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Editorial

A warm welcome to the March edition, Number 459.

I for one am always pleased when March arrives, I find it a relief when we can set our clocks to British Summer Time and look forward to better weather ahead. It has been a long wet winter.

Already the year is progressing apace and this edition features an incredibly diverse range of activities taking place this month, with an array of opportunities for everyone to become involved.

A main objective of the Isle of Wedmore News, apart from providing comprehensive and unbiased information upon all matters relating to the Civil Parish of Wedmore and immediate surrounding area, is to support local causes with financial grants. I look forward to announcing those organisations that have been successful and will receive cheques from this years round, in the April edition.

Having insisted upon brevity throughout I had better not become verbose in the Editorial, so thank you to all who contributed and happy reading.

Bill Sutton

Front Cover

This photo of sheep appearing out of the mist was taken by Stuart Watson.

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

News

Parish Council Business

At the January meeting, Council members discussed finding a suitable speaker to address the Annual Parish Assembly. This will be held on Wednesday 28 March at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall. The speaker this year will be Allison Griffin who was recently appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of Sedgemoor District Council. It should be quite an interesting evening with the recipients of awards from the Hervey Trust and the winner of the Henry Butt Trophy being announced.

Members were told that passenger numbers on the 67 bus had increased and the Parish Council is willing to continue to part-fund the service for the foreseeable future. Major hedging and maintenance work has been taking place at the allotments over the past weeks and the hedge at the side of the cemetery should be reduced by the time this issue goes to print. The effluent outside the George Hotel continues to be a cause for complaint. There is an ongoing dispute between the hotel owner and BT concerning damage to an underground pipe. The Environmental Health Officer is involved and trying to seek a satisfactory resolution. The Chairman and I recently attended a meeting at Weston College where a student in the I T Department is designing a new website for the Parish Council as part of his degree course. I will let you know as soon as the site goes 'live'.

Allotments

There are currently seven plots available to rent. For further details contact the Parish Clerk.

*Rod Pring, Wedmore Parish Council, Grant's Lane, Wedmore
Somerset BS284EA, Telephone 713087, email: wedmoreparishcouncil@gmail.com*

International SpooF Winner 2018





This year's International SpooF Competition held at The New Inn, Wedmore, attracted 69 entries from far and wide including Bagley, Badgworth and Barcelona.

Players played in groups of four (8 games per round), and points were awarded for guessing correctly, with the winner and second place going forward into the next round, whilst the loser bought the drinks.

The lowest score for the evening was 12 out of a possible 32, by Marcin Kazmierczak from Poland and the highest score was 26 by Andre Ooh la la from Bordeaux.

The final comprised of Jo Stafford, Mike Blod, Jason Mathias and Duncan Mannure. This was a knuckle biting affair, with all finalists putting their best hands forward, using their wits and skill to lift the title of this prestigious event. In last place was Mike with 16 points (and buying the beers), in third place Jo with 17 points, in second place was Duncan with 23 points, in first place (receiving £69) was Jason Mathias from Barcelona with 24 points.

For further information please contact Sally Brown 07696 9696969.

Wedmore Harvest Home Committee

Do you fancy a new challenge for 2018? 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, 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 Beth Skeen on 07738600203 for further information.

Fairtrade Fortnight – 26 February to 11 March

St Mary's Church is holding its monthly fair trade coffee shop on Saturday 3 March from 9.30 am until 12 noon. At the coffee shop there will be an opportunity to buy Traidcraft



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Fighting poverty through trade

products. Traidcraft is founded on Christian principles. They seek to live out the Christian faith through their mission to fight poverty through trade. Since 1979 they've been working for trade justice for growers and producers in the poorest countries around the world. Traidcraft is a pioneer of the fair trade movement in the UK where they jointly founded the Fairtrade Foundation. The church stall stocks ground coffee,

tea, chocolate, biscuits, sugar, dried fruit and greetings cards. You may also order items from the Traidcraft catalogue. Please contact Jane Bewick if you would like more information. Bewick.jane@gmail.com

Wedmore Street Fair

The Wedmore Street Fair will be held on Saturday 7 July 2018 from 10am to 4pm. The theme this year reflects on and celebrates 100 years since the end of World War 1.

Please complete the booking form inside the back cover if you would like a stall.

Wedmore Harvest Home – Business Directory

Wedmore Harvest Home are pleased to announce that we are running our successful Business Directory again. All adverts will be printed in full colour, 1000 directories printed and distributed during July to local businesses and on our event day, Friday 17 August 2018.

The adverts are in four sizes, with four prices to suit all businesses: £25, £50, £100 or £200 per advert.

We will need the artwork in PDF and all monies in the account no later than May. Invoices will be sent to each company and proof of advert will be available on request. Please support this local event and it's another way to advertise your business. If you would like to advertise with us, please contact Sarah on 07884017560.

New Distributors Needed for Wedmore News in 2018

All the rounds are currently allocated but the waiting list is empty so we again need to take names of people who would like to deliver copies of the magazine when vacancies for rounds come up during 2018.

You need to be 14 or over and able to deliver approximately 150 copies of the magazine to homes in or around the Wedmore area on the last weekend of each month.

There is a payment each month.

If you are interested please contact John Cousins, tel: 712565, email: cousins389@btinternet.com

New Look Wedmore Website 2018!



We have updated the Isle of Wedmore website with a new look and new features. We now have the capability to have many content boxes on the Home page to note latest

business offers, notices and any other information that businesses or societies wish to publicise. Our new feature is that, when a new content post is added to the Home page, this information is also tweeted out to our followers and then interfaced to our Facebook friends, reaching an audience of more than 500!

We encourage you to look around the website and let us know if you have any suggestions for improvement or information you would like to see on shopping, services, opportunities for our parish.

Wedmore 40 – 30 Charity Cycle Ride – Sunday 17 June

A new charity cycle event through stunning Somerset countryside is taking place for the first time on Sunday 17 June 2018 in aid of Weston HospiceCare and Friends of St Mary's Church, Wedmore

Based in Wedmore, this is a figure of eight route starting and ending at the village playing fields.

The event offers a choice of three routes: the short (and easiest) route of 30 miles will take you south of Wedmore around the beautiful Somerset Levels starting at 10am.

The medium and more challenging route of 40 miles heads north of Wedmore, up through the iconic Cheddar Gorge, across the spectacular Mendip Hills and round Blagdon Lake before venturing back over the Mendips to Wedmore. It starts at 9am.

Or why not do both – the full route of 70 miles, starting at 9 am? First you ride the 40-mile route across the Mendips and round Blagdon Lake, then back to Wedmore for a quick refuel, before finishing with the easier 30-mile route round the Somerset Levels, returning to Wedmore for a well-earned rest. All routes start from Wedmore Playing Fields, Blackford Road, Wedmore.

For reservations please go to <https://tinyurl.com/wedmore4030>



Businesses – Please Check Your Entry

You will find your business under our new Local Directory. Just go to the website and use the Local Directory, Category or even the easy-to-use Search box on the Home page to find your business.

To help us maintain the directory, contact us by email on webteam@theisleofwedmore.net to signal any changes. If there are no changes, please email us to say 'no change'. If we have not heard from you, we will assume you no longer wish to be on the website.

Some businesses are now displaying our website decal and we thank you for that. Hoping the decal will spread the word for all our businesses. Just let us know if you would like a decal.

All we ask is the following: 'Tell your friends about your Isle of Wedmore Website'

W: www.theisleofwedmore.net/home.aspx

T: [@isleofwedmore](https://twitter.com/isleofwedmore)

F: www.facebook.com/isleofwedmore

*Your Isle of Wedmore Website Team
James / Rob / Mark*

Wedmore Neighbourhood Plan

We have now completed our analysis of what you told us in response to our latest event on 24 November 2017.

We had a total of 1,021 comments either at the event, online or by post. Of those who expressed a view, the levels of favourable support for our ideas were:



Topics		Sites	
Vision	87.2%	East of First School	77.6%
Transport	78.7%	Westholme Farm	73.4%
Housing	85.1%	Holdenhurst / Wells Almshouses Trust	61.7%
Employment	89.4%	Axe Valley Vet, Blackford	64.8%
Community	87.2%		
Design	89.4%		

Since Cross Farm has planning permission, we did not ask if it should be allocated, but simply asked what the community want from the site. 81 responses were received which have been passed to the developers (Acorn).

The full schedule of responses will be available to view on www.Wedmore.online shortly.

Thanks to all of you who responded. This is what community consultation is all about.

