

ISLE OF WEDMORE NEWS



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Editorial

Well it has happened again, the first day of the last month of 2017 has crept silently up on me and here we (Barley and I) go again, welcome to the December Edition number 456.

So 'tis the magical month of December, let the Yuletide Festivities commence in earnest. I have decided to stop using the work 'bumper' to describe the incredible range of events we have here in Wedmore and reached the conclusion that every month could be described thus. Having said that, January and February may indeed prove to be less hectic, but December certainly lives right up to that description with a plentiful choice of functions. Saturday 9 December wins the busiest day award and at the pinnacle is the enchanting 'Wedmore by Lamplight' on Wednesday 13 December.

Thank you to everyone who contributed this month. On behalf of my co-editors, the Management Committee and everyone connected with the publication of the Isle of Wedmore News, may I wish you all a very Merry Christmas. But do be careful what you wish for.

Bill Sutton

Front Cover

This photo of the Burtle Silver Band, playing Christmas carols and music outside the Village Store, was taken last December.

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News

Parish Council Business

The October meeting was attended by Cllr John Woodman who is the Highways and Transport Cabinet member on Somerset County Council. He and two of his highway engineers came to answer Council concerns over various highway issues concerning heavy goods vehicles, white lines, missing traffic signs, etc. A full and frank discussion took place and Cllr Woodman said he would arrange for a newly appointed engineer to visit Wedmore within a couple of weeks to see the issues that were being complained about. Concerns were also expressed about the cost of school transport which had risen considerably over the past few months and, as a result, a low-take-up by parents and pupils. Cllr Woodman explained that two coach companies had lost their contracts and therefore there were fewer companies available to tender, meaning costs would inevitably rise. There was also a shortage of drivers within the county due to the generous pay being offered by contractors operating staff transport at Hinkley Point.

There were also concerns at Blackford Village Hall Committee's decision to lock the village hall gates during afternoons to deter parents collecting pupils from the local academy. Several complaints had been received at the Council Rooms and had been referred to the Committee Chairman who attended the meeting. His response was that the Hall Committee did not feel they had a responsibility to provide a collection area for school pupils. The area was unlit and unsupervised and he felt the proper collection area should be within the confines of the school which had supervision at the end of the school day. He wanted to see a safe solution to the issue. The Council agreed to write to the Hall Committee asking it to reconsider. Members also agreed to make a grant to 'Wedmore by Lamplight' and to provide the usual Christmas trees for local businesses.

Finally...on behalf of the Chairman and Members, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Rod Pring,

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Wedmore by Lamplight – Wednesday 13 December

Yes, it's that wonderful time of year again! Our annual Christmas celebrations will this year be on Wednesday 13 December, from 6pm until 9pm.

Anyone who loves Christmas will want to add this date to their diary as Christmas will officially start in Wedmore with the delightful evening of Wedmore by Lamplight. All the traditional favourites will be here, starting with the St. Mary's Church crib service at 6pm.

The wonderful Wedmore shops and businesses will be open for the evening from 6pm to 9pm offering a multitude of delights and the centre of Wedmore will be alive with traditional merriment of pig roasts and mulled wine! All whilst Burtle Band play traditional carols and a host of evening entertainment will surely get us all full of festive spirit!

Father Christmas has agreed to come all the way from Lapland despite his busy schedule and we trust that you will encourage your friends and family to bring multitudes of children to invade his grotto!

Wedmore is always a beautiful village but it looks that bit more special on this December 2017

lovely village evening, which provides a delightful opportunity for all your family and friends to combine the traditions and fun of Christmas with some Christmas shopping!

Don't forget to tell all your friends and family about our lovely village evening!

Joseph Rajkovic

Ben and Brian's Amazing Journey to Mongolia

Ben and Brian Sutlieff from Cocklake have completed their journey to Mongolia and back raising money for Bloodwise, the Blood Cancer charity, and Cool Earth – saving the rain forest.

Well, as they discovered, the Mongol Rally is a crazy challenge. Take a small car and drive it to Mongolia without any back up, support or route planning help. During the 70 days (55 to get to the finish line and 15 to do the short 5000 miles home), they experienced:

- 26 countries
- 16922 miles (there and back again)
- Over 15000ft altitude
- Highest temperature 46 °C
- Lowest temperature below freezing
- Desert, mountain, rivers and plains.
- 4 flat tyres
- 3 broken springs
- 1 broken drive shaft
- 5 fines/bribes to keep them moving
- And several broken spirits!



Brian said: 'We met so many friendly people and saw many different cultures. It is hard to pick a favourite country or event. Some days were hard – waking up to the tent covered in thick frost or wet when it leaked, stuck in sand waiting for a tow, fixing breakdowns in the heat, or lying ill in a hostel for a week in Tajikistan. Our longest border crossing took 13 hours and several were over eight hours. A great deal of patience was required. We could also mention the severe hangovers and illness due to dodgy vodka, but let's leave that one shall we.



Some days were a pleasure – meeting Mongolian horse-men, eagle hunters and shepherds. Being invited to breakfast at sunrise on a mountain in Iran, being handed flowers by an Armenian goat herder or sitting around the stove chatting with Russian campers in Siberia. Every country has a unique but similar story of friendship. We really do have a different story for every country.

It was a great experience and I hope we have increased awareness of Bloodwise and the work that they do to beat blood cancer. The Bloodwise bear travelled on the front of the car for the whole journey and Maya the horse was on the roof attracting attention wherever



we went. There were several offers to buy the horse and some requests to be given it as a 'gift' at borders, but we were determined to ensure that the horse also completed the trip.

We hope to hold another supper evening in the village hall to share some film and talk more about the challenge.

We have so far raised £3000 for Bloodwise and £1000 for Cool Earth and hope to still raise a little more'.

Just head to justgiving.com/teamsloweast to donate to Bloodwise or www.coolearth.org/campaigns/11437/team-slow-east-mongol-rally-2017/ to donate to Cool Earth.

You can also follow the team facebook page on www.facebook.com/TeamSlowEast

The Ceramic Plaque of the Isle of Wedmore



The unveiling of the Ceramic Plaque of the Isle of Wedmore took place at the monthly Farmers / Craft Market on Saturday 14 October.

The Children from Wedmore First Academy - ages up to nine years - created this plaque showing Wedmore and the surrounding hamlets where they live. The plaque is situated directly opposite the Weston Hospicecare Shop, just before you enter the open area where The Artists Gallery and Wedmore DIY are located.

Mr Wookey from the School said it was a privilege to be asked to create the plaque and

the children not only enjoyed making it, but were pleased that it showed the whole of the local area.

Save Our Signposts

We are pleased to report that following the restoration of the fingerposts at Lascot Hill and Plud Street, the fingerpost at Sexey's School, Blackford is now completed. Somerset Forge have made a superb job of the restoration and it is much admired.

We are finding the cost of full renovation is more than previously thought, with average price for a four blade fingerpost to be £650.00

There is also some good news concerning replacing missing blades. Somerset Forge have sourced a foundry that can produce exact replicas - they cost £200.00 per blade.

Donations have been offered to help with the renovation of the following fingerposts:

- Snipefield Lane
- Top Junction/ Sand
- Dungeon / Cheddar Road
- Heath House Cross Roads
- Stoughton Cross

We thank parishioners for donations already made, and also, of course, for your support in the future.

David Ewens

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Many thanks to everyone who filled a shoebox. So much joy in a little box! Boxes from this area usually go to Eastern Europe, so all the warm hats and gloves will also be very much appreciated. Thank you all.



*Sharon Rabbitts & Julie Harding,
Bagley Baptist Church*

Wedmore Neighbourhood Plan

Thanks to all of you who came to our event in the Village Hall on the 24th November. The possible policy ideas raised a lot of comments, but the real interest focussed on the 'frontrunner' sites for allocation as housing sites.

If you missed it, you can view the material at the Parish Room on Thursday 30th November (6.00 pm to 9.00 pm) and on Saturday 2nd December (10.00 am to 1.00 pm). You can also see all the boards on www.wedmore.online.



Please comment on any aspect of the consultation. You can respond by :

- Post to Wedmore Parish Council, Grants Lane, Wedmore BS28 4EA
- Email to wedmoreparishcouncil@gmail.com
- Direct on the www.wedmore.online site.

The closing date for comments is midnight on Friday the 22nd December.

*Bob Sellwood
(Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee)*

Bus Route 67 Wells to Burnham

The timetable for the Route 67 bus is published inside the rear cover.

Wedmore Village Hall – AGM 2017

Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Wedmore Village Hall Management Committee – Thursday, 7 December 2017 at 6.00 pm in the Small Hall

Since I took over as Chairman of the committee, at the end of last year, we have continued in our endeavours to enhance the hall and make it ever more suitable for a range of user groups. Some 25 user groups now use the hall on a regular basis from art to zumba. In addition, a number of weddings are held each year in the hall along with annual awards ceremonies of various sporting events and the Wedmore French Twinning group. It is a well-used and well-loved asset for the community and I imagine that at some time or other every member of the local community will have attended a function of one sort or another.

