

A scenic landscape at sunset or sunrise. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. In the foreground, a dog is standing on a path made of stepping stones. The path leads through a field of low-lying vegetation towards a line of trees in the distance. The overall mood is peaceful and natural.

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Editorial

Well, having been without Broadband for 24 days in December I had hoped that it would be slightly easier to put the February Issue together than it was in January. However, as I write I am again without Broadband due to a router failure so my frustration continues. How quickly we become totally reliant upon technical developments. I can only offer thanks to Debbie and Frank and their customers in the New Inn for putting up with me tapping away in a corner of the bar as if my life depended upon it. There were times when it felt like it did! My fault for moving house I guess.

I have come to enjoy February over the years, at least the dark days are drawing out and the early bulbs are in flower, a harbinger that spring is just around the corner. As someone who walks a dog twice a day every day, it is good to be able to think about shedding some of the many layers of cold weather clothing. Although to date we have had an incredibly dry winter, as you may note from Denley Brown's Weather Report. December only had an astonishing 27% of the usual rainfall, so I can only presume that not everyone is content with the weather as it is. However spring is coming apace and Adrian Hutchinson gives sterling advice upon how best to prepare gardens for this annual acceleration.

Following my appeal for a person to come forward to act as a proof-reader/'What's On' editor I am delighted to report that four people have made contact. My thanks to all of them and we hope to have a person in place in time for the March edition.

In the virtual fog created by my loss of Broadband I had to get something wrong in the January edition. In error I credited the Tasty Morsels Russian fish pie recipe to

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

Stuart Fisher when in fact it was written by our alternative Tasty Morsels contributors, Derek and Norma. My apologies to both parties. This month's recipe is indeed penned by Stuart and is for another version of fish pie, which should assist in keeping out the remaining winter cold.

February in Wedmore is packed with an array of events including dinners / suppers, an International SpooF Competition, a Winter Warmer, open mic sessions, concerts, cafés, frolics, a new Hollywood film and even a course in beekeeping. So please excuse my use of the hackneyed phrase; 'something for everyone,' happy reading.

Bill Sutton

Editor's Note: Due to time constraints it has not been possible to include the Contacts List for Societies and Clubs in this edition. This will be published in March by which time all contacts presently listed will have been verified.

Front Cover

Anna Knight took this beautiful front cover photo on a frosty morning while walking on Tealham Moor.

News

Parish Council Business

The monthly meeting in December was well attended and members welcomed the latest addition to the Council, Mrs Laura Sampson. Members considered reports from the Finance Committee concerning the budget proposals for the coming financial year and agreed to ask for an increase to the annual precept from £62k to £65k, which represents a 4.8% increase. No increase has been made for several years but the Council felt it had no alternative due to various planned spending requirements and the possibility of other centrally funded services being devolved to local councils.

Christmas trees had been obtained from a different supplier this year and distributed to churches and businesses throughout the parish. It was generally agreed that the trees were of a far better quality than previous ones...and at a cost saving! Street nameplates for Browns Lane and Snake Lane, Theale had been ordered and will be fixed in place in the New Year. The Annual Parish Assembly will be held at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday 22 March at 7.30pm. A guest speaker will be invited and the presentation of the Henry Butt Trophy will take place.

Route 67

A couple of weeks before Christmas the County Council announced that the 67 bus from Wells to Burnham via Wedmore would cease to operate on 31 December. County stepped in to finance this and other local routes following the collapse of the Webberbus Company earlier in the year. The extra costs involved had not been expected or budgeted for. The main bus operators have been approached to see if they will continue the service but have declined to do so. The route runs through eight or nine parishes so the County Council are looking to Parish Councils to fund the route if it is to continue. Parish Councillors attended a meeting in Wells just before Christmas and representatives of



Mendip Community Transport (MCT) were on hand and offered to run a service if parishes would fund it and state what frequency of service was required. MCT currently runs a 'slinky bus' service in this area and also a local route in and out of Frome. A further meeting of interested parishes will be held in the New Year and meanwhile the County Council is funding a limited service which will run two services a day to Wells and Highbridge. The current school bus service in and out of Wells is unaffected as the County is legally obliged to provide this service. The 668 service from Shipham to Street via Wedmore is also unaffected as is the Wedmore Community Bus.

Wedmore Cemetery

Sadly I have to report that just before Christmas one parishioner had a wreath stolen from the grave of his late wife. Does anyone have any idea who would have carried out this despicable act?

Rod Pring

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Philip Hamlin/Retirement

After 55 years of loyal service to the villagers of Wedmore and local area, Philip Hamlin has announced his retirement from Chirobody as from the end of December 2016.

Not only has Philip excelled at Chirobody, but he is a very talented engineer - his various tableaux for the Village Hall testify to his skill. Philip is an active member of the Burtle Brass Band, and acts as a fundraiser for HMS Nelson, a famous tall ship that also caters for the less-abled intrepid sailors.

Thank you Philip for your most valuable contribution and we wish you a very Happy Retirement.

David Ewens/Clive Holt'

Donations to Local Charitable Causes

Once again the Committee of the Wedmore News will be considering applications for donations to support groups, clubs and charities in the Civil Parish of Wedmore. If your organisation would benefit from an additional one-off small cash grant then we would like to hear from you. Please let us know:

1. The name of your club / group / organisation / charity.
2. The aims of the organisation.
3. What you would use the money for.
4. Please supply a contact name, email address and telephone number.

Please submit your application by Thursday 2 February 2017. Applications will be considered at the next Wedmore News Committee Meeting which will be held on Thursday 16 February. For further information or to submit an application please contact Sue James; susan.james@btinternet.com

Sue James

Wedmore Neighbourhood Plan

The draft of the new Sedgemoor Local Plan is due to be published for consultation in late January for six weeks.

The main interest from a Wedmore perspective is the housing provision for the period 2011 to 2032. The minimum figure is 118 new homes, but if you deduct homes built since 2011 and outstanding permissions (including Cross Farm), this leaves land for a minimum of 50 homes to be found.



Two of the main questions for the Neighbourhood Plan in 2017 will be

- do we just plan for the minimum new homes, or more?
- where should these new homes be built

Bob Sellwood

Wedmore Harvest Home

Do you fancy a new challenge for 2017? Have a little spare time on your hands? Do you enjoy meeting new people? Wedmore Harvest Home Committee needs you!