*Bob Sellwood,
Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee*

Save Our Signposts



Renovated signpost at the bottom of Lascot Hill

It is good to report that the progress forecast for January has now been achieved. The fingerpost at the top of Dungeon/Cheddar Road has been completed, and is back in position. The fingerpost in the Borough/Wells junction is still at Somerset Forge awaiting the casting of two new blades.

The fingerpost at Heath House junction has now been restored and back in position and awaits a new blade. The final new blade has been fitted to the Lascot Hill junction, and so the post is now complete.

All of the above has been paid for by the generosity of Wedmore

parishioners. A recent discovery has been that the fingerposts in the West End and Sand Road are listed by the Somerset C.C as they are of a different design. This being the case, it is possible that these renovations could be paid for by Somerset C.C.

The next two fingerposts due for attention are at Rughill/Cheddar Road and Blackford Church. These two complete the B 3139 section. We are in need of further funding for these renovations, and an approach has been made to South West Heritage in Taunton.

Five posts renovated and ten still to be done, thank you again for your kind donations.

David Ewens

Have Your Say – Help Save Cheddar Library

The Friends of Cheddar Library (FOCL) Committee is urging all Cheddar Library users to take part in a consultation on libraries in the area. This follows a public meeting which took place on 20 February.



The Government is again reducing funding to Local Authorities, bringing additional cuts for library budgets by 2020 and leading Somerset County Council (SCC) to launch a consultation on proposals for the future of library services

SCC has proposed two options for Cheddar Library – one is to make no change to existing library services and the second is to provide services either through a partnership with the village to maintain a library building in Cheddar or via an additional mobile library stop.

‘Clearly the Mobile Library option is completely inadequate for a community the size of Cheddar,’ said FOCL Chair Sue Purkiss. ‘And a partnership with the village would mean it being run entirely by volunteers with no guaranteed funding and little likelihood of sufficient volunteers being available.’

The consultation will run from 29 January until 22 April. The findings will enable SCC to consider as many views as possible on its proposals to change the way the library service operates in future.

To participate in the consultation, please complete a questionnaire. These are available from Cheddar Library or, online at <http://somersetlibraries.co.uk/consultation/>

Wedmore Scout Group

The Group's current Treasurer is retiring in April, having held this post over the last three years; so a replacement is needed for this essential position, as the Group cannot operate unless it is filled. It's a role that someone who may be retired, or is willing to do a little voluntary work can do, as it only involves participating in four to five meetings each year. Previous involvement in scouting is not essential, nor do you need to be a parent with a child in the Group.

The key requirements are to be able to work as part of a team, to have basic financial management skills and the ability to summarise financial information; as well as good IT skills, as most of the communication and information is dealt with on-line. If you can help, or know someone that can, please contact Bill Belshaw on 07780708997 or: group-leader@wedmorescoutgroup.org.uk

Mendip Rotary Grants Available

The Rotary Club of Mendip is offering grants to local groups and societies who have proposals to expand existing or develop new community activities.

President Richard Tilley explained, 'Mendip Rotary wants to help Cheddar Valley groups and societies who have proposals which could benefit the local community, to make those projects happen. We have the funds to help finance suitable projects, to bring good ideas to fruition, provided organisations can raise 50% of the cost. In some cases, we might also offer expertise'.

'If your group or society provides a community service and you have a project which could benefit your work, contact our secretary, and together, let's make it happen'.

Keith Millard, Hon Secretary, Mendip Rotary, 1 Hannah More Close, Cheddar, BS27 3HQ.

Wedmore Arts Festival 2018 – It's Sooner Than You Think...

As announced in the January edition of the Wedmore News, the Wedmore Arts Festival gets off to a roaring start on 11 May with an evening of entertainment from the Glastonbury Male Voice Choir. The Festival ends on a different note: the sensational jazz singer Clare Teal (a sell-out at our 2015 Festival) returns to Wedmore with her Trio on Saturday 19 May in a brand new show that celebrates the golden age of song with an upbeat and uplifting programme of music.

Other musical highlights of the week will include the iconic Richard Lennox, organist Jeremy Cole, and the Wells Cathedral Brass Ensemble.

By no means is it an exclusively musical week though; there are also our popular lunchtime talks at The Swan with a range of speakers from different walks of life. We have Andrew Wright, the renowned award-winning choreographer and stage director; Hilary Boyd, best-selling author and creator of the popular 'gran-lit' genre



including Thursdays in the Park and A Perfect Husband; Don Boyd, the well-known film director; Brigadier Bruce Jackman OBE MC, president of the SW branch of the Gurkha Welfare Trust. Fluent in Gurkhali, Brigadier Jackman served for many years with the Gurkhas, as did his father before him and his son afterwards - between them a total of 68 years service; and Michael Eavis who, as founder of the Glastonbury Festival, needs no introduction to the people of Somerset.

In addition, there will be an evening event for the whole family with Simon King, cameraman, naturalist, presenter and wildlife guru. Plus of course, in true Wedmore Festival tradition, yet another of the country's favourite comedians will be here to amuse us. This year we are delighted to welcome star of BBC Radio 4's The News Quiz, Jeremy Hardy on his 2018 spring tour.

The full programme will be available at the end of March, with tickets on sale at the same time. Please look at our website for more details, wedmoreartsfestival.co.uk or call 01934 807229.

Somerset Choral Society Invite You to Come & Sing 'Messiah' – Saturday 24 March

At St Mary's Church, Wedmore, Somerset Choral Society, aka 'Somerset Singers', and our Musical Director Ed Goater invite you to 'Come & Sing Messiah' as a Choral Workshop and Performance from 10.30am to 4.30pm approx. with registration commencing at 10.00am. The workshop will consist of selected choruses, including the 'Hallelujah Chorus', with rehearsals followed by a short performance.



Entry for singers is £12 if you bring your own score or £15 if hiring a score on the day, with plenty of tea, coffee or squash included. There will be a one-hour lunch break so please bring a packed lunch or use the cafes and pubs in Wedmore.

The programme will be:

10.00am – Doors open and registration

10.30am start – 12.00 noon - Morning choral rehearsal

12.00 noon – 1.00pm Lunch break – bring a packed lunch or use cafes or pubs in Wedmore

1.00pm – 3.00pm – Afternoon choral rehearsal followed by light refreshments

3.30pm – 4.00pm – Performance lasting 20 to 30 minutes, audience tickets will cost £3.

The Choral Workshop and Performance will be conducted by Ed Goater and accompanied on St Mary's Church Organ

For anybody who has considered joining a choral society or major choir, this event may just be the opportunity to test the water (or the voice) by spending some time with us before making a major commitment. Somerset Choral Society is always looking for new singers and offers this event as support and encouragement to start you in a new and rewarding pastime; there are no auditions to join but ability to follow the score for your voice will set you up well.

For more information including application to take part, please contact: jkvowles8@supanet.com or tel: 01278-760988 or go to www.somersetsingers.wordpress.com.

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.

Weston Hospice Charity Shop

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

Music In Mind – A New Group for People with Dementia & their Carers

Fortnightly sessions on Mondays in the Masonic Hall, Wedmore (2.15 – 3.30pm) will be held on 5 and 19 March.

Music is unique in its capacity to touch our emotions directly; sometimes stimulating, sometimes calming. There is increasing evidence to show that for people with dementia, music can provide a welcome period of relaxation and enjoyment, and an opportunity to connect with others. Music still seems to reach people, even when hearing is poor, or those in advanced stages of dementia.

Don't forget, it provides support for carers too!

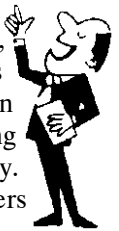
This group is for people living with dementia and their carers. There is no compulsion to join in, or to be 'good at music', indeed you may choose to simply listen, but often the music will stimulate a response, however small. Our relaxed and friendly atmosphere will help people to have the confidence to feel able to choose for themselves how much to participate. What will it cost? Just a small donation, if you can, towards the cost of the hall and refreshments.

Stella Moore

Registered Music Therapist HCPC, 732282

Speakers Wanted for The Tuesday Club

Are you able to give a short talk of about half an hour to our elderly members, on any topic, which might be of interest? We currently have about 25 members who meet for coffee, lunch and a chat but very much enjoy other items on the agenda. Recently we have had Secret World, a talk on cheese and a sing along. At about 11am is best as lunch is at 12 noon and always on a Tuesday. We are happy to pay expenses or a reasonable fee but volunteer speakers would be even better.



We also desperately need volunteer drivers to bring members to the village hall in Wedmore. Please contact Jane on 710430 or Jenny on 712115.

Wedmore's Hidden Gardens – Weekend of 23 and 24 June

Preparations are getting under way with the gardeners hoping the weather will improve so they can get on with the work to be done before June to make sure their gardens will be looking their absolute best for the opening.