As a Management Committee we are committed to a programme of maintenance and improvement but also to modernise and make this beautiful Victorian building even more available, attractive and sustainable. In the last few months we have had a fire alarm system installed, wi-fi installed, a new floor in the bar area/snug, redecoration of the small hall and adjacent corridor. We are also hoping to install solar panels on

December 2017

the rear roof of the hall. However, to make much of this work possible, we are still dependent on individuals and local groups and local fundraising.

We are constantly seeking new sources of funding and have just been granted £10,000 by Sedgemoor DC for a project involving retractable raised seating to enhance the visibility of audience members seated to the rear of the hall and to make it a more viable and attractive arts centre within the local community. We will need to match this amount for the project but feel confident we can achieve it. The main hall and snug/bar are in need of a complete redecoration and we are applying for funding from a number of sources. It is amazing just how many organisations have funds available for such projects! So your committee is not sitting still.

I hope as many representatives of our user groups will attend the AGM on 7 December, along with any residents of Wedmore, and let us know your needs and wishes for the hall. We are also keen to find a few new committee members, so please let me know if you might be interested.

*Simon C Tomes, Chairman
simon@mudgley.org*

The Late Keith Davey

Ian and Sandra Davey would like to say a belated thank you to everyone in Wedmore and the surrounding district for their kind words, support and sympathy following the death of Keith Davey last July and for the very generous donations made in Keith's memory for Cancer Research. We would particularly like to thank Mark Sheppard Funeral Directors, Andrea Brenner of Pumpkin Deli, Isle of Wedmore Bowls Club and all who came to the funeral and helped to make the day a real celebration of Keith's life.

We would like to make one correction to Keith's listing under Parish Registers in the October edition of the magazine. Keith did not live in Plud Street but for the whole of his 40 years in Wedmore he lived in Guildhall Lane, along with Anne his wife who died in 2001 and his father-in-law, Harry Jones who died in 1985. We know they always loved Wedmore, its people and the beautiful countryside around. Many thanks to you all

The Turnip Prize

Final judging will take place at The New Inn, Wedmore, on Tuesday 5 December at 6.30pm. For more info visit The New Inn, Wedmore, our facebook page or turnipprizebook on twitter.



PilogaFit – Every Wednesday

PilogaFit is a new weekly exercise class running in the Wedmore Village Hall every Wednesday 10.30 to 11.30am, suitable for any age or ability. All are welcome from beginners up. No need to book, pay as you go. Just £5 per session attended. Have fun - keep fit.

For more information: www.pilogafit.co.uk Contact John Beasley 01749 672482.

Wedmore Opera Goers

If you enjoy opera, ballet and theatre why not put your name on the Wedmore opera goers list?

In February we plan to see Tosca by the WNO in Cardiff and in April to see Matthew Bourne's 'Cinderella' in Cardiff.

For more details please contact Jan Young on 712055 or Suzanne Metters on 712515 or email suzannemetters@hotmail.com

Theale Panto Again?

After Christmas, in February, were coming up to the next Theale Village Panto.

Theale Panto and our other shows have, for over twenty years, brought a bit of fun to the village and its hamlets, bringing audiences and players together, young and old, at a time when village community life is on the retreat.

However, time brings its usual changes and challenges and we are pushing our luck when Wishy Washy turns out to be older than her mum!

Theale Players would welcome younger members - and very welcome they would be - to take up the baton and help keep alive social activity in the village.

Without the support of younger members of the village we won't continue. This February we hope to return to Sherwood Forest to find Robin Hood and his (or indeed her) cohorts and to encounter the usual pantomime characters, romance and nonsense. The scenario is done (after a fashion), the script remains to be built around cast members and what they can actually remember (or how good they are at hiding bits of script in and around their costume)! We try to keep rehearsals to a manageable scale - a few Sunday afternoons and sometimes during the week.

Performances will probably be on 8, 9, 10 February 2018 to avoid half term which means two get-togethers / rehearsals before Christmas on 10 and 17 December, as well as in January. This is a chance to have a bit of fun, to sing, dance, dress up and sort of act. Interested and / or mad enough? Please contact Bernard Coulter asap bernard.coulter@gmail.com on 712144.

Somerset Singers Christmas Concert at St Mary's Wedmore – Saturday 9 December





The Somerset Singers will perform their Christmas Concert “Elijah” by Felix Mendelssohn at St Marys Church in Wedmore at 7:30pm on Saturday 9 December. They will be conducted by Guest Conductor Alison Blundell with the Lochrian Ensemble (Leader Catherine Black) and Soloists – Emma Brain-Gabbot (Soprano), Lucy Balderson (Soprano), Louise Mott (Contralto), Richard Rowntree (Tenor), and Edward Grint (Bass) who will sing the part of Elijah.

Mendelssohn wrote the bulk of his Oratorio Elijah between June 1845 and August 1846 when it was first performed in the Town Hall, Birmingham on 26th August 1846. Following its first performance, Mendelssohn completely revised it before it was next performed at Exeter Hall, London on 16th April 1847; it is this version that we recognise today and will be performed in this concert. It is full of stirring melodies and chorales interspersed with arias and recitatives containing many well-known four part and eight part choral pieces starting with the plea ‘Help, Lord!’, the magnificent ‘Baal’ choruses before Elijah sings his plea ‘Lord God of Abraham’ and the first half ends with the mighty chorus

‘Thanks be to God’. The second half includes the choruses ‘Be not afraid’, ‘Woe to him’, the serene ‘He watching over Israel, slumbers not nor sleeps’, the mighty fire and earth quake sound of ‘Then did Elijah break forth from the fire’ and the piece ends with the stunning finale ‘And then shall your light break forth’; all in all it is a feast of brilliant oratorio music that will be performed by some excellent soloists, accompanied by a first class orchestra with four top lead string players and supported by a well drilled amateur chorus.

Tickets priced £14-00 and £16-00 are now on sale from Wedmore Post Office and tel 01934 843727 or 01934 713271 – Unsold tickets will be available on the door - Further information may be found on line at www.somersetsingers.co.uk

*Alison Blundell,
conducting The Lochrian Ensemble.*

The Farming Community Network (FCN)

The FCN can be contacted on 03000 111 999. This helpline is open from 7am until 11pm every day of the year. FCN.ORG.UK

Weston Hospice Charity Shop

Please come and visit the Weston Hospice Charity Shop in Unit 3 Borough Mews.

The Singular Exploits of Sherlock Holmes

Wedmore Theatre Club's long association with 'Take Art' continues in January when they bring to the village 'Don't Go into the Cellar' (that's the name of the Company, not the play!) with 'The Singular Exploits of Sherlock Holmes' on Friday 26 January. The greatest fictional sleuth of all time springs back to life in this stirring adaptation of the Conan Doyle classics.



Acclaimed actor Jonathan Goodwin (who wrote the show) plays the legendary detective recounting highlights of his crime-busting career, as well as autobiographical snippets about his life and times, the adversaries he has faced, and the mysteries he has solved.

This high-energy show, featuring a plethora of dashing heroes, villainous rogues and vintage thrills is an affectionate one-man homage to Sherlock Holmes that includes quick costume changes, audience participation and much wry humour. This is a new approach to well-loved material, and frankly the decision to go and see it should be elementary, my dear reader!

Tickets are £10 and are available now on-line at www.wedmoretheatre.com. Or you can ring Jon Frankpitt on 712596. They will also be on sale at The Village Store from 2 January.

Put the date in your diary now!

Thank You from The Children's Society

On behalf of The Children's Society, thank you to all the box-holders who collected a total of £950, with a further £34 from donations. This is an excellent total for just 10 months' collecting, from December 2016 to early October 2017, and is nearly £200 more than was collected in the full 12 months of 2016. (The box-opening was brought forward to take account of the withdrawal of the old £1 coins – although these made up only a small fraction of the total coins collected.)



Thank you again, everyone, for your generosity.

Susanne Burton

A Day in the Life of a Vicar

How to describe a 'day in the life' when one of the glories of being a parish priest is that there is no typical day? But these are some of the activities and services in which I spend my time...

With breakfast over and the rest of the family off to work and school, I head up to St Mary's to start the morning with prayers. Sometimes I am alone with God, sometimes a parishioner will join me and we will pray together. The morning is also a time for preparation for Sunday services, school assemblies and meetings. I regularly take assembly at the local schools and I feel privileged that I can play a small part in

the nurturing of young people as this is an important part of the Church ministry. In fact, I would say that the schools are really the fifth community, as the Benefice of the Isle of Wedmore, of which I am vicar, covers the parishes of Wedmore, Blackford, Theale and, more recently, Allerton.



