delivering magazines to the local distributors and to a few business premises between Mark Post Office and Cheddar Library.

Remuneration is available for fuel costs only.

If you are interested in taking on this role please contact Glenys Cousins, telephone 712565 or email cousins389@btinternet.com

Glenys Cousins

Your Community Bus Needs You!

The Community Bus team need to recruit a controller to take calls for bookings for our regular services.

This involves being available between 6.00 – 6.30pm in the evening for one day a week.

For more information, or to express an interest please contact Mike Bewick. Telephone 07794781975 or 713745.



Mike Bewick

Wedmore Village Hall AGM 2016

On Thursday 3 November the 34th Annual General Meeting will be held in the small hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

It has been a much loved and used community building for many years and has seen the benefit of Wedmore Village Hall Management Committee's dedication to upkeep and improvements. Regular users are of all ages - Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, the Tuesday club for older members of the village. Badminton, band practice, Camelot quilters, Over 50's dancing, Art for beginners, children's acting, Zumba and ante natal classes hold regular meetings.

The village hall is now busier than ever necessitating a progressive programme of maintenance and improvements which is where the management committee is responsible. The committee is formed from six representatives voted on at the AGM. User groups elect their own representatives who may attend any committee meeting and can be elected onto the committee. This year both the secretary (3 years service) and the chairman (9 years) are stepping down so new blood is needed for these positions. It is not an onerous duty with one meeting every two months but it is a business (albeit non-profit making) and like any business needs stewardship and as from now, two new brooms. Is it within you to be one of them? If so, please come along and find out what is involved or contact [Gail dick.colthurst@btinternet.com](mailto:Gail.dick.colthurst@btinternet.com) tel:713215 or [David dsummerscooke@gmail.com](mailto:David.dsummerscooke@gmail.com), telephone 713577.

This is an appeal from the heart for someone to take the reins to continue the momentum and make the hall one of the best entertainment venues in Somerset.

*David Summers-Cooke,
Chairman*

Wedmore Neighbourhood Plan

The initial event ‘What on earth is a Neighbourhood Plan?’ took place in the Village Hall on Friday 7 October. It proved popular, with around 150 people attending.

There was a steady stream of Wedmore residents and business people throughout the seven hour session which was designed to find out whether we should prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. This is important, since there is no point if the project does not have general support locally.

A mix of views were expressed. The positive ones saw a Neighbourhood Plan as giving local people a real chance to influence the future of Wedmore to 2033.

The negative ones felt that the benefits were outweighed by the cost and time that it would take to prepare a Plan. There were concerns that the process should be open and transparent

People can also view the exhibition boards online at www.wedmore.online. There was also an opportunity to vote ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ at the Village Hall on the day or via boxes at the Post Office and Village Store. The closing date for this was the 17 October. The outcome of the ballot was reported to the October Parish Council meeting.

Bob Sellwood



Ethel Pople Deceased Charity and The Wedmore Charities

The late Ethel Pople, formerly of The Old Smithy, Cocklake, Wedmore, who died in 1978, left a trust under her will for the assistance of the elderly and / or infirm of Cocklake, Clewer and Wedmore to be called ‘The Ethel Pople Trust’ in honour of ‘Our Blessed Lady of Wedmore’. Every year invitations are invited by the trustees from those who think they may qualify with a view to distribution of trust income.

The trustees of the Wedmore Charities, an entirely separate Trust, also make annual distributions of trust income, predominantly to those within the parish who fall within the same definition, in other words, the elderly and / or infirm.

The trustees of both charities meet in December each year with a view to deciding how their combined distributions can be applied for the greater benefit of those entitled each year.

The trustees of both the Ethel Pople Trust and the Wedmore Charities therefore invite written application from those who qualify under the terms of these Trusts with a view to distribution of the trust income in December 2016. Letters should state briefly the basis on which the applicants qualify, i.e. whether by a reason of age or infirmity and with any other relevant information as to the applicants’ circumstances that they feel able to give.

Please note that if you have applied successfully before the Trustees would like you to provide written confirmation that your circumstances have not changed.

The trustees of both charities will consider applications early in December with a view to distribution of Trust income before Christmas.

Applications should be addressed to the Ethel Pople and Wedmore Charities Trustees, John Hodge Solicitors, Cheddar Road, Wedmore BS28 4EH.

James Avery

Blackford Educational Trust Annual General Meeting

The annual meeting of the Blackford Educational Trust will be held on Tuesday 15 November 2016 and all applications relating to the academic year 2015 / 16 for consideration at this meeting must be sent to the Secretary c/o Hugh Sexey Middle School by Friday 4 November 2016.

Grants are available for children in full time education under the age of 25 years towards the cost of educational trips, courses, books and equipment etc. Applicants must live in the Parish of Blackford and only one application per academic year per child will be accepted. Application forms containing further details can be obtained from the Secretary of the Trust c/o Hugh Sexey Middle School

Simon Kraetor

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Shoe Boxes - Campaign Dates 1-18 November

It's that time of year again, when hundreds of thousands of people in churches, schools and workplaces all around the UK join together to do something really special. The idea is simple, children and adults fill shoe boxes with toys, sweets, stationery and other treats, then take them to a drop-off point. The boxes are distributed to children in refugee camps, orphanages, war-torn areas or other needy situations around the world. Over 124 million boxes have been delivered to more than 150 countries and territories since 1990. This mammoth task has been achieved using planes, boats, camels, elephants, helicopters, covered wagons and dog sleds! Thank you to the many people from the Wedmore area who fill boxes every year and to the lovely ladies who knit for the project. Every one of you is much appreciated. OCC is a Christian charity, open to people of all faiths or none. Each shoebox is a gift to a child with nothing asked for, or expected in return - no pledges, no obligation to go to church or attend classes, 'no strings attached'. It partners with local churches to distribute the boxes and if those local partners feel it's culturally appropriate, they also offer a booklet of Bible stories. If the ethos of OCC doesn't tie up with yours, please feel free to fill a box via a different organisation, but do fill one somehow! For the child who receives a box, it will almost certainly be their only Christmas present; a powerful reminder that they are loved and not forgotten.

Bagley Baptist Church is again acting as a local drop-off point and will be open to receive boxes from 9.00am-1.00pm, Monday-Friday, from 1-18 November. If you come between 10.00-12.00noon on a Wednesday morning, we will even provide coffee and cake! We are at BS28 4TG.



OCC asks for £3 per box, to cover transport costs. This can be as cash or cheque inside the box, or if you pay online you can track your box and find out to which country it goes. They also ask for their own labels to be used. You can pick these up from Bagley, either before or when you drop off your box(es), or you can print them off from the website.

For what to put in your box, plus lots of other information, go to www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoobox. You can also telephone us at Bagley Baptist Church 710779, Sharon Rabbitts, 713267, or Julie Harding, 713078. Thank you very much.

Sharon Rabbitts

Repair Cafe

Don't bin it, get it repaired – for free!

Most people have broken things they want repaired but end up throwing them out. Instead, why not bring them along to Green Wedmore's free Repair Cafe on Saturday 12 November? It's at Wedmore Village Hall from 10.00am-1.00pm.



You can bring almost anything along that needs fixing. Our experts will help you repair broken furniture, fix something electrical, sort out a problem with your bike, repair clothes, and much more besides.

You can also enjoy some delicious cakes and biscuits and a tea or coffee at the popular event.

Each item repaired is one less sent to landfill and fewer precious resources used up.

*Anthony Lamb,
Green Wedmore*

Solar Power Boosts Local Organisations



Photo shows representatives of Wedmore Community Power Co-operative with local organisations to whom they awarded community grants, in front of the village's solar panels.

It is three years since Wedmore Community Power Co-operative's solar paddocks began generating renewable electricity, and we have now given away more than £10,000 in community grants using some of the profits made.

We are now encouraging more groups to apply for funding via our website, www.wedmorecpc.co.uk – the deadline is 30 November.

Last month we presented cheques to representatives of four local organisations for projects that will benefit people on the Isle of Wedmore, in front of the solar panels at Mill Farm, Quab Lane.

Wedmore Scouts received £2,000 for re-roofing their hut, and group leader Bill Belshaw said 'Our hut dates from the Second World War and recently we have made a lot of improvements to it. Thanks to the co-operative's grant we can now finish the project by re-roofing the building and installing better insulation'.

A £500 grant went to Wedmore Arts Festival, whose representative Moira Hamlin explained 'Our festival aims to involve as many members of the community as possible, so for example this year we had almost 300 schoolchildren coming to hear children's author Michael Morpurgo and also the visit by Ballet Central sponsored by the co-operative's grant'.

Green Wedmore has bought a digital projector thanks to a £520 grant. 'It will enable us to get our environmental message out to the wider community, where there are lots of people with good intentions but lacking the knowledge of what to do,' said group secretary Shaun Thorogood.

Wedmore Playing Fields have been allocated £5,000 for installing solar panels on their proposed new sports pavilion. Trustee Chaz Maguire said 'The electricity they generate will subsidise our own bills and also generate some extra income'.

Rob Richley

Samaritans Quiz Night

If you hurry you can still get tickets for this brilliant fun night. The questions will test your knowledge and maybe your ability to think out of the box!