These eleven gardens are hidden from view so there will be much to explore. Teas, coffees and light lunches will be available and help will be needed with these. If you

can offer some help with serving, baking or indeed with other aspects such as publicity, printing of programmes, tickets etc, it will be much appreciated. All proceeds from this event will be donated to St Marys Church.

For more information or to offer help in any form, please contact Heather Hector, heather@thehectors.co.uk 712478 or Anne Blandford, anne@blandford.me.uk 713045.

IT for the Terrified

Are you terrified by tablets? Or irritated by iPads? Or stumped by Samsung? Then why not give us a ring and see if we can help?

IT for the Terrified provides help with using tablets, smartphones, cameras, computers, 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, 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 android phones, android tablets and iPads, iPhones, Windows and Macs.



Our opening hours are flexible, because we have different volunteers 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 on 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. Our basic charge is on SPECIAL OFFER at £10 for the two-hour session but please ask if there is more than one of you or you have any other requirements.

Appointments are essential and now cost £10 for a two-hour session.

Contact us at I.T. for the Terrified : 01934 741751

(usually goes to a standard answer phone – please leave a message)

www.itfortheterrified.co.uk itfortheterrified@btconnect.com

Usually using Cheddar Village Hall, Church Street, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 3RF

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Focus on Businesses

Susie Kingston Fashion and Footwear

When I met Susie for a chat in January, she and her husband, Brian Harding, were about to start visiting the fashion shows and showrooms in London and Birmingham to view the collections and order the stock for autumn/winter 2018. They have two shops in Wedmore under the Susie Kingston name, a ladies' fashion shop in King Alfred Mews and a shoe shop in the Borough Mall.

Susie, who grew up in Wells, has always loved clothes and had an interest in dressmaking, which she learnt from her grandmother. After leaving Millfield, she

went to London to attend the Lucie Clayton College and started her career as a model, working for many different designers and living in London and Paris. While living in London and working for a company in the vibrant fashion industry, she not only modelled the clothes but became involved in design, collaborating on a ready-to-wear collection for Zandra Rhodes.

After she married and had children, Susie stopped working for a while, re-entering the workforce after a few years by managing a boutique in Torquay. She joined forces with her present husband and took over a fashion shop called Poppy in King Alfred Mews in Wedmore – later changing the name to Susie Kingston – and also opened a shop in Devizes.

This was at a time when Wedmore was becoming well-known for ladies' fashion and, in particular, mother-of-the-bride clothes. Susie stocks a variety of medium-priced brands offering stylish, but classic designs, as well as special occasion wear. I asked her how she chose what to stock and she said that she buys clothes that she likes, some styles that remain popular from one season



to the next and garments that can be mixed and matched with other items. She also told me that she thinks it is important for customers of special occasion wear to be able to try everything on together, to see the whole outfit, which is why she stocks a selection of accessories, including hats, shoes, handbags and jewellery. She encourages customers to take their time, trying on as many items as they wish and she will offer advice to ensure that they find an outfit which suits them and they are happy with.

In 2014 the owner of the shoe shop in the Borough Mall retired and the shop was empty for three months. Susie decided to take the plunge and branch out into shoes. Up until now, she had only stocked a limited supply of dress shoes for special occasions in the clothes shop, so she had no real experience of the shoe trade. She said that it was quite a challenge to begin with as she had to gauge the local market. She was tempted to stock some very smart, higher end fashion shoes, but soon realised that her customers' preferences in shoes and boots are similar to their taste in clothes – good quality, comfortable and relatively classic in design, within a reasonable price range. So that is what she stocks, making sure that she always selects some with interesting details or colour combinations for that extra bit of style.

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

Letters to the Editor

Dear Bill,

I am running the London Marathon on 22 April, on behalf of the charity Pancreatic Cancer UK. I have chosen to support this charity as my father-in-law Stuart passed away in July 2017 having battled with pancreatic cancer for over two years.



I am aiming to raise over £4,000 for the charity as a result of running the marathon.

On Saturday 27 January I hosted a fundraising party in Wedmore Scout Hut where over 70 family and friends gathered to help me in my fundraising efforts, donating over £1,000. The party was fancy dress, the theme being London Underground stations, and there were some fantastic efforts made!

I wanted to say thank you to everyone who came and donated, and especially to Charles Barnard Estate Agents, who sponsored two barrels of beer for the evening, which many people donated very generously for the privilege of drinking!

Sincere thanks also to local band 'One for the Road' who provided the live music. Lastly, thanks to groundworks company Solum SW Ltd who presented me with a cheque for £2,500 on the night.

If anyone would like to sponsor me, my 'JustGiving' page can be found at the following: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jacqueline-reeves3

Many thanks, Jackie Reeves

Reports and Society Updates

Wedmore Bridge Club



During Wedmore Bridge Club's recent annual party an Honorary Life Membership was awarded to Suzanne Metters in recognition of the contribution she has made to forming and supporting the Club from its inception in 1973. She is seen in the photograph receiving her award from Chairman Mike Smith who was able to dig deep from the Club's archives and relate both initiative and humorous moments from the early days. Responding Suzanne was gracious in her appreciation and wished the club every future success.

Trophies were also presented to members who achieved success in 2017:

Club Champion – Barbara Biggin.

Most Improved Player – Brian Ladd (photographed below).

Championship Pairs – Barbara Biggin and Mike Smith.

Championship Handicap Pairs- Daphne Greatorex and Patsy Ashford.

Ladies Pairs – Gillian Toogood and Nora Mallet.

Gents Pairs- Brian Ladd and Chris Loughton.

Mixed Pairs- Anne Skinner and Mike Smith.

The club has developed to a respected and friendly place to play duplicate bridge by some 75 members. It meets on Monday evenings at the Masonic Hall, Wedmore and regularly attracts 10 to 12 tables of four in play. Membership is made up of experienced and relatively new players to the game. It has a team in the 2nd Division on the County League and regularly supports other county events which cater for players of all abilities. It is also affiliated to the English Bridge Union.



St Mary's Church 100 Club

Very pleased to announce that Diana Pearman won February's draw with her holding of No. 63, and the second prize went to Helen Mullett with No. 87. Congratulations to them both.

RNLI – Local Rescues in January

Lifeboats were launched on rescue calls five times; (Minehead – 2, Portishead – 3). At 8.03am on 3 January, during Storm Eleanor, the Portishead Atlantic 85 lifeboat was launched to assist a vessel drifting in the Bristol Channel and make safe a floating container.

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Isle of Wedmore Society Meeting – Thursday 25 January

As usual, our own Committee Member and Village Archivist, Hazel Hudson, gave another of her excellent talks to open the first meeting of the 2018 speakers' programme. A full house of over 40 people attended her talk on 'Wedmore Past and Present.'

She started by showing us a number of maps to illustrate how the Levels have changed since as far back as 7,000BC. The 'Isle of Wedmore' has existed since that time but surrounded at various times by the sea – not bright blue sea, more often salt marsh surrounds.

We then went forward through the remains in the area of the stone, iron and bronze ages to Roman times. The Romans built salt pans and many traces of their time of occupation have been found. We were also shown a map of how the Roman field system had looked.

Later on St Mary's church probably was first a Saxon building and Wedmore appeared in the Domesday Book when the population was probably in the region of 4-500 people.

By the 1700s planned settlement had started with an interesting map of 1717 showing how the main village area had been divided into a number of 'Burgage plots.' These were long narrow rental plots running at right angles from the street frontage. Port Reeves (a sort of local policemen) were also established. Markets also took place with the village market cross originally standing in the street by where the dentists are today.

Hazel then concluded with showing us a number of large-scale town plans and air photographs to show how the village has developed over more recent years.

Wedmore Gardening Club

On Tuesday 27 March our talk will be 'A Cottage Garden History' by Sally Gregson from Mill Cottage Plants in Wookey. Sally is a very experienced speaker who's been before, but not for some time, and we look forward to a very interesting evening. Meetings are in the Masonic Hall and start at 7.30pm. We look forward to welcoming both members and guests.



The talk on 24 April by Sally Nex is 'Behind the Scenes at Chelsea' which is appropriate time-wise as the Flower Show is towards the end of May. Please check out February's edition of Gardeners' World magazine as Sally has written one side of 'Over the fence, a peaceful pastime or a stressful chore?' asking the question whether gardening heals the soul or is a drain on your energy, time and resources. She has written an extremely interesting article in support of gardening being a peaceful pastime (with one or two challenges!).

The Plant Sale and coffee morning will be on Saturday 12 May in the Masonic Hall. This is a little later than usual as we hope to have more bedding, perennials and vegetable plants. Once the weather improves and we all manage to get out into our gardens (how wonderful will that be), please remember to pot up any spare plants and seedlings you may have.