Sunday is still the beginning and end of the week and worship is the main calling and at the heart of what we do as a Christian church. So it is appropriate that quite a bit of time is taken up preparing for Sunday. These days it is rare to have a 'normal' Sunday, as one size of worship doesn't fit all. I might start off with a café church in Blackford, followed by a formal communion and then a quiet, meditative service in the evening. Putting on a service is really a big team effort and at St Mary's I counted once the number of people involved in organising Sunday service and including the choir, the flower arrangers, the cleaners and others, I got to about 25 in total. I see

my role in the organisation part as making sure everyone knows what's going on.

I spend quite a lot of my time thinking, talking to people and writing. When preparing a sermon or a talk for a school assembly I try to think 'what does God want to say to this particular group?' Sometimes I take a passage from the bible which is relevant to today's life, but of course, if something major has just happened in the country or in the world, such as a bomb attack or a natural disaster, I feel I must comment on it and try to help people make sense of it.

I tend to visit in the afternoon, because people are more ready to see you a bit later in the day. Some visits are for a particular need - I take two to three funerals a month and I visit the close relatives before each funeral. I also carry out some home communions for people who are housebound or sick.

There are services all through the week and I visit places to seek out people where they go as I very much see myself as vicar, minister, servant to everyone in the parish, not just those who go to church. So I sometimes go to The Tuesday Club, taking my

dog along, the Blackford Café, Theale Community Café, Allerton lunch. Soon after I arrived I introduced my 'On a wheel and a prayer', cycling around the parish and saying prayers for people at each stop. It enables me to get out and meet people and I think people are pleased that I do it. Folk are welcome to join me – just give me a call and we can arrange to meet along the way. It's about 20 miles – 'easy peasy' for a serious cyclist - but I can certainly feel it afterwards!

Late afternoon is family time. When the family get back from school I like to reserve 2-3 hours to spend time with them. I am busy 3-4 evenings a week, perhaps with church meetings or meeting with people who are preparing for a big moment in their lives, such as a baptism or a wedding. I know how important these moments are for people and want to help them make the most of the occasion. I think as a group of people we can do amazing things together. As a community, we have the tools to help each of us try to live a better life.

*Rev. Richard Neill,
Vicar of the Benefice of the Isle of Wedmore*

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

The New Inn - a Typical Local Pub

When I moved to just outside Wedmore, I was pleased to note that we have not just one but three pubs in the village. As they are all different, there is a good reason to visit and enjoy the food and drink at each one. Last week I was at The New Inn, talking to Frank and Deb Sparks, to find out how they came to be publicans.

Frank grew up in the Maidstone area in Kent. After he finished school he started an apprenticeship but didn't really enjoy it, so decided to join the army. He served in the parachute regiment in many different places in the Middle East, Asia and Northern Ireland. After seven years he left the forces for family reasons. He found the adjustment to civilian life difficult at first, putting a strain on relationships, but then got a job he liked, working for a multi-metal stockholding company that supplied engineering companies. He started in telephone sales and worked his way up through field sales, ending up as Sales Manager covering 18 counties and all of London. During this period he met Deb. In 1988 he left to start up his own small company, still in the same business. He went to work behind a bar for extra income, which he enjoyed, so when a chance came up to manage a pub he decided to take the plunge. The first pub that he and Deb owned was in Liverton in Devon. It was on a country road that led

to caravan parks on the edge of Dartmoor and was going to close. Before committing to buying the pub they stayed there over a weekend. During that time there was just a handful of customers, so they knew that it would be a challenge and they would have to be innovative to turn it into a profitable business. It hadn't offered food in the past but fortunately they both enjoy cooking. Also, Deb had had experience of customer relations as she had worked in her family wedding business selling dresses and helping to organise fashion shows.



They introduced meal and wine promotions and they offered a service whereby they picked customers up from the caravan parks in a mini bus and took them back at the end of the evening. They landscaped the garden and built a large car park so that they could welcome clubs, such as the Austin Healey club or the local harriers, for regular gatherings. To increase the mid-day business they offered lunch-time specials for senior citizens. After a while, the pub began to thrive.

One day they had an excellent offer for the pub, so decided to sell it and move to Somerset near Deb's sister. They bought a house in Bagley with the thought that it would be just right for

their future retirement. Deb worked at Millfield School as a cook supervisor and Frank freelanced in various pubs in the area and then did the cooking at The New Inn.

When the owner of the New Inn decided to retire in 2009, he offered to sell the lease to Frank and Deb. They have been there ever since. They have continued to host the many events that were already taking place there, like the 'Turnip Prize' and the skittles and darts matches, and have added their personal touch with theme weeks and events. These days Frank does most of the cooking and Deb greets the customers and looks after the bar. They have good relations with owners of local Bed & Breakfast businesses and holiday cottages and are proud to run a traditional village pub.

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

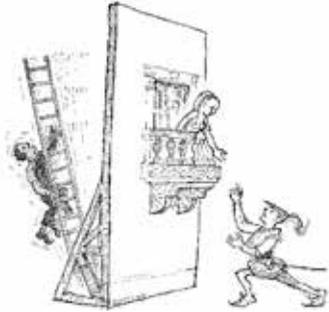
December Director's Blog

Well, here we are at last, and the First Night is almost upon us. The first draft of the script was created in mid-June. The auditions were in late July, and rehearsals have now been under way since early September.



Twenty eight actors onstage – including a dog who, as befits any performer who is totally uncontrollable, regularly succeeds in upstaging her

**The Panto That
Goes Wrong**



human colleagues – and forty two backstage, have worked tirelessly for many months to put together something special for their community.

And it really has been a community-wide effort, involving people aged eight to eighty with a stunningly broad array of skills. As always, when called upon, people in Wedmore come forward and offer an impressive range of talents.

If we sell out all four performances – which is looking highly likely as I write – that will have involved a further 600 people as essential participants – i.e. an audience! – making a total of 670 people actively participating in this community show. Or more than one fifth of the population of Wedmore aged over 8!

So, what have been the high points of the last six months for all of us who have been involved? For me there have been many welling-up moments listening to some truly sublime singing; the fact that half of the cast and one third of the creative/backstage team are new to Wedmore Theatre, bringing exciting new talents and ideas with them; and, of course, the endless laughter and fun that goes with being part of a big, lively, creative team working in close harmony to achieve something unique and special.

And, a final reminder: tickets for this show are numbered. So the earlier you book, the better the seats you can obtain. Performances are on Thursday 30 November, Friday 1 December and Saturday 2 December, all at 7.30 pm, plus a matinee on the Saturday at 2.30 pm. Tickets are available now, from Wedmore Village Store; from the Wedmore Theatre Box Office on 01278 641370 or online at www.wedmoretheatre.com.

Sue Rippon

Wedmore Harvest Home 100 Club Lottery 2017

Wedmore Harvest Home 100 Club. As we do not have a meeting in November or December, all three months were drawn in our October meeting.

October:

Winning £100 - Trevor Prideaux

Winning £50 - Adrian

November:

Winning £100 - Becky Teeboon

Winning £50 - Zoe Macarthur

December:

Winning £100 - Jerry Blackwell

Winning £50 - Terry And Gill Spanner

We are now taking names and payment for our 2018 100 Club. Please email bethskeen_16@hotmail.co.uk if you would like to enter.

Cheddar Vale Lions Club Empty The Wishing Pool In Cheddar Gorge

At the end of another busy summer, Cheddar Vale Lions Club members took on the annual task of emptying the Wishing Pool in Cheddar Gorge. Members of the public have had the opportunity of 'making a wish' throughout the year knowing that the money will be used for the Lions' charitable work.



With the co-operation of Bristol Water, the coins are fished out of the pool and the surrounding waters in bucket loads. They are then washed and sorted by the Lions. Half of the money is given to Bristol Water in aid of their own charity, Water Aid, and the remainder is used by Cheddar Vale Lions for their charitable work in the local community. This year the total 'thrown in' by the public amounted to £539.

Thank you to those who made their 'wishes' and we hope they come true!

The Lions Also Love to Jumble



Another successful Jumble Sale was held in Cheddar Village Hall which was well received by the local community.



Hundreds of donated items were displayed and the majority either sold on the day or, at the end, delivered to local charities or organisations to sell in aid of their causes. On the day, Cheddar Vale Lions took over £350 for charitable work in the local community.

The pictures below show the Lions Club members preparing for the day's sale and members of the public delving into the many bargains.

St Mary's Church 100 Club

The November winners in the monthly draw were: Sheila Duckett, winning £20 with her No. 68, and Diana and John Allison holding No. 65 and winning £10. Congratulations to them.

