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Editorial

May I begin by wishing all of our readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year, and welcome to the January 2019 Edition, number 469. I can only hope you all enjoyed the Christmas you wished for. I am someone who seldom makes New Year Resolutions, however I will endeavour to produce 12 high quality editions of the IOW News in 2019, but obviously I can't do that on my own, so in order to fulfil this objective, please keep all of your excellent contributions coming in.

Congratulations go to two local celebrities; Julie Powell on becoming International Penny Chuffer 2018, and 'Stroke Me' on winning the World Renound Turnip Prize with the outstanding Collywobbles. Unless I am mistaken this is his second such award, is anyone writing to the Guinness Book of Records? I guess that Stroke Me will now be off to stage a spring exhibition at the Tate Modern.

So a quiet month in prospect here in the Isle of Wedmore? Well by the exacting standards we set ourselves, for once the answer is yes. Apart that is from range of meetings, events and other activities detailed herein. Indeed, we have to wait until 1st February for the next international event to take place, so enjoy the lull.

Thank you for everyone who contributed this time.

Bill Sutton

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Front Cover

A picture of Manor Field in snow taken by Maxine Ingrouille-Kidd in March 2018, depicting the Community of Wedmore gathering together to enjoy cold weather fun, courtesy of the ‘Beast from the East.’

News

Parish Council Business

The November meeting was well attended and Members heard two presentations by Mrs Jean Winter from ‘Green Wedmore’ and Mrs Cathy Butterworth, a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee. Both presentations were well received. It was noted that the Fingerpost restoration project was nearing completion and the Members agreed to make a further grant in order to successfully draw the project to a close. Grants were also made to ‘Wedmore by Lamplight’ for the provision of street entertainment and the usual burial grants to local churches. The Council has asked a local architect to draw up plans for creating disabled access and a staff parking space at the front of the Council Rooms in Grants Lane. It is hoped that this project will be completed soon subject to the appropriate planning permission being granted.

The recently installed lights marking the walkway from the car park to the village centre have been vandalised. Fortunately the electricity is still connected but a significant sum of money has to be spent in extra security of the lights.

Just before Christmas some boundary hedges and trees were cut back as they were encroaching onto parking spaces and residents’ gardens

Finally on behalf of the Chairman and Members of the Council may I wish you and your families a very Happy New Year.

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The Turnip Prize Winner 2018

‘Lavatory Attendant Scoops Crap Art Award’



At a ceremony held at The New Inn, Wedmore, Somerset, this year’s Turnip Prize has been awarded to Stroke Me for his work entitled ‘Collywobbles’ (A Collie Dog on top of a Jelly).

The award was made in front of a packed art loving audience. TV cameramen and photographers cheered when the 69 year old winner accepted the prize, a turnip mounted on a six-inch nail. Organiser Trevor

Prideaux said, ‘I am delighted with the lack of effort taken to create this work.’



Stroke Me, a Lavatory Attendant from Wedmore said ‘my inspiration came from watching my girlfriend eat jelly’ he added ‘in recent years I have unsuccessfully entered this competition and was beginning to think that my lack of effort was going down the pan, but now feel completely flushed at winning. I donate this award to

all of the lavatory attendants around the UK who are suffering through austerity by having their hours slashed!!’

Trevor said, ‘This year’s event attracted a total of 90 entries, it’s fantastic that Stroke Me has won, he clearly has what it takes to be recognised in modern art circles and will be remembered in art history for no time at all!’

I believe that over the last twenty years the artists entering ‘The Turnip Prize’ have created by far better works than Alex Farquharson and The Tate Britain Gallery could ever wish to exhibit.’

For more information please visit our facebook group ‘The Turnip Prize’ or twitter ‘turnipprizebook’ or www.newinnwedmore.co.uk

International Penny Chuffin’ Competition



This year’s annual International Penny Chuffin’ competition at The New Inn, Wedmore on Friday 10th November, drew an amazing 69 enthusiastic competitors from across the globe, including Hong Kong, Canada and The Democratic Republic of Lerburne.

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

In the first round players competed ferociously to get into the final with many going close with 8. Some waddled and some chooed! Sadly only Garry Stimpson scored 0.

The final was a walk over as only Julie Powell managed to score the maximum 9. It saw her claim the title with a wonderful example of a chuffin.

£69.00 was raised for children in need.

For further information, contact Trevor 07812848011.

International Spoof Competition at The New Inn, Wedmore – Friday 1st February

At 8 pm, prompt. Entrance fee £3; cash prizes. For information please call Frank or Debbie on 01934 712099.

The event will see International Spoofers from across the globe converge on The New Inn, Wedmore to try to claim Spoof Champion 2019.

Players who have entered so far include:

- Jason Mathias, 2018 Champion, the Barcelona Banker.
- Gill Kingston, 2017 Champion, the Glastonbury Guesser.
- Matty Drew, 2016 Champion and renowned birthday cake scoffer.
- Frank Sparks, 2015 Champion for Shortism
- Stephanie Patch, 2014 Champion of Chilli
- Paul Kingston, the Glastonbury Gambler and 2013 Champion
- Dave (USA) Palmer 2012 Champion
- Greg (suave) Mills, 2011 Champion
- Alice (who the ????) Swain, 2009 Champion
- Ivor (never lost a game) Squire, former Long Hill Champion
- Timmsy, the former Coins and Callus's Champion
- Roger Hancock, the blasphemer Champion 1931-2011
- Jim Mathers, the Glasgow Kiss Champion 1902
- David One Dog
- Chris Mckinley the Blackford Backhander
- Jim O'Conner the Mutton Lane Mincer
- Randy Candy, the Brickyard Bonker
- Neil Ellis, the Mudgley Master
- And many more.



Players will play in groups of four, each group will play 8 games a round, and points will be awarded for guessing correctly as follows;

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

*Jason Mathias,
the Barcelona Banker,
2018 Champion*

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

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

Wedmore Scouts Centenary

The first record of Scouting in Wedmore dates to October 1919, when the Reverend A Chisholm started a Scout Troop - just 12 years after the birth of Scouting. At the time of its registration it had twenty Scouts under his leadership.



Since then the Group has disappeared and then been resurrected on several occasions; the last being in 1994 when a Beaver Colony was established; followed by a Cub Pack in 1995, then a Scout Troop in 1996. So, apart from 2019 marking the centenary of the founding of the Group, it is also the 25th anniversary of the current Group. In addition, it is 45 years since the Group purchased its hut; back in October 1974, for the princely sum of £500.

Over the years the Group has had tremendous support from the Wedmore community, which has always been gratefully received; so in readiness for 2019, it has plant daffodils in various places around the village that will bloom in the spring, and of course in the following years as well; as on ongoing 'thankyou'.

To mark its centenary the Group's members will wear a special scarf during 2019, in addition their normal yellow scarf. This will be red to celebrate the Group's past, and have the Group's Centenary badge embroidered on it.

This choice of colour has been made as at the time the Group was reformed by Vera Banwell in 1965, its scarf had to be changed to plain yellow; because the plain red coloured scarf that was previously worn, was by then, in use elsewhere in the District. The Wedmore office of Cooper & Tanner have kindly sponsored these special Centenary Scarves, of which a limited edition of only 100 have been made.

Additionally during 2019, in recognition of the broad support that the Group has received over the last 100 years, its members will take part in various community events; as a further means of thanking everyone.

Bill Belshaw

Wedmore Neighbourhood Plan - Community and Wellbeing Project



Our Health & Wellbeing was a key issue identified in the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire. Taking part in community activities

is a significant way to help us keep healthy and to achieve a feeling of 'wellbeing'. In Wedmore we are blessed with many clubs and organisations across a huge range of topics and activities. However for everyone to take advantage of these clubs, societies and organizations we need to know about them. To enable this Wedmore

Parish Council has agreed to support the compilation and delivery of a directory for all households with this information.

If you are the lead person, secretary or organiser of a club, society or organization which operates in Wedmore, please contact me, to find out more and to ensure your club, society or organisation is included.

Thank you for your help.

*Cathy Butterworth, on behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan Group
01934 712775 cb@theconsultant.org*

Wedmore Around the World



Found in Colombo, Sri Lanka, by former Wedmore resident and England cricketer, Jos Buttler at the end of the Third Test Match. The flag had Pip Patch's name on it but unfortunately Mr Patch was not there for the photo!

The 2019 Wedmore Harvest Home Business Directory

The 2019 Directory is now being prepped! If you would like to advertise your business with us please get in contact with Sarah Weare (07884017560).

All adverts will be printed in FULL colour. 1000 directories will be printed. These will be given out during July into local businesses and on our event day in August. There are four sizes to choose from, with four prices to suit all different businesses. (£25, £50, £100 or £200 per advert.) Contact us today!



Wedmore Community Bus

We are looking for a few volunteers to come forward to drive the bus and / or act as controllers for the four set destinations we travel to each week. The work is not

arduous and provides a valuable service to everyone in the Parish, especially to those who can no longer drive or feel safe to do so. If you can give up some time in support, please contact Mike Brewer on 07794 781975

Wedmore Arts Festival 2019 – Back Next May

The 2019 Wedmore Arts Festival is taking shape, and looks to be an even bigger and more varied event than it was last year. We are currently exploring dates and ideas for more than 15 events and we will bring you confirmation of these as soon as we can.