A note for your summer diaries! On Tuesday 19 June we are planning a coach trip to Coleton Fishacre, Kingswear, Devon. The cost of the coach will be £17 per person

and as Coleton Fishacre is a National Trust property entry is free to NT members. The group discounted rate will depend on non-NT numbers, but we'll know more on that nearer the time.

Green Wedmore – ‘Living Without Plastic’

On Monday 5 March Green Wedmore has invited blogger Claudi Williams to talk about her family's experiment to shop entirely plastic free for one year and to share her practical tips and solutions. Nearly two years after the initial idea, the family continue to refuse single-use plastic and their blog (pfree.co.uk) recently caught the attention of the BBC news and The Times as an example of how individuals can take direct action to avoid plastic pollution. Claudi says 'Plastic is an amazing invention which unfortunately has become synonymous with cheap and disposable'. We have it in our power to refuse single use plastic and thereby to send out a strong signal to the manufacturers and retailers. The joy of living without all this unnecessary plastic is that our lives have become simpler, more connected to nature, and we love supporting local producers and eating more seasonally. Learning how to make simple toiletries, shopping for unpackaged food, cleaning the natural way and generally questioning our own consumerism can literally save our oceans, and it is something you can start doing today.'



Mr Punch's Folk Club

During March Mr Punch's Folk Club will be continuing at the Panborough as normal on alternate Fridays at 8pm. Although the Panborough Inn itself is temporarily not trading, we have been invited to bring and consume our own drink and snacks and a kettle will be available to use. So do come along... you'll find the same warm welcome and a chance to listen to, or indeed participate in, fine songs, music and recitations:

9 March, 8pm Open Mic

23 March, 8pm Open Mic featuring Issy and David Emeney

Wedmore WI Report January 2018

In the absence of Jill, due to illness, Hazel welcomed members and wished them a happy New Year. Business was brief and included notice of a Road Show at East Huntspill on 6 April, numbers to be taken next month. Six members are going to hear Ann Widdecombe speak at the Centenary Lunch next month. The AGM resolutions were discussed and voted on. It has been decided not to have a Coffee Morning this year, but to have a Jumble Sale instead on 28 April and we were asked to save items for this. As Jill was unable to give her talk on her pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostelo, Val provided a quiz which occupied us for quite some time. The winner with 17 out of 20 points was Jo, one of our visitors.



At our March meeting, instead of a speaker we will be entertained by The Rug Hill Bell Ringers, at which there will be some audience participation.

New members are always welcome.

Diana Rocky

West Mendip Walkers



On a rare
s u n n y
afternoon
on Thursday
25 January,
West Mendip
W a l k e r s



enjoyed a 6.5 mile walk from Westbury sub Mendip led by Carol Jackson. The walk was well supported, and took in Westbury Beacon, Rodney Stoke National Nature Reserve before descending to Rodney Stoke and returning via Westclose Hill.

Walk Programme:

Thursday 1 March

Moderate circular walk 10mi from Forestry Office Cockercombe. OS Map Ex 140 ST188366. Start 10.00am. Park at Forestry Office. Contact Andrew Paterson Tel: 01934 741690 or aepat@btinternet.com

Thursday 8 March

Leisurely circular walk 6mi from Radstock museum. OS Map Ex142 ST689549. Start 12.30pm. Park free car park Waterloo Road. Contact Jill Ollis Tel: 01934 713068/07709 767907 or ill.m.ollis@gmail.com

Thursday 15 March

Moderate circular walk 10mi from St Mary's Church Thornbury (BS35 1HQ). OS Map Ex167 ST634906. Start 10.00am. Park in road near church. Contact Tony Strange Tel: 01934 733783/07415517355 or anthonyestrangle@gmail.com

Thursday 22 March

Moderate circular walk 6mi from Breach Hill. OS Map Ex141 ST539598. Start 12.30pm. Park carefully on roadside (not on common). Contact Roger Mead Tel: 01934 743088/07724 800882 or rogermead1941@hotmail.co.uk

Thursday 29 March

West Mendip Walkers moderate circular walk 11mi from Black Rock Gate. OS Map Ex141 ST482545. Start 10.00a.m. Park Black Rock Gate. Contact Tony Strange Tel: 01934733783/07415517355 or anthonyestrangle@gmail.com

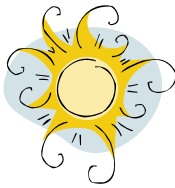
Weather Report for January 2018

RAINFALL



Monthly total	105.4mm	(4.15ins)
30-year average	74.1mm	(2.92ins)
Wettest day (21st)	29.0mm	(1.14ins)
No of dry days	10	
Last 3 months (Nov - Jan)	286mm	(11.3ins)
*Year ending 31 Jan 18	823mm	(32.4ins)
30-year annual average	803mm	(31.6ins)

TEMPERATURES



Maximum (23rd)	14 °C	(57.2 °F)
Minimum (12th)	-3.5 °C	(25.7 °F)
Number of air frosts	10	
Monthly average maximum	8.5 °C	(47.3 °F)
30-year average maximum	8.0 °C	(46.4 °F)
Monthly average minimum	2.0 °C	(35.6 °F)
30-year average minimum	2.4 °C	(36.3 °F)

COMMENTS

Rainfall 42% more than long-term average. Temperatures close to normal.

Denley Brown

Vera's Verse for March

An Easy Life

If there's a quarrel,
Don't get involved in it,
If there is a hard pill to swallow,
Try to dissolve it,
If there's a problem,
Try hard to solve it,
And life should revolve around you nicely.

Vera Banwell

Forthcoming Events

Women's World Day of Prayer – Friday 2 March

At 7.00pm in Christ Church, Theale. The theme of this year's service, prepared by the women of Suriname, is 'All God's Creation Is Very Good'.

This service is always a joyous ecumenical gathering which welcomes all people, so do come and join us

Green Wedmore – 'Living Without Plastic' – Monday 5 March

At 7.00pm in the George Inn, practical tips on how to eliminate single-use plastic from your home. Blogger Claudi Williams will talk about her family's experiment to shop entirely plastic free for one year.

Mr Punch's Folk Club – Friday 9 March

Open Mic 8.00pm at The Panborough Inn.

Wedmore in Bloom – Saturday 10 March

Meet outside The George Inn at 9.30am, all welcome.



Wedmore Farmers' Market – Saturday 10 March

The monthly Farmers' Market will return to the Borough Yard on Saturday 10 March, 9.30am to 1.30pm. Any enquiries please contact Mrs Judith Gould on 07813340086.

Coffee Morning and Spring Bazaar – Saturday 10 March

Wedmore Methodist Church are holding their annual Coffee Morning and Spring Bazaar in the Masonic Hall between 10.00am and 12.00 noon. Call in for a cuppa and chat with friends. Raffle, crafts, cakes, books, produce, plants, tombola, toys, Mother's Day gifts and much more. We look forward to seeing you.

Brainteaser Quiz and Supper – Saturday 10 March

At 7.30pm at Wedmore Village Hall. Brain Tumour Research is a charity which aims to raise awareness of the rising incidence of brain tumours and the lack of research resources. Come along on 10 March for a fun quiz, supper and a chance to raise money for a good cause. Don't worry if you can't make up a team of four, we can mix and match. Tickets are available from Wedmore Village Store (Paper Shop) or Sue Burton (712092). Cheques for tickets should be made payable to: 'Brain Tumour Research Quiz'. Please purchase your tickets no later than Wednesday 7 March to help the catering team.



Wedmore WI Meeting – Thursday 15 March

Instead of a speaker we will be entertained by The Rug Hill Bell Ringers. Visitors and guests are always welcome.

St. Patrick's Day Concert, Allerton Church – Saturday 17 March

After their successful 'Right Royal Rave Up' concert in Allerton church in 2016, 'In Harmony' are back by popular demand! From jazz to classical, musicals to madrigals, come and enjoy an evening of beautiful, relaxing and toe-tapping musical gems from this group of eight musicians from 7.30pm.

As it will be St. Patrick's Day, you can guarantee there will be a distinctively Irish flavour to this musical entertainment.

Tickets £10 include wine and nibbles (school-age children free) available from Philip Bevan (713929) and Johnny Torrens-Spence (710188). All proceeds to church funds.

The 3C's Winter Supper – Saturday 17 March

7.00 for a 7.30pm start at Wedmore Village Hall. £12.50 per person for homemade mains and puddings, cheese and biscuits, tea or coffee.

Can book table of 10 or come along and join others.

Pay-bar, fun quiz, raffle.