The quiz, taking place at Wedmore Village Hall on Friday 4 November, will be supporting the local Samaritans branch and enabling volunteers to continue to offer support to those in distress and despair. Each local branch is entirely staffed by unpaid volunteers who, on top of listening to callers on the phone or by email and SMS, also fund-raise to pay all the branch costs, e.g. rent, phone bills etc., so you will know that anything raised by this quiz night will go directly towards supporting the service for our callers.

The doors will be open from 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. You will be served a lovely meal in the middle of the evening and there will be a licensed bar. Teams will be four people and tickets are £15 per person and are available from the Village Store or Holly and David Cole, telephone 713392. Do please come we would love to see you.

Holly Cole



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 Tuesday 1 November. Entries should take the least amount of effort possible to create. To enter contact: Trevor 01934 710004 or 07812848011, or The New Inn, Wedmore. Alternatively leave your entry at The New Inn, Combe Batch, Wedmore, Somerset. BS28 4DT. Please include your name or pseudonym and contact phone number. Closing date for entries will be Monday 21st November. The winner will be announced at The New Inn, Wedmore, Somerset on Monday 5th December at 6.30pm. For more info visit The New Inn, Wedmore, our facebook page or buy the book at www.amazon.co.uk/dp/1844039390 The Turnip Prize: A Retrospective: We know it's crap... but is it art? amazon.co.uk



Trevor Prideaux

International Penny Chuffin' Competition for Children in Need

This year's annual International Penny Chuffin' competition will take place at The New Inn, Wedmore on Friday 11 November from 8.00pm.

Competitors have to lodge three two-penny coins between the cheeks of their backside, walk a distance of 4 yards and deposit the coins into a pint tankard. They have three runs at this making the maximum total possible 9 coins which will qualify them for the final.



Previous winners have been:

2005	Trevor Prideaux
2006	Clive Mills
2007	Trevor Prideaux
2008	Trevor Prideaux
2009	Lesley Watts
2010	Lesley Watts
2011	Trevor Prideaux
2012	Debbie Noon
2013	Alice Mckinley
2014	Alice Mckinley
2015	Trevor Prideaux

For further information, contact Debbie 01934 712099

Trevor Prideaux

The Children's Society Box Opening

The Annual Box Opening for the Children's Society will take place in St Mary's Church on Saturday 3 December, starting at 10.00am. All box holders and friends are invited to come along to St Mary's Church to enjoy a cup of coffee and browse the Christmas Market whilst your box is opened and the contents are counted. Children's Society Christmas cards will also be on sale.

For those unable to attend on 3 December, please bring your box to Sue Burton at Combe Cottage, Combe Batch, by Thursday 1 December.

The Children's Society helps many young people in the U.K. It is currently concentrating on giving support to vulnerable youngsters leaving a childhood spent in social care to join the adult world. If you would like to become a box holder, and new collectors are urgently needed, please contact Sue Burton on 712092. All you have to do as a box holder is to either put in a regular amount or just your loose change from time to time. It is surprising how one and two pence pieces soon add up!

As an alternative, if you do not wish to have a box of coins lying around the house, you can arrange to make regular payments to The Children's Society by Direct Debit. If you would like to sign up to this scheme, please contact me.

Sue Burton

Wedmore First School Academy Nursery

Wow, what a great start to the new school year! We have really enjoyed getting to know the new children who have joined us, and have been taking full advantage of the mild autumn weather. The children have had great fun in forest school, building dens for our nursery animals. The nursery children have been particularly interested in the bugs we find in the garden, so we went off in search of some signs around the school and were most lucky to find a big creepy crawly sign in the reception class' garden. This was a big hit and got some of the children thinking about the fun they will have in reception next year. Everyone in nursery really enjoys being part of the academy as we are a special part of the wider learning environment; and like meeting our siblings and friends at lunch time.

The children loved getting messy when we joined Tots and Tinies for a messy play session, and were delighted to come back into nursery to find our own sticky dinosaur swamp. Now we have a week of ark building and Harvest Festival to get on with.

Please feel free to come along and meet us, we are open from 8.00am until 6.00pm, 50 weeks of the year!!

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www.wedmorefirstschool.org.uk



Michelle Calpaldi

The 16th Wedmore Real Ale Festival

No sooner had it arrived, than it seemed we were stacking the empty barrels away on the Sunday afternoon, marking the end of yet another ale festival. During the weekend over 5,000 pints and 179 bottles of wine and prosecco had been drunk, helping our revenues rise by 8.8% and making our 16th festival the most successful festival to date, helping us to go beyond last year's amazing total of £15,000, all for local worthy causes.

We are delighted to announce that this year's festival generated £17,000 for local worthy causes, which is a festival all-time best.

Representatives from no less than 14 local beneficiaries gathered at our annual presentation night on Saturday 22 October held at The New Inn, Wedmore and picked up cheques ranging from £250 to £3,000, that will in turn provide welcome assistance to a wide and varied cross section of our community.

The concept of the WRAF from its infancy to the present day has always been about promoting and championing real ale. It's a fantastic coincidence for one and all that in doing so we've raised and donated £150,571.00 in the last 16 years to local worthy causes.

The Wedmore Real Ale Festival Committee is delighted to announce that this year's festival beneficiaries are

Wedmore Brownies	£250.00
Hugh Sexeys Middle School	£300.00
Cheddar Vale Gateway Club	£500.00
Wedmore Tuesday Club	£500.00
Theale Play Area	£750.00
Movement Workshop Nights	£750.00
Orchard Vale Trust	£900.00
Weston Hospice Care	£1,000.00
Children's Hospice South West	£1,340.00
Brainwave	£1,500.00
Wedmore Scout Group	£1,750.00
Wedmore PTA	£2,100.00
Wedmore Village Hall	£2,360.00
Wedmore Playing Fields- Management Committee	£3,000.00

TOTAL **£17,000.00**

Cheques were issued to all the successful beneficiaries, and a short overview was given into how their funds will be spent.

A big thank you to Frank, Debbie and the team at The New Inn for their continued support, hosting and hospitality this year, it is very much appreciated.

For more information on sponsoring, volunteering, attending or anything else connected with the Festival please get in touch.

Next year's festival will be running from 15 – 17 September 2017. We will keep you posted on its developments via our Facebook group.

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To keep up to date with the all festival news please like our Facebook page @wedmorealefestival, follow us on twitter @WedmoreRealAle or go to our website www.wedmoreale.com.

We look forward to seeing you all again next September.

Ian Page

1st Wedmore Brownies go to Crealy

As the pinnacle of our 80th anniversary celebrations, Wedmore Brownies headed for Crealy on Saturday 1 October, thanks to a generous grant from The Wedmore News. It was an early start to catch the coach at Wedmore playing fields car park but that got us there for 10.00am just as the gates opened. The rest of the day literally was a bit of a blur for most! All the rides were sampled by the Brownies (and leaders). Whether roller-coasters, water rides, or classic rides like the carousel and pirate ship were your personal preference, it was all there, plus soft-play, the animal barn and the outside fort to keep all amused. Even the weather was mostly kind, if a little chilly. We stayed until it closed, stopping at intervals for a picnic, snacks and ice-cream. I think we can safely say a good day was had by all, we certainly tried, Brownies and leaders included, by the time we arrived back in Wedmore. So, thank you Wedmore News - you literally made our day!

*Lisa Hall,
Wedmore Brown Owl*

A Day in the Life

Lisa Hall, Brown Owl with 1st Wedmore Brownies

I lead the Brownie pack in Wedmore – a role which I accepted ‘temporarily’ back in 2014! We have 24 Brownies, ages 7-10, three Adult Leaders, two Young Leaders (age 15 and 18) and two adult helpers. My job is to oversee the running of the pack which basically means making sure we have the right number of Brownies and leaders at any one time, plus the money and resources to run the programme!

I work full time so it's bits and pieces for Brownies when I can during the week. I mostly do my admin and planning on Sunday and Monday evenings, which, as with all youth organisations, can be considerable. Wednesday evenings are always very hectic. Our house is always full of girls after school as a Rainbow leader friend and I take turns in cooking tea for our daughters – all of whom are at Wedmore Brownies and Guides on a Wednesday evening. I set up at the village hall at 5.45pm, the Brownies and other leaders arrive at 6.00pm, we run a packed programme until 7.30pm and then it's time to tidy up. For some reason I'm always really tired by 9.00pm on a Wednesday evening...

There are no issues – only nice things! It was our 80th Anniversary on 6 March 2016, so we held a church service at St Mary's Church and a party afterwards at the Village Hall. The Brownies ran most of it and did a fantastic job. We raised money

by running a coffee morning earlier in the year and celebrated our Big Birthday at Crealy, thanks to a generous donation from The Wedmore News!

More recently the Brownies made a beautiful birthday card for The Queen and we have since had a reply from a lady-in-waiting thanking the Brownies on behalf of The Queen for their 'splendid card' and 'kind words'.

This summer we went to the beach one evening and to Somermead Lodge, the Somerset Girlguiding campsite just outside Wedmore, for a campfire and sing-song to celebrate the end of term.