Mendip Rotarians Raise £25,000 for Charity

Members of the Rotary Club of Mendip were celebrating success recently in their largest ever charity fund-raising project. They had been given a



new caravan worth approximately £20,000 by Bailey of Bristol, along with other prizes donated by caravan and camping accessory specialists, Prima, to raffle in a national draw. Mendip Rotarians have been at public events and shows near and far selling the tickets since the beginning of the year.



The draw was made by Mr Nick Howard, chief executive of Bailey of Bristol, at the national Motorhome and Caravan Show at the NEC in Birmingham on Sunday 22 October. The winner of the caravan lives in New Milton, Hampshire, and winner of the second prize in Wedmore. The 2018 model 4-berth Pegasus caravan, which will be furnished to the winner's specification, was donated to celebrate the company's 70th anniversary.

Mendip Rotary Club president Richard Tilley said, 'We cannot adequately express our grateful thanks to Bailey's for their generosity, and to members of the public who bought tickets. The major beneficiary from the raffle proceeds will be Macmillan Cancer Support, and we will also donate to other local charities and community projects supported by Rotary.'

The Isle of Wedmore Society

We continued our autumn programme with a visit by Tony Deahl from BARB - The Burnham Area Rescue Boat, not to be confused with The Burnham RNLI.

The boat or in fact boats, a fibreglass boat and a hovercraft, are manned by 20 volunteers and cost about £20,000 a year to operate and unlike the national supported RNLI boats around the country, the Burnham boats gain their support from the local Somerset area.

Tony gave us a well-informed, detailed account of all the various 'shouts' they get called out to do. One of the main problems they encounter is mud related, ie people and vehicles straying too far out from the shoreline and unable to return safely.

The organisation is very wary of towing out vehicles from the mud because, can you believe it, if the vehicle is damaged the owner could sue their rescuers! For a fee of £800 a private firm will do it for you.

The instigation of a boat came about after a 5-year old girl died at Burnham and, with an appeal by The Western Daily Press, monies were raised in 1992, plus the television personality Anrika Rice helped to build a boathouse.

A new hovercraft, The Spirit of Lelaina, was launched at a cost of £115,000 in 2004 and, because of all the salt water and mud encountered by the boats, maintenance costs are high. Besides rescuing people and vehicles, animals are also saved, missing

persons searched for and the boat was also used extensively for the Somerset level floods a few years ago.

We all went away after an interesting talk with a goodly knowledge of all the services the BARB provides by very dedicated volunteers.

*Chris Edwards,
Speaker Secretary*

I.T. for the Terrified

I.T. for the Terrified provides help with using computers, tablets, smartphones, cameras and similar devices on a one to one basis. Each informal session of two hours is tailored to meet the individual's needs, in a relaxed and friendly way, usually using their own equipment. Our volunteer trainers can help with most subjects and fully understand that the use of modern technology can be daunting to the newcomer. 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.

Our opening hours are flexible, because we have different trainers with different skills on different levels on different days, but we will arrange an appointment to suit both parties as quickly as we can.

If you are a beginner getting started or have some experience and need help with something new, please telephone us 01934 741751 as we will need to book an appointment for you. We meet at Cheddar Village Hall next to St Andrew's church, Church Street, Cheddar, BS27 3RF. Appointments are essential. Our basic charge is £20 for the two-hour session but please ask if there is more than one of you or you have any other requirements.



We will be closed over the Christmas period – please ring and leave a message and we will get back with more info.

Contact us at I.T. for the Terrified: 01934 741751 (usually goes to a standard answer phone – please leave a message)
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Wedmore WI Report October 2017

October is Wedmore WI's birthday month, so guests from other WIs were invited to share our meeting. A brief run-through of necessary business included calendars, diaries, shoe boxes, and the Carol Service in Wells Cathedral. Diana and Margaret T had returned from Denman College a few hours earlier, and had enjoyed their course on 'Mistresses and their Houses.' We were reminded about the trip to Burns the Bread in November and other WI events.

We welcomed our speaker, Mrs Susan Marshfield. She is an old friend, and this time was talking about her memories of her childhood. She started by talking about hairdressers, and how this involved a whole day out when her mother went for a perm. The trip involved colouring books, crayons and a packed lunch, while her mother's



hair was cut, soaked in vile smelling stuff, and wound up onto a contraption of rods and wires that was connected to electricity. She told us about the times when she had been a bridesmaid, the first, aged 5, was for an aunt. Young Susan didn't like Auntie Joan, and didn't want to be a bridesmaid. In spite of her protests, she was measured and fitted for her dress, which she considered trying to cut up. She didn't think that would work, her mother would just make another; could she climb a tree, fall out and break an arm? No, she might break a leg, that wouldn't do. A few days before the wedding, she was sitting on the settee while her mother did some needlework. She found the needlework scissors, and took them behind it, where she sat on the floor and cut off her hair! She was sitting in a puddle of blonde hair when her mother came round and discovered what she had done, but didn't say a word. When father came home, he shook his head but still didn't say anything. Next day, she was told 'Get your coat on', and they went to the hairdresser, who said to mother 'You didn't exaggerate'. Her hair was cut to one length, tonged and brushed, then mother produced an Alice band with roses on, and said to the hairdresser 'I think she looks quite good'.

Other stories involved girlfriends dyeing each other's hair, boyfriends and horror films, liberty bodices, girdles, and taking the pig to the boar. All were delivered with Mrs Marshfield's inimitable style, and had us in fits of laughter.

After the talk, we enjoyed a ploughman's supper, prepared by members of the committee, followed by chocolate cake. All in all, a very memorable birthday.

Our December meeting is on Thursday 21, when Pete Tinney will tell us 'As a boy I loved', which is sure to be amusing.

Chris Barker

Ethel Pople Deceased Charity and The Wedmore Charities

The late Ethel Pople, 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' and 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, the elderly and/or infirm.

The trustees of both charities meet in December each year to decide how their combined distributions can be applied with a view to distribution of trust income before Christmas.

The trustees of both the Ethel Pople Trust and the Wedmore Charities therefore invite written applications from those who qualify under the terms of these trusts with a view to distribution of trust income. Letters should state briefly the basis on which the applicants qualify, ie 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.

Applications should be addressed to the Ethel Pople and Wedmore Charities Trustees John Hodge Solicitors Cheddar Road Wedmore BS28 4EH for the attention of James Ashby.

Vera's Verse for December

The Source of Happiness

Happiness should be the path
And not the destination
Because sometimes holidays
Fall short of expectation
After all the frantic shopping
Pride goes before a fall
When because of a lost suitcase at the airport
We arrive at the hotel with no clothes at all
We adventure off on holidays
And over hot and barren islands we roam
But when we fly back over England
We are happy to see the green grass of home.

Vera Banwell

Weather Report for October 2017

	RAINFALL	Monthly total	45.0mm	(1.77ins)
		30-year average	89.3mm	(3.52ins)
		Wettest day (19th)	18.2mm	(0.72ins)
		No of dry days	16	
		Last 3 months (Aug - Oct)	184mm	(7.24ins)
		*Year ending 31 Oct 17	751mm	(29.6ins)
		30-year annual average	796mm	(31.3ins)
		TEMPERATURES	Maximum (8th, 16th)	18.5 °C
		Minimum (30th)	0 °C	(32 °F)
		Number of air frosts	1	
		Monthly average maximum	15.6 °C	(60.1 °F)
		30-year average maximum	14.9 °C	(58.8 °F)
		Monthly average minimum	8.9 °C	(48.0 °F)
	30-year average minimum	7.5 °C	(45.5 °F)	

COMMENTS

Rainfall barely half of long term average. Temperatures unusually warm.

Denley Brown

Walk Programme – West Mendip Walkers

Thursday 7 December

Moderate circular walk 10mi from Wellington Monument car park. OS Map Ex128 ST138173. Start 10.00a.m. Contact Carol Jackson Tel: 01934733568/07979354530 or caj7599@btinternet.com



Thursday 14 December

Moderate circular walk 7mi from 25 Horsecombe Brow, Combe Down (BA2 5QY). OS Map Ex155 ST751622. Start 12.30p.m. Park in driveway. Contact Margaret Donkin Tel: 01373 462203/07543 696675 or margkdonkin@aol.com

Thursday 21 December

Moderate circular walk 10mi from High Meadow, Clewer (BS28 4JG). OS Map Ex141 ST439510. Start 10.00a.m. Park in paddock off Cribb House Lane. Contact Vi Howley Tel: 07711662993 or vihowley@me.com

Thursday 28 December

No walk

Tony Strange

Forthcoming Events

Green Wedmore – Monday 4 December

At The George at 8.00 pm.



The 2017 Turnip Prize Final Judging – Tuesday 5 December

At The New Inn, 6.30pm.

Please find full details in the 'News' section.