We are a small group of individuals, from all walks of life, who meet on the last Wednesday of every month, and we would be delighted to welcome you on board!

No expertise needed, just a friendly face and an extra pair of hands!

Please do come along to our meetings and offer feedback and new ideas, as we are a community event! We need you, and the feedback from the community to help run our local, family fun event.

Please contact Tom Willcox on 07983887891 for further information.

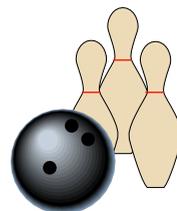
Wedmore Farmers Preserving Club Skittle League

Please see attached skittle league table at the halfway stage of the season and other cup results below:

Gundry Cup - Nyland beat Blackford.

Young Farmers Cup results were:

Tilham	233	Crickham	177
Nyland	211	Blackford	176
New Inn	191	Theale	174
Westend	190	Cocklake	169
Wedmore	184	YFC	157
Sand	184	Ladies	143



The individual shield was won by James Hole and Gareth Gosling both with a score of 37! Happy skittling for the rest of the season!!

Wedmore by Lamplight

On behalf of the organisers, we would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all the residents and businesses who helped to make the village so attractive for the evening. We would also like to thank everyone who came along, and gave us the opportunity to show our appreciation for supporting our businesses during the past year. Our thanks must also go to our sponsors: Essence Hair & Beauty, Trug, The Swan, Wedmore Village Store, Borough Mall Developments and Wedmore Parish Council, who all generously sponsored the many street acts and the reindeer we had, all of which made the evening much more memorable!

Joseph Rajkovic

Wedmore Village Agent Update

Group Hug

Winter is upon us so ask yourself if you've remarked 'I haven't seen you in ages...' to any of your neighbours lately, even though they may only live one or two doors away. As the weather deteriorates and darkness falls before the day has ended, we don't tend to go out for walks or be outside as much and so we just don't see anyone without a prior arrangement.

There are many invisible people around us who are too fragile or anxious to go out once the streets get slippery. They are desperate for people to call in for a chat but find it one step too far to ask. Perhaps they have a dog and would welcome the help if you were to offer to take it for a walk (and pop in for a cuppa afterwards)? Do you have a friendly pet dog your neighbour would welcome for some company, particularly if they've recently lost their own beloved pet? Don't underestimate the positive and calming effect petting an animal can have on us humans.

Consider 'booking' to see someone a day or so in advance – it's incredible how much happiness a person can feel when they have someone or something to look forward to. If we all took the time to drop in on our older neighbours just once or twice a fortnight, we could make a real difference to their lives. One more thing... before you leave, open your arms and offer a hug. It may have been many months, sometime even years, since they have experienced any real physical contact. You'll be surprised how uplifting this can be – for both of you.

Perhaps if our children see us doing this, they'll hopefully grow up to adopt this approach and do the same for us when we're older!

Scams

You may have heard of these already but please be aware of the recent scams which have been reported around the region...

Inland Revenue Scam

The recorded message you might have received sounds very official

'This is Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs. A case for non-payment of tax is being prepared against you with a view to prosecution. To speak to your caseworker, press 1'. It sounds so authentic and is designed to fluster people into pressing 1 on the phone and giving away their information. It will also in all likelihood connect you to a premium rate (very expensive) line. Please DO NOT press 1! Simply put the phone down and wait for a while before picking up the receiver to ensure they have released the call at their end. The Inland Revenue NEVER telephone or email people. All of their correspondence is sent in brown envelopes and is delivered by your posty.

Contactless Card Fraud

It's possible for your card details to be read through your pocket and wallet by any fraudster using card reader equipment, easily bought on the internet. To prevent this you can purchase specially lined wallets and purses which will protect your card data (eg M&S). This is a particular risk in crowded shopping areas.

'Which' have researched this and suggest wrapping your card in foil to prevent this type of fraud. You can also buy a more durable, low cost card 'wallet' from Amazon

and other such retailers. Alternatively, please also consider contacting your bank and simply asking for a replacement 'non-contactless' card to avoid all risk.

Happy New Year!

Lucille Simms, Village Agent

Thank You from The Children's Society

Over the past 12 months the Wedmore Civil Parish has raised £1,532.98. This is up on last year's total and is a very worthwhile sum from a population of just over 3,000 in the three villages:

Boxes and donations	£796.55
Christingle at St Mary's	£443.61
Sale of Christmas cards	£292.82



In addition, there will be a further cheque going to The Children's Society from Christ Church, Theale following their Christingle Service. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so generously over the past year.

*Sue Burton
Hon. Local Secretary, The Children's Society*

Young Entrepreneurs at Festive Night



Joyful Jars

Teams of Year Nine students from Kings of Wessex Academy in Cheddar had one of their first major selling opportunities during Festive Night. Nine teams are taking part in 'The Big Pitch', the annual competition organised by the Rotary Club of Mendip. Each team plans, designs, manufactures and sells products with support from Rotary mentors. The competition final will be held in the spring of 2017 when each team will produce an annual report and members of the Rotary Club vote for the winner.



Winter Wonderland Warmers



Jar-Jar Bazaar

Local School Children Plant Crocuses for Polio Awareness

Children from Priddy Primary School and Hugh Sexey Middle School planted 2,000 crocus corms in their school grounds recently as part of a Rotary International's 'Purple for Polio' campaign to remind themselves and future generations of the fight to rid the world of this crippling disease. For over 30 years, Rotary and its members have been committed to this cause, which has resulted in the number of polio-endemic countries dropping from 125 to just three, with over 2.5 billion children having received vaccinations thanks to the help of Rotary in partnership with the World Health Organisation.

Rotarian Mark Summers from the Mendip Club said, 'The purple crocus is a symbol of Rotary's worldwide campaign to eradicate polio, with its colour representing the purple dye used to mark the finger of a child who has been immunised.'

Mendip Rotarians have planted an additional 3,000 crocuses in public places in Wedmore and Cheddar as part of the national campaign.



Children from Priddy Primary School planting crocuses on a foggy day

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 Bill Sutton email editorwedmorenews@gmail.com, and share your day.