In the meantime, we will definitely be welcoming back the phenomenal young violinist Poppy McGhee, playing this year at a very special concert brought to us by the much loved Somerset Choral Society. That's on Saturday 11 May. On Wednesday 15 May we have another Wedmore favourite: Liz Grand, who entertained us so magnificently with her one-woman play on Shakespeare's *Second Best Bed*, returns with an Agatha Christie mystery: where on earth was the author during those famous 11 days when she went missing? All will be dramatically revealed! And on Friday 17 May the sensational Henry Blofeld will be regaling the village with his favourite sporting anecdotes. Plenty of variety promised already and we also have more music, drama and poetry up our sleeves, plus of course our wonderful series of Lunch with the Speaker: several fascinating topics and personalities are planned in that spot.

If you have not already put the dates into next year's diary, please do so now! 10 to 19 May 2019. You wouldn't want to miss anything!

wedmoreartsfestival.co.uk.

Music in Mind – Group for People with Dementia and their Carers

Forthcoming dates are: 7th and 21st January, 4th February.

Stella Moore

Registered Music Therapist, HCPC 01934 732282

St. Mary's – A Building For The Future?

How can we make St. Mary's serve the community better – your views will be very welcome!

In the next few years both the heating and the lighting in the church will have to be replaced, and a number of suggestions have already been made to improve some of the other facilities in the church. These include:-

Replacing some or all of the pews with chairs – for centuries the church had no seating!

- Replace the heating system
- Improve the catering facilities
- Install Projector and screen
- Enlarge the stage/platform
- Move / Remove the organ
- Move / remove the choir stalls
- No doubt many other options

Instead of addressing these issues piecemeal it is therefore sensible for the Parochial Church Council to consider how the church building might be used in the longer term, not just for worship but also by the wider community. Community use at the moment is mostly limited to concerts and other musical events, but this is a very large building and perhaps with some alterations, there is potential for other uses particularly in the Nave area.

In January the Church Council will be distributing a short questionnaire to homes in the village, it will also be available on the Church website <http://www.stmarywedmore.org.uk>. Please complete one and leave in the marked Box in the church, or Scan it and e-mail to Stmarysbuildingforthefuture@gmail.com

If you don't like questionnaires just send a note of your views to the e-mail address above.

We envisage this could be a fairly long term project dependent on the scale of the improvements the Church Council decide to implement.

Thank you in anticipation of your contributions.

Mike Gelder – Keeper of the Fabric, St.Mary's Church, Wedmore

Cheddar Vale Lions Club – Senior Citizens Christmas Shopping



The Club played host to 84 local Senior Citizens, treating them to Sherry, Mince pies and a Shopping trip to Cheddar Garden Centre on the afternoon



of Thursday 22nd November. This is an annual event that has grown over the past few years and is well supported by those from Cheddar and the surrounding villages. Transport is provided for the majority which is organised by the Club's Community Services Officer, Lion Lyn Wood, who did a fantastic job making sure everyone arrived

safely and were then returned to their destinations.

Shopping bags and trolleys at the ready, they were soon scouring the Christmas displays and other goodies available at the Garden Centre taking the opportunity to complete their shopping lists. Once they completed their shopping, they were then treated to mince pies, hot drinks and sherry with the compliments of the Lions Club.

This is one of the most rewarding events in the Lions calendar, which members enjoy. Chatting and laughing with the participants makes it all worthwhile plus the attendees always express their appreciation by all the kind comments and smiles the Lions receive.

For further information about Cheddar Vale Lions, please call 0845 8337402, email information@cheddarvalelions.org.uk, through the website: www.cheddarvalelions.org.uk or via the Facebook page: [@cheddarvalelions](https://www.facebook.com/cheddarvalelions).

The Club is always looking for new members to assist with their community work.



The Farming Community Network (FCN)

It's good to have someone to talk to. Call us on the FCN Helpline; 03000 111 999 7am to 11pm, every day of the year. FCN.ORG.UK



Wedmore Neighbourhood Plan



Thanks to all of you who sent comments to Sedgemoor Council on the submitted Neighbourhood Plan.

Sedgemoor is in process of appointing an Examiner who will receive a copy of the Plan, all the representations, and the background material. He or she will undertake an Examination of the Plan during January and February 2019 and it is hoped

that the formal Report will be received by March.

We will incorporate any changes into the final version of the Plan which (we hope) will be the subject of a public Referendum in May.

*Bob Sellwood
Chairman of the Neighbourhood, Plan Group*

Adopt a Grave!

A few graves left for families and individuals who might like to take care of a grave in the churchyard. Could there be a more delightful way of creating a thread to the past whilst improving the present!

Hard to imagine that more than a couple of hours twice a year would be needed. Could willing folk give me a call and we will match you to a grave

David Hopkins, 01934 710149 dahopkins@aol.com

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 were fished out of the pool and the surrounding waters in bucket loads. They have been 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 Lions for their charitable work in the local community. This year the total “thrown in” by the public will be between £400 and £500. (Some coins are still being cleaned and yet to be deemed clean enough to bank!).

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

IT for the Terrified

ARE YOU TERRIFIED OF TABLETS? Or irritated by iPads? Or Stumped by Samsung? Then why not give us a ring and see if we can help?!

I.T. for the Terrified provides help with using tablets, smartphones, cameras, computers, and similar devices on a one to one basis. Each informal session of 2 hours costs £10 and 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 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 and cost £10 for a two-hour session, but please ask if there is more than one of you or you have any other requirements.



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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Usually using Cheddar Village Hall, Church Street, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 3RF
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A Day in the Life

Are you a local professional or someone involved in running a local organisation in the Isle of Wedmore? Would you like to share some of the things you do or perhaps raise awareness of your organisation? Please contact Liz Sweeney by email, photoswedmorenews@gmail.com.

Focus on Businesses

MLB Hypnotherapy – Helping People to Lead a More Fulfilled Life

A new type of therapy is now available in Wedmore. Michelle Louise Balson runs hypnotherapy sessions on Thursday mornings at the Wedmore Surgery. For those who can't manage that day, she also offers some evening and weekend appointments at premises she rents in Wells. Like me, you might not know what hypnotherapy is. Michelle told me that clinical hypnotherapy is a safe and excellent way to help people cope with anxiety, depression and phobias, as well as sleep problems, panic attacks, blushing and exam stress. It can also help with weight management and stopping smoking.

Michelle grew up in Weston-super-Mare, went to school in Bristol and attended Kings of Wessex sixth form. After leaving school, she worked as a Health Care Assistant in a care home, looking after elderly residents, and then as a receptionist at Cheddar Medial Centre. She also worked in Axbridge and Wedmore Surgery for eight years as a Health Care Assistant, taking blood from patients and doing other tasks such as blood pressure measurements and ECGs. While her two children were young, she was working part-time, but when the boys were about 10 and 12 and she was thinking about working more hours, she decided that it was now or never if she wanted to

become a qualified nurse. She enrolled as a mature student, training at Plymouth University and Musgrove Park Hospital to become a Registered Nurse, qualifying in 2011. She told me that studying full time wouldn't have been possible without the tremendous support she had from her husband and, in fact, the whole family. She now lives in Mark and works four days a week as a Practice Nurse at East Quay Medical Centre in Bridgwater where she specialises in diabetes, asthma and COPD, contraception and minor illness. During her nursing training she became interested in psychology and human behaviour. One day she was talking to a friend about why people tend to do things that they know are not good for them or be irrationally scared of something. The friend came up with answers to many of her questions, explaining that she had studied hypnotherapy some years ago. She suggested that it might be of interest to Michelle. Michelle looked into it, and found that the place where her friend had studied, Clifton Practice Hypnotherapy Training, had a very



good reputation. She contacted the Practice, had a discussion with a senior lecturer and decided to enrol for the course. The course lasts ten months and leads to an accredited Diploma in Hypnotherapy and Psychotherapy. It teaches students how to help people with problems such as anxiety and depression. In her work as a nurse Michelle realised that when she saw people with medical problems there was often an emotional aspect, so when she started her course everything seemed to click and make sense. She was given the opportunity to rent a room in the Wedmore Surgery this autumn, and so decided to start offering consultations on Thursday mornings. The method is part counselling, part therapy combined with hypnosis, which is similar to meditation.

The first session is always about how the brain works to help clients understand why we behave and react in a particular way in certain stressful situations. Her approach is solution focused which means that past events do not need to be revisited. She gets people to focus on the positive things that have happened to them recently and what they would consider to be a perfect life. The aim is to find a way to help people cope

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better with the present and the future so that they feel better and more motivated to take control of their life.

What struck me when talking to Michelle is how passionate she is about helping people to conquer their emotional problems and live a better life. She said that she finds it hugely rewarding to see someone progress from, feeling anxious and nervous to becoming confident and better able to cope with stressful situations.

She doesn't intend to give up nursing, as she put a lot of effort into qualifying and still very much enjoys it, but feels that her new hypnotherapy business is equally rewarding and satisfying. Of course, for someone who has been employed all her working life, setting up her own business also brought various challenges, including publicising it. She has prepared leaflets, which are available in the Wedmore Surgery and has a poster in the Wedmore Village Store. She also designed her own website: www.mlbhypnotherapy.co.uk, which gives further information on the methodology.

Liz Sweeney

Focus on Businesses

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

For inclusion in our Wedmore News if suitable.

On the run-up to Remembrance Day we discovered that all the ivy on our rear fence which borders on a public right of way, had been cut off.

If this was removed for the purpose of constructing wreaths and the perpetrators had taken the time to ask we would have been more than willing to release some, in fact we would have liked to participate in the build process.