Please Ring Shirley Lukins for tickets on 712328

Theale Film Club – Dr Zhivago – Sunday 18 March

6.30 for 7pm. Temp membership available for evening



Isle of Wedmore Society – Thursday 22 March

The next monthly meeting will take place in the Masonic Hall, at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Steve Mewes. Steve is the Policy and Campaigns Manager for the Somerset Wildlife Trust, the County's leading conservation charity. He is also a great advocate of everything green and his talk will be entitled 'Green Wedmore – Past and Present.' Members free, visitors £3, with free tea/coffee and biscuits after the talk. Contact: Ian Tomes, 710390

Mr Punch's Folk Club – Friday 23 March

At 8pm, Open Mic at the Panborough Inn featuring Issy and David Emeney.

Wedmore Gardening Club Meeting – Tuesday 27 March

At 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall a talk by Sally Gregson of Mill Cottage Plants in Wookey on 'A Cottage Garden History'.

Wedmore Harvest Home Committee Meeting – Wednesday 28 March

At the George Inn, 8pm.

Wedmore Arts Festival 11 – 19 May

Wedmore 40 – 30 Charity Cycle Ride – Sunday 17 June

Wedmore's Hidden Gardens – Weekend 23-24 June

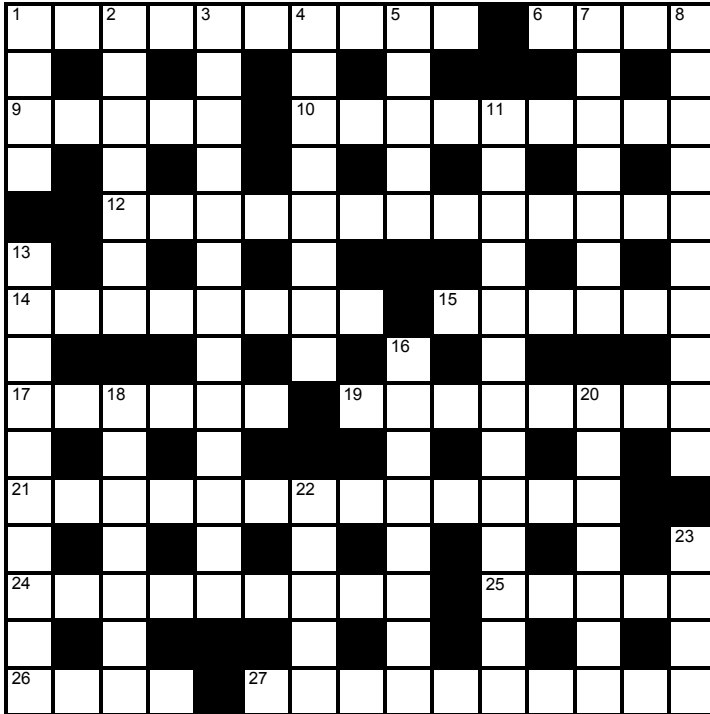
Wedmore Street Fair – Saturday 7 July

Wedmore Harvest Home – Friday 17th August

The Crossword:

Number 11

By greendandelion



ACROSS:

- 1. Demure or laid back is positively dated (10)
- 6. PE tuition has a case to answer (4)
- 9. High or low Hindus from Doncaster (5)
- 10. Posted antidotes overseas (9)
- 12. California peoples include group withdrawals (13)
- 14. I sign in a personal symbol (8)
- 15. Gas mantle radiation illuminates a horn (6)
- 17. Cart took a Gardener on board but lost a choker (6)
- 19. Pulse develops when apples get excited about it (5,3)
- 21. Hi! Hug any angel rather than this amused scavenger (8,5)
- 24. Kitty follows organ port (9)
- 25. Excuse of a sloth circling political party (5)
- 26. Mite returns from a toilet roll (4)
- 27. Bridge players landlord receives communique (10)

DOWN:

- 1. Would Robin Goodfellow have played with this (4)
- 2. Popular groups have three pairs of legs (7)
- 3. Main plotter covers nothing but finds deep secrets (13)
- 4. Daily sex can make reading difficult (8)
- 5. Employ any very awkward Indian lads first (5)
- 7. Scotch money first wrapping sandwich (7)
- 8. River test or heavy work (10)
- 11. CIA intervenes ensuring thorough attention (9,4)
- 13. Relish the selection of an alum say (10)
- 16. Openings caused by old Sylphs mixing to take a drug (8)
- 18. Spirit of the potato (7)
- 20. Ian is engrossed by exercises to make him a player (7)
- 22. One wouldn't gladly put ones head in it (5)
- 23. French ale has no finish helping on the last journey (4)

Answers at the rear of publication.

Events Taking Place Outside the Parish

Wellbeing 'Drop In' Support Café – Mondays

Youth support staff and 'one-2-one' counselling advisers, for people aged 13 –18. Mondays 3.30pm 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 10.45am to 11.15am, 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

Cheddar Valley U3A - Monday Mornings

If you are in Cheddar on a Monday morning between 10.30am and 12.00 noon come and chat with us over a cup of coffee in the Library.



Craft and Family Fun at Cheddar Library

Try a variety of crafts, meet new friends, and share ideas and company with the Craft and Sewing Group at Cheddar Library, at 2.30pm on the first and third Fridays of each month.

Somerset's Wildlife Gardens

Come along to see some of the incredible gardens of the county, all owned by wonderful gardeners and wildlife enthusiasts who have opened them for you to enjoy. Better still, all proceeds go towards Somerset Wildlife Trust's work.

Entry cost £4 per person – no booking required.

For more information please email Emma Jones: events@somersetwildlife.org or call 01823 652400



Cheddar Valley U3A – Thursday 1 March

Our monthly talk is entitled 'From Shoes to Film' by Neil Clarke 2.00 pm for 2.30 pm at the Cheddar Village Hall.

The talk uses props and examples plus a slide show of the traditional method of shoe design to show how things changed as production moved into a global aspect.

Neil will give a synopsis of his time in the shoe business which finished in 2009 where he was the Global Collaborative Development Manager for Clarks in Street, and will also show a short film 'Starlings on the Levels' and his transition to film making.

Somerset Wildlife Trust, Climate Change in Somerset – Wednesday 7 March

Come and hear the latest thinking on climate change, how it is affecting Somerset, its nature and what is being done about it locally with Steve Mewes, SWT Policy and Campaigns Manager, 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Plenty of time after the talk for lively Q&A and discussion. Shapwick Village Hall, Station Road, Shapwick TA7 9NJ. Members £2.50 / Non-members £3 / Children & Students £1.



The Arts Society Sedgemoor – Wednesday 7 March

Tasha Marks on 'Food, Art, History'. Bridging the worlds of food, art and history Tasha's work ranges from museum-style exhibitions and sculptural installations to limited-edition confectionery. As well as a strong emphasis on storytelling and history, the talk will comment on how to introduce the senses into the museum space, the rituals of eating, and why sugar was one of the original artistic mediums.

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

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Brass Quartet – Friday 9 March

At Mark Church, commencing at 7.30pm. Admission by ticket: £15.00 (adult) and £7.50 (under 16). Contacts: Jendy Weeks 01278 641370 or Jon Glauert 01278 786270. Tickets are also available from Mark Village Store and online from www.takeart.org. Bar available for soft and alcoholic drinks.

Cheddar Male Voice Choir Open Workshops – Tuesday 13 and 20 March

Cheddar Male Choir are looking for new members and are holding two open evenings at the Lynch Chapel in The Lynch, Winscombe, BS25 1AR, at 7.30pm. Please come along and listen or join in just so you can see how much fun it is to sing in Cheddar Male Choir. If you are unsure then don't be, there's no pressure on you. Why not bring a friend or group of friends as well.

Cheddar Valley U3A Meet & Greet Coffee Morning – Thursday 15 March

10.30 am to 12 noon at Cheddar Village Hall, visitors welcome.

The West Mendip Orchestra Spring Concert – Friday 16 March

At Christchurch, Chapel Hill Clevedon starting at 7.45 pm.

We shall be playing an attractive programme of music by English composers, starting with the 'Overture to The Gondoliers' by Sullivan and ending with Walton's dramatic 'Spitfire' prelude and fugue.

The concert also includes music by Butterworth, Holst, Arnold and Coates as well as Delius's evergreen 'A walk to the Paradise Garden' and 'Nimrod' from the Enigma variations by Elgar.



Cheddar Arts @ Kings Theatre, ‘Where is Mrs Christie?’ – Saturday 17 March

The spring programme closes with the live event, ‘Where is Mrs Christie? Agatha Christie is still one of the greatest thriller writers and this one-woman play, starring Liz Grand, explores the author’s personal mystery – her own disappearance for 11 days.