A few years ago we held a Brownie sleepover at the village hall and one of the highlights was a car wash. I will never forget the sight of a horde of Brownies descending on a car to wash it, only to leave it part-washed and soapy as soon as another vehicle arrived. We didn't charge for the service, and donations were optional. As the then Brown Owl put it 'Brownies are great at washing cars but they don't necessarily get them clean!'

Girlguiding is immensely supportive towards females, for both the girls (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Senior Section) and the leaders who run it. There are few organisations where girls can be themselves, have fun, build brilliant friendships, gain valuable life skills and make a positive difference to their lives and their communities. But more than that, it's just masses of fun. I've learnt so much and had so many different experiences in the eight years I've been a volunteer, I really wish I had started sooner. If you are tempted, why not (in Guide-speak); Go For It'.



Thank you Lisa for sharing The Day in the Life of Brown Owl with Wedmore News

I think sometimes people forget we are not paid to do this and that we are running Brownies simply because we love it; hence any support is very much appreciated. We are always short of trained leaders, so if anyone would like to take up the challenge, to go into uniform and train as a leader, we'd love to hear from you. I can guarantee you will get more out of it than you put in.

For more information about Girlguiding UK go to www.girlguiding.org.uk and for 1st Wedmore Brownies, <https://wedmorebrownies.wordpress.com/> or wedmore.brownies@gmail.com. Thank you!

My day in a few words - fun, friendship and fellowship.

Lisa Hall

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, and share your day.

Sue James

Focus on Businesses

Rose Farm – A Family Affair



Photo shows Rose Farm Company Directors Richard Wills and his daughter Charlotte Wright.

Walking along a leafy lane in Cocklake, I entered the Rose Farm preserves factory to meet Company Directors Richard Wills and his daughter Charlotte Wright. Rose Farm

Somerset Limited dates back to 1996, but the business began earlier as a side-line. It was started by Richard Wills. He went to Harper Adams Agricultural College and after graduation worked for a major animal feed producer for 13 years to gain experience as part of his ambition to set up his own business. When he left the company he started a farm, rearing turkeys for Christmas and raising pullets for re-sale and for producing eggs. After a while he began buying and selling dairy produce, potatoes and other products. Eventually, he started pickling the small pullet eggs and selling them to his existing customers. This was the origin of the preserves business. His customers asked him for more products and he extended the range, bottling onions and chutney. First of all, he purchased the chutney from suppliers but then started his own production using family recipes. The recipe for the best-selling product, Harvest Chutney, comes from Charlotte's grandmother, who was 100 years old on 30 September this year!

In 1996 Richard made Rose Farm Somerset Ltd. into a separate company and gave up rearing livestock to make life easier. As it continued to expand and new products were added to the range, Charlotte joined the business in 2003.

Charlotte did a food-related course at university and joined Harrods' graduate training scheme, working there for three years. She then moved to an independent department store in Bristol for four years before joining the family business. Charlotte told me that her main focus is on Marketing, although her father said that she is really managing the whole business as he is now working part-time and taking a back seat. The company has a range of over 150 products – mainly chutneys, marmalades and jams - which are all made in small batches in the factory in Cocklake, with no artificial ingredients or preservatives. They use as much local produce as possible, including Roger Wilkins' cider from Mudgley. The business employs 11 people, most of whom have worked there for many years.

Alongside the traditional Rose Farm label, Charlotte has now added a line called 'The Bit on the Side', which is a subsidiary of Rose Farm but run as a separate business. The labels of this range are more modern and slightly quirky, and the products have more unusual ingredients and flavours. The preserves are sold to retailers, as well as restaurant, catering and bakery customers throughout the country. Although 90% of customers are within 100 miles, people who live further afield can now purchase the products online, through the company's e-commerce site called 'The Online Pantry'.

Liz Sweeney

Do You Run a Business in the Parish?

Then how about telling our readers more about yourself? 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? If you would like to share your story, send an email to editorwedmorenews@gmail.com or photoswedmorenews@gmail.com and I will contact you for a short interview.

Liz Sweeney

Reports and Society Updates

St Mary's Church 100 Club

Diana and John Allison were the worthy winners of the 1st prize of £20 in the October Draw, with their holding of No. 71, with Janet and Dennis Johnson winning 2nd prize of £10 with their No. 27. Congratulations to both pairs.

Thelma Jenkins-Jones

Wedmore WI Report for September

We were welcomed back after the summer break by Margaret T, as some people are still on holiday. Birthday greetings went to Jane, Margaret B, Jean B, the other Jean B and Carol. The business meeting updated us on several issues, including filling a shoebox as a Christmas gift for a boy, our birthday party meeting in October, when we will have a ploughman's supper, Carols at Wells Cathedral in December, the skittles tournament, and various other events.



We had found ourselves sitting on the plastic chairs, and the reason for this became obvious when our speaker, Jo Willis, was introduced. Jo teaches yoga for the over 50s, running classes in Axbridge and Draycott. A lot of the exercises are done sitting, so the arms of the padded chairs would get in the way. We had an unusually active session, as Jo explained the benefits of movement, maintaining muscle strength and balance, and the importance of posture, all of which yoga addresses. We were assured that we wouldn't have to get onto the floor (or up from it!), moved arms, legs, shoulders, spines, heads, and all in a very gentle and un-hurried way. One of the co-ordination exercises had us moving arms one way and heads the other; we did deep breathing, some stretching exercises holding on to the back of our chair, and finished with the lights turned down doing relaxation. We could all feel that we had been working out, although everything was very calm and controlled. Our cup of tea at the end was more than usually welcome after Jane's vote of thanks to Jo for a very interesting evening.

At our November meeting we will hear about '50 years of mural making', from Philippa Threlfall. The competition is for a piece of pottery.

Chris Barker

Isle of Wedmore Society Report for September

After its annual summer break, The Isle of Wedmore Society met again on 22 September for a talk by Fred Giles entitled 'What the microscope has done for you'.

Mr Giles gave us a run down on the primitive days of microscopes and early pioneers. He gave lurid examples of London water in the 1850s and the arguments which raged as to whether disease is germ borne or miasma borne; and whether cholera was in the air or in the water (cholera was still a very real threat in the 19th century in England).

After a brief look at the work of Joseph Lister and his battles to control bacteria, Fred brought us up to modern times, discussing how the internet now makes

diagnostics ‘live’ and outlining the many social advances in the 21st century. We duly trooped home after the customary refreshments with much to ponder.

William Agnew

Wedmore in Bloom

The tubs are all cleared of summer blooms and planted ready for the winter with polyanthus and either daffodils or tulip bulbs. We order 900 polyanthus and 790 bulbs. so we’ll look forward to our usual colourful display.



Thanks to the usual team of volunteers and of course our sponsors – we couldn’t do it without you.

Come and join us for our work parties on the second Saturday of the month – we meet at the George at 9.30am. This month’s date is Saturday 12 November.

Bring a trowel, dustpan and brush and a sack for rubbish. This is a convivial occasion with coffee afterwards and a good chat.

Details, Andrea West on 712161.

Andrea West

Wedmore Theatre Club - Autumn Production

4 Plays and a Ploughmans (but not on Thursday!!) Thursday 24 – Saturday 26 November



Rehearsals for the Club’s Autumn Production have now been well underway for over six weeks with a talented cast of well known Club actors including Elizabeth Coulter, Nikki Lewis (now Hewson), Andrea Brenner, Emma Graham-Brown, Emily Parker (now Sutherland), Peter Langley, Peter Colton and Roger Kergozou. All have starred in many recent Theatre Club productions and each have great, comic touch and timing as well as interpretative abilities.

The evening’s entertainment comprises four short plays, written variously by David Tristram, Jean McConnell and Margaret Bower, three are comedies and one a light hearted drama all sharing as a theme that life is not always as it seems and taking a sideways look at the quiriness of human relationships! Each culminates with a delightful sting in its tail, and provides great, light-hearted, rib tickling entertainment. So to help forget the country’s political shenanigans, Brexit and the EU, this is an evening you must definitely see and is not one to be missed!!

Just in case there might be any confusion, a ploughman’s meal is included in the ticket price of £12 for the Friday and Saturday performances and will be served during the interval. For those not wanting a meal and/or wishing to come on Thursday, this performance will suit them at the ticket price of £9. Whichever day you choose do come early to bag the seat and table of your choice and to purchase your desired tippie from our licensed bar.

Tickets are on general sale from the 31 October and may be obtained either from Jendy Weekes, telephone, 01278 641370, on-line at wedmoretheatre.com or from Wedmore Village Store. Reserved tables for parties of eight can be purchased, but only via Jendy Weekes or online.

With audience numbers restricted to 90 per performance, there will be a strong demand for tickets so to avoid disappointment, please do not leave getting your ticket(s) to the last moment.

David Cole

Wedmore Tuesday Club Has Moved

After 8 very enjoyable years at the Wedmore Masonic Hall, the Tuesday Club has now moved back to its original location, Wedmore Village Hall. This will make parking so much easier for everyone.