The legality of this is questionable, I am hoping those concerned will read this.

*A Wedmore Resident
Name and address withheld.*

Reports and Society Updates

Wedmore Harvest Home 100 Club Lottery 2019

Our popular 100 club 2019 is now LIVE! Help us raise some important funds for the Harvest Home, and be in with a chance of winning money every month for a year!

All for only £30! If you are interested please contact Kerry on 07881 740576. Your number will be drawn every month: first prize is £100 and second prize £50. You are able to choose your own number, so be quick and don't delay, otherwise you could miss out on your lucky number!

Club50

The January meeting of Club50 will be on Wednesday January 19th at 2.30pm. Masonic Hall. Come and join us for tea and a speaker.

From April to October we will have a full programme of coach outings to interesting places.

Details Pauline Lunn on 01934 732517

Somerset Choral Society Spring Programme starts on Wednesday 9th January

On Saturday 24th November, the Somerset Choral Society performed a programme of Advent and Christmas music and readings to an appreciative audience of 150 people in St Mary's Church that was lit entirely by candles.



The Somerset Choral Society will begin rehearsals for their spring programme at 7:30pm on Wednesday 9th January 2019 in the Concert Hall of Sidcot School in Oakridge Lane, Winscombe, North Somerset. Their next concert will be part of the '2019 Wedmore Arts Festival' on Saturday 11th May at 7:30pm again in St Mary's Church, Wedmore. The programme will include music by Ralph Vaughan-Williams, Johannes Brahms and Gabriel Faure including a performance of 'The Lark Ascending' featuring the young violinist Poppy McGhee and the Lochrian Ensemble. They are always recruiting new members of any voice (SATB) and will welcome any new recruits at this first or subsequent rehearsals (there are no auditions); new recruits from Wedmore will be particularly welcome for this next concert. The choir rehearses each Wednesday evening except during Sidcot School Half Terms and holidays. You will find full details of their past performances, contacts and current programme on their website www.somersetsingers.wordpress.com. They look forward to meeting you to sing with them in this next concert!

Paul Ashmore
Somerset Coral Society Publicity, 01934-843388

Wedmore Gardening Club

The Gardening Club committee wish all our members and guests a very happy and healthy New Year. We have had a very interesting and enjoyable series of talks this year culminating in a garland/wreath-making meeting in November. It was such fun with some of us making lovely Christmas decorations proving what an excellent demonstrator and speaker Di Barnard is. Our annual dinner was held on Tuesday 4th December when we were entertained by the Ukelele Group who were such fun last year.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 22nd January at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall starting with a short AGM (and I do mean short) followed by a talk and slide show on 'Hardy and Tender Climbers' by Jane Lindsay from Tickenham. A very good start to our gardening year.

Our programme for 2019 is now ready and below are details of the following two meetings.

- Tuesday 26th February: 'Spirit of a Japanese Garden' by David Burgess
- Tuesday 26th March: 'Lilies and Summer Flowering Bulbs' by Don Everitt

We look forward to welcoming members old and new and, of course, we are always very pleased to welcome guests. Meetings are held in the Masonic Hall and start at 7.30pm.

Jean Windridge

Green Wedmore Updates:

Tree Planting

In November, a working party of volunteers from Green Wedmore were able to plant a total of 36 young trees to create a new 'green avenue' along Blackford Road. Jointly funded by Re-imagining The Levels and Green Wedmore, these native lime trees will

provide a beautiful entrance to the village, as well as helping to keep our air clean. Special thanks to the Playing Fields Committee and David Banwell for allowing the planting to take place, and all the volunteers who helped on the day.



Repair Cafe

The fourth Wedmore Repair Cafe took place in December and was well very attended. A team of volunteer 'fixers' helped visitors to mend household items and give them new life, reducing the need to purchase new items and use up valuable resources.

New Housing Developments

Green Wedmore have written to MP James Heapey and local councillors asking for greater consideration for sustainability for our planned new housing in the village. In particular they have asked for developers to install facilities for renewable energy production, better use of rainwater, installation of vehicle charging points, improved foot and cycle path provision and public transport links. The letter in full is below.

To: James Heapey MP, Cllr David Huxtable, Cllr Polly Costello, PC
Chair Neil Ellis, Bob Sellwood (Wedmore Neighbourhood Plan Chair)

Ref: Climate Change to Climate Breakdown

Dear James, David, Polly, Neil and Bob,

We the undersigned of Green Wedmore are deeply shocked not only by the recent flurry of academic reports showing the worsening climate situation, but also by the almost complete lack of action to counteract the threat we face, at every level of the political system.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has failed to even mention Climate Change once in the three budgets he has delivered, which is alarming.

Last month's IPCC report outlined that to keep global temperatures at or below the relatively 'safe' level of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels will require a global cut in CO2 emissions of 45% by 2030 (using a 2010 baseline), just 12 years from now. This goes much further than the UK's current plans under the Climate Change Act.

Against a background of the threat of rising sea levels, the Government's own body, the Committee on Climate Change recently said that coastal management plans

are not fit for purpose, properly costed or adequately communicated to people who live on or near the coast. This week we hear that the oceans have been absorbing far more heat than previously thought, raising the likelihood of greater sea level increases and fish stock decline. As a coastal County, Somerset's people need to understand what they can and should do to alleviate the risks to themselves and their properties.

With the above threats in mind, we would ask you to respond to the following questions:

Is it wise:

1. to build new houses with no renewable energy generation, water saving, environmental net gain aspects and electric vehicle charging points as standard, saving the environment and people's pockets?
2. to continue downscaling public transport and contributing little to cycle networks?
3. to have no national policy to retrofit old housing stock to make them insulated, warm and efficient?
4. to explore for more fossil fuel sources (with the threat of fracking in Somerset in mind) when experts estimate we can only afford to burn approx. 10% of existing fossil fuel reserves?
5. to reduce financial incentives for electric vehicles, solar installations and make onshore wind virtually a planning impossibility whilst continuing to give huge tax incentives to the oil and gas industry?
6. to cut local government funding, leaving a leadership vacuum on the issues locally and just at the moment when local action on Climate Change is needed?

Clearly we need to decarbonise our lifestyles, our houses, our businesses and our economy as rapidly as we can. Green Wedmore with its 'Zero Carbon Wedmore' project is doing all it can, and we would be very interested in working with you, at every level of local and national government, to contribute towards emergency action at a local level.

Green Wedmore sees a positive future for a Zero Carbon village and society, one where communities are stronger, control their own energy supply, spend and invest locally, commute less, eat healthily and care more for the natural world with all the benefits to our health and wellbeing, pollinators and farmers.

But the threats we face and the government inaction we see is stark.

We look forward to hearing how we can engage with you. There has been talk of Citizen Assemblies where the public can engage with local government, infrastructure bodies and experts to plan the needed decarbonisation, and we would support this.

Your sincerely; Members of Green Wedmore

PS we welcome the truly sustainable additions to the draft Wedmore Neighbourhood Plan but fear they will be removed by Sedgemoor when it is assessed. Let us hope our fears are unfounded.

Cabaret at Café Rene

Theale Players announce the return of ‘Cabaret at Café René’ at Theale Village Hall for 3 nights on 7th, 8th & 9th February 2019. Ticket availability and more information on www.theale.ws”

RNLI – News and Local Rescues in November

The sponsorship money and takings from the October Firewalk has produced a profit of over £7,600. On 14th November Louise Jordan’s performed her one-woman show ‘No Petticoats Here’ and our share of the profit was £540. Our RNLI Super Quiz takes place in Shipham Village Hall on Saturday 26th January; Tickets cost £8 per member (£48 per team) which includes Tina’s ‘Mega-Ploughman’s Supper’ in the interval. Contact Tina on 01934 842304 or meejlh@gmail.com to enter a team. There were 14 local launches in November (Minehead – 1, Portishead – 6, Weston-Super-Mare - 7). On 15 November both Portishead lifeboats were launched while on the evening of 21 November Weston-Super-Mare launched their lifeboats on three occasions in quick succession.’



The Railway Children – A Review



Wedmore Theatre must be delighted to know that they are on track for a promising future thanks to the emergence of young acting talent. The children were the shining stars of their latest production at Wedmore Village Hall.

We’ve come to expect impressive shows from the theatre group and they didn’t disappoint, despite the massive challenge of putting on a play featuring over 30 people. Apparently so many young people turned up to audition for *The Railway Children*, they had to be divided into two teams, alternating for performances.

An ingenious set allowed for seamless scene changes, from cottage bedroom, dining room and garden, to the charming Oakworth station, complete with signalman’s levers.

The lighting, video and effects teams pulled out all the stops, from the atmospheric steam and eerie tunnel noises, to the much anticipated *pièce de résistance*. Of course we all wondered how they were going to recreate that iconic “get off the line Bobby” scene. They cleverly borrowed a trick from early cinema that had the train on a film

screen hurtling towards both the audience and Roberta as she frantically waved her flannelette petticoat to warn the driver about the blocked line.



The play was at turns moving and amusing. Highlights for me were the lovely scenes between the Mother and her three children, the plight of the distressed Russian refugee and Perks' reaction to his pramful of birthday presents.

Well done to the young actors for remembering what seemed to be a mammoth number of lines to create great banter between the 'London' children and the locals; there were some impressive Yorkshire accents.

I wasn't sure they were going to be able to do it but that final classic heart-warming scene where Bobby is reunited with her father still managed to bring a tear to my eye.