Concert at Wedmore Methodist Church – Wednesday 6 December

Annual Concert in aid of Children's Hospice South West will commence at 7.00 p.m. Since we commenced these concerts in 2004 we have raised almost £12,500 for the Children's Hospice South West. Do come and join us again for an evening of entertainment - all participants give their time free for this very worthy charity – 'Making the most of short and precious lives'. No charge for admission and all donations will go directly to the Children's Hospice South West. No expenses taken. Refreshments served after the concert (a small charge) and there will also be a Christmas Gift stall together with CHSW Charity cards and gifts. We look forward to seeing you again this year.

Wedmore Village Hall AGM – Thursday 7 December

At 6.00 pm in the Small Hall.

Allerton Players Christmas Fun – Friday 8 and Saturday 9 December

Get into the Christmas spirit early with Allerton Players and their latest production entitled 'Hot Air at Christmas'. The fun starts at 7.30pm at Weare Memorial Hall. Tickets, which include a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie, are available from Carol Kilburn (713158) or Margaret Tinney (712324) for the bargain price of £9 for adults and £4 for under 16s.

Wedmore in Bloom – Saturday 9 December
Meet outside The George Inn at 9.30am, all welcome.



Wedmore Christmas Farmers' Market and Craft Fair – Saturday 9 December

At the Borough Yard. Come and join us in a lovely Christmas atmosphere where there will be at least 22 stalls taking part beside our five regular exciting shops. There will be a wide range of produce - vegetables, cheese, bread, honey, in addition to a large array of craft stalls. Any potential stallholders wishing to participate are cordially invited to contact Mrs Judith Gould on 743432.

We do not intend, which is in line with all the other Farmers Markets, to have a market in January. We will be returning on Saturday 10 February 2018.

Somerset Singers Christmas Concert at St Mary's Wedmore – Saturday 9 December

The Somerset Singers will perform their Christmas Concert "Elijah" by Felix Mendelssohn at St Marys Church in Wedmore at 7:30pm on Saturday 9 December.

Tickets priced £14 and £16 from Wedmore Post Office and tel 01934 843727 or 01934 713271 – Unsold tickets will be available on the door - Further information on line at www.somersetsingers.co.uk

Wedmore by Lamplight – Wednesday 13 December

Please see the full details in the News section.

Children's Carol Service in Crickham Chapel – 17 December

Commencing at 6.30pm, everyone welcome.

Club 50 Final Event for 2017 – Wednesday 20 December

Christmas Lunch (members only) at the Isle of Wedmore Golf Club. Contact Pauline Lunn on 732517.

Wedmore WI Meeting – Thursday 21 December

At 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, now beautifully redecorated. Come and hear Pete Tinney amuse us with tales of his boyhood. The competition is a Christmas tree decoration. There will be refreshments at the end of the meeting.



The Road to Bethlehem – Saturday 23 December

Christchurch Theale invite you to join them in travelling "The Road to Bethlehem" on Saturday 23 December. An interactive journey, during which we will meet some of the characters from the nativity story and sing some favourite carols, begins and ends at Theale Village Hall. We begin at 4.30 pm. This is very much an event for all ages, and families and children are welcome. Some walking is involved. Seasonal refreshments will be served.

Isle of Wedmore Society – Thursday 25 January

7.30pm in the Masonic Hall.

The Singular Exploits of Sherlock Holmes – Friday 26 January 7.30pm at Wedmore Village Hall.

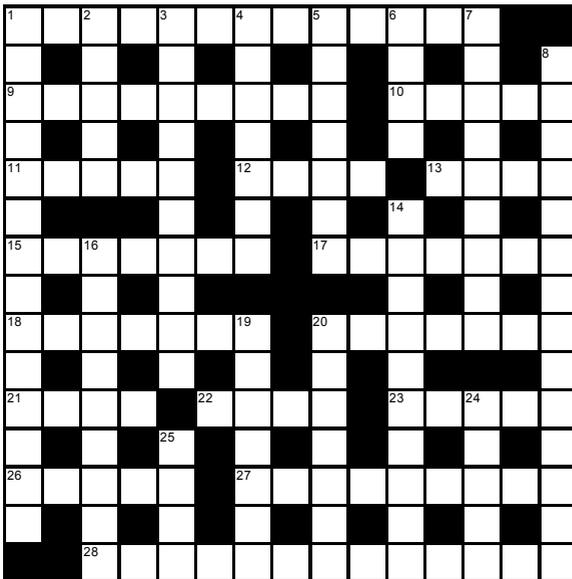
Wedmore Theatre Club's long association with 'Take Art' continues in January when they bring to the village 'Don't Go Into The Cellar' (that's the name of the Company, not the play!) with 'The Singular Exploits Of Sherlock Holmes'.

Tickets are £10 and are available now on-line at www.wedmoretheatre.com. Or you can ring Jon Frankpitt on 712596. They will also be on sale at The Village Store from 2 January.

The Crossword:

Number 8

By greendandelion



ACROSS:

1. Airport engine ticks over in more ways than one (13)
9. Emoticons develop money advisor (9)
10. This can be measured by horses (5)
11. Unsuitable paint (5)
12. A terrible man? (4)
13. Cease returning saucupans (4)
15. Proposition becomes evident the more its pondered (7)
17. Sit here together contemplating destination (7)
18. Barbarically it returns in a fox's tail (7)
20. Oaks say form in command (7)
21. Dead duck resort (4)
22. Unable to find the angle of hypocrisy (4)
23. Israel's "Cockburn" (5)
26. Contradict potato reversal (5)
27. Cancellation includes Portugal inducing impoverishment (9)
28. Small loss in power by license to alter image (7,6)

DOWN:

1. Publicity ruling before skill shows foresight (14)
2. Capital given German assent for wine (5)
3. Short giant ruined fairground ride (5,5)
4. I rid barium of obstacle to another metal (7)
5. Great tractors can draw (7)
7. Apprentice tyros (9)
8. Cleavage separating us from Wales (7,7)
14. Direction in pains during celebration of Greek sheep produce (4,6)
16. Being relaxed about sex renders one impartial (9)
19. Resident pupil swops head and stockpiles (7)
20. Tigers roughly handle keeper doing the dirty work (4,3)
24. Sicilia capital covers the lower regions (5)
25. Pine say for old actor (4)

Answers at the rear of publication.

Events Taking Place Outside the Parish

Wellbeing ‘Drop In’ Support Café

From 30 October, Youth Support Staff and ‘One-2-One’ Counselling Advisers, for people aged 13 – 18 Mondays 3.30 to 5.30pm. Methodist Hall, Cliff Street Cheddar BS27 3PL. Free Pizza. www.SRYP.org.uk Inspiring Involvement, creating opportunities.

Cheddar’s First Baby Book Club – Mondays

At the Cheddar Library from 10.45 to 11.15 am, for babies to pre-school children. Spaces will be limited so book your free place before the rush!

Bookings can be made in person at Cheddar Library or call 0300 123 2224 or email chelib@somerset.gov.uk

Line Dancing Classes – Tuesdays

Come and try this new popular Line Dancing class, listen to a wide range of music, learn the low impact moves in a safe, friendly environment. If you or someone you know would like to come along, you won’t regret it, no previous experience necessary, moves are easy to follow (you can always just watch and enjoy the music)!

Classes are held at Highbridge Community Hall, Tuesdays at 2.30pm and cost just £4.00. Don’t put off any longer, make life healthier and happier. For further information phone 01823 345626 or email ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk.

The Arts Society Sedgemoor – Wednesday 6 December

Ian Swankie will talk about ‘Underground Cathedrals London Underground.’

The world’s first underground railway has a wonderful heritage of architecture, ingenious design, powerful advertising posters and unique calligraphy. The lecture plots the early development of the Underground, and celebrates the award winning architecture of the modern Tube

Lectures are held at the 37 Club, between Woolavington and Puriton, on the first Wednesday of the month, commencing at 2.15pm. in the winter and 7pm from May to September.



Cheddar Vale Lions ‘Senior Citizens Tree of Light’ – Thursday 7 December

The lighting of the ‘Tree of Light’ and Dedication Ceremony will take place at the Cheddar Garden Centre on Thursday 7 December at 6.30 pm.

‘Christmas Crackers’, a Concert by the Burnham and Highbridge Band – Sunday 17 December

At 7:45pm at the Princess Theatre and Arts Centre, Burnham on Sea, the Burnham and Highbridge Band will present Christmas Crackers – an evening of jolly yuletide madness. Tickets priced at £7 (concessions £6) are available from the Box Office (01278 784464) or online at www.theprincesstheatre.co.uk

Concert In Aid of the RNLI at Winscombe Folk Club – Saturday 6 January 2018

Commencing at 8pm, Winscombe Folk are delighted to welcome winners of the Radio 2 Folk Award both in 2013 and 2016, Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman for our next Winscombe Folk Concert on Saturday 6 January 2018 in St James' Hall, Winscombe.