We are a friendly, sociable club for the over-70s, who meet every Tuesday from 10.30am – 2.30pm. We provide coffee or tea on arrival, a hot, freshly cooked 2-course lunch at 12 noon, and a piece of home-made cake to take home, all for just £5. We sometimes have speakers, activities or outings, but often we just like to sit and chat. You are welcome to call in anytime; just for a coffee if you prefer, but you are welcome to stay as long as you like. We can provide a driver to bring you to the club if necessary.

We always need more volunteer helpers and drivers, so if you would like more details please call Shirley Avis, telephone 712023, or Rita Beasley, telephone 713325. Or just drop in on any Tuesday.

Sue Freeman

Wedmore Twinning Association

We have decided to invite our friends in St Medard to visit us next year during the week of the Harvest Home.

It is likely that there will be a number of new younger families with children in the party visiting us. So if you have ever thought about joining in with Twinning activity next year's visit presents a very good opportunity to become involved. We will be having a meeting to discuss outline plans for next year at 7.00pm in the Masonic Hall. You can hear about this year's visit to St Medard, what next year's visit looks like and what host families are likely to be doing during the visit. If you are new to twinning or just want to find out more about it all then this is the ideal opportunity for you. If you cannot make the meeting on 20 November but would like to find out more, please do contact me, Cameron Swales, telephone 713342, or Steve Frost our Treasurer, telephone 713970, or indeed any of the other Committee members - we will be very happy to have a conversation with you. We look forward to seeing you.

Cameron Swales, Chairman WTA

Mr Punch's Folk Club Annual Concert

Will be held on Friday 18 November at Theale Village Hall. Tim Van Eyken will perform supported by Tim & Sue Brine.

The evening will commence at 7.30pm. For tickets (which are limited) and cost £10, please telephone 7122144



Fresh from his appearance as featured folk singer with the Royal Philharmonic at the Royal Albert Hall, Tim is returning to his roots in Somerset for one night only at the Panborough Folk Club. Tim grew up in Somerset and cut his teeth playing for

dance team the Beetle Crushers. He went on to win the BBC Young Folk Award after which he toured internationally both as a solo artist and as a member of Waterson, Carthy and Dr Faustus. He released his second solo album 'Stiffs Lovers Holy men Thieves' on Topic in 2007 which garnered 4 nominations in the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards, going on to win Best Traditional Track for 'Barleycorn'. After a barnstorming season of Summer festivals he was snapped up by the National Theatre to originate the role of Songman in their smash hit show 'War Horse'. After two years in the show he took time out from gigging to pursue acting work and has since lit up the West End in 'Shakespeare In Love', and the screen alongside Benedict Cumberbatch and Keira Knightly in 'The Imitation Game'. This night in Panborough is a very rare solo appearance.



Tim van Eyken

Tim and Sue Brine have played professionally for many years all around the Southwest, playing an excellent mixture of traditional and self-penned songs. They accompany themselves with a variety of instruments and sing in wonderful harmony.

Bernard Coulter

IT for the Terrified

I.T. for the Terrified for all your computer training needs.

A skill-sharing, informal, community project. Run by a Committee – Staffed by Volunteers.

I.T. for the Terrified is now using Cheddar Village Hall for our computer training sessions, with an ethos of friendly, informal, relaxed and individual help to use your computer, tablet or smartphone. If you need the use of one of our machines, please let us know as this can be arranged.

Anyone of any age or ability can learn how to order prescriptions or library books, do your shopping, share photos, email or chat to friends and family online, etc.

Our opening hours will be flexible, because we have different trainers with different skills on different levels on different days, and need to work round when the hall is available, but we will arrange an appointment to suit both parties as quickly as we can. Appointments are essential and cost £10 per hour for a 1:1, or £15 per hour for 1:2 sessions. Appointments would normally be 2 hours, but for a quick word of advice, there are some 10 minute slots which may be available on a Thursday, but there are no drop in sessions and all appointments must be pre-booked.



Please note that there was a period when BT was unable to activate our phone line, so if you have tried to ring and there was no reply, please try again. Contact us at I.T. for the Terrified, telephone 741751, email itforhetherrified@btconnect.com, or visit our website www.itforhetherrified.co.uk



We are using Cheddar Village Hall, Church Street, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 3RF

Cheddar Village Hall (used to be Cheddar Church House) is next to St. Andrew's Church and almost opposite the road to Sainsbury's (used to be Budgens).

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

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Cheddar Valley University of the Third Age (U3A)

On Thursday 3 November our monthly talk is titled 'Burglary, Rogue Traders and Common Internet and Telephone Scams' by PC Matt Hawker, taking place at Cheddar Village Hall at 2.15 pm. The regular monthly talk this time seems particularly relevant at the moment with internet and telephone scams on the increase. Visitors welcome.

Our 'Meet & Greet' Coffee Morning will take place on Thursday 17 November from 10.30am -12.00 noon at Cheddar Village Hall.

Come along to one of these events, or join us at Cheddar Library on Monday mornings from 10.30am – 12.00noon, you may find more activities in our U3A to interest you. More details on line, search for Cheddar U3A or telephone 744241

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Geoff Farnie

Cheddar Vale Lions Club



Cheddar Vale Lions Club will be siting the 'Tree of Light' at the Bath Arms again this year, in the heart of Cheddar, with the kind permission of Sean and Jacqui and provided by Cheddar Parish Council. The tree will be lit on Thursday 1 December at 6.30pm.

Christmas is often a time of reflection, and members of Cheddar Vale Lions Club are inviting you to remember loved ones by sponsoring the 'Tree of Light'. The project, which is in its fourth year, enables you to remember your loved ones by sponsoring a light on the tree. We send the individual a card in which is handwritten the name of the person who is being remembered. The sponsors are invited along to the lighting up ceremony in December.

A short dedication service with Christmas carols will take place. The minimum donation asked is £5, and you can sponsor a light in memory of a loved one by completing a form to be found on our website www.cheddarvalelions.org.uk or in outlets throughout the valley. All the money raised by the Cheddar 'Tree of Light' will go back into the Cheddar Valley community.

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

Walk Programme – West Mendip Walkers

Thursday 3 November

West Mendip Walkers - moderate circular walk 10.6mi/17kms from Holford Green. OS Map Ex140 ST157412. Start 10.00am. Car park next to Green. Contact Tony Strange, telephone 733783 / 07976 902706, email anthonyestrangle@gmail.com

Thursday 10 November

West Mendip Walkers - leisurely circular walk 5.5mi/8.9kms from B3134 lay-by near Charterhouse. OS Map Ex141 ST515558. Start 12.30pm. Park in lay-by (limited space). Contact Tony Strange telephone 733783 / 07976 902706, email anthonyestrangle@gmail.com

Thursday 17 November

West Mendip Walkers - easy to moderate circular walk 8.0mi/12.9kms from Bawdrip Church. OS Map Ex140 ST342396. Start 10.00a.m. Park near church. Contact Tony Strange, telephone 733783 / 07976 902706, email anthonyestrangle@gmail.com

Thursday 24 November

West Mendip Walkers - moderate circular walk 6.25mi/10.00kms from Upper Weare Church. OS Map Ex141 ST414527. Start 12.30p.m. Park near church. Contact Tony Strange, telephone 733783 / 07976 902706, email anthonyestrangle@gmail.com

Tony Strange

Weather Report for September 2016

RAINFALL	Monthly total	69.4mm	(2.73ins)
	30-year average	59.2mm	(2.33ins)
	Wettest day (13th)	13.2mm	(0.52ins)
	No of dry days	15	
	Last 3 months (Jul-Sep)	151mm	(5.95ins)
	Year ending 30 Sep 2016	692mm	(27.2ins)
	30-year annual average	797mm	(31.4ins)
TEMPERATURES	Maximum (7th,14th)	24.0 °C	(75.2 °F)
	Minimum (17th, 23rd)	7 °C	(44.6 °F)
	Number of air frosts	Nil	
	Monthly average maximum	19.6 °C	(67.3 °F)
	30-year average maximum	19.1 °C	(66.4°F)
	Monthly average minimum	11.3 °C	(52.3 °F)
	30-year average minimum	9.7 °C	(49.5 °F)

COMMENTS

Rainfall 17% above long term average, but well distributed. Warmer than usual, especially overnight.

Denley Brown

Forthcoming Events

Quiz Night in Aid of Local Samaritans Branch – Friday 4 November

Another opportunity to ‘pit your wits’ against your fellow quizzers and support a great service at the same time. We can ensure it will be a fun night with supper included. Licensed bar.



Teams of four, tickets £15 per head. Doors open at 7.00pm, quiz starts at 7.30pm. For tickets telephone David and Holly, 713392 or available from the Village Store.

The Turnip Prize Entries – Tuesday 1 to Sunday 21 November. Final Judging – Monday 5 December

Get your creative juices flowing and your thinking caps on! It is time for the ‘The Turnip Prize’. Entries accepted from Tuesday 1 November until Monday 21 November. Entries should take the least amount of effort possible to create. To enter contact Trevor, telephone 710004 / 07812848011, or The New Inn. Alternatively, leave your entry at The New Inn. Preliminary judging takes place on Tuesday 22 November. Final judging takes place at The New Inn on Monday 5 December at 6.30pm. For more information visit The New Inn, Wedmore, or our facebook page.