The doors of the Kings Theatre at the Kings of Wessex School open at 6.45pm and the performance begins at 7.30pm.

Tickets for all events are available online at www.thelittleboxoffice.com/cheddararts

Axbridge Archaeological & Local History Society – Wednesday 21 March

James Bond will be talking about Somerset Parks and Gardens.

He graduated in Historical Geography at Birmingham University. He rapidly developed an interest and expertise in archaeological field survey and the evolution of the English landscape. He has worked as a field archaeologist in Worcestershire and in the Oxfordshire Museums Service.



In 1996, James moved to North Somerset and worked independently as a freelance landscape investigator. He regularly contributed to the continuing education programmes of the universities of Oxford and Bristol. James has published extensively on aspects of the development of the landscape including in 1998 ‘Somerset Parks and Gardens: a Landscape History.’

Venue: Cross Memorial Hall (BS26 2EL) at 7.30pm. Non-members are always welcome but a donation of £3 is requested. Do check out our website www.aalhs.co.uk for details of all the 2018 talks and visits.

The Garden in March

I am writing this on 1 February. My garden is like a swamp and other gardens I have been working in recently are absolutely waterlogged; it will need a spell of seriously dry weather to change that situation. Sometimes March can be a very drying month, with the sun getting higher in the sky warming the soil and windy conditions as well. It often changes quite rapidly. However, colder weather, with possibly snow, is forecast for the next week or so. I have a suspicion that we shall not get much drier soil conditions until well into spring and only then if we get some really good weather.

There are ways and means of getting on with gardening in wet conditions so perhaps I should concentrate on a few of those. Plenty of vegetable crops can be started off in pots or plug trays. Peas and broad beans are better off in pots unless you have plug trays with 5cm or so compartments in them; push the seeds into the compost just below the surface and place in a cold greenhouse or cold-frame. You need to keep a watch for field mice and/or voles stealing the seeds. Some such creature has eaten holes in a pair of gardening gloves which I left in the greenhouse for a few days. Small rodents are capable of squeezing through 12.5mm mesh chicken wire (amazingly), so if you want to cover the trays, try 6.25mm weldmesh; it can be cut into pieces to fit

plug or seed trays, with secateurs or tin-snips, but fix it so that the little devils can't move the whole piece to one side.

Towards the end of the month you can consider putting french and or runner beans into similar pots and trays for planting out when frosts are over. Lettuces, leeks and brassicas (cabbages, cauliflowers etc.) can all be sown in trays and pricked out or plugs planted as the seedlings become large enough. Most of this advice also applies to annual flowers, but beware of late frosty conditions. A week or more ago, I saw tender plug plants such as geraniums on sale in a garden centre and it's much too early to plant them out or even keep them in a cold greenhouse.

As soon as you possibly can, you can you need to dig over empty flower beds and vegetable patches so that they are ready for planting out seedlings when necessary, but I know from my own garden, that if you are on typical Axe valley silty clay, this may be wishful thinking; and of course, the black peaty soils on the other side of the hill may also be waterlogged if the water- table remains high. Those of you up at Sand, or those with raised beds, may be the only people who can get on with things.

If you are able to prepare any sort of seedbed, consider covering it with black polythene or ground cover fabric until you are ready to use it; this will both warm up the soil and prevent weed seedlings from growing; an impermeable barrier like polythene will also prevent nutrients from being leached from the soil by heavy rain. When you are able, plant shallots and early potatoes (chitted before-hand).

I mentioned earlier that I had been working in waterlogged conditions; some of this was on a well-established lawn, but still after an hour or so of walking about it was under muddy slurry. At the time of writing I would say don't be tempted to cut it too soon; even though, as we have had relatively few cold nights this winter it may start growing early. However, if we get the promised cold snap, it will not grow very much until the average temperature rises for a noticeable period.

Slugs and snails will be a particular nuisance on perennial borders in wet conditions, they will graze off plants as they come into growth to the extent that you may not even notice that they have started to grow. Being vigilant and picking them off when you see them helps but they often do much of the damage during the hours of darkness. Hedgehogs at one time would have disposed of many of them, but these seem to be few and far between these days; it's a very long time since I have seen one in my garden, but we have the dubious benefit of badgers in the hedge at the foot of the garden and I understand they are particularly fond of eating hedgehogs and know how to unroll them.

You can of course use slug pellets (for the molluscs, not the badgers) but take the utmost care to avoid what the American military refer to as 'collateral damage'.

Pruning apples and pears should have been completed by the end of February, but certainly should be done before bud-burst which can be any time from now on. Summer-fruiting raspberries should be cut down now (old canes) as they will flower and fruit on this year's growth and are less susceptible to being stolen by birds than earlier fruiting varieties.

Again, I have run out of space and yet have that feeling there were more things I wanted to say, but I just hope that the conditions allow us to do the things I have mentioned.

Adrian Hutchison

Tasty Morsels – Recipes for You



Pork Cutlets with Pumpkin Mash and Red Cabbage (Serves 4)

This is a recipe from the other side of the world! Found when we stopped for a coffee in a small café in Gunning, New South Wales, Australia. It's from a book of recipes called *Teapots and Tractors* written by an Aussie farmer's wife, and we thought this recipe included an interesting mix of tastes. We brought it back with us and tried it, liked it, and decided it was one to share with you. A strong beer or cider goes well with this.

Ingredients

2 tbsp of water
½ a small red cabbage, sliced
1 tbsp brown sugar
1 green apple, peeled and sliced
60ml cider vinegar
60g butter
Pinch of salt
1.5kg pumpkin (or butternut squash or sweet potato) cut in chunks
Pinch of cinnamon, dash of butter and sweet chilli sauce
4 pork cutlets
Knob of butter, chopped sage and orange juice

Method

1. Put the water, cabbage, apple, salt and sugar in a tightly covered saucepan, and cook over a low heat for 20mins. Then add the butter and cider vinegar, stir well, and cook for a further 10mins. Do not let the apple become mushy. Place in a serving dish.
2. Cook the pumpkin, drain and then mash. Season with the cinnamon, butter and sweet chilli sauce. Place in a serving dish.
3. Fry the pork cutlets in the butter, sage and orange juice for 5mins each side, then place each cutlet on a plate and drizzle the juices over.

Norma Teakle and Derek Logan

Thought for the Month

‘Give us a king to rule us!’

Old Samuel faced a crisis. He, as Israel’s prophet and judge, had laboured and served the people for many years. But it wasn’t enough, now they wanted a new leader to rule them ‘just like everybody else’. (1 Samuel 8:5)

To be like everybody else and to share the same benefits is a very powerful human desire.

To be different and to stick out like a sore thumb requires concentration, stamina and obstinate determination. When asked, ‘What is the difference between a Christian and everybody else’ someone once said, ‘About 10 years’. In other words Christians may resist the cultural moral influences but only for a time.

Israel’s identity relied on a dynamic covenantal relationship with their God for their survival. The Lord promised to hear their cries for help and repentance and to act by saving, protecting, restoring and healing his people. To ask for a king was to put a surrogate in charge of providing order and security rather than relying on a God whose purposes were often inscrutable and who could not be controlled. Governments take our money and resources but at least we can ‘hold them accountable’ (if we happen to live in a democracy). Don’t we all love being in control? Heating systems have ‘controllers’ to do our bidding. Fancy cars are equipped with electronic software and hardware designed to give us the illusion of a controllable environment even at high speed.

‘Give us a system so we can live our lives securely and comfortably,’ we, the people, demand. Everybody else has got it! I deserve it, too! The forgotten other side of the coin is that these systems eventually control us. Unable to either fix our own heating systems, cars or our finances we become dependent and indebted to the technological high priests and guardians of these systems. Who controls whom? The people of Israel wanted a king and were given a king, and another, and another... most of them were pretty bad. The good ones were good at living in a dynamic and risky covenantal relationship with the LORD. Am I, are we good at that?

*Paul Spanring
Minister of Crickham Baptist Church*

Sport Reports

Wedmore Tennis Club News

There will be an opportunity for children and their parents to meet the Wedmore tennis coach Craig Phillips at the club on 17 March at 3.30pm. All are welcome and tea and cake will be served.

Cardio tennis for adults is taking place every Saturday from 1.30 until 2.30pm.



Rusty rackets is on Wednesday mornings from 10 until 11am, all adults are welcome from beginners to rusty returners.

The Tennis Club Annual General Meeting is being held at the tennis club on Thursday 22 March at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome, please come along for a glass of wine from 7pm to meet everyone.

Joanna Cooper

Wedmore Cricket Club

Wedmore CC is a very social club, running a number of events throughout the year.