Bill Sutton

Focus on Businesses

Nethercott Nurseries – A Focus on Local Produce

For the second time in this feature I'm writing about a father and daughter business: William and Jeanette Mapstone at Nethercott Nurseries. William grew up on a farm in Godney. After he was married he continued to work on his father's farm but, in 1973, he bought a bungalow in Clewer and started selling his garden produce from a cart at the front gate. To satisfy demand he purchased a field just up the road from the bungalow and erected a little greenhouse which also served as the shop. Over the years he acquired extra land as it became available nearby, installed new greenhouses and built the current shop premises.

His daughter Jeanette joined the business in 1992. When she left school, Jeanette worked in an office in Cheddar but decided that she preferred an outdoor life (which she still does - except when the weather is very bad!). William and Jeanette are assisted

by two full-time employees – Lou Churches, who works in the shop and Earl Scriven, who works in the fields and does most of the planting. They grow and sell flowers and vegetables and one of their specialities is sungold tomatoes.



From left to right: William Mapstone, Lou Churches, Jeanette Mapstone

The shop stocks fruit, vegetables and flowers, eggs and local Rose Farm preserves. Outside of the shop they have seasonal bedding plants and perennials, which they bring on in the greenhouses, as well as bulbs, seeds and local compost. Jeanette and Lou do a bit of everything in the shop from serving customers, making up vegetable and fruit orders, putting together flower arrangements and bouquets and delivering the orders. Their busiest times are Valentine's day, Mother's day and Christmas.

William tries to ensure that the products they buy in to complement their own production are sourced locally whenever possible. Three times a week he gets up very early to visit Bristol wholesale fruit market to buy fruit, vegetables and flowers and sometimes sell some of his own. Other produce comes from small local growers who have gardens, orchards or allotments.

Customers come from surrounding villages, attracted by the home-grown and local produce. Jeanette and Lou also deliver regular orders to several local businesses: a couple of cafes, a playgroup and pubs, as well as to customers who don't have the time or find it difficult to visit the premises. The older customers can remember the time before the electronic till and scales and some can even remember buying from the cart on the roadside.

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

We start the New Year grateful for all the continuing membership; however there is always room for others. If anyone wishes to join us, please contact Thelma on 710467, or Barbara on 712975.

The January draw was won by Lisbeth Bull, holding No. 8 and winning £20, and the second prize of £10 goes to Venetia and David Hopkins with No.13. Enjoy!

Thelma Jenkins-Jones

Wedmore WI Report for December 2016

We were welcomed as usual by Jill, but singing Jerusalem was a bit different - our speaker Barry Rose had been asked if he would accompany us, which he did with great panache, and our voices all rose to the occasion! The business meeting included voting for next year's resolution, news that the next round of skittles will be at the end of January, and a reminder that subs of £39.00 were due at the last meeting.

Our speaker, Barry Rose, then entertained us with an account of how he managed to combine his favourite activity into his employment over the last 50 years or so. We had a feast of music, first a "12 Days of Christmas" of music that has been performed by choristers from the various cathedrals in which he has been organist and choirmaster, or arranged by him, or in which he had been the record producer. These included 'Silent Night', the best known carol in the world, for which the choir of St Paul's Cathedral earned a platinum disc, 'Away in a Manger' sung by the choir of St Alban's Abbey, and another piece where a composer contacted him and said 'I'd like you to sing something I've written. Peter Auty, then a chorister at St Pauls, sang 'I'm walking in the air', several years before the Aled Jones recording.

Barry asked if any of us had passed a music exam and said we were better qualified than he, as he had no formal music qualifications. He learnt to play a harmonium at home, and played in his local church, but his first job was in insurance. He went to Kings College to hear evensong one day, and this decided him that he wanted to work with choirs like that. He joined the choir in Hampstead Parish Church and learned to think like a singer. The crunch came in 1958 when he was late back from giving a lunchtime organ recital, and his boss gave him the choice of staying or leaving. He left, and much to his amazement, got into the Royal Academy of Music, saying he



wanted to be a cathedral organist. The new cathedral at Guildford was being built and he applied for the post of organist. He was appointed and, at the time, was the youngest cathedral organist in the country. He had nine months to organise and train a choir from scratch for the consecration service, which he did, telling us about the splendour of the service and great sense of occasion. His great love is passing on the joy of music to so many young people. He has wide tastes, from Mozart – he played us a recording of the Laudate Dominum which he recorded with Dame Kiri te Kanawa – to Paul McCartney, who asked him to help with the film of Rupert Bear. The music required the singers to sound like frogs, which Barry suggested the Kings Singers would be able to do but not the choristers. The result was very realistic. He finished his talk with a recording of the St Pauls choristers singing ‘My Way’, which earned him a gold disc. We had all enjoyed listening, and ended the evening with mince pies, cider punch, and seasonal good wishes all round.

The meeting in February is on Thursday 16. The speaker will be Wedmore’s Angie Horne, who will tell us about her wing walking exploits. The competition is for an ‘unusual’ bottle.

Chris Barker

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Wedmore Harvest Home

The Wedmore Harvest Home Management Team meets on the last Wednesday of every month in The George at 8pm.

Isle of Wedmore Society Meeting – Thursday 23 February

The monthly meeting will take place in the Masonic Hall, at 7.30pm, when the speaker will be Tessa Munt. Tessa was the Lib Dem Member of Parliament for Wells Constituency (that includes Wedmore) from May 2010 to May 2015. During that time she was a Party Whip and also a Parliamentary Private Secretary. Her talk will be entitled ‘Life after being an MP.’ Members free, Visitors £3, with free tea/coffee and biscuits after the talk. Contact: Ian Tomes, 710390.

Ian Tomes

Secretary, Isle of Wedmore Society

Isle of Wedmore Gardening Club

On Tuesday 28 February, 7.30pm at the Masonic Hall, Trish and Jeremy Young will give a talk on ‘Building a National Garden Scheme from scratch’.

The NGS scheme prints a ‘Yellow Book’ which gives details of open gardens for each area of the country. Trish and Jeremy opened their garden at Weare in 2016. The standard set by the scheme is very high and it is a great honour to be accepted.

Andrea West 712161

Wedmore Harvest Home 100 Club Lottery 2017

Be quick! Don’t miss out on a number! Only £30.00 per ticket (£2.50 per month) and you could win:

1st Prize - £100.00

2nd Prize - £50.00

To enter please speak to Kerry - chip787@hotmail.com. Your number will go into every draw, so you could win 24 times! Monthly draws will take place at the Wedmore HH committee meetings.