Fairtrade Coffee Morning and Annual Christmas Card Fair – Saturday 5 November

At St. Mary’s Church, Wedmore from 10.00am-12.30pm. Once again St Mary’s PCC is opening the church to various charities to give them an opportunity to sell their Christmas cards, calendars and gifts. This is the sixteenth fair and over the years it has raised thousands of pounds for a wide range of charitable causes. A few stalls still available, so if you would like to have a stall, (registered charities only), please telephone Sue Burton, 712092.

Fairtrade coffee and cakes will be available to refresh you in between making your purchases. This is always a very happy occasion, so do come along and support your favourite charities.

Mr Punch’s Folk Club – Friday 4 & 18 November

Friday 4 November at The Panborough Inn, starting at 8.00pm, entrance £1.

Open Mic featuring Jan Newton, excellent singer and musician

Friday 18 November - Mr Punch’s Annual Concert at Theale Village Hall at 7.30pm. Bar available. With Tim Van Eyken supported by Tim & Sue Brine

Tickets are limited and cost £10. Telephone 7122144 for tickets.

For more information telephone 712144/710020

Penny Chuffin’ Competition for Children in Need – Friday 11 November

This year’s annual International Penny Chuffin’ competition will take place at The New Inn, Wedmore from 8pm.

For further information, contact Debbie, telephone 712099

Coffee Morning at Guildhall Lane – Saturday 12 November

From 10.00am - 12.30pm at 'Cotswold', Guildhall Lane, Wedmore - come and enjoy coffee, cake and Saturday morning chat with us when we shall be raising funds for St. Mary's Church. All welcome.



Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 16 November

The meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm at the Council Rooms Grants Lane. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Wedmore WI Meeting – Thursday 17 November

At 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall. We will hear about '50 years of mural making' from Philippa Threlfall, and the competition is for a piece of pottery. Visitors and guests are most welcome, we are a friendly bunch of ladies, and we finish each meeting with tea or coffee and a biscuit. For further information please contact Chris Barker, 2 Dunns Close Wedmore BS28 4BL, telephone 712182, email chris@cjbarke.plus.com



Theale Film Club – Sunday 20 November

The film is 'Testament of Youth' at Theale Village Hall. Doors open at 6.30 for 7.00pm. For more information please contact Lesley Luke on 713176, lesleyluke@live.co.uk, Bernard Coulter on 712144, bcoulter@talktalk.net, or Pam Meadows on 712143.

Isle of Wedmore Gardening Club – Tuesday 22 November

The next meeting will take place at 7.30pm at the Masonic Hall.

This month we have a talk on 'Grandma's Garden - The Edwardian Garden' with Yvonne Bell. A colourful and nostalgic look at the Edwardian garden around 100 years ago.

Members and guests welcome. Contact Andrea West, telephone 712161



Isle of Wedmore Society – Thursday 24 November

The meeting will be at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall when the speaker will be Michael Blandford. His talk is entitled 'Water in Wells'. We are all familiar with water flowing along the streets of Wells and this talk will tell us about where it comes from! Members free, Visitors £3, with a free glass of wine / soft drink after the talk.

Wedmore First School Academy and Nursery Christmas Craft Fair – Friday 25 November

This year's annual craft fair starts at 5.30pm. There will be stalls, traders, crafts, games, raffle prizes, Father Christmas and much more! £2.00 entry includes free mince pie and glass of mulled wine. All profits go directly to Wedmore PTA.



Stallholder enquiries to ameliahendry40@live.com.

Christchurch Theale Christmas Bazaar – Saturday 26 November

Between 10.00am - 2.00pm. There will be bric a brac, books, Christmas craft and home produce for sale together with a raffle and tombola. Coffee and biscuits will be available in the morning and ploughman's lunches will be served also. All are welcome.

Wedmore Methodist Church Carols and Candlelight Concert – Wednesday 7 December

The Annual Carols and Candlelight Concert in aid of Charlton Farm, Children's Hospice South West (CHSW) will take place at Wedmore Methodist Church commencing at 7.00pm. There is no charge for entry but there will be a collection at the end of the concert and ALL donations will go directly to the Children's Hospice.



Tea/coffee and mince pies will be served in the schoolroom at the conclusion of the concert, for which there will be a nominal charge. Christmas stalls selling CHSW cards, calendars, diaries, pens and Christmas decorations will be in the vestry and a stall selling gifts will be in the schoolroom.

There will also be Memory Stars available at £1 for you to write your personal message on and they will be hung on the Memory tree in the Church to be remembered in our prayers. Memory Stars are a simple and beautiful way to remember someone special to you at Christmas and also raise funds to support families at Children's Hospice South West.

Please come and support the Children's Hospice which makes the most of 'short and precious lives'. No need to book, just come along on the night.

Further information from Gwen Fisher, telephone 712629 or Angeline Duckett, telephone 71263.

Christmas Concert by the Burnham and Highbridge Brass Band – Saturday 10 December

The Burnham and Highbridge Brass Band will be performing a Christmas Concert at St Mary's Church on Saturday 10 December. In addition to festive music the programme will include contemporary and traditional pieces.

Doors open at 7.00pm and the concert commences at 7.45pm. Tickets are available from the church, or telephone 710475, or visit the website. www.burnhamandhighbridgeband.weebly.com

Theale Film Club Quiz Night Saturday 14 January

At 8.00pm in Theale Village Hall.

Test your knowledge of film and powers of observation with film and music extracts on screen. Teams of six with tickets costing £7.50 per person to include light supper. There will also be a raffle. For more information and tickets please telephone 712144.



Events Taking Place Outside the Parish

North Somerset Decorative and Fine Arts Society, Stories in Stained Glass – Wednesday 2 November

Starting at 2.15pm. Join us for interesting lectures on the arts from recognised experts. Lectures are held at the 37 Club, between Woolavington and Puriton.

Our next lecture will be Nicolas Reed talking about ‘Camouflage and the Art of Deception’. Camouflaging of ships in wartime was invented in WW1 by the artist Norman Wilkinson, and perfected in the Royal Academy Schools. But it was a professional conjuror who accomplished astonishing things against Rommel in Africa, his greatest challenge being the first one he was given, ‘The Suez Canal is over 100 miles long and 200 yards wide - we want you to hide it!’

Toddler Story Time at Cheddar Library – Friday 4 November

‘Wear your wellies day’. From 2.30-3.30pm. Its free and there is no need to book, just come along.

Cheddar Arts @ Kings Theatre – Thursday 15 November.

Another glittering cast is assembled for the witty costume drama ‘Love & Friendship’, starring Kate Beckinsale and based on a Jane Austen novella.

Tickets are available online at www.thelittleboxoffice.com/cheddararts

For help telephone 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.

For more details visit www.kowessex.co.uk/cheddarArts or for queries email cheddararts@googlemail.com

Somerset Wildlife Trust Hosts Evening with One Show’s Mike Dilger – Saturday 19 November

At Queen’s College, Taunton at 7.00pm. Somerset Wildlife Trust is delighted to announce that it will be holding a special evening event with Mike Dilger, wildlife presenter on the BBC’s ‘The One Show’, (also co-presenter of ‘Natures Top 40’, and also presented on ‘Autumn Watch’, ‘Spring Watch’ and ‘Nature’s Calendar’).



Mike’s presentation is ‘The Trials and Tribulations of being a Wildlife Presenter’, in which as an ecologist, Natural History presenter and writer, Mike will share his journey into wildlife television and his favourite filming experiences alongside some amusing stories from working in Britain and around the globe.

Tickets sell fast, so to find out more and to book your tickets: please go to www.somersetwildlife.org/mikedilger.

Tasty Morsels – Recipes for You



Butterbeans with Sausages, Leeks and Cider

Serves 4

The clocks go back, the nights draw in and our thoughts turn to fireworks and log fires. So here's a cracker of an autumn recipe for the chilly nights ahead. Basically a sausage casserole but it also works well with chorizo and, for the brave, black pudding.

Serve with jacket potatoes and a green vegetable of choice, or with crusty bread. The creamy starchiness of the butterbeans needs a robust wine for balance so a white Chardonnay or red Merlot would be a good choice to accompany the dish. Enjoy!

Ingredients

8 / 12 good pork sausages depending on appetites

200 grams of bacon lardons

2 good sized leeks, sliced

Knob of butter

1 tsp of smoked paprika

240 gram tin of butterbeans

6 sprigs of thyme

2 bay leaves

300ml dry cider

100ml water

Salt and pepper

Chopped parsley for garnish

You will need a large, lidded, casserole dish – 1.5lt

Method

1. Pre-heat the oven to 180°C (350°F) Gas Mark 4

2. Brown the sausages, leave whole and when browned place in the casserole dish

3. Quickly fry the lardons in their own fat in a large frying pan, push these to one side and add the leeks, paprika and the knob of butter (if needed). Continue frying until the leeks are soft then add the butterbeans, thyme, bay leaves, cider and water. Gently stir for 2/3 minutes

4. Pour the mixture over the sausages, cover the casserole and place in the oven for 60 minutes

5. When cooked remove the bay leaves, and season the dish as required. Partly mash some of the butterbeans so they disintegrate, and then sprinkle with the parsley before serving.