Tickets are now on sale for £13 from James Barattini at jamesbarattini@gmail.com or telephone 07703 538861. Unsold tickets may be available on the door. Cash bar available.



A Quizzical Evening with Celebrity Broadcaster John Inverdale – Mark Village Hall – Friday 9 February

Bar opens at 7pm, quiz commences at 7.30pm, tables of 4 \ 6 people. Tickets £20pp to include hot supper available from Jendy Weekes on 01278 641370, or from Mark Village Stores.

Avalon Camps Charity Ball at Rookery Manor – Friday 23 February

Details: 7-7.30pm arrival drink, carriages from 12.30am. Dress code: Black tie and party dresses. On the evening: welcome drinks, 3-course meal, raffle, charity auction, live music and a disco.

Individual ticket sales are available from the Mark Village Store or contact Faye Gardner by email faye.gardner@btinternet.com if you would like to arrange a table of 10 before 31 Dec. Tickets are priced at £40 per person.

The Garden in December

So, here we are again at the end of another year. At the time of writing the recent weather has been quite mild and benign, apart from the occasional high wind and many things have carried on growing and flowering; so far there have been no forecasts of seriously cold conditions but who can tell what the rest of the winter may bring. We have had a couple of cold nights, but no frost as yet where I live in Theale.

December is a month when, in many ways, there is time to plan ahead; there will be work to do when spring arrives and you can draw up plans for this now. It is also a good time to study garden catalogues and magazines, or increasingly, the internet, for ideas of what to grow in the season to come.

Lily bulbs for next year can still be planted; I have recently been re-potting lilies where last year's stems and leaves have just died back and new root growth has already started, so get new bulbs in as soon as possible. If they are a little dry and shrivelled when you get them, store them in a little damp peat or coir for a week or two to restore their quality before potting up or planting out. If you want to plant them in inclement weather, it doesn't hurt to put them straight into a pot of compost for a while until better planting conditions arrive, but don't keep them warm during their wait, otherwise they may be ahead of themselves when planted out and be damaged



by any subsequent cold weather. Bulbs that have been deliberately forced, such as hyacinths or 'Paper-White' type daffodils can be taken into warmth now, but avoid too high temperatures as this will cause them to become leggy and flop over. When they have finished flowering, they can be planted outside, but bear in mind that their 'body clock' is all wrong and they may be badly damaged by cold conditions; it is probably best to allow them to die off naturally and then plant outside in the spring.

Fruit trees can be pruned from now onwards, after the leaves have fallen (except for stone fruits); if there are mummified fruits still on the trees from the last crop, pull them off and ideally, burn them, to avoid the spread of disease (particularly Brown Rot) onto next year's crop.

Bare rooted hedging and trees and shrubs should be available now; if however the ground is frozen when you get them, it is as well to heel them in (ie. put them into a shallow trench and cover the roots) until the soil thaws. Prolonged periods of frost are usually more common in January and February than they are now ('As the days do lengthen, so the cold do strengthen') so try to get them planted sooner rather than later.

If you haven't already started winter digging, get on with it whenever weather permits; try not to bury frozen surface soil a few inches down as it will take longer to thaw down there and prevent soil temperatures from rising so rapidly in the spring. Otherwise, deep dig and manure soil ready for spring planting. In borders, take measures to control slugs and snails to prevent them from eating herbaceous plants as soon as they begin to emerge. If any fallen leaves have accumulated on lawns, now is the time to remove them; they are an excellent source of compost (leaf mould), but only rot slowly. Picking them up with the lawn-mower and at the same time mixing them with lawn clippings is a good idea as this speeds up the composting process. This is not a good time to sow grass seed on bald patches on the lawn, but extensive bare areas can be re-turfed (this may look very different from the existing lawn to begin with, but grass and weed species will eventually merge). Ragged lawn edges can be patched up now, by cutting out and turning pieces of turf if necessary.

If you have a rock-garden, low growing cushion plants can often be damaged by birds scratching them in the winter. Covering them with pieces of chicken wire can prevent this, or more extensive areas can be covered with the sort of netting you might use to keep herons off your pond, or cats off raised beds etc. I have trouble with pheasants scratching in my garden, attracted by bits that smaller birds drop from the bird feeder, netting can also keep them at bay. At this very moment there is a sparrow-hawk sitting on the fence by the bird feeder, but the pheasants don't seem too bothered by it. Take care to remove any form of netting before plants begin to grow through it.

I have said previously that roses should be pruned in the autumn to prevent strong winds from rocking them and loosening their roots; this is, of course, particularly important where they are recently planted. Ideally remove fallen leaves from beneath rose plants to avoid the carry-over of diseases on them, particularly Black-Spot which is spread by rain-splash onto new growth. This can be a major task in a large rose garden and one of these machines that sucks them up can be useful, especially that more and better battery operated ones are becoming available. (ask Father Christmas for one).

A few winter flowering trees and shrubs can give some colour and scent to the garden now; winter flowering cherries (*Prunus subhirtella autumnalis*) and winter

jasmine have no scent but can be colourful and Eleagnus ebbingei, various Mahonias and Viburnums give both colour and perfume.

Well it's about time I wound up for the year and wished you all the compliments of the season and I hope Father Christmas is kind to you all. Put your feet up by the fire and have a look at some gardening book until the weather entices you outside again. I usually get tempted to get out there after a few days of over-indulgence.

Adrian Hutchison

Thought for the Month

Dear Friends,

One of the classic hymns with a great tune has as its opening line 'At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.' Jesus in fact had many names or titles given to him, all of which express a different facet to who he is and what he means. But the name that has the most meaning as we move towards hearing the Christmas story again is 'Emmanuel'. It's still used as a name today – the French president for instance is called Emmanuel Macron. When the angel speaks to Joseph about Mary having a baby he says that Jesus' birth will fulfil a prophecy of a special young woman having a special baby who will be called 'Emmanuel'. The name means 'God is with us' and perhaps sums up in just a single name what Christmas is all about.

God isn't some distant deity looking down on the world and at our lives in judgment. He is a God who is with us, sharing what it means to be human, sharing in human love, joy, pain, sadness, laughter. Jesus takes the things of heaven and makes them real on earth and takes the things of earth back to his life in the kingdom of heaven.

I never become bored of singing some of the great Christmas carols (even though I may do so dozens of times in December!) and I am sure that I'm not the only one who enjoys belting out 'O little town of Bethlehem' or 'Hark the herald Angels sing' or 'Once in royal David's city' and many others. But, as often happens when we sing familiar songs, I wonder how much attention we pay to the words and think about what they mean. For a number of those great carols are about God being with us and the peace and the hope that this can bring. As the Archbishop of Canterbury writes in a little booklet we will be giving away at some of our services in December 'The constant refrain of Christmas, in carols and readings, is that God is with us. In whatever situations you find yourself this Christmas, God is with you – you need only turn to him and ask to know his presence.'

I hope you will want to join in singing some of those carols at services in our churches on the Isle of Wedmore and I hope also that you may know the peace and joy of God With Us - Emmanuel. And if you want to carve out some opportunities to reflect on what that might mean then do text GodWithUs to 88802 or go to www.churchofengland.org/Christmas to receive some regular reflections delivered free to your phone or inbox.

Lisa, Iona, Melissa and I thank you for all your good wishes and prayer over the past year. May your Advent be full of hope and your Christmas be full of joy.

Richard Neill – your vicar.

Tasty Morsels – Recipes for You

Lemon Trifle

Rather than do another rich Christmas recipe for the festive season, I thought I'd include this light, refreshing alternative.



Ingredients

1½ pints boiling water
8 oz sugar
2 lemons (juice and rind)
5 level tabs cornflour (scant 2 oz)
2 eggs
One packet trifle sponges

Method

In a large saucepan, bring the water and sugar to the boil. In a separate bowl or jug, whisk together the eggs, cornflour and the juice and rind of the lemons. Add some of the sugar water to the mixture, whisk, then add it back into the pan. Heat until foaming and cook until thick and translucent (at least 5 mins), stirring continuously.

Slice the trifle sponges and arrange them in a suitable dish, or in individual ramekins. Pour the lemon mixture over through a sieve. The sponge will try to float, so dunk it under to ensure none remains high and dry. Cover and refrigerate for a few hours or overnight.

Serve with double cream.

Stuart Fisher

Sport Reports

Wedmore Tennis Club News

The annual Jo Goodman Memorial Tournament was held last week. Jo Goodman won junior Wimbledon aged 12 and 14 years and became a good county player for Somerset before she was tragically killed in a car accident aged 25. Her sister then started the tournament at Avenue Burnham.

Twenty-four ladies took part from all areas of Somerset, the upshot of the draw was that three ladies taking part from Wedmore reached the semi-final, Diana Pearman, Kimberley Myers and Jenny Fitzpatrick.