This is a great way to help fundraise and sponsor the Harvest Home, whilst being in with a chance of winning some extra money! For further ways to sponsor or fundraise with us please email Kerry on chip787@hotmail.com

Beth Skeen

Wedmore Art Group

2016 ended with one of the group's most successful one day exhibitions. Some 21 artworks were sold which is a record so far as we can ascertain. Our thanks go to all of you who attended. Although we are especially grateful to the purchasers, the high numbers attending and their universally positive comments were particularly heartening. We hope to exhibit again during Wedmore Arts Week when we look forward to seeing you again



Jim Collett, Secretary

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. We can cover Windows, Macs, android phones, android tablets and iPads. 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.

Special Offer for January and February – sessions are £10 per two hour session. Contact us at I.T. for the Terrified: 01934 741751

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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 Budgen's).



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.

Registered Charity No. 1130308: Company No. 06779600

Walk Programme – West Mendip Walkers

Thursday 2 February

Moderate circular walk 9.6mi/15.4km from Barrow Gurney Village Hall. OS Map Ex154 ST532678. Start 10.00am. Park at Village Hall. Contact Tony Strange tel: 01934 733783/07976 902706 or anthonyestrangle@gmail.com



Thursday 9 February

Easy circular walk 4.5mi/7.2km from Rocky Mountain Nursery. OS Map Ex142 ST602473. Start 12.30pm. Park in car park at Rocky Mountain Nursery. Contact Jenny Nicholas tel: 07803 722878 or jennymr7@aol.com

Thursday 16 February

Moderate circular walk 10.0mi/16km from Cheddar Reservoir. OS Map 141 ST446534. Start 10.00am. Park in car park at Reservoir on Sharpham Road. Contact Andy Paterson tel: 01934 741690 or aepat@btinternet.com

Thursday 23 February

Easy circular walk 7mi/11km from Mark Church. OS Map Ex140 ST381478. Start 12.30pm. Park Mark Church car park. Contact Ken Masters tel: 01749 670349/07784 941439 or k.masters265@btinternet.com

Tony Strange

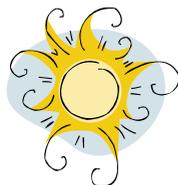
Weather Report for December 2016

RAINFALL



Monthly total	21.5mm	(0.85ins)
30-year average	78.4mm	(3.1ins)
Wettest day (15th)	5.6mm	(0.22ins)
No of dry days	21	
Last 3 months (Oct-Dec)	180mm	(7.07ins)
Year ending 31 Dec 16	695mm	(27.4ins)
30-year annual average	797mm	(31.4ins)

TEMPERATURES



Maximum (7th, 25th)	14.0 °C	(57.2 °F)
Minimum (1st)	- 6 °C	(21.2 °F)
Number of air frosts	10	
Monthly average maximum	8.7 °C	(47.7 °F)
30-year average maximum	8.2 °C	(46.8 °F)
Monthly average minimum	2.2 °C	(36.0 °F)
30-year average minimum	2.8 °C	(37.0 °F)

COMMENTS

A remarkably dry month with only 27% of the normal rainfall.

Denley Brown

Forthcoming Events

The Theale Frolics – Friday 3 February, Sat 4 February, 8pm

Theale Players are pleased to present The Theale Frolics... an evening of Tomfoolery, Songs and Sketches to lighten up a winter's evening.

Theale Village Hall. Tickets in advance £5 tel Dave and Anne Bodley 712758.

Bar, raffle, etc. Doors open 7.15pm.

International SpooF Competition, The New Inn Wedmore – Friday 3 February 8pm

Entrance Fee £3.00, cash prizes. For additional information, please call Frank or Debbie on 01934 712099

The event will see International SpooFers from across the globe converge upon The New Inn, Wedmore to try to claim SpooF Champion 2016. Players entered so far include;

Matty Drew 2016 Champion and renowned birthday cake scoffer.

Frank Sparks 2015 Champion for Shortism

Stephanie Patch 2014 Champion

Paul Kingston, the Glastonbury Gambler and 2013 Champion

Dave (USA) Palmer 2012 Champion

Greg (suave) Mills, 2011 Champion

Alice (who the ????) Swain, 2009 Champion

Ivor (never lost a game) Squire, former Long Hill Champion

Timmsy, the former Coins and Callus's Champion

Roger Hancock, the blasphemer Champion 1931-2011

Jim Mathers, the Glasgow Kiss Champion 1902

David One Dog

Chris Mckinley the Blackford Backhander

Jim O'Conner the Mutton Lane Mincer

Randy Candy, the Brickyard Bonker

Neil Ellis, the Mudgley Master

And many more. Players will play in groups of four, each group will play eight games a round, and points will be awarded for guessing correctly as follows;

1st = 4 points, 2nd = 3 points, 3rd = 2 points and the last one out = 1 point.

The winner and second will go forward into the next round, whilst the loser will stand a drink for the other three players in their group.

Players must not call less than the coins they are holding or call an impossible call.

Compassion Coffee Morning, Bagley Baptist Church – Saturday 4 February from 10.30am to 12 noon

Every day a shocking 17,000 children under the age of five die, most from completely preventable causes. It's heart-breaking that often the simplest of interventions like basic healthcare, hygiene and sanitation, vaccinations, nutritious food and safe water could have prevented these deaths.

Please come and join us for coffee and home-made biscuits to raise funds to help babies in poverty survive the first few critical years of life through Compassion's Child Survival Programme.

Wedmore PTA Annual Winter Supper – Saturday 4 February, 7.30pm

One of the PTA's key fundraising events of the year, a lovely relaxed evening of wonderful food, with a bar and fantastic raffle prizes at Wedmore Village Hall. Tickets £17.50 per person from school office.

Blackford Village Hall Café – Wednesday 8 February

In the Blackford Village Hall: 2 – 4pm.



Blackford Harvest Home Annual Winter Warmer – Friday 10 February, 7.30pm

Blackford Harvest Home are holding their annual Winter Warmer on 10 February at the Blackford Village Hall, tickets are £12.50. Come along for lovely home-cooked casseroles and puddings, catch up with your friends and test your knowledge and brains with our fun quiz! Contact Mike for tickets on 712087.