Norma Teakle & Derek Logan

The Garden in November

It seems hardly any time ago that I was writing about October, but that is because I was a few days late writing my last piece and I am early writing this one before going to Malta for a week or so.

After what I thought was a rather disappointing summer, August and September turned out to be reasonably good. They say that gardeners are never satisfied with the weather and I must confess that there was an aspect of that in late August / early September that caused some problems. That was high night temperatures and high humidity; these factors together produce ideal conditions for the spread of potato blight, both on potatoes and on tomatoes. My greenhouse tomatoes, which had, hitherto, been cropping well, were suddenly afflicted and lost a lot of foliage and the fruits were also damaged. I did spray them belatedly, against it, but such treatment has really to be prophylactic to be fully effective. Hindsight is a wonderful thing.

I have mentioned bulb planting previously, but it really should be finished now. Tulips should be the last to go in. One of the main reasons for poor performance by bulbs, is shallow planting. A useful rule of thumb is to plant at twice the depth of the height of the bulb: that would be about 15cms deep for a fairly large daffodil bulb. If in doubt, err on the side of deeper rather than shallower.

Although daffodils and other narcissi bulbs can be left in situ from one season to the next, tulips, because they come from areas with hot dry summers, may need to be dug up and ripened in a warm dry spot through the summer. This can be made simpler by planting them in the kind of baskets that are used for pond plants, then, at the end of the season, bulbs, basket and all can be got out of the ground easily after the foliage has died off next year. If you are planting bulbs in containers, you can get a succession of flowers by planting at different depths i.e. tulips deep down, then daffodils a little higher, then smaller bulbs, such as crocuses, nearer the surface. You can plant in a standard potting compost, possibly with the addition of some grit or bark to make it more open.

If you have a greenhouse, you may well be putting into it now containerised patio plants that may be too tender to leave outside. If the greenhouse has been used for tomatoes, cucumbers etc. it may well have a population of white-fly and spider mites. It is worth giving it a thorough clean when removing the summer plants, before putting your over-wintering plants in. Use a proprietary disinfectant such as Jeyes Fluid or even consider fumigation. Some insecticides are only effective against the adult pests, so more than one application may be necessary to target those that hatch out later. This information is usually on the product label and certainly available on the RHS website.

If you are an organic gardener, you may wish to use predators to control pests, rather than chemicals. These predators are often not active at lower temperatures, again the RHS is a useful source of information.

Rock gardens and lawns can often be damaged by drifts of fallen leaves, so try to collect them frequently and put them in a bin to rot down into leaf-mould, a useful



soil conditioner. Leaves can be slower to rot than other garden compost, so it is best not to put them in thick layers on an ordinary compost heap; give them a separate bin of their own, or put them into strong polythene sacks with holes punched in them, until they have rotted.

Accelerants are available for this process, they are not chemicals, but selected organisms which inoculate the leaves and make them rot faster.

It is hard to believe that we may be in the grip of winter by the time you are reading this, although I hope we are not as the earlier winter arrives, the more tedious it becomes. Often early November can be a time of sunny days, foggy nights and sudden drops in temperature. Under glass, as in the spring, there can be a great contrast between night and day temperatures so keep an eye on the weather forecast in order to keep less hardy plants safe. Misty conditions and poor ventilation can lead to grey mould (botrytis) on a variety of plants, so beware.

In the open ground you can plant Aquadulce Claudia broad beans and try growing lettuces in the greenhouse border. Next time I write, it will be my Christmas edition! What an awful thought.

Adrian Hutchison

Thought for the Month



Lovers of Life and Learning

I want to tell you a story. Yesterday I went into a little Baptist/Methodist Chapel in the village of Rode in Somerset. Going up the steps towards the entrance of the Chapel there is a tombstone, on which the final phrase is my title this month. So let me briefly tell you the story. When I first started school, I hated it and ran away at every opportunity. Then something happened, a new teacher came to our school to teach the infant class; she was a Miss Stacey. I was hooked and never wanted to run away again. This young lady who I thought came from the village of Rode, taught me to read and to love life in school.

Some years later as a minister I went into the chapel and met a man called Paul Stacey, asked him if there was a Miss Stacey who came from Rode, who had been my teacher. It couldn't have been my sister he said, because you are too old. Later I found my reports from Primary School with the signature of D.J.Stacey, and showed them to Paul. He confirmed that it was his sister who came to our school, before she went to College to train as a teacher.

I have never lost the love for learning that this young lady gave me. I thoroughly enjoyed my educational experiences later at the Blue School in Wells and then the higher education at Cardiff, Reading and Bristol Universities. I now sincerely believe that learning is a life long process, and that we must always be ready to know more about faith, and our life in the world in which we live.

I am reminded that Jesus said (in John's Gospel) 'I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. I wonder, if others when they look at us, hear what we say, see what we do, and by the kind of persons we are, see people who indeed enjoy life in all

its fullness'. I am reminded of three books by Tom Wright, 'Simply Christian', 'Simply Jesus' and 'Simply God News'. These remind me that I am founded and grounded in the Christian Faith, and teach Biblical Studies and World Religions. I do believe that we must know about what others believe in our world, if we are to live together and alongside each other. I also believe that the message that we have as Christian people is indeed Good News, and is about in all its fullness.

*Roly Sims,
Methodist Minister in Cheddar, Norton Down and Wedmore.*

Sport Reports



Isle of Wedmore Golf Club

It's getting to the time of year when the various Captains can begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel and before they get to the more serious business of the AGMs there is a bit of fun to be had. The Club and Ladies Captains, Toni Ribi and Sue Tarry, held their Captains' Weekend with 2 days of golf, one fairly serious, the other not so serious. Saturday was a Stableford for the Captains' Cups. A brisk wind made scoring slightly difficult although not for the division 2 men. Playing for the trophy presented by Chris Donald, Jon Thompson found golf easy as he won with 43 points. Richard Lane took second spot on 40. In division 1, Tim Harris took the cup presented by Ray Dodkin on 37 points just edging ahead of Jim Vowles on 36. There was a good turn-out from the Ladies with best score of the day coming from Shirley Gooding, 36 points taking the trophy presented by Alison Dodkin by a single shot from Ronnie Follenfant. Another close finish in division 2 saw Deidre Wheadon on 35 winning by a point from Ann Adams to take the trophy presented by Hilary Crandon.



Gill Jones taken centre stage at the Ladies Autumn Meeting along with other prizewinners.

Sunday was a Bowmaker with a quiz also involved and the captains serving cake and drinks half way round. Highlight of the day was a hole in one from Cathy Olive but not quite enough to get her team in the prizes. Third prize went to Mike Garbutt, Tom Bennett, Bill Lander and Andy Ratcliff whilst runners up were Ben Barwell, Pete

Beavan, Ian Mann with 'ghost' Ange Webber. Four points ahead of everyone though were Ann and David Adams with Chris and Terry Simpson, with the other winners being the Captains' Charities, richer by £400.

The Seniors Captain Mike Tanswell was an integral part of the weekend but also had his own special day. The huge scrum of golfers gathering before 9.00am meant it must be a shot-gun start. As always, there were more disappointed players than winners, but there were also a couple of brilliant scores of 43 stableford points in damp and muggy conditions. This meant that countback was needed to decide the overall winner with Barry Royal winning by the smallest of margins from Derek Meades. The Captain himself was another with a smile on his face, winning division 1 with 41 points. This was 2 better than John Russell with Terry Clark a further shot back in third.

Division 2 was won with 38 points by John Stent, 3 points ahead of both runner-up John Cutter and Alan Hill. Clive Williams had an excellent 39 points to win division 3, a shot clear of John Sim and a further point clear of third placed Eddie Parlour. As a sign of the growing maturity of the Section, this year a prize was given to the best over 80 and the inaugural winner was Robbie Knight with a more than respectable 34 points.

The Seniors had a second fun day going to Enmore for their summer away day. Ellis Nearn enjoyed his trip taking the Smith Sims trophy with 38 points. Mike Smith scored 35 to win division 1 from John Russell and Martin Easton, Peter Searle had 37 winning division 2 from Mike Tanswell and Tony Biggs whilst Chris Donald also had 37 winning division 3 ahead of Brian Crosby and Barry Royal.

For even more fun they then invited the Ladies along to a match for the Friendly Bowl. In glorious sunshine, the Ladies, in a reversal of recent matches, amassed over 640 stableford points whilst their opponents struggled to break 600. Wendy Lucas and Ruth Pearson led the way for the Ladies with 45 points whilst Mike Smith and Pete Bendall did their best for the Seniors with 46.

In the same week the Ladies held an Open Bowmaker, teams of 4 with at least one visitor in each team. There were therefore plenty of visitors amongst the 136 players and they did well with Liz Rose, Nichola Croft and Chris Atkinson from Mendip and June Waller from Farrington winning on 91. This score was matched by Rosemary Patterson, Deborah McArdle, Jo Joliffe and Liz Bloor from Bath who took the Visitors Prize. There were home players in second place with Gina Falcon and Sue Chambers being joined by Bev King from Oake Manor and Wendy White from Enmore to score 89. Claire Biggs and Jane Hewitt with Sandra Ford and Val Fraser from Long Sutton took third prize with 88. In a busy month the Ladies also held their Autumn Meeting with Gill Jones being star of the day on 37 points, but only on countback from Sue Tarry. Divisional prizes went to Audrey Cowlin in bronze on countback from June Smith and Chris Smith in silver, 2 better than Claire Biggs.