Full marks to director Jendy Weekes, producer Sue Rippon and their team for serving up a memorable festive feast.

Sarah Ford

Are you a film fan?

Theale Film Club is moving into it's 6th successful year this month and very much welcomes new members. We meet once a month on a Sunday evening (6.30 for 7pm) at Theale village hall and mostly show recent films suggested by our membership.



Every three months we try and put on a 'classic movie' chosen from a short list and voted on by members. We project in high definition and surround stereo.... not as good a big cinema, but very effective in our small hall.

This month we are showing, on Jan 20th, a 2017 film 'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society'. Free tea and coffee is on offer and very popular choc ices are on sale at a knock down price! Membership runs from January to January and costs £16 for the year ... this fee reduces as the year runs on .. we only wish to cover our running costs eg hall hire, licence and cost of discs etc.

You are welcome to join us. Good films and excellent company.....
for more information contact 712144 / 713416 / 712775

Our 2019 Spring Revue – 'Dame Edna's Big Brexit Night Out'

By popular demand, we shall be welcoming back one of our most enduring favourites – Dame Edna Everage – who will be giving Wedmore her take on Brexit. Accompanying her inimitable Aussie perspective on this uniquely British event will be a dazzling array of comedy sketches, song and dance routines and a variety of satirical takes on Brexit. And, of course, there will be a special guest appearance by the Australian cultural attaché – Sir Les Patterson.



This very special show will play in Wedmore Village Hall over the three nights of 'Brexit Weekend' – 28, 29 and 30 March. All members of the community are welcome to join in, whether seasoned performers or complete beginners who would just like to have a go for the fun of it. For more information, or to participate, e-mail chair@wedmoretheatre.com.

(Warning: the combination of Dame Edna and Brexit means much of the content risks being politically incorrect. Not for the faint-hearted, or those with a selective sense of humour!)

Wedmore Theatre

Wedmore Bridge Club

The Chairman gave an upbeat report at the Club's recent AGM thanking all who had contributed to another successful year. Several members had enjoyed considerable success in both national and county events and were warmly congratulated.

Mike Smith was re elected Chairman, Steve Pedrick as Secretary and Elizabeth Sloman as Treasurer. Also re elected were Committee Members Esme Gulliver and Gillian Toogood.

New names will appear on the Club Championship Trophy with Steve Pedrick and Ivor Ham romping home to victory as the only pair with over 60%. Runners up were Peter Colton and Phil Batt just edging out 3rd placed Wendy Miller and Anne Skinner.

For any information on the Club's activities please contact Steve Pedrick on 712852.

Wedmore WI

At our November meeting, Jill welcomed members and our evening speaker Christine Barker a former member of Wedmore WI.

Several members had knitted the 58 poppies to commemorate the men of the parish who had died in WW1. These were made into a display for the exhibition in the Village Hall and later they may find a permanent home in the Church.

Hazel and Val went to the Somerset WI AGM in Yeovil. The morning speaker was Rosie Thompson who spoke about the “Not Forgotten Association” which helps care for injured forces veterans. Their members take out of hospital individual veterans and treat them to tea, dinner or other diversions. This can really help their recovery. It is a little known charity that does a great deal to help the veterans.

In the afternoon Jenny Bond the former BBC Royal reporter was the speaker and entertained everyone for over an hour.

Our evening speaker, Christine told us about her career as a physiotherapist. She trained in Whitechapel, London in the 60s when things were very different from today. The superintendent was terrifying and every morning all the staff had to stand in line to say “Good morning” to her. After marriage she moved to Brentwood where she worked in neurosurgery in a mental health hospital. In 1993 the family moved to Hertfordshire. A position as a physiotherapist became vacant at Stagenoe, a Sue Ryder Home where many of the patients suffered from Huntingdon’s disease. This is a degenerative condition which is inherited. It is a dominant gene and children have a 50% chance of developing the condition if one or both parents have Huntingdon’s. There is no cure. It is a very challenging condition with personality changes and mental deterioration. In spite of this patients did cookery, gardening swimming etc. Stagenoe is the largest unit in Europe dealing with Huntingdon’s disease patients and has very experienced staff. It was a very interesting and rewarding career.

There was a question and answer session afterwards which was extremely informative.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 17th January in the Masonic Hall when our speaker will be Hazel Hudson on ‘Hidden Wedmore’.

Diana Rocky

The Friend’s of St. Mary’s

Helping the congregation raise money to maintain and enhance St. Mary’s as an all-village community centre

Saturday 30th March 2019. The 6th and best yet ‘Clash of the Choirs’ will bring together 12 local groups - in all 200 singers - for a lighthearted competition judged by the famous “Clapometer”

Bank Holiday Monday 6th May - the next Tower Open Day

Sunday 16th June the second Wedmore 40/30. Over 150 riders last year and we expect to double that in 2019. Get on your bikes and help us raise a lot of money for Weston Hospicecare and for The Friends of St Mary’s. See <https://wedmore4030.wixsite.com/home> for information

Contact David Hopkins for information. 01934 710149. dahopkin



The Isle of Wedmore Society – Report of Meeting 22nd November



**The Isle of
WEDMORE
Society**

Founded 1962

The Masonic Hall was packed with over 40 people for our last excellent talk of the year entitled ‘Building a Passivhaus by Dr Dennis Briaris who has had such a house built recently in the village.

The Passivhaus standard is designed to deliver comfort, quality and lower running costs in any type of building and Dennis’s house, having visited it, certainly does all those things.

There are only about 250 - 400 of these type of houses in the UK at present and the 5 principles of producing an efficient property are the way insulation roof, walls, floors and windows are constructed.

Dennis has underfloor heating throughout the house together with triple glazed windows plus well above average insulation everywhere and reckons to save 80/90% on his bills. The house is airtight without any draughts right down to the fact that there is no letter box!!

This incredible, modern property has a 24hr ventilation system which has a silencer in it for undisturbed sleep, an airtight ceiling in the 1st floor and all the soil pipes and wiring are concealed.

Dennis thinks this country is way behind many others with this type of construction although Exeter and Norwich have started to build this form of property for the mass market.

The talk was enthusiastically received with many questions - always the proof of a good presentation.

The evening concluded with drinks and mince pies.

Chris Edwards - Speaker Secretary

The Isle Of Wedmore Society Lost Records

The Isle of Wedmore Society has been active in the Parish since its foundation in 1962. Recently though at a Society Meeting someone asked ‘where are the original Society Records? The answer was a total silence.

However a bit of delving revealed that a former Secretary was holding a book containing the records (vis the minutes of Committee Meetings and AGMs.) that covered the period since March 1985. But before that ????

A near ‘Eureka’ moment did though then arrive when a Member asked ‘Google’ and lo and behold this revealed that a folder on the Society covering 1964 to 81 was now held in the archives of the Museum for Rural Life in Berkshire, of all places. The Eureka moment did not though last long as it emerged this file was just a record of annual affiliation subscriptions paid to the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE).

So for the moment, we are stuck. But perhaps, just perhaps, someone in the Parish (dare we say it a ‘Senior Citizen’) might be able to remember the early years of the Society and be able to provide information to fill what is currently a large empty hole in our records.

If you can help please contact Ian Tomes, the Society's Secretary, on 01934 71390 or at tomestome@btinternet.com.

The Rotary Club of Mendip

Support for Africa Charity

At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Mendip, a presentation was made by past president Richard Tilley to Matt Crowcombe, the founder of SOS Africa, a children's charity based in Shepton Mallet, which funds the education and care of underprivileged African children. The education provided by the charity is tailored to the needs of the individual child, with the expectation that they will be able to break the poverty cycle and reach their potential.

The charity is run by a close circle of family and friends of Matt Crowcombe, and 100% of money donated is invested in the education and care of children, with gift aid covering the charity's expenses. A cheque for £500 was presented by Richard Tilley.



Anyone wishing to find out more about Mendip Rotary Club should contact Michael Hiles: michael-hiles@hotmail.com.

Mendip past president Richard Tilley presents a cheque for £500 to Matt Crowcombe of SOS Africa

Mendip Rotarians Honour Cave Rescue Divers

The Rotary Club of Mendip recently presented two of the Thai cave rescue divers living in the Cheddar Valley with Paul Harris Fellowship awards. Chris Jewell, an IT expert, and army engineer Connor Roe, were involved in the rescue operation to free 13 young members of the Wild Boars Soccer Club who had become trapped in the Tham Luang caves. Both men are unpaid volunteer members of the British Cave Rescue Council, prepared to be called out 24/7 to help anyone trapped below ground. The situation they faced in Thailand was unprecedented, with the boys and their team coach half a mile underground in caves flooded by an early monsoon.

As part of an international team of many hundreds, they employed new techniques to make the rescue, many of them improvised for expediency. Chris Jewell was one of the four British divers who shuttled the boys one at a time to a cavern 800 metres from

the cave entrance, where they were transferred to stretchers and carried to safety by the military. Connor Roe was at one of the staging posts deep inside the cave system assisting with the transfer of oxygen cylinders.

At the presentation award ceremony attended by over 60 Rotarians and guests, Chris Jewell gave an illustrated talk about his experiences.

Members of the Rotary Club of Mendip considered that the two divers had exemplified Rotary's motto 'Service Above Self', having risked their own lives to save others. Paul Harris was the founder of Rotary International, and awards made in his memory have been given to many Rotarians, also to famous people including Mother Teresa, president Jimmy Carter, president Boris Yeltsin, astronaut James Lovell, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, and medical researcher Jonas Salk.