Diana, partnered by Linda Hall from Wells, won the final, their great experience shining through. Diana has played in this tournament every year for 25 years and we would like to congratulate her on this achievement. The Avenue ladies provided a great buffet lunch and the sun shone all day.



Junior News

Georgina Sweet, Oscar Ham and Rufus Cardale all took part in an interclub tournament in Cheddar between Wells, Wedmore and Cheddar and they won, so a great day all round, well done to those players.

The Junior Christmas party will take place on Friday 15 December at Wedmore tennis club at 6pm. Tinsel, tennis and tasty treats available to all at a cost of £5 per person.



Joanna Cooper

Isle of Wedmore Golf Club

October at the Golf Club saw a transition from the summer season to the onset of the harsher conditions of the winter months which also bring with them the change of captains in charge of the three sections. Captain Steve Smith reminded players of this following the annual match between the Captain's and Vice-Captain's teams for the Barron-Midgley Trophy. This was his last golfing event of his year in office and in a novel twist this year both he and Vice-Captain Jim Gray were partnered by their sons, Tom and Sean for their match which fittingly ended in a draw. The rest of the Vice's team though could not keep this going and although most matches were close the Captain's team ran out winners by 7.5 points to 4.5.



Steve Smith and Jim Gray holding the Barron-Midgley Trophy

There were still two trophies up for grabs earlier in the month. These were an Open Competition for the Yonex Trophy whilst the Ladies played for the Olive Bowl. There was a packed field for the Yonex and a tight finish to division 1 which saw Ben Barwell claim first place with 38 points, just one better than Toni Ribí who beat visitor David Ford on countback. Andy Favell was a couple of points better though, winning division 2 with 40, two better than Marcello di Mascio with Evan Newman a point further back in third. Best score of the day, and therefore overall victory, came in division 3 with Nigel Young amassing 42 points to take the trophy. Charlie Sweeney took the divisional prize with 39 points, three better than runner-up Ken Brice with Gary Cutter third. Amongst the Ladies, Marlyn Jackson had an excellent 35 to claim the trophy ahead of Sue Chambers and Dawn Chadwick.

In the Olive Bowl, 35 was again good enough for first place with the honours this time going to vice-captain Shirley Gooding. She was just one point better than Rachel Lockley who in turn was a point better than third placed Sue Edwards who beat Alison Dodkin on countback. Diane Miller claimed fifth place on 32.



Winners of the Yonex Trophy Open Competition

The decision to move to a Stableford league in the winter rather than Medal meant the October Medal was the last of 2017. Storm Brian caused problems for competitors although the men in division 1 largely performed creditably with Daryl Cornelius best of the day with a level par 70. He was pushed hard by runner-up Tom Smith on 71 with Jon Thompson a further shot back in third place. Kev Osman had a respectable 73 to win division 2 which was 5 shots better than closest rival Mark Sweeting with George Cox 2 shots back in third. 75 was good enough to win division 3 for Liam Cann, just one better than Richard Turner in second with Keith Thomas a commendable but distant third. In a very restricted Ladies field, best score came from Sue Chambers with a nett 79 which would have put her among the places in the men's divisions.

There was some odd scoring in the monthly Stableford. Not particularly in division 1, where the excitement came from Richard Ham with a hole-in-one on the fourth hole, which was not quite good enough to give him a win but did secure third place with 36 points, losing out to second placed Geoff Fisher on countback. Winner with a very respectable 37 points in tricky conditions was Dave King. The odd scoring came in the other 2 divisions. In division 2, Evan Newman won with an excellent 40 points which was an unprecedented 10 points better than anyone else, Mark Higginbottom taking second place on countback from Daniel Milford with both scoring 30 points. Unprecedented that is until the result of division 3 showed that Greg Cox had also scored 40 points and had also won by a margin of 10 points from his nearest rival, David Bates who beat Chris McGowan on countback. In the Ladies, Marlyn Jackson had another convincing win, 5 points over youngster Beth Williams who made an impressive debut in a senior event. Sue Chambers took third spot.

The Seniors also played their last Medal of the year. The course continued to play long and only a handful of players broke par. Mike Smith won division 1 with a nett 68, one better than Nick Parker. Best score of the day came from David Hollingdale in division 2. His 67 was 2 better than runner-up David Bates. A close finish in division 3 saw Eddie Parlour win by a single shot on nett 70. Nick Smith clinched second place on countback from Gordon Newbery. The Seniors' Stableford saw a blanket finish in

division 1 with first place go to Peter Searle on countback with a strong performance on the par 5s to nudge ahead of both Peter Bennett and Mike Smith on countback after all three finished on 37 points. Chris McGowan had the best score of the day, 38 points, to win division 2 by a point from Michael Scantlebury with Gordon Summers third on 36. His score was matched by Roger Harding, winning division 3 again on 38 points with Ken Brice second on 36 and Dennis Howard third with 35.

The Ladies played a couple of fun competitions. The first was a Texas Scramble in which the winning team of Pam Berry, Maggie Tolchard and Beryl Richards went round in just 6 over par to give a nett score of 72.4. The next two teams both went round in gross 84, but on handicap this gave second place to Claire Biggs, Jennifer Fell and Hazel Gough on nett 76.9 with Ronnie Follenfant, Caroline Patterson and Rachel Lockley third on 78.3. The second was a Greensomes, resulting in a win for the low handicap pairing of Alison Dodkin and Marlyn Jackson with 34 points. Runners-up were the not quite so low pairing of Carol Horsley and Ashley Ribi on 32, one ahead of third placed Jennifer Fell and Maggie Tolchard.

Tony Biggs

Church News

On a Wheel and a Prayer

On Tuesday 19 December, 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.



Travelling Crib

During December figures of Mary and Joseph plus their donkey will be seeking homes to stay for a night during that symbolic Advent journey towards Bethlehem. The Travelling Crib is a tradition from South America, where it is called POSADA and is all about offering Mary and Joseph hospitality on their journey, and in so doing, opening one's home and heart to the stranger and to God.

If you want to host Mary and Joseph for a night, please contact 713745 or 712144.

Help Needed to Put Up Churchyard Christmas Tree

The large Christmas tree in front of St Mary's is going to be put up on Saturday 9 December at 10 am. The more folk that we have the easier it will be so if you can spare 30 minutes to help on that day it will be much appreciated. Please let the vicar know if you think you can come along and help.

Parish Registers

Funerals

Our condolences go to the family and friends of:

Joan Williams of Burnham on Sea (previously of Wedmore and Mudgley) who died on 5 October 2017 and whose funeral took place at St Mary's on Tuesday 17 October 2017.

Church Services

St Mary's Church, Wedmore

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

Sunday	3	Advent Sunday	10.30 am	Parish Communion
			6.30 pm	Advent Carol Service
Sunday	10	Advent 2	10.30 am	Parish Communion
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Wednesday	13		6.00 pm	Crib Service
Sunday	17	Advent 3	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion
			6.30 pm	Carol Service
Sunday	24	Christmas Eve	10.30 am	Quiet Hour
			5.00 pm	Christingle Service
			11.30 pm	Midnight Mass
Monday	25	Christmas Morning	10.30 am	Family Communion
Sunday	31	Christmas 1	10.30 am	Benefice Communion

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	3	Advent Sunday	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	10	Advent 2	9.00 am	Sunday Breakfast & Christingle
Sunday	17	Advent 3		No Service
Monday	18		6.30 pm	Community Carols
Sunday	24	Christmas Eve	9.00 am	Quiet Hour
Monday	25	Christmas Day	9.00 am	Family Communion
Sunday	31	Christmas 1		No Service

Christchurch, Theale

Sunday	3	Advent Sunday	11.00 am	Service of Light
Sunday	10	Advent 2	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
Saturday	16		6.00 pm	Crib & Carol Service
Sunday	17	Advent 3	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	25	Christmas Day	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	31	Christmas 1		No Service

Allerton Church

Sunday	3	Advent Sunday	9.00 am	Family Service
Sunday	10	Advent 2	4.30 pm	Christingle Service

Sunday	17	Advent 3	9.00 am	Parish Communion & Nativity Play
			6.30 pm	Carol Service
Monday	25	Christmas Day	9.00 am	Family Communion
Sunday	31	Christmas 1	9.00 am	Family Carols

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

December Special Advent and Christmas Services at the Churches of the Isle of Wedmore

Sunday	3	11.00am	Christchurch	Service of Light
		6.30pm	St Mary's	Advent Carol Service
Sunday	10	9.00am	Holy Trinity	Sunday Breakfast & Christingle
		4.00pm	Allerton Church	Christingle
Tuesday	12	7.00pm	St Mary's	NFU Carol Service
Wednesday	13	6.00pm	Wedmore by Lamplight	Crib Service
Sunday	17	9.00am	Allerton Church	Nativity Presentation
		6.30pm	Allerton Church	Carol Service
		6.30pm	St Mary's	Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
		6.30pm	Crickham Baptist	Family Carol Service
Monday	18	6.30pm	Holy Trinity	Village Carols
Wednesday	20	6.00pm	St Mary's	Wedmore 1st School Carol Service
Saturday	23	4.30pm	Bagley Orchard	The Road to Bethlehem
Sunday	24	11.00am	Christchurch	Carol Service
		5.00pm	St Mary's	Christingle
		11.30pm	St Mary's	Midnight Mass
		6.30pm	Crickham Baptist	Christmas Eve Celebration
		7.00pm	Bagley Baptist	Candlelit Carols
Monday	25	9.00am	Holy Trinity	Christmas Morning Communion
		9.00am	Allerton Church	Christmas Morning Communion
		10.30am	St Mary's	Christmas Morning Communion
		11.00am	Christchurch	Christmas Morning Communion
Sunday	31	9.00am	Allerton	Family Carol Service
		10.30am	St Mary's	Benefice Communion
		10.30am	Bagley Baptist	Morning Service

Bagley Baptist Church

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

N.B. No Morning Service on Christmas Eve.