Just to keep all sections occupied, the Junior Championship also took place with a small but select field. After a very close first day, Harriett Lockley just beat Georgia Pope for the Girls Title and Sean Gray finished just ahead of George Cox to win the Boys Title.

The final week of the month saw the inaugural holding of the Paul Plume Challenge Trophy between the men's Avalon League teams and the ladies' Alliance League

teams. Paul graced the Avalon team for many years and would have enjoyed this challenge in which the ladies threatened for a long time to put their names first on the trophy. In the end, however, the men just sneaked home by 11 points to nine.



George Cox, Sean Gray, Harriett Lockley with sister Ffion and Georgia Pope around Junior Organiser Grahame Cox following the Junior Championship

Tony Biggs

Wedmore Tennis Club

Saturday Tennis and Tea

Twenty players, including assistant coach Craig and several guests from Avenue and Victoria clubs, enjoyed the final Tennis and Tea afternoon of the year despite the windy conditions.

Thanks to Sandra Evans and Jo Attiwell for providing a delicious tea and to their tea boy, David Evans. Thanks also to all those who have contributed to the success of these afternoons over the summer, which have been thoroughly enjoyed by many members and non-members.

Avenue Competitions

A friendly doubles afternoon was hosted by Avenue Club recently, organised jointly by Jenny Fitzpatrick and Barry from Avenue. Avenue Club provided an impressive selection of cakes at half time (a welcome respite from the sun), and awarded the Wedmore players a tin of Roses for winning a greater number of games.

Six Wedmore members also played in the Jo Gooden tournament at Avenue on Saturday 1 October. Wedmore's Jenny Fitzpatrick, paired with Mary from Yeovil, won the event – Well done Jenny!





Mary (left) and Jenny (right), winners of the Jo Gooden Tournament at Avenue

Sarah Cunningham

Isle of Wedmore Bowls Club

Outdoor bowling has now finished for the year and bowling will soon begin indoors. Players at Wedmore have had a busy season as usual and two of the men's teams have enjoyed considerable success. Wedmore A, playing in the County League Premier Division 2, beat Fosseyway A at home by 64 shots to 48 in their last game of the season. The team finished in third place in the league, only 1 point behind the second placed team. This is an excellent result as Wedmore had been newly promoted to this division from the County League Division 1 North. Wedmore B are playing their second season in Division 1 North and have continued to find life difficult. They lost their final game against a strong Portishead RBL team and end the season next to bottom of the league.

The men's team in the Weston & District over 60s league have also struggled. In their first September game, away at Clevedon Prom, they managed to win one rink and tie a second but lost the other 4. This resulted in an overall defeat by 85-111.

Winning rink: R Bull, I Gallop, R Hughes, 13-10.

The team were already relegated back to Division 2 when they played their last game of the season.

Playing away at St Andrew's, both teams shared the rink wins 3 each but Wedmore managed their fourth win of the season taking the game by 102-92.

Top rink: J White, I Faulkner, D Collins, 20-8.

The highlight of the men's bowling this season has been their outstanding performance in the Clevedon & District over 60s League. The team had 2 league matches remaining to play in September. In the first, at home to Chewstoke, Wedmore won all 6 rinks taking the game by 120-81.

Top rink: P Smith, I Gallop, R Newell, 24-13.

In the second match, again at home, Wedmore beat West Backwell by 114-89, taking 4 rinks from 6.

Top rink: P Smith, T Brown, D Nicholls, 27-6.

This final win left Wedmore undefeated and topping the C&D league in only their second season taking part.

Last month the men had won the C&D Charity Cup and had also reached the final in the C&D Knockout Cup. In this they played Portishead RBL who were the current holders and had won this competition 11 times from the 16 it has been played. In the final, played on a neutral green at Congresbury, Wedmore lost 1 rink, won 3 by a close margin and won the remaining 2 comfortably finishing with an overall win of 118-85.

Top rink: V Matthews, D Collins, C Moss, 27-9.

The ladies have had mixed results in their league matches this season. They finished a creditable second in the Mendip Triples League but still had 2 games to play in the Wessex League. In the first of these, away at Ashcombe, Wedmore won 2 rinks from 3 winning the overall match by 49-48.

Top rink: Julie Collins, Margaret Barron, Pam Beard, Shirley Wederell, 28-14.

The ladies' final league match was played away at Wessex. They again won 2 rinks from 3 winning with an overall score of 61-51.

Winning rinks: Julie Collins, Doreen Gallop, Ann Hughes, Pam Beard, 20-13.

Maureen Hordle, Pat Jenkins, Jenny Collingwood, Julie Masters, 23-16.

Wedmore ladies finished their season playing in the Fear Plate, a County Competition. Early in the month they beat Watchett in the semi-final by a comfortable margin of 65-49. Their last match of the season was the final played against Prattens at Ashcombe. This proved to be a close and exciting game. After 21 ends Wedmore had lost 2 of the 3 rinks but a 26-12 win by Ann Hughes, Doreen Gallop, Maureen Hordle and Elaine Deverill left the scores tied at 56 shots each. In a tied match all 3 rinks play an extra end with the winner being decided on shots. Two of the Wedmore rinks lost their extra end by 1 and 2 shots but the match was won by Elaine's rink gaining 5 shots resulting in a 2 shot win to Wedmore.

Individual competitions have been played throughout the season and these culminated in finals played on 10 & 11 September. A full list of winners and runners-up is given below.

Ladies' 4 Wood Singles	Winner:	Shirley Wederell
	Runner Up:	Carol Phillimore
Ladies' 2 Wood Singles	Winner:	Maureen Hordle
	Runner Up:	Carol Phillimore
Men's 4 Wood Singles	Winner:	Alan Birch
	Runner Up:	Dave Nicholls
Men's 2 Wood Singles	Winner:	Ron Barron
	Runner Up:	Alan Birch
Open 4 Wood Singles	Winner:	Alan Birch
	Runner Up:	Ray Newell
Over 70's Singles	Winner:	Ray Newell
	Runner Up:	Ann Hughes
New Winners	Winner:	Mike Grosvenor
	Runner Up:	Philip Tincknell
Ladies' Pairs	Winners:	Barbara Clark & Ann Hughes

Men's Pairs	Runners Up:	Pat Jenkins & Gil Harvey
	Winners:	Steve Wilkinson & Ron Barron
Mixed Pairs	Runners Up:	Mike Green & Clive Panchaud
	Winners:	Di Maingot & Ron Barron
Family Pairs	Runners Up:	Ann Marie Wilkinson & Ray Newell
	Winners:	Margaret & Ron Barron
	Runners Up:	Ann & Roger Hughes

Bowling on the Wedmore green was brought to a close when the Captains, Julie Collins and Alan Birch, hosted club members for Captains' Day. An afternoon of bowling was followed by a very enjoyable tea.

The indoor season starts at the end of September with a full fixture list of club leagues, friendly matches and County competitions. Regular coaching sessions will be arranged for any new bowlers.

Sandra Moss

Church News

Remembrance Sunday

To be commemorated, as usual, with special services at St Mary's and Christchurch on Sunday 13 November. At St Mary's we begin in church at 10.15am (please note the time – it's the same as last year, but ¼ hour earlier than the usual Sunday service at St Mary's), before moving to the war memorial for 11.00 am. The service at Theale will begin at 11.00am.

Armistice Day

Friday 11 November will be marked with a ceremony, including two minutes silence, at the War Memorial beginning at shortly before 11.00am. All are welcome to attend.

Advent Carol Service at 6.30 pm

The last weekend in November sees the beginning of Advent, the time in the church's year for preparing ourselves to receive our Lord Jesus when he comes, both at Christmas in human form and at the end of time in glory. Advent Sunday 27 November, will be marked in the evening when Holy Trinity will move from darkness to light during the Advent Carol Service. This is a particularly moving service in which the theme of the coming of the light of Christ is invoked with hymns, music and readings appropriate to the Advent season.

St Mary's Christmas Fayre

St Mary's once again invites you all to the annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday 3 December between 9.30am - 12.00noon. There will be all the usual stalls, singing from pupils of Wedmore First School Academy and the Coffee Shop will be open throughout.

Christchurch Theale Christmas Bazaar

To be held on Saturday 26 November between 10.00am- 2.00pm. There will be bric a brac, books, Christmas craft and home produce for sale together with a raffle and tombola. Coffee and biscuits will be available in the morning and ploughman's lunches will be served also. All are welcome.

Messy Church Saturday 19 November 3.00 - 5.00pm at St Mary's

- Is a way of being church for families involving fun;
- Is for adults and children to enjoy together;
- Uses hands-on activities to explore Bible stories, to reflect a God of creativity and to give people a chance to play together;
- Is about hospitality, expressed most evidently by eating together.