Wedmore Cricket Club

The clubhouse and bar are open on Saturday afternoons/evenings and after nets in the week. It welcomes new players of all abilities who fancy a game of village cricket or to watch and enjoy the social side of the club.

Senior Cricket

Wedmore CC have two senior teams that play on Saturday afternoons during the summer (May to September). The First XI and Second XI home matches are played on the Playing Fields in Wedmore. There is also a midweek T20 League throughout the summer months.

Juniors

WCC has a great youth policy, catering for all ages from Under 9s to Under 15s. There are a number of fixtures throughout the summer and training and coaching during the week.

Nets

Winter nets start Sunday 25 February and run through until 15 April 2018 at Mark College Sports Hall. (Junior 4-5pm and Senior 5-6pm each Sunday).

After that the training commences outdoors in the nets on the Playing Fields at Wedmore.

WCC is always in need of coaches for the junior teams, so if you are interested in helping please contact Pip Patch or Chaz Maguire (details below). You do not need any coaching experience just a desire to assist with helping out with the junior sides.

Should you wish to pursue Level 1 / Level 2 Coaching Certification and assist with one of the junior sides the club is happy to fund the course for you. Also, if there is anyone keen to umpire on a Saturday we can offer free tea and drinks after the game.

WCC is also looking for a sponsor in 2018 who is prepared to fund the cricket kit in return for advertising on the kit and on the Facebook Webpage.

If you love your cricket
Whether rusty or new
Then why not come join our jolly crew!

If you are interested in joining, sponsoring or being part of Wedmore Cricket Club please contact:

Chaz Maguire 710705 mob 07973 810786

Or Pip Patch 713250 mob 07970 070871

Or contact us via our open Facebook page.

Isle of Wedmore Golf Club

It's been a bleak new year at the Golf Club with the wet weather causing more closures than most could remember despite the vastly improved drainage. This was not the welcome new Assistant Professional Claire Hobbs (pictured) would have hoped for having joined the Club from Chippenham at the start of the year to further strengthen the Pro-Shop team. It was not all doom and gloom of course and two club Stablefords took place, the second of these being the third round of the Winter League. The Club monthly Stableford was not only the first of the new year but also the first under the new handicap system. This had no effect amongst the men playing. Highest scores came in division 3 where two players who have been enjoying a good run recently came to the fore again. Gary Cutter was the only player to reach 40 points which was enough to give him a 2-point lead over runner-up Richard Turner. Tony Wilde took third place on countback from Pete Beavan after both scored 36 points.



The lower handicap players in division 1 struggled rather more with Tom Smith the only player under his handicap with 38 points which was 3 better than both Simon Moore and Dale Worthington with Moore taking second place on countback. In division 2 both Jonathan Raeside and Tony Biggs got to 38 points with Raeside taking first place by virtue of a better back nine. Brian Fry took third place on 35 points.

There was a relatively small number of ladies enjoying the frosty conditions and some of these were also enjoying the new higher handicaps now allowed. The result was a close finish across all the players which perhaps shows the system works. Ann Dixon, who was not one of those on the new handicaps, just held off the challenge from Fiona Pinsent, who was, to win on countback.

The third round of the Club League was completed despite ever-worsening conditions. In division 1 Jim Dobbs and Rich Vowles fought out a tight finish with Dobbs just winning on countback after both scored 41. Martin Olive was third on 39. There was another close finish to division 2 with Kevin Osman scoring 40 to finish a point ahead of both Danny Guyatt and Bobby Jones with Guyatt taking the runners-up spot on countback. Forty points was also the winning score for Tony Wilde in division 3 which put him one ahead of Ian Bunn with Ian Williams a further shot back in third. Claire Biggs took the Ladies prize. With one leg still to be played, unofficial scoring shows John Wormald still in front ahead of Bobby Jones and Tom Bennett, although with players able to discard their worst score there are plenty of other players still in the hunt.

The Ladies had wisely only scheduled nine-hole competitions, all of which were completed. The first of these was a Greensome with clear winners for once, Ronnie Follenfant and Pam Berry clinching first place on 20 points. This put them just a point ahead of new Captain Shirley Gooding paired with Joan Peck who in turn finished a point clear of third placed Karen Barnett and Debbie Ramsell. The next week they played a nine-hole 'Patsome', apparently a medley of better-ball, greensomes and foursomes. Joan Peck and Sue McDonald won with 18 points which put them just a point ahead of five pairs all finishing on 17 points. Countback was therefore

needed to sort out the places. Liz Miller and Deidre Wheadon took second place with Janis Lawrence and Alison Dodkin in third. Perhaps not so wisely given the heavy conditions, the final competition was arranged as a six club only competition which was a brake on scoring particularly playing on the more difficult back nine. In the end nobody played to their handicap with Marlyn Jackson the clear winner on 16 points. This was just a point better than Sue McDonald and Rachel Lockley with the latter just winning out on countback.



Claire Hobbs, who has joined the pro shop team

The Seniors were worst hit by weather, losing two competitions and playing only one. This was a Bowmaker and again the changes in handicap created a very close finish and despite the wet conditions the scores were very good. A strong finish saw the team of Peter Bennett, Mike Peacock and Barry Stone take first place on countback from John Bussell, Trevor Stone and Mike Smith after both teams finished on 85 points. This was just a single point better than John Sim, Gary Cutter and Graham Clifford who themselves clinched third place on countback.

The first of the Sunday afternoon Mixed Greensomes of the new year was also completed although with the rough still proving heavy going it was decided to play a gentle 15 holes. The scoring was still very respectable with second place being decided on countback with Marion Warren-Smith and Chris Donald just taking the honours on 31 points. Ronnie Follenfant was proving unstoppable in that week though, winning her second competition partnering Tony Biggs with 33 points.



Ronnie Follanfant and Tony Biggs, winners of this month's Mixed Greensomes, with organiser Tony Ireland.

Tony Biggs

Church News

'On a Wheel and a Prayer'

On Tuesday 20 March, 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

Funerals

Our condolences go to the family and friends of: -

Peter Bean of Wedmore, who died on 15 January, aged 84, and whose funeral took place at Sedgemoor Crematorium on Thursday 1 February 2018.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Easter falls on Sunday 1 April. Here is a list of the special church services we will be holding in the week leading up to Easter (known as Holy Week).

Sunday 25 March

(Palm Sunday; when we remember Jesus entering Jerusalem to the acclaim of the crowds).

Procession starts from Wedmore First School at 10.00 am with a special Communion Service at 10.30 am. In the evening Allerton Church is holding a service that features readings and music for Holy Week at 6.30 pm.

Monday 26 March

We join together with others from across the Cheddar Valley for a special service in Cheddar Roman Catholic Church at 7.00 pm. Ministers from different churches and different church traditions each lead a short reflection on one of the Stations of the Cross (an imaginative and reflective way of entering into Jesus' suffering and death).

Tuesday 27 March

Night Prayer at St Mary's at 8.00 pm. A short reflective service with a sermon to end the day.

Wednesday 28 March

Night Prayer at St Mary's at 8.00 pm. A short reflective service with a sermon to end the day.

Thursday 29 March

Bring and Share Supper and informal Communion at Blackford Village Hall Trinity at 6.00 pm. Suitable for all ages this is an opportunity to remember the Last Supper of Jesus and his Disciples.

Friday 30 March

(Good Friday when we remember Jesus' death on the cross). Stations of the Cross for children at St Mary's at 10.00 am. An interactive journey around St Mary's tracing events of the trial and crucifixion of Jesus. This will be followed by making hot cross buns and creating an Easter garden. At 10.00am some members of Christchurch walk up the hill to Bagley Baptist Church for a service there at 10.30am remembering Jesus' death.

An Hour of the Cross at Allerton at 2.00 pm. Readings, hymns and reflections to mark the last hour of Jesus' life.

Saturday 31 March

(Holy Saturday when we remember Jesus lying in the tomb and prepare ourselves for the joy of Easter Sunday)

Easter Vigil at Christchurch, Theale at 8.30 pm. We listen to important bible readings, sit in silence and wait before lighting lots of candles and proclaiming with joy Jesus' resurrection.

Sunday 1 April

(Easter Sunday, the most important day in the church's year when we give thanks for Jesus' resurrection).

The day begins with a sunrise service at Bagley Community Orchard. We begin at 6.15 am, let off party poppers, helium balloons and sing joyful hymns. Bacon rolls and coffee are then served at Bagley Baptist Church.

8.00 am Holy Communion at St Mary's. Special Easter Sunday Communion Services at all our churches which will be full of joy and colour. Easter egg hunts for the children follow these.