Reach Out and Dance Wedmore Dance Classes

Wedmore Over 50s Dance Group meets in Wedmore Village Hall from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon every Thursday (term time only). The cost is £5 or £3 for concessions, paid per session and the aim is to get fit, dance, meet new people and have fun. The sessions are very varied and are a mixture of dances from around the world and contemporary dances. They are suitable for all abilities.

No special expertise or clothing is required. Contact Pat Taylor on 01934 713430 (email davidandpattaylor@btinternet.com) for more details or just turn up on the day.

West Mendip Walkers

Thursday 3rd January

West Mendip Walkers moderate circular walk 9.25mi from Burrington Combe. OS Map Ex141 ST476590. Start 10.00a.m. Park The Burrington Inn. Contact Eaun/Nicola Tel: 07801 621212 or euan.stanwix@btinternet.com /Nicola.stanwix1@btinternet.com



Thursday 10th January

West Mendip Walkers moderate circular walk 5.5mi from Congresbury. OS Map Ex154 ST438639. Start 12.30p.m. Park Bristol Road carpark. Contact Jenny/Jill Tel: 07803 722878/07709 767907 or jennymr7@aol.com /jill.m.ollis@gmail.com

Thursday 17th January

West Mendip Walkers moderate circular walk 10mi from Sherborne. OS Map Ex129 ST640163. Start 10.00a.m. Park Culverhayes long stay cp. Contact Ken Masters Tel: 01749 670349/07784 941439 or kenmasters265@gmail.com

Thursday 24th January

West Mendip Walkers moderate circular walk 5.5mi from Rookery Farm. OS Map Ex142 ST603482. Start 12.30p.m. Park Rookery Farm. Contact Claris Brown Tel: 07811 232061 or claris51@yahoo.co.uk

Thursday 31st January

West Mendip Walkers moderate circular walk 10mi from Cley Hill. OS Map Ex143 ST838444. Start 10.00a.m. Park NT carpark. Contact Vi Howley Tel: 07711 662993 or vihowley@me.com

An Opportunity to join Vi Howley to complete her journey along the South West Coast Path and raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support

Vi Howley is walking the last section of the SWCP from Torcross to South Haven, a distance of 164.5 miles, in April / May next year to raise funds, once again, for Macmillan Cancer Support.

This will be the fourth year Vi has walked the coastal path, and she has so far raised £14,000. As the last section is that much closer to us, I propose that West Mendip Walkers show their support by joining her on a 14.4 mile linear walk Thursday 2nd May (2019) from Babbacombe to Exmouth.

Regardless of this proposal, Vi would welcome your support in person, as well as financially, on the coastal path for some, if not all, of the two weeks it will take her to complete the walk. It is ambitious and, as you will see, some sections are severe and strenuous, but there are compensations as the views are often stunning and the walking is rewarding and, at the same time, you will be raising funds for a very worthwhile cause.

Here are the details. Make a note of the dates, and let's make the fourth and last section of the South West Coastal Path a resounding success in terms of funds raised for Macmillan Cancer Support, and numbers of walkers joining Vi on the journey.

The fourth and last section of the SWCP - Torcross to South Haven- is 164.5 miles. The shortest day will be 7.1 miles and the longest, 14.4 miles. Some days are suitable for half-day participation but you are very welcome to join me for whole days or maybe more. It will cost you £25 (or you could get yourself some sponsors).

Alternatively, you can just do a few miles and join us for coffee / lunch. Please put these dates in your diary:

- Monday April 29th - Sunday May 12th 2019

To register an interest please contact: vihowley@me.com or call 07711662993

Tony Strange

Interested in Beekeeping?

Wedmore and Cheddar Beekeepers will be holding a 7-week beginners' course in beekeeping starting on Friday 22 February 2019 (7.30pm – 9.30pm).

Cost will be £20. Venue: Cross Memorial Hall, Webbington Rd, Cross, BS26 2EL.

If you are interested in joining then please contact Jonathan Friend

Tel. 01934712971 or email jpdfriend@gmail.com

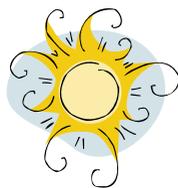
Weather Report for November 2018

RAINFALL



Monthly total	92.6mm	(3.65ins)
30-year average	84.3mm	(3.32ins)
Wettest day (27th)	16.0mm	(0.63ins)
No of dry days	17	
Last 3 months (Sep - Nov)	170mm	(6.7ins)
Year ending 30 Nov 18	759mm	(29.9ins)
30-year annual average	803mm	(31.6ins)

TEMPERATURES



Maximum (6th)	14.5 °C	(58.1 °F)
Minimum (2nd)	-2.5 °C	(27.5 °F)
Number of air frosts	4	
Monthly average maximum	10.7 °C	(51.3 °F)
30-year average maximum	10.8 °C	(51.4 °F)
Monthly average minimum	5.1 °C	(41.2 °F)
30-year average minimum	4.4 °C	(39.9 °F)

COMMENTS

Rainfall 10% above average despite long dry spell, 11th to 26th.

Denley Brown

Vera's Verse for January

Flowers

A visitor came with flowers

I said 'Thank you' to be polite

Their colour and scent for the next week

Filled me with delight!



Vera Banwell

Forthcoming Events

St Mary's Fairtrade Coffee Shop – Saturday 5th January

9.30am to 12 noon. All the usual stalls, Fair Trade Coffee shop.

Green Wedmore Meeting – Monday 7th January

At the George. Guest speaker for the evening is Tristan from The Food Forest Project <https://www.thefoodforestproject.org> New members are always welcome.



Wedmore in Bloom – Saturday 12th January

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

Wedmore WI Meeting - Thursday 17th January

In the Masonic Hall at 7.30 our speaker Hazel Hudson on 'Hidden Wedmore', all welcome.



Wedmore and Mark Conservatives Winter Supper – Friday 18th January

At the Masonic Hall Wedmore commencing at 7.00 for 7.30pm. The tickets are £20 and available from Ross Young tel 710255.



Wedmore Gardening Club – 1st Meeting of 2019 - Tuesday 22nd January

At 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall for a talk by Jane Lindsay ‘Hardy and Tender Climbers’.

Isle of Wedmore Society – Thursday 24th January

The first monthly meeting of the year will take place in the Wedmore Masonic Hall, at 7.30pm.

The speaker will be Hazel Hudson, our well known Wedmore historian and her talk will be titled ‘Two Medieval Wedmore Farmsteads.’

Members free. Visitors £3, with free tea/coffee and biscuits afterwards.

Contact: Ian Tomes, 01934 710390



Wedmore in Bloom - AGM and Social Evening on Friday 1st February 2019



At the Masonic Hall, the evening starts at 6.45pm with a short AGM, followed by a glass of wine, cottage pie and dessert. The ‘Strike a Chord’ choir will be singing, and it is sure to be an enjoyable evening.

Tickets cost £10 each and please contact either Margaret Kitson (712107) or Jackie Hall (712877) by Saturday 26th January, if you would like to attend.

Theale Players - Cabaret at Café Rene – 7th, 8th and 9th February

At Theale Village Hall for 3 nights on 7th, 8th & 9th February 2019. Ticket availability and more information on www.theale.ws”



Blackford Harvest Home Winter Warmer – 15th February

7.30pm at Blackford Village hall. Tickets are £12.50, call Maureen on 01934 712087 to get your tickets.

Wedmore Twinning Quiz Night - Saturday 16th February

At the Masonic Hall from 7.30 pm.

Ticket price £8 to include a light supper. Everyone welcome.

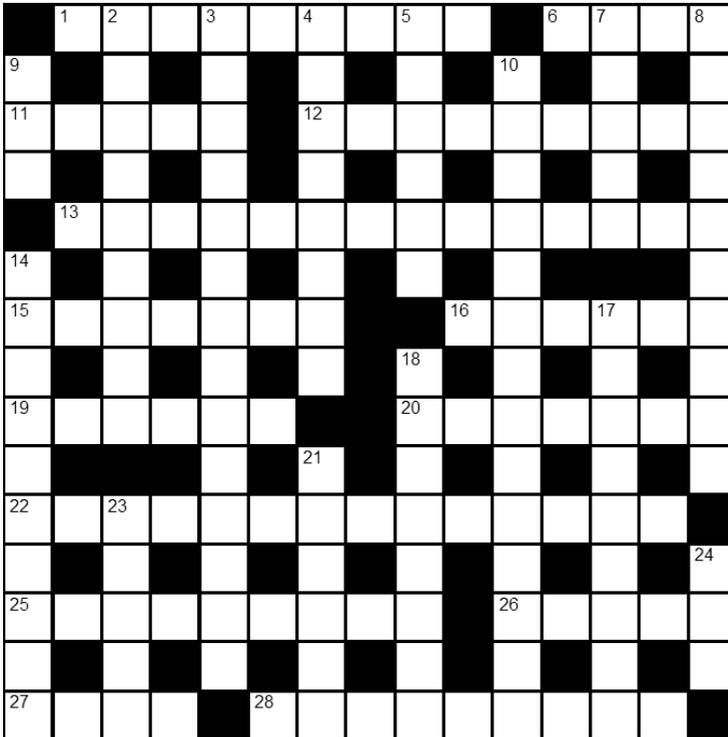
For tickets please call Nickey Hann on 07801 847064.