Mr Punch's Folk Club – Friday 10 and Friday 24 February, 8pm

At the Panborough Inn, Open Mic.

Green Wedmore Big Tidy Up – Sunday 12 February, 10.00am

Green Wedmore are having a Big Tidy Up and will be litter picking around Wedmore on Sunday 12 February. Meet at the Borough House, The Borough, Wedmore 10.00am. We also need people to help at the end of the tidy up to transfer the bags to the Village Hall. All help is appreciated.

*Anthony Lamb
saddlecrazy@gmail.com or phone 01934 713748, mobile 07958 44337*

Wedmore WI Meeting – Thursday 16 February

Wedmore WI February meeting is on Thursday 16, in the Masonic Hall at 7.30pm. We have local resident Angie Horne coming to tell us about her wing walking experience, which is something not many of us have done! Come and find out what it was like, bring an unusual bottle for the competition, and have a cup of tea and chat at the end of the evening. Chris Barker, 2 Dunns Close Wedmore BS28 4BL 01934 712182 chris@cjbarker.plus.com

Wedmore and Cheddar Beekeepers – Thursday 16 February

We will be holding a 7-week beginners course in beekeeping starting on Thursday 16 February 2017 (7.30pm – 9.30pm) The cost will be £20 and it will be held in the Old Schoolroom, Stone Allerton BS26 2NJ.

If you are interested in joining then please contact Jonathan Friend ASAP as numbers are limited. Tel. 01934712971 or email jpdfriend@gmail.com



Theale Film Club – Sunday 19 February

Our film for February is the newly released ‘The Girl on The Train.’

Commuter Rachel Watson (Emily Blunt) catches daily glimpses of a seemingly perfect couple, Scott and Megan, from the window of her train. One day, Watson witnesses something shocking unfold in the backyard of the strangers’ home.....

Doors open 6.30pm for 7pm. For more information contact Leslie Luke 713176 lesley@live.co.uk or Bernard Coulter 712144 bernard.coulter@gmail.com

New members welcome.

Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 22 February

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

‘Limelight Night’ Open Mic – Friday 24 February

Please note that this event has now moved to The Swan, Wedmore, starting at 8.00pm, on the last Friday of each month, entry is free.

Why not come along and join in the fun of music making and get in ‘The Limelight’. If you have sheet music our keyboardist Frances will happily provide accompaniment for you – no rehearsals just do it!

Isle of Wedmore Gardening Club – Tuesday 28 February, 7.30pm

At the Masonic Hall. The topic will be ‘Creating an NGS Garden’. Our speakers are Trish and Jeremy Gibson who have created a wonderful garden in Lower Weare, which they opened for NGS and other charities last summer. They will be giving a most interesting and informative talk on how they created such a lovely garden. Everyone is welcome to what I guarantee will be an enjoyable evening. Contact Andrea West 712161.

Morgan and West ‘Parlour Tricks’ – Thursday 2 March, 7.30pm, Wedmore Village Hall,

Wedmore Theatre Club’s long association with Take Art continues this year with ‘Morgan and West - Parlour Tricks’. Magicians, Victorian time-travellers and all-round spiffing chaps, Morgan and West present a show chock-full of jaw-dropping, brain-bursting and gasp-eliciting feats of magic and illusion certain to mesmerise adults and children alike – all served up with no small amount of charm and panache!

Be sure to wear your hat – Morgan and West may just blow your mind! They have toured the UK with this show, which appeared at the Edinburgh Fringe in 2015, to rave reviews, and on TV they have even “fooled” the great Penn and Teller. Watch it on Youtube!

The Club is lucky to be able to present this wonderful family show at Wedmore Village Hall on Thursday 2 March at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 (adults) and £6 (children under 16), and will be on sale from 21 January from Wedmore Village Store, or from Jonathan Frankpitt on 01934 712596.

Don’t delay – book now!



The Women's World Day of Prayer Service 2017 – Friday 3 March, 7.00pm, Bagley Baptist Church

This has been prepared by the women of the Philippines. The service will incorporate a sharing meal kindly prepared by the women at Bagley. All are welcome to attend this ecumenical service

It would be helpful to let Bagley ladies know beforehand so they have an idea of numbers for catering purposes. Please note change of time from previous years.

The Clash of the Choirs, 'The Return' – Saturday 26 March

Once again The Friends of St. Mary's bring you 220 singers from 11 local choirs and singing groups, 300 fans roaring them on, shenanigans and a clapometer!

Tickets will be in demand and will be on sale early in the New Year.
For info call David 710149, or email dahopkins@aol.com)



Events Taking Place Outside the Parish

Cheddar Arts @ Kings Theatre

Cheddar Arts @ Kings Theatre opens its 2017 programme with the warm comedy film *Leaning to Drive*, on Tuesday 17 January. Starring Ben Kingsley, *Leaning to Drive* follows the lives of two unhappy people who, in one another's company, find the courage to get back on the road.

Next up, on Monday 20 February, Bridget Jones is back in the box office hit *Bridget Jones's Baby*. Starring alongside Colin Firth and Patrick Dempsey, Renee Zellweger is once again involved in a Jones-esque dilemma.

On Friday 17 March the movie is *Sully*, the story of pilot Chesley Sullenberger (Sully) who landed his damaged plane on New York's Hudson River, saving his passengers and crew. Directed by Clint Eastwood and starring Tom Hanks, *Sully* tells the memorable and moving events of that day – 15 January 2009.

Cheddar Arts closes its first season of the new year on Tuesday 28 March, with the film *The Girl on the Train*. Based on the psychological thriller written by Paula Hawkins, it stars Emily Blunt who puts in a powerful performance as a woman who sees something shocking from the train during her daily commute. Tickets for all events are available online at www.thelittleboxoffice.com/cheddararts. For help call 01934 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. Copies of the programme are available in local shops, the leisure centre and on the organisation's website – www.kowessex.co.uk/cheddarArts. Cheddar Arts @ Kings Theatre is a collaboration between the Kings of Wessex School and the village community, centred on the school's state of the art studio theatre. For more details visit www.kowessex.co.uk/cheddarArts or for queries email cheddararts@googlemail.com

West Mendip Orchestra Winter Concert – 3 February 2017 at Sidcot School, (The Friends Meeting House), 7.45pm

Programme of:

Wagner - Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg Overture

Mozart - Horn Concerto no 3. Nicholas Bromilow, soloist

Brahms - 3rd Symphony.