9.00 am at Allerton Church and Holy Trinity Blackford

10.30 am at St Mary's Wedmore

11.00 am at Christchurch. Theale

Movement Youth Worship

On Sunday 4 March at 6.00 pm St Mary's will be delighted to be playing host again to another Youth Worship event together with the organisation Movement.

This is an opportunity aimed at young people aged 15 to 24 to join together from churches across the area to worship and have some teaching about the Christian faith.

With a very good band and speaker, lights, big screens and free cakes and Pepsi it continues to prove a popular venue for young people to meet. Another date is 6 May. Look at www.wearemovement.net for further details.

Messy Church

Saturday 17 March 3.00 - 5.00 p.m. 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 17 March 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 a Messy Lent, 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/

Church Services

St Mary's Church, Wedmore

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

Holy Communion is celebrated most weeks on Wednesday morning at 9.45am

Sunday	4	Lent 3	10.30am	Parish Communion
			6.00pm	Movement Youth Worship
Sunday	11	Lent 4/Mothering Sunday	10.30am	Family Service & Baptism
			6.00pm	Start the Week
Sunday	18	Lent 5	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
			10.30am	Parish Communion
			12.45pm	Baptism
Sunday	25	Palm Sunday	10.30am	Benefice Communion
Tuesday	27		8.00pm	Compline & Address
Wednesday	28		8.00pm	Compline & Address
Friday	30	Good Friday	10.00am	Stations of the Cross for Children
Sunday	1	Easter Sunday	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
			10.30am	Festival Communion

Holy Trinity Church

Sunday	4	Lent 3	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sunday	11	Lent 4/Mothering Sunday	9.00am	Sunday Breakfast
Sunday	18	Lent 5	6.00pm	Celtic Communion
Sunday	25	Palm Sunday	9.00am	No Service
Thursday	29	Maundy Thursday	6.00pm	Bring & Share Supper & Communion
Sunday	1	Easter Sunday	9.00am	Festival Communion

Christchurch, Theale

Sunday	4	Lent 3	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sunday	11	Lent 4/Mothering Sunday	9.00am	Family Communion
Sunday	18	Lent 5	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sunday	25	Palm Sunday	9.00am	No Service
Friday	30	Good Friday	10.00am	Walk to Bagley Baptist
Saturday	31	Holy Saturday	8.30pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday	1	Easter Sunday	11.00am	Festival Communion

Allerton Church

Sunday	4	Lent 3	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	11	Lent 4/Mothering Sunday	9.00am	Family Service
Sunday	18	Lent 5	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sunday	25	Palm Sunday	9.00am	No Service
			6.30pm	Readings & Music for Holy Week
Friday	30	Good Friday	2.00pm	An Hour at the Cross
Sunday	1	Easter Sunday	9.00am	Festival 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. (We have groups for 3-15s.)

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

Wednesdays 10.00am-12.00 noon 'Coffee with a View.'

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

Friday 9th March 7.30pm The Watoto Childrens' Choir are performing 'Signs & Wonders'. They will be sharing their messages of hope for Africa's orphans and widows.

Friday 30th March 10.30am Good Friday morning service with communion.

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, Email us on contactus@bagleybaptist.co.uk or come & see us at www.bagleybaptist.co.uk

Wedmore Methodist Church

Preachers for March

Sunday 4th March	10.30am	Mrs Jacqui Cobb
Sunday 11th March	10.30am	Mrs Moira Cowell
Sunday 18th March	10.30am	Mrs Helen Wade Family Service
Sunday 25th March	10.30am	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			
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Wookey Holmlea	0756		1009		1139			1359
Wells, Coronation Road	0802		1015		1145			1405
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Highbridge George Hotel				1026			1151					1416
Burnham-on-Sea, Old Pier Tavern				1036			1201					1426
Ben Travers Way, Tesco				1041			1206					1431

Wedmore Street Fair – 2018 Booking Form

C/O Gareth Gosling, Applewood, Mutton Lane, Wedmore BS28 4DS
or gareth.gosling@btinternet.com.

I/we would like to book a stall at Wedmore Street Fair on
Saturday 7th July 2018. Theme is ‘100 years since the end of World War One’
Charities £17, local groups & societies £22 , commercial stalls £40.

I do/ do not require a table at an additional £3.

Name: _____

Organisation / or type of stall:

Address: _____

Tel no: _____

Email address (obligatory):

for receipt & stall details:

I enclose a cheque for: £ _____

made payable to Wedmore Street Fair or BACS to WSF account:

Sort code 30 91 84 Account Number 24297168.

Signed: _____

Crossword 11 Answers

Across: 1.primordial 8.etui 9.caste 10.stationed 12.cancellations
14.insignia 15.antler 17.cravat 19.split pea 21.laughing hyena
24.Liverpool 25.alibi 26.iota 27.newsletter

Down: 1.Puck 2.insects 3.oceanographer 4.dyslexia 5.avail 7.tinfoil
8.industrial 11.intensive care 13.piccallili 16.spyhole 18.aquavit
20.pianist 22.noose 23.bier

What's On in the Parish

March 2018

2 - Fri	Women's World Day of Prayer	7.00pm	Christchurch Theale
3 - Sat	Fairtrade Coffee morning	9.30- 12noon	St Mary's Church
5 - Mon	Wedmore Knitting and Quilting Group	9.30am	The Scout Hut
	Music in Mind	2.15-3.30pm	Masonic Hall
	Green Wedmore talk, with Claudi Williams	7.00pm	The George Inn
6 - Tues	Wedmore Tuesday Club	10.30-2.30	Wedmore VH
	Wedmore Young Farmers	7.30pm	The George Inn
7 - Wed	Camelot Quilters	10.00am	Wedmore VH
9 - Fri	Mr Punch's Folk Club - Open Mic	8.00pm	The Panborough Inn
	Watoto Children's Choir	7.30pm	Bagley Baptist Church
10 - Sat	Wedmore in Bloom Work Party	9.30am	The George Inn
	Wedmore Farmers' Market	9.30-1.30pm	Borough Yard
	Coffee Morning and Spring Bazaar	10.00-12noon	Methodist Church
	Quiz & Supper in aid of Brain Tumour Research	7.30pm	Wedmore VH
11 - Sun	Holy Trinity Church Breakfast	8.30am	Holy Trinity Church
12 - Mon	Wedmore Knitting and Quilting Group	9.30am	The Scout Hut
13 - Tues	Wedmore Tuesday Club	10.30-2.30	Wedmore VH
14 - Wed	Probus	10.15am	Golf Club
	Blackford Cafe	2.00-4.00pm	Blackford VH
15 - Thu	Wedmore WI - The Rug Hill Bell Ringers	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
17 - Sat	Theale Community Cafe	10.00am	Theale VH
	Messy Church family session	3.00-5.00pm	St Mary's Church
	3Cs Winter Supper	7.00pm	Wedmore VH
	St Patrick's Day Concert with "In Harmony"	7.30pm	Allerton Church
18 - Sun	Theale Film Club "Dr Zhivago"	6.30pm	Theale VH
19 - Mon	Wedmore Knitting and Quilting Group	9.30am	The Scout Hut
	Music in Mind	2.15-3.30pm	Masonic Hall
20 - Tues	Wedmore Tuesday Club	10.30-2.30	Wedmore VH
	Wedmore Young Farmers	7.30pm	The George Inn
21 -Wed	Camelot Quilters	10.00am	Wedmore VH
	The 50s' Club - talk by Pete Tinney	2.30pm	Masonic Hall
	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	Council Rooms Grants Lane
22 - Thu	Isle of Wedmore Society Speaker Steve Mewes	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
23 -Fri	Mr Punch's Folk Club - Issy & David Emeney	8.00pm	The Panborough Inn
	Limelight Night - Open Mic at the Swan	8.00pm	The Swan
24 - Sat	Somerset Choral Society "Come & Sing Messiah"	10.00am	St Mary's Church
26 - Mon	Wedmore Knitting and Quilting Group	9.30am	The Scout Hut
27 - Tues	Wedmore Tuesday Club	10.30-2.30	Wedmore VH
	Wedmore Young Farmers	7.30pm	The George Inn
	Wedmore Gardening Club Speaker Sally Gregson	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
28 - Wed	Probus	10.15am	Golf Club
	Annual Parish Assembly - Allison Griffin	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
	Wedmore Harvest Home Committee Meeting	8.00pm	The George Inn

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY

Fitness2Unique	9.15am	Blackford VH	Rane Lisa	07977 414799 07801 272255
Pilates	11.00am	The George	Georgie	07976 254887
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	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	Angela Mills	01934 712607
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	10.00am	Scout Hut	Shane Allen	01275 790175
Maturity Gang	10.30am	Wedmore VH	Pat Taylor	01934 713430
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