The Crossword:

Number 21

By greendandelion



ACROSS:

- 1 Frighten Ford, say, in shipping lane (5,4)
- 6 Home owner insulates against the noise of a milk user (4)
- 11 Bluegrass Americans cover Indian state (5)
- 12 Fire set all marble off (5,4)
- 13 Hardy Auntie Maud's movement would attract rare money today (6,8)
- 15 Bird I enjoy at the cocktail hour (7)
- 16 Waterproofs returned to very religious shellfish (6)
- 19 Letter signed, succeed oddly to persuade (6)
- 20 "Lovely bacon," Trollope wrote. "It certainly shows authority." (7)
- 22 Broker, amended pensions, less annuity start but retain the right to differ (4-10)
- 25 More than one Brandy (4,2,3)
- 26 It includes retired writer not up to scratch (5)
- 27 Elite composition, without programme end, finished up on the floor (4)
- 28 Or bird in a wild duck (9)

DOWN:

- 2 Shared the limelight function of mediaeval punishment - not feathered! (2-7)
- 3 My cinema doctor treated the "Seven Year Itch" maybe (8,6)
- 4 Study any lass I designate (8)
- 5 Lack of interest in a pavement at end of alley (6)
- 7 Measure before final edit (5)
- 8 Randomly fell sick in West Yorkshire and New York (5-5)
- 9 Sailor came back mid narrative (3)
- 10 Dakota or Chinook say (8,6)
- 14 The all powerful mention top government (10)
- 17 Lady arab's home in confusion (5,4)
- 18 Maybe behind the picture is a river flowing through loose stones (5,3)
- 21 Protest Poles live awkwardly (6)
- 23 Match uniform (5)
- 24 Sixth and seventh letter in Greece (3)

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 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm. Methodist Hall, Cliff Street Cheddar BS27 3PL. Free pizza. www.SRYP.org.uk. Inspiring involvement, creating opportunities.



Cheddar Baby Book Club – Mondays

At the Cheddar Library from 10.45 am to 11.15 am, for babies to pre-school children. Spaces are 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

Retired or semi-retired? If you are in Cheddar on a Monday morning between 10.30 am and 12.00 noon come and chat with us over a cup of coffee in the Library. For more details search on line, search for Cheddar U3A or ring 01934 744241.



Craft and Sewing at Cheddar Library – 1st and 3rd Fridays

Try a variety of crafts, meet new friends, and share ideas and company with the Craft and Sewing Group at Cheddar Library, at 2.00 pm on the first and third Fridays of each month.

At any session you can join in the activities or bring your own craft to do, as you wish. We are a friendly group and new members would be very welcome.

For more details contact Cheddar Library.

Mark W.I. Meeting - Thursday 10th January 2019, Church Hall, Vicarage Lane, Mark TA9 4NN at 7.30pm.

Fun, social night to start the New Year. Please bring a small plate of food to share plus your own drinks. Our friendly group welcomes new members and guests of all ages. Non-members' entry £5 on the door.



Cheddar Vale Lions 1st Jumble Sale of the Year – Saturday 23rd February



2pm at Cheddar Village Hall, entrance fee 20p per person. Jumble accepted from 12 noon. For items that may need to be collected, please call 0845 833 7402 or email information@cheddervalelions.org.uk. All proceeds to the Lions work in the community.

Tasty Morsels – Recipes for You



Lentil Soup

This recipe originally called for peeling tomatoes and making vegetable stock, but I find it's actually better (and of course easier) with tinned tomatoes and a vegetable stock cube. It seems to work best with the cheaper tinned tomatoes which are less rich than the expensive brands.

- 1 small onion
- 1 tin tomatoes
- 1 vegetable stock cube (I use Knorr)
- 1 level tsp corn flour
- black pepper
- $\frac{3}{4}$ pint boiling water
- 6 oz red lentils

Dice the onion and fry in a little oil in a saucepan. Trim any remaining skin from the tomatoes where it lingers around the stalk end, then cut them small. Add to the pan with the stock cube, corn flour and plenty of black pepper. I tend to weigh in the water in two $7\frac{1}{2}$ oz batches in the tomato tin which leaves it clean ready for recycling.

Then add the lentils. Simmer for 20 to 25 minutes until the lentils are soft, stirring occasionally to prevent the lentils from sticking on the bottom of the pan. Whizz with a hand blender or transfer to a food processor or liquidiser. Leave a little texture to the lentils.

Serve with crusty bread.

Stuart Fisher

The Garden in January

I said I might produce a Gardening Crossword for January, but as usual, I have left it until the last minute and have realised that compiling a crossword is not as easy as it seems. My neighbour suggested that a quiz might be a suitable alternative, so I have composed one, with an added complication.

There are 32 questions, the first letters of the answers will form an anagram of a seasonal message. (The answers are at the back)

- Q1. Hedge parsley, Hemlock and Carrot are all in this plant family.
2. A vegetable that repels vampires.
3. Common Somerset weed, makes you wet the bed.
4. A plant out of place.
5. Britain's oldest trees, commonly found in churchyards.
6. Flowers and vegetables sown each year.
7. The Daffodil family.

8. Plants that persist from year to year.
9. Latin names, usually two, Generic and Specific, denote this.
10. The genus name of Holly.
11. The Busy Lizzie genus.
12. The family name of a plant.
13. Family name of Watercress, not what you might think.
14. Layered-flesh relatives of Chives, Garlic and Leeks.
15. South African bulbous plant with showy trumpet shaped flowers.
16. Christmas Tree specific name
17. Snapdragon.
18. Self-heal, a common lawn weed; may be found with Timothy.
19. Horny Goat-weed.
20. Trees that keep their leaves in Winter.
21. Fruits of trees in the Malus genus.
22. Globe flowers, Trollius spp. are usually this colour.
23. Outdated genus name of the world's biggest trees.
24. Compost needed for shrubs of genus in answer to no.27.
25. Soils of pH 7. (neither acid nor alkaline).
26. South African cormous flowering plants with tall spikes of trumpet shaped flowers.
27. Azaleas are now included in this genus.
28. Parasitic plant that weakens grasses in wildflower meadows.
29. Buttercup family.
30. Plant family after which no.24 is named.
31. Ivy genus.
32. Love-in-a-mist or TV chef.

Adrian Hutchison

Thought for the Month

Will return in February.

Sport Reports

Isle of Wedmore Bowls Club

Indoor bowling is now well underway at Wedmore with members playing in regular club leagues and friendly games against other clubs. Both of these allow newer bowlers to gain useful experience in competitive matches. The first mixed friendly was played away against North Petherton. This was a very close game with each club recording one win. Maureen Hordle's rink came back from 11 shots down at the halfway stage to win 19-18. Alan Birch's rink led for the majority of the match but dropped 9 shots on the last 2 ends to lose by 3 shots. Wedmore lost the overall match by 37-39. Three more mixed friendlies were played in November. Against Draycott, the rinks were again shared but Wedmore won overall by 43-25 thanks to a comfortable win by Brian

Aston's rink. They led from end 2 winning 12 from 18 ends, including scoring a 5, to finish 29-8. The third match was played against Wells who do not have an indoor rink and were fielding some members playing in their first indoor game. Again both clubs won 1 rink but Wedmore won the match by a big overall score.

Play has also begun in County and National competitions. These involve 2 rinks playing at home plus 2 rinks away. A mixed Wedmore team played St Andrews in the Egham Cup. The two away rinks played a very close match but came out just on top. Julie Collins, Ann-Marie Wilkinson,

D Collins & C Moss played the last end with the scores tied and both teams having won 10 ends. Wedmore gained 2 shots on this to win 21-19. Pat Jenkins, Maureen Hordle, C Panchaud & S Healey initially fell behind and were 9-15 down after 14 ends but won 6 of the last 7 ends to win 18-16. Unfortunately, both rinks playing at home lost, the scores being 12-25 and 10-40.

The men's team were drawn against Street in the Denny Cup but were well beaten on all rinks. First round losers in this competition go on to play in the Denny Plate. This saw Wedmore drawn against Taunton. At home, Eddie Payne's rink won 26-11 with the other rink losing 12-27. Away, Colin Moss's rink managed a 21-21 tie but the fourth rink lost 12-22. By coincidence, Wedmore were due to play Taunton again on the following day in their first match in the County League First Division. They managed to reverse the result winning on all 4 rinks and making an excellent start to the league season.

Home scores: J White, B Back, R Thurkettle & D Nicholls 27-11.

P Smith, C Panchaud, J Fear & E Payne 21-17.

Away scores: A Birch, J Runciman, R Newell & C Moss 26-14.

D Collins, D Brown, K Pettit & R Barron 20-18.

Regular weekly coaching is still taking place for less experienced bowlers and new members are always welcome.

Sandra Moss

Isle of Wedmore Golf Club

November is a month of change at Wedmore G.C. as both the Seniors and the Ladies usher in new Captains at their AGMs. The handover for the Seniors was preceded by a match between teams representing the old and new Captains. David Taylor went out on a high note with his team triumphing over that led by incoming Captain Ian Sentance.

The Ladies set out to play 18 holes prior to their AGM but reduced this to nine-holes due to the wet weather. The team of Pam Berry, Sue Hughes and Marion Warren-Smith won with 35 points just a point better than Mary-Lou Denny, Heather Abraham and Ali Mantell with Ali Dodkin, Cathy Olive and Ange Webber just beating Marlyn Jackson, Maggs Willetts and Saybria Sims on countback for third spot. A good turnout then returned for the AGM in the evening to see Shirley Gooding hand over the reins of office to new Captain Gill Jones.