Tickets (£10) are available on the door.

Cheddar Vale Lions Club Jumble Sale – Saturday 11 February, 2pm in Cheddar Village Hall.

If you have any jumble you wish to donate please bring it to the Hall after 12 noon. All proceeds will go to the Lions work in the community and their Centennial project – the defibrillator appeal.

We are looking for local projects to support with the money raised from the Tree of Light. If your group has a project in need of some funds please write to Lion Brian Airey, 125, Totterdown Road, Weston-s-Mare BS23 4LW.

Are you planning an event for 2017? Would you like the Lions to bring along either their coconut shy, candy floss machine or their pig racing? Then contact Lion Janet Clark on 01934 248114.



Tasty Morsels – Recipes for You

Fish Pie (Serves 4)

I always make this when the in-laws visit at the request of my mother-in-law's partner. I actually make it a bit bigger so I can freeze a few portions for our three-year-old too. Many recipes call for poaching the fish in milk, but I can't be bothered with all that and let the oven do the work. There is no salt in this recipe; seasoning comes from the butter, the cheese and the fish sauce (which I use in lieu of salt in any fish recipe). This one takes a bit of multi-tasking as there are a few elements to it, though the peas and mash could be done in advance. I tend to use fresh salmon, but frozen white and smoked fish work fine. Keep the white sauce a bit thicker if using frozen fish.



Ingredients

For the mash:

5-6 baking potatoes

Good knob of butter

Splash of milk

For the sauce:

1.3 oz butter

2 oz plain flour

about a pint of milk

black pepper

3-4 tsps thai fish sauce to taste

A good pound of fish in total (a mixture of salmon, white fish and smoked cod or haddock)
3 oz peas

To finish:

2 oz cheddar cheese, grated or cut into thin slices
Another grind of black pepper

Method

Cut the potatoes into one-inch pieces and boil until tender. Meanwhile, cut the fish into bite-sized chunks and parboil the peas for about 5 minutes. Preheat the oven to 180°C. Melt the butter, add the flour and cook for a minute or two before adding the milk a little at a time. Let the milk heat up, then beat until smooth after each addition until you get a glossy sauce. Season with the fish sauce and black pepper. Taste and adjust as required. In between stirring the white sauce, drain the potatoes and mash them with the butter and milk. Add the fish and peas to the white sauce and stir gently to combine - the fish will remain quite raw at this stage. Pour into a baking dish or individual pie dishes. Top with dollops of mashed potato and rake with a fork to create an even layer with a rough surface. Top with the cheese and another grind of black pepper. Put a tray underneath to catch any drips and bake for 30 - 40 minutes until the top is golden, by which time the fish will be cooked through. Serve with a green salad.

Stuart Fisher

The Garden in February

Well, Christmas has come and gone and, as I write, we are on the threshold of a new year. The weather has been exceptionally mild over the last week or two, but has now started to cool down to a more normal mid-winter temperature and quite low figures are forecast for the next few days. As our new Editor said in January, writing things a month or so in advance of publication is not always easy; this is especially so of gardening topics, because one would like to gear advice to the current season but the variability of our weather makes this difficult.

When I was a lot younger, February was usually the coldest time of the year, giving rise to the adage, “As the days do lengthen, so the cold do strengthen” but it is quite easy to see why that should be; the land has cooled for a long time since last summer and the sun is not yet close enough to cause sufficient warming during the still relatively short days. It will be interesting to see what is happening by the time this is published; we should at least be seeing some snowdrops and daffodils.

Frosty weather can often be used to advantage when preparing a seed bed for sowing new crops if you garden on heavy soil, as many of us in the Wedmore area do, especially to the North of the “Isle” on the silty clay of the Axe Valley which has been inundated by the sea in the distant past. If you are on the black organic sedge-peat soils to the south, which were laid down under fresh water, you will find the preparation of a seedbed much more easily achieved.



When the soil surface is not frozen, dig areas into which you intend to sow small seeds and allow the subsequent freezing and thawing to break up the surface. After this, comparatively light cultivation, or even just raking can give a sufficiently fine tilth into which seeds can be sown. If you dig when the ground is frozen you will bury the icy layer which will then take a long time to thaw, lowering the temperature of the seedbed.

If you did as I suggested last month and had a look at some seed catalogues during the holiday period, you will have an idea by now of what you want to sow and when. You may even have come across a table of sowing times in some catalogue or other.

As well as following published timetables for sowing, it is not a bad idea to risk some early sowing to spread the flowering and/or cropping season, but if you do this, keep a close eye on the weather forecast.

Should you be growing your own potatoes (and there are many varieties available to grow that you will not encounter at the greengrocer's); it is time that the "seed" of first-early types were bought and placed in a cool, frost free place to "chit", that is, to develop some healthy shoots. They require good light to do this as well; sitting them in egg trays can be a way of keeping them where you want them, whilst they do this. Whatever happens, do not allow them to get frosted; if this happens, the starches in the tubers will be turned to sugars (which is why potatoes for eating taste funny if they have been frosted, because these sugars are caramelised on cooking). In the Andes of Peru, where our domestic potatoes originated, there are other varieties and species which are cold tolerant because they grow at high altitude and work is going on at research institutes there to try to incorporate this cold resistance into commercial varieties. The varieties we grow in Europe are derived from relatively few tubers imported in Tudor times (by Sir Walter Raleigh we are usually told, along with tobacco, but the truth of this is debateable) so there are no doubt many other characteristics that could be bred in to them. However, I digress, as usual. You should, nevertheless, check on the disease resistance etc. of the varieties you see in the garden centre.

If you want to grow raspberries, one of the fastest fruit to give you a crop after planting, now is a good time to start with fresh canes. Rather than getting these from your neighbour (they will more than likely carry viruses) buy canes produced by a specialist grower (certified stock) which will have been grown in situations where the aphids that transmit these viruses will have been excluded or controlled. Raspberries like a rich, well-drained but moisture retentive soil. You can grow varieties that fruit at different times; late summer and autumn fruiting ones may fruit on new canes, rather than those that grew in the previous season; these varieties suffer much less from their fruit being stolen by birds.