The two hours of Messy Church will feature a number of craft tables based around the life of Joshua, a time of worship and a shared tea. It is for all the family, whether or not you normally come to church. Look out for flyers, posters and invitations later in the month. Speak to the vicar Richard Neill if you want to know more or look at www.messychurch.org.uk

Movement Youth Worship

On Sunday 27 November at 6.30pm (doors open at 6.00pm) St Mary's is delighted to be playing host again to a Youth Worship event together with the organisation Movement. This is an opportunity aimed at young people aged 15 to 24 to join together from churches across the area to worship and have some teaching about the Christian faith. With a very good band and speaker, lights, big screens and free doughnuts and Pepsi it proved to be very popular when we had a trial in April. The next date is 8 January. Look at www.wearemovement.net for further details.

St Margaret's Hospice – Light Up A Life Service

You are warmly invited to join us at the Service at St Mary's Church at 3.00pm on Sunday 4 December.

At this service we will have an opportunity to pause, reflect and remember; and in the flame of a little candle to kindle again the memory of our loved ones.

We know that Christmas can be an especially difficult time for those feeling the darkness of bereavement and loss and, as well as holding you in our hearts, this occasion is an opportunity for St Margaret's to come alongside in this poignant season of the year.

'On a Wheel and a Prayer'

On Tuesday 8 November, 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	Next to Mendip View 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

Parish Registers

Baptisms

Welcome to the following baptised into God's church recently-

Joseph Callow, son of Christopher and Jasmine of Allerton baptised at Allerton on Sunday 4 September 2016.

Theo Lord, son of David and Jennifer of Blackford baptised at Holy Trinity on Sunday 24 September 2016.

Weddings

Congratulations go to

Thomas and Megan (nee Cook) Paveley of Teddington (Megan formerly of Allerton) whose wedding took place at Allerton Church on 3 September 2016.

Bill and Charlotte (nee Keeler) Perry of Taunton (Bill formerly of Panborough) whose wedding took place at St Mary's on 10 September 2016.

Funerals

Our condolences go to the family and friends of

Mrs Jacquie Evans, formerly of Cocklake, daughter of Robert and Lizzie Hector and whose memorial service was held in St Mary's on Wednesday 22 September 2016.

Mr Ron Hutchinson aged 82 of Guildhall Lane Wedmore who died on 26 August 2016 and whose funeral was at St Mary's on Wednesday 14 September 2016.

Sheila Dagnall (formerly of Wells Road, Theale) aged 91 who died on 27 August 2016 and whose funeral was at Christchurch on Monday 19 September 2016.

Anne Duckett of Sand aged 60 formerly of Sand who died on 19 September 2016 and whose funeral was at St Mary's on Monday 10 October 2016.

Church Services

St Mary's Church, Wedmore

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

Sunday	6	3 Before Advent	10.30 am	Parish Communion
			3.00 pm	All Souls Service
			6.00 pm	Start the Week

Sunday	13	Remembrance Sunday	10.15 am	Remembrance Service
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	20	Christ the King	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion
Sunday	27	Advent Sunday	10.30 am	Parish Communion
			6.30 pm	Movement Youth Worship

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

Holy Trinity Church

Sunday	6	3 Before Advent	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	13	Remembrance Sunday	9.00 am	No Service
Sunday	20	Christ the King	9.00 am	Sunday Breakfast
Sunday	27	Advent Sunday	6.30 pm	Advent Carol Service

Christchurch, Theale

Sunday	6	3 Before Advent	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	13	Remembrance Sunday	11.00 am	Remembrance Service
Sunday	20	Christ the King	11.00 am	Patronal Communion
Sunday	27	Advent Sunday	11.00 am	Service of Light

Allerton Church

Sunday	6	3 Before Advent	9.00 am	Family Service
Sunday	13	Remembrance Sunday	6.00 pm	No Service
Sunday	20	Christ the King	6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	27	Advent Sunday	9.00 am	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 3-15s. Every Wednesday, 10.00am-12.00 noon, is our really popular 'Coffee With A View'. Come for free coffee and homemade 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!

For details, please telephone 710779 / 712812 / 713267 or Email contactus@bagleybaptist.co.uk, or come and see us at www.bagleybaptist.co.uk.

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Wedmore Methodist Church

Preachers for November

Sunday	6		10.30am	Tony Stevenson
Sunday	13		10.30am	Liz Rankin
Sunday	20		10.30am	Revd Roly Sims, Holy Communion
Family Service	27		10.30am	Steve Derby

Crickham Baptist Church

Every Sunday

10.30 am Sunday School

6.30 pm Evening Service

Contact Dulcie Hooper on 712187.

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.

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.

You can also obtain 24 hour general medical advice by telephoning NHS 111, or visiting the NHS 111 website.

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:

Controller Taunton	Angeline Duckett	712631
Controller Bridgwater	Angeline Duckett	712631
Controller Weston super Mare	Thelma Jenkins Jones	710467
Controller Street	Rosy Brooks	713697

The bus is also available for private hire. It can be booked by contacting Jo Keen, 710759



What's On in the Parish

1 - Tue	Wedmore Tuesday Club Turnip Prize Entries Accepted (until 21 Nov)	10.30am – 2.30pm	Wedmore VH The New Inn
3 - Thu	Wedmore Village Hall AGM	7.30pm	Wedmore VH
4 - Fri	Mr Punch's Folk Club – Open Mic	7.30pm	The Panborough Inn
5 - Sat	Fairtrade Coffee Shop & Christmas Fair	9.30 – 12.30am	St Mary's Church
7 - Mon	Green Wedmore	8.00pm	The George
8 - Tue	Wedmore Tuesday Club Wedmore Young Farmers	10.30am – 2.30pm 7.30pm	Wedmore VH The George
9 - Wed	Probus Camelot Quilters Blackford Cafe	10.00am 10.00am 2 – 4.00pm	Wedmore Golf Club Wedmore VH Blackford VH
11 - Fri	Armistice Day International Penny Chuffin' Competition Blackford Harvest Home	8.00pm 8.00pm	The New Inn Blackford VH
12 - Sat	Wedmore in Bloom Work Party Coffee Morning in Aid of St Mary's Church Green Wedmore Repair Cafe Theale Does Wine Tasting	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am 7.30pm	The George Cotswold Guildhall Lane Wedmore VH Theale VH
13 - Sun	Remembrance Sunday Holy Trinity Church Breakfast	8.30am	Blackford VH
15 - Tue	Wedmore Tuesday Club	10.30am – 2.30pm	Wedmore VH
16 - Wed	Wedmore Parish Council Meeting Probus	7.30pm 10.00am	Parish Rooms Grant's Lane Wedmore Golf Club
17 - Thu	Wedmore WI Meeting – Speaker Philippa Threlfall	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
18 - Fri	Mr Punch's Folk Club – Annual Concert	7.30pm	Theale VH
19 - Sat	Theale Village Cafe Messy Church	9.00am 3.00 – 5.00pm	Theale VH St Mary's Church
20 - Sun	Theale Film Club – Testament of Youth Wedmore Twinning Association Meeting	6.30pm 7.00pm	Theale VH Masonic Hall
22 - Tue	Wedmore Tuesday Club Wedmore Young Farmers IOW Gardening Club	10.30am – 2.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Wedmore VH The George Masonic Hall
23 - Wed	Probus Camelot Quilters	10.00am 10.00am	Wedmore Golf Club Wedmore VH
24 - Thu	Wedmore Theatre Club 4 Plays & a Ploughmans (until Sat 26 Nov) Isle of Wedmore Society Meeting	7.30pm	Wedmore VH Masonic Hall
25 - Fri	Christmas Craft Fair	5.30pm	Wedmore First School Academy
26 - Sat	Christchurch Theale Christmas Bazaar	10.00am – 2.00pm	Christchurch Teale

November 2016

Regular Weekly Events

MONDAY

Fitness2Unique (2 Classes)	9.15am & 6.00pm	Blackford VH	Rane & Lisa	07977 415799 07801 272255
Art Group	2.00 – 4.00pm	Wedmore VH	Chris Midfield	01749 712522
Modern Dance	4.00pm	Blackford VH +	Kaye Morgan Anstee	07799 814204
Beavers	5.30pm	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

Fitness2Unique	9.15am	Blackford VH	Rane & Lisa	07977 415799 07801 272255 01934 741861
Tuesday Club	10.30am	Masonic Hall +	Sue Freeman	
Ballet Classes	4.00pm	Blackford VH +	Bristol Ballet Centre ashermann99@hotmail.com	
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	07776 82231
Cardiodance	7.30pm	Wedmore First School	Kaye Morgan Anstee	07799 814204

WEDNESDAY

Rainbows	4.30pm	Wedmore VH	Gail Millard	01934 713922
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				
Toddler Group	9.30am	Blackford VH +	Abbe Smith	01934 710471
Yoga +	10.30am	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	3.45pm	Blackford VH +	Bristol Ballet Centre	0117 960 5844
Cubs	6.30pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438

FRIDAY

Fitness2Unique (2 Classes)	9.15am & 6.00pm	Blackford VH	Rane & Lisa	07977 415799 07801 272255 01934 710431
Tots and Tinies	9.15am	Wedmore First School	Jo Page	
Wedmore Art Group	2.00pm	Masonic Hall +	Eileen Sanders	01934 710353

+ Not taking place during school holidays