November was also a month of beginnings with both the Seniors and Club held the first round of their winter stableford leagues. In the Seniors, Bob Cotgrove set the early pace, scoring 43 points to win division 2 by 7 points from Tony Roe with John Vowles third on 35. Ellis Nearn was another player off to a good start.

His score of 41 put him second overall and gave him a 3 point lead in division 1. Steve Lawrence took second place with 38 and Mark Cornish was a further shot back in third place. David Adams won division 3 with 38 points which also put him tied for third in the overall league. John Rogers was just a shot back in second place, 2 better than Bernard Abbott in third.

In the Club competition scoring was generally good with the best score of the day coming from Mark Higginbottom who scored 46 points to win division 2 by 5 points from Bobby Jones, his 41 being the second best overall score of the day. Tom Bennett took third place, his 36 being best on countback of a group of players. Jim Dobbs was best in division 1, his score of 40 being just one better than Mark Cornish with Richard Macarthur taking third place with 38 points. Pete Beavan also hit 40 points in division 3 to beat Ian Williams by a single point with Chris Monks third on 37. The Ladies also scored well with Megan Wilde winning on 39, Cathy Olive second on 37 and Jen Jones taking third place on 34. There was also the first mixed greensome of the season with some excellent scores recorded. Russell Dixon and Prue Witter took third place with 39 points just one point behind Sue Hughes and Charlie Sweeney but the clear winners on the day were Ali Mantell and Brian Webber with 42 points.

The Seniors kicked off with their Christmas celebrations with a Bowmaker, hoping to win some extra food or drink for this year's festivities. Eating well this year will be the team of Mike Smith, Mike Peacock and Peter Bendell who scored a resounding 6 point victory. Their score of 88 beat runners-up Bill Lander, Nick Smith and Chris Loughlin by that margin with Martin Olive, John Hogan and Clive Williams third on 80. Shot of the day though came from John Rogers with a hole in one at the fourth which in the perverse nature of these things had him buying drinks.

Regular events were restricted to two Stablefords. The Seniors had a hundred players in their monthly stableford. Peter Searle led the way in division 1, accumulating 40 points to win by 3 from Peter Rowntree who beat Derek Moody on countback. Bob Cotgrove took the honours in division 2 with 39 points, one better than runner-up Mike Nicholls who in turn was one better than third placed Keith Thomas. Bill Witter was another player to reach 40 points, winning division 3 by a full 6 points from Peter Rutter with Barry Stone another point adrift in third place.

Kevin Osman was still waiting before he took over as Club Captain and perhaps being free of this burden spurred him on to score 41 points and win division 2 of the monthly Stableford although only on countback from Malcolm Tanner. Jon Raeside was third on 37. Rich Vowles was winner in division 1, his score of 39 just edging out Nigel Jones by a point with Alan Richardson a further shot back in third place. A very close finish in division 3 saw Don Sarjant win by a single point on 40 with Dave Horsley and Chris McKinley just a point behind with Horsley taking runners-up spot on countback.

The Ladies played a patsome, a medley of 3 different formats. This clearly suited Sally Clifford and Penny Oliver who amassed 43 points to win by 6 points from Gay McWhinney and Joan Joy who just edged out Shirley Gooding and Heather Abraham on countback. They also played a greensomes which, produced an exciting finish with countback needed to split the first two pairs who both finished with 37 points. This gave first place to Winnie Burkhill and Annya Patten, just edging out runners-up Mary-Lou Denny and Pam Berry.

The annual match when Cheddar takes on the Rest of the World, which does not stretch all that far on the Isle of Wedmore produced a result as close as it could get, being in doubt until the very last match was played. This went to the Cheddar team led by Ian Bunn, thereby winning the overall match by 17½ to 16½ to take a lead of 11 matches to 8 over Steve Major's Rest of the World team.



Tony Biggs

Wedmore Tennis Club

Winter League report

Heading into December all four of our winter league teams have been in action. The A team initially struggled to field it's strongest team and started with two defeats. In their latest match and with club coach Craig Phillips in the team they bounced back with an empathetic win to kick start the season. There are two more matches before the Christmas break and with their strongest line up they will be hoping to secure another two wins. The B team have been struggling with injuries and availability and unfortunately started the season with three losses. In contrast the C team have fielded a fairly strong and consistent team and have started their campaign with three wins. They have one remaining fixture before Christmas and are hoping to remain unbeaten! The D team have played two matches losing to strong opposition.



Senior ladies

The morning of 26th November dawned bright and sunny and eight ladies attended Wedmore tennis club to take part in a friendly round robin event organised by Tony Pearman.

Three guest ladies took part Sheila Jenkins from Street, Lyn Odell from Burnham and Stella Millard from Yeovil, they joined Wedmore club members Diana Pearman, Sue Wills, Jane Pottow, Matty Small and Irene McIntosh.

The format was a draw for partners in each set and with careful manipulation each player had a different partner for the sets played.

There was much effort and enthusiasm and some great shots that even Serena Williams may not have thought of !

The players retired to Wedmore Golf Club for a glass or two and a light lunch. It was a splendid day of tennis and socialising.

Thank you Tony for organising this event and I believe there are more in the pipeline.

Wedmore tennis club are always looking for new members including those looking to play competitive league tennis.

Please get in touch if you have any questions and would like to join. There are lots of opportunities for all ages and standards.

Joanna Cooper

Church News

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 9.45 am

Sunday	6	Epiphany	10.30 am	Café Church
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Saturday	12		3.00 pm	Messy Church
Sunday	13	Baptism of Christ	10.30 am	Parish Communion
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	20	Epiphany 3	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion
			10.30 am	Morning Praise
			6.00 pm	Start the Week
Sunday	27	Epiphany 4	10.30 am	Parish Communion

Holy Trinity Church

Sunday	6	Epiphany	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	13	Baptism of Christ	9.00 am	Sunday Breakfast
Sunday	20	Epiphany 3	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	27	Epiphany 4	6.00 pm	Holy Communion / Prayers for Healing

Christchurch, Theale

Sunday	6	Epiphany	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	13	Baptism of Christ	11.00 am	Morning Praise
Sunday	20	Epiphany 3	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	27	Epiphany 4	11.00 am	Morning Praise

Allerton Church

Sunday	6	Epiphany	9.00 am	Family Service / Gift Service
Sunday	13	Baptism of Christ	9.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday	20	Epiphany 3	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	27	Epiphany 4	9.00 am	Parish Communion

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

'On a Wheel and a Prayer'

On Tuesday 22nd January, 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: -

Kathy Betts of High Street, Blackford who died on 25th October 2018 aged 65 and whose funeral took place at Sedgemoor Crematorium on 8th November 2018.

Hervey Trust

A previous vicar of Wedmore Rev'd Sydenham Hervey left a sum of money in 1929 to the young people of the village. The award is still offered annually to one or more students who have been judged to have made a contribution to school and village life and is for them to use in any further education or employment.

The award only amounts to a reasonably small monetary value but is still useful to those who receive it and is of value when it comes to writing a C.V.

If you are in Year 11 currently and live in the parishes of Wedmore, Theale or Blackford and would like to apply for the award then please do contact the Revd Richard Neill at richardneill1967@sky.com or on 713566 for further information.

Alternatively, do you know of any Year 11 student from our parishes who you would like to nominate for the Hervey Trust award, perhaps because of some particular or long standing community involvement or someone who has overcome particular obstacles and is looking to flourish in education or someone with plans for the future which would benefit from being considered for the award.

Messy Church

Saturday 12 January 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 12 January 3.00 p.m.-5.00 p.m. in St Mary's church



The two hours of Messy Church will feature a number of craft tables based around the theme of "Water" 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/

Bagley Baptist Church

Every Sunday 10.30am - Morning service. We have groups for tots to teens, and a lovely playroom for restless little ones. Communion usually takes place on the first Sunday of each month.

Every Wednesday 10am - 12noon is our very popular 'Coffee With A View.' Come for coffee/tea & home made cakes, our wonderful view and a warm welcome. Bring a friend, or come and make some new ones here. All free of charge. We have good parking and wheelchair access.

Every Wednesday (term time) 7.30- 9.15pm. We run 2 youth groups BBC1 for school years 6 - 8 and BBC2 years 9+.

For further details, please ring (01934) 710779 / 712812, email contactus@bagleybaptist.co.uk or go online at www.bagleybaptist.co.uk

Wedmore Methodist Church

Preachers for January

Sunday 6	10.30 am	Local Arrangement
Sunday 13	10.30 am	Mr K Young
Sunday 20	10.30 am	Mrs J Cobb - Family Service
Sunday 27	10.30 am	Rev. Tina Swire - Covenant Service and Holy Communion

Crickham Baptist Church

Sunday Services: 6.30 pm

Sunday School: 10.30 am

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 8.30 am to 6.00 pm

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 8.30 am to 1.00 pm

Telephone 01934 712774

Axbridge Surgery

Monday to Fridays 8.30 am to 6.00 pm

Telephone 01934 732464 - Please note the surgeries are closed on Bank Holidays.

Contact our Clinical Team through our Website

We can also be contacted, in your own time, through our website, with a member of our clinical team replying to you by the end of the next working day. You will be

asked to complete an online form. This is useful for non-urgent conditions. We will then contact you and let you know the best action to take.

www.axbridgeandwedmoremedicalpractice.nhs.uk

Improved Access Appointments

Axbridge Surgery

Tuesdays 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm

During these a Nurse/HCA/Phlebotomist will be available for routine appointments outside normal surgery times. These appointments are provided, but not exclusively, for those patients who find it difficult to attend during normal surgery hours.