Fruit trees (apples and pears) should be pruned before bud-burst, which begins at the end of the month, but not plum trees. I have explained the reason for this several times before.

Towards the end of the month, sow some early vegetable seeds under glass, or in cloches, but keep a close eye on the weather. Be prepared to lose some to "bolting" if they get frosted.

Spend any spare gardening time you have in forward planning, because when we get into March, the season will really start with a bang.

Adrian Hutchison

Thought for the Month



As we enter another year, what will it bring? What will you do? You may already have plans, ideas in your mind not yet brought to completion.

I am reminded of the way in Genesis we are told how God created. Each day was different but the method was the same. Three stages: God said “Let there be”; ‘and it was so’; ‘and God saw that it was good’.

We are told that we are created in God’s Image, a God who imagines, creates and speaks again in assessment of what He has made.

Of all the creatures on the earth only humans speak, imagine and create, not merely adapting to our environment but adapting our environment to ourselves. It all starts with our imagination: imagine something that floats taking people across a river, imagine a structure built over the river, imagine a tunnel beneath the English Channel. Imagine tele-transportation – ‘Beam me up Scotty’.

There appears to be no lapse of time in Genesis between ‘and God said’ and ‘and it was so’. For us the ‘and it was so’ is usually fraught with many failures and false starts. Edison’s electric light bulb took over 2000 attempts – ‘and then it was so’. It is one thing for us to conceive an idea, another to execute it and so we can give up. Having the tenacity to keep trying is what eventually, and usually, arrives at ‘and it was so’.

The third stage, the assessment of what is made, for Edison it was not good for a long while, but eventually he had the satisfaction of ‘and he saw that it was good’.

Whatever you are imagining at the beginning of this year, work toward the ‘and it was so’ and modify it until in your heart you can say ‘and it was good’.

Our creativity, in whatever form, is at the heart of who we are – Made in the image of God. Look, also, for the creativity in others and help them to see their good.

Bob Drew, Bagley Baptist Church

Sport Reports

Wedmore Tennis Club

New Coach

We are delighted to announce that Craig Phillips has been appointed as Wedmore Tennis Club’s new Head Coach. Craig has eight years’ coaching experience in Somerset and, as a player, has achieved a ranking of 52 in the country and number one in the county; he also is a member of Somerset’s Men’s County Cup team.



Having coached at and represented Wedmore since 2014, Craig is already well known to many members. We hope many of you will have managed to come along to the Meet the Coach afternoon, organised as an opportunity for members to voice any requests regarding coaching and opportunities for juniors.

Craig is offering adult coaching on Monday afternoons, Tuesday mornings, Thursday afternoons and evenings and he runs ladies’ sessions on Friday mornings.

A cardio session runs on Wednesday mornings. These are open to both members and non-members. Do come along if you would like to try tennis for the first time or wish to return to playing.

Junior sessions for all levels, from tots to young performance players, are run Tuesdays to Saturdays; please see the website for full details of timings, groups and costs.

Craig has some very exciting ideas for holiday courses too, details of which will be released next month. Please contact Craig directly to arrange individual coaching or to book a place on a course, mobile 07546230727 or tennis.phillips@hotmail.co.uk



Craig Phillips

Junior News

A reminder that an all-day grade 5 will be held at the club on Sunday 12 March, that a match play event will be held at Cheddar Club on 18 and 19 February and a grade 5 event at Bridgwater on 4 to 5 March.

Winter League

Few matches were played during December.

The A team remain unbeaten with a decisive 10 :1 win for Ines, Annabel, Matt and Jason against Woodlands, while Charlotte, Vicky, Mark and Cameron in the C team lost a closely contested match against Wells A.

The D team recorded two losses. A match played at home due to the Cheddar courts being frozen was lost 10: 2 due to injuries being sustained by both Sandra and Tom. Matty, Sarah, Tony and Mark also lost away to their very hospitable Backwell opponents.

New Year's Eve Social Tennis Afternoon

The year ended with a fine afternoon of tennis when fifteen players gathered on New Year's Eve to enjoy several hours of cheerful, noisy tennis, sustained by tea and biscuits.

Further organised social tennis afternoons are planned for 2017 for all to enjoy; we look forward to seeing you on court in the New Year.

AGM

A date for your diaries. The club AGM will be held on Thursday 23 March in the Clubhouse. Whether or not you wish to join the committee, this evening provides an opportunity for everyone to meet and offer suggestions regarding the future of the Club. Descriptions of committee members' roles will be emailed to members shortly.

Sarah Cunningham

Church News

Messy Church

Saturday 4 February 3.00 - 5.00 pm 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
- is returning to the Isle of Wedmore on Saturday 4 February 3.00pm -5.00pm in St Mary's church.



The two hours of Messy Church will feature a number of craft tables based around the theme of Jesus the Light of the World, 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/.

'On a Wheel and a Prayer'

On Tuesday 21st February 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.



Parish Registers

Baptisms

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

Lily Hole, daughter of Benjamin Hole and Stacey Rollinson, baptised at St Mary's on Saturday 10 December 2016.

Amelia Fielder, daughter of Thomas and Katie Fielder, baptised at Allerton Church on Friday 29 December 2016.

Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent is traditionally a time of penitence, fasting and self-examination (that's why many people give something up for Lent). In the early church it would be kept by those preparing for baptism at Easter, but as time went on, it seemed a good idea for everyone to set aside time for this in the weeks leading up to the most holy time in the church's calendar.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday when ash is smeared on our foreheads as a sign that one day we will die and thus of the need to get our lives right.

This year Ash Wednesday falls on Wednesday 1 March, and in the benefice we will be marking this important day with a said communion at St. Mary's at 10.00 am and a sung benefice communion at 7.00 pm at Christchurch. The imposition of ashes will be offered at each service.