Every Wednesday 10.00am-12.00 noon is our really popular 'Coffee With A View.' Come for 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.

Please note: 'Coffee with a view will still happen on 20 and 27 December.

Christmas Services:

Sunday 24 Christmas Eve: No Morning service.

7.00pm Candlelit Carols, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Christmas Day 25 December: 10.15am Family service. Kids, bring an unopened present...

Sunday 31 December: 10.30am Morning service as normal.

For details, please ring us on (01934) 710779 / 712812 / 713267

Email us on contactus@bagleybaptist.co.uk

or come & see us at www.bagleybaptist.co.uk

Wedmore Methodist Church

Sunday	3	10.30am	Mr RF Smith
Sunday	10	10.30am	United service with St Mary's
Sunday	17	10.30am	Mr B Speddings
Sunday	24	10.30 am	Carol Service, local arrangements
Sunday	31	10.30 am	local arrangement

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 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm

Wedmore Surgery

Wednesday and Thursday Once a month 7.00 am to 8.00 am

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.

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

Carol Ayliffe

713471

Controller Street

Thelma Jenkins Jones 710467

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

Bus Route 67 Wells to Burnham

Burnham-on-Sea - Highbridge - Wedmore - Wookey - Wells - Wookey Hole							Mendip Community Transport		
Mondays to Fridays from 6 March 2017 - No service on Saturday/Sunday/Public Holidays									67
Ben Travers Way, Tesco			1045		1305				
Burnham-on-Sea, Old pier Tavern	0922		1050		1310				
Highbridge George Hotel	0930		1058		1318				
East Huntspill, School	0937		1105		1325				
Mark, The Packhorse Inn	0945		1113		1333				
Wedmore, The Borough arr	0953	c	1121	c	1341	c			
Wedmore, The Borough dep	0742		0955		1125		1345		
Henton, Post Office	0752		1005		1135		1355		
Wookey Holmlea	0756		1009		1139		1359		
Wells, Coronation Road	0802		1015		1145		1405		
Wells Bus Station	0809		1022		1152 1252		1412 1500 1715		
Wells, The Blue School	0817								
St.Cuthbert's Avenue			1028		1158 1258		1418 1506 1721		
Wookey Hole	0824		1033		1203 1303		1423 1511 1726		
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St.Cuthbert's Avenue	0830	0917		1040	1210 1310		1430 1520 1735		
Wells, The Blue School								1535	
Wells Bus Station	0836	0923		1046	1216 1316		1436 1526 1543 1741		
Wells, Coronation Road		0930		1053		1323		1550 1747	
Wookey Holmlea		0936		1059		1329		1556 1753	
Henton, Post Office		0940		1104		1333		1600 1757	
Wedmore, The Borough arr		0950	c	1114	c	1343	c	1610 1807	
Wedmore, The Borough dep			1000		1125		1350		
Mark, The Packhorse Inn			1010		1135		1400		
East Huntspill School			1019		1144		1409		
Highbridge George Hotel			1026		1151		1416		
Burnham-on-Sea, Old Pier Tavern			1036		1201		1426		
Ben Travers Way, Tesco			1041		1206		1431		

Crossword 8 Answers

Across: 1.peregrination 9.economist 10.power 11.inapt 12.Ivan 13.pots 15.theorem 17.thereto 18.brutish 20.classic 21.late 22.cant 23.Haifa 26.tuber 27.depletion 28.eyebrow pencil

Down: 1.predictability 2.rioja 3.ghost train 4.iridium 5.attract 6.imps 7.newcomers 8.Bristol Channel 14.feta cheese 16.equitable 19.hoarder 20.cat's paw 24.ilic 25.Tree

What's On in the Parish

1 - Fri	The Panto That Goes Wrong Mr Punch's Folk Group - open mic	7.30pm 7.30pm	Wedmore VH The Panborough Inn
2 - Sat	The Panto That Goes Wrong	7.30pm	Wedmore VH
4 - Mon	Wedmore Knitting and Quilting Group Green Wedmore meeting	9.30am 8.00pm	The Scout Hut The George Inn
5 - Tues	Wedmore Tuesday Club Wedmore Young Farmers The Turnip Prize - final judging	10.30-2.30 7.30pm 6.30pm	Wedmore VH The George Inn The New Inn
6 - Wed	Camelot Quilters Concert at Wedmore Methodist Church	10.00am 7.00pm	Wedmore VH Wedmore Methodist Church
7 - Thu	Wedmore Village Hall AGM	6.00pm	Small Hall
8 - Fri	Allerton Players present "Hot Air at Christmas"	7.30pm	Weare Memorial Hall
9 - Sat	Wedmore in Bloom work party Wedmore Christmas Farmers' Market & Craft Fair Somerset Singers Christmas Concert - Elijah Allerton Players present "Hot Air at Christmas"	9.30am 9.30-1.30 7.30pm 7.30pm	The George Inn Borough Mews St Mary's Church Wedmore Weare Memorial Hall
10 - Sun	Holy Trinity Church Breakfast	8.30am	Holy Trinity Church
11 - Mon	Wedmore Knitting and Quilting Group	9.30am	The Scout Hut
12 - Tues	Wedmore Tuesday Club	10.30-2.30	Wedmore VH
13 - Wed	Probus Blackford Cafe - Christmas Festivities Probus Parish Council Meeting Wedmore by Lamplight	10.15am 2pm - 4pm 10.15am 7.30pm 6pm-9pm	Golf Club Blackford VH Golf Club Council Rooms, Grants Lane
15 - Fri	Mr Punch's Folk Club -open mic with mince pies	7.30pm	The Panborough Inn
16 - Sat	Theale Community Cafe	10.00am	Theale VH
17 - Sun	Children's Carol Service at Crickham - all welcome Theale Film Club - It's a Wonderful Life	6.30pm 6.30pm	Crickham Chapel Theale VH
18 - Mon	Wedmore Knitting and Quilting Group	9.30am	The Scout Hut
19 - Tues	Wedmore Tuesday Club Wedmore Young Farmers	10.30- 2.30 7.30pm	Wedmore VH The George Inn
20 - Wed	Camelot Quilters	10.00am	Wedmore VH
21 - Thu	Wedmore WI - talk by Pete Tinney Wedmore Young Farmers	7.30pm 7.30pm	Masonic Hall The George Inn
23 - Sat	The Road to Bethlehem	4.30pm	Theale VH

December 2017

MONDAY				
Fitness2Unique	9.15am	Blackford VH	Rane Lisa	07977 414799 07801 272255
Pilates	11.00am	The George	Georgie	07976 254887
Art Group	2.00-4.00pm	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	Steve Pedrick	01934 712852
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	Wedmore VH	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
PilogaFit	10.30am	Wedmore VH	John Beasley	01749 672482
Tai Chi	12.15 1.15pm	Wedmore VH	John Beasley	01749 672482
THURSDAY				
Wedmore & Blackford Toddlers	9.30am	Blackford VH +	Abbe Smith	07753 941341
Yoga	10.30am	Scout Hut	Shane Allen	01275 790175
Maturity Gang	10.30am	Wedmore VH	Pat Taylor	01934 713430
Yoga	11.30am	Masonic Hall	Shane Allen	01275 790175
Bridge	2.00pm	IOW Golf Club	Brian Moreton brianjillmoreton@btinternet.com	01934 713854
Ballet Classes	3.45pm	Bristol Ballet Centre +	Bristol Ballet Centre ashermann99@hotmail.com	
Cubs	6.30pm	Scout Hut +	Bill Belshaw	01934 712438
FRIDAY				
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