Please note, these hours may be subject to change depending on the availability of clinical staff.

Please visit our website 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 improved access appointments 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	Carol Ayliffe	713471

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

Answers to the Gardening Quiz

1. Umbelliferae; 2. Garlic; 3. Dandelion; 4. Weed; 5. Yew; 6. Annuals;
7. Narcissi; 8. Perennials; 9. Species; 10. Ilex; 11. Impatiens; 12. Genus;
13. Nasturtium; 14. Onions; 15. Ixia; 16. Abies; 17. Antirrhinum;
18. Prunella; 19. Epimedium; 20. Evergreens; 21. Apples; 22. Yellow;
23. Wellingtonia (now Sequoiadendron) 24. Ericaceous; 25. Neutral; 26. Gladioli;
27. Rhododendron; 28. Yellow rattle; 29. Ranunculus; 30. Heather;
31. Hedera; 32. Nigella

Anagram: UGDWYANPSIIGNOIAAPEEAYWENGRYRHHN

Message: Wishing you a Happy New Gardening Year.

Crossword 21 Answers

Across: 1. Scare away 6. meow 11. Assam 12. Alarm bell 13. Maundy Thursday
15. Martini 16. Scampi 19. Induce 20. Control 22. Open-mindedness
25. Eaux de vie 26. Inept 27. Tile 28. Alternate

Down: 2. Co-starred 3. Romantic comedy 4. Analysis 5. Apathy 7. Emend
8. Willy-nilly 9. Tar 10. American Indian 14. Omnipotent 17. Mare's nest 18. Screw
eye 21. Snivel 23. Equal 24. Eta

List of Contacts for Organisations as at January 2019

Acting Up Drama Club	Lou Merryfield	07973 429947
Alfred and Guthrum Lodge	Robert Hector	712954
Art Group	Chris Midford	01749 712522
Badminton Club	Heather Abraham	710535
Bagley Baptist Church	Sam Harvey	710779
Beavers	Bill Belshaw	712438
Blackford Harvest Home	Mike Isgar	712087
Blackford Village Hall -booking	Margaret Tinney	712324
Bowls Club	Keith Pettit	733237
Bridge Club	Steve Pedrick	712852
Brownies	Sue Moreman	710278
Camelot Quilters	Ruth Edkins	710064
Chair Yoga	Jo Willis	07552 711101
Cheddar Valley Lions	Brian Airey	418998
Children's Society	Sue Burton	712092
Club 50	Val Hardwick	710059
Christchurch, Theale	Elizabeth Coulter	712144
Circuit Training	Nigel	07776 82231
Community Bus	Mike Bewick	713745
Cricket Club	Chaz Maguire	07973 810786
Community Health Fund	Shirley Wederell	712089
Conservative Association	Ross Young	710255
50+ Dance class	Rhian Weston	07854 594268
Fitness2Unique	Rane	07977 415799
	Lisa	07801 272255
Football Club - Senior Section	Jonathan Bethall	710708
- Junior Section	Nick Beason	07951 154692
Friends of St Mary's	David Hopkins	710149
Gardening Club	Andrea West	712161
Golf Club	Emma Davis	713649
Green Wedmore	Steve Mewes	710530
Guides	Elaine Tilling	713650
Holy Trinity Junior Church	Jackie Davey	713371
IOW Society	Ian Tomes	710390
IT for the Terrified	Lynne Duckett	741751
Masonic Hall - booking	Pauline Smith	734601
Maturity Gang	Pat Taylor	713430
Mendip NCT	Sue Moreman	710278
Methodist Church	William Hudson	712572

Mr Punch Folk Club	Bernard Coulter	712144
Neighbourhood Watch	Roy Millward	712999
Pilates	Georgie	07976 254887
PilogaFit	John Beasley	01749 672482
Probus Club	Ross Young	710255
Rainbows	Gail Millard	713922
Rose Croix Lodge	David Pottow	712186
Rotary Club	Chris Steel	07778 672700
St Mary's Church	Rev Richard Neill	713566
Scouts	Bill Belshaw	712438
Somerset Singers	Jane Chubb	743965
Somerset Wildlife Trust	Ged Keele	01278 769010
Tai Chi	John Beasley	01749 672482
Tealham & Tadham Farmers' Assoc	Clive Bethell	01458 211034
Tennis Club	Susan Cunningham	712691
The Turnip Prize	Trevor Prideaux	710004
Theale Film Club	Bernard Coulter	712144
Theale Flower Show	Philip Butterill	712775
Theale Oil Group	David Luke	713176
Theale Village Hall	David Luke	713176
Theale Website	Philip Butterill	712775
Theatre Club	Anne Richards	743953
Tots & Tinies	Jo Page	710431
Tuesday Club	Angela Mills	712607
Twinning Association	Nicky Hann	07801 847064
Wedmore Art Group	Jim Collett	712663
Wedmore & Cheddar Beekeepers Assoc.	Jonathan Friend	712971
Wedmore Farmers' Preserving Club	Mrs Z Isgar	712039
Wedmore First School Academy & Nursery	Denise Mawdsley	712643
Wedmore Harvest Home	Kerry Willcox	07881 740576
Wedmore in Bloom	Liz Henderson	713196
Wedmore News	Sue James	712797
Wedmore Opera	Anne Richards	743953
Wedmore Opera-Goers	Suzanne Metters	712515
Wedmore Parish Council	Rod Pring	742732
Wedmore Playing Flds Mgmt Committee	Ian Monson	07771 852563
Wedmore Real Ale Festival	James Turbitt	07970 797644
Wedmore Village Hall	Simon Tomes	712891
Women's Institute	Jill Cornelius	709842
Wells Cathedral Oratorio Society	Dennis Johnson	712656
Yoga	Sandra Mailey	712686
	Shane Allen	01275 790175
Young Farmers	Lloyd Huish	07531 363275

What's On in the Parish

2 - Wed	Camelot Quilters	10.00am	Wedmore VH
5 - Sat	St Mary's Fairtrade Cafe	9.30am - 12noon	St Mary's Church
7 - Mon	Wedmore Knitting and Quilting Group	9.30am	The Scout Hut
	Green Wedmore	8.00pm	The George
8 - Tues	Wedmore Tuesday Club	10.30 - 2.30pm	Wedmore VH
9 - Wed	Probus	10.15am	Wedmore Golf Club
	Blackford Cafe	2.00 - 4pm	Blackford VH
11 - Fri	Mr Punch's Folk Club Open Mic	8.00pm	The Panborough Inn
12 - Sat	Wedmore in Bloom Work Party	9.30am	The George
13 - Sun	Holy Trinity Church Breakfast	8.30am	Blackford VH
14 - Mon	Wedmore Knitting and Quilting Group	9.30am	The Scout Hut
15 - Tues	Wedmore Tuesday Club	10.30 - 2.30pm	Wedmore VH
	Wedmore Young Farmers	7.30pm	The George
16 - Wed	Camelot Quilters	10.00am	Wedmore VH
	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	
17 - Thurs	Wedmore WI talk "Hidden Wedmore" - Heather Hudson	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
18 - Fri	Wedmore and Mark Conservatives Winter Supper	7.00pm	Masonic Hall
19 - Sat	Club 50 meeting	2.30pm	Masonic Hall
20 - Sun	Film Club "The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Soc."	6.30pm	Theale VH
21 - Mon	Wedmore Knitting and Quilting Group	9.30am	The Scout Hut
22 - Tues	Wedmore Tuesday Club	10.30 - 2.30pm	Wedmore VH
	Wedmore Gardening Club AGM and talk by Jane Lindsay	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
23 - Wed	Probus	10.15am	Wedmore Golf Club
24 - Thurs	IOW Society talk "Two medieval farmsteads in Wedmore"	7.30pm	Masonic Hall
25 - Fri	Mr Punch's Folk Club Open Mic	8.00pm	The Panborough Inn
	Limelight Open Mic	8.00pm	The Swan
28 - Mon	Wedmore Knitting and Quilting Group	9.30am	The Scout Hut
29 - Tues	Wedmore Tuesday Club	10.30 - 2.30pm	Wedmore VH
	Wedmore Young Farmers	7.30pm	The George
30 - Wed	Wedmore Harvest Home AGM meeting	8.00pm	The George

January 2019

MONDAY

Fitness2Unique (2 Classes)	9.15am	Blackford VH	Rane Lisa	07977 415799 07801 272255
Pilates	11.00am	The George	Georgie	07976 254887
Art Group	2 - 4pm	Wedmore VH	Chris Midford	01749 712522
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
50+ Dance Class	10.00am	Wedmore VH	Rhian Weston	07854 594268
Ballet Classes	4.00pm	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 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 +	Gail Millard	01934 713922
Guides	7.00pm	Wedmore VH +	Elaine Tilling	01934 713650
Yoga	8.00pm	Blackford VH	Sandra Mailey	01934 712686
PilogaFit	10.30-11.30	Wedmore VH	John Beasley	01749 672482
Tai Chi	12.15-1.15pm	Wedmore VH	John Beasley	01749 672482

THURSDAY

Yoga	10.00am	Scout Hut	Shane Allen	01275 790175
Maturity Gang	10.30am	Wedmore VH	Pat Taylor	01934 713430
Ballet Classes	3.45pm	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 +	Jim Collett	01934 712663

+ Not taking place during school holidays