Church Services

St Mary's Church, Wedmore

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

Sunday	5	4 Before Lent	10.30 am	Parish Communion
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	12	3 Before Lent	10.30 am	Parish Communion
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	19	2 Before Lent	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion
			10.30 am	Family Service & Communion
Sunday	26	1 Before Lent	10.30 am	Parish Communion
			6.00 pm	Start the Week

Holy Trinity Church

Sunday	5	4 Before Lent	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	12	3 Before Lent	9.00 am	Sunday Breakfast
Sunday	19	2 Before Lent	6.00 pm	Holy Communion/Prayers for Healing
Sunday	26	1 Before Lent	9.00 am	Parish Communion

Christchurch, Theale

Sunday	5	4 Before Lent	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	12	3 Before Lent	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	19	2 Before Lent	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	26	1 Before Lent	11.00 am	Come & See

Allerton Church

Sunday	5	4 Before Lent	9.00 am	Family Service
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Sunday	12	3 Before Lent	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	19	2 Before Lent	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	26	1 Before Lent	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

Sundays: 10.30am Morning service. (Groups for 3-15s.)

Please check the website for any last-minute changes to normal service times and dates, particularly during the winter weather.

Every Wednesday 10am-12noon is our really popular ‘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!

For details, please ring us on (01934) 710779 / 712812 / 713267. Email us on contactus@bagleybaptist.co.uk or come and see us at www.bagleybaptist.co.uk.

Wedmore Methodist Church

Preachers for February

Sunday	5	10.30am	Ken Young	
Sunday	12	10.30am	Revd Derek Hill	
Sunday	19	10.30am	Rob Haskin	
Sunday	26	10.30am	Revd Roly Sims	Holy Communion

Crickham Baptist Church

Sunday Services 6.30pm

Sunday School 10.30am

Contact Dulcie Hooper 712187

Our Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, Cheddar

Contact Father Philip Thomas - telephone 709244.

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.

Please visit the website at www.axbridgeandwedmoremedicalpractice.nhs.uk, or visit / telephone the practice 732464 or 712774 for changes to opening hours and information on how to contact a doctor or get medical help during the Christmas and New Year period.

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

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

Wedmore Community Bus

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

The service acts less like a bus and more like a personal taxi service. You get on and off wherever you tell us is the most convenient place - usually outside your own house.

Travel is free if you have a current bus pass. If you have to pay, then fares compare very favourably with alternative forms of transport, saving money on fuel and parking. For example, the 50-mile round trip to Taunton is only £4.80.

The bus departs from Wedmore at 9.30 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 - Wed	Camelot Quilters	10.00am	Wedmore VH
3 - Fri	Theale Frolics	8.00pm	Theale VH
	International SpooF Competition	8.00pm	The New Inn
4 - Sat	Fairtrade Coffee Shop	9.30pm	St Mary's Church
	Compassion Coffee Morning	10 - 12am	Bagley Parish Church
	Wedmore PTA Winter Supper	7.30pm	Wedmore VH
	Theale Frolics	8.00pm	Theale VH
5 - Sun	Messey Church	3 - 5pm	St Mary's Church
6 - Mon	Wedmore Knitting and Quilting Group	9.30am	The Scout Hut
	Green Wedmore Meeting	8.00pm	The George
7 - Tues	Wedmore Tuesday Club	11.00am	Wedmore VH
	Wedmore Young Farmers	7.30pm	The George
8 - Wed	Probus	10.15am	Golf Club
	Blackford Village Hall Café	2 - 4pm	Blackford VH
10 - Fri	Blackford Harvest Home - Winter Warmer	7.30pm	Blackford VH
	Mr Punch's Folk Club - Open Mic	8.00pm	The Panborough Inn
11 - Sat	Wedmore in Bloom	9.30am	The George
12 - Sun	Blackford Holy Trinity Church Breakfast	8.30pm	Blackford VH
	Green Wedmore Big Tidy Up	10.00am	Borough House
13 - Mon	Wedmore Knitting and Quilting Group	9.30am	The Scout Hut
	Blackford Village Hall Committee Meeting	8.00pm	Blackford VH
14 - Tues	Wedmore Tuesday Club	11.00am	Wedmore VH
15 - Wed	Camelot Quilters	10.00am	Wedmore VH
16 - Thu	IOW News Committee Meeting	9.30am	The Council Rooms
	WI Meeting, Guest Speaker Angie Horne	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
18 - Sat	Theale Community Café	10.00am	Theale VH
19 - Sun	Theale Film Club - The Girl on a Train	6.30pm	Theale VH
20 - Mon	Wedmore Knitting and Quilting Group	9.30am	The Scout Hut
21 - Tues	Wedmore Tuesday Club	11.00am	Wedmore VH
	Wedmore Young Farmers	7.30pm	The George
22 - Wed	Probus	10.15am	Golf Club
	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	The Council Rooms
	Wedmore Harvest Home Committee Meeting	8.00pm	The Recreation Soc Club
23 - Thu	IOW Society Meeting	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
24 - Fri	Limelight Night - Open Mic at the Swan	8.00pm	The Swan
	Mr Punch's Folk Club - Open Mic	8.00pm	The Panborough Inn
27 - Mon	Wedmore Knitting and Quilting Group	9.30am	The Scout Hut
28 - Tues	Wedmore Tuesday Club	11.00am	Wedmore VH
	IOW Gardening Club Meeting	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
	Wedmore Young Farmers	7.30pm	The George

February 2017

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY

Fitness2Unique	9.15am	Blackford VH	Rane Lisa	07977 415799 07801 272255
Art Group	2 - 4.00pm	Wedmore VH	Chris Midford	01749 712522
Modern Dance	4.00pm	Blackford VH +	Kaye Morgan Anstee	01278 641194
Beavers	5.30pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438
Bridge Club	7.00pm	Masonic Hall	Brian Moreton	01934 713854
Scouts	7.15pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438

TUESDAY

Fitness2Unique	9.15am	Blackford VH	Rane / Lisa	As above
Chair Yoga	10.00am	The Swan Inn +	Jo Willis	07552 711101
Tuesday Club	10.30am	Masonic Hall	Sue Freeman	01934 741861
Ballet Classes	4.00pm	Bristol Ballet Centre +	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

Fitness2Unique	9.15am	Blackford VH	Rane / Lisa	As above
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 Toddlers	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	Bristol Ballet Centre +	Bristol Ballet Centre ashermann99@hotmail.com	
Cubs	6.30pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438

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Fitness2Unique (2 Classes)	9.15am	Blackford VH	Rane / Lisa	As above
Tots and Tinies	9.15am	Wedmore First School +	Jo Page	01934 710431
Wedmore Art Group	2.00pm	Masonic Hall +	Eileen Sanders	01934 710353

+ Not taking place during school holidays